

A group of eight young people, likely students, are sitting on a stone ledge in front of a large tree with red berries. The tree is the central focus, with its branches filled with small, round, reddish-orange berries. In the background, a large, classical-style building with a dome and columns is visible. The sky is overcast. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be a campus setting.

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 Back Cover: Former pupil, Jonny Wilkinson OBE, pictured with the Rugby Union World Cup. (See page 47)
 Photo - with thanks to Mr Phil Wilkinson.

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The Headmaster's Speech at Prize Giving

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Extracts

The headmaster thanked Dr Richard Sullivan for presenting the prizes. "As a former pupil and whose mother was a matron at School House Richard is well placed to perform this key task."

He went on to say that details of the past academic year could be found in his termly letters to parents and in the "Sower" magazine. Having thanked staff and congratulated pupils, Mr Power spoke about current trends in education.

The timing of this evening is somewhat fortuitous. We are between two major developments in secondary and higher education. Only last week Professor Stephen Schwartz published his eagerly awaited report on university admissions and in just under three weeks time Mike Tomlinson will publish his report on the future of 14-19 education. It is perhaps too often said that we stand at a watershed but it is fair to say that today there are many reasons to believe that this really is the case.

For those who have recently left LWC neither report will have immediate significance. You have succeeded in your secondary education and have secured your places in higher education. Congratulations, you have done well. Professor Schwartz's recommendations will have little effect on your future education but for younger siblings and dare I say your own children in the future the implications could be profound.

Professor Schwartz's Report on University admissions

So what are the key recommendations? In essence there are five.

1. Transparency: selection on ability to complete the course based on achievement and potential, where students are treated as individuals
2. Reliable and valid assessment models; in other words, A levels or entrance tests or interviews
3. The need to minimise barriers for applicants; encouraging students of appropriate ability from all backgrounds to apply and succeed
4. Admissions systems that are underpinned by professional structures and processes; a source of heated debate that I will return to later
5. PQA (post-qualification applications); an eminently sensible suggestion

Taken as a whole there is a great deal of sense in what Professor Schwartz is recommending. The key question however is whether these new proposals can be reconciled with the current government agenda that seeks 'diversity' in the type of applicant for higher education. In this context diversity means more children from disadvantaged backgrounds and from homes where there is no history of entrance to higher education. In essence this is Professor Schwartz's third bullet point and is a type of inclusivity that we would all support. It does of course beg another question; what is the price of the government

agenda?

Mr Power then analysed the process to show that to achieve diversity, favour must be shown to candidates from schools that have not performed so well generally. He went on to show that candidates must be treated as individuals. He continued:-

Dr. Anthony Smith, the President of Magdalen College Oxford puts this issue more elegantly than most. He says;

'We cannot reconcile the drive for diversity with selection on an individual basis'.

.....

It is difficult to reconcile a genuine pursuit of excellence with an apparent desire for uniformity. LWC is not unique in raising students' aspirations and in encouraging them to succeed in a variety of fields and at a variety of levels. This is the hallmark of a good school.

Excellent teaching and pastoral support were both features of the ISI inspection of the College in February of this year. Twelve inspectors for five days is a pretty intensive scrutiny and at the end of it all they were able to confirm what we hoped was readily apparent. The young people here are well-prepared for life beyond LWC, they achieve academic results well above expectations whilst at the same time maintaining a healthy breadth of activity. All of which contributes to the 'roundedness' that is vital in the modern world.

There is no desire for uniformity at the College. Individuals will have their own aspirations and our task is to support them in the best possible way. Their achievements are real and they deserve to be judged fairly by admissions tutors without fear of prejudice. The Schwartz Report must address this.

Perhaps the flaw in the system is that there are not the resources in higher education for all students to be interviewed. Offers are predominantly based on the personal statement, school reference and predicted A level grades."

The value of interviews

Oxford and Cambridge have for many years interviewed practically all of their applicants and in so doing have been able to more effectively judge candidates as individuals. The same applies to our medical schools. Professor Schwartz talks about potential and surely this can only be judged face to face. I doubt that any employer would conceivably offer a position based solely on the letter of application and predicted A level grades; the interview is surely essential."

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Might a great deal of money be saved with lower drop out rates if we invest more in the selection process?

.....

Schwartz has a lot to do if we are indeed to have an admissions system that is transparent and treats each candidate as an individual.

But what about Tomlinson? Surely if we could make all schools good schools and ensure that every child reached his or her potential then we would not need a diversity agenda?

(Speech continued on page 4)

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G. McKinnon (Editor)



Life-changing Events

When I wrote to you last year at the end of my first full year here, I started off by saying what a special place Lord Wandsworth College is. I still very much hold this view after the happy, sad and life-changing events that we as a community have been through together. Largely due to these events, it has been a year when I have got to know so many of our community in much more depth.

For me, Sunday February 15th will be a day that will remain in my memory for the rest of my life. When Ian Power broke the news to me of Seb English and Mike Sorby's deaths within hours of each other, nothing could have prepared me for the range of emotions and feelings that I felt along with other members of the school. As I write now, my deepest sympathy is sincerely expressed to both families who have had to bear the shock of these unrelated tragedies. In the days and weeks that followed, our community dug deep, and the children and staff supported each other in a most remarkable way. To walk into Hazelveare House and to be amongst so many happy memories tinged with sadness was deeply moving. As a community we struggled to rebuild our lives and I know that many who were especially close to Seb and Mike still have the uphill task of mourning and reconciling these premature deaths. This is a natural process, and I call upon us all to continue to support and offer our love to all concerned.

The Hope of the Resurrection

During the most difficult times over the past few months, I was reminded of the reading from St Paul to the Corinthians on the matter of the resurrection.

"Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet."

1Corinthians 15. 51-52

This reading has brought me a great deal of personal comfort when trying to rationalise the past few months' events, simply because it is such an impossible task. But I do believe that both Mike and Seb have been changed in a way that is mysterious to us and is not easy to understand. They have gone before us and our lives have been changed forever. We will keep their memories alive and they will be forever a part of LWC. But sometime in the future, "in the twinkling of an eye", we will all join with them in God's glorious Kingdom, reunited in love.

Services of thanksgiving for Mike and Seb's lives were held in Gavin Hall at the start of the autumn term. All families and friends were welcome to attend. These services provided a time of reflection, sadness and happiness for two unique and very special young men, who have meant and will continue to mean so much to all of us.

Charities

As a consequence of the events of February 15th, the College will be supporting two charities - Sight Savers International, which was Mike's favourite charity and Cry, a charity founded in May 1995 to raise awareness of Cardiac Risk in the Young. Both charities have the endorsement of Mike and Seb's families, Hazelveare House and the staff and students at Lord Wandsworth College. We certainly hope to do both boys' memories proud with the money we raise for charity this year.

I am very pleased to be able to tell you that we have achieved our targets for fundraising this year. We have already dispatched substantial cheques to the charities we have support-

ed this past academic year, the Theo Trust and St. Paul's Community Project. Both have been delighted with our support and have used our monies for building projects. A special thank you must go to Quentin Sands who arranged the Land's End to Lord Wandsworth sponsored cycle ride, an event only made possible by his efforts. Thanks must also go to the staff and students who had the pleasure of being involved in this event and to the parents and friends who supported us all. It was fantastic to be welcomed back through the gates with flags waving and klaxon horns blaring!

May I also take this opportunity to thank all the students who have given their time to organising Charitable events, especially the Charity Committee, the prefects, the individual Houses, the Rock Concert organisers, and Will Marks and Buggy Goro, for their entrepreneurial talent in producing the "Southern Hill-Billys" CD.

Emmaus Group and Confirmation

Other highlights this year have included the Emmaus Group in Junior House which will continue again in September, the



Confirmation led by Bishop Trevor, where Augusta Elliot, Luka Krsljanin, Bethan Leyshon, Elliot Nicholls, Luke Oates, Rebecca Reading and Tom Wantock were confirmed, and the candlelit Carol Services in the Gavin Hall, which saw an increased participation by students, although thankfully the fire



brigade did not have to make an appearance!

I would like to thank the staff and students who have supported and helped with assemblies and worship in the College. A collection of voices have informed, entertained and led us together as a community and I am very grateful to all who have contributed.

Chapel Project

In September, the Chapel Project will get under way, where Students will be able to directly shape the worship and atmosphere of the Chapel and Gavin Hall Services. I also hope to introduce a service of Agape once a term in the Gavin Hall for the whole School on a Friday morning, but as I write this is still very much in the planning stage.

Once again, can I thank you all for your prayers and support as we reflect upon past events and look forward to another year at Lord Wandsworth.

Revd Simon Leyshon



The Tomlinson Report

So in the next few minutes here is a sneak preview of some of the post-16 issues that Mike Tomlinson is likely to address in his report.

1. Recognition of achievement above A grade at A level (not an A* but an inclusion of Advanced Extension Awards, the old S levels).

2. De-coupling of AS and A2 i.e. second year of A level entirely separate from the AS; this will happen sooner rather than later.

3. A level to become four units rather than the current six helping to reduce the assessment burden.

4. No prescription regarding subject choice in the new 'advanced diplomas'.

Mr Power went on to ask the question whether Tomlinson needed also to address the question of what we teach and how we teach it. He said that in the last 15 years, his own subject, "Physics, has been seriously undermined by an obsession with broader content and a shallower treatment of key concepts."

He also commented on the proposal to process university application after A-level results were issued. He continued:-

Returning again to our own inspection report it highlights the high quality of a dedicated and experienced teaching staff. We are indeed fortunate to have a team of top quality professionals prepared to go the extra mile for every individual student at the College. They have played an enormous part in the successes we are celebrating today.

League tables tell us little about the work that goes on in classrooms. League tables tell us little about the many factors that affect students' performance. This past year has been traumatic to say the least. To lose two members of the College community in such tragic circumstances is hard to comprehend. To see the response of those so profoundly affected is deeply moving. To think that after so much the students should raise themselves to meet the demands of GCSE, AS levels and A levels is remarkable.

So I shall end this address by congratulating all of last year's Fifth, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth for what they have achieved not only in terms of grades on paper but also in the support that they have offered each other and to the whole community. It is often said that a team is only as strong as its weakest member. Well for LWC it is hard to imagine where that weakest link is, everyone here has shown the strength and determination to gain personal success and more importantly to do their utmost to ensure the success of those around them.

Schwartz and Tomlinson will have their day and institutions around the country will respond accordingly. I only hope that the desire to treat every student as an individual will be realised in practice. If this is the case then I am confident that all of you in this room will achieve success, a success that you will rightly deserve.

I shall conclude with the words of the seventeenth century physician Thomas Browne:

'It is a common wonder of all men, how among so many million faces, there should be none alike'.

Let us hope that the new post-Schwartz and post-Tomlinson world of education will recognise the need to support and nurture the young and above all to treat them as individuals.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING



Mr Power welcomed a distinguished former pupil, Dr Richard Sullivan, to present prizes at the annual prize giving on 23rd September 2004. Also pictured is Mr Walters, Richard's Biology teacher at LWC.

Dr. Richard Sullivan

At the Prize Giving, Richard gave an amusing speech about some of his experiences at LWC and went on to encourage pupils to consider a career in science.

He came to LWC as a Founder in 1982 from Amesbury School. He was in Sutton House and was Head Boy in 1986/7 as well as being the Lord Lieutenant's Cadet. His mother was School House Matron.

Eminent career in medical research

After leaving Richard studied medicine at St Mary's Hospital, London and qualified as a doctor. He was a Surgeon Lieutenant in the Royal Navy between 1990 - 1993, having been awarded a Medical Cadetship. He was also an NCO in the Territorial Army. After training in surgery he undertook a PhD and post-doctoral research in biochemistry at University College, London before moving to industry as a Medical Advisor in the divisions of radiology, interventional devices and oncology. Richard joined Cancer Research Campaign, now Cancer Research UK, in 2000 as Head of Clinical Programmes, responsible for the management of the clinical research portfolio as well as clinical policy and strategy development.

Current interests

Richard is co-chairman of the European Cancer Research Management Forum, UK Director of the Council for Emerging National Security Affairs (CENSA), a Washington-based think-tank, and sits on a number of external committees and editorial boards including the British Society for Gene Therapy. He continues with his research interests in cell signalling and the anti-cancer properties of medicinal mushrooms. Richard has published in the fields of international security, ancient Egyptian medicine and oncology. He is married with a daughter. He has been a committee member of the Sternians' Association and continues to enjoy sports such as golf and paragliding.



Prize Winners 2004

A Level

Art	Sophie Woollen
German	Sophie Woollen
Biology	Anthony Gregory
English Literature	Anthony Gregory
French	Anthony Gregory
History	Anthony Gregory
Business Studies	Laurence McCall
Chemistry	Aldrich Lee
Maths	Aldrich Lee
Classics	Lucie Corfield
Spanish	Lucie Corfield
Economics	Matthew Elvidge
Geography	Andrew Collins
Music	Thomas Eylek
Physical Education	Victoria Warner
Physics	James Collingwood
Theatre Studies	James Morris

AS Level

Art	Emma Cowlam
Biology	Samuel Bishop
Chemistry	Samuel Bishop
English Literature	Samuel Bishop
Business Studies	Ben Whitmore
Classics	Lottie Williams-Burrell
Theatre Studies	Lottie Williams-Burrell
Design	Hugh Hayes
Economics	James Augustine
French	Katherine Taylor
Latin	Katherine Taylor
Geography	Philippa East
Physical Education	Philippa East
German	Victoria Gilday
History	Victoria Gilday
Music	Victoria Gilday
Maths	William Marks
Further Maths	Li Dong
Physics	Adam Blatchford
Spanish	Nicholas Graham-Brown

GCSE

Art	Jessica McIntosh
Art (3D Studies)	Danielle Bidos
Biology	Jonathan Peatman

Chemistry	Jonathan Peatman
English Language	Jonathan Peatman
History	Jonathan Peatman
Physics	Jonathan Peatman
Classics	Nicola Shepherd
Design	Adam Holliday
English Literature	Emma Goater
Geography	Emma Goater
Science	Emma Goater
German	Samuel Ross
Latin	Imogen Power
Spanish	Imogen Power
Maths	James Davison
Music	James Davison
Religious Studies	Lara Skinner
Theatre Studies	Mbuguah Goro

Dickson prizes for Mathematics

Junior	Gary Morton
Intermediate	David Neave
Senior	Jamie Mendoza

Junior House Prizes

Most significant contributions to Junior House	Luka Krsljanin Sophie Trew
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Davis Cup for the most promising Latinist

Neil Morton

Protheroe Prize for service to the Music School Community Action Prize Don Brooks' Library Prize Eveleigh Prize for CCF Sternians' Art Prize

William Marks
Katherine Taylor
Susannah Dempster
Jonathon Slater
Kerran Traynor

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Thomas Eylek

Headmaster's Prizes

Charles Amesbury
Nichole Bidos
Alexandra Huxford
James Morris
Nicholas Wright





Chairman of Governors

Richard Janaway

Richard Janaway has been appointed as Chairman of the Trustees and Governors of the College. He takes over from Mr Martin Bunting who has served the College well for three years.

Richard was a member of Sutton House from 1956-64 and was also Head Boy of the school. Since then, he has had four sons here at the same time, a record that was rewarded by a special prize on Founder's Day, 1990.

He has served as a Trustee for the Sternians Trust Fund and has served as a College governor. Like his predecessor, he brings to the post a great love for and commitment to the College.



Martin Bunting

Martin became Chairman of Trustees four years ago at a crucial time in the Foundation and College's history. The move towards full coeducation was in its early stages and there were significant decisions to be taken regarding the future of boarding and the future of the Foundation. His background as director and chairman of a number of major companies in the drinks and leisure industries ensured that these challenges were met with sensitivity and conviction.

The recent ISI inspection report provides the perfect testimony to the work that Martin as chairman has done to guide the College to its present strong position. He is one of those people who can motivate without dominating and encourage without stifling imagination and innovation. His calm influence is evident throughout the College and as a person who really cares he is known by all.

What singles him out as an extraordinary chairman is his passion for the Foundation and College. One always sensed that LWC was his first love, the place where he would give that extra bit of time or energy. He has been a frequent visitor at countless concerts, plays, matches and gatherings. The perfect host and the perfect guest he has promoted the College in the wider community to great effect. It is no mere chance that during his chairmanship the College should have become so well known within the local and wider area.

Martin will be sadly missed but his influence will remain with us. He was meticulous in his planning of the succession and in Richard Janaway he has a worthy new chairman, well able to provide and develop the lead that he has given over the past four years. Retirement will provide a little more time for visits to his second home in Cornwall and more time with Veronica. Whether he will find more time to spend following Veronica's other passion, Wolverhampton Wanderers, I doubt very much but whatever retirement brings I would be surprised if LWC is ever far from his thoughts.

Ian Power

Achievements at GCE and GCSE

At A level, 56% of grades were at A or B. Tony Gregory secured his place at Oxford with 4 A's and Andrew Collins, Lucy Corfield, Sam Keir and Aldrich Lee also obtained straight A's.

The results at AS were the best the school has ever had. 40% of grades were at A and a staggering 70% at A or B. These statistics compare very favourably with even the most selective schools. The following students obtained all A's at AS: James Augustine, Ben Colvin, Li Dong, Vicky Gilday, Will Marks, Greg McDermott, Ben O'Connell, Fran Rance, Katie Taylor, Ben Whitmore, Rachel Williams, Lottie Williams-Burrell and Ada Yang. These students

account for 25% of the year group.

The GCSE results were encouraging and, perhaps, somewhat better than expected. Out of the 82 candidates, 5 scored all A* and As - James Davison, Louise Gillespie, Emma Goater, Jon Peatman and Jonny Wright. Emma achieved IOA*s. A number of other students were very close to an all A performance with only 1 or 2 Bs.

Letters were received from the Exam Board to indicate that the following pupils were among the top pupils at GCSE - Louise Gillespie and Josef Pitkin in French and Emma Goater in English.

2004 GCE and GCSE examination results
The College achieved excellent results again this year.

1. At **AS level**, the pass rate was **99%**.
 41% of AS level passes achieved Grade A.
 70% achieved AB grades
 84% achieved ABC grades
2. At **A level**, the pass rate was **98%**.
 24% of A level passes achieved Grade A.
 56% achieved AB grades
 83% achieved ABC grades
3. At **GCSE**, **98%** of candidates gained 5 or more A* to C grades.
 41% of entries achieved Grades A* and A.
 73% achieved AB grades
 96% of entries achieved ABC grades

Emma Goater, who gained 10 A*s at GCSE

Emma is also an outstanding sportswoman, having represented England at hockey - see page 49.



Tony Gregory, who gained 4 grade A's at A Level.

Tony gained a place at Oxford to study Law.

1954 - The Sower - 1979

Extracts from The Sower 1954

Founder's Day, 1953

Brigadier Sir John Hunt, CB.E., D.S.O., was the visitor. On arrival he and Lady Hunt were welcomed by Sir William and Lady Gavin.

In his address Sir John Hunt said:

"Chairman, Headmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys. Now it is well over a year since we climbed Everest, and yet one of the puzzling things to me is to find that a very great many people all over the world seem to be under the impression that I 'am still up there on top; that I'm sitting up there controlling the climate and performing various kinds of miracles.'

"Shortly after we got back from that mountain, I was accosted by a very angry man in a London street who came up to me and accused me and all Everest climbers of meddling with the weather and ruining the second Test Match.

"...life is a series of ups and downs and that if we are going to tackle life successfully, we must always be able to climb up again and prepare for the come down afterwards. It is all very well to get to the top of a big mountain, to reach the South Pole or go down 6,000 feet into the depths of the ocean. That is one thing, but you know, in my view, it is a much more difficult thing to aim at and attain the peak of endeavour in the ordinary run of life, and for the ordinary citizens that is the way it has to be.

"Cultivate this spirit of team work, because that spirit is a very great factor. Comradeship is not only a pleasant thing, but it is also a powerful thing. If you can carry that with you to the world outside, and apply it to the difficult tasks you have to do in future, it will carry you a long way."

Extracts from The Sower 1979

SIXTH FORM COMMON ROOM

The first year of the Sixth Form common room ended on a high note when, on 22nd June, the bar finally opened.... The committee decided that Whitbread Brewery should be used and Whitbread Tankard and Heineken lager are sold from kegs, and cider and minerals are also available. There are, of course, various strict but sensible and necessary rules to be observed regarding the bar.

The first committee has thus worked hard at their individual and sometimes difficult jobs and have set up a steady and firm basis upon which future sixth forms can build.

Mr Booth

"Mr. Peter Booth .. leaves us after seven years of tellingly successful schoolmastering at Lord Wandsworth. He..... never failed to exhibit a finely honed sense of humour. Best of all, he persuaded a beautiful young lady who is a superb cook, to marry him..."

An Interview with P. Y. Booth, Esq.

P.Y.B: *At Exeter I read History and shared a room with a left-wing group who are still friends and who, I think, might secretly approve of LWC. Then, two years at Dulwich Prep and I did my teaching practice at Roedean, the girl's school.*

Interviewer: *An interesting time?*

P.Y.B.: *Yes, I was one man among 70 schoolmistresses!*

Interviewer: *And?*

P.Y.B.: *And then LWC where I strongly advise against the co-ed system. !!!*

"Ah, well, we can change our minds..."



LWC SCHOOL INSPECTION 2004

In February 2004, a team of twelve inspectors visited the College for five days to carry out an inspection under the arrangements of the Independent Schools Council (ISC) Associations for the maintenance and improvement of the quality of their membership.

“Excellent teaching and pastoral support”

In his speech on Prize Day, Mr Power commented,

“Excellent teaching and pastoral support were both features of the ISI inspection of the College in February of this year. Twelve inspectors for five days is a pretty intensive scrutiny and at the end of it all they were able to confirm what we hoped was readily apparent. The young people here are well-prepared for life beyond LWC: they achieve academic results well above expectations whilst at the same time maintaining a healthy breadth of activity. All of which contributes to the ‘roundedness’ that is vital in the modern world.”

The Main Findings of the Inspectors were presented in their summary report part of which follows:-

1. MAIN FINDINGS

Overall Summary

1.1 Lord Wandsworth College offers pupils a very good all-round education in a mutually supportive community. It is very well managed and led. An excellent structure of pastoral care is delivered by a hard-working staff committed to the ethos of the school, as laid down in its Foundation. Academic achievement has steadily improved in recent years with very good results now being produced in examinations in relation to pupils' abilities. Many extra-curricular activities are available to pupils, with particular strengths in sporting provision and achievement.

What the School Does Well

1.2 The school has many strengths in nearly all aspects of its provision; outstanding amongst these are the following:

The school has a good structure of management. Very good, open and accessible leadership furthers the all-round education of the pupils.

Pupils achieve very good examination results at A level and GCSE in relation to their abilities.

A close-knit community exists, with excellent relationships between staff and pupils, in which pupils feel comfortable. Excellent communication is fostered with parents and good links are maintained with local community.

Very full and caring pastoral arrangements are provided for both boarding and day pupils, based on the dedicated work of houseparents, tutors and matrons.

Spacious and well-maintained grounds, very good teaching accommodation and very good resources for teaching contribute to a positive learning and social environment.

Many excellent opportunities are provided for pupils to develop their sporting talents.

Standards of Attainment and Progress in Subjects

1.4 The standards of attainment are good in relation to the pupils' abilities at all stages. Attainment in just under half of the lessons observed was good or better, and in almost all the others it was satisfactory. Results in public examinations have improved over recent years, and over the last three years have been very good in relation to pupils' abilities. At GCSE, results have been of a similar standard to the national average for all maintained selective schools. At A level, results, particularly in the percentage of A and B grades, have been above the national average for all schools. Boys and girls have achieved similar pass rates at GCSE and A level, but girls have out-performed boys in gaining top grades, in common with national trends.

1.5 Pupils' progress is good in relation to their abilities.

The Quality of Pupils' Learning, Attitudes and their Behaviour

1.6 Pupils' learning is good and their behaviour is very good.

The Quality of Teaching

1.7 The quality of teaching is good and contributes effectively to pupils' attainment and progress.

The full report may be viewed at www.isinspect.org.uk/frreports.htm



Valete

Robert Fitzgerald



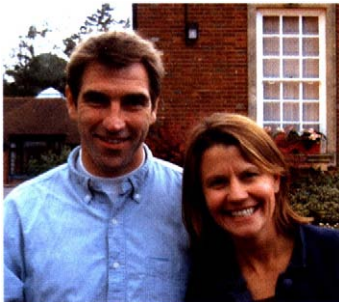
Robert Fitzgerald arrived as Head of Music in September 2000; the year the new Music and Drama Centre opened. When he left, over half of all students in the college were having instrumental lessons.

He will be remembered for his absolute professionalism and the extra time he dedicated to the department: he set up the Camerata (string orchestra), the Concert Band and reformed the college's choirs.

Voci Cantantes, LWC's chamber choir, often performs locally, and in 2003, the Senior Choir took part in a commercial recording. Concerts grew shorter, but occurred more often (in the Spring Term of 2002 there was a record of eleven concerts - more than one a week). He also often collaborated with the Drama Department with great success to produce memorable musicals.

All whom he taught will remember the enormous amount of preparation and research he put into every lesson, and this was reflected by excellent music results both in the Associated Board performance exams as well as at GCSE and A level. During his time at LWC, three students gained places to study Music at Oxford, four received choral awards and one an organ scholarship to various colleges in Oxbridge. Robert was also a tutor in School House and will be best remembered by his tutor group for their numerous trips to theme parks. He leaves LWC for a quieter life as a freelance composer.

Quentin and Nicola Sands



Quentin Sands has been a key figure in the College as Head of Drama. He will perhaps best be remembered for his deep and meaningful production of "Oedipus" and the highly successful junior Drama days. As a former pupil of LWC, he has enjoyed his brief stay in the 'South' but now returns to his native Yorkshire. Quentin shared his love

of cycling with the students by organising the Land's End to LWC cycle ride in aid of charity.

Nicola too will be sorely missed having made a significant contribution to the modern languages department over the past two years.

Stuart MacAlpine

Stuart has been an inspirational teacher in the English Department as well as taking an active role in the life of Hazelveare as a resident tutor.

Despite his advocacy of Mac supremacy, Stuart succeeded in setting up accessible collective resourcing and planning for the English Department. He also impressed pupils with integrated IT-English lessons, an armchair in the classroom and original paintings on the walls. Before leaving LWC, he married the love of his life, Francesca, and carried her over the threshold of Hazelcroft - a daring move.



They move on to Sevenoaks where Stuart is keen to get to grips with the International Baccalaureate. We wish them well in their next step together.

Lucy Grieve



Lucy read Literae Humaniores at Wadham College, Oxford. Still avid for more, she went on to research the Voting Assemblies of the Roman Republic, eventually publishing articles on various aspects of my field. Happily, these were not all relegated to dusty shelves of the Bodleian as at least one remains on the Oxford University reading list.

Following a time of performing and teaching music, she did a PGCE in Classics, and eventually came on to LWC.

She moves on to become Head of Classics at Sutton High School. We shall miss Lucy at LWC but wish her well in her new post.

Salvete

Audley Lumsden

"I grew up in Reading and was educated at Alfred Sutton Boys Comprehensive School in Reading.

The school boasted a reasonable academic side with some successful Oxbridge entrants, music for those few who had an interest and a good sporting pedigree. This produced two famous old boys, Peter May the England Cricketer and Gordon Greenidge of the West Indies.



I studied Applied Physics and Education. This extra option got me out of the lab and promised the attraction of female students who were as rare in Physics as the Higgs Boson. After leaving Bath I did some post-grad studies and then eventually entered the world of work to pay my own way. I began teaching Physics at Millfield School, with Mr Power as my head of department.

I enjoyed this time, coaching rugby and cricket. This was followed by a sabbatical and my reappearance in the real world of work saw me back in the area teaching at Langley Grammar School and then Leighton Park in Reading from where I came here."

[Note. Audley played professional rugby for four years with Gloucester where he was assistant coach for one year. His coaching talents have already been put to good use at LWC.]

Rebecca Silvester

Becky Silvester - Second in Mathematics and Award Officer for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

"When I was a student at St.Swithun's school in Winchester, I joined in with the LWC Gold D of E expedition to the Lake District. My surviving memory was of a current member of staff emptying my rucksack onto the floor because it was too heavy, and confiscating my bag of nice green apples."

Since that intrepid expedition Becky has completed a mathematics degree and PGCE at the University of Bristol, and taught at a variety of state schools, in all of which she has run the Duke of Edinburgh Award. She enjoys travelling, and has to date visited America, Australia, Africa, and a variety of European countries, including Iceland. Her interests include mountaineering, cooking, music, and nice country pubs.

"I've had a really enjoyable time in my first year at LWC, and everyone here has been nothing less than welcoming and helpful. There has been a lot to get involved in, from departmental commitments, life in the boarding house and the Duke of Edinburgh's award, through to playing the piano with the jazz band, or cycling alongside the canoeists down the canal. It has been hard work but very rewarding, and I look forward to the next academic year."





Ben Noithip

Ben Noithip studied Music at Leeds University where he graduated with BA (hons) (whilst attaining the Lord Snowden Prize for Music) in 1992 and subsequently a Masters degree in Performance Studies.

He is a pianist, conductor and flautist and he has directed and accompanied various ensembles such as Leeds Camerata, The University Wind Sinfonia, Halifax Youth Choir, Wakefield Choral Society and The Guildford Singers.



In 1995 he became Director of Music of The Royal School for Girls. He was then offered the position of Director of Music at St. John's School, Leatherhead, in 1998, where he also became Assistant Housemaster and coached and took part in various sports including rugby, football, squash, tennis and badminton.

He currently lives just outside Farnham with his wife, Sue (a Dispensing Optician and Flautist), and two children - Emily, 3 and Thomas, 11 months.

Samantha Ludlow

Sam Ludlow (née Shore) gained a B.Sc. in Geography from Swansea and a PGCE in Brighton.

As one would expect of a Geography teacher, Sam completed a round-world trip before teaching! She also worked for The Daily Telegraph in Marketing and Advertising.

Before coming to LWC last year, she had taught in Tonbridge Girls' Grammar School and Oakmeads Community College in Brighton. As well as teaching Geography from Year 7 to AS Level, Sam teaches PE to Juniors and coaches netball. (See page 11 for photo!)

Victoria Allan

Victoria is the new Head of Drama. She joins us from the City of London School.



"After graduating from the Central School of Speech and Drama in 1998, I have continued to develop as a theatre practitioner. I spent two years working for a touring Theatre in Education company. I have initiated annual Performing Arts forums for students in England and France. I also founded the Tramshed Acting Company for adult performers whilst teaching at The City of London School. I am looking forward to sharing my experience with the budding actors and actresses at LWC."

Tom Hicks

A former pupil of LWC, Tom graduated from Oxford with a 2.1 in Modern Languages and Linguistics.



He joins the LWC staff from St George's College, Weybridge. As well as teaching English, he will be a resident tutor at Hazelveare.

Tom is a keen cricketer. He has played for Dorset CCC since 1998 and is currently captain of Farnham CC. He represented Oxford University for four years and captained their side in 2000. We look forward to Tom's input at the College.

Anne Mulholland

Mrs Anne Mulholland joins the Modern Languages department from Pangbourne College as a part-time German teacher.



Jill Mindham-Walker

Mrs Windham-Walker has had wide teaching experience. She joins the Modern Languages department to provide maternity cover for Mrs Richardson.

Ancillary Staff - Valete

Jackie Deadman

After 14 years as Secretarial Assistant in the Bursary, Jackie retired in February 2004. Jackie will be fondly remembered by everyone at LWC for her total unflappability and good humour, as well as her horticultural expertise and superb flower arrangements. Jackie will spend her retirement energetically, looking after Max, tending her garden, travelling to France, and, drawing on her memories of life at LWC, writing and producing pantomimes.

C. Warren

Will Dawe

After completing his work in setting up the College intranet, Will moved on to run the website of an organisation in London. He will be missed for his readiness to help both pupils and staff with IT problems and for his prowess on the staff football field on a Friday afternoon. We wish him well in his current work.

Salvete

Non-teaching Staff

Mandy Clark

Senior Nurse. Mandy joined the College in September 2003 having previously been Deputy Editor of the national nursing journal Professional Nurse. Prior to that she worked as a Nurse Advisor for NHS Direct, and in a hospital A & E department in Sydney. Mandy, who lives in Whitchurch, is a runner, skier and rider in her spare time, and has impressed everyone with her boundless energy, professional expertise and good sense.

Cheryl Baker

Cheryl joined the Bursar's department as Secretarial Assistant in February 2004. Cheryl who lives in Hook was born and raised locally, and has longstanding connections with the College, her grandfather's firm having built Gosden House.

C. Warren

Chris Jones

Chris joined the College in September 2003 as Catering Manager. Previously, he had worked for Aramark, where he ran their catering operation at BP Sunbury. Undaunted by feeding 650 people in 30 minutes every lunchtime, Chris has quickly established a fine rapport with both pupils and staff.



Chris is a keen member of Reading Golf Club; despite playing the wrong way round, he has reduced his handicap to almost single figures. He also supports Spurs, so obviously has some weaknesses. Chris is married to Lisa and has two children, Bethany and Oliver.

Ron Lafferty

With the expansion of ICT facilities, the College appointed Ron as ICT manager. He worked for 25 years for IBM, gaining a wide range of experience in computer engineering, training management and finally as Customer Satisfaction Project manager - always an important role!

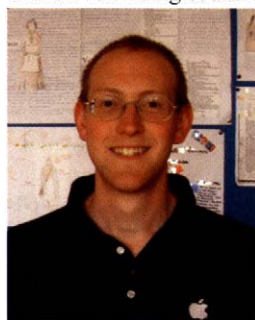


Ron's interests include running (he ran the New York Marathon last November), rugby (supporting), travel and music.



James Pullen

"I have been involved in sound and lighting for music and theatre for nearly 7 years, and in my spare time enjoy seeing Britain from a Transit van doing sound for local band Zero Cipher and PA hire company Network Audio. I have lit numerous music events and theatre shows, and look forward to an exciting year of events alongside Ben and Vicky."



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One-year Graduate Assistants 2003-4



L to R: Julie, Sorin, Veronika, Anne and Nuria

We were very fortunate to have the support of teachers who join us for one year. Our three language assistants, Anne, Nuria and Julie have been excellent helping all of our linguists to develop their skills. For several years now we have had important links with Eastern Europe with two graduates spending a year with us. Sorin Scurtescu has been an inspirational figure in the Art department as well as working as a resident tutor in Sutton House. Veronika Veross has been a key figure in the IT and Maths Departments as well as being a resident tutor in Park House.

I. Power

Gap year students - 2003-4

We said farewell to Gap-year Students



Chris and Andy were inspirational on the sports field and Andy was a keen photographer. Some of his photos appear elsewhere in the magazine.

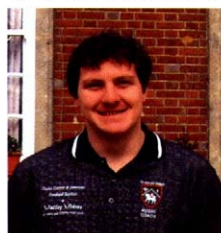
Chris Nicholson
from Australia

Andy Richards
from South Africa



Gap-year students - 2004

We welcomed several other Gap-year Students



Patrick Dieroff from
Australia



Katrina Blaubaum
from Australia



Andy Ryan from
Australia

2004-5



Ann-Kristin Ehlers
from Germany



Domnica Manoila
from Romania



Petr Tisl from
Czech Republic

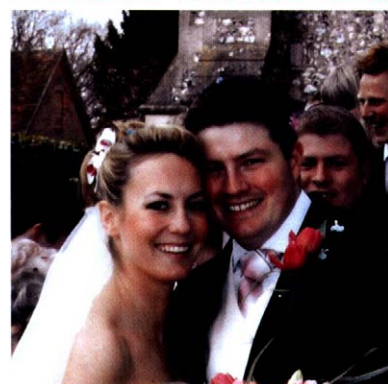


Marit-France Allen
from France & UK



Fernando Heredia
from Spain

Other Staff News



Samantha Shore married James Ludlow on 3rd April at St. Stephen's Church in Baughurst. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Mauritius.

Congratulations to the proud parents of
Emily Alice May, born on 9th June
Edward (Ned) Patrick Mobbs, born on 25th June
James Robert Richardson, born on 6th August

Employee of the Century Awards

In December, two staff members received long-service certificates. Ian Kerr and Alan Dyson had each served 100 terms in the school, just over 33 years. Both men still look remarkably happy with the experience!





Junior House



Form 2 at the Wall of Remembrance at Bayeux

With 108 children in Junior House we were again nicely full with the trend continuing of there being fewer regular weekly and full boarders and lots of flexi-boarding day children who keep the dorms well filled and the staff busy! The continuing programme of refurbishment has meant that the boy's toilet area, by the Changing Room, was updated during the summer holidays. During the year fire doors have been replaced and the lower corridor decorated. This will be followed by carpeting of the top corridor and both staircases and exterior decoration in the coming summer.

Ann Schanz, the German Assistant, joined us in September as a resident tutor for one year. She quickly settled and joined in wholeheartedly with all our activities.

Within a week of the start of term we were playing cricket again - the delayed final of the Hampshire U12 Cup against our old rivals Yateley Manor. They had some very good batsmen and we left them too small a target - we lost but were then able to put our minds to the rugby season.

BBC and RSPCA to the rescue!



The disused swimming pool at JH has, on a number of occasions, become a source of attraction to badgers and several have been rescued. September 23rd, though, was the one to hit the headlines. Not only did the RSPCA arrive but also the BBC television crew from the 'Animal Hospital' programme to record the rescue and subsequent release back into the wild. Having been found in early morning, he ignored the ramps we put in place, had a brief sleep before TV stardom, and was last seen scampering across the field to freedom in the hedgerows by lunchtime, after an eventful morning at Junior.

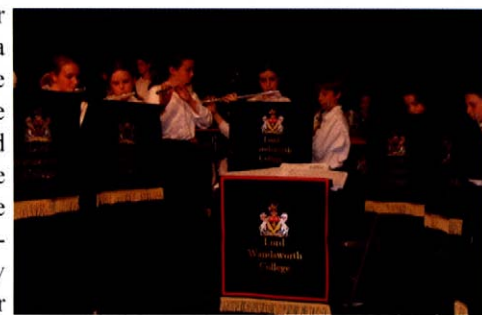
Christmas Fair for charity

Lots of preparation went on for our Christmas Charity Fair with many of the children involved either in producing items for sale or in organising games and side shows. £1400 was raised for the two School Charities, The Theo Trust and the St. Paul's

With lots of Junior involvement, a lovely atmosphere was created by the candlelit hall and the music of the Swing Band. The Winter Term finished with a noisy Christmas Dinner in the Senior Dining Hall followed by a disco in the Music and Drama Centre.

Community Project in Marylebone. Charity events have been to the fore with many school and individual events throughout the year but Sophie Trew (2Q) deserves particular mention. Sophie swam the Channel!! - well not exactly but the equivalent distance. She raised £913 for ASPIRE by swimming 22 miles over a twelve week period in a local pool. ASPIRE helps people with spinal injuries and Sophie won the Junior ASPIRE Swimmer Award for her efforts.

During the term the English department ran a successful Public Speaking Competition and the girls had plenty of success on the hockey pitch. This year we had our own Carol Service in the Gavin Hall.



National Success

Mention should be made of the selection by the National Ice Skating Association of Charles Howard-Jones (2P) to be part of the 2004 GB Junior Development Squad.

His selection was based on performances over the previous year where he had shown potential ability to succeed at an international level as a British representative. Well done to Charles - a wonderful achievement and a tremendous opportunity.

The House Cross Country was won by Will Corfe, with Rhys Thomas 2nd and Alex Richards 3rd. Rachel McJarow was the first girl in 8th position with Ollie Mason (6th), Tom Stafford-Brooks(7th) and Verity Phillips (15th) the leading first formers. Sheeppouse was the winning house. James Baudains beat Joe Wilson in the Table Tennis Final and Lara Flanagan and Leonie Field beat Rhys



A strong muftie Viking - "Is this a dagger that I see before me?"



Europe Day

Thomas and Jack Clay in the Table Football Final. A successful U12 seven-a-side rugby tournament was organised by Mr. Harvey which this year was won by Reading School. Mr Walters again ran an exciting General Knowledge Quiz with the final being played, in its now traditional spot, on the last night of the Spring Term. The final could not have been closer with Hyde (76 pts) beating Hesters (72 pts). The winning team of Gemma Edney, Annabel Bradney, Douglas Nichols, Augusta Elliott and Gary Morton were all presented with engraved plaques.

Day at Lords

The Summer Term was very busy as usual. The U13's enjoyed a trip to the first day of the Lord's Test against New Zealand.

Sporting achievements

It was good to see some good cricket being played at Junior with both U13 and U12 teams getting through to the semi-final stage of their respective Hampshire Cup Competitions. The girls had considerable success in some very competitive rounders matches. The athletes had a good season with several doing well at the District events and getting through to the County Competition. During one match Jenna Kearns (2P) created a new school long jump record by jumping 4.65 metres. This beat Lucy Knight's previous record by 13 cms which is quite an achievement for a second former and shows considerable potential for the future. The inter-house athletics was won by Hyde. Congratulations were also due to Augusta Elliott, breaststoke, and Sophie Trew, butterfly, for reaching the finals of the IAPS National Swimming Championships held in Wolverhampton. In our own



gala Hyde were the winners with some very strong and stylish swimming in the individual events by many of the girls, some of whom have obviously benefited from the coaching on Tuesday evenings. The Wandsworth Werewolves have continued to enjoy their roller hockey, becoming increasingly competitive in their numerous matches throughout the year. They

will look even more stylish next year in their stunning new shirts, Tom Rae winning the design competition.

Swing Band in Europe

Away from sport, many Juniors took part in the Swing Band tour to Paris over half term which culminated in them playing at Euro Disney. All the Juniors took part in a lively and interesting Drama Day with a selection of them performing for parents in the Music and Drama Centre. A week after the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, Normandy survived its annual Junior 'invasion'. The weather was

good, the sea calm and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.

A few days before the end of term, three of our first intake of twelve girls into Junior came to bid farewell as they prepared to leave after seven years at LWC. It was good to see Katie, Megan and Suzie, unfortunately Vicky was away on CCF camp. These were the young ladies who blazed the new trail in September 1997 and of whom we are proud and have many happy memories. A big forward step that we have never regretted. Having reminisced over old photos it was time to visit the copper beeches that the girls had planted to commemorate their arrival. Four have survived and in the last couple of years have begun to flourish as can be seen in the photograph. In another few years they should provide a few shady areas round the cricket field for spectators.

The ancient game of Puddex

Term finished with a somewhat damp inter-house Puddex Competition, which was won by Sheephouse, but the sun shone for our barbecue on the final evening. At the end of another busy and successful year we wish all those moving on, the very best in their Senior Houses, and to those remaining, may they have learnt much from the excellent lead given by the Second Form this year.

Thanks - to the parents and staff

Our thanks for two gifts from parents to Junior House - a giant tower building game and a generous cheque which we will put towards an air hockey game for the House. These will be much appreciated by all.

It has been a good year and I would like to thank all our staff in Junior for making it so.

M J D Featherstone





School House

Changing colours

A new year, a new era. A year of change as the Games Room and TV Room are touched by paint. The paper room turns green and is to witness many chess and draughts battles, together with the odd game of Monopoly. A green line appears in various places and prints and flowers make a difference to the entrance, we hope.



School House views World Cup Rugby viewed by a Meridian TV cameraman

Continuing laughter

Sue is back as a full-time matron, soon to be joined by Sarah so it's laughter and mayhem in their room. And a good - humoured battle over tidiness with certain individuals. Sadly, it's goodbye to Rene after many years of doing the laundry, sewing and standing in as matron. Her laughter and personality and her general concern for the boys is much missed. But she was seen off in style: a broom guard of honour and driven into retirement by the bursar in a buggy. Leaving the swear box behind. Thanks Rene for all you have done and we are glad you are still in touch.

Food - an important consideration

The boys settle into the routine and food starts to feature prominently: 5th form chilli night; L6th cooking elaborate meals for themselves; extremely rich chocolate puddings; breakfast in house in the penultimate week.

Intellect, sport and success

A few things are won: Samand James in the House Debating; the seniors in the basketball. Sam, Tom, Matt and Oli are runners-up in the general knowledge. And the younger years manage not to come last in everything. Dodgy maths means we are runners up in the Athletics but there were great individual performances from Marimba and Matt and Ed and David and the relay teams.

Music and Drama

Tom and Will are prominent musicians; Musgrave is filled with Sc'ouse influence on and off stage. Teams are played for, colours are won.

The cat settles in; some staff leave

Emi settles in, soon to be joined by Rufus. May Court is transformed, an oasis of beauty and tranquillity in a boarding maelstrom. Patrick arrives from South Africa but Robert Fitzgerald leaves to pursue his musical career and we lose an excellent tutor; then Quentin Sands leaves School House for a second time, no Clash poses this time though!

Quite a relaxed year

And it's quite a relaxed year, relatively trouble free, rather enjoyable. Summer comes so it's farewell to the U6th and the 3rd form lament the departure of Rob; the House won't be the same without Simon's presence; and farewell too to the 4th form warren as the builders move in.

Even better days looming!

A good year....but plans are afoot for next year already and even better days loom.

D O Machin

Haygate House

Successful year

This year was the first for Haygate as a third to sixth form house (albeit without 5th form) and has been so successful that it is hard to imagine that in future it can be topped. The girls gelled very effectively from the word 'go' and have been making headline news throughout the school for a variety of reasons (all good!) ever since. The depth of talent is astounding. Haygate girls from all year groups have been in school productions, both drama and music, we have a number of the team captains from a variety of sports and we have a minor celebrity - Flo Hopkins. When searching for the next Head Girl, the Headmaster had to look no further than Haygate - well done Lottie.

Positive role in school life

Haygate has also played a significant part in school life. The whole third form doing an assembly relating to following one's dreams (with a particularly famous scene where Robyn cheats to win Olympic gold), the charity committee of the House, under the careful watch of Amelia, organising the popular 'sponge a teacher' event and we regularly recorded a podium finish in the various inter-house girls' sports (Tammy Davis really came to the fore during the house hockey and is a name to watch out for in the future). In the inter-house quiz our Think-Pink team, led by Alanna, met a very strong School side in the first round, giving them a serious run for their money and



The new Haygate building is officially opened by Mr Bunting, Chairman of LWC Trustees

not even Cherriss's knowledge relating to breeds of cows could stop the inevitable.

A takeaway and a giveaway

Haygate's bounds do not end at the



school gate. We celebrated the Chinese New Year (the Monkey) in January. Yuan, Ada and Candy spent six hours cooking traditional dishes whilst I spent about 20 minutes in the car collecting extra supplies from the Kings Peking Take-Away in Odiham. The decorations really put the finishing touches to what was a very successful event. Chloe Bishop's recycling efforts are one of our 'whole world' projects, and with Emma Cowlam and Gemma Dalton recycling themselves from Land's End to LWC this summer, the effect of Haygate pound coins will be felt as far afield as Russia. Of all our community action projects, a special mention must go to Ground Force. Hannah, Ada, Emma and Sophie have appeared in the local press for their efforts in Basingstoke gardens and I've heard that they'll possibly be looking to continue the good work in the new year.

When Mr Richardson announced his 'super teams' competition I thought he was talking about my House staff. Big 'thank you's' to Sophie (Head of House), Ms Silvester, Ms Grieve, Gill, Val, Julie and Katrina for all their work and a special 'thank you' to Jan and Chris without whom we'd be utterly lost.

A super team

Haygate House is now firmly on the map. It will no longer be that we are next door to the Medical Centre but rather that the Medical Centre is next door to us!



R J Kimber

Sutton House

A railway journey with few sleepers!

This has been a very busy year indeed. Standing at the railway station of 2003/4, life in all its shapes and Sorins has shot past.

People appreciated

Way back in September, we said a cautious hello to Sorin Scurtulescu - our Romanian resident tutor - before he became an essential part of the scenery. Many will remember his portraits featured in The Sutton Scribbler, his 'singing' and his Park-stopping, topless table tennis tournaments! We bid him a sad goodbye at the end of the summer, just as earlier in the year we waved farewell to our beloved Mrs B(ulbeck). There can be few travellers who are able to wear yellow golf shirts with such distinction - as well as the mantle of matroning. Her warmth, friendship and exuberant good humour have been salutary signposts as we moved on to greet Mrs C(owlam). Shelagh has been right at the heart of the engine room getting to know her charges

extremely well, extremely quickly. All have appreciated her caring approach and friendly laughter - as well as the many, many cups of cold drink.

Major landmarks

Major landmarks passed this year include:

- the already-mentioned publications of The Sutton Scribbler ably conducted by Buggy Goro and an editorship roundabout of Alex Irving, Will Marks (excelling himself as an agony uncle of wilful woes), Marcus Holland, Jamie Fish and Harry Rice;

- Charlie Amesbury joining the Sutton-to-England rugby pantheon of Jonny Wilkinson and Ugo Monye;

- Oxbridge Tony Gregory taking over where CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien left off;

- Sutton House Summer treble: VI Form Puddex, Joint Winners of the Super Teams Event and, ultimately, outright winners of the Inter-House Athletics - with special thanks to county champion Laurence Cox and team mate, Greg McDermott not to forget the speedsters, Akin Solanke-Caulker and James Riley;

- Winners of the Inter-House 3rd and 4th Form Hockey featuring the stalwarts Phil Gregory and James Pipe, a mid-field maestro, Marcus Holland, and the goal-scoring Steve Parker as well as the committed efforts of Josh Watson and Jamie East;

- A home-grown Head of College in the shape of Greg McDermott and Head of Junior - Will Marks;

- A successful Valentine's Day Charity Event co-ordinated by the piratical Cupids: Adam Marshall, Harry Rice, Jamie Fish, Ed Andrews and Henry Castle-Smith;

- A new house T shirt;

- and finally, the Sutton House Charity CD which raised £1,400 and featured such memorable artists as MC Soaper, Ed Crooner Sonnex, Greg Mumbai Cheesecake McDermott, Ben Coles Porter, The Funky Monkeys of Alex Irving and Will Marks, "Dre's Story" by Andy Warner and Toby C-S, Charlie Saunders's "Scottish Highlands" and, at the top of the hill, the duo of Scott and Slater - not to forget the forgettable track 16 by C H Rapman. Will Marks and Buggy Goro deserve special credit for their IT expertise, creativity and career-saving abilities to smooth the ruffles of raw talent with some sense of tunefulness.

Deserved thanks to many

The journey would not be complete without thanking the year group reps, Neil Morton, Scott Peters and Joe Norton for reaching for the Sky, as well as acknowledging the role of the team of drivers: Jim Welton, Charlie Amesbury, Andy Collins, Pat Knight, Adam Marshall, Jon Slater, Matt Elvidge and Tom Scott. Mrs T(urner)'s and Mr Ibbotson's care and support also kept us on track - as well as frequently fed and watered! Thanks to fellow conductors, Mr Finan (recipient of a Military Cross, 5th Class, for Fortitude Above and Beyond the Call of Sanity), Mr Gilliam (recipient of the PSHE Order of Merit, Class 17),



Sorin - Sutton resident tutor





Mr Smith (recipient, at Christmas, of a brand new company car with a strange number plate) and Mr May (recipient, this summer, of a brand new Emily!). And to Donna and Sue for keeping the train spick and span, grateful thanks. Lastly, to Helena, our diminutive, comic relief matron, thanks for controlling the passengers and rewarding the good ones with Polos.

Chris and Lesley Radmann

Park House

Congratulations to Park Girls

A group of girls performed a fundraising concert in October to raise money for a breast cancer charity.

The concert called "Party in the Park" was arranged by Meg Lowther in Park House. The girls were able to present a cheque to the *Breast Cancer Campaign* for £542.15.

Further donations raised this to £592.35.

Congratulations to all for a great evening for a worthwhile cause.

4th Form at Park

The start of 4th form, scary stuff, working towards GCSE! The small prep room was quite a change to work in compared to the barn; prep time is constantly the same Grace and Natalie practicing for their song in the park house concert, whilst disturbing the rest of the house (Surprisingly, the windows are still intact)! At the beginning of 4th form we didn't think the workload could get any worse but 'boy' we were wrong.

Food, more food and most food

Tutor trips were what we all looked forward to, pizza express was a laugh, being told we had to wait a while for a table when the whole restaurant was empty! It brought our whole year in park together and the food was yummy...thanks Mrs Fenna.

Mowing the astro

A couple of us have had a fair share of embarrassing/blonde moments e.g. Kate thinking they were mowing the lawn on the astro and also when the clocks go back she thought she would get an extra hour's sleep every morning from then on (BLONDE); Grace attempting to sing in Park House concert, but being supported by the rest of the year to stop the attention being drawn to her bright red face. (Note: "Gentlemen prefer blondes" and "Blondes prefer gentlemen.")

Romance

Even if we don't comply with Suttons 'fitty list' we have all still managed to find love elsewhere (without breaking the '6 inches' contact rule)!

5th Form at Park

The year started off well. We had our reputations to keep up. One of which was being a great tutor group. We knew this was our last year all together, but despite this we made it the best.

Up in the morning?

To keep the trend going, it was Beth's desire to be late for registration in the morning but Lara and Rachel's forgetfulness to get up.

Everyone's part to play

Throughout the year we had our fair share of ups and downs but a smile from Cara and a hug from Ems made the day. Hannah always managed to give us a good giggle when she decided to fly through the air ending up with more cuts and bruises than all of us together. The dreaded exams were coming closer and as can be expected the days became more stressful but we were all helped along with Jess' singing and the many jokes about Debbi's office.

How long is a party?

The exams finished and the parties soon started but only once Imy had found a big enough suitcase to fit her over-night stuff in.

Memories are made to last

Pippa has continued to be the house video library and in charge of weekend entertainments. Then there's our England netball player who one day promises to be famous. Friendships have grown and it's sad to see many leave but we've had a few good years, helped along by the Lasts and Mrs Richardson. From everyone we wish the Richardsons all the best with the little one and we hope any leavers enjoy their new colleges.



Gosden

Autumn Term:

Great excitement in Gosden in the lead-up to the Rugby World Cup as GMTV and then BBC transmitted from the House common room...if CCH can call having to open the doors at 4.45 am "excitement"! Thanks, Mrs Hicks! Something bizarre about chatting to Nichole and Rachel one moment and then seeing them a few minutes later broadcasting to the nation. 5 minutes of fame for various other Gosdenites too.

Gosden House Council up and running and minutes of meetings beamed across country as they were caught on camera next to the "shrine" for Jonny Wilkinson.



Successes

Arrival of electronic piano and celebration of news that Vicky Gilday has been selected for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain.

"*Daisy Pulls It Off*" and includes Lucie C, Lucy K, Bella and Celia...and of course Henni as Daisy. Vicky appears on TV as part of the LWC Time Commanders team.

Lucie captains successful 1st XI hockey team; good performances in House hockey competition and on netball courts.

Katie A secures places in National Equestrian Squad (Dressage) for her Under-16 age-group.

Year-group discos organised by prefects, especially Alex and Nichole.

Gwen away for operation so Gosden tea consumption is dramatically reduced! Mrs B unwell so we see a succession of Matrons - Mrs Trew, Mrs Buckle, Mrs Jaynes. Mrs Wills holds fort stoically. We see her last thing at night, we all go to bed...and then there she is again in the morning as if she had never been home!

Mrs Weston becomes a granny.

Mrs Neighbour takes whole House on interesting tour of Victoria Station as House Christmas outing is to "*Bombay Dreams*" in London. Girls rapt by the costumes, the colour, the dancing and the strains of Indian bhangra. Attempts to imitate all this go on quite late into the night in the less exotic but rather more steamy surroundings of the Gosden common room. Shakalaka Baby!!

Spring Term:

Return of Mrs McKinnon.

Everyone on best behaviour for the school inspection; everyone in communal grief for the tragic half term news of our friends. Maddi and Fran debate well and lots of effort put into inter-House basketball, netball and water polo.

History of Jazz among the musical highlights along with Vicky's miaowing! Lucy K and Christina perform as girls (and boys!) in dramatic cocktail-shaking performance.

Loads of ice-cream for Ben and Jerry's night organised by Lucie C. Plenty of fun and games too including thong-demonstration and much chocolate.

Mother's Day cards, Easter nests, crispy choc cakes and pizzas courtesy of Mrs B and Mrs Wills.

Summer Term:

General knowledge team of Steph, Tori, Charlie and Sophie while Vicky continues seeing in successive Directors of Music. Katy N plays her part in "*Dracula*".

"*Race For Life*" again and first ever Superteams competition makes its appearance. Terrific efforts from all age-groups on Sports Day under the supervision of Phil.

Introduction of new garden furniture during some very hot days. Exams happen at hottest time of the year!

With Mrs B in hospital after half term, Mrs Janes and Mrs Reeve fit smoothly into learning the quirks of Gosden and swift-

ly become very popular with the inmates. Gwen now back working tirelessly (as Matron at times) and Mrs Wills once again tireless and patient over long hours of duty. We look forward to Mrs B's long-awaited return in September

We join with Haygate for our end-of-term barbecue and say goodbye to our Upper Sixth and to Maddi, Ellie and Zoë from the 5th year. Farewell to Nuria as resident house tutor. Big thanks to Nichole and Lucie for being in charge this year and good luck to Steph and Phil for the coming terms.

Gosden has been repainted over the summer as we look forward to another successful year.

C C Hicks

Summerfield

Yet again, Summerfield has enjoyed an extremely successful, entertaining and constructive year under the guidance of Mr and Mrs Kerr.

House spirit

Summerfield has left its mark in many places. For example, in assemblies Summerfield voices show both passion and volume. Their display of unity is down to one thing...house spirit. In Summerfield this is almost tangible, with inspiring interaction between the years. Everyone is ready to pitch in, combine together, support one another and, most importantly, have a good laugh at the end. The "Gash" football matches were prime examples of this when virtually the whole house turned out in support.

Passionate about sport

Summerfield is passionate about sport. Oli Spencer, Andy Craig, Luki Rehnberg and James Morris represented the successful 1st XV. Richard Lloyd, Stuart Moore, Chris Tabard and Toby Comley played integral parts in the successful U16 team whilst Alex Wilson, Elliott Ridgeon and Billy Williams-Burrell played for the maturing Under 15's side captained by Oli Jordan. For the Under 14's, the emergence of the likes of Ben Rubio, Mike Salmon, Stuart Dick and Adam Eldridge ensure continuing standards of Summerfield rugby.



Most of the 1st XI Football side was based in the house. Luki Rehnberg, Tom Simpson, Andy Craig, Chris Thompson, Richard Fenton, Jim Hart and Dom Shaw played important parts in a very successful season.

And so it continues - Bethwill Cloete, Chris Tabard and Scott Fenton played key roles in the development of a young 1st Cricket XI. Fine centuries from Stuart Moore and Ben Rubio in LWC representative games deserve mention.



Performing Arts

Summerfield has a glittering tradition in Performing Arts. This year, George McIlroy and James Morris starred in "Sergeant Musgrave's Dance" supported with tremendous performances from Elliott Ridgeon and Alex Wilson. Alex Holmes starred in the title role of "Dracula".

Musically, Summerfield retained its status. James Davidson showed immense talent whilst Josh Squires emerged as new talent. Billy Williams-Burrell and James Morris sang in the "Jazz Club" evening and "the Vocal Showcase".



The Wightman Returns

Julian Moore and James Collingwood were senior and respected SNCOs in the cadet force and Luka Zgonec will maintain this tradition next year as SNCO of the unit.

The Staff

Finally, I'd like to mention some of the staff who make Summerfield the place it is. Our matrons, Betty and Sandi have always been wonderful and whatever you want from a plaster to a friendly chat, they are always there and are central to the workings of the house. All house staff have shown real commitment and have worked as a team to ensure Summerfield runs smoothly.

And then there is Mr Kerr! After a rocky start, the relationship between the Upper VIth and Mr Kerr has grown and now it is clear that the house benefits tremendously. Mr Kerr has put in much time and effort for Summerfield and is a keen supporter of house spirit and good times whilst maintaining only the highest of standards. With Mrs Kerr at his side, the house can only go from strength to strength.

Carrying the flame

I wish "good luck" to Oli and Luka as they take over the reins from George and myself to guide Summerfield to even greater successes. I know they will do well along with Ali, Craigy and Tom. They will carry the flame onwards. I have enjoyed my five years in the house immensely and "although we live in council flats and do not have Sky" we do have a unique spirit and atmosphere making us the "envy of those from the lower divisions". I hope this is a legacy which never disappears.

James Morris

Hazelveare

Mike and Seb

To say that this was a turbulent year in the house is an understatement. The house was shaken by the tragic loss of Mike and Seb who were both such influential members of Hazelveare. They were winners in every respect and during this difficult time both parents, matrons, tutors and pupils supported each other. Such events are impossible to explain and from a personal point of view both Sue and I were very humbled and I was proud of everyone. Hazelveare has always been a closely knit

community and the cohesion was stronger than ever. We miss them both greatly but their legacy is unshakeable.

Rugby World Cup

As usual the school year is frantic and there is never a dull moment in Hazelveare. Everyone will never forget the Rugby World Cup. A big screen was erected up in the well for the final. A big breakfast was cooked and the nerves then took over. The atmosphere in the well was memorable and when the drop kick soared towards the post everyone stood up and we could not see if the ball had gone over due to the shadows on the big screen. Many in the house said that this was one big highlight in the year. My apologies for those in the house who thought that events had gone too far and that LWC should be renamed as 'Lord Way Over The Top College!'

Impressive General Knowledge

The house had their successes. Under the Stewardship of Sam Keir, Hazelveare won the General Knowledge quiz defeating School in the final. The strong squad of Duncan Finlay, Lindsay MacVean, Ben O'Connell, Nathan Glynn and Ben Gandy proved unbeatable and there is potential for further success next year.

Superteams winners

House competitions are always very popular and the house spirit is always at its most evident. Superteams in the summer term was a case in point. I will never forget the tug of war against Summerfield. It certainly was a tug of 'War' and defeating our neighbours gave us enough points to be joint winners overall. I hope this becomes a yearly event.

Easy win at squash!

The house athletics was not as successful as the previous year but everyone took part in great spirit which typified the overall event. We even managed to win the house squash tournament thanks to the opposition not turning up for the final!! In the hockey tournament we were narrowly defeated in the final by Sutton.

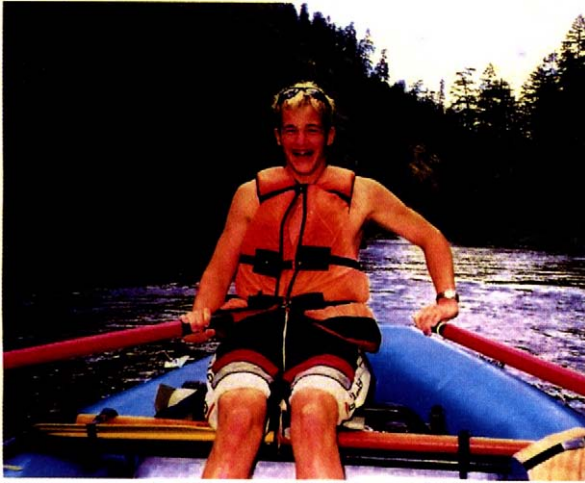
House events also proved popular. Kieran Smith and Adam Blatchford on several occasions cooked some popular dishes and each year has their budding Jamie Oliver in the making. Friday night often became the video and food evening in the autumn term. Duvets would be brought downstairs and everyone would relax with a good movie.

My thanks to Nico Wright and Alistair Davies for all their work throughout the year and to Stuart Macalpine who has been a fantastic resident tutor over the last two years.

Mr Walker

Tragically, two pupils from Hazelveare House, Michael Sorby and Sebastian English, passed away on the same day in unrelated incidents during the spring half-term. Michael was on a family holiday in the Alps and Sebastian was playing rugby for his local club. Their houseparent at Hazelveare, Mr Edward Walker, spoke at each of the memorial services. The following contains extracts from his speeches on these occasions.

Mike Sorby



In September 2000 Mike started in Hazelveare as a dayboy and quickly found his feet - so quickly that within a week I received a letter from Nick who wrote: 'So far Mike has settled in nicely into Hazelveare.' He has requested some partial boarding on Mondays / Thursdays and Fridays.

Mike often led the discussion in the tutor group. He was never afraid to express his views. The group loved it.

He worked hard in the subjects he enjoyed, especially in sciences and Maths.

Mike's 5th form History set chose to persuade the school during a Friday morning assembly that Oliver Cromwell really was The Greatest Britain of all time. Surprise, surprise, Mike dressed up as Cromwell, helmet, sword and all, fought some battles and stated, 'You can paint me warts and all', in his modest down to earth way.

On the rugby field, Mike played for U16 A team which was undefeated.

Mike's GCSE results were impressive: 5 A*'s in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Art. 2 A's in Geography and English Language, one B and one C. He spent a well-earned break with his uncle in Oregon in the States. Here he indulged in computing, the great outdoors, white water rafting and eating American style.

He had Oxbridge potential in both Physics and Maths but his plan was probably to follow his parents by studying medicine with the long-term goal of possibly going into medical research.

Mike had so many friends, some of whom confided in him and were steered by his guidance and natural leadership. They all loved his sense of fun

I was privileged to have been his housemaster for three and a half years. His intelligence, quick wit, energy, and strong values made him such a special person. Mike is often talked about in Hazelveare and to me he was a shining example to all of someone who lived life to the full.

Seb English

Seb arrived from Amesbury in 2001. He was a cohesive force within his year, courteous to all and had a real passion for life - a true all round scholar.

Seb had this wonderful ability to get on with everybody. My 5-year-old son told me recently, 'I remember Seb; he was really good at rugby and was very kind to me. I liked playing with him.

I remember him playing the guitar with Freddie. They were really good."

Shane Kidwell, Seb's tutor wrote, 'I don't think there was ever a time when I did not see Seb with a smile on his face. He radiated enjoyment.'

He loved rugby. He was an excellent full back. Despite dropping out through injury in 4th and 5th year, he remained positive and spent more time perfecting his coursework and supporting his friends on the pitch - whatever the weather, wearing his legendary flip flops, shorts and loud Caribbean shirt.

He played cricket and hockey and, in athletics in 2003 he ran 100 mtrs in 11.93 sec., winning by 9/10 second.

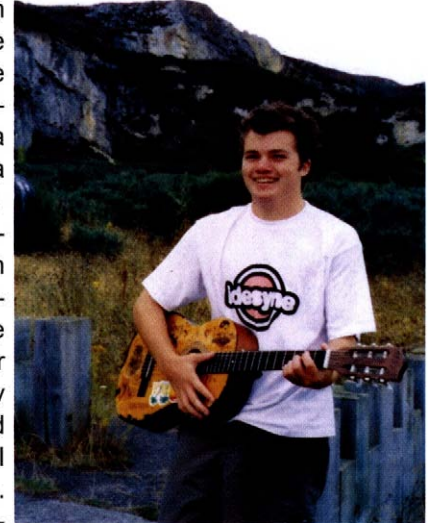
Seb was an extremely able student often working late at night. Lessons were also an opportunity for fun. He would often bring his guitar to a maths lesson and play several chords before the lesson started.

Seb loved being with his friends. At the Rugby World Cup Final, Seb got up early with friends to claim front row seats at the big screen. When the kick soared towards the posts, they jumped up and their shadow obscured the screen and we did not know if the kick had gone over.

Seb adored his music and the famous guitar followed him everywhere. One of Seb's most common phrases was, 'My guitar has been confiscated again.'

Seb had such maturity for his age. He was generous, freely offering advice, and would stop and talk with you whatever the situation. He gave so much to casual acquaintances, close friends and his much-loved family.

I was privileged to have had such a popular and unique young man in Hazelveare. We still talk about Seb and the conversation ALWAYS brings a smile to all our faces. What better tribute for Seb than for all of us to live our life to the full - maybe not just for ourselves but for those who have departed.





Poetry



by

**Katie
Eyre-
Seymour**

I Watch You

I watch you. Simmering.
Eyes like bulbs; widening; now searching.
You're near the edge,
Bubbling beneath the surface.

In a state of confusion;
You hover. You wait.
A moment passed, a moment longer -
Hesitant at first but panic begins to take you

I see your lip quiver-
You look around for help.
You break your way through people
As tears break from your eyes.

I watch you turn the corner,
Hope now lost; replaced with fear.
A voice appears behind you,
"Darling, Mummy's over here."

In the Dark without my Glasses
(a Japanese Haiku poem, after Wendy Cope)

What are these bright spirits?
Faeries? Angels? Coming closer...
Oh. Street lamps.

The Maple Tree

I can't help but think back to those days;
the Maple tree and the swing beneath,
the way the grass pricked at my skin.
Haziness of summer heat, skirts and my flip-flops
that lay forgotten, elapsed and on the ground.

And remembering that white house we saw.
Discovering it, wanting to reach it and explore.
It was my Paradise and your Hideaway;
a palace where you were the King and I was your
Queen.

U6 Still we sat beneath that tree.

We were waiting; we've always been waiting.
Knowing well enough that all good things must end.
Was this why we gave up so soon, you and I?
Sitting beneath that tree I remember you asked,
"Is this how it's supposed to be?"

After you left I watched that tree change.
The seasons turning round; green then red then
brown.
The way the leaves deserted it in winter,
But were always back for the summer.
Forever fluttering. Gently. Nervously.

This scene is not what I would have painted;
white castles with giant thrones
for an illicit King and his neurotic Queen.
These dreams were lost by unwavering doubts,
as childhood fled and our lives took hold.

I think of these things when I look on the past.
The way you smile at me and kiss my nose
seems to keep it all going. I suppose
we shall go on like this, happily ever after.
Waiting beneath that Maple tree.

Katie Seymour

Haiku**Seagulls**

Seagulls, little birds
Soaring through the bright blue sky,
Like a silver dart.

Feathers fluttering,
Legs like spindles tucked up in
Their feathery tails.

Gary Morton (Form 1)



Poetry

Sonnet

Reason's impossibility, and love
Strike voice and Time beguile to cease his
march.
The Mind's tangled branches her figure carve,
And fleeting cherub with them love's thirst
parch.
Climb over gated thoughts to meadows still
Where my statue in your shadow must lie
Your beauty shall the dreamer's inkwell fill
But never fade as paper, yellowed, dry.
The mad man has no ears for words of calm,
And wise men no eyes for passion instilled,
Yet even as Heaven shrink and Hell arm,
He wanders not from the pathway of his will.
God may not him slow, nor Death him break,
But love's Cross, that always stands, shall he
take.

Elliott Ridgeon (Form 4)



Spring Poem

Is it so small a thing
To have enjoyed the sun
To have lived light in the spring
To have loved, to have thought, to have done?

Is it so small a thing
To have watched the birds,
To have picked blossom off a tree
To have watched it fall right in front of me?

Is it so small a thing
To have eaten ripened fruit
To have planted that first seed
To have watched the flowers shoot?

Stuart Dick (Form 3)

Forgiveness

Why am I writing this?
Who cares about forgiveness?
Fat lot of use it does.
"Oh, it doesn't matter that you ruined my life
I forgive you.
In fact go on - I invite you to do it again,
And this time I won't make any fuss".
What! You think I'm mad?
Isn't this what I'm supposed to do?
Offer you my other cheek.
I maybe mad,
But unlike you I am not stupid.
Not deluded into thinking the drilled in happy clap-
py forgive and forget is right

How can you just forget
The pain
The misery?
SNAP
Just like that,
And it's all gone
Magic really.
But it doesn't go,
It stays,
And you remember who made you feel this bad.

Maybe that's why we forgive,
To take the load off our backs,
Not to forget.
Oh no,
Even forgiving can't make you forget.
But think about it.
A world without forgiveness,
Chaos.
Forged feuds,
And
Unrelentless resentment.
Our organised world like an intricate stained glass
window, SMASH!
Broken.

Though we hate it,
Don't understand it (we never will),
We need it.
Without it we are nothing
Alone and cold.
For forgiveness alone is,
The most important thing
Because forgiveness is
As vital
As
Air

Maddi Power (Form 3)
(Written as a response in Religious Studies).



Ode to Hillside

The green, green grass of the new born spring,
 The fields yet moist from night's endless rain,
 The young, loved messengers do but beautifully
 sing,
 Not one shall cross thy empty lane.
 Neither rain nor shine shall rob me of love,
 The newly cut grass smells sweet and fresh,
 The daisy surrounded like an airborne dove,
 The wind on my face does heat,
 The shade doth hide thy tenderness,
 Thy beauty doth leave me speechless.

Matt Armstrong & Harleigh Holton (Form 4)



Spring

The dew ridden grass, so soft to the touch
 With the sweet scent of morn, alive in the trees.
 The blanket of daisies to set the scene much,
 Pungent smells of spring, set out to be free.
 Spring's new cherubs roaming the new lands,
 Seeking the smell of the bountiful fruit,
 The apple trees grow, spreading their wings,
 Naked tastes tantalise spring's new ripe fruit.
 Offspring of season safe by Mother's hands,
 Songs of sparrows, odes of the orchids,
 O sweet sorrow, bound by senses of spring

Philip Gregory & Tim Mendelssohn (Form 4)



Snow

Snow is a white, fluffy duvet, that covers the earth,
 And as light as a feather
 The powder crunches beneath your feet,
 As you walk over the snow covered fields.
 The snowdrifts crumble before your feet,
 As you open the icy door.

The fresh scents of snow,
 Whiffs through the morning air,
 But as the heat of the sun comes out,
 And the temperature gets hotter,
 The snow fades away,
 And what was before white,
 Is now green.

Alex Calver and Tim Salmon (Form 1)

To Summer

Season of sun and heatedness,
 Not soft but harshly smiling,
 a round above the fresh floor,
 In blue and white and bright,
 you rise slowly flooding sticky light
 Slowly pouring golden into every hollow
 forcing and washing the dark coating.
 Away it flies.

Blending to nothing,
 Then no shadow nor colour
 Just ghostly greyish green
 Then down to contrast and
 darker colour, thousands of colours
 and still down to movement
 and heat.

Move cool air and moist ground
 in shade sleep comes.

Nick Bishop (Form 4)

Haiku

The Hunt

Barbed tongues lashing out
 Cruel words streaming from poisoned lips
 It's starting again.

Drifts of golden notes
 Flutter like kites in a storm
 new season's present.

The hunting begins
 Snap at a brushed tailed carrot
 The thrill of the chase.

Kate Wilson (Form 1)

Colour Poems

What is blue?

Blue is early love
 And the colour of midnight
 And a splash of spilt ink,
 A lavender blossom,
 A beautiful possum;
 Blue is a plate of cheese
 And a signal of new life;
 Blue is the sound of
 A chilly breeze,
 A child's sneeze,
 You touch blue when you go swimming
 In the ocean deep,
 You can smell blue
 In a bluebell
 Near the end of March
 When spring begins.

Gary Morton (Form 1)



Poetry

Colour Poems

What is Red?



*What is red?
Red is fear
And the beast of anger*

*And a sign of love
A raging flame
A sign of war*

*Red is a plate of juicy red strawberries
And the colour of blood
Red is the sound of death
Red is the colour of passion*



*And red is like a beautiful
warm sunset
You touch red when you are annoyed or
stressed
You can smell red
In a bunch of cranberries
Near the end of June
When blossom blooms*



Jenny Douglas (Form 1)

Green

*Green is the colour of the
grass and the leaves,
Green is the colour of a
snooker-table cover,
Green is the colour of sea-
weed on the seabed,
Green is the colour of apple
pie,
Green is the colour of gungy
slime,
If you mix blue and yellow
you get the colour of green,*



*If you look at the countries from a satellite
view they look green.
Green is a rainforest quiet and wet,
Green is envy jealousy and menace,
Green is the colour of naughty little weeds,
Green is the colour of pond reeds,
Green is the colour of a mossy tree,
Green is the colour of a sick little me.*

Laurence Robinson (Form 1)

PINK

*Pink is a rose in the summer sun,
Pink is the colour of children having fun.
Pink is the smell of girls' perfume.
Pink is the colour of a raging monsoon.
Pink is the taste of vanilla ice cream,
Pink is the sound of a gentle stream.
Pink is the colour of tender touch,
Pink is the colour of oh so much.*

Edward Rudland (Form 1)

Novel Ideas Society

Novel Ideas has grown this year with the welcome attendance of the cake-bearing, tiramisu-baking Mr Costain. A couple of hours on Wednesday evenings have been spent in Mr Radmann's dining room consuming the afore-mentioned food, quaffing tea and coffee, and chatting animatedly about: current writing projects, fairies, the personal ads in the London Review of Books, fairies, drama/poetry/prose pieces on the common theme of clowns and, of course, fairies. Mr Costain and I thank 6th Formers Katie Seymour, Meg Lowther, Nick Graham-Brown, Ed Sonnex and Sophie Northcote-Smith for much entertainment and shared enthusiasm for the writing process. One day...

Chris Radmann

EXTRACTS:-

Circulating

As Cally walked into the room she noticed how noisy it was. The music was blaring and everybody was shouting in order to be heard above it. She stood in the door for a minute watching everyone, her closest friends circulating. Going from group to group, introduction followed by small chat, a joke dropped into casual chatter then off to the next group. After years of practice Cally considered herself and her best friend, Becca, masters in the art of circulating. But as Cally stood, watching the party unfold before her eyes, she realised that she didn't matter. The people in the room didn't need her, Becca didn't need her, and life in general could carry on as usual without her being there to give it a kick-start. Cally put on her party smile and lifted her chin, ready once again to be the little social butterfly everyone expected her to be. With one last deep breath in she stepped, and in seconds people anxious to talk to her, to be seen with her, surround her. Across the room someone else was also watching, amused at everyone's behaviour. But behind the amusement was something much deeper. The yearning to be like them and the knowledge that he never would or, even if the chance prevailed, could. Francis stood in the shadows, almost fading into them, wishing ardently that he had never allowed himself to be dragged to the party. He didn't even know whose party it was, or what it was for, or even whose house it was. He was even thinking about sneaking out while his friend, Rob, wasn't looking. But as the plan was still forming in his mind, he suddenly realised that the room had gone silent, except for the gentle sounds coming from a much quieter hi-fi. He looked up to find himself looking at the most beautiful girl he had even seen. She was just stunning, with amazing auburn hair and sparkling green eyes.



And although there were dozens of pretty girls at the party, she immediately stood out. Not because she was much prettier than the other girls but because of the way she seemed beautiful all the way through. She gave off this sense of purity and naiveté that made everyone want to protect her and look after her.

Megan Lowther

Clown 3

A pretty bare stage, prison style bunk bed on one wall, assorted detritus on the floor, and two clowns, one, Dave, the sad Pierrot type, the other, Horace, the happy, scary looking variety.

Horace: [sobbing quietly to himself] 'Join the circus,' they said, 'see the world,' they said, 'good pay,' they said, I knew it sounded too good to be true.

Dave: [cheerfully] Stop moping, it could be worse.

Horace: [Hysterical now] Could it? Could it? Now, what exactly could be worse? We're stuck in a police cell in a country whose name I'm not even going to try to pronounce, all because you, you decided to walk through the 'something to declare' aisle with two and a half pounds of uncut cocaine shoved up your boxer shorts. And what's more, they think I'm your accomplice, because you said so!

Dave: [pauses for thought] well, I wanted some company...

Horace: [Enraged] Wanted some company? Wanted some company? My god! You won't need company where you're going. Do you have any idea what they're going to do to us?

Dave: Not really. It'll be okay though

Horace: [looks around, checking for the guard, then whispers] No it won't, no it bloody won't; they're going to rip our bloody heads off; they'll boil us alive in vats of tar. They probably won't even bother to try us; they're bloody savages! We're Doomed!

Edward Sonnex

Twitch

Squeeze the flower,
Laughter.
Fell over, accidental, hurt though,
Laughter and now pain.
Drive the car, spin the plates,
Laughter, pain, and wounded.
Hit in the knees by the kids,
Laughter, pain, wound,
Twitch.
Custard
Pie.
Laughter, pain, wound, twitch,
Shotgun.
Twitch.

Nick Graham-Brown

Extract

Peter lay on the floor. Rain could be heard on the pavement, smashing through the night sky and drowning the city

streets. He wondered whether anyone would notice the swelling patch of damp in the corner of the room. A solitary tree branch fluttered against the windowpane, angry at the barrier, and shook the airy silence. He interlocked his fingers into the beige carpet as if it were all he had left to hold on to, and stared above. He thought how he would rather stand like this than vertically, where he had no roots; if the roof were to unfold he would face the sky and the rain would bring moisture not damp; nourishing. How much more natural it was to rest like this. A memory, long since forgotten, pitched suddenly in the darkness. A sound like the music between notes, which once found is held forever and treasured; quivering in the back of his mind. He was remembering a scene from his childhood, his spine aching on the hard autumn ground, trying to suspend golden leaves in the air with his breath. He glimpsed the shadows dancing on the ceiling, performing their inspired routine with the darkness that flickered on his wall—the colour of cabbage white. This was the beginning of forever, and in his last days his craving for the beautiful became unavoidable, inescapable. His incurable disease.

The floorboards groaned in restless disapproval forcing Peter to rise as they sliced through his dream and silenced the meditation. He stood alone in the room with himself and padded over to the freestanding mirror opposite the closed door. His tailored suit hung loose from his shoulders like two deflated balloons on either side and his creased shirt, fastened up to his chin, made no attempt to shape his withered frame. He straightened his back and attempted to look authoritative, trying to grasp at the life that had long since been devoured by the mirror, staring at him with its ageless indifference.

He could hear Celia moving around in the bathroom next door. She would burst through in a moment, face gleaming and hair flying, asking why he was still not changed and what in the world he had been doing up here all this time. He never really knew how to answer these questions. 'Just thinking about some new ideas for the bank, darling,' or 'I'm considering cutting down that tree; what do you think?' He always managed some kind of answer.

His mind drifted onto the subject of work. It occurred to him that in his seven years at the bank all comprehension of time and of existence seemed to have slowly filtered away. Once, a young couple had met him concerning a loan. He noticed that they were holding hands as they walked in, the girl's white at the knuckles. Her cheeks were flushed, as red roses in full bloom. He shook each of their hands and pronounced his name. The intonation of his voice was mechanical, unrecognisable to him, as the words left his lips, expelled like dust from his lungs, left hanging in the air. It was an identity that did not belong to him, a title referring to nothing.

Already the crimson pricks of pain were setting in. A burning filtered in through the left of his skull, behind his eye, clouding his vision slightly. As the tree battered still against the glass, threatening to break through, Peter made a decision. He was going to miss work. An idea was twisting in his mind, like the first flutter of a butterfly's wings as it touches the air for first time, petrified for an instant at the beauty of the new world before springing free of its embalmed rags, and flying. A cloud drew back like a curtain across the heavens and a metallic moon shone in through the window. Stars peered through the leaves of the trees, silently smouldering in the night sky.

Francesca Rance



DRAMA REPORT 2003/4

It's been another busy year for drama at LWC for all age groups. Junior House Drama Clubs were heavily involved in the Creative Writing Competition which invited pupils from local schools to write dramatic stories; the best entries were then adapted for performance by our actors and performed one evening in March to an audience that included the young



authors. It was an excellent example of a spirited, creative partnership.

Junior House Drama Day

Later in the year the whole of Junior House were again involved in Junior Drama Day, when every single pupil was involved in a performance - a selection of which were shown to their par-

ents and friends with an evening performance. Make way, there is a lot of talent coming through.

Third form Drama Club

Third form Drama Club was popular again and the group presented a small scale performance of their own devised plays in the Gavin Hall in December. In the new year their attention



turned to a performance of Dracula which was eventually performed in June. A review of this is included elsewhere but I should take this opportunity to say what a cooperative, reliable and rewarding group of pupils this merry band were - and talented too.

Senior Drama

Senior Drama was dominated by the productions of **Daisy Pulls It Off** in December and **Serjeant Musgrave's Dance** in March. Both productions are reviewed elsewhere.

In the curriculum there was some very exciting performance and examination work: fourth year classes presented an affecting assembly performance on Peace and War, Mr Machin's fifth year presented a multi-layered and highly entertaining devised production on the theme of fame; the lower sixth at

last produced something light, with their devised take on the nature of the media and the hidden lives of its personalities; the upper sixth presented scripted extracts from Shakers and Art, the latter achieving almost top marks from the examiner.



Theatre Workshops



Students taking drama have also benefited from workshops delivered by experts in the field of Stanislavsk and Brecht and on devising skills. Most popular visitor of all was the actor Tony Bell who has become a frequent visitor to the school and always

makes a strong impression with his energy and insight. He worked with students of all age groups on a variety of texts.

Theatre visits

There have been a range of curriculum theatre visits this year which have had mixed responses. Trestle theatre's *Tonight We Fly* was beautifully masked but a little dull, *Animal Farm* provided arresting effects with mud, *Blood Brothers* stirred the emotions but no one seemed to like the narrator, and *Stones In His Pockets* was brilliantly acted and a comic winner, as usual.

National Youth Theatre Success

Congratulations to Buggy Goro who had a successful audition for the National Youth Theatre and will be joining them this Summer; the lad has considerable talent!

Thanks to Staff

My thanks to all staff who have assisted in drama activities this year and in particular to Dave Machin, Jo Fenna and James Pullen, LWC's new theatre technician who has made such a strong impact.





Drama

"Daisy Pulls It Off"

A Grangewood School for Girls REPORT

Quentin Sands and his cast and crew are to be congratulated on a fine term's work. Their diligent and concerted endeavours resulted in performances that earn Grangewood's highest accolades: "topping", "ripping" and "scrummy".



Henni Bell as the eponymous, scholarship girl, Daisy Meredith:

A fine rendition of bright-eyed enthusiasm and capacity for appropriate pathos. Full marks for persistence and honest endeavour. Fabulous treasure was certainly her just reward for a fine portrayal.

Imogen Power as Mrs Meredith:

Mature beyond her years, Imy has earned the respect of her daughter and audience through a sincere, well-modulated performance.

Emily Olsen as Trixie:

This girl will go far. She has the rare ability to support wholeheartedly and through intelligent timing and thoughtful responses, she gives of her best for the team. "Topping"!

Lottie Williams-Burrell as Clare:

Certainly Head Girl material - someone to watch in the future. Equally skilled at hockey, freckles and a breathless sense of purpose and commitment. Very mature - deserving a hearty round of applause. Bursting with energy. Well done!

Isabella Boyd as Alice Fitzpatrick:

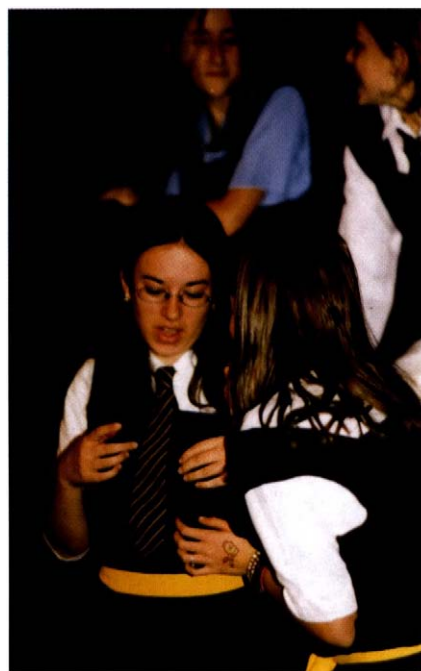
Fully committed and caring; a mature portrayal displaying an excellent understanding of her role. She has worked extremely well this term and supported those younger than her with great presence of mind and a well-pressed pinafore.

Jess McIntosh as Sybil Burlington:

Not the most popular girl, although certainly one the audience loved to hate. An arch, captivating manner that cleverly provoked - someone to watch...preferably going off the edge of a cliff. Thunderous applause justly rewarded a glittering performance.

Alexi Cartwright as Monica Smithers:

A towering talent was cunningly spotted (like dotty Lottie) by the



director. Nauseatingly nasty, she was the perfect side-kick for the unwise Sybil and exploited every deliciously odious turn of phrase to full effect. "Ripping" stuff!

Claire Ysbrandy as Miss Granville:

A performance full of poise and purpose. Regal in demeanour and a sophisticated ability to balance spectacles on end of nose. Claire's grasp of her character never faltered and she is to be commended on her exact enunciation and precise use of voice.

Mbuguah Goro as Mr Skoblowksi:

This foreign teacher is to be congratulated on making himself understood in the language of the pesky Bolsheviks and pure evil. Threatening, gloating and fluent in the black arts, this stage villain ranks with the best of the worst.

Toby Castle-Smith as Mr Thompson and **Lucy Corfield** as Miss Gibson:

Authoritative performances from this talented pair: fully at home in tweed and the need to succeed with a breed of control and compassionate restraint. Provided an excellent counterpoint to the frivolous excesses of the young 'uns. Sterling stuff.

Lucy Krasno as Mademoiselle

This mademoiselle is made of stern stuff: her hugely comical portrayal of cross-Channel sincerity was rendered in a voice and pitch that concealed many hours of practice and a very satisfying comic timing. "Smashing" as the French might say one day when Tim Henman wins at Roland Garros.

Rachel Dear as Belinda, **Chloe Bishop** as a pupil, **Flo Hopkins** as Dora and **Celia Curry** as Winnie:

As they say, a chain is as strong as its weakest link. This cast proved to be impressively strong as the convincing performances of the above girls demonstrated. Rachel Dear was especially good as Belinda. Chloe, Flo and Celia all responded extremely well to other characters' lines - the acid test of good acting.

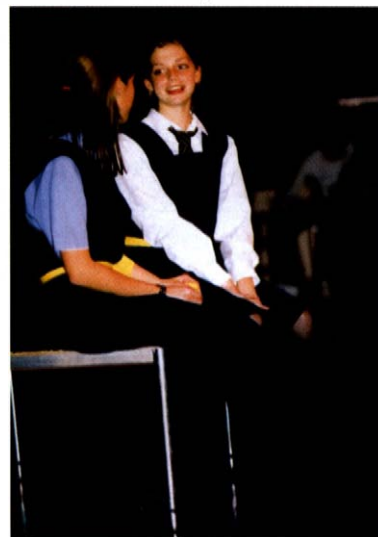
Sorin Scurtulescu as resident artist

Sorin's got a fine pair of hands: he transformed the MaD Centre space into a wallpapered cloister of feminine endeavour which was perpetually overseen by the masculine frowns of a series of very lifelike portraits. The pivotal role of the central painting became apparent at the climax of the plot - and Sorin helped to create that extra dimension, literally. Well done. This man will go far - sadly, all the way back to Rumania.

Amelia Mulley and **Alanna Burns** made-up the fresh-faced

girls and aged **Toby Castle-Smith** very successfully. **James Pullen** was his usual professional self and, assisted by **Adam Holliday** and **Attie Grande**, he created an atmospheric sense of lighting as well as facilitating smooth transitions from one scene to the next.

Well done, again, **Mr Sands** and company, on a bold choice of play and on carefully crafted production! A very good term's work.



C H Radmann



“Sergeant Musgrave's Dance”

A production by **Mr Machin** is always challenging and this rather dark piece by John Arden was no exception. At a time when the college was reeling from recent events, it was a terrific physical and emotional effort for all involved to stage a play which required team-work, plenty of "bottle" and a heavy duty in merely learning the lines.

Although the action is set in a northern English mining town in the last part of the 19th century, the sentiments of the piece are timeless as

Musgrave strives to keep order amongst his soldiers (deserters indeed!) whilst ostensibly seeking to recruit others, the reactions of the townsfolk are expected and violence raises an ugly head in an unfortunate but easily understood act of retaliation.

It is not within the brief of this critic to arrogate an explanation of the play. I would simply claim to have been privileged to attend a performance which once again demonstrated the remarkable abilities of the college's actors.

James Morris as the cynical Hurst, **George McIlroy** as the introverted and off-times irritating Sparky and **Mbuguah Goro** as the cynical Attercliffe all caught the mood perfectly as Musgrave's unattractive underlings. The other military person-ages worked too as we eventually heard the one-line contribution of **Charlie Amesbury** as the dragoon trooper under the officer-ship of Ed Martin who seems to restore law and order at the end of things.

Scott Peters was a pugnacious collier and **Elliott Ridgeon** a somewhat slower one but both were justifiably bitter and hostile and complementary to the excellent **Rob Kyle** who played Walsh, earnest, morally motivated and physically strong.

The other people of the town were expertly cast. All the men are apt to be pushy and somewhat bullying in nature: **Ed Beavor** delivered a very shrewd, very northern, very male Mayor, **Alex Wilson** a blustering but ineffectual Constable and **Toby Castle-Smith** a superficially very gentlemanly and unctuous Parson. They all thought that they were highly important!

The two girls were excellent. **Lottie Williams-Burrell** is developing into a fine actress and captured the essence of the all-seeing, deeply sympathetic but sombrely pessimistic Mrs Hitchcock, the landlady who realises that Musgrave has disrupted the town. **Alanna Burns** was a revelation as Annie, aware of how to use her sexuality despite being less than an oil painting.



The Bargee, Joe Bludgeon, appears to play the role of the Common Man and for this **Tom Caster** was delightfully rude, mischievous, full of intrigue...and everywhere! It was Tom's job to keep the audience moving (**Mr Machin** staged the play as a promenade production) and he was a proper nuisance and impolite commentator throughout.

The eponymous Musgrave feels the weight of his responsibility and deals with his lot with a somewhat heartless command of his men and a humourless outlook on the world. He believes he was put on this earth ("God was with me...") to bring an end to war. This is a difficult part to interpret but **Greg McDermott** saw it through with familiar aplomb.

I remember studying "Sergeant Musgrave's Dance" as an O-level text. I thought it was dark and forbidding then! **Mr Machin's** programme notes left us with a promise that he would "do something lighter next time..." Book me a ticket...I'll be there!!

C C Hicks



Junior House Drama Day

Some of the performers:-





“Dracula”



3rd Year drama club production

“Excellent casting and a superb atmosphere.”
 A convincing performance by a young cast. Alex Holmes played an assured Dracula. Peter Morton was the servant, ever-faithful, despite almost intolerable abuse from his master. The whole cast played brilliantly - one older member of the audience commented on how surprisingly convincing she had found it.



MUSIC

AUTUMN TERM

Chamber Concert

The term began with a Chamber Concert on 8th October involving a mix of ensembles and soloists. There was some assured playing from the Camerata playing a Concertino by Kuechler and from the percussion ensemble with its vibrant array of western and Latin percussion. Victoria Gilday and Lottie Williams-Burrell gave an authoritative performance of Cimarosa's delightful Concerto for Flutes. At the younger end of the school there was a highly polished performance of Gossec's Gavotte from the Bridge Trio played by Stefi Davison (flute), Persephone Dennis (violin) and Jeremy Dennis (violoncello).

The second concert of the term (13th October) focussed on the work of the individual AS/A2 musicians. There was a very high standard of performance from experienced players such as Thomas Eylek (clarinet), Victoria Gilday and Lottie Williams-Burrell (flute and voice), Alexa Kearns (horn and piano) and William Marks (saxophone).

Junior House

The third event of the term was a presentation by members of Junior House. As usual this was a quick paced tour de force of diversity and musical enthusiasm. Notable performances were given by the newcomers Andrew Frawley (violin) and James Chattock (viola). The concert ended with an extract from the musical Grease complete with dancing cheerleaders and authentic Junior rock musicians.

Jazz Club

November's Jazz Club followed in the tradition of cabaret-style events which have become popular in the college in recent years. This particular event took as its theme the music of the roaring 20s, and there were a number of vocal extracts from both Chicago and Sandy Wilson's ever popular The Boyfriend.



Linking the music with a smoothly spoken compere in the form of Thomas Eylek and enhancing the theatricality of the items with both dancing and drama, the event had the aura of a vaudeville show. The 'house' band (the college Stage Band) did sterling work in uniting the whole event with music from further afield (Miller, Charlie Parker etc.), and at the very end the audience was whipped to its feet with its signature tune 'Rock around the Clock'.

Concert Band

The concert on 12th November focussed on music for wind and brass with the Concert Band and its Junior counterpart, the Swing Band, combining for the first time to play spectacular performances of The Great Escape and Brazil. The number of instrumentalists in the combined band was well over 70. On



24th November it was the turn of the strings and on 1st December we heard a recital at the piano.

Music from Venice

'Music from Venice' focussed on works for soloists and smaller ensembles written by composers who have had connection with the city of Venice, in particular, Vivaldi. There was some excellent playing of Vivaldi's Concerto for Flute in C (Victoria Gilday and the Camerata), Vivaldi's Concerto for Violin in A minor (Thomas Eylek and the Camerata) and some excellent solos (Persephone Dennis, Alice Thomas and Stefi Davison). Particular mention must go to Jeremy Dennis (violoncello) who had performed with much style the role of continuo cellist throughout.



Piano Recital

The term's piano recital was, as usual, of a very high standard with some excellent playing from Amber Knight, Kate Wilson and Andrew Frawley. Particular mention must also be made of the Wilson brothers (Sam and Joe) and of Philip Gregory's performance of Beethoven.

Carol Services

The term ended with the annual carol services led this year by the Concert Band and the Swing Band. Of the high achievers of the term special mention must be made of Victoria Gilday who was offered a place in the National Youth Choir.

R. Fitzgerald

SPRING TERM

Sincere thanks to Robert Gillman



Robert Fitzgerald left at Christmas and Ben Noithip, our new Head of Music, was due to arrive after the Easter break. We welcomed Robert Gillman as acting head for the spring term. Recently retired from a long teaching post at St Catherine's, Mr Gillman (or 'Robert III') took on the demanding job of providing continuity at a crucial point in the school year for a very busy department. Thanks to his gusto and hard work, the events of this term were every bit as impressive as normal.

Two chamber concerts produced memorable performances from both the Swing and Concert Bands. Leading in solo performances was Music Prefect Tom Eylek, playing Tartini's



Concertino. There were also sound performances from Stefi Davison, who played Nolck's Hungarian Dance with such vigour on her violin, James Davison, who stunned the crowd with his fast finger work in Arban's the Carnival of Venice, and Persephone Dennis, giving an assured performance of Hope Told a Flattering Tale by Farmer.

The History of Jazz

Punters were also able to enjoy a real journey through the different styles of jazz this term in Charlie Lovelock's creation, The History Of Jazz, a concert in which vocalists Jess McIntosh and Flo Hopkins, singing Ellington's Don't Get Around Much Anymore and Berlin's Alexander's Ragtime Band respectively really hogged the limelight. The Stage Band also made an appearance performing such gems as When the Saints Go Marching In and The Chicken. Particular mention must go to Bugsy Goro, whose drumming in Hawaii 5-0 was outstanding.

Extravaganza and Showcase

The final two concerts of the term, Piano Extravaganza (...with strings attached) and Sing!



A Vocal Showcase proved to be more popular than ever, with record numbers attending the latter.

Although the former was intended for LWC's pianists, slots were also found here for the Camerata and the Fourth Form Vocal Ensemble. Sing! provided the opportunity for the college's singers to gain concert experience, and there were many enjoyable performances, especially from the JC Melodics and the Senior Choir. Rossini's Duet For Two Cats gave Lottie Williams-Burrell and Vicky Gilday the excuse to show off their operatic skills, while other successful ensemble items were Schubert's Wiegenlied sung by a number of 2nd formers and the 6th form rendition of California Dreaming. Isabella Boyd easily stole the show, however, with her sultry interpretation of Funny Honey from Chicago.

Much of the success of this term came about as a result of Robert Gillman's endless enthusiasm. The whole department thanks him copiously for all his help and inspiration.

Vicky Gilday

SUMMER TERM

The Summer Term started with Ben Noithip joining LWC from St. John's - Leatherhead, where he has been Director of Music for 6 years, to take over from Robert Gillman. Despite yet another change at the helm, the Music Department still managed to launch straight into its usual busy programme of lessons, exams and concerts. Many thanks must go to Mr. Gillman for his efforts in enabling such a smooth transition.



Chamber choir

The first public event of the term took place in Long Sutton Church on 6th May as the Chamber Choir sang Rutter's For the

Beauty of the Earth, Mendelssohn's Lift Thine Eyes and various hymns in the school's annual Service of Confirmation.



Much praise was given to all in the choir for the standard of singing and especially to the soloists for Lift Thine Eyes : Lotti Williams-Burrell, Alexa Kearns, Vicki Gilday and Steffi Davison. Vicki Gilday and Steffi Davison were then in action again on 10th May, this time playing a number of flute duets and trios with one of the Visiting Music Staff and concert flautist, Michael Jefferies, to conclude the chamber concert of American Flute Music.

The concert featured various works by American composers, some of which were not widely known and performed, performed with tremendous virtuosity and a great deal of interpretative subtlety by Mr. Jefferies.

The following week saw the Swing Band performing their tour pieces in a Pre-Tour Concert in front of a capacity audience in the MAD Hall. The entire band performed with the now expected gusto and style and highlights

must include The Clog Dance (with soloists Sarah Augustine and George Emery), Rock Around the Clock (Hot Fudge), Tico Tico (with soloist Frankie Rapley) and Tequila. The final departmental event of the term then took place on 26th May, with performances by many of the school ensembles including the Stage Band, Camerata, Chamber Choir, Junior Choir, Clarinet Ensemble, Concert Band and various soloists and duets. Congratulations to all who took part in this concert which was very well received by the large crowd of supporters who were treated to a rich kaleidoscope of musical styles and genres.

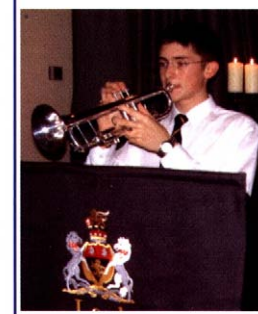
Many thanks should be given not just to all Staff and Pupils of the Music Department for all the excellent music making throughout the year, but also to those who have attended our events and have given a huge amount of encouragements and support to all the performers. Next year's programme of events looks to be a challenging, exciting and busy one and will start from the very first weekend with a trip to Proms in the Park and a Scholars' Concert already scheduled!



B. Noithip

Trumpeter's Success

This year has seen James Davison reach the Regional Finals of the BBC Young Musician of the Year, one of 11 trumpeters in Great Britain.



He reached the final auditions for the National Youth Orchestra and was the youngest person to be offered an audition for the European Youth orchestra this year.

James won the Brass Prize at the Hart Young Musician of the Year for the 2nd year running. He is also a member of the Hampshire Youth Orchestra and plans to travel with them to Germany and the Czech Republic this summer.



Swing Band Paris Tour

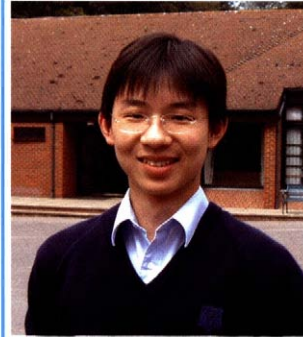


The Swing Band relaxes in Paris

Mathematics

U.K. Mathematics Challenges 2004

This year, for the first time for a while, our pupils took part in all of the UK Mathematical Challenges. These are one-hour (multiple choice) papers designed to test the application of Maths in a challenging way through the use of puzzles.



Li Dong
Gold winner, 18th nationally, participant in British Mathematical Olympiad.

We started the year with some of the Lower Sixth taking the Senior Challenge. Of the five students who took part, three achieved a Silver certificate and two received Gold certificates, an excellent result at a difficult level. In addition, Li Dong came joint 18th nationally and was chosen to participate in the British Mathematical Olympiad.

Next up was the Intermediate Challenge taken by our top third form set and the fourth form. There were 181,301 entries in this competition and we received 3 Golds, 16 Silvers and 21 Bronzes.

The best competitor in the school was David Neave but two third formers, Charlie Wilson and David Gooding, did well enough in their age group to go forward to the European competition known as the 'Grey Kangaroo'.



Usually the Junior competition would have been sat by the second form but, this year, circumstances dictated that the first form would participate. For a younger group of pupils they did very well, gaining 3 Gold, 6 Silver and 7 Bronze certificates, with Gary Morton coming top. They will have an advantage in next year's competition and much will be expected!

An excellent year and well done to all those who took part!

Mr Baker





2004: an American Odyssey

"And they're off! Tom Caster takes the first leg, and Augustine seizes the second. This is a great show being put on by these two lads, but can they keep it up?" "I know what you mean, Terry; these American sized portions are a lot larger than we've come to expect on the European circuit. 50 chicken wings are enough to make anyone sick." "You're not wrong there! Already I can see that a 16-inch pizza has beaten Wollam to a standstill - what an upset!"

A 16-inch pizza



Yum, yum!

"babyland!" - but also because it defeated expectations and preconceptions and offered an insight into American culture and ideals.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

The days we spent in New York looking at the envi-

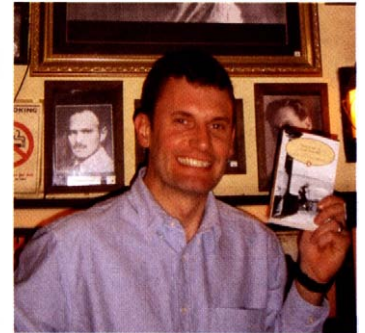


**Breakfast at The Plaza -
Almost as good as LWC**

ronment that stimulated F. Scott Fitzgerald into writing 'The Great Gatsby' - perhaps the classic American novel - certainly stripped bare American culture. One of the better breakfasts we had on the trip was at the Plaza Hotel. Here the gold-encrusted tables dripped with fresh fruit and delicious patisseries.

In contrast we travelled Downtown to Greenwich Village and 'Chumley's', a poorly-lit prohibition-era speakeasy where avant-garde writers, such as

Mr Radmann at 'Chumley's'. "Read the book - now I've done it."



Fitzgerald, used to gather to discuss life informally.



Liberty

A very different mood was set by our visit to Ellis Island, via the Statue of Liberty. Here one could truly understand the ideal of America through the hopes and

expectations of those immigrants who endured hardship in order to reach this land of opportunity.

From New York we travelled to Baltimore, a bright city with excellent shopping by the harbour. First stop was the Civil War museum.



Aren't American cars supposed to be big?

It was during the Baltimore riots that the first fatalities of the Civil War occurred - the first of the 620,000 deaths of this conflict, the bloodiest in American history. The following day, the tone was lightened by a shopping trip to



**The ladies make a historic trip to Baltimore -
just a little shopping!**



government for all the people, black and white? Would the will of the democratic majority prevail and the Union



The closest they got to the President

survive?

The drama of the war was played out on numerous battlefields. We saw the bloody scenes at Antietam, and, in particular, at Gettysburg. With the countryside so peaceful in glorious sunshine, it was hard to imagine the carnage wrought during the heat of July a century and

an out-of-town mall - which had a mile-long circuit of shops (not to mention a 24-screen cinema complex)!

Washington was our next port of call. Pristine; perfect; glowing beautiful amongst the cherry blossom, yet at the same time austere unapproachable: swarming with tourists, but without an inhabitant to be seen. If I were to describe the nation's capital in a word, that word would be solemn. Whether at the Capitol, the White House, standing by Lincoln's feet as he gazes out in timeless majesty over his country, one has a sense of dignified gravity and perseverance. The Vietnam War Memorial gave a sense of the dreadful cost of that pursuit of universal ideals. There, lying on the smooth black stone listing the dead, was a Medal of Honour with a note: "For all those who did not get one of these and deserved to."

a half ago, by men long since dead. The values men fight for and the significance of their actions often elude us today, yet on these fields men died to define a nation "conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

As we jetted back from this odyssey of exploration and the airport dwindled in size below, I was left to my reflections....

Reflections

Sunlight pushes apart a darkened mass of gathering clouds. It streams down in a torrent of liquid luminosity to turn the sea to platinum. This brilliant light gilds the upstretched arm as the beacon it holds ignites into radiant flame. There it floats, the proud symbol of a great nation, a bulwark against the turbulent seas all around. Standing and staring at this statue or the battlefields of the Civil War, I find myself filled with wonder at the capacity of this nation for retaining an unshakable belief in the ideals to which it aspires, and the cost it is willing to bear in their defence.

On our travels again, we entered the rugged hills and rolling greenery of Virginia, the backdrop to much of the Civil War. We visited Harper's Ferry where John Brown made his, some say crazed, others heroic, stand against the tyranny of Southern slavery, seizing weapons for a slave revolt. This futile act heightened tensions and pushed the country towards the abyss of war - a war over the very nature of the fledgling American Republic. Would it be



Sobering thoughts at the battlefield



Second Year R.S Trip

On the 14th of October the Second Form went on a trip to Basingstoke and Reading to visit places of worship used by the three faiths; Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

Our first stop was the Reading synagogue. We entered the beautifully decorated main room, and were given a talk about the layout of the synagogue by the rabbi. He told us about the history of the synagogue and explained the different features of the synagogue for example the ark and the Torah scrolls.



When the talk was over we went to the community hall and split into our tutor groups. We looked around the various stalls, which displayed the different aspects of Judaism, and the many festivals like Hanukah and Succa. We finished off the tour by tasting some Jewish food and quickly visiting the shop.

We then walked to the mosque. Before we entered, the girls had to put on headscarves and everyone had to take off their shoes. We were first shown the many things important for prayer, like wazu (washing before prayer). We then entered the prayer hall, which was a plain room with nothing on the walls and no furniture apart from the mimbar (a raised platform from which the imam preaches the Friday sermon). We were given a talk about the practices and history of Islam and the imam demonstrated the call to and positions of prayer.

After a short lunch stop we visited St. Michael's Church in Basingstoke. The vicar gave us a talk about the history of the church and we were able to ask questions. She told us that a bomb had dropped close to the church in the Second World War and that all but one of the stained glass windows had been shattered. After the talk and questions we had a quick look around the church. There were many plaques on the wall and it was possible to discover some of the church's history.

We then returned to Junior. It was a very interesting and informative trip. Thank you to all of the teachers who took us and all the people who took time to speak to us about their faiths.

Compiled from reports by Marcus Field, Sophie Trew and Luka Krsljanin.



A group of 3rd form pupils on a visit to the Hindu temple at Neasdon in North London



An interesting talk to 4th form by a member of the Church Army



Charity Day at LWC



Revd Graham Buckle of the St Paul's Community Project receives a cheque for £1,500 raised by the pupils of LWC.

Hengistbury Head

On the second year trip to the South Coast, our first trip was Hengistbury Head. This landmark was formed by erosion cutting away at the rock, until the top jutted out as a peak. We walked from the car park up to the top, where there was a coastguard station. This station was necessary because many rocks layout to sea, where ships and boats can easily get into trouble. We noted that the path was quite large, because so many people had walked on the track. At one point there were low fences to prevent people from straying too far. Mr. Smith called it "polite boundaries".

We walked further along the track past ponds and people walking their dog-though I can't think why, the weather was freezing! We reached the end, where the rock jutted over to Mudeford Spit. There were only beach houses along this spit,



because it was almost isolated from the mainland. These used there own source of power-solar! The little beach huts had solar panels on the top because they were so far away from electricity and heated water!

Highcliffe

Next we headed along the coast a bit to Highcliffe. This is where we had lunch. We looked at the badly eroded cliff and the way that the holiday houses on the top had had to be knocked down-simply because either this would happen, or they would slide down the cliff. We looked the other way along the coast, and saw that many ways to try and stop pollution had been put into action-groynes, sea walls and promenades had all been used to try and prevented all the sand escaping.

But where we went next was the most important of all!!

This spit had groynes made of pebbles and tarmac on the top. It was very well protected from the longshore drift. We were all taking in the well built up spit. Then Bob Dunn came to talk to us about building up the spit and restoring it to be very strong. At he was talking we were all taking notes for a piece of writing we had to do back at school.

Once he had finished talking to our group we went to measure the height of the spit. We got given an instrument to measure the angle. First of all we got two poles and one person went 1 metre away. The person holding the clinometre then measured the angle by placing it on the same spot on the pole as the other one. When the circle had stopped swinging we measured the angle and jotted it down. We then went another metre away and recorded it. All this time the spit was rising. But, when we got to the top and went over it started going down. Once we had got over the other side of the spit and could go no further we stopped. At the end of the spit was a marsh with thousands of microscopic beasties in it. It was a very beautiful marsh with lots of green algae on the top. We were all very excited because we had spotted an ice-cream van. After this we packed up and went back in the mini-bus to school.

Thanks for a great day out!!!!

Emma Denly and Jessica Grey

Life on an Oil Rig

In February 2004, Mr. Denly came to visit the junior house second form. He had previously worked on the computer system of an oil rig and therefore had first hand experience on the way of life. In our Geography classes, we had recently been studying renewable and non-renewable sources of energy. One of the examples was thermal power. We did a case study on different oil rigs like Brent Spar and how seismic graphs were used to search for oil. Mr. Denly talked about hazards on oil rigs (Like explosions and storms), the equipment used, and any other details about the type of work. We learnt how different methods were often used in situations to help find more oil and produce more money.



Mr. Denly gave us a slideshow and answered lots questions which we asked. Overall it was a really enjoyable and informative visit. Thank you to Mr. Denly and all of the staff involved in the organisation.

Luka Krsljanin

6th Form Trip to the Pyrenees

This was again a great experience for the 6th Form. A full report can be accessed on the LWC Geography website.

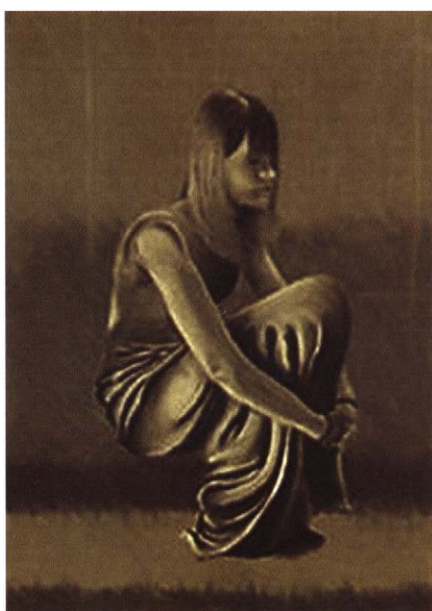
Taster: Day 4

Our first challenge was to sit in the bus for another 2 and half hours while we drove to sunny Spain. Although most people slept all the way there, Carina couldn't help but get excited over the prospect of driving under a mountain in a large dark and noisy tunnel. Our first stop was at a small(ish) village to have lunch. Apart from the occasional gunshot it was pleasant, with an artist standing just outside the bus painting the scenery and church bells peeling in the distance.





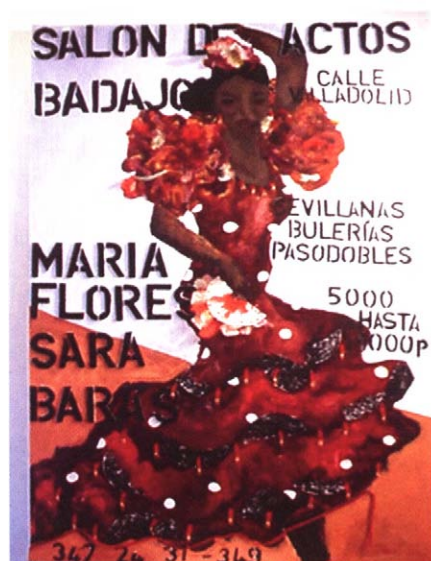
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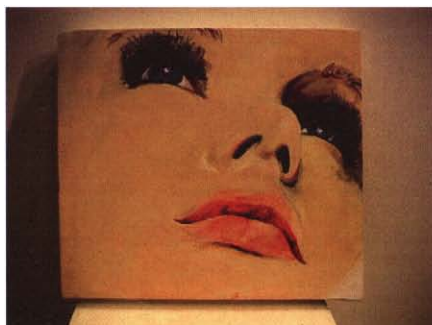
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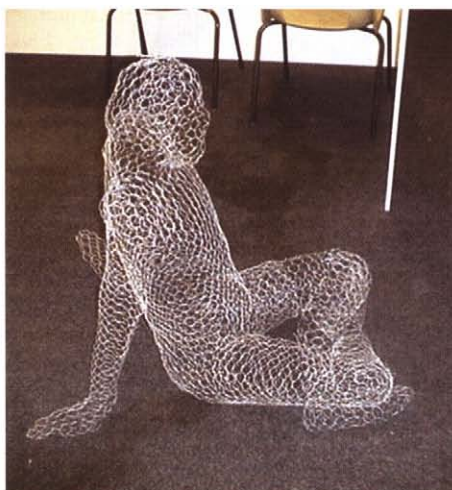
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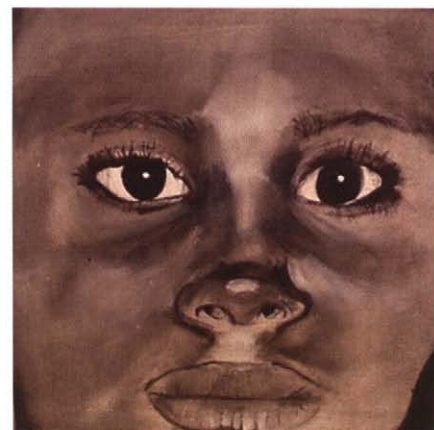
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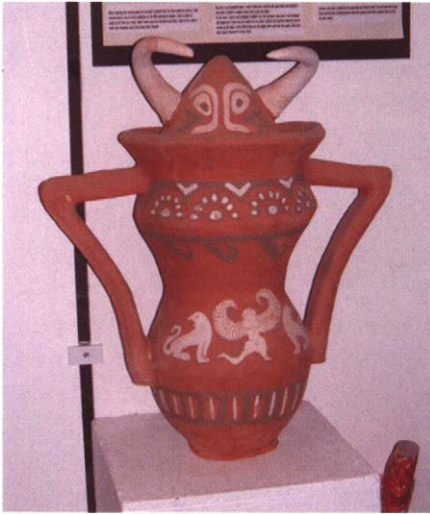


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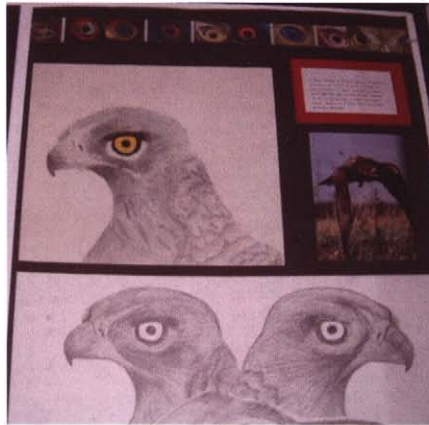
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Emma Goater, 5



Maddi Adams, 5



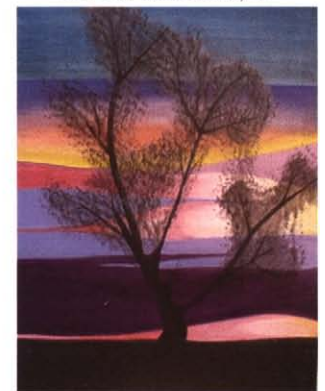
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Owain Masters, 5



Emma Goater, 5



Alex Cox, 5



Ed Martin, 5



Elliott Johnson, 5



Laurence Hives, 5



1st Form trip to France

We all arrived at school at 08:30 ready to leave. We travelled to France on a Llew Jones international coach.



On the way over to France we travelled from Portsmouth to Cherbourg on the Pride of Cherbourg. Going across the Channel we had a four and three

quarter hour journey. In which lots of money was spent in the arcade and on drinks and other edible things!!!!

We arrived in France at five 'o'clock, French time (an hour ahead of us). We then had a two hour journey to the Village de Vacances 'Senequet', just west of Coutances on the coast. After many struggles with bed sheets and blankets, we had a very nice dinner and then headed off to the beach to explore. On the beach were met by the sight of a sandy-gravelly beach with a very obvious high tide mark.....Dead crabs!!!!!!



We played around on the sand for about fifteen minutes and then marched back to our rooms with sandy shoes. We had lights out at eleven 'o' clock and everyone went to sleep exhausted. The next day we had quite a late start at 08:00 and had some breakfast at 08:30. We had plenty of choice but there weren't any croissants or pains aux chocolats to many people's annoyance. We then travelled towards Mont St Michel which we saw from the coach. The tower is very tall!!!!



We stopped at Dol de Bretagne to buy our lunch. I'm sure we doubled the profits of one little shop in this very pretty medieval town. We then travelled to Rance Dam to eat our lunch on the rocks by a dam which is used to create enough power for a city the size of Sheffield!!!!!! We then went on to St Malo where we sent a postcard to Mr Power. There was a dodgy dealer and lots of people bought fake Oakleys and necklaces for very cheap prices!!! We then went back to the hotel and had dinner. Again we headed towards the beach after dinner to play a very big football match of boys versus girls and staff; the girls won strangely???? We then went to bed at 10:00 and were wakened up the same time as the previous day.

Again there were no croissants or pain aux chocolats. Today we were heading towards Granville affectionately named as Grannyville to do some geography. The geography work involved talking to French people about why they had come to Granville and what they were doing there. We also bought some lunch - the meals today ranging from conventional sandwiches to pig's brains, ugh!

We had our lunch at the excellent Zoo de Champrépus. The animals here were very interesting



and some were amazing ranging from a huge Sumatran tiger to otters. Back at the hotel we had our last dinner and headed down to the beach again for a fun game of rounders and kite flying.

The game really wasn't won by anyone because we couldn't remember the score. The wind was up so the kite came out. One of the best 'pilots' was Sam Chapman. We had to go to bed at 10:00 and got up extra early to clean up our rooms. We enjoyed some breakfast and began travelling to the Hypermarché to buy our lunch and then we moved on to Honfleur, a pretty harbour town to eat our lunch. We then got on the ferry, had a six-hour journey and arrived in Portsmouth at 08:50, English time. We then travelled back to school watching Billy Elliot and arrived at 10:10. I think everyone really enjoyed the French trip.

Tommy Garland

Classics

In October, the U6 Classical Civilisation group headed north by minibus for a long weekend exploring sites and museums along Hadrian's Wall. Their aim was to research aspects of life for a Roman soldier on the Wall in preparation for their A2 coursework. The experience of studying the archaeological sites and artefacts in depth and at first hand provided them with the inspiration and enthusiasm to produce some excellent pieces



New recruits to legio XX; Katie and Megan look unexpectedly happy at the prospect of life on Hadrian's Wall.

of work. Many thanks are due to Mr Hamilton for his efforts in planning and leading the trip.



Vincent Dong in front of a Roman granary at CORBRIDGE. Checking when the next grain delivery is due?



Armour fitting. Lucy Corfield, Alanna Burns and Megan Lowther assist Katie Eyre-Seymour with her breast-plate and helmet.



Form V visit to D-Day beaches. They visit Pegasus Bridge - this is where the gliders landed on the first French soil to be liberated.

Bath

In accordance with the now time-honoured tradition, the entire third year piled into coaches and travelled over to Bath on a bright, sunny day in June. We toured the impressive Baths complex, wondered at the fact that much of the system is still in working order, examined artefacts during a teaching session at the museum and enjoyed an open-top bus tour around the world heritage city of Bath itself. There was even time for ice-creams in the square outside Bath Abbey while sampling some of the street shows.

L. J. Grieve



Form III visit to the National Army Museum. 'You point it that way.'

History



Form Two at of the Wall of Remembrance at Bayeux, where they laid a wreath in memory of Sternian, Clarence Sampson, who died in the D-Day landings.



Form Two make friends with local goats.



The History Department trials computer software for Proquest Computer Learning monitored by company researchers.



Speed, Speed, Speed New York Marathon

Congratulations to members of staff who boldly went where few had gone before!

Mr Woolstone, Mr Richardson, Mr Lafferty and Dr Eldridge trained hard for many months before setting off for a long jog through New York in the 2003 marathon. They all completed the course which was a commendable achievement.

There was of course time for shopping and sight-seeing.

Their efforts raised money for the L. W. Foundation.



Dr Eldridge takes some time out



They are in there somewhere



"Give my regards to Broadway"

Race for Life

On the 23rd of June 2004, many girls from LWC set out to Race For Life. They were to run/walk 5km to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Approximately 48 women went, 32 of them being juniors. Many teachers ran too. This number is not including some of the LWC Catering staff, who ran separately.



Some of the group from LWC

Near the end of the two songs, everyone seemed to be

We arrived in three minibuses, and joined the gathering crowds around the small stage with the pink and white blowing banners, not paying any attention at all to the man on it. (Ahem!). But of course, everyone was immediately wide-awake when "Cheryl" from a health spa, came to do the aerobic warm-up. Much shimmying and hip waggling proceeded!!

abandoning her, even though we were all supposed to stay put!! However, some time later, everyone made their way either to the walkers' or runners' flag.

Some shuffling and pushing later (there were at least 5000 people there, plus supporters and marshals), the actual race began. It was a good feeling to see everyone doing her bit, but everyone had a reason.

We were all reminded why we were there when we saw all the "I race for life in memory of" pink cards. Still there was lots of hope, because there were as equally many "I race for life in celebration of" papers.



Rosalind Batchelor and Sophie Wharf with their medals

The race finished- everyone finished in under an hour. A special mention must be made to Vicky Poutney, who came first in all the LWC girls, in 24 minutes.

All the girls did really well, and the Basingstoke race alone is hoping to raise about £300,000 for Cancer Research UK.

Emma Denly, Form 3

Community Action

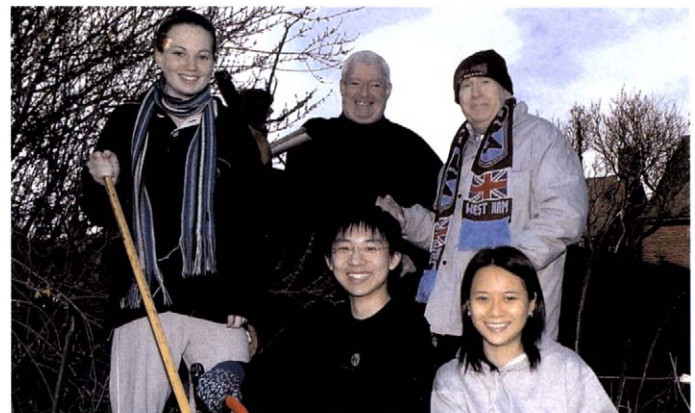
MP Praises Pupils

In February, pupils from the school were praised by the Basingstoke MP, Andrew Hunter who wrote in the *Basingstoke Gazette*,

"At the request of a disabled constituent I very willingly pay tribute to the boys and girls of nearby independent school Lord Wandsworth College, who are voluntarily helping elderly disabled people in the town every week during term time.

"Every Tuesday at least eight young people, supervised by a teacher, knuckle down to voluntary tasks such as weeding flower beds, cutting away overgrowth, removing rubbish and so on.

"My source says that the young people are polite, hard working and excellent ambassadors for their school. I applaud this thoroughly worthwhile initiative and convey to those taking part the deep gratitude of the elderly whom they are helping."



Students Emma Cowlan, Li Dong and Ada Yang join teacher Peter Finan and pensioner Michael Penny for a spot of gardening

Picture by Tom Bellchambers

Charity Cycle Ride

Mr Sands shared his love of cycling by organising a Charity Cycle Ride from Lands End to LWC in the first week of the summer holidays.

12 students and 5 staff covered 360 miles over 6 days to raise money for 2 charities - the North Marylebone project and the Theo Trust to help a Russian orphanage at Samara to install 3 showers. The goal was achieved and the showers paid for.

Congratulations to all who took part!



Can't be far now



Courage in the Art Department

These moths are neither meat-eating nor vegetarian! Unlike humans, they never eat! The Giant Atlas

Moth (*Attacus atlas*) is the world's second largest and is quite common in Thailand. Mr Wiskin obtained the pupae for an Entomological show for the very modest price of £1.75 each. As adults they live for only 7 days and do not feed!



Time Commanders



THREE brave students and one wise teacher from Lord Wandsworth College endeavoured recently to take on the might of the Egyptian Empire in the Battle of Kadesh. As part of a new TV series Time Commanders the plucky four were up against the best history could offer. The Battle of Kadesh is truly the mother of all battles. Fought on the banks of the Orontes River in Syria, this is the earliest battle of which true military tactics are known. Pharaoh Rameses II led an army of 20,000 men in an attempt to maintain his crumbling empire. Muwatallish, the Hittite king, had set an ambush for the Egyptians sending in 2,500 chariots each holding three men. With the odds heavily stacked against them would our valiant four triumph? Only time would tell!

'Chauffeur-driven in style from Waterloo Station. through London up to the BBC studios. our heroes for the day -Victoria Gilday, James Augustine, Sam Bishop and their history teacher, Peter Booth - were about to begin their once in a lifetime transition from teacher and pupils to generals and lieutenants.

Once at the studios, make-up and briefings commenced in a hurried frenzy as the BBC people did their best to make the would-be soldiers ready for the battle.

At last the conflict began and what an epic struggle it turned out to be! The outcome was a life-like computerised epic battle with thousands of troops under the command of our bold leaders. The programme was shown on BBC2 on November 3.

Despite wise counsel and creative manoeuvres by Muwatallish, the Hittite king, the greater experience of Rameses won the day on the re-run.



The team with Eddie Mair, BBC Radio 4 presenter



WANDSWORTH WEREWOLVES ROLLER HOCKEY 2003-4



This was another great year for the club. We moved from our humble barn at Yarnham's Farm to Alton Sports Centre for our training sessions. We affiliated to NIRHA and managed to play every club in that league as well as many others. Overall we had the rather odd balance of four home games, ten away games and four tournaments. Although we only won a quarter of our matches it was so encouraging to see that defeats by long experienced teams were down to the odd couple of goals rather than double figures as they had been right at the beginning. As I write, our new team shirts have just arrived, complete with howling werewolf!



We had some really great times: the tournament in Weymouth and sitting on the quayside afterwards eating fish, chips and mushy peas, the tournament in Applemore when we got to the final and the fun ice-skating sessions. Much credit must be given to Peter, Gareth and Hannah Driver, who are always there with us.



Next year is our most ambitious leap yet as we plan to enter the BRHA at U12 and U14 as full league members. Part of the fun of the club is that we are the only mixed squad in the college and one of the few to play within a competitive league. We can expect some tough games, but as long as we keep trying, skating and enjoying the hockey results will come our way....and of course, as long as we all keep our infectious enthusiasm and team-spirit.

Happy days, David Pering

Lanzarote - Pre-Season Athletics Training



Well, it is a holiday after all



It's not all hard work.





Boys' Hockey Dublin Tour - April 2004

This really was an enjoyable tour...to be sure!

SUNDAY 04/04/04

Despite the three-hour delay at Heathrow, the LWC party are in good spirits as they hit the Temple Bar district for a late-night bite to eat and sleep off the journey at the "Four Courts Hostel", our home for the next four days.



MONDAY 05/04/04

Early football in the famous Phoenix Park until moved on by local groundstaff. Then on to the Guinness Storehouse for an explanation of how the ruby-red (no - it's not black!) elixir is manufactured. A short drinking practice ensues before we head off for our first game. George's early strike (his 10th in 9 consecutive games) against Monkstown HC only serves to spur the opposition into action. We deserve a draw but Oli Spencer's late goal turns out to be only a consolation in a 2 - 3 defeat. Mark Buckley survives the captaincy and an 18th birthday celebration after we have devoured a team meal at the "Bad Ass Café"

TUESDAY 06/04/04

Sightseeing can be dull...but not when directed by the "Viking Splash Tour". Aboard an amphibious bus-boat we ward off all café-Celts (coffee-drinkers), alco-Celts (pub patrons) and competition-Celts (those on the open-top bus tour) as we are shown the best bits of Dublin



and, bizarrely, take to the water as part of the excursion. No Chris Penn this morning as he becomes the first to succumb to a gastric bug. Jamie Fish proves too strong for the squad on the bowling alley despite the early form of Chris Tabard. Ali Welby is generous enough to throw most of his bowls into the gully and CCH wilts as it becomes past the time for his afternoon nap. Arsenal lose to Chelsea in "Bob's Bar" inter alia this evening

much to the delight of everyone except Gooners Mark Buckley and Tom Hargreaves

WEDNESDAY 07/04/04

Boy Racer No.1, Chris Tabard, collects the winner's trophy for the indoor go-karting competition. Charlie Saunders and Tom Hargreaves collect ignominious black

flags for exceptionally foul tactics. Boy Racer No.2, Marcus Allen, undemonstratively records the fastest lap.



Mark Buckley and James ("Big Jim") Welton become the next two on the sick list but recover in time for tonight's late match. This fixture v. Glenanne HC is played at the school where Robbie Keane (who's he?) was a pupil...and Kevin Moran, Niall Quinn, etc.

LWC run riot without George scoring! A 9 - 2 victory included two for Mark B before he collapses and two brilliant strikes from Mark Feeney. Chris Tabard's brace is added to by Nick Priggen, Jamie Fish and Patrick Knight. After the routine of three nights of CCH stating a time to be in the hostel, Nick P asks him what the word 'curfew' means!!

THURSDAY 08/04/04

Another busy day! Nick is our latest victim of the lurgy and thus misses out on the "Sea Safari" which is braved by the less-than-par Oli Spencer and by Chris T whose complexion is now blending in beautifully with the Emerald Isle as we take to the water on a couple of R.I.B.s. We zoom to Bono's pad and back on these flying boats with Tom Hargreaves' various piercings remaining remarkably rust-free and then there is time for some retail therapy before preparing for our final encounter. The rigours of the week make for a very sluggish start against Corinthians HC but a combination of Ali Welby's brilliant 'keeping and the triple intervention of the crossbar allows us to reach half time only one goal in arrears. The second half was a revelation as the defence, ably led by Jon Slater and Ben Colvin, frustrated a strong opposition and the tireless midfield work results in a dominance which produces regular chances. PK slots an equaliser from a penalty corner and, despite a breakaway goal from our hosts, LWC emerge as the stronger side and could have won a famous victory. In the end, Chris T latched onto Mark B's shot-cum-cross to level things up. A terrific performance to end the 2004 season.

Both Mr and Mrs Hicks, along with Mr Gilliam, would like to thank the boys for their company, behaviour and hockey, all of which contributed to a very successful tour; which only goes to show that Guinness really is good for you!!



Tour Party :

Mr C C Hicks {manager/coach}, Mr P M Gilliam {assistant manager, umpire, gourmet, gourmand, raconteur}, Mrs M P Hicks {treasurer, nurse, general factotum}, P Knight {captain}, M Allen, M Buckley, B Colvin, M Feeney, J Fish, T Hargreaves, C Tabard, G McIlroy, C Penn, N Priggen, C Saunders, J Slater, O Spencer, A Welby, J Welton.



A Great Year for LWC Enterprises Ltd

The commercial arm of the College had its most successful year yet. Residential lettings were two and a half times those of 2003, requiring new bedding purchases and an extension of LWCE premises. Year-round hiring out of sports facilities, when not used by our pupils, also reached record turnover. The success of LWC Enterprises enables the College to bring forward projects which it might otherwise not be able to undertake.

I, and all staff living on campus with whom I spoke during the summer, were delighted by the behaviour of our young visitors, especially the new language school/sporting residential groups, some of whom stayed for eight weeks. We also accommodated police teams drafted into Hampshire to police the Farnborough Air Show and had a pleasant non-residential activity day camp for 4 to 12 year olds, operating from the Sixth Form Centre.

These lettings, which generated significant funds for the improvement of the College, to the benefit of all our pupils, would not have been possible without the considerable forbearance of our house parents and residential tutors and their respective families, together with excellent support from the ICT, maintenance, grounds and other staff who worked throughout the holiday period.

We have received outstanding help from Chris Jones and all his catering staff, in particular Tony Chippendale and Kevin Lovell, who worked long hours, sometimes seven days a week, to ensure our guests were fed but not fed up. My thanks go to all above and, especially, to my LWCE colleague, Administration Officer Gill Kelly, for her superb professionalism, commitment and calmness under pressure throughout the year. Happily, all our major clients have asked to return next year!

*Peter Eldridge, Business Development Manager,
LWC Enterprises Ltd.*

LWC Remembrance Service



At the **LWC Remembrance Service** on 7 November, the wreath was laid by Mrs Falkner, sister of Clarence Sampson, a Sternian who was killed soon after D-Day.

Architects and Gates



LWC main gate



The Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium

What do the Menin Gate and LWC Main Gate have in common?

Answer: They were both designed by the same architect, Sir Reginald Blomfield.

Video of the Architectural History of LWC

There are many features of architectural interest around the College. Two Sternians, Laurie Kinney and Mike 'Wally' Pratt are undertaking a project to make a video of the Architectural History of LWC from its Warnborough Manor days up to the present day. It will be in two parts - up to the end of the 2nd World War and from then to today. A major aim is to make it interesting!

Mike is well known in the College for his excellent video versions of LWC concerts and drama events.

Laurie has had a career as an architect and now, like many Sternians, wants to give something back to the College.

It is expected that the project will take about a year to complete. Any profits from the venture will be donated to the Foundation.

If you would like further information, please contact Laurie or Mike via the College.



Friends of LWC

The Friends of Lord Wandsworth College (FLWC) was established in 2000 with the primary objectives of providing an opportunity for parents and staff to meet informally and to enable the parents to be more involved with the College.

Projects supported

Whilst fund raising is not a key aim, any profits that are generated are ploughed back into the school to support a range of projects including the climbing wall, the music stand banners many of you will have seen at concerts, new stage flats for the drama department and, more recently, a multi-media projector for the Gavin Hall.

Invaluable help by parents

This year Jane Mendelssohn took over as the chairman from Andrew Meehan, the first chairman and the early driving force of the FLWC. During the course of the year, a presentation was made to Andrew to mark his enormous contribution to getting the FLWC off to such a successful start. David Worsley also stepped down from the committee. Like Andrew, David had been very much involved from the beginning and gave invaluable help as Treasurer.



Looking back over the year, the first event was the annual quiz evening which was held once again in September. This proved to be more popular than ever with a record attendance demonstrating their general knowledge skills and pitting their wits against our now very experienced quiz masters, David Ibbotson and Tony Woolstone.

Bollywood Spectacular

For the Spring Term, the debate was on. Should we celebrate Burns night, St Patrick's Day or perhaps something a little more exotic? In the end, it was decided to hold the first FLWC



Mrs Yvette Walters

Quiz and Bonfire

This was followed by a hugely successful bonfire party in November. Again, the weather was kind and we had a clear night. The FLWC committee, with a number of borrowed 'volunteers', were kept busy on the barbecues and serving mulled wine which allowed students, staff, parents and many local families the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular firework display.

'Bollywood' evening - and the artistic talents of the committee were really put to the test. The Gavin Hall had to be transformed so that the setting was right for the authentic Indian banquet which was served. The evening was then rounded off with a demonstration of Indian dancing which ended with the inevitable - but possibly best forgotten (!) - audience participation. Yvette Walters single-handedly organised an amazing raffle with prizes including a tour of the MTV studios.

The guests themselves certainly entered into the spirit of the evening with many coming clad in turbans and multi-coloured saris. Even the bright orange chairs of the Gavin Hall, never previously seen as adding much to its ambience, fitted in remarkably well!

Following the success of the first FLWC Leavers' Ball last year, we were encouraged to hold another one this year - and so this became the major project for the Summer term. After consultation with our Head Boy and Head Girl, Nico Wright and Alex Huxford, it was decided we should hold a 'Diamonds Are Forever' Ball.

The Committee again rose to the challenge. Colin Payne designed a fantastic poster; some wonderful artwork was produced by Sue Colvin and her daughter Sarah; metres and metres of sewing was done by Susan Meehan and Chuffy Dixon and, on the day, Jane Payne, Sallie Smale, Topsy Evans, Di Keogh, Peter Eldridge and the rest of the team totally transformed the Gavin Hall and dining rooms.

Almost 200 guests - including students, staff, parents and governors - enjoyed a wonderful evening. Cocktails on the lawn were followed by a wonderful dinner provided by Chris Jones and his team in the College catering department, after which guests enjoyed a band, a disco and a casino in the Gavin Hall.

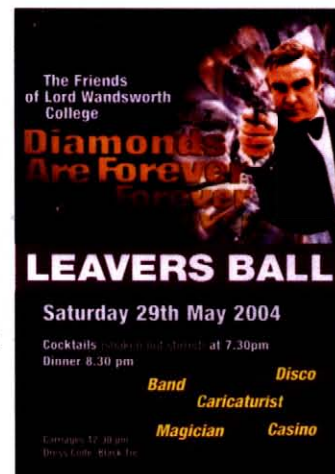
All in all it has been a busy year for the FLWC. Most importantly, it has been enormous fun - with growing numbers of people attending events and, as a result, getting to know other parents and forging closer links between themselves and the College. In addition, the success of the events has generated surpluses and again we have been able to make donations to various department projects.

Thanks to all supporters

These events don't just happen - they take a certain amount of inspiration and a great deal of hard work and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Ian Power for his continued support for our ideas - not to mention all the hard work he puts in at every event - and to Pippa Gray who is a wonderful secretary. Finally I would like to thank the committee for their unfailingly cheerful support, enthusiasm and enormous ability to get things done.

Jane Mendelssohn
Chair, FLWC

The staff and pupils join in saying a sincere 'Thank you' to Mrs Mendelssohn, the committee and all of the Friends for their great contribution to the school. Ed.





Rugby World Cup 2003

All over the school, people were watching...



*At School House, people were watching and ...
...being watched - by Meridian Television*



*It was such a big day - even
Emi the cat
was watching*



*"We hope so,"
said some*

One of the Great Days for the College

In the Sixth Form Centre, pupils were watching ...



... and being watched - by BBC Television

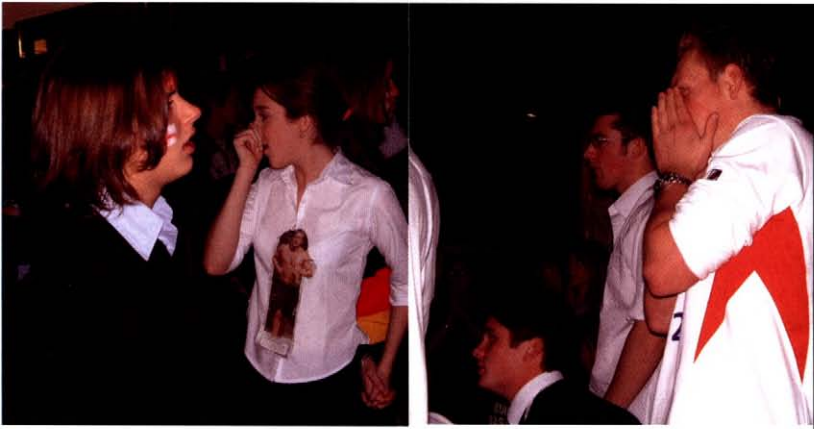
*The question they were all asking -
"Can England do it?"*



*"We're not certain,"
said others*



The agony ...



... and the ecstasy



On Saturday 22nd November, everything stopped at LWC for the Rugby World Cup Final. During the week, television crews had visited the school and interviewed pupils and staff. The school was united in its enthusiasm and support for the England team and for its former pupil, Jonny Wilkinson, England fly-half.

Charlie Amesbury, captain of LWC 1st XV, is invited to recount the last ten minutes of the match for a BBC report.

Jonny Wilkinson kicks the winning drop goal 26 seconds from the end of extra time in a thrilling Final.



Artist: Julian Kirk. Picture used by permission of Richard Bloomfield, BigArt. Prints available from www.bigart.co.uk.



Debate

English Speaking Union

This year witnessed the fine skills of Sams Keir and Bishop in the English Speaking Union Competition and the excellent teamwork of Alastair Davies and Thomas Caster in the Oxford Schools Competition.

LWC hosted the local round of the ESU debate which featured six schools. Sam Bishop's authoritative command of his material and Sam Keir's quick thinking and often confrontational tactics paid off as, with Wellington College, LWC emerged as winners and progressed to the regional final. That was a more unfathomable affair.



The lads were less 'in the dark' than this picture suggests

Three separate debates amongst another six schools ensued. Sam Bishop was singled out for special commendation for his rhetorical abilities, but another team featuring an England debater won through. Nonetheless, Sam and Sam convincingly won their debate proposing the motion that the voting age be lowered to sixteen.

Oxford Schools Competition

Alastair and Tom were less lucky when, at the last moment, their debate was called off.

Inter-House Competition

Debating reached new heights at LWC when the inter-house competition took place in the MaD Centre. Chris Warren the bursar adjudicated with much aplomb and awarded first place to the School House team of James Gartside and ... Sam Bishop. All participants, even Summerfield who tried to outwit their opposition by arguing on the same side of the same motion, were commended for their sound preparation, quick thinking and readiness to communicate considered opinions. We look forward to another year of quick talk and polite brutality!

Chris Radmann

Editor's note

The adjudicators in the first round of the ESU debate at LWC, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Woollen, had had much



legal expertise. In her summing up, Mrs Walsh commended the quality of debate generally, the good knowledge of current affairs and the smart appearance of the

teams. She cautioned that pace should be slower, less words used and repetitive phrases avoided. She advised them to 'Get up, stand, take a breath and feel in control' before beginning to speak.

Junior House Public Speaking Competition

On the 17th October 2003 the Junior House Public Speaking Competition took place. There was at least one group representing its house from each English set in the first and second year. Sophie Trew, Anna Harvey and I represented Sheepphouse.



On the evening itself the nerves started setting in. For the first part of the competition, we performed our prepared pieces that had been marked in class. Pupils were invited to develop a speech inspired by one of the following topics: a strange invention; a surprise; a funny thing happened on the way to...

For the second part of the competition, we were given a topic to talk about for as long as we could. The only drawback was that we were only given ten minutes to prepare what we were going to say and we couldn't write anything down. This was the most exciting, but nerve-racking bit.



At the end of the competition Mr. Sands and a panel of judges from the Sixth Form decided who had won. Sophie, Anna and I were very excited to hear our names being announced.



Junior House winners - Sarah, Anna and Sophie

Sarah Augustine (2nd year)



Public Speakers - Years 3 and 4



Recognition at National Level

Congratulations to several pupils who have achieved success at national level

UK Under 21 Elementary Champion in dressage



Kate Abberley

Congratulations to Kate, currently UK Under 21 Elementary Champion in dressage. She began riding at the age of 8, doing a full range of pony club activities, but then decided to concentrate on dressage. She now rides a Dutch-bred pony stallion.

Kate trains with former UK national champion Nicky Barrett and

is able to ride 6 days per week. Her ambition is to ride for Great Britain in dressage.

2004 Great Britain Junior Ice Skating Development Squad



Charles Howard-Jones

Charles Howard-Jones was selected by the NISA (the "National Ice Skating Association of GB") to be part of the 2004 Great Britain Junior Development Squad.

The invitation said, "Your selection was based on the past year's performances where you have shown potential ability to succeed at an international level as a British representative."

To be selected by NISA (who represent UK Ice Skating on the British Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union - the world governing body) is a wonderful achievement and opportunity.

In 2002, Charles became the British Men's Novice Solo Ice Dance Champion.

English Schools Athletics Championships

Laurence Cox - U17 1500 Metres Champion
Marimba Odundo-Mendez - U20 200 Mtrs Champion
For more details, see pages 77-79.

England Schools Rugby



Charlie Amesbury

Congratulations to Charlie Amesbury on his selection to play for England Under 19's.

Charlie was Captain of LWC 1st XV. He gained a place in the Hampshire team and from there went to the divisional team. Spotted by England scouts, he was given trials for the England squad.

He has played against Ireland, Wales and France, and is pictured here at the match in Paris.

Charlie has secured a place at university and is spending one year with the Harlequins rugby academy.

England Schools Hockey and Netball



Emma Goater

Congratulations to Emma Goater who joined the England U16 Hockey squad this year.

Emma Thurston

Congratulations also to Emma Thurston who joined the England U16 Netball development squad.



Combined Cadet Force

Excitement and enthusiasm



I met Phil Daughters the other day. She was going in the other direction, carrying her rucksack and baggage on her return from camp. There was no escaping her obvious tiredness but she spoke with genuine excitement and enthusiasm about her week away at Wathgill in North Yorkshire. And then I met Luka Zgonec and others who told me similar stories about night exercises, shooting, visits, obstacle challenge courses and sports. They had thrown themselves into the activities of camp and all gained so much.



Nor was this exclusive to the Army Section.

RAF cadets take to the air

Much earlier in the day I'd said "goodbye" to the Royal Air Force cadets as they left Halton, near Aylesbury.

They too had been involved in a similar week of high excitement, and of meeting and making new friends of activities and visits. Of course all the RAF cadets flew in the single engined "Tutor" aircraft from Benson but others also flew in gliders and micro-lights...and "yes", they all took control...some even doing basic aerobatics..."good one Claire!"...(and "neat room Chris!")

But camps in many ways were just an exciting conclusion to a year of much involvement and commitment.

At the opening of the year, it was really good to see the number who were willing to take up my challenge to you in the 3rd Form and join the Combined Cadet Force (CCF). I told you it wouldn't be an easy path from various perspectives and yet you stuck to it resolutely. You have now arrived at the end of the year with wider experi-



Lifelike statue?



"Go on. Don't be scared!"

ence and knowledge having faced many challenges both individually and as groups...you know yourselves and your limitations better. I believe you are the better people for it...well done!

Field Day in the first term was in the local area using the Copse and was an evident success if your stories are anything to go by! Camouflage and concealment, field craft and some weapons skills were all part of the day.

Winchester ceremony

It was not long after this that Jon Slater was invested as one of the Lord Lieutenant's Cadets (LLCs) at a ceremony in Winchester. We undoubtedly have developed a real reputation across the county for producing cadets of a consistently high quality with social skills to match. His first engagement was to a visit by Her Majesty the Queen to Winchester from which he returned wide-eyed, feet barely touching the ground. Well done, Jon...thoroughly deserved...I hope you've had a memorable year.



Spot the soldiers

Adventure in Wales

Adventure Training at Christmas in North Wales was as popular as ever and very over subscribed. It included the usual blend of mountain routes, climbing and biking as well as the most anxious evening of the year in my diary, as the cadets go night orienteering in a remote Welsh forest...just so good for confidence and team building! Also added this year was a high ropes course and a quarry day, involving caving, zip wires and ice crusted water. Enjoyment levels were sky high...I'm told!

The spring term Field Day saw cadets either visiting the home of our sponsor regiment, the Royal Engineers or



for the RAF, Air Experience Flying and a visit to RAF Benson.

As the college year drew to a close, the SNCOs under Julian Moore and Luka Zgonec planned a final exercise in the copse. This proved a singular success and ended with a barbecue for all outside Summerfield House. And so to camps...

Next year has all the potential to be just as successful!

"the impossible is often the untried"

More than 60% of the 3rd Form has accepted my challenge that "the impossible is often the untried" and strong numbers staying into the Advanced Section will inevitably mean a separating of training afternoons for the Basic and Advanced Sections. Continuous development is needed on the Advanced programme trying to match the demands of cadets wanting to pursue the Cadet Vocation Qualification (CVQ), outdoor pursuits, military skills, scuba and other specialist courses as well as the NCO Cadre, in various combinations and to various levels.

Finally, the CCF is indebted to all those staff, who so generously give their time to cadet activities both in and out of college. It is their flexibility and commitment that is the real "force" in the cadet movement not just at LWC but also across the whole country. The contribution of all staff, both uniformed and not, is what inspires cadets, gives them opportunity and experience beyond the dreams of many and develops them through challenge. All LWC cadets have much to be grateful for from your example, your skills and your dedication. My thanks.

I S Kerr

SKI 2004

As always, the College's 'blue riband' trip took place during the Easter Term half-term. Luke 'Lukey B' Brown was this year's Captain of College Snow Sport and the Captain of Skiing. With his able lieutenants, David 'Robo-Cop' Robertson (i/c extra terrestrials) and Sean Quail (Captain of Snow Boarding), he led a successful trip to the French Alps.

Some people think we are a little boring in our choice of resort (Alpe D'O-it) but those same people probably spent half-term watching re-runs of Hollyoaks on 'UK Pewter'. This resort has it all, from the picturesque Alpine setting and the 'Sphere Bar' to the extreme piste of 'Pic Blanc' and the radical boarder-cross race track. It is a magnet to extreme sportsmen and women seeking high-octane thrills, and as the official video (competitively priced from all good retailers) shows, our group wasn't running on diesel.

It isn't just skiing, blading and boarding that takes place on the trip; the group also learnt to drive quad



bikes on an ice track (instructed by RJK), attack the piste on a bum-board and ice skate.

We started the group with upper and lower ski groups and a mixed ability board team. However, Tom 'DM' Caster and James 'Doh!' Dovey insisted on a renaming of the lower group to Semi-Demis. A morning skiing extreme piste with them left me in no doubt that they deserved it. Marcus Allen doesn't use snow to ski!! He skis as if on mercury. His liquid smooth style helped the demis to take their skiing to the next level and even Mr Walker loosened his style up a little.

All in all it was a fantastic trip. Nobody will forget Dovey nearly taking out Shrek at the end of a shuss, or Will 'Bigsey' Biggs meeting Lisa at the kart track chicane only to come off second best, Lukey B taking blading to new heights as Adam 'The Dominator' Holiday pushed him in the tricks stakes, Charlie Wilson pacing it on the blades, Frankie hiding as the ice-rink, Elliot Nichols and Jamie 'Mendo' Mendoza attacking Pic Blanc for the first time or the boarders sitting around drinking 7UP.

Thank you very much to the staff who accompanied the tour. This is a very hectic school activity midway through a busy term but someone's got to do it!



R J Kimber



Duke of Edinburgh 2003/2004

It has been a most eventful year in the life of the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Lord Wandsworth College. We are fortunate to have recruited many new staff to this ever popular scheme over the course of the year, including some parents from the college. Miss Bennett from the



music department has joined us, along with Mr. Durcan, Mrs. Buckle, Mrs. Richards, Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Hughes. All of these willing volunteers had to spend a weekend tramping across the New Forest on the Hampshire County "Burgate" training weekend, as well as joining our participants on their various expeditions, and we are most grateful to them.

THANKS TO STAFF:

Many thanks to the "usual suspects": Mr. Smith, Mr. Finan, and Mrs. Weston for all their efforts over the year. Thanks should also go to these staff, who somehow got themselves roped into helping with at least one expedition or training course over the course of the year: Miss Bennett, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Dawe, Mr. Dyson, Mrs. Gilday, Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Horsey, Mr. Ibbotson, Mr. Lovelock, Mr. Power and Miss Schanz. Thanks also to those from outside the school, both parents, and Hampshire trainers, who stepped into the breach on at least one occasion: Wendy



Buckle, Tony Cross, Matt Durcan, Jan Hughes, Colin Morgan and Karen Richards.

Bronze

47 participants have successfully completed their expeditions, many of whom have also completed the rest of their awards. After a shaky start in the cold and wet October weather, when even putting up a tent was a challenge, the groups went from strength to strength, enjoying activities such as "Ready Steady Cook" on Trangias, and a teambuilding "Paintballing" excursion. After an extra day walk in the Petersfield area for some of the groups, they did us proud in the May expeditions to the South Downs.



Bronze REPORT BY LYND SAY MCVEAN

We were finally here. After nearly a year of preparation we had arrived at the

start of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze certificate expedition. Suddenly it didn't seem such a great idea. In the mid morning haze of



heat our already large bags appeared to grow and the campsite seemed a very long way away. Even so we bravely struggled into our bags and started on our trek. We got 20m, then we stopped and had a drink break by a church. Things weren't looking good.

The first day passed smoothly as we tramped along, and although it was supremely hot, for the most part we found ourselves in the shade of England's green forests. My group consisted of an assortment of people. There was Dan the ever bountiful who appeared to have stuffed his bag with every sweet possible, and carried 4litres of fizzy drinks. Then Matt the self proclaimed cook,



Nick the wonderful and several others including myself. Once we got to the campsite we were pretty well organised and setting up the tents, seemed easy. On closer inspection, we realised that one tent was in front of the entrance of another and the stove would set light to fly sheet. After putting the tents up for a second time, we settled down to dinner.

The next morning Nick lived up to his title, and produced from his pack: a frying pan, some buns and some thick rashers of bacon. The smell of our fry up even put the staff to shame, who were trying to make us feel depressed by waving hamburgers under our noses. After a quick clear up, we were on our way again.

Now when one is walking in the countryside there are a few things that must be observed. One is to ignore both old ladies that hide behind bushes, and girls who shout out of windows just to laugh at you when you stand around for ten minutes to see who it is. Two is to never put eggs in your top pocket (they will break, no matter what anyone tells you), and three is never to leave a spiteful member of your group to plan your route, who places hills that are twice the size of Kilimanjaro for no apparent reason (hmm... I haven't seen many hills that size on the South Downs - ed).

Still, all things considered, we emerged exhausted but proud from the end of our two-day trek, even if we did get lost within a quarter of a mile of our objective, feeling as though we





had accomplished something memorable.

Silver

16 participants have successfully completed their

expeditions. The October expedition was unfortunately cancelled due to staff illness, and as a result the groups found themselves in the New Forest at Easter, in EXCEEDINGLY wet conditions. Indeed, some ended up sleeping in the showers, as they felt it would be drier than their tent! They certainly gained a new appreciation of dry clothes. When it came to their final expedition on Exmoor in the summer, one group really decided to take all their home comforts with them, and included in their bags, a miniature television in order to watch Euro 2000, an inflatable football and inflatable goal posts!

Gold

15 participants successfully completed their expedition this summer. The groups survived an eventful practice trip to the Brecon Beacons in June in which they contended with swarms of mosquitos, a hailstorm, and trialing new expedition food for the college. Three weeks later, with the blisters barely healed, and they were off again, this time to the Lake District.

MEMORIES/QUOTES FROM THE Gold EXPEDITION

"The assessor's dog eats stones constantly Miss, we can't concentrate on what he's saying!"

"So much for this being a nice quiet campsite, at nine o'clock hundreds of Liverpoolians in trainers and bikinis started a water pistol fight round our tent, then took over the shower block."

"Mr. Smith had to wait on a rock for us so long, he got into his sleeping bag."

"Our washing facilities consisted of a cold tap!" "Tap?!... we lay awake at night dreaming of a cold tap!"

Ollie meeting his relatives half way up Cat Bells. Quite lucky seeing as we were lost at the time.

Eating lunch in a big orange balloon.

A Miss Silvester kilometre = 2 miles.

We look forward to a successful season next year.

Miss Silvester



Ageism or sexism?

As the article opposite tells us, age is not a barrier to working at LWC.

The photo adjacent confirms this.

Who is this teacher?

Times Educational Supplement Dec 5, 2003 Senior Service

On December 5, 2003 the Times Educational Supplement ran an article on teachers who had stayed in the profession beyond retirement age - in response to the Government's decision to raise the retirement age to 65. **Sam Bishop summarises the article which has a particular relevance for LWC.**



The Government was at pains to emphasise, following the publication of the 2002 retirement and pensions Green Paper, that nobody will be prevented from retiring before 65. It was announced that teachers will be able to retire on partially reduced benefits - not every-

one's idea of outstanding generosity.

Yet, while many teachers are more than ready to quit by the time they are 60, the TES found two "valued old hands" who "would gladly stay in the classroom for the rest of their lives."

One of these dedicated professionals was none other than LWC's own Mr Goldsmith, 76, who spends four days a week at the school teaching maths.

"When I came here, David was 70," said headmaster Mr Power to the TES, "and I thought, 'Wow! Still teaching and enjoying it!'"

So why this extraordinary dedication to a job which can be exhausting and a little trying at times? Mr

I love my subject and I think my teaching improves.

Goldsmith explains: "I love my subject and I think my teaching improves. I have certainly mellowed a bit. I'm better at explaining things. Every example I give adds to my stock of knowledge and I learn from pupils as well."

Mr Power continues: "Pupils know he comes because he wants to help them, and they are flattered by that."

As they say, there could be 'something in the genes' as Mr Goldsmith informs the TES that his father, a solicitor, worked until he was 85: "He simply lived for his job and I am the same."

Despite his years in teaching, Mr Goldsmith has a surprisingly modern and dynamic approach to teaching. "I love teaching but I hate education with a capital E. I don't plan lessons; it's all in my head; if it's all written down it becomes too rigid and then you can't be flexible or react to the moment." Whatever his methods, they certainly pay dividends. At LWC Maths is a very popular A-level subject and is taken by over half the sixth form. Of 18 candidates who completed A2s in 2002, 15 got A grades.

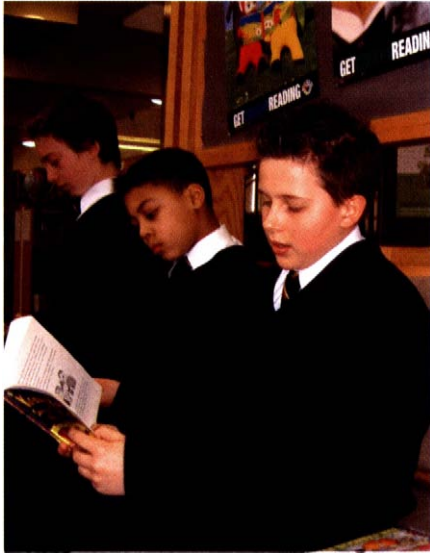
Mr Goldsmith declares that he will carry on teaching "until I drop or until the school doesn't want me any more." Considering his current performance this seems unlikely to occur for a very long time.



THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

I was fortunate to be able to arrange two prestigious author visits this year, in conjunction with the English department. **Linda Newbery**, whose novel "The Shell House" was short-listed for the 2002 Carnegie Award for Children's Literature, came to the college in November 2003 and carried out writing workshops with the Third and Fourth Form. This was followed by a visit in May 2004 by **Michael Coleman**, a children's author based in Hampshire, who spoke to the Junior Forms. Such events are much enjoyed by our pupils, giving them the opportunity to meet professional writers, and to gain ideas for their own creative writing.

Pupils were given the opportunity to purchase books both on these occasions, which could then be personally signed by the authors, and at the annual Library Book Fair for Juniors arranged with Ottakars of Farnham to celebrate World Book Day.



from Junior House.

Two Library newsletters were produced with Library news and book reviews; the Spring term issue was produced by Junior Book Club members, who also organised



Now there's a girl with good taste in reading!

World Book Day in March was marked by a nine hour reading challenge, or **Readathon**, when pupils and staff successfully managed to complete a non-stop reading challenge in the Library. The "Match the Teacher to their Favourite Book" competition was won by Matt Champness and Laurence Robinson

a **short story competition** won by Luka Krsljanin, and a Book Oscars promotion. This group of enthusiastic Juniors met weekly at lunchtime in the Library throughout the year doing book related activities.



This year's Librarian was Suzie Dempster from the Upper Sixth and her assistant was Megan Lowther. Several other pupils have been involved with helping in the Library, and two foreign assistants, Veronika Voross and Sorin Scurtulescu, and our three gap students, Andy, Patrick, and Katrina have also played a valuable part.

*Bronwen Males
Librarian*

Authors' Visits



Linda Newbery

Linda Newbery, the elevated author of "Shell House" and several other novels, was a woman that I was not so much desperate to meet as intrigued to meet.

We dutifully lined into the Music and Drama Centre; the poor woman seemed to be terrified of these drooling adolescent blank-eyed staring Fourth Formers but she jumped in anyway.

Mrs. Newbery parried many questions with anecdotes and sometimes an answer. She did not believe that writing concluded life's questions for people; it made them larger; the stories she writes evolve as they are written - the general answers that you hear from an author on their writing arrangements, and the like. We finished the session with an interesting writing workshop with an assignment to start a story of suspense.

At lunch later that day Linda turned up at the library to sign books, and while she was talking to the various staff I realised that Linda was not really a radical writer trying to form the minds of teenagers. She was really an amiable lady trying to express her ideas in eloquent novels - almost like a nice English teacher: this fits as this is exactly what she was before she started to write.

I will just say that all English teachers are the nicest people in the world.

Lindsay MacVean

Prideaux Society

The Prideaux Society may well have hit a high point this year. Although it is a high point of contentious speakers who not only interested the sixth form, but provoked both argument and action. Exactly what I was aiming for.

The first meeting saw a retired army officer Lt.Col Paul Musgrove discuss weapons of mass destruction. A very factual account the exact effect of a chemical, biological and nuclear attack on Long Sutton and the surrounding area represented the high point. Sadly no answer was forthcoming on where Saddam's stash might be found.

The second meeting provided much more interest. Neville Hodgkinson, former 'Sunday Times' chief medical correspondent discussed the view that HIV might not cause AIDS. This is a widely held scientific position and Neville outlined many of the reasons why HIV might not be the cause of AIDS and touched on some of the evidence. The response was mixed, some finding his views too challenging, others finding them convincing, but most reserving judgement. Sadly only some adults refused to consider the question at all. This meeting, more than any other, achieved my aim of introducing controversy and debate. Not all majority views are right and it is only by conjecture and refutation that society's knowledge progresses.

On the face of it the debate on Euthanasia should have had a similar effect as the HIV-AIDS meeting. The speakers both put powerful cases, the case for relying on an emotional appeal based on personal experience. The case against relied instead on the simple case for effective medical science. Perhaps I should not have been surprised that an audience of 16 to 18 year olds voted overwhelmingly to allow voluntary euthanasia. Sir Humphrey Prideaux looked uneasy.

Bill Pirie provided light relief in the last meeting of the autumn term. The former police superintendent explained how to 'Avoid the knock on the door' following a motor accident. I have driven more slowly ever since.

When Ben Stillwell, Executive Director of Stonewall, came to speak in February I was not sure what to expect. Stonewall is a pressure group for Gay and lesbian rights. I knew it was a challenging subject to tackle, but the meeting did not turn out the way I expected. Ben turned out to be a 6'3" middle aged gentleman who would, in most circumstances, be mistaken for a City stockbroker. He spoke for only 20 minutes. He was eloquent and made his case simply. He was followed by total silence, no questions, perhaps some people were afraid to speak. Matt Wright came to our rescue with an outrageous and potentially insulting, and certainly homophobic question. Ben dealt with it calmly and suddenly anyone could ask any other question they liked. We were off and as usual I had to call a halt to proceedings with much more to be said.

The popular question time with local politicians was repeated in March. This time we had a wide range of subjects to cover (last year being dominated by the Iraq war) and all emerged with some credit, although the Labour leader of Basingstoke Council probably came out best.

Another debate was supposed to finish off the year, but no speakers could be found on the subject chosen by the sixth form - immigration. I therefore asked the Palestinian Authority to supply a speaker.

They sent a 23 year old graduate student Saif Ammous. His talk galvanized his audience. They were outraged by the plight of the Palestinian people and the effect of the 'security barrier' currently being imposed by Israel. Yet this was achieved through a fair historical account and without the use of any emotional blackmail, such as pictures of broken bodies or distressed children. Saif's ability to deal with questions was equally impressive, especially the one from Peter Booth on Yasser Arafat.



As my aim is to present alternative views to the sixth form this last meeting was a spectacular success. That it produced a massive anti-Israeli/pro-Palestinian view among those there was not intentional.

It has encouraged me to continue to arrange similar, controversial speakers.

Mark Russell

Holocaust Survivors Presentation



In June, 3rd form heard two Holocaust survivors speak of their experiences and ordeals at the hands of the Nazis in World War II. Their moving accounts struck a sympathetic chord with the history students.

Mrs Renee Salt from Poland lost her family in the war. Mr Steven Frank from Amsterdam, was liberated by the Russians in Czechoslovakia. Although not related to Anne Frank, he knew her family.



RUGBY



1st XV

This was a season of frustrations for several reasons. The term began with an extended Indian summer. This meant that hard ground prevented any of our teams from practising in full contact conditions. While this didn't affect the two senior teams who had recently returned from tour to South Africa and Namibia, it meant that the lower year groups were under-prepared for matches in the early part of the season. Despite the tour the 1st XV were unable to play three of the first 4 matches, so our first game was away to PGS 3 weeks into term.

By half term the team were playing some impressive rugby and had put together some solid performances. Having only played four games to half term they were obviously not as proficient as they could have been, but were beginning to realise their potential.

Post half term was always going to be more of a challenge. With a tough Daily Mail fixture away at RGS High Wycombe, and a run of competitive schools towards the end of the season, the team needed to be playing at the best of their ability to maintain decent momentum. And play to their ability they did. The frustration during this part of the season was that despite leading at half time and playing some

dominant rugby the team contrived to lose matches due to a combination of ill-discipline and at times a lack of self belief.

The highlight of the season must be the two draws against very impressive opposition. RGS High Wycombe is a formidable prospect at the best of times. For the boys to play away in the Daily Mail and come away with a draw was a truly outstanding performance. At one stage we were by far the dominant force, but through a series of penalties we allowed the opposition to claw their way back into the game. Unfortunately, for us we went out on a try count. Charlie must be congratulated for a very complete performance, two tries including one the length of the pitch.

Second to this was the draw with a strong St. John's Leatherhead side. A spirited defence kept out a rampant St. John's in the first 15 minutes. From then on LWC managed to control much of the territory and possession and for large parts of the game looked the stronger side.

We ended the season on a high note with what was the closest to the complete performance we had all season. Both forwards and backs were producing some scintillating rugby. The pack were in total command in the set

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"The same goes for Marimba with Quins and the England Academy as well as Nick who is linked with Quins, but I believe will go abroad to play his rugby in Canada for a year. Best of luck!"

Mr Richardson

piece against big opposition and from this platform managed to ruck effectively and put together some great passages of interplay. Once they combined with the backs, led well by Mark Buckley, it was inevitable that sooner or later we would score. The pick of the tries was the second where a well-worked move led to Charlie weaving his way around a number of defenders to score the decider.

Credit must go to individuals as well as a very entertaining team. The team was led effectively by Charlie who was once again devastating when coming from deep. I wish him well in his exploits with Harlequins in the coming season and will follow his progress with a good deal of interest. The same goes for Marimba with Quins and the England Academy as well as Nick who is linked with Quins, but I believe will go abroad to play his rugby in Canada for a year. Best of luck!

Of the other leavers I'm sure we will see a lot more of Mark on the rugby circuit. He hopes to go to Ireland to study, so I'm sure they will value his considerable skills in both halfback positions out there.

It has been very hard to choose the most improved players of the season because so many have come on such a lot in the 10 games we have played since the tour. Andy Collins playing in his non-preferred role of prop made a big difference and along with the hard work of Sunni, Mogul and Mavis created the most solid and dependable scrummagers we have had at the school for a long time. Most bigger opposition were put on the back foot by a very technical front 5, and thanks must go to Norm for passing on his considerable knowledge.

Squad: C. Amesbury (capt), N. Stewart (v.capt) S. Appan, A. Collins, J. Morris, A. Davies. N. Wright, A. Marshall, K. Traynor, A. Craig, L. Rehnberg, J. Kough, A. Blatchford, M. Buckley, J. Fish, M. Hall, R. Kyle, O. Spencer, N. Welton, M. Odundo-Mendez, H. Castle-Smith.

Coach: T. Richardson, A. Lumsden, N. Grey.

T Richardson



2nd XV

Played 9. Won 7. Lost 2.

Christ's Hospital	Cancelled	
Reading School	Cancelled	
Portsmouth		
Grammar	Won	10-0
St Barts	Won	29-0
Radley	Lost	5-10
St Georges	Won	55-0
Trinity, Croydon	Won	38-3
Oratory	Lost	5-8
St Johns,		
Leatherhead	Won	17-5
Bearwood	Won	48-0
Dauntsey's	Won	19-7

A talented team

Southern Africa felt less than distant in the endless summer that greeted the returning tour party. With two matches cancelled at the start of the season, when already prepared from the tour, the players suffered a great deal of frustration and a great many skin burns waiting to get to grips with opposition. The squad available in the protracted period of preparation offered such talent in depth that a 3rd XV was formed and, at the top end, a number of players shuffled between the 1st and 2nd XV training sessions as the senior coach toiled over selection.

Youthful, strong and mobile, this team promised much, but stuttered badly in their first match against Portsmouth, only to show their true talent against an unfortunate St Barts and, also against a strong Radley team in the match that never was. The rest of the season continued in similar vein as the attention turned more to improving the play and the players, and away from individual matches. Despite the significant movement of players between the top two teams around mid-season, the resilience and coherence of the team remained intact and they clocked up impressive victories, most memorably the defeat of a frustrated St Johns.

Thanks goes to all the players, most of

whom remain here for another season. However, Laurie McCall, who had an excellent season as captain and player, and Jon Slater, whose experience, calm and vision benefited all the back line will move on after two seasons in the 2nd XV. Their contribution and commitment has been outstanding and I wish them both all the very best for the future.

Team List

Marcus Allen, Adam Blatchford, Andrew Craig, Mark Feeney, Jamie Fish, Pat Knight, John Kough, Will Marks, Lawrie McCall, Greg McDermott, George McIlroy, Lucas Rehnberg, Harry Rice, Tom Simpson, Jon Slater, Mike Smith, Stephen Sorby, Oliver Spencer, Tom Wollam, Luka Zgonec.

Coach: Mr Costain

J P Costain



until after half-term when lessons learnt from the first encounter had been forgotten!

Moving on to some of the harder fixtures post half-term without true match preparation did put us at a disadvantage and probably accounts for the fact that we allowed St. George's to come back from a 20 point winning margin to draw level and Trinity to come from behind to snatch victory. At this stage, it was becoming clear that our attacking prowess was somewhat more developed than that of our defending! Leaking tries was a feature of the side, not through want of trying to stop the opposition but rather through a lack of self-belief. However, the defence held firm for us to hang on to achieve a memorable victory against St. John's Leatherhead in a thrilling encounter, giving us thoughts of what might have been!

This group was also struck with an inordinate amount of injuries throughout the season. This did nothing to help their progress as a unit but it did give some players a chance to shine, which they grabbed willingly and manfully.

Outstanding in the forwards were Joe Pitkin, Adam Holliday and James Gartside whilst in the backs there were many fine performances from Nick Priggen, Stuart Moore, Richard Lloyd and Chris Tabard. My thanks go to the whole group but in particular to Chris Penn who led the side with authority from full-back and whose individual play was of the highest class.

I wish them a more stable season next year for there is much potential to be tapped!

U16 A

Played 6. Won 2. Drew 1. Lost 3

St. Bartholomew's	Won	29-5
St. George's	Drew	31-31
Trinity, Croydon	Lost	12-19
Oratory	Lost	27-3
St. John's,		
Leatherhead	Won	19-12
Dauntsey's	Lost	16-14

Much potential to be tapped

One simply had to feel sorry for the whole group of players!! We trained and practised so hard and it was obvious that we had a group just waiting to move into senior rugby with a vengeance. But, alas, the rains did not come and so there was very little play, but much increasingly pointless practice. Spirits did not flag although patience did somewhat.

So it was not surprising that our first opponents, St. Bartholomew's, felt the brunt of our impatience and succumbed to a heavy defeat on the second Saturday in October. To play against another school for the first time always reveals the work to be done so it was doubly disappointing that we did not play again

Team List: Joshua Easton, Alistair Welby, Jason Collier, Joseph Pitkin, Adam Holliday, Tom Littlewood, Lewis Morgan, James Gartside, Nicholas Priggen, Stuart Moore, Richard Lloyd, Christopher Tabard, Charles Saunders, Sebastian English, Christopher Penn (Capt), Mills Richey.
Coach: Mr A Dyson

A Dyson





U16B

Played 4 Won 1 Lost 3

Perrins	Lost	10-0
Radley	Lost	10-7
RGS Guildford	Lost	25-0
Bearwood	Won	19-10

Potential to go on

Disappointingly, the team only played 4 games this season - pitch conditions and flu doing the damage - and so failed to build a consistent pattern of play. Players who worked really hard in training were not able to test themselves in the heat of true competition and when they did get the opportunity were never quite match-fit. Nevertheless there was a tremendous spirit amongst the team and every player in the squad now has the potential to go on and make their mark in the senior teams.

Among the backs, Freddie Armstrong, Matt Thompson, James Groom, Andy Hall and Toby Castle-Smith were all skilful in attack and solid in defence while in the forwards Michael Burton, Lawrence Hives, Toby Comley and Ben Coles were impressive in all areas.

'A-team' potential

Many of these 'B' team players found themselves selected for the 'A' team, when injuries and illness became widespread, and it is to their immense credit that they always made the step-up without any problem. It is a shame this season was so brief because this was a cheerful and hard working squad of players.

My thanks to skipper Toby Comley for his leadership skills and positive outlook.

Squad: Freddie Armstrong, Michael Burton, Toby Castle-Smith, Ben Coles, Toby Comley, James Groom, Matt Hale, Andrew Hall, Ben Hargreaves, Lawrence Hives, Thomas Littlewood, Edward Martin, James McKinlay, Alex Nicholls, Joel Norton, Glendon Robinson, Oliver Scott, Simon Sharples, Thomas Stephens, Matt Thompson
Coach: Q. Sands

Q. Sands

U15A

Played 4 Won 1 Lost 3

Salesian	Won	47 - 0
Hounslow	Won	73 - 0
King's, Winchester	Won	15 - 5
St George's,		
Weybridge	Won	34 - 5
Judd	Lost	12 - 42
Trinity, Croydon	Lost	5 - 29
Oratory	Lost	0 - 50
St John's,		
Leatherhead	Lost	5 - 47
Dauntsey's	Lost	15 - 47

Pace and talent - Their time will come!

A season that promised much descended into farce as illness and, to a lesser extent injury, decimated the season. The results mock the ability of the team but as the final whistle blew on the season only 9 of the 18 boys



named below were on the pitch!

The hard pitches sorely limited the amount of work we were able to do before half term and our first two Daily Mail Cup matches were one - sided romps. However, they showed the potential and the pace of a talented back unit as well as the ability of the pack to win good ball. This was really proven in an excellent win over St George's who were comprehensively outplayed. The boys themselves were extremely positive after this match as there was a sense of a season taking off in style. Four days later, our Daily Mail run ended against a very good Judd team although our second half performance was courageous and encouraging.

Then everything went wrong. Normally by the end of the U15 season, a team is settled, longer - term positions found and fundamental principles of attack and defence are set in place; however, that is not the case with this group as a number of players' best positions are uncertain and they have a lot to learn as a team next September. I have no doubt that they have the necessary character to do this. Indeed it was very much to the credit of the senior players who played most games that they gave their all although they stood no chance against cohesive units.

Particular credit must go to Messrs Wilson,

Ridgeon, Allen, Pipe, Weston, Marshall, McJarrow, Mendelssohn and Cunningham whose attitude could not be faulted as they held the team together. When combined with the flair of Chas Penn and Oli Jordan and the commitment of various others, they have huge potential as a unit and I hope that they have the luck they deserve next year.

Their time will come.

Squad: O Jordan, H Weston, J Pipe, B Williams - Burrell, C Penn, C Allen, D Neave, E Ridgeon, B Marshall, J Youell, T Mendelssohn, J Peacock, A Wilson, A Cunningham, J McJarrow, F MacColl, P Gregory, J Purkhardt . (A dozen others played at some time during the season.)
Coach: D Machin

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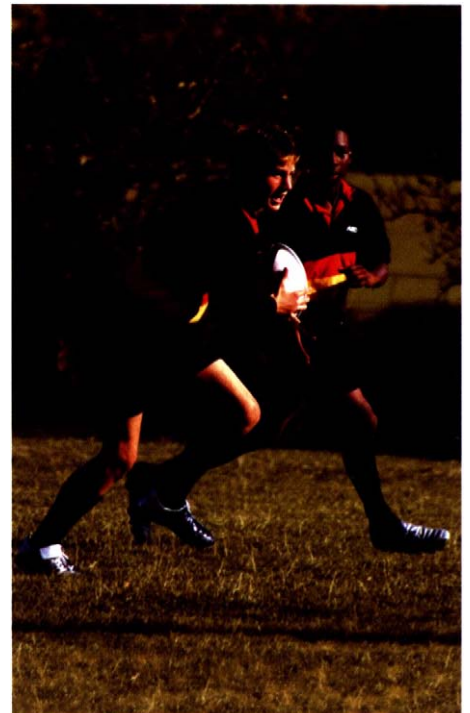
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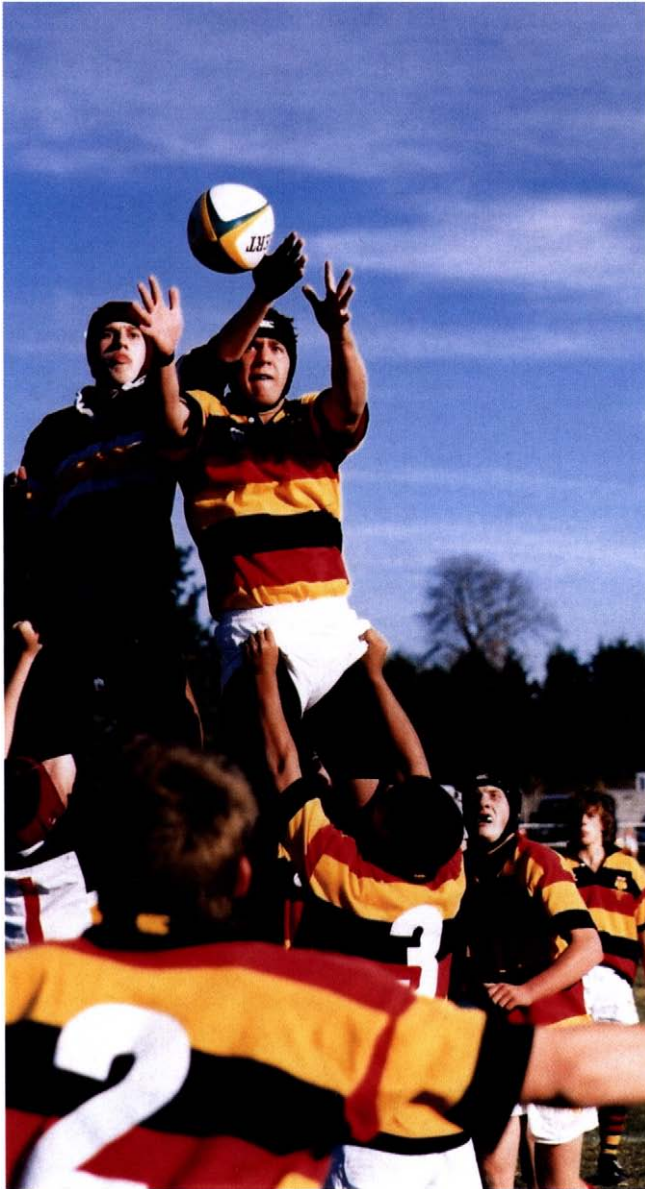
**Played 6 Won 2 Drew 3 Lost 1
Runners- up in Hampshire Festival**

Christ's Hospital	Lost	15 - 21
St George's,		
Weybridge	Won	52 - 0
Trinity Croydon	Won	22 - 5
Oratory	Drew	0 - 0
Dauntsey's	Drew	12 - 12
St John's,		
Leatherhead	Drew	8 - 8

Reached Final of Hampshire U14's

This was the season that almost was. A very talented and enthusiastic squad of players assembled in September ready to take on the world, (well, Hampshire and surrounding areas anyway), and found themselves frustrated for six weeks by baking sun and pitches totally devoid of grass. Week on week fixtures were cancelled and practices took place without tackling, contact or anything resembling the game of rugby. Unsurprisingly, when matches eventually started, the team took a while to gel, but then had some marvellously close-





Can he catch it?

fought encounters with often physically larger sides who could not overcome a technically excellent and resolute LWC team. The last three games were very unusually all draws, the highlights being a pointless encounter against Oratory a couple of hours after the World Cup Final with players and spectators reliving the intensity of the morning, (and a South African ref to boot!), and a final match against a strong and well-organised Dauntsey's team.

Selections for Hampshire

Ben Rubio, Sean Quail and Hector Hoyte-Bone were deservedly selected for Hampshire and there are many other boys in this team who will go on to make their mark for LWC and beyond.

Because of the disappointments of the Autumn Term the team was entered for the Under 14 Hampshire 10-a side Festival in March and from an entry of 48 schools the school reached the final without conceding a point, only to lose 0-5 to Portsmouth GS. This most bizarre season's final ironic memory will be of a match being played in late March in torrential rain on a quagmire.

Many thanks for all the boys who worked so hard and who so clearly enjoy their rugby.

U14A Squad: Ben Rubio, Mike Salmon, Akin Solanke-Caulker, Giacomo Caratelli, Alex Mytton, Jamie East, Josh Watson, Hector Hoyte-Bone, Ed Weeks, Ben Gandy, Oli Peatman, Jack Babayan, Stuart Dick, David Sealey, Matt Arunde, Sean Quail
Coach Mr Woolstone

A J Woolstone

U14B

Played well at full strength

The B team got off to a slow start due to the very dry weather - all matches before half term were cancelled. We eventually managed to play five matches. We played St George's Weybridge, St John's Leatherhead, Bearwood and lastly Daunceys. We beat St George's and Daunceys but lost the other three.

When the team was at full strength, which unfortunately was very seldom, they played extremely well and put in a tremendous amount of effort into each match. The forwards did a wonderful job providing a lot of ball for the backs with great rucking and scrummaging from Sam Gillespie, Mike Soper, Max Smith, Eliot Boyd and Leo Norton. The backs also contributed by running the ball well. Ed Hawkins made some incredibly powerful attacking runs and he and the other backs also made some crunching tackles.

ably powerful attacking runs and he and the other backs also made some crunching tackles.



Peter Hodgson and Ethan Smale put in 110% effort and in spite of their size took on anyone. Freddy Taylor and Pat Colliver were also rampant. We would all like to say well done to those boys who came in from the C's to help us out when we had players ill - Alex Tatnell, Matt East, Sam Marshal, Alex Franklin and Jack Scott. Overall the Under 14 B XV had a cracking season and we all look forward to the next one.

Ben O'Connell (Captain)

My thanks to Ben and the Team for a most enjoyable season. A combination of the weather and injuries meant that this team did not have the success it deserved. They will do well in the future.

St. George's, Weybridge	Won
St. John's, Leatherhead	Lost
Oratory	Lost
Bearwood	Lost
Dauntseys'	Won

Squad: Tom O'Connell (Capt), Elliot Boyd, Bruce Buckland-Wilson, Matthew East, Adam Eldridge, Alex Franklin, Sam Gillespie, Ed Hawkins, Peter Hodgson, Andrew McNamara, Sam Marshall, Neil Morton, Andrew Nixon, Leo Norton, William Poutney, Jack Sanders, Jack Scott, Ethan Smale, Max Smith, Mike Soper, Alex Tatnell, Freddy Taylor, Ed Weeks, Peter Youll.

Coach: Mr Booth

P Y Booth

U14C

Played 3 Won 1 Lost 2

A positive and enthusiastic group

The term's fixtures were decimated by the hard ground early in the term and by some much bigger schools than LWC failing to raise a third XV at Under 14 level.

Despite the disruption, this group of players worked very hard at their game, training in all weathers and approaching all they did in the positive and enthusiastic approach which characterises them. A number of the squad

**Full Flight**

appeared for the B team and more than held their own at the higher level and with all the team wanting to play at Under 15 level in 04-05 I am certain that they will continue to make real progress and, most importantly, to enjoy the game.

I have enjoyed working with such a positive and enthusiastic group.

Squad members

Tom Baxter, Bruce Buckland-Wilson, Jeremy Dennis, Matthew East, Alex Forward, Alex Franlin, David Gooding, Brendan Grimsley, Liam Harrison,, Philip Haynes, Calum Kelly, Sam Marshall, Andrew McNamara, Fergus Meehan, Sam Payne, Jack Scott, Ben Sinclair, Max Smith, Ethan Smale, Alex Tatnell, Joe Walters, Peter Youll
Coach: Mr Walters

*RGWalters***U13A****First things first!**

First things first - I think it was a good season even though we didn't win every game. We all really enjoyed the whole season and everyone played well.

In the forwards Harry Ward defiantly shone at most times, playing very well in every game and putting in a 100 percent. Will Corfe also played well in every game. At the start of the season, we got shock from how small we were compared to the other schools but we soon realised we did have the power to give these schools a challenge. At the start of term our rucking wasn't as good as it was at the end of the season - that was helped mainly by Mr Deroff.

Luka played well as hooker and Mike Varney made some great breaks off the back. Rugby is a team game and we should all be equal but I as captain found this season tougher than usual and I was helped a lot by my vice captain Tim Dixon. Tim played very well for us in each game making some vital

**3 brave lady fans -****Mrs Slater, Mrs Kyle and Mrs Knight**

breaks up the middle and sharing the kicking duties with Joe Wilson.

If I had to nominate a backs player who has improved most I would have to say Alex Richards; Alex started off in the B team and when he moved to the A team he quickly made an impact; no matter the odds against us, he never gave up; in one match we were losing by about 30 to 40 points and there were about 10 minutes to go but when he got the ball he just kept trying to break through and putting in every bit of energy he had. Well done Alex. Well done everyone and thank you from all the boys to all the coaches.

Squad: Harry Ward, Luka Krsljanin, James Baudains, Tom Wantock, Chris Janaway, Ben Adams (captain), Guy Kelly, Will Corfe, Mike Varney, Matt Bundy, Tim Dixon (vice captain), Jack Clay, Rhys Thomas, Alex Richards, Jamie Dunkley, Joe Wilson
Coach: Mr Boyd

*Ben Adams***U13B****A well-earned victory**

We started the season with a match against Aldro, at the end of the first half we were 17-0 down and with the final score 24-0 we had a much better second half. Our second match was against St. George's Weybridge who are always a strong side and the final score of 60-0 showed that this year was to be no different. In our third game we finally met opponents of a similar standard to us. Nick Cullen scored three tries, Jack Kenway 1 and Guy Kelly 2. With Simon Taylor slotting in 6 of the 7 conversions we showed that we can score and came away with a well-earned victory.

Our last game was against Yateley Manor, with Tim Wood showing how well he can tackle and Jack Kenway scoring a consolation try near the end our season unfortunately ended with a loss, but I feel that with Mr. Hamilton's coaching we had an enjoyable season.

Coach: Mr Hamilton

*Simon Taylor and Harrison Phillips***U12A****Team spirit in a great game**

The under 12 A team have loads of team spirit and always focus on the match they are about to play.

Walking onto the pitch, full of anticipation and ready to play a good game of rugby is what the team look forward to each week of the season. Being able to tackle people is great because you can let all your frustrations out in such a physical team game. Running free with a ball in your hands and scoring a try for LWC is always a mind blowing moment.

The teams the boys enjoyed playing against most were Perins and Farleigh C. This was because they were both fun and memorable matches and the team had its only win of the season against Perins C, with the score 15 -5.

Squad: Tim Salmon (Captain), Toby East, Oliver Leach, Tom Stafford-Brooke, Robert Parsons, Jack Connor, Christo Arundel, Gary Morton, Jack Nixon, Edward Gee, Alex Calver, George Emery, Matthew Evans, Oliver Mason, James Lovell, Chris Provost
Coach: Mr Harvey

Tim Salmon led his team well all season and the whole team always played to the best of their ability, even if they didn't win all their matches.

*Alice Rigby with Toby East and Christo Arundel***U12B**

The highlight of the U12B's rugby season was that when the team spirit was down there was always someone who got the team going again.

Memorable wins

Although we weren't very successful over all, the games that we did win were very memorable. We beat Churchers School 15-0 with some very good work from the whole team especially from the backs who produced the tries. When we played PGS (Portsmouth Grammar School), the pitch was very wet and slippery. We produced some good chances but none of them scored. They played well and they won 20-5 in the end after a very hard fought game.

All in all we had a very good season and we look forward to more games to enjoy next year.

Squad: Ben Neal (Capt), Lawrence Robinson (Fd Capt), Glyn Robinson, Henry S, Lucas Britt, Ollie M, Matthew C, James C, Michael J, Jack Hawkins, Luke O, Edward Rudland, Tarin W, Ryan W, Ben Hand, Tarun Tyagi, Andrew Frawley, David H D, Jordan Gomez.
Coach: Mr Radmann

Andrew Frawley and Jordan Gomez**Yes!**



1st V11

**Played 10 matches
Won 5 Lost 5**

Considering this was a very young side with Sarah Stanley being the only first team player from last year's squad the team did remarkably well.

This team was led by their captain Vicky Warner who was committed in training and matches throughout the season. All players responded to her positive attitude and constant encouragement on court. Sarah's shooting and confidence in her own ability improved this year because she was able to adapt and work well with both goal attacks Carina and Emma.

Three girls - Emma Goater, Emma Thurston and Beth Champion were brought up from the U16,s squad and did extremely well. Beth particularly because of her versatility in three different positions, being GD, WD and GA. These skills were often called upon within the same game which shows how willing she has been all season to play for the good of the team. This all-round natural ability culminated in her being spotted by an England coach and she was invited to train at Winchester to join Emma Thurston who already plays in the county team and is in the England development squad.

Sporting attitude commended

Lottie had an exceptional game when she ended up playing against L.W.C. for St Johns



half way through the match due to an injury to their W.D. We subsequently received a letter from St Johns commending our sporting attitude which reflects extremely well on our ethos at L.W.C. Lottie and her new team mates pushed us very close and we eventually squeezed home by three goals. It was a very enjoyable game!

Nicole and Phil work well in the defending circle in every game and their work rate was high at all times. This was evident when the girls came under pressure against a very strong Charterhouse team who had two tall and powerful county forwards.

Whole squad commitment

My thanks go to the whole squad for their commitment during the season and for those girls who are moving on I wish them success and enjoyment of the game for the future. For the girls who are staying I very much look forward to working with you again next year.

Squad: Sarah Stanley, Carina Holland, Emma Thurston, Emma Goater, Vicky Warner (Capt.), Lottie Williams-Burrell, Beth Champion, Nichole Bidos, Phil East.
Coach: Mrs Neighbour

U16A

Played 7. Won 2. Lost 5.

PGS	Lost	21-28
St Georges	Lost	29-32
Farnborough Hill	Lost	18-23
Robert Mays	Lost	14-16
Pangbourne	Won	30-5
Emberly Park	Won	28-12
KES	Lost	26-28

We started off the season well. Enthusiasm was high, fed by our success in getting through to the U16 regional tournament. Unfortunately, we were not too successful in the tournament - not helped by strict umpiring! and very strong opposition.

We then lost our two strongest players to the 1st team and our spirits sunk - but Mr Costain's firm tone soon put it into perspective and lifted us through demanding training.

Our new attack line was strong, with Emma, Pippa, Cara and Jess working effectively up the court and producing plenty of scoring opportunities. Danni, Hannah, Imy and Tina were tireless in defence. Although our results suggest a disappointing season, all players worked hard and the team improved markedly during the season. Indeed, the last game of the season had the opposition coach remarking that the game represented the best netball she had seen all season. Some notable improvements were:

Tina managing to keep her feet behind the line;

Hannah has learned to land on her feet

and not her knees;

Imy's passing has improved markedly;

Emma's speculative lobbs became less speculative;

Pippa has warmed to the role of Goal Shooter and is now scarily good;

Danni has finally worked out how far three foot is, despite being in top-set maths;

Despite Jess thinking she was unfit, she moved swiftly up and down the court (until about the third quarter, by which time her trainers had torn her feet apart, despite employing some interesting padding.)

Cara's constant smile kept everyone's spirits high, even after our frequent defeats;

Zoe's reliability, even at short notice, was greatly appreciated, and allowed her to display her improving skills.

A cool coach

Mr Costain improved his cool, even though he found us difficult to control at times - his calm was most impressive when Jess's directions took us twice around Southampton ('Follow me, sir. I live here and know the way!') instead of to the match.

Coach: "Huge thanks to Hannah, who remained enthusiastic, organised, cheerful and outstanding as a leader throughout."

Team: Hannah Spencer (capt.), Danni Bidos, Emma Goater, Tina Lowe, Jess McIntosh, Zoe Mosesson, Cara Parish, Imy Power, Pippa Sonnex
Coach: Mr Costain

U16A

National Schools Tournament

The under 16 squad showed promise as a team so I decided to enter them into the Daily Telegraph National Schools Tournament.

To get to the regional round of the National Schools, we had to play in the Hampshire North schools Tournament which was held at Wavell School on Thursday 6th November 2003. We won all our games comfortably although we had a tough semi-final against Farnborough Hill.

South of England section

We came up against Robert Mays in the final which we lost however both finalists qualified for the South of England section which was held on Saturday 24th January 2004 at Kingsmead, High Wycombe.

There were two groups of nine teams each and matches were played in a round robin system. We won our first match but lost narrowly in all the other games.

It was an exciting and challenging day and good experience for the girls to see the standard of netball at a higher level.

Squad: Jess McIntosh, Emma Thurston, Emma Goater, Beth Champion, Cara Stocker, Hannah Spencer, Danielle Bidos, Tina Lowe, Pippa Sonnex

Mrs Neighbour



U15A

Played:10 Won: 6 Lost: 4

Results:

Cranleigh	Lost	17 - 18
St. Nick's	Lost	11 - 12
Embley Park	Cancelled	
PGS	Won	14 - 11
Pangbourne	Won	15-12
Bryanston	Cancelled	
St. George's	Won	16 - 12
Farnborough Hill	Won	30 - 11
KES	Lost	15 - 16
Bedales	Lost	16 - 17
KEW Tournament	Won 1	Lost 3
KEW	Cancelled	
Bedales	Won	11 - 4



The season began with some promising performances marred only by the team's lack of belief and discipline in the latter stages of the matches. Some loose passing and a general sense of inferiority were the catalysts for two early narrow losses against a strong Cranleigh side and well-drilled side from St.Nicks. The fact that we lost both games by one point having been ahead at half

time meant that with a slight change in attitude there was plenty of potential to turn defeat into success.

The turning point came against Portsmouth Grammar School when the side kept control of the ball well and after some excellent shooting from Gemma Hughes and Emily Corfield and strong leadership at centre from Kate Mendelssohn the team went on to win 14 - 11. This was a good, solid performance without being entirely convincing for all 4 quarters.

The game of the season had to be against a tall side from Farnborough Hill. With greater movement from Emily at goal attack and Gemma as goal shooter, some clever linking between Rachel Smith, Kate Mendelssohn and Ally Cartwright and a combination of roles including defence and goal shooter for Sarah Gooding, the team completely overwhelmed the opposition. Some excellent defensive interceptions from Natalie Heyneker, Ally and Sarah followed by intricate passing and movement up the court from the wings and centre lead to many goals from the opposition centre passes. Scoring was also guaranteed from our own

centre pass. A 30-11 win was a very impressive result.

This change in fortune and ultimately the performances themselves were due very much to the positive attitude and willingness to improve adopted by the team and very much instilled by the commendable leadership of Kate Mendelssohn. Ali Cartwright, Natalie Heyneker and Georgia Burt were all strong in defence and, the extra movement in the circle from Gemma and Emily made attack much more effective. Kate, Rachel and Emily all contributed to the control around the centre and attacking thirds. The main team were all well supported by the replacements: Emily Holman, Celia Curry, who scored 3 goals in the final game of the season, Claire Andrews and George Neame. A special mention should also go to Phil Daughters who played well for the first few games of the season before being forced to stop.

Squad: Phil Daughters, Sarah Gooding, Georgia Burt, Ally Cartwright, Rachel Smith, Claire Andrews, Gemma Hughes, Emily Corfield, Natalie Heyneker, Kate Mendelssohn (Emily Holman, Celia Curry, George Neame)

T R Richardson

U14A

Played:13 Won: 8 Lost: 5

Cranleigh	L	9 - 11
St Nicholas'	W	15 - 1
PGS	L	9 - 34
Pangbourne	W	35 - 8
Bedales	W	17 - 4
Christ's Hospital	L	14 - 21
King Edwards,		
Witley	W	20 - 17
St George's	L	12 - 15
Farnborough Hill	W	23 - 18
Bedales	W	16 - 11
Amery Hill	W	25 - 0
Robert Mays	W	16 - 6
King Edwards		
Southampton	L	16 - 22

The season began well losing narrowly in the first match against Cranleigh. This match was played with a trial side as positions and players had not been finalised. In the next week, with the team sorted out and further practice together, they went on to win against St Nicholas'. Having travelled to Portsmouth the team found themselves playing against a very strong side, most of who played in an adult league. This did not deter them, however, and they then proceeded to win their next two matches convincingly. Next came a loss against Christ's Hospital, a close match but we were outplayed by girls who were somewhat taller than us. Particularly good wins were against King Edward's Witley, Farnborough Hill and Robert Mays. All of these schools have a reputation for fielding very good netball teams.

The final match of the season was against



King Edward's Southampton, again a very strong side. The girls not only had to battle against seven good players but also a very strong wind. Despite having a side depleted by injury, the team were determined to finish the season on a high. During the third quarter of the match they actually scored more goals than the opposition. It was a hard-fought match, which resulted in a loss but not through want of trying.

The team enjoyed the season even with the challenges of playing in different positions. Particularly of note was the adaptability of Amber who played well in at least three different positions and Tammy who excelled by scoring three goals when she had to play Goal Attack. Imy also surprised herself by controlling the game as Centre in the match against Amery Hill. During the season all players developed well - Charlie, Gabby and Amber in their shooting techniques, Imy and Frankie in defending without making contact, Charlotte in receiving the centre pass and controlling the game as captain, Tammy, Chloe and Emma learning how to control their footwork and not least of all Sabrina for her relentless efforts in all aspects of the game and her cheery nature raising the spirits of the whole team.

Squad: Charlotte Elvidge (captain), Charlie Wilson, Gabby Over, Amber Knight, Sabrina English, Tammy Davis, Emma Northcote-Smith, Chloe Bishop, Frankie Rapley, Imy Hives
Coach: Mrs Weston

S Weston





Netball

U13A & U13B

The U13 netball teams had a fairly successful season and of the fourteen matches they played, half were won and two were drawn. It must be said that some teams, such as those from Cheam and Christ's Hospital, will always be stronger than us as they have more girls to choose from. I was, however, pleased with our overall results because all of the girls in the second year have been able to contribute at some stage to the teams; it really is the taking part that is important, although winning is nice.

The girls benefited enormously from the coaching sessions they received in the autumn term, which meant that they were much more prepared to play matches in the spring term.

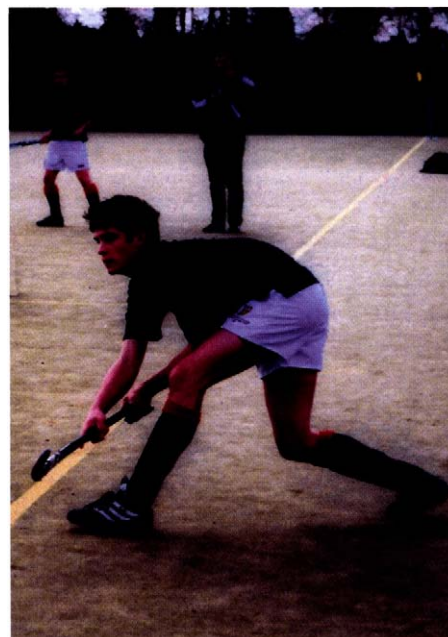
All of the girls have contributed to the formation of two very good teams during their time at Junior, and I am certain that many of them will continue to play in the Senior School. I would like to thank them for their positive behaviour at all times, even when the weather and illness have been against them.

Mrs Sandham



The U13 Netball team who did well in the Aldershot and District Schools Netball Tournament in December

Boys' Hockey



play and a majority of possession. Even in the two cup games against Churcher's we might have progressed if we had been more ruthless.

On the credit side, we managed to hold our manfully against RGS Guildford after the most trying week in the college's history and our performance against the South African touring side from Krugersdorp was the highlight of the term.

At times, Ali Welby demonstrated why he has earned high honours as a Divisional goalkeeper and the whole defence worked tirelessly to resist many an enterprising opposition attack. The loss through a broken finger of Rob Kyle, a most able sweeper, did not make things any easier and Charlie Amesbury's fantastic news of selection for England at rugby meant we had to miss out on his strength, speed and knowledge at weekends. Yet Greg McDermott stepped in effectively and Jon Slater proved invaluable at the back. Ben Colvin and Nick Priggen are developing into fine defenders and Marcus Allen gained important experience in the last few games. Chris Penn became the other component of the defensive line and his skill and power will be vital factors over the next two years.

I reserve a paragraph for James Welton who, despite being asked to perform a variety of roles during the campaign, never complained, worked his socks off, discovered new skills, netted three times, used his brain and ended up as this coach's most valuable asset.

When Patrick Knight was in control, we were able to produce some sublime passing moves and, for much of the term, he was the most likely to score a goal. He is a very skilful player and I thank him for his work as captain. Around him, Mark Feeney showed how effective he can be when moving the ball early and Mark Buckley learned how to play both midfield and wing simultaneously! Oli Spencer was always reliable when called upon to fill in.

In attack, we soon decided to play with only two front-runners. Chris Tabard started and finished the term well but it became clear that George McIlroy was likely to be the most potent partner for Jamie Fish. George appar-

Boys' Hockey

1st XI

Played 17 Won 5 Drawn 2 Lost 10
Goals 38 Against 52

Krugersdorp High (ZA) Won 5 - 2
Bedales Won 3 - 1
Scorers: McIlroy 9, Knight 8, Fish 6, Buckley 3, Welton 3, Feeney 2, Penn 2, Spencer 2, Tabard 2, Slater 1.

Eastbourne College	Lost	2	-
10			
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	3	- 4
Shiplake College	Drew	1	- 1
Reed's	Lost	1	- 7
Charterhouse	Won	10	-
2			
Seaford College	Drew	2	- 2
Sternians	Lost	0	- 2
RGS Guildford	Won	1	- 0
Pangbourne College	Lost	3	- 6
Canford	Lost	3	- 6
KES Witley	Won	4	- 1
KES Southampton	Lost	1	- 3

This has been an intriguing term. There were high hopes before the season started as we had a healthy number of experienced players returning and some exciting talent from which to choose. However, the rugby term gave evidence that this group of boys had found it hard to learn how to win and this proved an equal problem after Christmas.

Our games against Merchant Taylors', Shiplake, Seaford and the Sternians could and should have been victories but a defensive slip here and a missed chance there meant that we failed to capitalise on some excellent approach



Once again we have seen a whole host of boys enjoying their hockey this season and it is encouraging to note the talent at the youngest level and to record the fact that we can start the summer with a county cup final for the U14 team. Success can be measured not merely in results but in the level of enthusiasm shown and the progress made.

It is clear that our competitors are growing stronger by the year as those who were previously without their own astroturf pitch have now gained this facility and as our most challenging oppositions have gained more than one! It will prove increasingly difficult for us to take on 'bigger' schools if we do not follow suit and continue to make the silk purses from our meagre numbers.

My heartfelt thanks to all of my colleagues on the coaching staff, to the players who have played through such a traumatic term, to the parents who have supported in all weathers, to Chris Jones and the catering department, to Mr Baker for arranging the transport and to Sid Butler and his team for keeping the pitches in order.

ently is "not good enough to play for the 1st XI" but, on his recall, he scored in eight consecutive games and ended up with easily the best conversion rate...clearly not good enough!! This helped Jamie to rediscover his form and he can look forward to next year with confidence.

Whatever the problems, this was a terrific squad with whom to work; the heads rarely went down and they practised better than any group I can remember. To emerge with three wins out of the last four fixtures was gratifying and showed that these boys were determined to get it right before travelling across the Irish Sea for our short tour in Dublin.

Squad - C Amesbury, M Buckley, M Feeney, J Fish, P Knight {capt.}, R Kyle, G McDermott, G McIlroy, C Penn, J Slater, O Spencer, A Welby, J Welton, M Allen, B Colvin, T Hall, D Mason, N Priggen, C Tabard
Full colours: C Amesbury, M Buckley, P Knight, R Kyle, G McIlroy, J Slater, J Welton

C C Hicks

2nd XI

Played 14 Won 6 Drew 2 Lost 6
Goals for 25 Goals against 25

Eastbourne College	Lost	0 - 2
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	4 - 2
Shiplake	Won	2 - 1
Reed's	Drew	2 - 2
Charterhouse	Won	4 - 1
Seaford	Won	1 - 5
RGS, Guildford	Lost	0 - 4
Churcher's	Won	4 - 3
Pangbourne	Won	0 - 1
Bedales	Lost	0 - 1
Canford	Lost	2 - 1
KES, Witley	Won	2 - 0
KES, Southampton	Lost	3 - 1
Krugersdorp HS	Drew	1 - 1

Scorers: McIlroy 6, Tabard 4, Beavor, Mason, Priggen and Spencer 2, Buckley, Feeney, Hall, Hall Hall, Hargreaves, Saunders 1.

We took some time getting going in our first match against Eastbourne and in the first half we were undone a couple of times by the opposition's speed of thought; however we had the better of the second half. Against Merchant Taylors' we looked like the only likely winners until midway through the second half

when we lost our concentration and defensive discipline. Our frustration continued until the last quarter of the match against Shiplake when we finally converted our superiority into goals. Our first-half performance away at Reed's was our high point of the season. Against their usual strong opposition we got to the turn around deservedly 2 goals up. Though we were visibly tiring in the second half we seemed to be holding on until a defensive error put them back in the game and in the end we were quite fortunate to come away with a draw. Using the good old football cliché, the game against Charterhouse was a game of two halves. Against the driving rain we somehow managed to get to half time still on level terms and pressed home the advantage of the conditions in the second half. We mastered the bounce of the pitch at Seaford and we were far more organized than the opposition defensively. We were on a roll and the last thing we needed was a three-week lay-off over half term.

On our return, after the emotionally exhausting week we were unable to raise our game at all against RGS. We were slow and got caught on the turn a number of times, especially in the first half. Admittedly we were unlucky to have two goals given against us in the second half, but the damage had already been done. We made a real meal out of beating Churcher's but it was exciting. The scoreline oscillated 0-1, 1-1, 1-2, 2-2, 3-2, 3-3 before we finally won it with practically the last hit of the game. Pangbourne was a very tight match and was settled when Tabard managed to make himself some room in the area. Bedales dragged our performance down to their level. We got more and more frustrated and petulant as the game went on, even wasting a penalty in the process. Despite losing to a strong Canford side, we regained a lot of our pride and we certainly gave them plenty to think about, especially in the first half. After a poor first half against Witley, a couple of strikes early in the second half, one an absolute screamer from Charlie Saunders, gave us some cheer. The match against King Edward's, Southampton was our highest quality match of the season. Both sides played open, flowing hockey and though the result perhaps did reflect their slight advantage the winning goals came from avoidable defensive lapses. Krugersdorp, a touring side from South Africa, were obviously an unknown quantity for us and we almost seemed to surprise ourselves early on, squandering numerous opportunities before they finally took the lead. We got back to level terms in the first minute of the second

half and proceeded to miss chance after chance in our generosity as hosts.

This was a particularly inexperienced team. Normally 7 or 8 of the players on the pitch at a given moment were fifth formers. This put a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of the two upper sixth formers, Glynn and Hargreaves, to organize the defence and midfield, respectively. Even so, all the fifth formers played with much maturity. Martin, Nicholls and Ross were particularly impressive in defence. Saunders' reach makes him very effective all over the pitch. Mason and Priggen are very skilful and when they learn the old adage that the ball moves faster than the man both will be extremely valuable players. Up front, McIlroy was always creating something. When he deservedly established himself in the 1st's, Beavor and Tabard developed well over the second half of the season. Our greatest weaknesses were in the angle of our running and in keeping some width in our positional structure. However the spirit was always good: we were never outclassed and we certainly put together some impressive eleven-man performances.

The players:- Allen, Beavor, Buckley, Colvin, Feeney, Glynn, Hall, Hall Hall, Hargreaves T., Leighton, Martin, Mason D., McDermott, McIlroy, Nicholls, Penman, Priggen, Rehnberg, Richey, Ross, Saunders, Spencer O., Tabard, Welby.

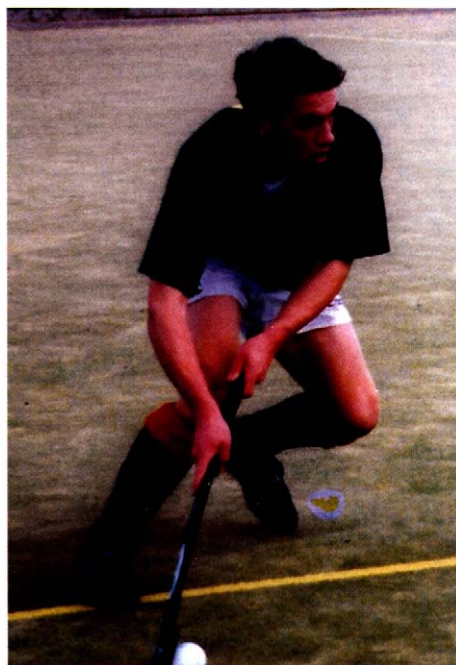
Coach: Mr Gilliam

P M Gilliam

3rd XI STAGS

Played 11, Won 3, Drew 1, Lost 7

The Stags had a challenging season this year facing some quality 16A and 3rd teams, such as Reed's who thrashed us 6-0 (we'll say no more about that). Yet it remained a pleasure to see the resilience of the STAGS whose battle hard attitude never faltered, many thanks to Dum-Dum-Sweep-Sweeps, Lewis Morgan and Toby Comley for maintaining our defence. However, if our defence was firm our attack was fierce, scoring 29 goals this season. This was accomplished through driving runs from JK, and swift finishing from the forefront of our attack; Andy Hall Hall, Matt Penman and



Ali Leighton.

Our season peaked against Seaford where we showed our tenacity for quick passing and fast-paced hockey, winning 9-0. However, our most exciting game was against Charterhouse; unfortunately on grass and 2-0 down at half time we returned to the field determined to show them STAG Spirit!! JK struck first, then Matt Penman, and in the final minute Matt got a second; 3-2 and a happy coach ride home in the rain.

The season was thoroughly enjoyed by all, sustaining PMA (positive mental attitude for those non-STAGS) come rain, shine or grass. Thanks to Mr Last and the STAGS.

The STAGS were: Ali Leighton (Captain), Nick Franklin (goalkeeper), John Kough, Adam Holliday, Lewis Morgan, Alex Nichols, Toby Comley, Richard Lloyd, Oli Scott, Dom O'Donnell, Andy Hal, Ben Hargreaves, Luke Simmons, Matt Penman
Coach: Mr Last

Ali Leighton

4th XI

Played 9 Won 2 Drawn 1 Lost 6		Goals 13 Against 26	
Eastbourne College	Lost	3 - 7	
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	0 - 5	
Shiplake College	Won	6 - 0	
Reed's School	Drew		0 - 0
Wellington College	Lost	1 - 4	
RGS Guildford	Lost	1 - 4	
Cranleigh	Won	1 - 0	
Pangbourne College	Lost	0 - 1	
Canford	Lost	1 - 5	

Once more another successful season of Fourth's hockey draws to a close. This seasons matches provided the stage for many an electrifying and stimulating performance by some of the star players seemingly in abundance in the Fourth's.

Our first match was against Eastbourne College. Glen Robinson scored two goals and James Groom one. This set a precedent for the rest of the season. All our goals bar two by James Augustine and Luca Zgonec were

scored by the Groom-Robinson partnership.

Special mention must be made of our excellent midfield, in particular Stuart Moore. Many times Stuart was the instigator of a lightning counter-attack through the centre of the field. Coupled with Freddie Armstrong's deft touches expertly linking up the play between midfield and the forwards, the Fourths would turn another defensive reaction into an aggressive assault on the oppositions beleaguered goal keeper!

With a solid defence, skilled, agile midfield and a practiced powerhouse of an attack, the fourths made an impressive statement one every pitch they played on.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coach Mr Booth for his rousing half time-speeches and consolatory post-match debriefings. His continued coaching, support and enthusiasm throughout the season has been the glue that has held many a fourths team together and this year was no exception. Without him we would be nothing more than a disorganised, rowdy and (exceptionally) talented mob of players.

Most reliable player

Our hardest working and most reliable player was on many occasions the only thing that stood between the opposition and certain victory. Seb English gave his all every game and was a most valuable asset on and off the field. His strength as a player and as person will be greatly missed by all that played with and knew him.

I personally enjoyed the season immensely. Playing for the fourths is so rewarding because season after season they have a certain esprit de corps ever so slightly lacking in other sports teams. Even though the scoreline doesn't always seem to be in our favour, it in no way reflects the effort, the determination and the resilience of our players.

In short: A great season spent with great players, a great coach and a great team.

Squad: G Robinson, J Groom, J Augustine (Captain), S English, L Zgonec, S Moore, F Armstrong, ET AL ??????????
Coach: Mr Booth

James Michael Augustine

U16B

Played 4 Won 1 Lost 3		
Perrins	Lost	10-0
Radley	Lost	10-7
RGS Guildford	Lost	25-0
Bearwood	Won	19-10

Potential

Disappointingly, the team only played 4 games this season - pitch conditions and flu doing the damage - and so failed to build a consistent pattern of play. Players who worked really hard in training were not able to test themselves in the heat of true competition and when they did get the opportunity were never quite match-fit. Nevertheless there was a tremendous spirit amongst the team and every player in the squad now has the potential to go on and make their mark in the senior teams.

Skilful, cheerful and hard-working

In the backs Freddie Armstrong, Matt

Thompson, James Groom, Andy Hall Hall and Toby Castle-Smith were all skilful in attack and solid in defence while in the forwards Matt Burton, Lawrence Hives, Toby Comley and Ben Coles were impressive in all areas. Many of these 'B' team players found themselves selected for the 'A' team, when injuries and illness became widespread, and it is to their immense credit that they always made the step-up without any problem. It is a shame this season was so brief because this was a cheerful and hard working squad of players. My thanks to skipper Toby Comley for his leadership skills and positive outlook.

Squad: Freddie Armstrong, Michael Burto, Toby Castle-Smith, Ben Coles, Toby Comley, James Groom, Matt Hale, Andrew Hall Hall, Ben Hargreaves, Lawrence Hives, Thomas Littlewood, Edward Martin, James McKinlay, Alex Nicholls, Joel Norton, Glendon Robinson, Oliver Scott, Simon Sharples, Thomas Stephens, Matt Thompson
Coach: Q. Sands

Q T Sands

U15A

Played 12 Won 3 Drawn 3 Lost 6
Goals For 23 Against 43

Eastbourne College	Lost	1-7
Merchant Taylors'	Won	3-2
Shiplake College	Drew	1 - 1
Reed's School	Drew	0-0
Charterhouse	Lost	2-4
Seaford College	Lost	2-3
RGS Guildford	Drew	3-3
Churcher's College	Lost	2-6
Pangbourne College	Won	3-0
Canford	Lost	0-10
KES Southampton	Lost	0-6
Bedales	Won	6-1

Scorers: Williams-Burrell (top scorer), Penn, Piper, Parker, Jordan, Weston

A season of highs and lows for a team that tried hard and on occasion produced some really fine hockey. The season started with a tough away fixture against an extremely well prepared Eastbourne. Raw talent was not enough to keep Eastbourne at bay. However, a nine man defensive line up did keep Eastbourne down to a solitary goal in the second half, and a goal from our own Billy Williams-Burrell raised the teams spirits. The boys showed real determination and frustrated the home team, which could not think its way round a nine man defence.

Merchant Taylor's brought in our first win in a scrappy but fair encounter. Oli Jordan displayed some inspired running on the wing and Billy Williams-Burrell, Sam Piper and Chas Penn all converted

Two drawn games against Shiplake and Reed's consolidated the progress made since the season's opener at Eastbourne. Unfortunately illness and injury struck the squad and consecutive games were lost to Charterhouse and Seaford, in close confrontations.

It was at this mid-term point in the season that a draw against RGS Guildford - which was very nearly a victory - gave the team a lift.



Superb goals from Billy, Chas and Oli demonstrated the potential of this side to perform to a high standard. The midfield led a determined fight, while the defence under Elliot Ridgeon, took the game to the opposition with long driving balls.

Once again injury affected the side and a weakened eleven took on Churcher's College. Under the circumstances the boys did well to keep the score to six and Henry Weston scored a brace of goals in emphatic style. Once again, the potential of the side could be seen although it was not fully realised.

3-0 against Pangbourne brought a much needed win. Goals came from Billy, Sam and Steve Parker who arrived on loan from the B's. Steve's presence on the pitch certainly gave the team an extra dimension up front and his efforts were very much appreciated. Unfortunately this win could not be replicated again until the last match of the season against Bedales. A much improved effort encompassing style and hard work decimated a beleaguered Bedales 6-1 - a very fitting way for the season to end.

Special credit should be given to our goalkeepers Alex Wilson and James McJarrow, who kept goal without complaint and performed some remarkable saves. My own personal thanks go to Alex for his help with the coaching sessions. Better luck next year boys!

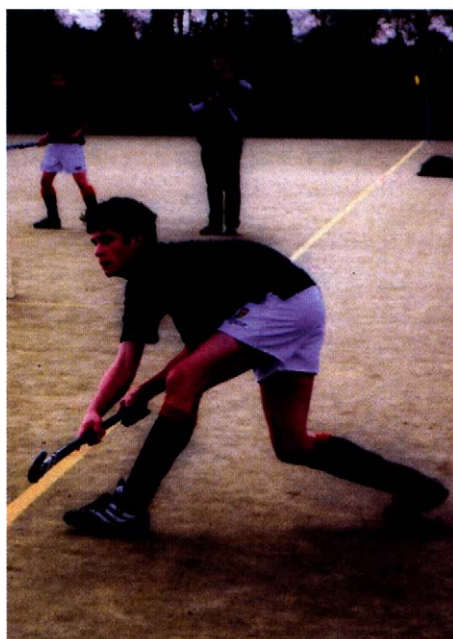
Squad: Mark Nixon, Brett Marshall, Elliot Ridgeon, James MacJarrow, Harleigh Holton, Tim Mendelssohn, James Pipe (Captain), Steve Parker, Henry Weston, Philip Gregory, Alexander Wilson, Tim Mendelssohn, Samuel Piper, Billy Williams-Burrell, Charles Penn, Oliver Jordan, Tom Alton, Luke Prebble
Coach: Mr Leyshon

S Leyshon

U14 B

**Played 11 Won 3 Drawn 2 Lost 6
Goals 21 Against 29**

Eastbourne College	Lost	0 - 5
Merchant Taylors'	Lost	1 - 2
Shiplake College	Won	2 - 0



Reed's School	Lost	2 - 5
Charterhouse	Lost	1 - 3
Seaford College	Drew	0 - 0
Shiplake College	Won	6 - 4
RGS Guildford	Won	3 - 1
Pangbourne College	Drew	3 - 3
Canford	Lost	2 - 3
KES Southampton	Lost	1 - 3

Scorers: Wilson 8, Hawkins 3, Poutney 2, Tatnall 2, Arundel 1, Babayan 1, Corfe 1

This was a hugely enjoyable term's hockey even though the final record should be better. Most matches followed a similar pattern: great to watch, end to end stuff - with us just losing, or not quite winning.

Up front the team could always rely on its attacking players of Corfe, Babayan, Poutney and in particular the very-deadly Wilson, to make good of the chances that came their way. In midfield Hawkins, Arundel - an exceptional stand-in keeper - Youll and Tatnall were a hard working and effective unit who were equally effective moving forwards and in defence. At the back, Walters, Payne, Smale and the hard hitting Boyd were fierce tacklers and never gave up. Gandy in goal was always brave and at times inspired.

The best team performances came in games against powerful opposition from Canford and Reeds - both games narrowly lost - and were indicative of the quality that could be achieved when the players were pushed to a higher level; against weaker teams the side were more complacent: good lessons for the future. Most of the players had a turn at being Captain, another indicator of the spirit in the side; my thanks to them all for their endeavour.

Squad : S Wilson, E Hawkins, W Poutney, A Tatnall, M Arundel, J Babayan, J Corfe, P Youll, P Walters, S Payne, E Smale, E Boyd, B Gandy
Coach: Mr Sands

Q T Sands

U14 C

**Played 8 Won 0 Drawn 5 Lost 3
Goals For 6 Against 15**

Eastbourne College	Drew	2 - 2
Merchant Taylors'	Drew	0 - 0
Reed's	Lost	0 - 5
Charterhouse	Lost	0 - 3
Wellington College	Drew	0 - 0
RGS Guildford	Lost	1 - 2
Canford	Drew	1 - 1
Wellington College	Drew	2 - 2

Unbeaten run begins

After a rather accelerated training week, the C's set off for Eastbourne. We were prepared and after persuading Neil Morton to keep goal, all was well. During this week Freddy Taylor emerged as captain material. By the end of the week he had also assumed the role of chairman of selectors.

In-depth tactical talk

After an in-depth tactical talk from the head coach, Taylor rallied the troops and the game began. Most of the play was centred in our defensive third. We duly went behind to a slightly fortuitous goal. Although we were com-

peting, Eastbourne had the happier faces! Richards increased his effort.

Supportive parents vindicated

All our players contributed to a great effort and we started to look dangerous. Taylor and Mytton caused them problems, the game got more and more even and to the horror of Eastbourne and the delight of our travelling parental support, we scored not once but twice through Gooding and O'Connell to lead at half time.

The second half was hotly contested and Eastbourne managed to equalise. We had a draw, were happy and had started an unbeaten run of sorts.

Unbeaten run continues

The C's approached Merchant Taylors with confidence after their first game went so well and their exploits were trumpeted during school assembly. The cold weather and playing on grass hampered the fast flowing game adopted by the C's. Most of the play was centred on our defensive third and we struggled to get near the Taylor's goal. Our brief moments of relief were provided by some excellent clearances by East and another impressive display by Peatman and Hodgson in defence. Both Taylor, and Mytton in particular, troubled the home side but good defence and the grass surface thwarted their efforts.

Good advice

The half-time talk was brief and centred on one theme - to play the game in the opposition half. The second half was started with the words, "If in doubt launch it," fresh in the mind. These words were soon forgotten however, as the second half mirrored the first. Ultimately we were relieved to draw - draw number 2.

Unbeaten run comes to an end!

All good things come to an end and the epic unbeaten run of the C's could not last forever. This unbeaten run now lay battered and bruised after a 0 - 5 thrashing at the hands of Reeds.

Some good aspects of play

As in the other matches we were defending early and most of the play was centred on our goal. Reeds looked increasingly accomplished as the game progressed and three or four of their players resembled A-team suspensions. In the second half they intimidated us by lifting the ball, often dangerously, around the D. As this happened, self-preservation seemed to be paramount and defenders went AWOL. Two quick goals were scored and heads dropped making things worse. Reeds were getting stropky by now, our team became twitchy and the match got a little tetchy. The final score is irrelevant. Effort on the training pitch is the only answer.

English weather?

The game against Charterhouse was not played in the best of conditions. During the week we had thunder, lightning, hail and snow and this had given way to heavy rain and gale-force winds. Most of the team were reluctant to play and had been praying for a cancellation for most of the week. This mood of apathy was not helped by a series of late cry-offs but this did allow Baxter to debut. Let's not question commitment but although East was at least limping there seemed little wrong with some others.

Charterhouse started without a goalkeeper but eleven on field players and we had only ten in total. The first fifteen minutes was all defence with Sanders again superb. Our reluc-



tance to challenge the opposition, make tackles and habit of backing away afforded the opposition time to show off superior technique, skill and athleticism. We did manage some bright attacking periods but at half time we were 1-0 down.

The second half was more even. Taylor played like a true captain, running tirelessly, taking responsibility for free hits and encouraging the team at all times. Peatman was now putting his body in the way and took a couple of blows, as did Richards. We conceded two more goals.

We never lack for effort but need to give ourselves an even chance. A full team, correct kit, and purposeful training may give us that chance perhaps?

Squad: N Morton, O Peatman, C Kelly, P Hodgson, L Richards, D Gooding, A Mytton, W Biggs, T O'Connell, F Taylor (captain), J Scott, East, J Sanders, T Baxter, P Haynes, Smith
Coach: Mr Lumsden

A Lumsden

U13

Played 6 Won 2 Drawn 2 Lost 2
Goals For 8 Against 9

Seaford College	Lost	1 - 2
RGS Guildford	Lost	0 - 5
Belmont	Won	3 - 1
Dunhurst	Drew	0 - 0
Churcher's	Drew	0 - 0
KES Southampton	Won	4 - 1

Scorers: Richards 3 Bundy 2 Wilson 2 Dunkley

Improvement in skills

What a great season this young up-and-coming team have just experienced. The 'never say die' attitude, the unbelievable improvement in skills, the telepathic passing and the team spirit are something to behold.

The first two fixtures ended in defeat. We led 1 - 0 against Seaford before eventually going down 1 - 2 and R.G.S. of Guildford simply out-froze us and then out-classed us (it begrudgingly has to be said) by 5 goals to nothing. However, unlike many teams whose heads may have dropped, these guys dug in for the long haul, set themselves high personal targets and sailed off into the sunset.

Belmont 3 - 1, Dunhurst 0 - 0 after totally owning them (away from home) for 50 minutes, Churchers 0 - 0, again after total dominance (think Arsenal v Portsmouth in the FA cup Quarters) and then K.E.S. 4 - 1.

Brilliant hockey

The whole squad played some brilliant hockey; our passing game being the envy of some of the schools more senior teams. In Oli Milne and Chris Janaway we had two keepers vying for top spot and they performed brilliantly behind the confidence inspiring back three of Harry Ward, Rhys Thomas, Mike Varney and Ben Adams. Jamie 'JD' Dunkley was soon moved from the back into a creative midfield role alongside Jack Clay, Joe Wilson, Will Corfe and Nick Cullen.

Like a hot sabre through butter

Nick's first touch of the hockey ball, often playing himself through opposing defences like a hot sabre through butter, is something that

I'm sure his future coaches will enjoy watching and utilising as much as I have. Up front Alex Richards (fantastic skills on the reverse stick), Matt Bundy, Ryan Wilkes and Tim Dixon became a formidable striking partnership. When they learnt the art of scoring...it stayed learnt (as they say).

I'd like to finish by thanking Jack Clay for his leadership role, and Mr Pering for his help with the coaching.

Squad: B Adams, M Bundy, J Clay (captain), W Corfe, N Cullen, T Dixon, J Dunkley, C Janaway, O Milne, A Richards, R Thomas, M Varney, H Ward, R Wilkes, J Wilson
Coaches: Mr Kimber and Mr Pering

R J Kimber

Girls' Hockey

1st XI

Played 11 Won 5 Lost 5 Drawn 1

Bradfield	Lost	2-0
Pangbourne	Lost	3-1
Bedales	Drawn	1-1
PGS	Lost	4-2
Cranleigh	Lost	1-0
Charterhouse	Won	3-0
Wellington	Won	5-0
St John's	Won	3-0
KES Southampton	Lost	8-0
Licensed Victuallers	Won	8-0
St George's	Won	2-1

The 1st XI had a rough ride at the beginning of the season owing to absence and lack of fitness. However, the season has been a successful one for a young team.

The season started to turn when we played Bedales, and turned a 7-0 defeat last year into a 1-1 draw, with an excellent team performance, and some fantastic goalie work by Lex. We played a tough game against KES

losing by 8 goals but in spite of this the team really fought hard throughout the game. I was really impressed. In this game we were fortunate enough to have Claire Andrews who



played outstandingly and Vicky Warner who is always in the right place at the right time. After this thrashing the team were determined to end the season on a high and we certainly did, by beating St.Georges 2-1.

In a team such as this it's hard to pick out individuals, but Hannah must be mentioned for her fantastic work as sweeper. Her aggression and sheer determination saved us from many dangerous situations! Cara, Vicky and Imy provided a strong defensive line, and Vicky's terrier-like attacks on the opposition forwards were frightening to behold, not to mention Phil's bruising runs down the left wing. Emma brought speed and agility to the forward line and, along with Lottie, scored some excellent goals. Beth's contributions to the forwards will be remembered by her excellent goal to win the final match of the season against St. George's. The team should be proud of themselves they trained so hard enduring weekly circuit training and extra practices.

Thanks

I would like to thank Mr.Badger for all his hard work and commitment to the team. Also thanks must go to Alex Danson and Chris





Nicholson who really improved the team's play and gave us lots of encouragement.

Squad: Lucie Corfield, Vicky Warner, Phil East, Emma Goater, Beth Champion, Imy Power, Lottie Williams Burrell, Vicky Gilday, Cara Parish, Hannah Spencer, Claire Andrews, Alexa Kearns, Carina Holland
Coach: Mr Badger

Lucie Corfield

Note from SLB:

I'd like to thank Lucie for being a great captain, and all the players for their patience and enthusiasm, especially at the start of the term! I'm sure that they'll go on to do great things next season!

2nd XI

Played 6 Won 2 Drawn 3 Lost 1

Bradfield	Drew	1-1
Pangbourne	Won	3-1
Bedales	Drew	1-1
Dauntsey's	Won	3-1
Cranleigh	Lost	4-0
Robert Mays	Drew	3-3

The seconds had a very successful season with some amazing keeping from Jess, a strong defence and some nice goals from many players leading to an almost undefeated season.

Throughout the season we always worked as a team with a great coach, Mrs Richardson, taking us from success to success. Special mention should go to the vice-captain Lindsay who always was there when you needed her and Steph the fearless defence who rarely let a ball past her.

Nichole Bidos

A word from the Coach:

Congratulations must go to the seconds for a great season - they were undefeated until

they got to Cranleigh, who unfortunately proved too strong on the day. However, they had some great victories, not least against Dauntsey's, where a thoroughly determined performance led to a good win, despite getting a bit lost on the way there!

Tori Snowball must go down as the most surprised goal scorer - she was always amazed when the ball went over the line! Debs Eyre-Seymour had quite a goal fest this season scoring 6 goals in 6 matches, closely followed by captain Nichole who led the team admirably all season. Well done to everyone!

Squad: Nichole Bidos, Lindsay Douglas, Emma Thurston, Debbi Eyre-Seymour, Lucy Krasno, Dani Bidos, Tori Snowball, Nicky Shepherd, Louise Gillespie, Steph Baudains, Pippa Sonnex
Coach: Mrs Richardson

S Richardson

U16A

"Great laughs, great hockey, great season." - Pippa

"Great team effort - well done. Unlucky Cara, that penalty flick was painstakingly close." - Hannah

"Stick on deck girls, stick on deck!" - Dani

"Penalty flicks baby!" - Jess

"Great season. Thanks Mrs Richardson." - Emma G

"Had a laugh getting to the semi final's of the Hampshire Cup." - Cara

"Lost out on penalty flicks - oh so close!" - Debs

"Fondest memory - Mrs Richardson going head over heels - backwards!" - Beth

"What a season! Great team effort - especially at the semi's!" - Imy

"We all did really well. Well done!" - Tina

"Good job!" - Zoe

"Looking forward to next season." - Nicky

"Everyone improved loads. Well done, guys!" - Louise

"Brilliant seasons guys, one of the best!" - Emma T

"Good season. Congratulations everyone - we rock!" - Tori

Squad - Emma Goater, Beth Champion, Debbi Eyre Seymour, Emma Thurston, Hannah Spencer, Danielle Bidos, Louise Gillespie, Pippa Sonnex, Jess McIntosh, Cara Parish, Nicky Shepard, Imy Power, Tori Snowball, Zoe Mosesesson, Tina Lowe
Coach - S Richardson

St. George's Coll.

Weybridge Lost 0 - 2

King Edward's

So'ton (Under-16) Drew 1 - 1

Scorers: Heyneker 9, Gooding 5, Andrews 4, Burt 4, Mendelssohn 4, Curry 1, OG 1

What a good side this has become! In truth, they were hardly tested for many weeks, scoring plenty of goals and conceding very few. Nat Heyneker and Kate Mendelssohn were incisive on the wings, Claire Andrews directed many of the plays from central midfield, Sarah Gooding and Georgia Burt both benefiting in front of goal.

With a number of key players missing through injury or illness, the draw at Pangbourne was well fought out - otherwise the girls just kept on winning! It is to the great credit of the defenders that, when they were called upon in the last three games, they played their hearts out against three very strong teams. The win over Cranleigh was fantastic as Phil Daughters and George Neame kept the opposition at bay while Claire scored a brilliant individual goal to seal the victory. These girls lost 0 - 5 to St George's last year but could easily have come away with a result this time round. For the final challenge they were pitched against an Under-16 team from KES and in a tremendous battle they emerged with a highly creditable draw.

Natalie has developed great skill on the left wing, Ali Cartwright was excellent either in defence or midfield, Rachel Smith moved up competently to inside right thus allowing the ever-improving Emily Corfield to sew things up on the right side of defence. Celia Curry also improved hugely and was rewarded with a goal this season and Emily Holman was always reliable when called upon. A variety of 'keepers came into action due to Gemma Hughes' occasional absence. Many of these ladies will be 1st XI stars of the future; indeed, Claire Andrews is a top-class performer already. Mr Walker and Mr Hicks have thoroughly enjoyed the last two seasons and thank the girls for their effort and willingness to learn.

Squad: G Hughes; P Daughters; E Corfield, G Neame, A Cartwright, E Holman, R Smith, C Andrews, C Curry; K Mendelssohn (capt.), G Burt, S Gooding, N Heyneker.

Also played: C Court, R Galtress, R O'Leary, G Over, C Wilson

Coaches: Mr Walker & Mr Hicks

E J Walker / C C Hicks

U14A

The U14A's had a good season. With a brilliant defence and excellent attack, the team worked well together showing a great determination in all of their games. We didn't win all our matches but we tried our hardest throughout them all. We all swapped positions and ended up with an attack (Gaby Over) playing goalkeeper instead of Charlie Wilson, but still we stuck together as a team and fought hard. There was not a specific player of the season as everyone played equally well.

Well done to all the team for playing extremely well and for their efforts, and also to



U15

Played 10 Won 7 Drawn 2 Lost 1
Goals For 28 Against 7

Portsmouth G S	Won	5 - 0
Robert Mays	Won	2 - 0
Pangbourne Coll.	Drew	2 - 2
King Edwards School, Witley	Won	3 - 0
Bedales	Canc.	
Dauntsey's	Won	6 - 0
Licensed Victuallers	Won	3 - 1
Embley Park	Won	4 - 0
Cranleigh	Won	2 - 1



Mr. Leyshon for coaching us so well.

Squad: Lottie Lyons, Charlotte Elvidge, Amber Knight, Suzie Dixon, Imy Hives, Frankie Rapley, Charlie Wilson, Emma Northcote-Smith, Tammy Davis, Chloe Bishop, Laura Cochrane, Maddy Power, Rowena Morgan, Carly Skillett, Gaby Over, Pandora Key, Stefi Davison.
Coach: Mr Leyshon

U14B

It is to their credit that all girls bar 2 in the 3rd year represented the College at hockey at some point throughout the term. All the girls worked incredibly hard for the good of the team and they listened and learnt a lot, especially from the excellent coaching of Alex Danson and Chris Nicholson.

We had some tough matches but the girls played well and won in style on several occasions. I will let the girls speak for themselves:

"Oh no, netball now...We have improved so much in the season, I'm sure we could have beaten the A's eventually! What's going to happen next season?" Frankie

"I've really enjoyed this hockey season, it's been a real laugh! Chris was lovely to look at on the rare moments when we were bored." Emily

"We've all played really well this term, especially our captain, Frankie, who did a great job of leading us. Chris was a massive distraction and we'll miss him loads." Jo

"I really love playing hockey with Mr. Last, especially when I'm in 4 layers of rubber, practically unable to move while everyone is running circles around me. I'm really going to miss it!" Cath (one of our goalies!)

"Pretty hard to believe that at the beginning of the season I couldn't even hold a hockey stick the right way up! I think I've come a long way! Thankx for all the coaching from Alex, Mr. Last and Chris." Kristen



"Chris was such a distraction, it made me wonderful at hockey. He will marry me some day." Sophie

"I'm never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever gonna be goalie again! Apart from that, the hockey season was a laugh!" Bri

The squad for the U14B was huge so we adopted a rotation system (similar to a certain useless London football club). This kept the legs fresh and meant that everyone got to play plenty of competitive hockey. I hope that all of the girls that played this year will continue to play in the 4th year and I am sure that many of them will progress into the A squad. They were a pleasure to coach. Special thanks go to Frankie Rapley who was a tireless player on the pitch and an inspirational captain for the team.

The squad was (in their own words):

Frankie "The Hulk" Rapley (Cap.), Sabrina "Bri" English, Robyn "Robs" McEvoy, Kristen "No name" Bewes, Kristen "No name" Bewes, Alysa "Lele" Emery, Amy "Blame" Scott, Emily "Em" Olsen, Lottie "Lottifa" Lyons, Panny "Loser" Key, Sophie "Lard" Croft, Bex "Pie" Harman, Becky Herron, Laura "Five goals" Holden, Jo "Clown" Skinner, Sophie "Bob" Cottrill, Katy "Kat" Nixon

Coach: Mr Last

P A Last

U13

**Played 10 Won 6 Lost 2 Drew 2
Goals For 34 Against 12**

PGS	Won	3-0
King Edward's		
Witley	Drew	1-1
Yateley Manor	Won	11-0
Cheam	Won	4-2
Cambridge		
(tour side)	Drew	1-1
Farleigh	Won	5-0
Robert Mays	Won	2-0
St Neots	Won	5-2
St George's	Lost	2-5
King Edward's		
Southampton	Lost	0-1

This season's U13 girls' hockey squad was without doubt the strongest and most determined group of girls that we have had at Junior. They combined the desire to learn and develop new skills with tremendous speed and endurance on the pitch, that was commented on by many of the staff accompanying the opposing sides.

Their determination to win despite sometimes going a goal down led to some excellent performances, as for example at Cheam, where our A's and B's both won convincingly, reversing the score line of previous years.

The 11-a-side team and the 7-a-side A team only lost one game each, the final and toughest fixtures of the season against St. Georges and King Edwards, Southampton although the score line in both fixtures was a dramatic improvement on previous years.

The girls shared the captaincy of the team again this year, each rising to the occasion when it was their turn. They played with great cohesion, backing each other up well and generally working together with great maturity for a team in just its second year of playing



together.

Sarah and Sophie T were ever reliable at the back, in front of Michaela who defended the goal with increasing confidence. Amy, Rachel, Phoebe, Katie and Anna played well in midfield feeding the ball through to the goal scoring forwards who often dismayed the opposition, Jenna with her lightening speed and ball control, Laura with her ability to be in the right place at the right time and Annabel with her scorching shots at goal.

Jenna was the leading goal scorer for the second year in succession with 12 to her credit, closely followed by Laura with 9 and Annabel with 8. Other goal scorers were Katie (2), Amy (2), Phoebe (1) and Rachel (1).

Further mention should also be made of the B team players, who although a little short on fixtures, were very successful, losing only 2 of their 5 fixtures. Lizzie Batchelar, Becky Gentry and Sophie Wharf were their goal scorers.

Team: Michaela Neame, Sarah Augustine, Sophie Trew, Phoebe Raley, Rachel McJarrow, Anna-Elise Harvey, Amy Harrison, Katie Daughters, Annabel Bradney, Laura Peacock, Jenna Kearns.

Coach: Marian Eldridge.

M R Eldridge

U12

**Played 9 Won 6 Drew 1 Lost 2
Goals For 38 Against 14**

Portsmouth G.S	Draw	1-1
King Edward's		
Witley	Won	11-0
Yateley Manor	Won	13-0
Cheam	Lost	0-4
Farleigh	Won	1-0
Bohunt	Won	3-1
St. Neot's	Won	5-0
St. George's	Lost	0-6
King Edward's,		
Southampton	Won	4-2

The Scorers:- 16 Verity, 11 Augusta, 3 Lara, Leonie, 2 Jennifer, Kate, 1 Charlee

An enthusiastic team

We had a very enthusiastic bunch of players. Their record says much for this team.

We started the term with a fairly tough test against PGS. A late goal gave us a deserved draw. It took us ten minutes to notch up our first five goals against King Edward's,



Witley and for the remainder of that game and for the whole of the game against Yateley Manor we just couldn't help scoring. Cheam was a completely different matter. It was our first away fixture; our first attempt on grass and Cheam had a very special side. We just couldn't get the ball away from our area, except for the centre passes to restart the



game after each goal.

We then had over a month's lay-off before winning against the usual strong Farleigh opposition, scoring in the last minute. We looked disorganized at Bohunt and beat them untidily. However, on wet grass, the 5-0 scoreline at St. Neot's did not flatter our dominance. St. George's was always going to be our sternest test. For some inexplicable reason, halfway through the first half, we appeared to put up a notice in our area, which read, "Please score", and St. George's needed no second invitation. We rounded the season off with a superb win against King Edward's, Southampton. We came out of an even first half 4-2 up. However they reorganized themselves and dominated play in the second half, but through strength of character and commitment we held on.

In attack, Verity has the natural instincts of a forward, managing to turn defenders as she receives the ball. She spent most of the season up front on her own and the fact that

we scored 38 goals says much for the difficulties she posed defences. Augusta was our tireless midfield dynamo. She covered every each of the pitch and was like having an extra player. She also hits the ball very hard. Sarah was a resolute defender. She times her tackles well and went into them with determination, leaving no doubt who was going to come out with the ball. Alice was a real 'find'. To have such a good goalkeeper was very fortunate. She has good balance and kicks very well. She should be a real asset in the future.

Every one did well

It seems unfair to have singled out particular players for special note, since each girl in the year group contributed in their own way for the good of the team and helped to produce such a positive attitude all round. A very good first season from a great 'gaggle' of girls.

P M Gilliam

Team: Sarah Chatt, Jennifer Douglas, Augusta Elliott, Leonie Field, Lara Flanagan, Charlee Gallagher-Floyd, Bethan Leyshon, Verity Philips, Victoria Poutney, Alice Rigby (GK), Emma Smith, Kate Wilson.
Coach: Mr Gilliam



Cricket

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, the winter preparation programme was curtailed this year. As a result team members were woefully underprepared and this was seen in the results that fell well short of previous seasons.

The First XI had a difficult season; by contrast the 2nd and 3rd XI's had better years than in 2003. Down the school both U15 and U14A sides failed to meet their high expectations, while U14B and C did well thanks to great depth. Junior House sides performed well given their relative size, but suffered through lack of cricket.



1st XI

Won 2, Lost 4, Drew 2, Abandoned 6

The six abandoned games meant that the team never settled into any pattern of play. It was frustrating to miss so many games, including those against the sides that were the weaker ones on the fixture list. There are, however, no excuses. A team that can beat St. George's Weybridge and score 345 for 3 should perform well throughout the year and we didn't.

The first two games of the season were good, tight games which we lost. The Master in Charge was having a cup of coffee when the toss was made against Oratory and the Captain put into operation the agreed game plan on winning the toss. That the ground conditions demanded a change of tactics was overlooked and we lost an excellent, but low scoring game. Had we not batted first, victory would have



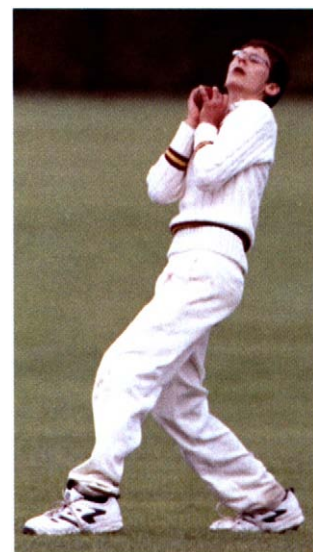
been ours. A long layoff as the weather turned foul meant our second game was over two weeks later. Tiffin were an outstanding side and we performed well. A dropped catch was the difference between drawing and losing, but to hold a side that scored over 300 three days later was an achievement.

At this point our batting was coming together, but our bowling was clearly lacking depth. Ed Martin was called for as the best of three good spin bowlers in the 2nd XI. He turned his ankle almost immediately and James Dovey replaced him. Ed's misfortune was our good luck; James came into the side and immediately bowled to the standards we demanded.

An old St. John's side made mincemeat of us. No matter who we got out he was replaced by another accomplished batsman. Our batting had so far relied on the solid Ben Colvin and the experience of Captain Pat Knight. Bad luck and good bowling saw the top order dismissed cheaply and we collapsed. I have no idea what our final score was. I have not had the courage to look in the scorebook.

Things could only get better, but our next opponents were St. George's, Weybridge. We decided to try to bat second on purely defensive grounds. 'Played three lost three' was not the sort of record that breeds confidence. It did not matter that we had played well; confidence was low.

We bowled as well as at any time in the season. Nick Priggen bowled exceptionally well



Well held!

and once again Knight, Bethwill Cloete and James Dovey were very threatening. Chris Penn was accurate and this combined to bowl St. Georges out for 179 and leave us plenty of time to win or lose. Ben Colvin, so far a success, proved a revelation. His 61 was

both solid and dashing. He and Bethwill Cloete gave us a sound start of 71, but Ben punished anything too short or too full. It was Ben's first 50 for LWC! But not his last. There was a brief panic in the middle, but we secured our first win of the season with relative comfort.

Half term stopped our charge, and we were unfortunate enough to run into Hampton after that. Hampton have four times as many boys as LWC, but we managed more than a quarter of their score of 312 for 3 to draw the game. (LWC 165 for 9 in 57 overs. The good points were a pitch that allowed any side to score 300 and excellent innings from Andy Hall Hall, Mark Feeney, Chris Penn and Chris Tabard. It was James Dovey batting at number 11 for eight overs that secured the draw. It felt like a win at the end.

Christ's Hospital beat us for the first time ever in the next game. Having declared at 234 we could have no complaints. MCC, Reed's and then the Sternians game were then abandoned and once again we were approaching our last two games after a long layoff.

Kent College provided a moral victory. We failed to take the last wicket to the satisfaction of the umpire and as a result drew. Pat Knight made 74 that day, his highest 1st XI score to date.

The last fixture of the season was against St. Edmund's Canterbury. They have a small ground in the middle of the school, but despite its size the highest score this year was only just over 200. Once again Ben Colvin was effective and Bethwill Cloete showed he had, at last, got the measure of English wickets. An opening stand of 68 brought Pat Knight to the wicket and with Ben he built the innings until Ben departed for 63 with the score on 155. Mark Feeney and Pat then added 187 for the third wicket. Pat beat his best score to reach 104 not out and Mark scored 40 in the last two overs trying to reach 100 himself. 345 was, they assured us, the second highest score on the ground ever.

A permanent 1st XI supporter at home and abroad for the past four years has been Nick Knight, father of Pat. At lunch he disappeared. We searched in vain to alert him to his son's impending maiden hundred. He had deliberately left the ground, determined not to jinx Pat's innings. Such loyalty! I would have watched from behind a hedge or from one of the overlooking windows.

The season ended on a high. St. Edmund's put up a spirited rely, but it was hopeless. We had played well in our final fixtures and felt better about ourselves. It was not, however, a season that we were happy with as LWC is used to better. We must console ourselves with our high points and remember that we do not play a single fixture where our opponents have fewer pupils to pick from.

2nd XI

Played 6, Won 3, Drew 1 Lost 2

To play as part of the 2nd XI cricket team was seen by many as an honour; and a group of guys having fun on a Saturday afternoon - more than just a laugh some might say. Antics involved appealing for LBW blatantly down leg side, quoting advert catchphrases during deliveries to keep the overs ticking and confusing the umpires and opposite team who were on the field by playing with the electronic scoreboard and celebrating a well deserved 100 by performing the conga across the balcony.

The 2nd's were always seen with new faces amongst the regulars as changes were made from week to week when the 1st's called upon our gifts for a more serious type of cricket match. Such names include James Dovey with his German dictator salute style run up and delivery as well as Andy Craig with his Scottish left arm to change the angle of deliveries unsettling any batsmen. Others were privileged enough to become part of the team from the 3rd XI with the likes of Ali Welby and Stuart Moore who proved his capabilities by

scoring a century for the 3rd XI (quite an achievement I think).

I shall always remember the match against Christ's Hospital. After batting we had been reduced to around 130 runs which would have been worse if Big Al and his burgers had not put on a fine half century (63); he was helped by the complete lack of respect for the bowlers shown by Ali Welby who scored 34 runs from around 10 deliveries. By this time the team spirit was low as



we were away on foreign turf and a positive result looked unlikely. But as you would expect from the underdogs, our psychological pressure along with tidy bowling from Ed Martin, Big Al, Owen Keir and Nick Minto to name a few battled through to claim victory even after some quite appalling umpire decisions. "It is out if the ball hits the bat???" Eventually we won by reducing the opposition to 83 all out.

A spirit of fun

I would like to thank Mr Sands for allowing us to play the game in the spirit of fun, which allowed the likes of Tom Hargreaves to score 18 runs of the opening over and golden ducks, diamond ducks and just plain old ducks to be laughed at amongst friends.

The team would not have been made without the regulars such as the Fenton brothers, Nick Minto with his looping deliveries and the cool, calm collectedness of our wicket keeper Dan Mason along with the lads' sense of humour. I would like to thank the guys for the most enjoyable season of cricket I have ever played and hope the spirit of the seconds lives on even after the founders have left

George McIlroy



3rd XI

Played: 7
Won: 4 (Tiffin, City of London, RGS Guildford, Oratory)
Drew: 1 (Tiffin)
Lost : 3 (St. John's, Hampton, Reeds)

The 3rds had their most impressive season this year, winning a total of 4 matches, with a winning draw against Tiffin in the second of two matches. This was a reflection of the team's PMA (positive mental attitude - Don't worry! - it baffled the opposition too!)

The opening game of the season showed our intention to succeed, with spin bowling from Mills and Ali proving impossible to deal with, and straight, solid batting from Stu and Ali L (32 and 59 not out). The outcome was a win by 9 wickets.

The remaining games of the season were hard-fought battles with teams such as Tiffins (where Stu scored an excellent 100 and left to join the 2nds!) St. John's and Hampton.

The final game of the season against Christ's Hospital led to an incredible demolition of their batting force, with their 8 batsmen all out for 16. Nick had figures of 3 wickets for 6 runs from 7 overs, and Chris took 4 for 6 from 6 overs. James Groom saw us through to victory with the bat.

To sum up our season, it was a pleasurable blend of wins and losses, with the inevitable Ali L quotes to liven up the fielding :- 'catch that ball like a hawk to his prey', 'he sprung through the air like a gazelle'.

Of particular note was the excellent fielding and the very good bowling, with all players contributing with the bat, the ball or in the field. Here's to the same next year !

Many thanks to Mr Badger for such a good season.

Squad : Chris Thompson (captain) ; Ali Leighton (W/K, vice captain) ; Nick Prebble, Toby Castle-Smith, Mills Richey, Lewis Morgan, Stu Moore, James Groom, Mike Burton, Toby Comley, Richard Lloyd, Ben Coles, James Gartside, Freddie Armstrong.
Coach : SL Badger



U15A

Played 8, Won -3, Drawn -2, Lost -3
Batting Averages
 Penn - 47; Weston - 30; Bishop - 25; Allen - 16; Pipe - 15; Piper - 12
Bowling Averages
 Findlay - 13.5; Nixon - 13.5; Pipe - 13.7; Penn - 15; Weston - 26

The Under 15 A team had a reasonable season under the able captaincy of Henry Weston. The highlights were the hard fought victory against Oratory school, the battling draws against Hampton and St George's and a

good Cup run only brought to an end in a close and high scoring game against Kings, Winchester.

In what was a consistently good team effort, it is difficult to pick out individuals but there were a number of excellent performances from members of the team. The outstanding batsmen were Chas Penn and Henry Weston - both accumulated around 200 runs with averages of 47 and 30 respectively. When Henry was on form he was able to take apart any attack with ease; Chas proved he had the mental toughness and range of shots to build high scores. There were also useful innings from Chris Allen, James Pipe, Sam Piper and Elliott Ridgeon and a storming run of 'not out' scores that brought Ben Bishop high up in the averages.

Our most successful bowler by far was James Pipe. He proved to be an intelligent and resourceful bowler, always prepared to vary pace, length or line in order to get wickets. A haul of 15 at an average of just under 14 shows how successful he was. Most of our wickets in the season were taken by our feared spin trio of Duncan Findlay, Mark Nixon and Henry Weston. Although unorthodox in their approach on occasions, they had 23 victims between them. All proved effective on their day with Findlay and Nixon sharing the leading average of 13.5. Our other pace bowlers - chiefly Ridgeon and Allen, were unlucky not to gain more wickets; technically they bowled very well - but the wickets just did not seem to suit them.

There were other important team members - Sam Piper proved to be an impressive keeper behind the stumps as well as useful with the bat, and Marcus Holland, Tom Alton, Phil Gregory and James Peacock were all valuable and capable team players. Credit too, finally, must be given to Henry Weston for his positive and intelligent captaincy.

Squad : Chris Thompson (captain) ; Ali Leighton (W/K, vice captain) ; Nick Prebble, Toby Castle-Smith, Mills Richey, Lewis Morgan, Stu Moore, James Groom, Mike Burton, Toby Comley, Richard Lloyd, Ben Coles, James Gartside, Freddie Armstrong.
Coach : SL Badger / R May

U14B

What an enjoyable season! Lovely summer days for the most part - no need to think of dreary things to do on wet afternoons- and more importantly, a group of players who enjoyed their cricket, had some success and wanted to improve. A clear recipe for fun!

The greatest asset of the team was that everyone could contribute positively in some way and this meant that, even in the more difficult circumstances, we were usually able to pull something out of the bag. Noteworthy among the team was the fearsome pace bowling of Jack Babayan who unquestionably has first team potential, Brendan Grimsley who won promotion in the end and Sam Marshall whose dogged reliability was important to our best performances. To single this group out is slightly unfair since everyone played his part so my thanks to the other stalwarts who were:



Elliott Boyd, Giacomo Caratelli, Patrick Colliver, Jamie East, Alexander Forward, Edward Hawkins, Fergus Meehan, Neil Morton, Andrew Nixon, Alexander Tatnall, Edward Weeks and Will Poutney.

Here is a team of great triers and I look forward to watching their development as they progress up the school.

A. Dyson

U13A

School Matches

Played 5, Won 3, Drew 2

LWC 134 for 4		
Reading Oratory	Won	86 all out
King Edwards		
Southampton	Won	46 for 5
St.Georges		
Weybridge	Draw	154 for 6
Boundary Oak	Won	42 for 3
Christ's Hospital	Draw	142 for 4

Cup Matches

Quarter final	St.Neots	128
	LWC	132 for 2
Semi Final	LWC	104
	PGS	106 for 2

For once the start of the season was blessed with glorious sunshine and the team started with a tight game against Reading Oratory. Batting first Jamie Dunkley and Rhys Thomas put on 68 to move the total to 123. This was after our top order batsmen fell cheaply. In a closely fought game Tim Dixon returned excellent figures of 4 for 15 taking two wickets in the final over to win the game. It would certainly be difficult to match such an exciting game for the rest of the season.

King Edward's Southampton proved poor opposition but having got them out for only 45 we managed to lose 5 wickets in reaching the total.

What was apparent from the start of the season was that they were all prepared to work hard and play as a team.

As an education for the team the match against St George's Weybridge was a great game. On a tiny pitch St.George's managed a respectable 156 for 6. In our innings Simon Taylor batted with flair and really took the game to the opposition. Although we were slightly behind the 5 per over run rate Simon kept the total going. In losing wickets we just fell short by 2 runs. It was an excellent game and everyone could probably have taken an extra run or fielded slightly sharper which would have made a difference to the result.

The Cup was slightly disappointing having been beaten in the final the previous year. Portsmouth Grammar School were deserving victors in the semi final.



aged to achieve our score with only a few balls to spare. This was our best chance of beating our main rivals and we blew it! Next year we will get them!

Our last game was against Christ's Hospital where we won easily, Rob hitting 2 sixes in a row, Alex and George with 20 each, Toby 28 and Matt 43.

Over all, it has been a good season.

Report by George Emery

Many will find much greater competition to get into the A team in the third form but I am confident that they will progress. Rhys Thomas showed considerable talent behind the stumps. Simon Taylor has potential to make many runs as long as he keeps the ball down. Tim Dixon is a fluent batsman - do not run yourself out again.

As a group they really worked hard and were a pleasure to coach. My thanks to Mr Harvey for all his help.

Squad: S Taylor, T Dixon (Capt), N Cullen, J Baudains, J Dunkeley, RThomas, J Wilson, H Phillips, M Bundy, R Wilkes, A Richards, S Forward, J Clay, B Adams
Coach: Mr Walker

E J Walker

U12A

Our season got off to a good start with Matt getting 46 and George getting 42 not out against Oratory which resulted in a comfortable win. Our next match was against St Neot's who batted first. We batted second and Sam got a superb 62 not out and with Tim reaching 40 we won comfortably! Our next match was against St George's Weybridge who were a good side. Their opening batsman got 104 and then was caught behind after he edged one off Ryan's bowling. We fell short with only 136 from their total of 210.

Hampshire Cup

Our first Hampshire Cup match was a win against John's Abbot's, after a very nervous start! Highlights were Christo's match winning 48 not out and Sam's 41. Our next match versus Salesion College, the Hampshire Cup quarter final was a closely fought battle but we managed to scrape in a win. Our final Hampshire Cup match was against Yateley Manor for a place in the final. We batted first and got a great total of 168 off 20 overs! George 32, Chris P 24, Tim 28 and Rob 30 not out. Yateley batted unbelievably well and man-

Team list: Christo Arundel (c) George Emery (w/k), Matthew Evans, Toby East, Robert Parsons, Chris Provost, Sam Chapman, Ryan Watkins, Tim Salmon, Jack Nixon, Alex Calver, Olly Leach, Olly Mason.



U12B

Only 3 games

Because of rainy Saturdays and the opposition dropping out of one fixture, the Summer term of 2004 saw only 3 games for this keen and enthusiastic squad but it did see continual progress on all fronts and this all shows real promise for the future.

The first game against St George's saw LWC reach 87 for 8 with Gary Morton scoring 17. St George's reply was unsteady at 28 for 4 but a partnership of 40 for the fifth wicket guaranteed their victory and they finally won by 5 wickets; it has to be said, however, that our fielding and bowling was superior to the opposition and the highlight was a magnificent direct hit run out by Oli Mason. We just didn't score enough runs!!

Our second game saw a similar pattern to the first with LWC reaching 73 for 9 in 20 overs and Gordon's reaching 74 for 5 with 5 balls to spare. Highlights of this game were the 2 wickets for 2 runs achieved by Lucas Britt.

Our final game was against Christ's Hospital and they batted first scoring 86 for 7 in their allotted 25 overs. Highlights were 2 runs for no wickets from Henry Stangroom and 2 for 3 from Tarrin Wombwell. Despite a good innings from Ben Neal of 14, a 30 partnership with Henry Stangroom and a battling innings from Guy Scott, LWC were all out for 72 losing their final game by 14 runs.

Plenty to build on

The batting was certainly the overall weakness but there's plenty to build on here and the players actually looked like a team on the pitch, fielding and bowling in every game better than the opposition. Oli Leach also captained the team in the final two games in a mature and successful fashion and did very well in his field placings and in the way he handled his bowlers keeping them all involved throughout.

End-of-Season Awards

The end of season awards were as follows:

- Best batsman... Ben Neale
- Best bowler..... Henry Stangroom
- Best fielder..... Oli Mason
- Best allrounder.. Michael Johnson
- Most improved player.. Jack O'Connor

Squad: Michael Johnson, Ryan Watkins, Oli Leach, Oli Mason, Tarrin Wombwell, Jack O'Connor, James Lovell, Ben Neal, Henry Stangroom, Oli Scott, Ed. Gee, Gary Morton, Tommy Garland, James Chattock, Lucas Britt, Glynn Robinson, Lawrence Robinson.
Coach: Mr Walters

R G Walters

The Rackets Club Girls' Tennis



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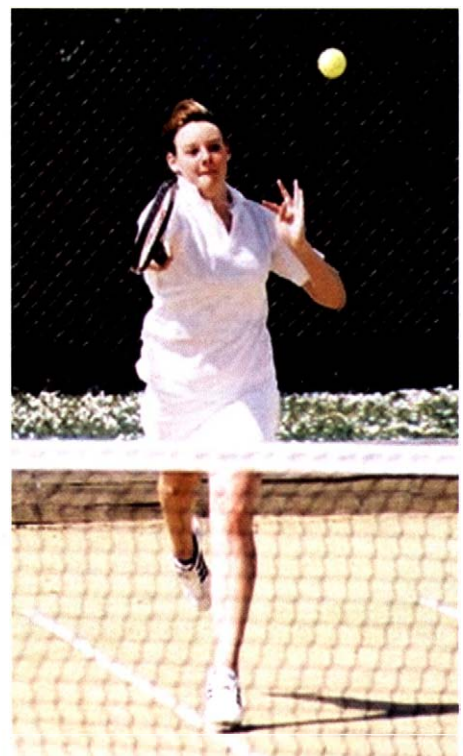
Hard work & enthusiasm start to pay off
Played 10 Won 4 Lost 6

With Vicky and Lucy being the only first team players from last year, we knew this would be a challenging year.

Our first match was away at King Edwards School Witley for both the 1st and 2nd teams. This was the first time any of the girls had actually played with their respective partners. Vicky and Ashley had a very shaky start losing against the 3rd couple. Beth and Sarah fought hard and won on a tie-breaker. Hannah and Kras played the 1st couple and lost 2-6.

Once the nerves had settled and they had relaxed a little, they went on to win 6-4.

Our next match was away to PGS. They were only able to field two couples which was rather disappointing. It turned out to be a miserable rainy afternoon and the girls played





lethargically, only fighting back towards the last game losing 3-1.

We travelled away again this time to St Johns in Leatherhead and fortunately just as we arrived the rain stopped and the girls had an uninterrupted match. The 2nds won 6-3 with four U15 girls playing and the 1sts had a good match, just losing on the last game.

Our first home match was against Wellington College Vicky and Lucy won all their games with ease. Cara and Hannah playing together for the first time did really well, winning two out of their three matches and the result was a 6-3 win.

Due to illness I unfortunately missed the last 6 matches, but my thanks must go to Vicky for her captaincy and to all the other players for their hard work, enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.

Squad: Vicky Warner (captain), Lucy Krasno, Ashley Armstrong, Sarah Stanley, Hannah Spencer, Beth Champion, Cara Parish, Dani Bidos.

Coach: Mrs Neighbour

Mrs G R Neighbour

Boys' Tennis

1st VI Boys

Played 9 Won 6 Drew 1 Lost 2

St John's Leatherhead	Lost	1 - 8
Oratory	Won	7 - 2
Portsmouth	Won	6 - 3
St John's, Leatherhead (mixed)	Lost	1 - 8
St John's Witley	Rain stopped play	
Reading	Builders stopped play	
Cranleigh	Won	6 - 3
Pangbourne (mixed)	Won	7 - 2
Bedales	Won	8 - 1
Churchers	Cancelled	
Shiplake	Drew	4½ - 4½
Canford	Won	6 - 3



Lights emerge from bushels

Nobody could believe that after last season's ten-game unbeaten run that we had the quality in depth required for a repeat this season. Stand up Nathan Glynn and Nico Wright. For too long the College has been hiding these lights under its cricketing bushel and with the help of the 'old hands' they really kept LWC's tennis moving forward. Nathan came in to support Jon Slater at first pair and Nico achieved an outstanding level of success with a variety of second-pair partners.

The season actually started with a loss to St John's Leatherhead, but since then only Shiplake have managed even a draw against us. The Shiplake match was actually one of the best games of the season. They fielded a quality side on their own turf that we eventually reined-in during the final round for the draw. Things got a little heated at one point, but second and third pairs came through for us. The quality of tennis was probably only matched during the Canford fixture. Having led in the first round, Canford came back at us, and it was a case of a set here and another there in the final round that eventually broke Canford spirits - Howay the lads!

Jon Slater has been an exceptionally committed captain and the season's success is, in no small measure, down to him. Nathan Glynn, Nico Wright, Kez Traynor, John Kough, Ed Beavor and Alex Nicholls (whose approach volley we were extremely glad of on many an occasion) made up the team with Blatch (minor), Hugh Hayes, Tom Caster, Will Marks and Henners the supporting squad. Special thanks must also go to Nick Priggen who was an excellent rally partner on many an occasion.

Squad: J Slater (Captain), N Glynn, N Wright, K Traynor, J Kough, E Beavor, A Nicholls, A Blatchford, H Hayes, T Caster, W Marks, "Henners".

Coach: Mr Kimber

R J Kimber

Football

Decisive victory

Regardless of a lack of kit (cheers Mim) it was refreshing to see a 1st team from the college start the season with a decisive victory. The opposition did not pose much of a threat to the defensive line-up throughout the entirety of the game - neither did they penetrate through the centre or hit the by-line.

Goalkeeper runs wild

The first half saw three well-worked goals from open play despite constant fouls on Simpson as he took possession of the football on the left wing. Early on in the game the goalkeeper Andy Craig was lost to a stray foot from the opposition's attack and sadly had to be replaced by the unlikely Chris Thompson; regardless of this, we kept it tight and gave the substitute goalkeeper as little work to do as possible. In spite of this, Chris still was able to give the team a mild heart attack as he forgot that he was goalkeeper and attempted to dribble the ball out of the box, finally realising he

could pick it up after a volley of abuse from the whole team. The first half saw a stuttering Fenton up front who we all know will soon come into form and score some class goals but of the striking pair the captain showed his ability to finish with a crafted left foot strike amongst his tally of goals.

Mr Smith's tactics vindicated

The second half saw a further five goals put past their less than athletic goalkeeper, the return of Craig in goal reassured the side but focused attention must be given to Simo's free kick goal which due to the ineptness of their goal keeper; standing behind his own wall obscuring his view and not covering the gap allowed Simpson to comfortably place the ball around the wall into the bottom right hand corner. Substitute appearances included Luke Brown on the right wing, Chris upfront for Fenton and Harry Rice fitting in at right back. Mr Smith tactics were vindicated with Chris and Luke coming on to bury a goal each. Mim also scored another and Simo persisted in skinning their right-winger and full back to score another pair of typically class goals.

Lennon, Dom and hat-tricks

In the middle of the park the partnership of John Lennon and the Swede proved decisive as they disrupted and broke up all of their attacks resulting in Andy never making a save from open play. He remained dominant, regardless of his 1st half injury, to come and claim all dangerous crosses that came his way. Tom Gussman provided a great outlet on the right wing giving decent service to the striking partnership, behind him Dom the rock was rarely turned and had a clean game not letting the attack hit the line. Mirrored on the other side Mattie Wright was his typical brave self - causing frustration at his constant dispossessing of their right-winger. Henners was the rock in defence; tackle after tackle and winning just about everything in the air meant the defensive unit started with a clean sheet to the season.

Goals included hat-tricks from Simpson and the person who left the kit till the last minute of last term to organise, a poached goal from the substitute Chris and a solid tap in from Luke Brown.

"Will be unbeaten"

The support was minimal but still vocal. Anyone who wants to appreciate the 'beautiful game' and come to support *"the only team from Wandsworth that will be unbeaten"* * please speak to Mr Smith so arrangements can be made. Our next game is on the first Wednesday back after half-term.

[Note: At the current time, the full list of football results is unavailable. We hope that the above prediction is true of the football team - as well as of others.]

Squad: Craig, Hart, Castle-Smith, Rehnberg, M. Wright, Simpson, T. Hall, Traynor, Minto, Rice, Odundo-Mendez (c), Fenton, Thompson, Gussman
Coach: Mr Smith

Matthew Thornton

(* Editor's note: At the time of going to press, the above claim cannot be confirmed.)



Superteams House Event



Catch that egg



Nearly there.....



Anna and Natalie - best foot forward



Quickly! get the bucket



Keep the bucket moving

Greg pips Nico at the sack race - an early takeover bid?



Hazelveare tug o' war team



Golfers in the making



Come on! Sit up there!

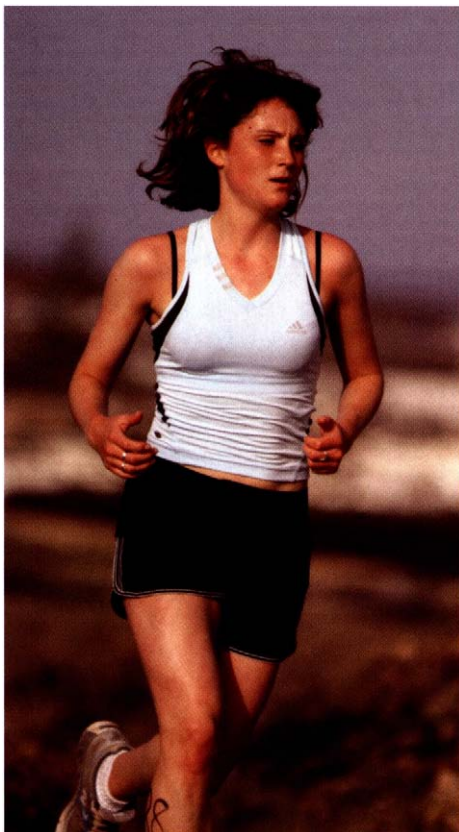
Sutton celebrates

and Haygate celebrates





Cross Country 2003/4



1st Year Girls' success

Our first year girls were particularly successful this season with Verity Phillips and Augusta Elliott regularly finishing in the top 3 in local competitions and gaining selection to compete for the District in the County Championships.

1st Year Boys' success

The first year boys had greater strength in depth and as a team ranked 2nd in the district com-

petitions; Ollie Mason and Oli Leach generally vied for the highest placing, followed very closely by Ed Gee and Tom Stafford-Brookes.

District and County Successes

The second year girls competed strongly in both U14 and U15 age group races, with particularly useful performances from Laura Peacock, Rozzie Batchelor, Rachel McJarrow and Sophie Trew, all of whom were selected to represent the District in the County Championships. The second year boys struggled against the much bigger opposition at U15 level but fared well locally in their own age group with Rhys Thomas, William Corfe and Alex Richards placing well in the district competitions.

Success at National Level

Laurence Cox continued to dominate both the District and the County with consummate ease, representing the County at the Southern Intercounties and National Schools Championships and subsequently representing England in the Schools International. Georgina Neame competed well in her first year of the U17 age group, and gained selection for the District team in the County Championships.

Greg McDermott, running in the U20 age group this year, was fairly short of competitions, but finished a creditable 9th in the County Championships against very strong opposition. This gained him selection to represent Hampshire in the Southern Intercounties competition.

M R Eldridge

Swimming

IAPS National Swimming Competition First Round

The LWC girls' swim squad met at the Hart Leisure Centre in Fleet on Saturday 17th January to compete in this year's IAPS National Swimming competition for U10 to U13 year olds.

Nerves were on edge and adrenaline was pumping as we waited poolside ready to swim our hearts out (despite the mini netball tournament we had taken part in earlier in the afternoon, we still had some energy for our swim).

U12 medley winners

Everyone did really well, especially the U12 medley relay team, who won their race and are now waiting to see if they have qualified for the finals later in the year.

Our swim squad was made up of five U13 swimmers and four U12 swimmers. For some and for Mrs Neighbour, this was their first swim competition. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience.

We hope to start twice weekly swim squad training at LWC soon, which will help develop our style and speed so we can improve our performances next year and in this year's final if we get through.

Alice Rigby Form 1

15 schools had entered this competition and the swimming pool was full with nervous boys and girls.

Rachel McJarrow came 3rd in the 50m breaststroke; Alice Rigby came 3rd in 25m butterfly; Sophie Trew was 2nd in 25m butterfly; Emma Smith came 1st in 50m backstroke but was unfortunately disqualified for kicking in her turn; Augusta Elliott was 2nd in 50m breaststroke; and Katie Daughters came 4th in the 50m freestyle.

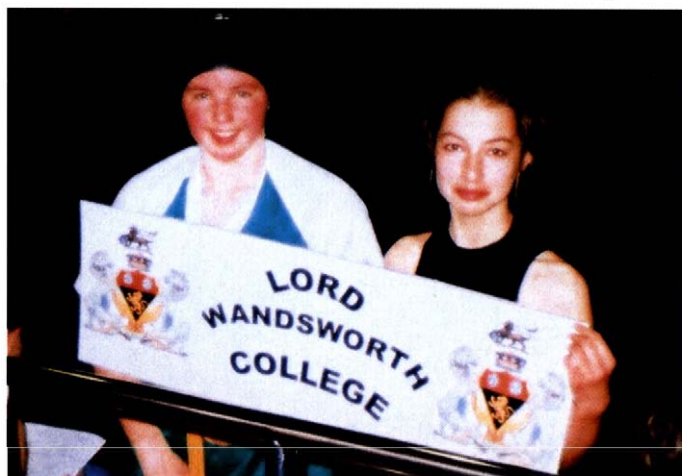
Sophie Trew and Augusta Elliott got through to the finals which were held at Wolverhampton on May 8th 2004. One hundred and eight schools competed in 20 preliminary rounds across the Country, so to make the finals was an excellent achievement.

Both girls came second in their heats with Sophie swimming butterfly and Augusta swimming breaststroke thereby qualifying for their respective finals.

Although they finished out of the medal places they were a real credit to the school.

Congratulations to all who took part!

Mrs Neighbour



Sophie Trew and Augusta Elliott at the National swimming finals



Sports Day



Thanks to Mr Costain, the man behind the camera, who took many of these sports photos



Good take-off



Safe landing



Why wait till the staff Charity Concert?



Shh! Ladies at work



Spot the difference



The joy of winning



Was it really so tiring, lads?



Athletics

Athletics Captains: Alastair Davies, Philippa East

U20's flagship

Our U20's Boys squad was our flagship team this summer, able to take on any competition, remaining undefeated at full strength and posting one of the fastest 4 X 100m relay times of that age group in the U.K. (44.86 secs). Stars of the team included Marimba Odundo-Mendez (county champion at both 100 and 200 metres), Alastair Davies (county champion at both shot and discus) and talented multi-eventer Lucas Rehnberg whose main strengths were the jumps (long, triple and high) and the sprints, although he was also very useful in the throws and middle distance events. Luka Zgonec (javelin county champion and high jump) and Greg McDermott



Lucas Rehnberg

(beaten only once over 800m at the County Championships and unbeaten over 1500m this year) were also indispensable as were the rest of the squad: Charlie Amesbury, Marcus Andren, Tom Wollam, Sam Bishop and Jamie Fish.



Greg McDermott

Olympic Trials

Marimba was selected to represent Hampshire at the English Schools Athletics Championships in July, where he was a clear winner over 200m in 21.65 secs. That same weekend he featured in the AAA Championships, which also doubled as the Olympic Trials - a fantastic achievement at his age - a name to watch for in the future.

Dynamic Duo

The U20 girls duo of Philippa East and Alexa Kearns competed gallantly over many events during the season, and will hopefully be supported by more 6th form girls next season.



Alexa Kearns and Philippa East

Champions

In the U17 age group we had a number of successful athletes this summer. Georgina Neame moved to a new distance this year (300m) and improved greatly over the season, coming 1st in the County Championships (42.9 s). Beth Champion was district champion in the javelin, winning a trophy for the best field performance of the day (best throw of the season: 27.05 m). Oliver Jordan was district champion at high jump, and along with the two girls and Glen Robinson (2nd in 200m) and Matt Hale (2nd in 400m) was selected to compete for the district at the County Championships.

Best performances

Laurence Cox had an amazing season, beating championship best performances at the Clubs County Championships in both 800m (1.56.72) and 1500m (3.59.84). He continued to race unbeaten all season, winning the trophy for best track performance in his age group for his 4.01.4 1500m in the District Championships, and gaining selection for the English Schools Championships after winning the County Schools 1500m title with yet another championship best performance.

English Schools Championships

At the English Schools Championships Laurence finished 1st in the 1500m, two seconds clear of his nearest rival in 3.58.22 and was selected to represent England in the Schools International Championships at Chelmsford in which he finished 3rd, after leading for most of the race, in 3.58.69.



Stuart Dick

Frankie went on to win the County Championships with a throw of 23.02m.

Strong U15's

We had some strong individual talent in the U15 age group with Frankie Rapley (discus), Alex Mytton (long jump), Stuart Dick (shot) and Akin Solanke-Caulker all winning their events at the District Championships.



Akin

Strength at Junior

At Junior level there is great strength and depth and team selection this year was extremely difficult. Jenna Kearns leapt to an astonishing long jump of 4.65 metres in a competition at Robert Mays School. This is the longest jump ever recorded by a girl at the College. Rachel McJarrow has also been long jumping well this summer in addition to posting some very good 800m performances. Rachel was selected to represent the District at long jump in the County Championships, while Jenna was selected in the 100m. Testament to their overall strength, the 2nd year girls finished 3rd team in the District Championships.



Jenna Kearns

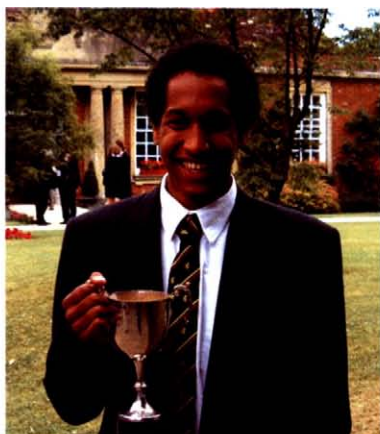
Ben Adams in the second year was 2nd in the District in Discus and our two most outstanding 1st years were Tom Stafford-Brookes (600m) and Emma Smith (100m and high jump), both of whom also represented the District at the County Championships, Emma coming 2nd in the high jump with 1.32 metres (only slightly below her own height).



Emma Smith and Tim Stafford-Brookes

M R Eldridge

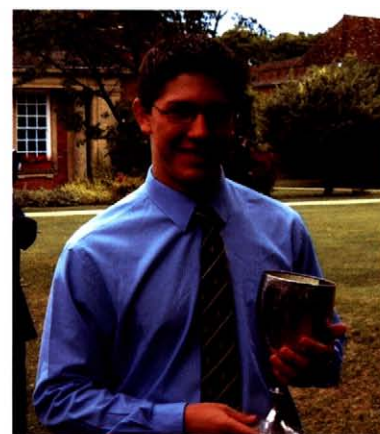
Athletics Champions 2004



Marimba Odundo-Mendez
 100m and 200m
 County U20's
**English Schools Athletics
 Championships**
 200m (21.65min)
 Also took part in Olympic trials



Georgina Neame
 300m U17
 (Joint winner 42.9 s)



Alastair Davies
 U20's
 Shot and
 Discus

County Champions 2004



Luka Zgonec
 Javelin U 20's



Frankie Rapley
 Discus U15
 23.02m



Laurence Cox
 leading in the
 English Schools
 1500m

Laurence Cox
 County Championship
 800m (1.56.72 min.)
 1500m (3.59.84 min)
**English Schools
 Champion over
 1500m (3.58.22 min)**
 1st in England over
 1500m
 He also represented
 England at the Schools
 International
 Championships

Congratulations too to the District Champions

Beth Champion
 Javelin U 17
 (Best throw of season 27.05m)

Oliver Jordan
 High Jump U17

Alex Mytton
 Long Jump U15

Stuart Dick
 Shot U15

Akin Solanke-Caulker
 800m U15



New School Records in Athletics, 2003-4

Girls

Event	Athlete	Performance	Age-Group
100m	Emma Smith	14.10	1st Form
150m	Leonie Field	21.81	1st Form
300m	Georgina Neame	42.90	School
1000m	Verity Phillips	3.47.2	1st Form
Discus	Katie Daughters	17.48	2nd Form
Javelin	Beth Champion	27.05	School
Long Jump	Jenna Kearns	4.65	School
Long Jump	Imi Hives	4.36	3rd Form
High Jump	Emma Smith	1.32	1st Form

Boys

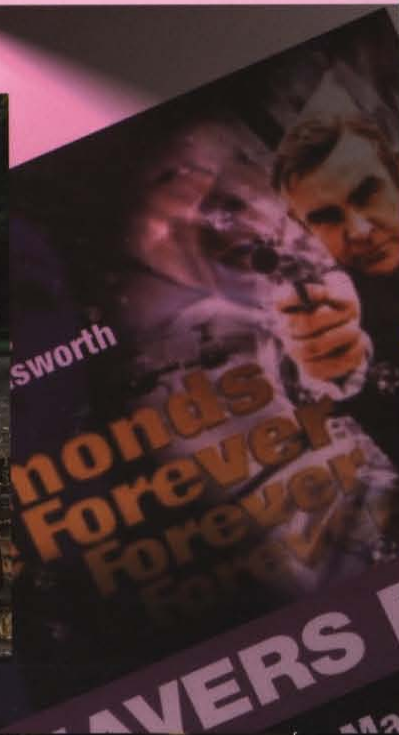
Event	Athlete	Performance	Age-Group
200m	Marimba Odundo-Mendez	21.44	School
800m	Laurence Cox	1.56.72	School
800m	Tom Stafford-Brookes	2.33.98	1st Form
1500m	Laurence Cox	3.58.22	5th Form
110m Hurdles	Lucas Rehnberg	17.5	School
4 X 100	Marimba Odundo-Mendez Tom Wollam Charlie Amesbury Lucas Rehnberg	44.86	School
Shot	Alastair Davies	13.65	6th Form
Discus	Alastair Davies	37.79	6th Form
Long Jump	Lucas Rehnberg	6.31	School

Sixth Form

Leavers' Garden Party at Shepewood



Leavers' Ball - 2004



Carriages
Dress Code: Black

