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Foreword

Dear Parents and Friends,

I thank Mrs Hodgson and all her contributors for making yet another magazine possible. This is a wonderful summary of the previous year at St Elphin's, a time marked by few setbacks and a great number of achievements, notably the pleasurable activities and challenges which have given great opportunities for personal development at every level in the school.

We have all been interested to see if anything new is to be expected of schools now that the new government has 'settled in'. League tables continue to flower, jargon grows apace, and now there is concern over what is called 'the added value' dimension to education, "the bit we do for free", as one colleague ruefully commented.

When family life generally becomes more and more complicated this side to education is appreciated even more. This year I have had the pleasure of meeting parents abroad and have listened with interest to their view of the life at St Elphin's. They must rely to an enormous and humbling extent on the total provision of this school and know exactly how much is given to our pupils, often 'totally for free' by way of extra support, activities, challenges and counselling. 'Added on' it may be, but there is nothing of the 'after thought' about the way it is done, or our attitude towards it.

This magazine reflects some of that side of the school and I thank all the staff for making this possible. They give their all, despite growing legislation, concern over health and safety and increasing expenses and it seems that the response of our splendid pupils is reward enough for those who do the giving. We remember also that much is possible because of the local people and organisations of Matlock and Derbyshire.

At the very top of the school there was a class of girls, headed by Sally Walton, whose enthusiasm and understanding of what the school stands for has been of irreplaceable value. We are very sorry to see our Upper Sixth go and wish them all the very best for their own futures, but I hope that they feel the tradition is in good hands.

Valerie Fisher



MP Visits St Elphin's Politicians

St Elphin's School played host to Patrick McLoughlin, Conservative MP for West Derbyshire. Mr McLoughlin visited the school recently to give an informal talk concerning "Politics Today". He is pictured with Mrs Valerie Fisher, Sally Walton (Head Girl) and Fiona Hibbert (Deputy Head Girl).



OBITUARY

Mr. Jack Soppitt

Jack Soppitt had been a swimming teacher for over 60 years when he died in October 1997. He was manager of the Matlock Lido from 1952 until his retirement in 1983, and continued teaching throughout retirement.

Our excellent reputation for swimming and life-saving is in no small measure due to Jack Soppitt's dedicated teaching with St Elphin's for more years than anyone can remember. Many benefited from a weekly diving club he organised at Chesterfield.

Not only was he an excellent teacher but he was a kind and caring, friendly gentleman whose ready smile will always be remembered. Boarders visited his bungalow for tea, and several staff benefited from his carpentry skills in their homes. In recent years, the home-loving Matlock man became a world traveller, visiting Hong Kong and Australia where he was entertained by Old Girls.

A School Eucharist was dedicated to Jack's memory two weeks after the funeral where the Revd Keith Orford spoke lovingly on the man who 'kept Matlock afloat', referring to St John, Chapter 21 - the story of Jesus' disciples who were failing until they obeyed their master's instructions. Jack Soppitt stood at the water's edge for many years giving advice and we are all very grateful to this dear man who gave so much of his time and talent for the service of others.

At the annual Swimming Gala, where his daughter, Mrs Lynda Cole presented the newly-named Jack Soppitt Trophy to Powys House, some of the Upper Sixth organised a diving display he had taught them a few years earlier.

Miss Judith Crook

Valete

Miss Pamela Simpson

After 14 years at St Elphin's, Miss Simpson has left us to start a new and exciting stage in her life. At the end of the summer she is heading to Vancouver, Canada, to study Theology. On completion of the course she will be able to consider her future direction in a missionary field.

Pam, a graduate of Girton College, Cambridge, joined the staff at St Elphin's in September 1984 after teaching in a State grammar school and as Head of Biology in a comprehensive school. As teacher in charge of Biology her particular academic interests lay in botany and genetics. The lab. soon became filled with a variety of exotic plants. "Pam's Pond" and "Simpson's Solarium" (the greenhouse) became breeding grounds for specimens and handy study centres.



Pam Simpson is a keen traveller who likes to become involved with the communities she visits. Her jaunts have taken her to China, Poland and the Azores. Two summers were spent in the Caribbean island of St Vincent, working with the local church to help further the education of less privileged people. More recently, contact with Georgia (former Soviet Republic) led to her collecting illustrated books of bible stories and a visit to see the use made of these gifts.

In the school year 1991-92 Pam enjoyed a teaching exchange to Virginia, USA. St Elphin's gained the gentle presence of Mr Wayne Wolfersburger, a biologist and earth scientist (geographer). Ideas picked up in America were used by Miss Simpson to raise interest in the lab. These included the introduction of a tarantula and a variety of carnivorous plants to add to the more usual specimens.

Pam has always been a highly dedicated teacher, giving freely of her time at lunch and after school to ensure that syllabuses were completed and all practical work done. Her commitment to the Christian ethos of the school was seen in the Chapel Services she conducted with real feeling.

The staff will always be grateful to Pam for her willingness to act as their representative with their professional organisation, ensuring a satisfactory outcome in the fortunately rare occasion of potential dispute.

We all wish her every happiness and fulfilment in her new calling.

Mr David Farrer

Joc Colling - Governor par Excellence

Canon Colling, universally and affectionately known as 'Joc', was one of a few Governors at St Elphin's who was there when I became Chairman and was still there when I retired twenty years later. He could well say with Othello 'I have done the state some service'. As a Governor Joc never had a lot to say, but when he did speak his contributions were very much to the point and they were rooted and grounded in his firm Anglican faith. I call to mind an occasion when a person of somewhat ambiguous Christian status was before the Governing Body for an interview. Joc, to coin a phrase, took the candidate apart and in doing so dramatically assisted the Governors to a view.

Joc is a person with a very strong sense of history. He was proud of St Elphin's origins in Warrington and always made the School and the Governors welcome in the Parish Church. He believed in tradition and in the connection between the School and the town where it



was founded. I look back with great pleasure on many 'Warrington occasions' when either the School sang in the Parish Church, or the Governors met in the Hall where the School began its life.

I was often asked in my twenty active years as Chairman 'What make a good Governor?' I often pointed to Joc and spoke of complete reliability, complete commitment to the Anglican tradition and complete devotion to the principle of excellence. Governors of the calibre and consistency of Joc are rare in today's world. I am grateful for this opportunity to pay tribute to a man who unselfishly served the School and even when health made the going difficult still made the long journey across the hills and took his seat and offered his

counsel. Many will join not only in my thanks to him, but also in wishing his and his wife, Jean, a happy and positive retirement.

Bishop Michael Henshall



Emma St. John Smith Marketing Officer, Westminster Abbey, with Sally Walton, Head Girl, and Melissa Heathcote, now at Oxford



Bishop John and Mrs Jean Packer



Mrs. Valerie Fisher with the nephew of our founder Mr. Horace Powys

Speech Day

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Mrs Susan Dakin (who was also here as a student in her final year), to teach I.T. and Business.

Mrs Susan Bradford joined the English Department

Miss Annette Smith arrived to support both PE and the boarding staff.

Veronika Bucharova, Mayu Igarashi and Erin Hargadon were all new to the pastoral team, whilst Mrs Fairley is our new Receptionist.

We also welcomed back Mrs Catherine Bathie, to Modern Languages, and Mrs Margot Bartlett to teach Theatre Studies.

We welcomed two new staff in January - Lauren Powlay and Sarah Warrior - who have travelled from Australia to spend a year with us as Assistant Housemistresses.

Welcome back!

Mrs Anne Phillpot has returned to St Elphin's after a short spell with the National Trust. We missed her whilst she was away, so we are very pleased to have her back with us. Mrs Phillpot is now installed as Senior Housemistress and has moved into the Main School Building.



Mrs Phillpot relaxes with Veronica Bucharova, Mary-Claire McDonald and Erin Hargadon



THE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Margaret Flood House

What a busy year it has been in the Infant and Junior School, as you will see from our reports. Miss Margaret Flood, after whom the Junior school is named, would have been proud.

There were two 'Floods', a Mrs and a Miss. Miss Margaret Flood was a pupil, student teacher and later headmistress of St Elphin's, while her mother had been Second Mistress in the time of Miss Kennedy up to 1910.

Miss Flood was a classics scholar - you can see her name on the honours board in the common room, when she gained a scholarship to Cambridge and later she returned to St. Elphin's as Headmistress.

In the years 1910 to 1933 St Elphin's name became famous in the north as one of the foremost girls' schools. Margaret Flood had been selected out of 60 candidates for the job of Headmistress and soon gained recognition for the school as one of the 'Official list of Efficient Secondary Schools' after one of the very first School inspections. The whole building had been examined from 'cellar to chimney.'

The plan for a Junior School had been mooted in the years leading up to the First World War but was delayed because of fears for the necessary money. Meanwhile the school gained ground as one of the great academic centres of excellence for girls. An extract

from the 'Guardian' newspaper of the time put the school third in the list of girls' schools with regard to the number of passes in Higher Certificate, but first if size was to be taken into account!. A second report from the Inspectorate included an interesting detail from the time of this headmistress, that the school was surrounded by many advantages for the girls' happiness, a description which would have gladdened the heart of its Founder, Horace Powys, who very much wanted the children who benefited from St Elphin's to be happy and comfortable .

Miss Flood wrote two fascinating books, one about St. Elphin's history 1844-1944, and the other on her own life which contains much detail of the day to day life of the school. Even after her retirement she continued to visit the Junior School, showing great interest in the lives and work of the pupils.

This year we are to re-install her photograph in the Junior School and as part of a complete set to record all our Heads of School in the Senior School.

The Junior School is called after a teacher and administrator of great gifts and any small girl coming to Margaret Flood House must know that she is becoming a part of a very great tradition. Long may it continue.

Mrs Valerie Fisher



What a splendid set of entries for the National Pet week Competition!

INFANTS & NURSERY

At Easter we said goodbye to two members of our Nursery staff.

Mrs Anne Topham had been with us for eight years and had seen our unit grow in numbers. We all appreciated the care she gave to the younger children, and parents valued the wonderful start she gave to them.

Miss Becky Pilkington had been with us for nearly three years. She looked after the two-year olds and provided before-school care. She also ran the Summer School in 1997. Becky has now gone to work with a family in Froggatt.

We wish both Mrs Topham and Miss Pilkington well and thank them for all they did for St Elphin's.

We have welcomed Miss Kirsty Biggart and Miss Alison Munro in their place. Both are experienced and qualified NNEBs and we are already reaping the benefit of their expertise. They have settled in so well and the little ones love them already.

The children always enjoy visiting other places. We have been to the theatre to see 'Charlotte's Web' and 'The Sheep Pig'. The Nursery pupils visited Matlock Library and we all welcomed the Road Safety Team from Derbyshire County Council, who told us how to keep safe on the roads.

We also welcomed the Play Leader from The Royal Hospital, Chesterfield.

June was a busy month as we had our 'mini Gala' at Matlock Lido and celebrated Paddington's 40th birthday, on 25th June, by holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic, thereby raising funds for Action Research for the crippled child. We painted bears, made teddy biscuits, followed a bear trail, sang songs and learned poems about bears. We did 'bear' mathematics, had races, and learned the history of teddy bears. We made and ate marmalade sandwiches! No, we did not keep them under our hats!!

As I write we are preparing for our Sports Day and rehearsing our end of term concert. We are writing reports and then organising the Activity Weeks. We hope there will then be time for a holiday before we begin the Autumn Term and welcome even more pupils.

Mrs Rosemary Cuff



Songs of Praise

Did you spot Mrs Cuff's Infants on Songs of Praise the other Sunday evening?

They were featured as part of the programme from St Giles' Matlock, and were filmed on a visit to the Donkey Sanctuary at Peak Forest

*'Heaven lies about us
in our infancy'*

Wordsworth

Heavenly Thoughts from the Infants

Heaven is on top of the world above the clouds. God and Jesus live there with all the people who have died. Amy

*Lots of people are sleeping up there.
Flowers grow there and trees.* Simone

I think heaven is in your mind. It is always peaceful and calm. People's spirits just float up to heaven. Phoebe

*Up in the sky is heaven - a long way
away. Angels beam you up there.
You just lie down when you get there.* Alexander

You can see Heaven from a plane but I never have. Space rockets take you there. The moon is up there as well. People who walk on the moon have seen it. Jordan

*Heaven is all around the earth. I don't
know how to get there. Jesus and God
are there with Mary and Joseph. It is
like a desert there. It is dark but people
go out and play.* Hermione

Heaven is in space. You go there on a rocket. God and Jesus are up there. It is very dark there and no birds sing. Rhian

*God and Jesus live there. I think it is
sunny there. When something goes
wrong the people tell Jesus.* Michael

Very very high in space is a place called heaven. You get there on a rocket. Jesus lives there with some other people. They go round looking at things all day. Chloe

*People sit and read books there. It is hot
and sunny.* Hannah

There are beds up there in Heaven. You have to die to get there. Tamsin

*Heaven is all around us. It is a big
place. God is there and people who die.* Sheena

Heaven is in the sky. Clouds move about. You float up there on a cloud. God lives there with his angels and I believe in God. Christina

*God and his friends do a bit of work but
I don't know what sort. I think it is hard.
The weather is sunny but there are no
birds, trees or flowers.* Laura Whitton

Heaven is on the moon. I don't know anyone who has been there. God lives with my Grandad. Rebecca

*Heaven is where Jesus lives. Heaven is
in the sky. It is very beautiful. It is all
the colour blue.* Jennifer





The infants visit the Peak Forest Donkey Sanctuary - filmed as part of "Songs of Praise" with Pam Rhodes



Birthday greetings



Our colourful harvest festival



Competition winners pose with Mr McCarrison

MARGARET FLOOD HOUSE JUNIOR SCHOOL

This has been another busy year for the Junior School as you will find out when we tell you of some of our activities.

Music Festivals

We worked very hard in our choir lessons. Since about February, we did nothing but exercises and pieces, which is what we normally do in a choir lesson but these pieces were different. These pieces helped us to win a second prize and a first prize.

Yes, these pieces were for the Buxton Music Festival. The pieces that we were doing in these choir lessons were 'The Merry Month of May' and 'The Birds'. The hymn was, 'At the Name of Jesus'.

Later on, in May, there was a school concert in which the juniors and seniors took part. We sang the pieces that we sang in Buxton. Also, Years 3 and 4 played a recorder piece, followed by Years 5 and 6 recorder group playing in two parts with descant and treble reorders. We enjoyed performing after all the hard practising and we have done some enjoyable pieces this year.

Elizabeth Hayward



CHAPEL

Sometimes we have our own Chapel Services and sometimes we join with the senior school. We have had some special Services this year to which parents and visitors were invited.

We had the usual Carol Services, which always make me excited because I think Christmas is coming.

At the Mothering Monday Service, we thought about some of the many things our mothers do for us but my favourite Service was the Harvest Festival in October. Lots of fruit and vegetables were brought by children to be distributed later to old people in the area. The Infants and Juniors took part in the Service and memorable moments included an infant pushing a shopping trolley, which I thought should have had L plates on it, and then we all had a piece of 'sharing bread' made by the infants.

The Chaplain now takes our Services on Fridays which we look forward to, and this year four members of Year 6 were confirmed.

Sian Bacon

THE ADVENT CALENDAR

During the half-term before Christmas, we made an enormous Advent calendar in our textiles lessons for the children in Derby City Hospital. Again, all the juniors helped, some of us even gave up our dinner and tea breaks to make sure it was finished on time. We nearly had to present Felicity's kilt, too, as she sewed it on one day, and someone else sewed the calendar to the table cloth another day.

Eventually it was finished and Years 5 and 6 were invited to take the Advent Calendar to the hospital to see where it would be hung and to see part of the children's ward.

Caroline Cable



Trips and Outings

Earlier in the year, Years 3 and 4 had an invitation to go to a television centre to be in the audience for a recording of 'Get Your Own Back'. The programme is excellent except for the gunge. Saran's dad's friend was on the show.

Years 5 and 6 had a different sort of trip. We visited the Peak District National Park with Sian's dad. It's hard to believe that the Peak District was under water 350 million years ago and that it had lots of strange creatures swimming around in it. It was really interesting to see fossils and to hear about the history of it. We had to trudge through fields for about 3 miles. We had to put on our waterproofs when it rained. We also had to listen to the sheep making their annoying baa-ing noises. With lots of slipping and falling, and loud giggles, we climbed up and slithered down steep hills. We were so pleased to stop at dinner-time that we even enjoyed our school packed lunches.

I would say it was a really good school trip.

Katie-May Godkin

History Trips

I'm going to tell you about two more trips the Junior School went on. On the first trip Years 3 and 4 went to Eyam Hall, where they saw artefacts from Tudor times. Then they wrote a Tudor-style letter using a quill pen and sealing wax.

On the second trip, Years 5 and 6 went to Manchester Museum to study the Egyptians and their things. We saw jewellery, toys, farming equipment, brooches, mummies, and held a pot that was 5000 years old. To be honest, the mummies gave me the shivers all down my spine and I felt all cold. Some people looked at the mummies and felt a bit sick.

Both trips were absolutely brilliant.

Felicity Marshall

Competitions

Years 5 and 6 have again been busy drawing pictures to enter competitions. For one competition, run by the NSPCC, they had to draw pictures about the Narnia stories. They won £500 worth of computer software.

Catherine Dalton won £10 for her entry in a safe fireworks competition organised by Matlock Rotary Club.

Finally, most people entered a competition organised for National Pet Week. We made or modelled a pet, such as hamsters, birds, dogs etc. Some pets were made out of cloth, others from clay, vegetables or whatever else we could find. Even though I didn't win, I had fun and got a lollipop.

Mabel Odonkor

Eric and Carol McCarrison, vets with the Carrick Vet Group, judged the competition to determine the winners in each of three age groups. The winners were: Laura Sutton, age 5, Georgina Creer, age 8, and Miriam Hammond, age 9."

Drama

This year we have been on two theatre trips. The first was to see 'The Snow Queen' at Buxton just before Christmas and then we went to see 'Charlotte's Web' at Chesterfield in May. Both were excellent.

The Wizardry of Oz

The Junior's production of 'The Wizard of Oz' in March was magic. It was a night of contrasts. Some things went wrong and others went amazingly right. The wind, a critical sound effect, failed to blow, but the lively, enthusiastic acting from all the cast made up for any technical hitches. Their sense of fun was infectious and their enjoyment obvious.

The two Dorotheas, Andrea Ryan and Elizabeth Hayward, gave commanding and expressive performances with convincing American accents. The Scarecrows, Harriet Holt and Sally Barnett, were very funny and the Lions, Felicity Marshall and Caroline Cable, roared their way into our hearts. The Tin Man, Sian Bacon, was superb and the Wicked Witch, Doreen Mak, very scary.

Jenny Beresford as Uncle Henry did a great job in improvising. Credit must go to her for looking endlessly up to the sky and saying several times "It's getting chilly", whilst Natasha Mitra tried in vain to get the tape to work!

The Munchkins were charming. Who could forget Francesca in that hat? Their singing was lovely and, as slurpy, slimy sea creatures and poisonous thistles they moved well.

All the juniors took part and did a great job in learning a tough script, which somehow included the chant of Macbeth's witches!

It was an ambitious undertaking and a great learning experience. Mrs Hall insists that actors be responsible for their own props and they only had themselves to blame when the Scarecrow's brain went missing!

Many thanks to Mrs Sylvia Hall for the excellent production.

Thoughts on The Wizard of Oz



When we were getting into our costumes I was so nervous that I thought my heart was going to burst. Everyone except for Miriam was too excited. I had really dark make-up from Miss Jones, terrifyingly purple lipstick and dark eyelashes. When we got on the stage I felt better. I took my glasses off so that I couldn't even see the audience! I did my best and spoke as loudly as I could. At the end of the play I thought we did great. I was almost the only one who didn't need reminding!

Doreen Mak, Year 5

In all our rehearsals the tape recorder had worked, but in the real thing it wouldn't, so we had to carry on without the wind. Jenny kept pretending that it was getting cold because she thought we had forgotten to switch the wind on. The week before the play I went over the words with my mum twelve times. I thought I would never learn them. I had to have a beard and a moustache and they made me look really strange. Jenny didn't like hers, either. But I enjoyed it.

Natasha Mitra, Year 5

I thought that some people were letting us down because they did not know their words. When we rehearsed the play some people were running about back stage that I thought was annoying. When we did the play I thought it was fun but the wind went a bit wrong at the beginning, but it was only because the tape would not work. I thought that everyone in the play did very well and so did the teachers that helped us. I think that some of us could have learnt their words a bit better. But I'm glad that we did it, I enjoyed it and I enjoyed playing the part of the Queen of the Fieldmice and I wish to thank everyone that helped us.

Prudence Wagstaff, Year 5



Clubs

This year we have had netball and then a rounders club at lunch time, and trampolining and badminton at teatime.

Nearly all Years 5 and 6 go to Young Investigators Science Club after school where you can choose which experiments you want to do, except our teacher tries to persuade us not to do the ones with worms, because she can't stand them.

This year, for the first time, four of us have done our Silver Award. Two of us studied pond life and tadpoles, the other two learnt about snails. The snails had lots of babies, about 300 when we last counted, so we have been giving them away, but only to good homes.

We went to Derby University one Tuesday to collect our awards.

Sally Barnett

Exams

As usual we worked hard all year. Well, most of the time. We had Speech and Drama exams about half way through the year when we got very nervous and started looking worried but, as usual, we all did very well in them.

Our school year ended with exams, when everyone mopes around feeling sorry for themselves. You feel everything is going wrong as desk lids won't shut, pens run out of ink, pencils break and you can't remember the things you learnt last night.

In the end, some of us do very well, some not so well, but we've done our best and at least it's over until next year and we've got lots of holidays before then.

Harriet Holt

Junior Tennis Club

The following article appeared in the Peak Express:

A junior tennis club has been formed at St Elphin's School by Sue Atkinson and David Keal, who are Coaches to Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Lawn Tennis Association.

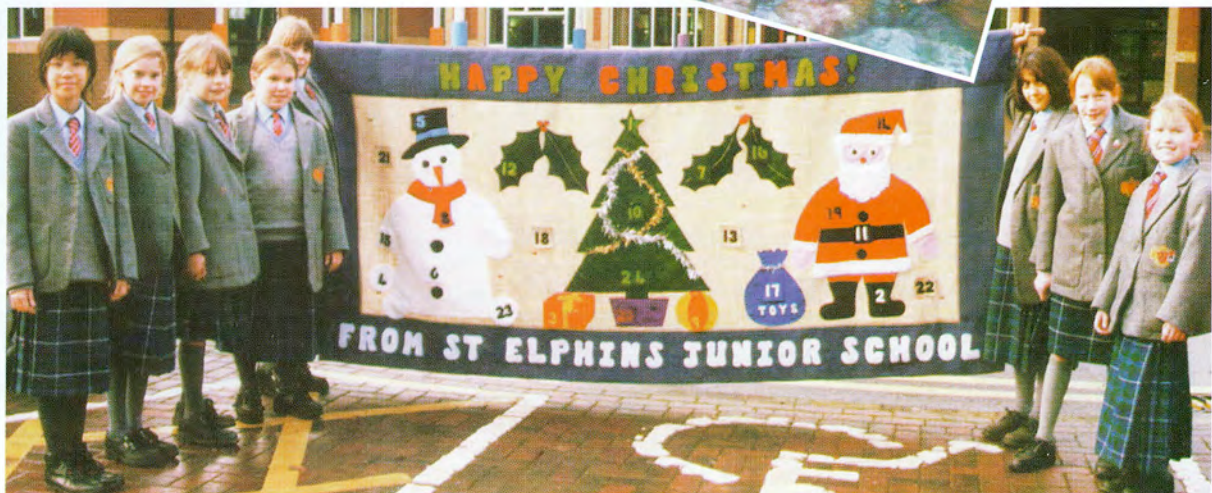
It aims to provide coaching and playing opportunities for juniors aged 5 - 18 years old.

Coaching takes place on Thursday evenings from 4 pm onwards, with playing sessions on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Other activities include a junior fun day/barbecue, an annual tournament and friendly matches against other clubs.

The club is affiliated to the Derbyshire Lawn Tennis Association.

Well Done! to eight Junior swimmers who competed in the South Peak Swimming Gala at Matlock Lido. A total of 16 schools took part. Every girls' race entered was won. Well done to Sally Barnett, Jenny Beresford, Miriam Hammond, Harriet Holt and Lorna Tonks who represented the school.



Scholarships Awarded for Entry to the Senior School

Music	Elizabeth Hayward
Performing Arts	Harriet Holt
Form Prizes	
Year 6	Harriet Holt
Year 5	Miriam Hammond
Year 4	Euphemia Cunnane
Year 3	Saran Latham

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Piano	Grade 4	Elizabeth Hayward
	Grade 1 Merit	Natasha Mitra
	Preparatory	Sally Barnett
		Nina Grayson
		Andrea Ryan
Violin	Grade 2 Merit	Elizabeth Hayward
	Grade 1 Merit	Miriam Hammond
		Euphemia Cunnane
Singing	Grade 4	Elizabeth Hayward
Theory of Music	Grade 1	Nina Grayson

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

Speaking of Verse and Prose		
Grade 1	Pass	Georgina Creer
	Pass	Saran Latham
	Pass	Jessica Salisbury
	Distinction	Francesca Salisbury
	Distinction	Victoria Tonks
Grade 2	Distinction	Verity Wall
	Pass	Jenny Beresford
	Pass	Lorna Tonks
	Distinction	Sally Barnett
Grade 3	Pass	Sian Bacon
	Distinction	Caroline Cable
	Distinction	Miriam Hammond
	Distinction	Felicity Marshall
Grade 4	Honours*	Andrea Ryan
	Distinction	Harriet Holt
	Honours*	Elizabeth Hayward

Buxton and North Derbyshire Music Festival		
Solo Singing Under 10	1st	Elizabeth Hayward

Young Investigators (Science) Awards

Bronze		
Sian Bacon	Katie-May Godkin	Mabel Odonkor
Jenny Beresford	Miriam Hammond	Andrea Ryan
Jessica Brogden	Doreen Mak	Prudence Wagstaff
Lydia Dukes	Natasha Mitra	

Silver

Sally Barnett	Caroline Cable	Harriet Holt
Felicity Marshall		

British Trampoline Federation Awards

5 Star Award	Sally Barnett	
6 Star Award	Harriet Holt	Lorna Tonks
Preliminary Award	Harriet Holt	

The Headmistress's Prizes

For excellent progress this year

Year 6	Felicity Marshall
Year 5	Natasha Mitra
Year 4	Lorna Tonks
Year 3	Georgina Creer

Awarded at the Swimming Gala

Individual Swimming Cup	Harriet Holt
Textiles Prize	Caroline Cable
Woodard Science Cup	Sian Bacon
Art Cup	Harriet Holt
Music Cup	Elizabeth Hayward
Warrington Speech and Drama Trophy	Andrea Ryan
The Mosley Cup for Courtesy	Sally Barnett

Music results on page 31.

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A Poem in the Style of Michael Rosen

I'm going to the shops.

Why?

Because I need some bread and butter.

Why?

Because we haven't got any bread and butter.

Why?

Because Dad eats it for tea.

Why?

Because Dad likes it.

Why?

Because he liked it when he was little.

Why?

Can't you stop saying why?

Why?

Because I've heard enough and what's the time?

What?

Doreen Mak Year 5M

* * *

EXAMS!

Your body starts to sweat and boil
What was it Egyptians used to preserve
Was it curtains? Was it foil?
How are we supposed to know?
Honestly I'm not that old!
I know we learnt that in History
but I was tired and I was cold
And of course teachers never think
to ask if you or I like them.
They just expect you to sit and blink,
you get so completely confused
it's almost enough to keep you amused.

You would, one day
(of course, in May)

like to escape exams.

Perhaps take a trip to France
or possibly the local dance.

But 'no no no' the teachers say
and of course, we have to stay.

Miriam Hammond Year 5

EXAMS

The year is gone, the pressure is on.
Exams are here again.
We try to learn during our term.
Exams are here again.
Our teacher tries to get into our heads
but we still think we are in our beds.
Exams are here again.
We sit so still and try to look brill.
Exams are here again.
It takes so long to learn such a lot,
by the time of exams we seem to have forgot.
Exams are here again.
We feel OK but teacher's gone mad -
Exams are here again.

Jessica Brogden Year 5

WHAT I LIKE AND DISLIKE

Maths is my favourite subject.
Tables is the worst, especially the tests,
and nothing is too hard.
My best friends are Saran, Lorna and Effie.
I like the uniform we wear,
the tie is the worst.
Everybody is friendly and they all care.

Holly-Rose Godkin Year 4

KITCHEN SOUNDS

Tea time - it is the worst time, fryers spitting, plates smashing, forks tingling. The pans are falling, cups breaking and cupboards closing, banging. The food makes a lot of noise. Sausages sizzling, eggs spitting, bacon crackling. Spoons and knives are clashing together making sounds. Windows banging shut. The dog is barking for the food, jumping up and making scratchy sounds with his paws. His dish moving, sliding across the floor. Cars whizzing past the window.

Catherine Dalton Year 5



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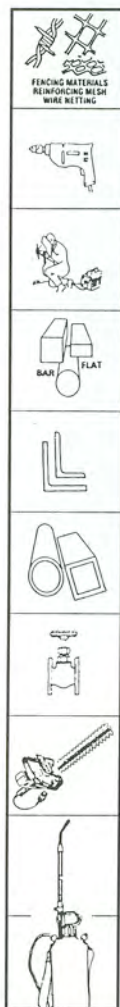
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UPPER SIXTH FORM REPORT 1997-1998.

As Lower sixth we had caused Mrs Outram to label us the 'most untidy form ever' and returning in September we were keen to uphold our reputation, much to the horror of Mrs Hodgson and the Bursar.

The Upper Sixth form room disappeared under a sea of paper, files, coffee cups and biscuit wrappers. This led to the kettle being confiscated at regular intervals throughout the year. Several members of the form returned in September prepared to 'take on the world' having completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award expedition in the Lake District during the holidays.

It has to be said that our form has never been sporty apart from one or two MAD people who spent most of their time dressed in sports gear in pursuit of varying forms of energetic activity. The off-site sports programme however changed this, as each week we took on a new challenge. The sports ranged from climbing and sailing in winter, to skiing in the spring, followed by go-karting and aerobics in the summer.

Our last off-site sports was spent at Rollerworld in Derby where we proved how mature we really are as we skated round to the sounds of the Spice Girls and Boyzone.

As Christmas approached several of us became involved in the pantomime 'Cinders in Spiceland', Sara Vinall had us all in stitches as she and Christina Thwaites stole the show as the uproarious ugly sisters.

Our mocks came and went and we finally realised that maybe it was time to work- or not! On many occasions we tried to explain to Miss Crook that loud music and group discussions really were an essential part of our revision!

Things finally became serious in May as our A-levels began, however we still managed to cause one final bit of mayhem after the form meal as a couple of road signs and cones found their way into chapel and the school banner mysteriously ascended a fire escape.

It seems strange that come September we will not be returning to St. Elphins but instead we shall be furthering our education at university- or something like that!

A huge thank you to Mrs Hodgson for being a wonderful form mistress, giving us all such support and encouragement throughout the year.

By Sally Walton Upper Sixth



THE SIXTH FORM BALL

A white stretched limousine pulls up outside 'The Rutland Arms Hotel' in Bakewell. Is it Leonardo Di Caprio? Is it Prince Naseem? No, it's a bunch of girls turning up to their sixth form ball in style!

On Saturday 21st March, the St. Elphin's sixth form ball took place in the usually quiet town of Bakewell, in the usually quiet 'Rutland Arms' Hotel! The evening began with a civilised Bucks fizz

reception, followed by a buffet supper.

The evening was warm, the music good, the food tasty and the company friendly!!

I think that everybody would like to thank Lizzy Allsop for working so hard and making the evening such a success.

Ruth Spokes



Lower 6

Flushed with our recent GCSE successes, we returned to school in September with ambitions and strategies for starting our 'A' level courses. Little did we know quite how drastically our workload would increase: imagine our excitement at receiving seven "free periods" per week! This was rapidly extinguished by the realisation that we would spend every minute of those periods slogging away to meet our numerous weekly deadlines "free periods" soon became "study periods".

To help us settle in to our new life in the Sixth Form, several members of staff organised an 'Induction Day'. This involved dropping eggs off the Bridge (no smashing allowed), constructing paper fish and igloos (!) and posing as the Ku Klux Klan on Stanton Moor (walking around with pillowcases on our heads!). We are still trying to fathom the relevance of these activities to Sixth Form life, but we had fun at the time.

Another bonus this year was spending every Friday afternoon on Off Site Sports. This began with canoeing and windsurfing or, if you haven't worked out how to move, sitting stranded on a slippery plastic board in the middle of Carsington reservoir. Go-karting was our favourite sport of the year: on this occasion we discovered some rather menacing road-rages (it would not be wise to share the A6 with us).

Behind the scenes, we successfully maintained the Sixth Form tradition of:

- having the kettle and biscuits confiscated
- receiving threats of kitchen closure
- regularly being locked out of our Form room (well, we thought it was tidy!).

The staff have somehow developed an immunity to our blaring Bond music every Break time (unfortunately this didn't last for the "study periods" or 007 messages on the computer screen savers!)

All in all, what a great year we have had, leaving us "shaken but not stirred"!

Katherine Hyde

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Year 11

Looking back the year seems a blur to all of us. Preparation for the impending exams started early with deadlines for coursework being set. Everyone was pleased (some even elated !) with their GCSE results. Many of us met at school on that Thursday morning to share the experience. The whole form would like to congratulate in particular Katherine and Hannah who between them managed 15 A* grades. The overall pass rate was 94% so we are feeling very proud.

Since Jamie Redknapp has married Louise there will no more 'Jamie Updates' - a feature we know you will sorely miss. Another regular feature reached a climax when Rachel fell in love.

To end the year Nicola organised a thoroughly enjoyable meal, thanks to Zoe's Italian connections at Renato's. Everyone received certificates pertinent to their personality or to things they were famous for, teachers included. To top the evening a copy of the school song was given out. We managed a short burst before being silenced by Mrs Corfield and Mrs Spriggs!

It's sad to see so many good friends go, and we wish them all Good Luck. For the rest of us, we look forward to two more years of A' Levels at good old St E's.

Nicola Hain and Amy Gould



Year 10 Blues

The beginning of the school year had some shocks in store for the new Year 10s - hard work. After numerous wails of 'I don't have enough frees,' and 'I don't want to do GCSEs,' (did we have a choice?) we settled down into our new routine. Our Form Teachers were Miss Simpson, Mrs Miles and Mr Farrer who learnt that tidiness wasn't one of Year 10's strong points.

However, in our favour, this year's Year 10 have been involved in many school activities. The first term passed quickly and included an outing to see 'From a Jack to a King', picking up some dance tips from various teachers, and the Christmas Dinner.

After the Christmas Holidays our big friendly group really pulled together to get through the work-loaded term to come. With Anna's humorous escapades, and thanks to the ATC group for keeping us up to date on weekly gossip, we survived until Easter.

Then it had to come - D of E! The gorgeous Florida weather and four poster beds and five-star meals we longed for at the end of each day had to remain part of our dreams. Still, there were plenty of stories to tell! A group of us braved GCSE Music a year early - a double-edged pleasure.

We struggled through Sports Day and exams, thanks to some patient teachers. Several of us were spurred on by the World Cup - who says girls can't like football? We had to say our farewells to Anna and Mary and we hope they will be happy and keep in touch.

Don't you wish you had been in Year 10 this year?



Hannah Bourne and Eleanor Hughes Year 10

Shock Horror - that girl again!

'Girl swallows mouthful of black ink whilst physics teacher bravely stops raging fire, singeing his lovely locks in the process!' It sounds dreadful, but everything was soon under control!

Whilst retrieving her PE bag from the top of the lockers Kirsty knocked down a box of aerosol cans, managing to spray herself in the eye with the contents. Again, luckily there was no permanent damage.

We have had many new pupils visiting our class from abroad. Ksenia and Svetlana came from Belarus, Iris from Hong Kong, Hannah and Lauren from other English schools. Ksenia and Svetlana were only here for a term, but we became very friendly with them and missed them once they had returned. Iris, Hannah and Lauren are still here - hooray!

Through the course of the year, we have enjoyed many theatre outings and day trips. We would like to thank all the teachers who made these possible. Thank you also to Mrs Prince and Miss Duggins who have been wonderful and patient Form teachers.

Sophie Hill and Kirsty McCarrison Year 9



The Secret Diary of Yr 8M aged approx. 13 3/4

Tuesday 9th September - Term begins. We rejoice at the thought of another year in the same classroom next to the toilets. Throughout the year we welcomed Sam and Phyllis.

Thursday 25th September - Childrens Art Inspection!

Saturday 27th September - Sponsored Walk, Busters, Mud and Charlotte Nunn singing 1,000 green bottles all along Beeley Moor.

Friday 21st November - Swimming Gala, and Yr 8 Wilson are adamant that their cheers were the loudest! Powys disagree, although they got a victory.

Friday 28th November and Saturday 29th - Cinderella in Spiceland, a few of the more dramatic people in year 8 took part, including Charlotte Nunn.

Friday 12th December - Christmas Dinner, the punch was certainly flowing on the year 8 table. End of Term.

Thursday 15th January - Parents Evening, the truth comes out for all of year 8.

Thursday 5th February - Midsummer Night's Dream at Derby Playhouse.

Friday 6th March - Womens World Day of Prayer, year 8 were all in fine voice, joining in with the rest of the world.

Wednesday 25th March - We all went to the production of Grease. Year 8 sat in awe at the special effects and all laughed at this family favourite.

Saturday 25th April - Just William Society Play, a few of the year 8's put on a 'spitting' performance.

Thursday 4th June - St. Albans Day, (we celebrated Mrs. Miles' birthday Roman style!)

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July - School production of Midsummer Night's Dream, we had actors, musicians, lighting technicians and P.R.



Charlotte Brown, Winnie Leung, Alex Vernon and Gemma Hammerton Year 8

Year 7

The year started off with the Induction course. The bus was rather silent except for the four girls who had been Juniors who were as loud as usual. We arrived at Great Hucklow after having been to Peak Cavern. On the way our lives nearly ended by Chaplain reversing into a lorry. When we got there we were separated into two rooms, upstairs and downstairs, which was a problem at nights. On the second night Anna, Jessica and Catherine managed to stay awake. The next day was a nightmare - everyone was shattered!

The next outing after the Induction Course was a visit to the Carriage Museum. Everyone had to dress in Victorian outfits. We went on a carriage pulled by horses and it was very windy. Everyone enjoyed it, it was a good day.

Next in the school calendar was the Swimming Gala - Year 7's first. We were all very nervous, but each person put in 100% and it paid off.

The night before the Easter holidays we had the concert Dido and Aeneas. Years 7 and 8 were the sailors. We wore blue jeans and white T-shirts with a sailor's collar. Two guests played Dido and Aeneas and Chaplain was a winged messenger. We performed a sailor's dance and it went very well.

In summer we had Sports day. We had been practising on Tuesday evenings for some time. We did hurdles, long distance, sprints and javelin and some other events. Sports day came and, just our luck, it was wet, muddy and pouring with rain. We did our events apart from ones which were dangerous to do in the wet weather. When the points were added up, Wilson House had won.

Our classroom was right next to the Library so we had to be quiet. We tried to play games and music but it sometimes got a bit out of hand!

Year 7 was a good year (thanks Mrs Halliday!) and we all enjoyed it thoroughly.

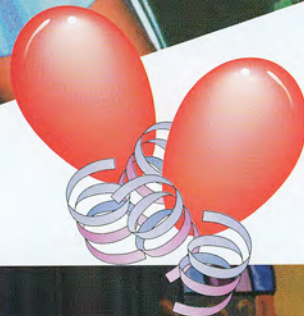
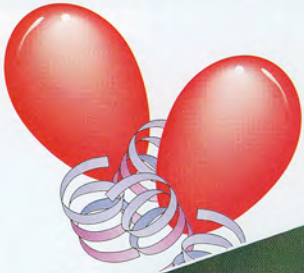
Sarah Nortcliff and Anna MacDonald Year 7



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ONE DRAMATIC YEAR

Finding a play which has thirty female roles presents a great challenge. After unsuccessfully ploughing through Chesterfield Library's stock, I decided to write one. Last time, I adapted 'Oliver Twist', but after the rigours of GCSEs, the Lower Sixth announced they were in the mood for something festive and fun. So, we embraced the traditional, gave it a modern twist and came up with "Cinderella in Spice Land", which was performed in November. Anybody who didn't see it missed a treat (see the Review). It was an opportunity for some pupils to sing and dance as well as to learn new acting disciplines. Pantomime calls for larger than life performances and playing directly to the audience - something we're usually keen to avoid. Actors learnt that humour is a serious business, although we had lots of fun too, particularly when the staff showed up. Having teachers who were prepared to risk all on stage, in the guise of Spice Girls and a Prince, meant a lot to the girls.

The Spring Term saw us preparing for the LAMDA examinations and our results this year were excellent. All candidates passed and the examiner was unaware of personal triumphs over shyness, dyslexia and imperfect diction. It was exciting to see Manna Lai achieve Honours in Grade 7 Acting and her partner, Brenda Lee, gain a Distinction.. To memorise and present two four-minute duologue pieces in a foreign language requires great perseverance. Preparing acting pieces certainly helps with English diction and expression.

For the first time, two girls were awarded Honours in Senior medal exams. Congratulations to Helen MacBain and Christina Thwaites, who passed the Silver medal with Honours. Sara Vinall passed her Gold medal with Distinction, which is a remarkable achievement.

Some of our pupils have been spreading their wings and performing on the professional stage. In April, Sara Vinall and Hannah Hall acted in Derby Youth Theatre's stunning performance of 'Oedipus' on the main stage at Derby Playhouse. Charlotte Burnham was in 'Theatre of Dreams' at the Pomegranate, Chesterfield, and will be joined by Vikki Sheldon and Olivia Walker in 'Oklahoma'. Helen MacBain and Hannah Hall auditioned for the National Youth Theatre.

There is a lively and serious commitment to studying and presenting theatre at St Elphin's and this year several Sixth Formers are hoping to go on to explore Drama at university.

As I write, I am looking forward to Sue Bradford's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', an Open Evening of Poetry, Prose and Drama, and planning a production for the Autumn Term. So if anybody knows of a play with thirty-plus female roles please contact me.

Mrs Sylvia Hall

Cinders in Spiceland.

Everyone knows what to expect from a pantomime. Good or bad the formula is generally recognised and while there are lots of laughs there are generally few surprises.

This was different. After a term of long, careful rehearsals audiences on both evenings were transfixed by the colour, the action and the humour of 'Cinders'. The combination of a well-tried formula worked over by the imagination of Mrs Sylvia Hall and the characters of the participants produced an evening which will be long remembered with reverence and affection. "My pupils still talk of Cinders" said a recently visiting teacher who had brought a group of local 10 year olds.

The cast worked as a team. Older and experienced performers put their craft, confidence and experience at the disposal of the much younger members. Staff co-operation added a wonderful edge to the show and a whole new light was cast upon the contribution to the school of the PE, Geography and Art departments. Sister Mitra found subsequent visits to the health centre in Matlock rather awkward as nobody recognised her without nose rings and dreadlocks.

Cinders, played by Faye Mellor, was a girl of our time, not to be put upon but very undecided as to what she really wanted out of life. The Fairy Godmother (Lizzie Allsop) and Buttons (Philippa Heathcote) proved to us all that magic is unreliable as an ally, but mobile phones and modern technology also create problems. A member of staff was heard to comment that it would be much better if Sixth Formers made a practice of using small scooters rather than cars, but not so loudly as to be overheard by the large number of drivers that we now have in the Sixth!. The two Ugly Sisters (Sarah Vinall and Christina Thwaites) fought their way through the performances but refused finally to be put into the class of unreformed sillies. Only the adoring mother found herself marooned on the beach of a defunct age, representing views about girls that nobody wants to hear any more.

But has Cinders ever really made up her mind about her career? Is it really so easy to do so? The modern girl wants the cake in her hand, and her man in the bush. Mrs Hall is going to have to write a sequel, Cinders Part 2 !!

Valerie E Fisher

LAMDA Examinations March 1998

Solo Acting		
Gold Medal	Distinction	Sara Vinall
	Pass	Hayley Clarke
	Honours	Helen MacBain, Christina Thwaites
Silver Medal		Ruth Spokes
Bronze Medal	Pass	Amy Rodgers
Grade 7	Honours	Hannah Hall
Grade 6	Honours	Charlotte Nunn
Grade 5	Distinction	Anna MacDonald
	Pass	Sarah Lilley
Grade 2	Distinction	
Duologue Acting		
Bronze Medal	Pass	Philippa Heathcote, Jessica Sverdlhoff
		Manna Lai
Grade 7	Honours	Brenda Lee
	Distinction	Katie Bromley, Rebecca Volli
	Pass	Evelyn Smalley
Junior Medal	Honours	Mary Murphy
	Distinction	Kirsty McCarrison, Veronique Yonnet
	Pass	
Group Acting		
Grade 5	Distinction	Rebecca Adamson, Helen Radford, Sophie Thwaites
		Charlotte Brown, Gemma Hammerton, Claire Potter, Alexandra Vernon
Grade 4	Honours	
Verse and Prose		
Silver Medal	Distinction	Faye Mellor
Grade 7	Pass	Mary Franklin
Grade 6	Distinction	Charlotte Burnham, Emma Shirley
		Danielle Ford
	Pass	
Junior School		
Verse and Prose		
Grade 4	Honours	Elizabeth Hayward
	Distinction	Harriet Holt
Grade 3	Honours	Andrea Ryan
	Distinction	Caroline Cable, Miriam Hammond, Felicity Marshall
		Sian Bacon
Grade 2	Pass	Sally Barnett
	Distinction	Jenny Beresford, Lorna Tonks
	Pass	Simone Park, Amy Yates
Grade 1	Honours	Francesca Salisbury, Victoria Tonks, Verity Wall
	Distinction	Georgina Creer, Saran Latham, Jessica Salisbury
	Pass	Rebecca Cooper, Hannah Sutton
Junior Preliminary	Honours	Sheena Shah, Jordan Stewart
Introductory	Honours	Christina Lowe
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CHAPEL NOTES

Our Chapel year opened in September with a visit from the Bishop of Repton, an old friend of the School and my Theological College Principal, together with Caroline Richmond, his wife.

The Autumn Term saw many visitors to Chapel. In connection with the fund-raising to be undertaken by the sponsored walk, we heard from Richard Horne, who has been a Governor for many years, about the work of the Home Farm Trust for the disabled; he was accompanied by Kay Schurer and Debbie Phipps, his daughter, who, as Debbie Horne was a pupil here between 1966 and 1973. Later, Ingrid Keith came to speak about the work of Christian Aid. It was some small comfort for sore feet to know that the money raised by the walk was going to good causes! We were also visited by Peter Bryan during his inspection of the School for the Social Services Department, and our old friend and former School Doctor, George Summers, with his wife Margaret, who came to distribute New Testaments for Gideons International. It was also a pleasure to welcome as preachers at School Eucharists our Provost, Bill Weaver, and the Rector of St Helen's, Robert Quarton.

Harvest Festival, this year in the Gymnasium, was followed by the usual distribution of Harvest Gifts to the many former employees of the School who live in retirement in the area; and the Annual Commemoration Service, in St Helen's Church, Darley Dale, was led by the Bishop of Warrington. The Choir was in good voice on this occasion, and performed Benjamin Britten's Missa Brevis.

This year the readings and music for Christmas were presented on two successive evenings in the last week of term; many thanks to all who made this such a success, especially Mr Teague and Mrs Hodgson who between them devised and rehearsed the presentation. For this, as has been the custom in the past, the Chapel chairs were turned round to face the choir stalls. I was so struck with this arrangement that I persuaded the Powers that Be to experiment with a completely new arrangement of furniture in Chapel.

So, the Chapel (to use the ugly jargon of church politics) has been 're-ordered'! As you enter by the porch, the first area you encounter is now the sanctuary, between the choir stalls and the chairs facing the opposite way from their old direction. This brings the choir into a close relationship with the liturgical action, and utilises the fine tapestry above the organ as a focal point. There is more space around the altar, and the window presented by the Old Girls for the 150th anniversary of the School is no longer hidden by a sea of chairs. This has been found to work very well for the liturgical needs of the modern church, and in addition provides a clear space as a theatre for drama or music.

The Spring Term saw visits from Angela Oates of the Children's Society, and Fr Tim Fernyhough, Chaplain of our sister Woodard foundation, Durham School. We were also enlivened by the characterful Tony Pokorny, a sprightly eighty-year old with a fund of astonishing stories about his work with the Austrian Bible Mission, and anecdotes of a childhood as a member of the Hitler Youth. We were equally glad to see Carol Kirby, Headmistress of Elmwood School in Ottawa, and her husband, Roy, who revived happy memories of the Choir's tour there last year.

Confirmation was on Sunday, 15th March, administered by the Bishop of Warrington, and on this occasion we were delighted to see thirteen girls take this important step forward in their Christian lives: Caroline Cable, Elizabeth Hayward, Harriet Holt and Felicity Marshall from the Junior School; and from the Senior School, Nicola Bateman, Charlotte Brown, Gemma Eagle, Samantha Haworth, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Anna MacDonald, Charlotte Nunn and Leanne Varney. Thanks to their tireless efforts of Mrs Ford, they were given national fame when the group photograph taken after the Service appeared in the Church Times!



Bishop John Packer with pupils after the confirmation service.

As I write, the Summer Term is still in progress. We have been visited by the beneficiaries of the sponsored walk fund-raising to collect our donations, and are looking forward to Old Girls' Reunion and Evensong, when we shall again have a four-part choir to sing the Service. The preacher at the final Eucharist will be one of our Governors who is also the parent of a present pupil, the Dean of Chester and well-known New Testament scholar, the Very Revd Stephen Smalley.

I am grateful to members of the School and staff who have led Chapel worship from time to time throughout the year, among whom we should mention the Amnesty Group, Miss Crook, Miss Simpson and Mrs Fisher. The Chapel Prefect this year has been Louise Benoist, and we are all grateful for her efforts.

Revd Stephen Jones



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A Warm Welcome for Just William

Literature's most famous or even infamous school boy, William Brown - known to everyone as 'Just William' - has just taken up residence in the Peak. A life-sized statue of the mischievous and usually scruffy William has recently been given to St Elphin's School by the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, who commissioned the fibreglass figure in 1990 on the centenary of the birth of Richmal Crompton, creator of the Just William stories. The coloured statue depicts the rogue with his tie awry, his battered cap perched on the back of his head and a businesslike catapult poking out of his pocket. The plaster on one knee and the scuffed shoes testify to his reputation.

William's connection to St Elphin's is through Richmal Crompton who became a boarding pupil when the school moved from Warrington in 1904. Born at Bury in 1890 into a clergy family, Richmal was to go on to become a teacher of Classics at St Elphin's between 1914-17. Her Just William stories were written between 1923 and her death in 1969.

During her time at Darley dale, Richmal contributed articles to the School Magazine which reveal a delight in her Peak District surroundings.

*Julie Bunting
Extract from The Peak Advertiser April 1998*

William Society Visit

We welcomed the William Society for their annual meeting, the third time at the school. We were delighted that Richmal Ashbee, Richmal Crompton's niece, stayed at the school with her husband Paul.

Many letters of appreciation were received for the day full of activities; tours of the Richmal Crompton sites, a biography of her time at school acted out by the girls with extracts from the William stories which contain incidents at St Elphin's, an archive display, a buffet lunch and a wonderful celebratory meal at the end of the day.

Once again the girls and staff surpassed themselves acting as hosts and players. Richmal Ashbee kindly presented the school with two rare first editions of William books as a thank you gift.

We are very grateful and look forward to the next time we see you all.

Mrs Ann Hodgson

The Most Important Festival

On the 7th of February the most important festival for the Chinese girls of St. Elphin's took place, the CHINESE NEW YEAR, which was celebrated in the school dining hall. Where we all dressed up smartly and every one looked cheerful. Most of the staff and all of the boarders joined in and all involved had a great time!

The decorations on the tables were made by the younger students. They made colourful lanterns.

The delicious food was cooked by the school chef. She managed to cook over 10 different kinds. The one that I enjoyed most was the Lemon Chicken.

On that night, we enjoyed ourselves very much and we are looking forward to the next Chinese New Year to come.

Winnie Kam.



YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

The Friends of St Elphin's presented a cheque for £3000 towards a new minibus for the school at their social evening in November. The theme was TV programmes based on the war years, and was entitled 'Your School Needs You!'. A very enjoyable and successful night was helped by the hard work and enthusiasm of the Friends' Committee, and nearly everyone entered the spirit of fun, dressing up as their favourite TV characters from 'Allo 'Allo, Dad's Army etc. The School would like to thank the Friends for all their hard work - long may it continue!

The Trees of St. Elphin's

Many parents and friends visiting St Elphin's must have admired the trees in the grounds without having an opportunity for a closer inspection, so I thought I would share some of its secrets with you. The main building was the Darley Dale Hydro from 1894, but some of its more stately trees must have been planted well before that time.

There are six conifers, the most outstanding of which is a giant redwood, *Sequoiadendron giganteum*, near the western tennis courts. It will always be a midget compared with its famous Californian cousins, some of which have been known to reach 100m in height, but it is still a beautiful specimen. Other St Elphin's conifers are the yews which provide autumn bounty for many birds, also cedar of Lebanon, Lawson's cypress and Scots pine. A row of the latter skirts the grounds on the Grove Lane side and there are several more on the Dale Road side of the main car park.

The most outstanding broad-leaved tree for height

and perfect shape must be the English oak on the north side of the grounds. It has obviously never been shaded by other trees, allowing it to develop a typical oak shape. Being visible directly above the biology lab, it illustrates many a lesson and has often been the subject of conjecture as to how many acorns it produces a year. Another oak, not often seen in this country, is the American red oak near the ornamental pond.

Next to the big oak is a row of three trees: a maple, a beech and a sycamore, probably all that remains of the "miniature plantation" described by Richmal Crompton in 1906. The previous year each girl, including our most famous old girl, planted "her own particular tree", and Richmal envisaged the plantation in 2005 having become a huge, gloomy forest. Her tree was a maple, and her niece, Richmal Ashbee, planted another to celebrate the centenary of her aunt's birth in 1990.

We have three varieties of beech: the normal green, copper (*purpurea*) and cut-leaved (*heterophylla*). Red- and white-flowered horse chestnuts give a cheerful display of flowers in spring, and one of the reds always goes through a very striking colour change in the autumn. Several of the commoner broad-leaved trees are found in the grounds, but a less common one, of which we have two specimens, is one of my favourites. This is the Italian alder, *Alnus cordata*, whose leaves remain green well into November after most others have turned yellow and brown and fallen.

The wide variety of trees at St Elphin's provide shelter and food for many birds, treecreepers, nuthatches and spotted flycatchers being some of the most notable, and interest all the year round for the human inhabitants.

The above is a synopsis of a talk which Miss Simpson gave to the Derbyshire Naturalists' Trust at a meeting held at our School.

Ed.

AT HOME...

L6 Biology and Geography Field Course, Easter 1998

We arrived at the Cranesdale Centre in North Yorkshire at about 11 a.m. and realised that it was nicer than we had expected. We had three rooms next to each other on a balcony and soon found out where everything was then settled down to our first lunch, where we met our teachers. The food at the centre was brilliant; I think it was one of the main things that kept us going, apart from our enthusiasm for work.

DAY 1

The geographers assessed the impact of an urban area on river discharge. After lunch we went to five river sites where we collated data. The biologists among us went to Brompton Beck where we had fun standing in a stream collecting algae and animals in order to learn about freshwater energetics, which is how energy is transferred through a food web. Before and after supper on this and the subsequent days we spent time at the centre collating data and drawing conclusions.

DAY 2

Geographers set off for the Holderness coastline to study coastal erosion and its effects. We also went to Flamborough Head to look at features formed through different processes of erosion, such as caves, stacks and a wave-cut platform. In the evening we studied different types of coastal protection. The biologists went to Filey Brigg to investigate the distribution of species on the shore and to compare the dimensions of limpets on exposed and sheltered shores.

DAY 3

Geographers and biologists worked together to compare soils, vegetation and environmental factors on moorland and in forest. In the evening we made a land use plan of the area and studied the effects of tourism on it.

DAY 4

Again, we all worked together to investigate pollution in Pocklington Beck. We collected a great deal of data on environmental factors at four different sites and also identified the animals in the water. All this was analysed in the evening, giving particularly satisfying results.

DAY 5

The biologists attempted unsuccessfully to trap mammals in the churchyard and also visited a disused quarry to try out the capture-mark-recapture technique for estimating the population of woodlice. The geographers spent the morning in Malton analysing building quality, litter quantity and land use along different roads in the town. We found that the best-kept areas were in the centre. After a packed lunch we returned to school.

We would like to thank Miss Simpson for taking us to the Cranesdale Centre, and the Yorkshire Field Studies Trust for their grant towards the trip.

Christina Thwaites and Kathryn Shipman

The Poetry Day at Nottingham

The day started off well with six of our members being offered £10 to give out programmes. Naturally, we accepted. Then we proceeded to be seated. The first speaker was of celebrity status - sort of; some of us even got his autograph. He was Simon Armitage. His poems were very fast and funny, presented in a charming Manchester accent. One of the most remembered was called "The Smell of the Cabbage" - about prison - a very enigmatic piece.

After he had left, to provide a contrast to his furious session, we had an Examiner session by the Head of the NEAB. It was interesting, if a little less entertaining, and helped us in understanding the minds of our markers. Then we had more from Simon, the same sort of wit and commentary on his poems and he also told us an amusing tale of his schooldays. Carol Ann Duffy was next. She took a no nonsense attitude, silencing us all before proceeding. Her poetry was enjoyed greatly, especially in her Scottish accent. After that, came Ian Macmillan, another slight celebrity from Radio One - more of a stand-up comedian than a poet. He recited a few poems and a lot of commentary.

After a packed lunch came Adrian Henri, French, a more mature person. Between poems about Liverpool we found out that he is an ex-60s rock star - more fame! He was on for 20 minutes so only managed about three poems.

Gillian Clarke followed. Another accent graced us as she is Welsh. She was very softly spoken so it was hard to catch all that she was saying. After her came Peter Buckroyd, by now being referred to as 'our Pete', who gave another mesmerising exam-tips session. Following a refreshing break, we were treated to Liz Lockhead. She also spoke well, though she concentrated more on poems than commentary, unlike her predecessors. Then came the final poet, from Barbados, Valerie Bloom. She had the audience joining in her poem about a market in Barbados. We were all crying, "Com git yer ripe banana!" or "Fiiii...ish!" It was an entertaining way to finish an entertaining day.

Thank you to Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Pearce.

Helen MacBain,

The Poetry Corner

This year has seen a new feature in the Thornton Block, a Poetry Corner initiated by Mrs Prince. She chooses old and new favourite poems and invites other people to add to the display. It is interesting to see the changes week by week to recall to mind our childhood favourites (even science teachers have taken to quoting 'Cargo') and to see the latest choices, even in other languages.

Mrs Ann Hodgson

And They Call This Study ?

Question:- What do a well-known soap opera, a chocolate bar and the world's most famous mouse have in common?

Answer:- Business Studies, or to be more precise GNVQ Advanced Business.

Whilst cruising down the Seine on a Bateau Mouche may not seem the traditional classroom for sixth form study, or being launched into a black hole via a rocket for a journey through Space Mountain, the most familiar route in to Higher Education, it does exemplify the active "hands on" approach to programme delivery which is the ethos of GNVQ at St Elphin's.

GNVQ Business encourages students to take a positive role in the management of their studies and work by making practical use of real-life business environments relating to the theory covered in the classroom.

The proposed visits to Granada Studios, Cadbury's World and Disneyland Paris are intended to supplement time already spent on work placements in venues such as Mercedes-Benz, Demaglass and Age Concern, who, in their own way, all provide support for our Business programme.

The value of this approach has already been demonstrated by the Merit and Distinction grades achieved by the students who have completed this year, which has helped towards their progress on to their chosen courses at University in September - no waiting anxiously until mid-August for your results with this mode of study!

The average female knows that the price of a sliver of chocolate spending a moment on the lips is a lifetime on the hips. The teachers of Business Studies know that a visit to each location, providing active learning experiences will last a lifetime in the mind.

Dr Nigel Ogden

Textiles

The Textiles Department goes from strength to strength and we are excited by the number of pupils we will soon have to keep our eyes open for in the worlds of fashion and theatre. The Lower 6th Textiles pupils and I visited Nottingham Trent University to view Anna Michell's final Degree show in Theatre Design - she reports having had a wonderful time both on her course and during her various work experiences, which included Pantomime in Harrogate.

After a year in India, where she included work experience in textiles, Sunita Nair took up her place at Manchester UMIST. She has now completed her second year and has invited us to go to see her Degree course show next year. Helen Winlow has completed her first year at Harrow School of Art, University of Westminster - yet another trip we would like to make in the future.

We have three more girls who thoroughly enjoyed their one-year Foundation Course before taking up their respective places on Fashion and Textiles Degree Courses in September 1998. All are going on to well-established and respected courses at their first choice university: Anna Thwaites, Brighton; Jo Mapp, Nottingham Trent; Alison Moncrief, Newcastle.

Of course, we had to visit Chesterfield College of Art to see their Fashion Show and end of year display. We also made quick trips to buy fabrics and trims, to view clothing museums and see lace and hosiery exhibitions. We even managed to fit in some lessons and found time to create 'wearable art', which we were invited to show at the Rotary Club's Charity Fashion Show when we gave them a sneak preview of our 'A' level pupils' coursework. There were theatrical costumes based on sea creatures, 60s-inspired net curtain flares, sculptured see-through evening wear and a range of oriental-inspired creations, hand-painted, crayoned and embroidered with motifs and symbols - you will have to ask Manna what secrets are written on her satin kimono!

Mrs Elizabeth Hughes



Feet first on the sponsored walk

Boarders' Outings 1997-98

For the boarders this year has been one of the best, with countless shopping trips to places such as Bakewell, Chesterfield, Meadowhall in Sheffield and Nottingham. In the Autumn Term we went to see "H M S Pinafore" at the Pomegranate Theatre in Chesterfield. Next was a nearby stop at Matlock Bath to see the evening illuminations. We then went on our regular trip to the cinema in Derby, followed by the visit to Granada Studios where we went behind the scenes of "Coronation Street".

Later in the year we went to the Doncaster Dome to swim and skate, not to mention the cinema visit there where, after "Titanic" had been shown, everyone came out sobbing. Next was shopping and bowling in Chesterfield where we beat the staff hands down! A group of us enjoyed a walk on Stanton Moor - heather and sheep galore!.

Then we visited St. Anselm's School to see their performance of Agatha Christie's, "A Murder is Announced". Fun was had by all. A more recent trip was the annual visit to Alton Towers, a great success! Our last visit was to Ashford in the Water to see the Well Dressings and then shopping in Bakewell. Throughout the year the boarding staff have kept us all very busy. Many thanks to them all.

Holly Brown, Year 8



Jasmine takes to the air

Classics

In the summer term Years 8 and 9 visited St Albans where we saw the Roman Theatre, probably the best example in England, the Roman wall of the old city of Verulamium and the excellent museum. The museum must surely rate as one of the best in displaying and interpreting the remains of the Roman world.

Mrs Patricia Miles

Le Ballon Rouge

During November students of French were treated to a visit from the European Theatre company with a performance of Albert Lamorisse's 'Le Ballon Rouge'. Girls as young as Year 5 right up to the 6th Form enjoyed the story which had been adapted to suit a modern audience, and they were joined by pupils from nearby Stancliffe Hall School.

Careers Department 1997-98

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Dakin to the department this year. As a teacher of Business Studies and I.T. her experience and skills are particularly relevant in careers education and guidance. As she is the mother of teenage daughters and has some years' experience of other jobs outside teaching she could hardly be better equipped to keep the department's collective feet firmly on the ground.

I.T. loomed large for us in the Autumn Term when our first university applicants opted for the electronic applications system (EAS). All went well, which is encouraging as the plan is that all applications will be by computer in the near future. Certainly many more of our Lower 6th hope to use it next year.

The Autumn Term also found us in a new Careers Room / Library with more space for books and people and a very favourable climate for flowering plants! This provided a pleasant place to welcome

our Understanding Industry speakers who came to enlighten the Lower 6th during the Spring Term.

The Spring Term also saw our Careers Convention where everyone from Year 9 upwards was able to choose to hear three speakers on different career fields. We were most grateful to the busy professionals - who included former students and parents - who gave up their time to help.

We have also enjoyed working with our ISCO Regional Director, Sue Hargreaves, whose expertise and enthusiasm are so valuable, and with our Derbyshire Careers Service staff who have interviewed Year 11 and 6th Form girls as well as working with the whole year group to help us provide the best possible programme.

The year will end - but after publication deadline - with work experience for Year 11. All arrangements are in place for the week when the GCSE exams finish but the

reports will have to wait for next year's 'Elphinian'.

Mrs Patricia Outram

Careers Convention

Friday, 13th March Full moon Careers Convention. What could be worse? Surprisingly, quite a lot, actually. Girls from Year 9 to the Lower 6th took part in the informative lectures on various careers such as engineering and medicine. Also, as we are a girls' school, there was a speaker on 'Women in Business' which was an interesting talk about getting to high places in the business world being a woman. This talk was actually given to us by an ex-pupil as was the talk on medicine.

All that remains to be said is that this year's Careers Convention was a success, and thanks to Mrs Outram for organising it.

Daminie Hutton, L6

THE GREECE TRIP

A big thank you to Mrs Miles for the amazing Greece trip.

We had a wicked time and Hannah and I thought we would sum up a few highlights for you:

1. The breath taking views and intriguing sights.
2. Jessica's Rudolph red nose- thanks Hannah!
3. The forever English night spots, namely the 'Gorilla Club'!
4. Thanks to Mrs Miles for my 18th Birthday cake-Hannah.
5. I don't think anyone has ever had 'Happy Birthday' sung to them in a Greek Amphitheatre before! Thanks to all and sundry- Hannah.
6. Anyone for a game of Uno?

Thanks again to Mrs Miles and all the staff involved.

By Jessica Sverdlhoff and Hannah Wood
Lower Sixth



The Sixth Form at Mistras



The group at Epidauros



Testing Roman latrines in ancient Corinth

Mrs Miles
holding forth at
Olympia

Classics Department Tour of Greece, Easter 1998

Our tour of some of the sites of ancient Greece had a very auspicious beginning! Mrs Pearce had all her personal money and traveller's cheques stolen on our arrival at Athens airport, so that while the rest of us toured the Acropolis and the Agora, she spent her time the next day coping with the incredible bureaucracy of the Greek Police Force, not a computer to be seen, and all forms hand-written in triplicate. Things could only get better.

As we headed out of Athens towards Corinth and Mycenae, our Greek courier announced that he knew nothing about Ancient Greece, nor was he interested in it! He also had a Greek born American in tow who was "learning the ropes". Neither of them could comprehend that if we had come all the way from England to study the sites in some detail we might want to spend more than one hour on each. It became apparent that their priorities were the "lunch time stop". The driver, they pointed out, had to be well fed, not to mention our two couriers.

Battle ensued. I had to negotiate appropriate lengths of times of our visits and convince them that on our limited finances we could not afford a slap-up meal at lunch, but simply required a snack.

However, couriers apart, we did have a splendid time. The weather was very kind to us. The previous week Athens airport had been closed by snow, and deep snow still lined the mountain passes and crowned the peaks sparkling in the bright sunshine. We did see all the sites at leisure and experienced some of modern day Greece in the evenings.

The visit to Olympia, a special topic for the GCSE group, was really worthwhile; its size and scale especially impressed the students. Epidauros was memorable for all of us and particularly for Hannah Wood who was 18 that day, and was serenaded by the group in the open-air theatre. I have an abiding memory of Min Hye, Virginia, Jin-Young and Joyce gazing in amazement at the Roman communal latrines in ancient Corinth. "They shared the loos!?"

The visit to Mistras was voted the best day; the Byzantine ruins clinging to the rocky slopes, the profusion of wild flowers, the backdrop of snow-covered mountains and the clear blue sky created a stunning picture.

The group of 29, which included students, staff, friends and relations, and a former student, combined together wonderfully well, and we had a very happy and rewarding trip.

Mrs Patricia Miles



Visitors from Wurzburg

We were pleased to welcome a group of 24 German girls from Saint Ursula Schule in Wurzburg during the last week of the Summer Term. They arrived on 24th June with their teachers, Frau Jambrina and Frau Wandl-Berger. Most of them were favourably impressed by their peaceful surroundings after struggling to cope with the London Underground in the rush hour.

During the next week girls attended lessons and made various excursions in and around Matlock and Derbyshire. Some of them stayed with families of day girls, whilst others boarded at school. They were often puzzled by our uniforms, and exhausted by the length of the school day. Many of them were delighted to meet the girls from Year 9 with whom they had been corresponding. They also enjoyed "A Midsummer Night's Dream", though most of them had difficulty understanding all the words, especially when the actors spoke in strange dialects.

Our visitors left on 3rd July to spend their final weekend in London before returning to Germany. Thank you to all the families who hosted one of our visitors. We plan to return to Wurzburg as soon as possible, either during this academic year or early in September 1999.

Mrs Geraldine Martin

Ski Trip to Italy

After a long journey we finally arrived at our destination - Prato Nevoso. Although our resort sounded like a highly infectious disease we found that Prato was a small, quaint village. We arrived at 2 pm under a lovely blue sky and bright sunshine. Worried after being told that it had not snowed since January 10th, we were delighted to see a covering of white on the ground.

We showered, changed and met for a walk around the resort, filling ourselves with gorgeous pizza.

We were met by our instructors, Paulo, Dino and Romano, and someone (mentioning no names) fell deeply in love! Ski lessons were great and the weather remained fantastic. A typical day consisted of ski lessons, sun bathing, lunch, sunbathing, ice cream, ski lessons, supper and LOTS OF FUN!. Evening activities included a quiz night, 'scaddooing' and an outing to the nearby resort of Artesina for a disco night. Saturday afternoon brought our holiday to a close and we embarked on the 26-hour journey home, leaving the snow, sun and fun behind.

The staff involved, Jayne Duggins, Tony Coutts and Annette Smith, would like to thank the girls for their impeccable behaviour and to the Sixth Formers for their help and mature attitude throughout the trip. We look forward to another expedition soon!





What the Butler Saw

The 'A' level Theatre Studies group saw a performance of Joe Orton's "What the Butler Saw" at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, a controversial play, written in the 60s, dealing with a range of difficult issues such as incest and transvestism. Michael Grandage directed efficiently with a particularly good performance from Cheryl Campbell.

The sophisticated and stylised set was a fitting background for the unpredictable antics of the characters involved in the psychiatric institution. Fast-moving and slick, this black comedy dealing with taboo subjects is still capable of making us laugh, whilst making us think about the more serious topics. We thoroughly enjoyed the outing - especially the naked man running around the stage!

Sara Vinall,

West Side Story

In March 1998, we were taken to see a theatrical production of 'West Side Story', directed by Alan Johnson, at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham.

Before the play began, the overture, played by the orchestra, allowed us to hear snippets of the songs and gave us a pleasant introduction to the play.

When it began, the Jets (the Americans) and the Sharks (the Puerto Ricans) were gathered in their 'territories', which was a very good way to start, because it allows people who do not know the story to follow what is happening right from the beginning.

I thought that all the actors' and actresses' singing was very good, especially as they have to act and dance as well, which set a very high standard. I thought that Maria, played by Katie Knight-Adams, and Tony, played by David Halbin, were especially

good, although at times their voices were drowned by the orchestra. However, the sound was good considering the fact that it was microphonic sound.

The staging was well-presented, considering that the scenery had to be changed frequently, but the quick way in which it was done was very good. The orchestra continued to play while the stage was being transformed.

The music was performed well by the orchestra, which consisted of a keyboard, two violins, a 'cello, a double bass, two trumpets, a trombone, a horn, two clarinets, a flute, a saxophone, drums and percussion, and was well-directed by the conductor/director. The dancing was well choreographed and added extra enjoyment and amusement to the story, especially Officer Krypkes' song and dance. The original plan for 'West Side Story' was for it to be about the different religions against the Jews. However, this idea proved too difficult and offended people, so it was based on Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet', the fight for love between two people and their families. The play could be used to show the struggle between the Bosnians and the Serbs, but this, too, may offend some people.

Amy Wass, Year 9

AJAX

In the autumn term GCSE and A Level students travelled to Manchester to see the Greek play "Ajax" by Sophocles, performed in English by the Actors of Dionysus. "Ajax" is a rather dour but fascinating play about the Greek hero who commits suicide because he feels his honour has been slighted by the other Greek heroes and the gods. It certainly helped the students studying the text to see such a lively performance by young and enthusiastic actors.

This October we look forward to seeing "The Trojan Women" by Euripides, another set text, performed in Greek at Cambridge.

Mrs Patricia Miles

The Tempest

An extremely well interpreted production of Shakespeare's final play was enjoyed by various members of the senior school. The Upper Sixth in particular scrutinised the play closely, taking mental notes as 'The Tempest' was one of our set texts. The production was highly visual and the actors were of the highest standard as would be expected of the Royal Shakespeare Company at its best.

A memorable evening was had by all and was topped off by the star spotting of the sixth form who all managed to walk past the actor John Nettles without realising until one on-the-ball person noticed that it was in fact 'that bloke who played Beregerac.'

Sally Walton, Upper Sixth

'Hard Rock'

February 1997

Lyceum Theatre Sheffield

The Theatre Studies group went to 'Hard Rock', a 1960s pastiche, loosely written around the Cinderella story, linked by 1960s songs. The story line itself was very basic but the music held it all together. The play used a narrator (Alvin Stardust) who delivered his lines directly to the audience. Alvin was part of a small cast of only eight people.

Sara Vinall, Upper Sixth

Lyceum Sheffield

"From a Jack to a King" - December 1997
"A new look at 'Macbeth' - really entertaining. Never thought they could make it into such a good musical" *CT*

"Grease" - Lyceum, February 1998
"We were spellbound by the magical singing and dancing" *JD*

"Brassed Off" -
Crucible Theatre Sheffield 1998
"A play about the closure of the mines with a real colliery brass band. We found it moving and entertaining" *AH*

WILD ONES

Liliane models the latest fashion against Tamara's applique dragon





Midsummer Night's Dream

The making of a play by the girls of St Elphin's School

'and I hope here is a play fitted'

In early January 1998 a crowd of eager thespians filled the Drama Studio to audition for parts in the Summer Shakespeare production. There was an atmosphere of enthusiasm that boded well; some students were intent on taking specific parts, others were willing to try them all! After several auditions it became clear just how much talent was on offer.

As enthusiasm was high, we had to find a way to accommodate all budding actresses and so the parts of Theseus, Hippolyta and the Lady-in-Waiting were shared, each by two girls of equal ability. Other members of the court and city, namely Egeus and Philostrate, were also played by girls of obvious skill.

The lovers were well fitted by four Sixth Formers, two with the difficult task of playing men. That caused laughter for a while, but the girls developed an appropriate approach. They even became used to wearing Greek tunics! (No comment from Faye!). Comedy and action also developed well, helped along by Kelly Margetts and Stuart Parker, both of whom brought their expertise to rehearsals and life to the play.

The inhabitants of the fairy world were magically suited to their parts. Oberon was dark-eyed, Titania fair, both striking in their different ways. Puck was full of energy and bounce, totally committed to presenting a convincing character on stage. Titania's fairies were our youngest actresses, fired with enthusiasm and full of ideas about what they should wear and how they should move; Oberon's fairies worked on creating a perfect image of mysterious beings.

Enter the clowns! What a comical crew! It was hard to get through rehearsals when these mechanicals were involved. They threw themselves (sometimes literally) into the practices, often rendering us helpless with laughter.

There were other talented people - staff and students worked extremely hard to create dance, music, costumes, makeup, sets, props, lighting and sound. PR and administration produced posters, tickets and programmes, contacted newspapers and sold seats.

When July arrived, we could not believe how quickly time had passed! All our hard work was now ready to be seen. The curtain was about to go up!

Mrs Sue Bradford, Producer and Director

The School's production of 'A Midsummer night's Dream' in July was produced by Sue Bradford with a cast ranging from girls in Year 7 to the Upper Sixth.... no mean feat to bring together such a diverse cast in the busiest term of the year, to provide two memorable evenings of entertainment.

For a couple of hours the audience was transported to the enchanted dream world of Shakespeare's romantic comedy, where fairies and mortals proved that 'the course of true love' could, with some interference, be made to 'run smooth'.

It would be impossible to mention every member of the excellent cast, much as I would like to. It would be equally impossible not to mention some. Daminie Hutton's dramatic Oberon and Sara Vinall's Titania were supported by a charming group of fairies. Christina Thwaites as Bottom, and his band of 'Mechanicals' had the audience in stitches, and who can forget Sarah Lilley's Snug?

Helen (Helen MacBain) and Hermia (Philippa Heathcote) were as spiteful as any young ladies in love can be! Amy Rodgers as Egeus, and the rest of the mortals were all equally excellent.

A successful performance depends on so many elements - the sets, costumes, makeup and lighting, and especially in 'The Dream', the dance and musical effects. All these combined brilliantly to create a magical effect.

Sue Bradford, the cast and entire supporting team are to be congratulated on a highly professional and very amusing production of the immortal 'Dream'. I have seen a number of performances of this play and have enjoyed few more. They captured the true spirit of the play.

Mrs Elizabeth Prince

Other Productions Seen for our Preparations

In February, Years 8 and 9 saw the Derby Shakespeare Players' version of this romantic comedy, set in the palace and forest of Athens.

The setting was in purple and silver, a large moon and a cloud hanging across the backcloth, giving the impression of night. White cupboard-like structures were moved about to re-shape the stage, done by fairies, which made the activity appear more natural. At the back of the stage were Titania's bed and Puck's swing, the latter rising and falling appropriately, but unfortunately squeaking in the process.

The costumes were 19th century in style. Main human characters were dressed in neutral colours, to contrast with the purples and silvers of the fairy world.

Helena played her part well but lost some of the comedy. Both Hermia and Helena looked the part. Lysander and Demetrius spoke clearly and caught the comedy of the play.

Puck delivered his speeches well, but lacked energy, perhaps being too old for the part. Oberon was excellent, presenting a dark, mysterious character, sparkling in his costume, although Titania should have been younger and prettier.

The best actors were the mechanicals, especially Bottom, who was hilarious. Starveling was played well, by a woman, and was accompanied by a real dog who stole the show, even yawning when the play lacked pace.

The play would have benefited from better casting and the skills of a choreographer, but it provided, nevertheless, an enjoyable evening at Derby Playhouse.

An Asian Dream - Tara Arts

It was with a keen sense of curiosity that we, the designers for our own production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and two of our makeup team (mother and daughter), made our way to Mansfield to see what Tara Arts would do with the Bard's great comedy. We knew they would draw on Britain's multi-cultural melting pot and that many of them were Asians, but we had no idea what to expect.

Jatinder Verma's streetwise production was a joy! It was English theatre transformed by the colour, language, music, dance and sensibilities of Asians in the West, a feast for the eyes as much as the ears. The set was a beautiful Indian garden, of bright and simple design. Costumes were embroidered and in jewel colours. The characterisations were clear and stylised, movement and tone reminiscent of Indian theatre and dance.

Our favourite character was Puck.. He was tall, acrobatic and very mischievous, like a loveable but naughty schoolboy. He moved like a creature of the forest nimbly from space to space, swinging and leaping.

We left inspired, buzzing with ideas about set and costumes for our production. In the words of a 14th Century literary critic:

'Drama is like a dream; it is not real, but it is really felt'.

Sophie Hill, Year 9

Mrs Sue Bradford



MUSIC



Commemoration service at St. Helen's Church

The musical highlight of the year was undoubtedly our performance of *Dido and Aeneas* by Purcell in the Gym in March. In the title role of Queen Dido we welcomed back Samantha Hay, an old girl, who is currently studying at the Birmingham Conservatoire. Sam was ably supported by fellow student, Jonathan Waterworth, who took the part of Aeneas. Other solo roles were taken by Erin Hargadon, Tamara Dudziak, Jessica Logan, Hayley Clarke and Sara Vinall, with Helen MacBain as the Sorceress. The programme, which had the theme 'Music in Girls' Schools', also included the St Paul's Suite which Holst wrote for his orchestra at St Paul's Girls' School in London.

Earlier in the year, the Eucharist for Speech Day was again held in St Helen's Church and this year the music included the Missa Brevis by Benjamin Britten.

For the Carol Service at Christmas the venue returned to the Chapel, and the Service was held on two consecutive nights to accommodate all the visitors and parents. Through poetry and song we presented the growth and development of our traditions at Christmas, including decorations, carols and gifts.

The choir has sung at two weddings during the year - both at Eyam Church, and both for members of the same family, the Stephensons, both Old Girls of St Elphin's.

In May, the Junior School choir travelled to Buxton to sing in the Festival, and returned with two trophies.

This was followed by the May concert, a highlight of which was the performance by the Middle School choir which this time included all girls in Years 7 - 9.

Well over 100 instrumental lessons weekly have been given by our dedicated and professional team of visiting staff, to whose number we have welcomed Brian Towse to teach Brass. It is hoped that many more girls will take up brass instruments, especially as the School possesses some fine instruments which are unused at present, and also because brass is such an important part of the culture in these northern parts.

Many individual girls have excelled and especial congratulations to Katherine Hyde for securing a place in the Derbyshire Youth Orchestra.

All this success would not be possible without the weekly round of rehearsals which include choirs, orchestra and string groups, junior and senior, and the dedicated help of music scholars and senior music prefects.

Mr Andrew Teague



The sailors' pyramid in Dido and Aeneas

Visitors from Canada

Forty-six girls and boys from Kingston, Ontario, members of the Cantabile Choir, made St Elphin's their base whilst touring Britain. Directed by Dr Mark Sirett, the choir treated the Chapel audience to a mixed programme of sacred and secular songs, accompanied by William Maddox. The Chapel was bursting at the seams and everyone agreed that they sang 'like angels'.

The Cantabile Choir is one of Canada's leading singing groups, winning numerous awards, and the UK tour included concerts in Nottingham, Coventry, Salisbury, York, London and St Albans.

Music Resuts 1997-98

Pianoforte

Grade 1	Merit Pass	Natasha Mitra Gemma Eagle, Gemma Hammerton
Grade 2	Distinction Pass	Doreen Mak Katie Bromley, Anna Kirby
Grade 3	Pass	Euphemia Cunnane, Joyce Lai, Catherine Leteve, Doreen Mak, Amy Rodgers
Grade 4	Distinction Merit Pass	Kyung-Ah Lee Cathy Yip Elizabeth Hayward, Holly Page,
Grade 5	Merit Pass	Victoria Cho Elizabeth Hayward, Daminie Hutton, Rita Lee
Grade 8	Merit	Virginia Tang

Violin

Grade 1	Merit Pass	Miriam Hammond Harriet Holt, Christina Powell
Grade 2	Merit	Euphemia Cunnane, Elizabeth Hayward
Grade 3	Merit	Ruth Varley
Grade 4	Pass	Kathryn Shipman
Grade 6	Pass	Anna Kirby
Grade 7	Merit	Katherine Hyde

Viola

Grade 1	Pass	Helen Radford
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Flute

Grade 4	Pass	Hannah Bourne
Grade 5	Pass	Catherine Benoist

Clarinet

Grade 3	Distinction	Charlotte Brown
Grade 4	Pass	Laura Nicholson-Thew
Organ		
Grade 4	Merit	Natsuko Shimanuki
Grade 6	Pass	Amanda Lee

Trumpet

Grade 4	Pass	Brenda Lee
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E Flat Horn

Grade 4	Distinction	Natsuko Shimanuki
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E Flat Saxophone

Grade 2	Pass	Sophie Hill
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B Flat Cornet

Grade 4	Merit	Holly Page
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Treble Recorder

Grade 4	Merit	Eleanor Hughes
Grade 6	Merit	Eleanor Hughes

Singing

Grade 1	Merit	Felicity Marshall
Grade 2	Merit	Evelyn Smalley
Grade 5	Pass	Sophie Thwaites
Grade 6	Merit	Eleanor Hughes
	Pass	Tamara Dudziak
Grade 7	Merit	Jessica Logan
	Pass	Tamara Dudziak

Theory of Music

Grade 1	Distinction Pass	Amy Rodgers, Felicity Rowland Sally Barnett, Phoebe Cunnane, Kayley Eagle
Grade 2	Distinction	Katie Bromley, Holly Brown, Gemma Eagle, Lisbeth Rosebery, Evelyn Smalley, Alexandra Vernon, Cathy Yip
	Pass	Gemma Hammerton
Grade 3	Pass	Euphemia Cunnane
Grade 4	Pass	Elizabeth Hayward, Jessica Sverdlhoff
Grade 5	Distinction Pass	Amanda Lee Eleanor Hughes, Laura Nicholson-Thew, Kathryn Whittle
Grade 7	Pass	Holly Page

Katherine Hyde took part in a four-day course with the Derby City and County Youth Orchestra in July, playing music ranging from the 'Titanic' theme music to Vitara and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Jessica Logan spent a week at Eton on a Choral Course, which she enjoyed enormously.

Jessica Sverdlhoff and Hannah Wood attended the Woodard Schools Conference for Leaders and came back full of ideas - Year 7 have already benefited from this in their Induction programme.



St Elphin's

pipes in the haggis

A Scottish lunch, which was organised by Stancliffe Hall School, took place on Burns Night, 30th January 1998. a three-course lunch which included Neeps and Tatties was enjoyed by everyone.

Of course, Haggis, too, was on the menu and this was ceremoniously piped in to 'Scotland the Brave' by Faye Mellor in full regalia. Faye became interested in playing the bagpipes after visiting Chatsworth Country Fair and hearing the pipe bands. As she was looking for another instrument to learn in her music lessons, she realised that the bagpipes was the instrument for her.

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St Elphin's Amnesty International organisation started the year lacking members, but certainly not determination. We spent the first month of term organising a stall for Open Day to raise money for a cause we supported last year: Caza Alianza, an orphanage for street children in Guatemala, Mexico. The five of us worked on the stall all morning (alternating between hockey matches) to raise fifty pounds to send to the orphanage.

Our main campaign this year has been for refugees seeking asylum in Great Britain. Although there have been many political points raised by this campaign, we do believe that all people deserve a decent chance at life and so we asked people to sign a petition that had been sent to us. Thank you to everyone who did sign. The petition has been sent off now and Amnesty can use this in their campaign.

This year was Amnesty's 50th birthday. In celebration of this we received a blank paged book to fill with people's names and addresses. Eventually, when sent off, the book will be presented along with hundreds of others, to the United Nations, declaring our support for Human Rights.

It has been an eventful year which would not have been possible without the help of Mrs Martin who has given so much of her time to Amnesty.

Eleanor Hughes Year 10

Social Services

We entertained ten retired employees to tea at Christmas. Years 7 and 8 prepared a programme of choral and instrumental music which the visitors thoroughly enjoyed. They were then looked after by some of Year 8 at tea. These girls found the afternoon very worthwhile and have offered to help again next year.

We had a Home Clothes Day on 5th November towards Research at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. This raised about £100.

Mrs Judy Corfield

Dance!

The Essential Energy School of Dance now offers dance classes to pupils aged 7-13 during the lunch break. Classes will include National Curriculum Dance, Disco, Modern and Jazz.

So come along and get that Friday Feeling and have some Funky Fitness Fun!

Clubs And Societies

A.T.C.

If you like running around in the muddy outdoors whatever the weather, racing through rivers and dressing up as a tree, this is the place for you! The Air Training Corps is run in Matlock for anyone, male or female, over the age of 13. Many of our girls have been loyal cadets for many years at this Squadron.

However, A.T.C. is not just about running around in camouflage gear wearing what looks like brown and green face paint. It also has a more serious side. The cadets practise marching, drill on occasion in their smart blue uniform and show their faces on certain parade days. We get involved in many other activities as well, such as shooting, flying, gliding, climbing, water sports and of course all the adventure training camps.

As well as getting fit and looking smart and organised, A.T.C. is absolutely great fun! If anyone is interested come and see us and we'll be showing you how to shape your beret in no time!

Vikki Sheldon, Year 10

Scottish Country Dancing

A small but enthusiastic group of girls took part this year. We continued dancing the old favourites, learning new dances and trying to improve our technique. New girls have been welcomed and helped by those who have been dancing for a year or more and we look forward to welcoming new members next year.

We had an evening of great fun with our Russian visitors towards the end of the Summer Term. They wanted to learn an English dance and, in spite of language difficulties we helped them through Cumberland Square Eight (English) and then a Scottish dance. Eventually the two groups mixed together, exchanged names and ended up doing a passable Strip the Willow.

I am most grateful to Miss Jones and Miss Powlay for their continued support.

Mrs Mavis Hunter

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Enthusiasm for the Scheme continues as girls are introduced to the wide variety of activities that can gain credits towards the various levels of award. In Year 9 over half of the year group have decided to take up the challenge. Ably led by Mrs Diane Blount, who was presented with a "Longstanding Service Award" at the Presentation Evening for Award winners in the Derbyshire Dales area on 5th December 1997, they will have completed the expedition section and be well on with

learning new skills. For their 'service' many chose to help in the Nursery, led by Mrs Cuff.

By Year 10 a few may have fallen by the wayside but a hardy bunch have continued to

Silver level and, overcoming blisters, will have completed a three-day expedition, carrying full camping gear - very tiring - following two full training days and a three-day practice expedition. For the skills section they may have learnt to play musical instruments, sung in choirs, acted in plays, learnt photography etc.

After a year's break to concentrate on GCSE, the Gold Award is seen by an increasing number of our girls to offer a valuable addition to any c.v. Direct entry to Gold Award is possible, although this requires additional training and longer time spent on the skills and service sections. The extra demands of the four-day expedition in remote 'wild country' is a serious challenge to most of our entrants, but the reward is worthwhile. In March three of our previous entrants were able to go to St James's Palace London, to receive recognition from our Royal Patron.

MrDavid Farrer



Public Speaking and Debating

The Senior girls have taken part in a number of external debates and public speaking events, in competition with other schools in the area.

In October, Sara Vinall (Speaker), Veronique Evans (Chairman) and Zoe Clark (Expressor of thanks) took part in the Woodard Public Speaking Competition at Abbots Bromley. Six teams from Woodard Schools took part: the standard of speaking was very high, with a wide range of interesting subjects.

St Elphin's came first, Sara's speech being about 'the corrupting influence of fashion, and Veronique complimented by the judge for her 'charming smile'!

At the beginning of March, St Elphin's debated against St Mary's High School, Chesterfield, in the first round of the Netherthorpe Cup. Faye Mellor and Veronique Evans spoke to the motion, "Cannabis should be legalised". We spoke in support of the motion, but I'm afraid we were unsuccessful.

One very tough assignment was the Oxford Union Debating Competition which took place at Warwick. Christina Thwaites and Faye Mellor took part. They were only given the motion a short time before they had to speak - a very scary experience!

In November we went to the Chesterfield Hotel to take part in a national debating competition, organised by the Business and Professional Women's Association. Our team was Faye Mellor (Speaker), Christina Thwaites (Chairman) and Helen MacBain (Expressor of thanks). Faye's subject was 'Sport has taken the place of religion

in our society'. We didn't win, but Helen received a cup for the best giver of thanks. This event was well supported by the local Post Office, who gave every competitor a bag of goodies, ranging from T-shirts to notebooks.

In June we took part once again in the annual battle against our old enemy, Lady Manners. This debate is organised by Bakewell Rotary Club and is limited to

under 14 year olds, with four speakers in each team. The motion was, 'the car is a menace to society'. We had to speak against the motion: all our speakers were excellent - Eleanor Hughes gave a brilliant first speech and an even more brilliant summing up! The others (all excellent) were Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison and Amy Wass. This time it was our turn to win!

We have managed to fit in one or two in-school events for the younger pupils, and one fun debate - the motion being 'Everybody should have a perm!', with the proposers wearing dazzling orange and pink wigs - very curly, of course.

Helen MacBain and Christina Thwaites were the curlsies, Ruth Spokes and Hannah Wood were the straights.

Public speaking and debating are demanding and time-consuming activities, and I would like to thank those girls who gave their time, struggled to write their speeches, dared to stand up and speak out to an (often large) audience and were so successful.

Mrs Doreen Pearce



Bakewell Rotary Club Speakers



Our dynamic sports duo Miss Annette Smith and Miss Jayne Duggins

Hockey

Sally Walton gained her Level 1 Hockey Coaching qualification and helped Miss Duggins run a Hockey day at St Elphin's during the Autumn half-term holiday. There was a very good turn out despite the appallingly wet weather and everyone enjoyed the day, gaining useful experience and training.

The week after this the U16 team performed excellently against Ockbrook, beating them 1-0. The Junior team drew 2-2, and the Seniors drew 1-1. Well done, everyone! It is worth pointing out that the Junior Team did not lose a match during the Autumn Term.

House Hockey

House Hockey was held on a surprisingly sunny afternoon in March. One team per House enabled younger girls to play with older, more skilful players, allowing them to improve their game. The afternoon was great fun for all who took part.

The overall winners were Kennedy (without any injuries this year!) with Powys second, Wilson third and Pigot fourth. Thank you to Miss Duggins, Miss Smith and Miss Warrior for umpiring.



South Peak Cross Country Team
Sarah Nortcliff · Leonie Evans · Helen Radford · Sophie Hill

Cross Country

Miss Smith took four very nervous girls to the South Peak Cross Country Championships at Ashbourne in the autumn. Leonie Evans, Sophie Hill, Sarah Nortcliff and Helen Radford were chosen to represent the School. They were apprehensive throughout the journey as they had not been in a competition like this before, and when they arrived and saw just how many competitors there were, their nerves nearly failed them! However, the girls remained calm, even in the face of bad weather and a steep, waterlogged 3000m course. Their hard training certainly paid dividends - Sarah Nortcliff ran a superb race, finishing sixth and qualifying to represent the South Peak Area at the Derbyshire Championships in January. The other girls all finished in the top 50% which was excellent.

Well done!



Year 10 on the Defensive!

Once again, the self-defence instructor, Robert Lock, taught the Year 10s how to perform 'finger snaps', 'groin jabs' and lots more equally painful manoeuvres and skills. The lessons are geared towards teenage girls and the dangers young girls face in the '90s. Just watching the lessons would be enough to bring tears to the eyes of any male. They thoroughly enjoyed the course and learned some very useful skills.

Rob is a marvellous instructor, good fun and a wonderful motivator. Rest-assured that we have once again helped to ensure that St Elphin's girls are thoroughly prepared for anything and everything.



Swimming Galas 1997

It was a very enjoyable afternoon with all competitors showing great commitment. There was also a sad note to the day due to the recent death of Mr Jack Soppit, a much-loved and admired swimming instructor for the school. The Sixth Form performed a synchronised swimming display that Mr Soppit had taught them. All the medals were presented by his daughter, Mrs Lynda Cole. She also accepted a cheque for £100 for the Royal Lifesaving

Society. The money was raised by the girls themselves in memory of Mr Soppitt. Everyone tried hard and showed great House spirit.

Results and Team Captains

1st	Powys	Emily Purrett and Elizabeth Allsop
2nd	Kennedy	Sally Walton
3rd	Pigot	Annabel Gilman
4th	Wilson	Sarah Patterson and Sarah Watson

We also took part in a Swimming Gala against Abbot's Bromley and Ockbrook Schools.

Synchronised Swimmers

What an exciting morning! The final results all rested on the last few races. The intermediate team only missed out on 1st place by 2 points and the seniors by only a single point! Excellent performances by Annabel Gilman (senior team manager), Sarah Beresford, Virginia Tang, Harriet Holt, Amy Wass and Sally Walton.

Results:

Juniors - 3rd, Intermediates - 2nd, Seniors - 2nd



Our Senior Swimming Team

RLSS Swimming Awards

Once again every girl (years 7 - 11) has gained at least one RLSS swimming award this year.

Passes:

Life Saving 1	13 girls
Life Saving 2	13 girls
Life Saving 3	12 girls
Bronze Medallion	11 girls
Award of Merit	1 girl

What a lot of hard work - well done to everyone!

In addition to gaining excellent life saving qualifications, the girls have been working on stroke technique and stamina training for the last two years. This has proved very successful - the higher swimming qualifications which require long distance swimming and towing are much easier now. 'Watch out Abbots Bromley and Ockbrook, we're on top form!'

Miss Jayne Duggins



Hockey Under 18

Elizabeth Allsop, Katie-Marie Baughan, Catherine Benoist, Zoe Clark, Fiona Hibbert, Daminie Hutton, Helen MacBain, Faye Mellor, Emily Purrett, Christina Thwaites, Sally Walton, Hannah Wood

Hockey Under 15/16

Hannah Atkins, Hannah Bourne, Katie Bromley, Danielle Ford, Victoria Fox, Claire Harrison, Katherine Hillard, Eleanor Hughes, Rachel Longden, Lea Owen, Victoria Sheldon, Katy Thurman, Olivia Walker

Hockey Under 13/14

Rebecca Adamson, Charlotte Brown, Elizabeth Cason, Gemma Eagle, Gemma Hammerton, Sophie Hill, Winnie Leung, Kirsty McCarrison, Sarah Nortcliff, Charlotte Nunn, Claire Potter, Helen Radford, Lauren Reuter, Sophie Thwaites, Alexandra Vernon, Amy Wass



Netball U13/14 Team

Elizabeth Cason, Gemma Eagle, Leonie Evans, Sophie Hill, Winnie Leung, Kirsty McCarrison, Lisbeth Rosebery, Alexandra Vernon



U16 South Peak Tennis Winners

Katherine Hillard, Victoria Fox, Constance de Pelet, Hannah Atkins

Badminton



Smiles of success from the Badminton Team

Game, Set and Match

This season has proved to be a 'smashing' success for the School's Tennis teams, especially the Under-16s.

They 'served', 'volleyed' and 'avoided all faults' to ensure their place as winners of the South Peak Tournament.

Rounds progressed and we soon found ourselves 'driving' - both forehand and backhand - towards County Trials. However, things were not to be, the 'stroke' of luck was not on our 'receiving end' and we bowed out gracefully due to preparations for our visit to Wimbledon - watching, of course!

The best line call of the season has to go to Mr Keal, Miss Smith and Miss Duggins for their continued support, enthusiasm and encouragement, as well as fulfilling commitments as team coach, chauffeur and, of course, ball people.
Hannah Atkins, Year 11

Tennis

During the course of the year, on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes, tennis players have been improving their skills under the watchful eye of the LTA coach, Mr David Keal.

With the arrival of the summer weather, many more girls joined the club (fair weather players!) allowing greater variety of play.

Thank you Mr Keal for your help, patience and commitment! Danke!!

Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison, year 9, Sally Walton, U6th.

TEAMS

Badminton U16 Hannah Atkins, Nicola Hain, Katherine Hillard, Rachel Longden.
Tennis U13 Charlotte Brown, Gemma Hammerton, Winnie Leung, Alexandra Vernon
Tennis U14 Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison
Tennis U16 Hannah Atkins, Victoria Fox, Katherine Hillard, Amy Wass

Wimbledon

After a five hour journey we arrived at the Wimbledon gate number Two, passing many a famous tennis player on the way. Here we watched Goran Ivanisevich play Daniel Vacek. Although there were not many rallies to be seen, we all admired the serving ability of the two players - watching their styles carefully so that we, too, would be able to serve ace after ace! Then predictably the rain came down. Well, Wimbledon really wouldn't be the same without it!

However, we were reliably informed that play would be underway again by 3 o'clock. We took this opportunity to explore the whole site and some of us managed to get a peek at Monica Seles playing on Centre court. Thanks Kate!

With play about to begin we made our way back to Court Two and tried in vain to get a Mexican wave started before Oremans took on Zvereva. However, the lure of Henman playing Rafter proved too strong and we went to watch it on the big screen. As the game drew to a close, the atmosphere grew tense. Would Henman reach the quarter finals? Yes, he did it! The whole place erupted with cheers of 'Henman! Henman!'.

On Court Two a great game between Korda and Van Lottum was watched. How did they manage to play every shot so perfectly? The only disappointment was that we didn't witness the 'Korda Kick'.

A big thank you to Miss Duggins and Miss Smith for a great day out.

Sarah Patterson Upper Sixth

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Off-Site Sports

We Kicked off 1997 climbing, sailing, canoeing and windsurfing. The climbing course was a newly-introduced activity to the programme, based at 'The Foundry' in Sheffield. The Foundry is a magnificent converted warehouse full of man-made climbing routes. There are specially made caves and 'overhangs' (note the technical terminology), easy climbs and totally impossible climbs. it was climbing heaven.

Carsington was, as usual, very wet and windy, but again both courses of windsurfing and canoeing were brilliant - so goo that we had difficulty getting Christina Thwaites and Helen MacBain home every Friday afternoon. Mr Farrer took a group of the Upper Sixth sailing, also at Carsington. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, gaining Level 1 and Level 2 certificates at the end of the course.

The weather then turned very cold so we went under cover at Queens Park Leisure Centre in Chesterfield for the second half of the Autumn term. We took part in a variety of activities including squash, badminton, swimming and aerobics.

After Christmas we pretended that we were on a 'posh' holiday every Friday afternoon - a skiing holiday.....in SHEFFIELD??? (Don't tell Miss Jones I said that).

Dry slope skiing is always very enjoyable and there were quite a few very quick learners this year. We were all pro's by the end of our five week course. During the second half of this term we really worked off the leftover Christmas pud with aerobics at the Peppermint Gym in Darley Dale. Sweat? You don't know the meaning of the word!

The summer term followed the usual pattern of a mix of fun activities according to the weather, including ice skating, roller skating, bowling, outdoor climbing at Black Rocks and sailing at Carsington. The last ever activity for the Upper Sixth was Karting at The Chequered Flag in Chesterfield. I have never seen such nice girls being so COMPETITIVE. It was WAR!

We had a wonderful year, and hope this year's Sixth Formers will enjoy the Off-Site Sports programme as much as last year.

Miss Jayne Duggins

"And Kirsty McCarrison, playing CF for the Great Britain Hockey Team, runs down the centre of the pitch into the D, she shoots, she scoresBEEP, BEEP, BEEP, BEEP"

Hi, my name's Kirsty, I'm 14 and completely sports mad! This is just about how every morning starts for me. This is my account of a sports-filled day:

At 7.30 I wake up, then go back to sleep again. 7.50 I get up, get dressed, polish my hockey stick ready for the match tonight, and get my badminton racquet ready for my lunchtime practice. A pretty normal routine. To make the day even better, I realise that we have double PE first lesson! Wahey!! Could this day get any better?

8.30 I arrive at school just in time for Chapel. The time flies by, then it is time for our hockey lesson! We start with some skills and then move on to a game. We are put into teams, then the fun begins! After the other team scoring what I might call a very lucky goal, we come back scoring a whopping five goals! I just cannot wait for the match tonight! Of course, me being me, I have to do something ridiculously stupid! For example, tripping over someone's stick (no names mentioned) and flying towards the ground at a faster speed than I can hit a hockey ball! Never mind. It's never stopped me yet and it never will do.

Next sport activity is lunchtime badminton practice, and I actually remembered my racquet! We were soon into a game and we weren't going to lose this one! It was a brilliant 15-1 to us at the end, even after a shuttlecock in the eye! Never mind, soon be time for the match.

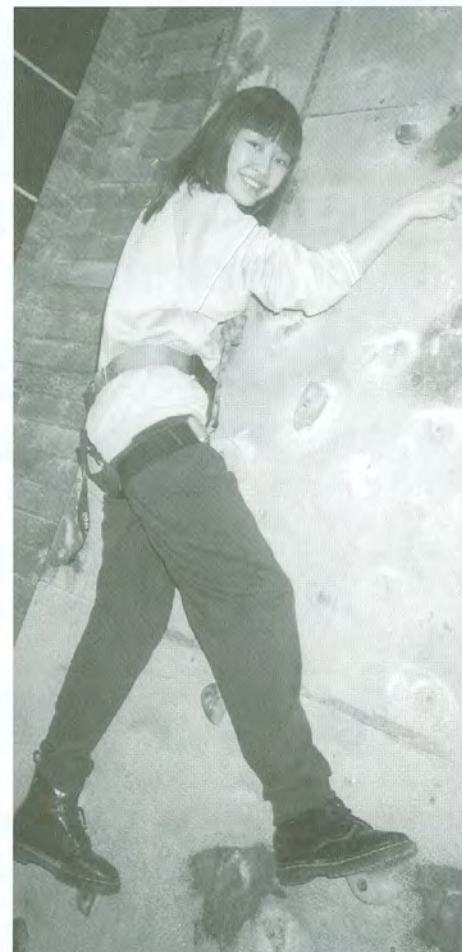
Three lessons later, it's time, time to show Lady Manners just who is in control on the hockey pitch. And show them we did! After our first two great goals we decided that we were being a bit vicious with them, so we let them score a couple of goals just to make them feel better. Of course we made them work for it, then realised that St Elphin's girls aren't nice on the hockey pitch. What were we thinking? So, we smacked in another four just to make sure they knew who was boss. I can't wait for the next match. I actually thought I was coming away without injury, that was until I tripped on the step of the minibus when we were coming home.

I'm going home now to ride my horse. I think I'll go for a long hack, then have a relaxing bath. Obviously I'll need to get out the sports equipment which I need for tomorrow. What is it? Netball? No, that's Monday and Tuesday. Hockey? No, that's Wednesday. Tennis? No, that's Thursday and Friday. That only leaves Saturday. Of course, the weekend! Saturday I go riding. But what about Sunday? Yes, you've guessed it. One and a half hours of hockey at the hockey club in the morning, then maybe a game of tennis in the afternoon, if I can persuade my sister that she will enjoy the exercise.

With all this to remember it's no wonder that my memory is wearing out.

Well, it's time to go to bed to dream about more sport. Now, where was I? Oh yes! "Now she's running down the wing, into the D, she shoots, she scores"

Kirsty McCarrison Year 9





Inter House Athletics Championships

'It's really quite wet,' said Mrs Fisher with the rain pouring off her umbrella. Despite this, another successful Sports Day went ahead. Records were broken, races run and some events 're-named' to match the weather i.e. the 100 litres race. There was some debate as to whether we could stage a welly-wanging competition.

Despite the conditions there were some very impressive performances. Emma Shirley (Year 10) managed 1.52m in the high jump, for the Under 15 record, and Sarah Nortcliff (Year 7) ran the 1500m in 5min 49 sec, breaking the Under 13 record.

We would like to thank everyone who gave up a Saturday morning when they could have been beside the fire. Special thanks go to Miss Duggins and the rest of the staff who helped make the day a success.

Congratulations to Kennedy House, the eventual winners!

Hannah Wood and Catherine Benoist, Lower Sixth



South Peak Athletics

Catherine Benoist
Katie Bromley
Leonie Evans
Victoria Fox
Sarah Nortcliff
Victoria Sheldon
Emma Shirley
Olivia Walker

House Rounders

Time 4.00pm
Place Athletics Pitch
Occasion House Rounders Competition

Luckily the English weather held off on this occasion and the sun shone. The teams arrived - more promptly than usual as this was Rounders, not Cross Country! The Sixth Form, who do not have regular rounders lessons, were all impressed by the new 'milk bottle' bats.

The games staff arrived and organised everyone. All the Houses were to play each other, more than once if necessary. We played for an hour and a half and

Kennedy came out on top, Wilson second, with Powys and Pigot bringing up the rear.

Well done to all those Kennedians, but remember that we will beat you next time! We would also like to congratulate Wilson (naturally) as they were commended for their performance, team spirit and skill.

Thank you to all the games staff who umpired. Here is a quote we feel is relevant to the occasion:

'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body'

Richard Steele (1672 - 1729)

Two Wilsonites

Rounders U12/13

Charlotte Brown, Holly Brown, Kayley Eagle, Leonie Evans, Gemma Hammerton, Bryony Lawrence, Winnie Leung, Anna MacDonald, Sarah Nortcliff, Maria Theodoulou, Leanne Varney, Alexandra Vernon.

Rounders U14

Rebecca Adamson, Hannah Hall, Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison, Mary Murphy, Helen Radford, Lauren Reuter, Michelle Thompson, Sophie Thwaites.

Rounders U15/16

Hannah Bourne, Katie Bromley, Charlotte Burnham, Danielle Ford, Victoria Fox, Nicola Hain, Claire Harrison, Eleanor Hughes, Lea Owen, Victoria Sheldon, Katy Thurman, Rebecca Volli, Olivia Walker.

Trampoline Awards

Preliminary Leonie Evans, Evelyn Smalley, Amy Wass
4 Star Nicola Bateman
6 Star Ruth Spokes
8 Star Jessica Logan (*this is the highest Star award*)

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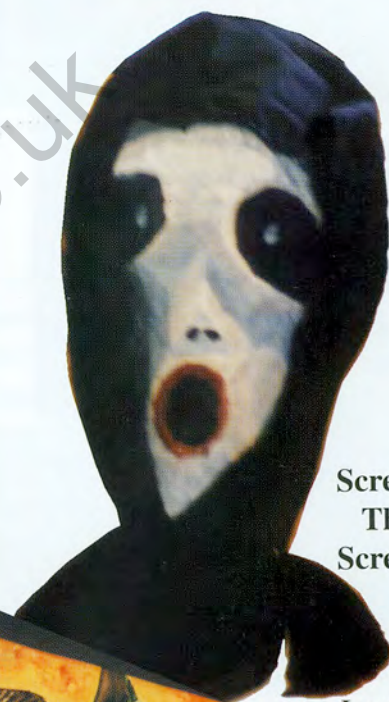


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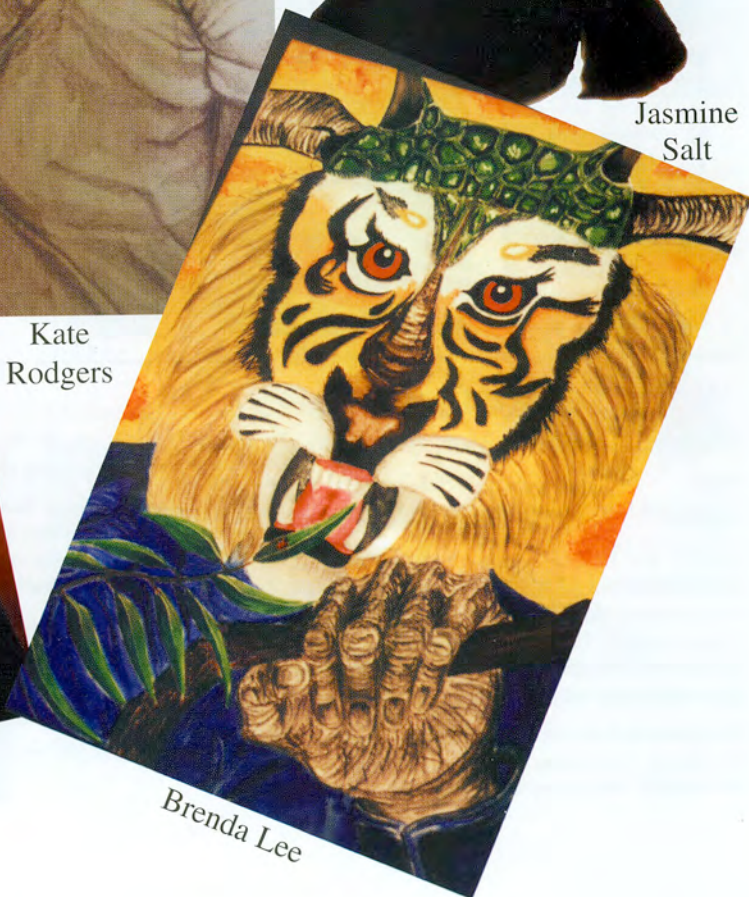


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Katherine Hillard



Brenda Lee

News of Old Girls

...work experience with a difference

Rachel Amner

My year in China was certainly a year out of the ordinaryAs a Cultural and Business Ambassador for Chesterfield, life settled down to a fairly bizarre daily routine.

In the morning, there was sword Tai Chi in the park at 6 a.m. This was then followed by a breakfast of rice porridge and fried bread sticks, then a half hour journey to work by Flying Pigeon (a popular brand of bicycle).

During the day, if it was Monday or Wednesday, I taught 30 local teachers of English how to speak and listen to English. If it was Tuesday or Thursday, I learnt Mandarin Chinese, calligraphy and more Tai Chi. If I was really lucky, the boiling tea at break time didn't freeze solid as it was poured into the teapot. The weather was extreme.

Then in the evenings, there were business meetings and banquets and ballroom dancing in Karaoke bars. The list of strange food I ate was endless - chicken feet, snake soup and snake blood cocktails, sea slugs, scorpions and many more I've tried to forget!

The exotic details aside, it was a very tough year. I was

living in a city of 1.2 million people who did not speak my native tongue. I was living many thousands of miles from home. I was there for a whole year writing frequent articles to send home to the 'Derbyshire Times'.

When I returned home, it took a very long while to recover from the whole experience.

However, in retrospect, I'm still very glad that I did take a Gap year in my studies and travelled to China. When I returned to Birmingham to finish my degree in English and Psychology, I had a whole different range of experiences to draw upon. It particularly helped the Linguistics components of my course - my highest Finals exam result was for Linguistics, specifically, Bilingualism.

I was also very grateful to be back at university. I'd had time to step back and reconsider what I wanted out of my time there. I certainly didn't take it for granted any more. In fact after my year out in China, there were a lot of things I didn't take for granted any more.

Rachel is now working at Sheffield University Student's Union, in charge of the computers.

Sunita Nair

Having completed my 'A' Levels at St. Elphin's School in June 1995 I gained a place at UMIST, Manchester to do a three year BSc Honours degree in Textile Design and Design Management. I however deferred my entry to spend some time in India to gain some work experience, travel and be with my family and friends.

I was in New Delhi for four months where I was able to work in a sports factory, a boutique, trained at the Taj Palace Inter-Continental Hotel, and worked for a P.R. Agency. I was able to attend fashion shows, trade fairs, flower shows and the Republic Day Parade too.

In nearby Dehra Dun I witnessed the Passing Out Parade at the Indian Military Academy which is the Indian version of Sandhurst. My uncle is a Colonel in the Indian Army so we were able to stay in the Academy for a few days while my uncle showed me the sights. We visited Sahastradara, a sulphur spring where hot water flows, and we drove up to Mussoorie, a hill station at the base of the Himalayas. The view was so breathtaking and everywhere was peaceful.

Visiting Rajasthan, the home of the Kings, was an unforgettable experience. We visited Jaipur, also known as the 'Pink City' because the building and walls in the main part of the town are pink.

I travelled down to Madras to witness another passing out parade, this time at the Officers' Training Academy, before going on to Bangalore for a couple of months. In Bangalore I was able to work in an advertising agency and also in the first Littlewoods International store in India. However, this Littlewoods store is not at all like the Littlewoods here - their image is much more modern and is very popular, especially with the young.

I was lucky to be able to see the processes involved in the making of silk saris. I saw handlooms, powerlooms, printing and dyeing processes and packaging. They are more like cottage industries where the work is done by families in their own homes. Seeing the conditions that these people work in to produce the beautiful and exclusive saris humbled me. This is their living - no one realises the effort and hard work that goes into each sari.

I also spent time visiting some silk farms out of Bangalore. Here I was able to see the different processes of silk-making, right from the silkworms feeding on the mulberry leaves, the cocoon stage, and the extraction of the silk from the cocoons. It was really fascinating.

I returned to England knowing I had achieved a great deal during my stay in India. I joined UMIST in September 1996 and settled in quicker than I had expected. Manchester is such a large, vibrant, friendly and cultural city. I have made many friends.

Sunita Nair

Time is Running Out

"The Dodo is alive and well" says one market vendor in Port Louis - capital of Mauritius, but do the tourists believe him? After a year I'm still looking, but I have been lucky to find and work with some of the island's unique fauna found here on Mauritius and nowhere else on Earth. Regrettably, like the Dodo, many species are close to extinction, but due to the work of the Mauritius Wildlife Foundation there is now hope.

I'm Polly Phillpot! I left St. Elphin's in 1992 and went to U.E.A Norwich, to study Ecology - three wonderful years tramping woodlands, getting to the heart of hedges and often covered in mud!

Later I volunteered with the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece, in Crete, monitoring the Loggerhead Turtle nests along the tourist beaches. Development has had repercussions on the turtle populations around the Mediterranean. Busy beaches and bright lights hinder the progress of the hatchlings. Many fall prey to other animals and some suffer dehydration. Co-operation with local people is paramount - but difficult when there is a choice between vanishing wildlife and a good healthy profit!

Before Crete, six months with the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust among some of the most endangered species on Earth - and that's before I start on the caged animals! I work with people from around the globe all driven by the same goal - to help save their country's diminishing biodiversity. I came face to face with animals large and small, beautiful and downright ugly! The strangest being the Madagascan Lemur, the nocturnal Aye-aye and her new-born.

Though we hate seeing animals in cages zoos will play a vital role for nature conservation in the next millennium. If species are to exist animals will need to be bred in captivity in order to enhance numbers already in the wild. Zoos also act as genetic back-up if species do become extinct, and are very important to educate people in making them aware of the plight of endangered species.

In 1974 there were just four individual Mauritius Kestrels (*Falco Punctatus*) existing in the world including one breeding pair. The species had been left for dead. Carl Jones, an eccentric Welshman, decided to pick up the pieces and twenty-four years later after painstaking and pioneering work, involving many dedicated people, the kestrel has been saved. Over 450 exist today. Two kestrel, plus four eggs, in a nest box, here, just outside my bedroom door!

In 1970 The Pink Pigeon (*Columba Mayeri*) world population was twelve to twenty birds. Today they reproduce on their own in the wild, gradually increasing numbers to a sustainable level without human intervention. Disease, infertility and depredation are still enemies. Mauritius, once a paradise is overrun by 'exotics' - cat, rat, mongoose and macaque. The true residents, 'endemics' are on the decline. My job involves the daily monitoring of Pink Pigeons keeping track of nesting attempts, new pairings, territories and young birds. We treat those that are diseased. Because of the introduced and degrading 'exotic' plants we also have to supplementary feed the 'Pinkies' and also control the predators as mentioned above. It's a real joy and privilege to be able to observe these birds I first saw in Jersey, here, where they belong, free, doing their own thing!

I am working with the most dynamic people I've ever had the chance to meet, people who really believe that our planet is worth saving. Nature conservation is an incredibly fulfilling career, so immersing, in fact, that it becomes much more than just a job.

At the end of the day our planet needs all the friends it can get and even if birds and forests aren't for you, you can do something to help. So, what are you waiting for?? Get out there and make it happen!!

Old Girls

We have received a letter from Jill Manuel, nee Peppercorn, 23 Alleyn Road, London SE21 8AB, who has just completed an Open University degree and who is an Inner London Magistrate.

"It was interesting to meet Mrs Fisher when she came to London to meet the Education Adviser to the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, which supports girls with particular needs at St Elphin's and other schools. I am one of the 'Court of Assistants', that is Trustees, of this very old charity and also sit on the Petitions Committee which hears applications for Grants.

"I thought you might like to have the appreciation of Miss Hunt, who taught English at St Elphin's from the mid-1940s to the mid-1950s, I believe."

Margaret Hunt 1905-1997

Miss Hunt arrived at St Elphin's in either 1946 or '47, leaving India and her teaching at the Women's Christian College in Madras, where she saw at first hand the changes wrought by the Partition of the sub-continent into two new political entities. She taught English throughout the School and Scripture to many (and was of course a Form-mistress to a year group). With her level considering gaze she would look sadly on our various youthful misdemeanours, and conscientiously correct our grammatical and spelling solecisms in her carefully formed script..

Very many years later, through a note in the Old Girls' magazine, Rosemary Booth (Sands) and I learned that Miss Hunt was living in her retirement in an Abbeyfield Home at Broadstairs. When we went to see her there, we were shown her Great Work - a Memoir of her experiences in India at a time of such political change - which the India Office Library were anxious to include in their archives. We talked freely of our time at St Elphin's, her unhappiness on arrival back in England, and then the friendships she formed with Miss Bean and Miss Jasper, with whom she shared a devout interest in the Chapel and oversight of its daily worship. Of course we talked, too, of the Total Strike of 1949, by her Form, the Lower Fifth (us), on a matter of Injustice to Boarders.

Finally, against time, the Memoir was finished as her sight was failing, and Rosemary and I were enlisted to carry the document to the India Office Library, where it will rest in perpetuity. Her work was contained in several school exercise books, page after page of neat handwriting without, as far as I can remember, error or correction.

When we visited her at Broadstairs - she was by then in her 80s - she would recall without hesitation the names and doings of our husbands and various children, though she never met them. This was because she prayed for them, and us, by name. I last saw her just before Christmas, a few days before she died - frail, but voice and considering gaze unchanged. She said she wondered why we visited her, as she felt she had been 'rather an old cross patch' at St Elphin's. I assured her that we would not have come if that was how we thought of her - but as a woman of tender conscience, anxious concern and faithful believer.

*ENTER THOU INTO
THE JOY OF THE LORD.*

Mrs Jill Manuel



Fathers versus Daughters, 1949



We were 'sent up' to the Principal's office for good work - a great honour - a tradition that continues today



Sports Day Presentation, 1949

*From: Frances Anderson,
nee de Viol, 'Lacon',
M/S 801, Mundubbera, Queensland 4626*

I was a small and rather insignificant junior in Powys House from 1948 to 1950, when I left to come to Australia with my family. What a change in lifestyle that was. From a Lancashire mill town and Derbyshire countryside to a small Queensland country town. My parents were convinced that Australia held great opportunities for young people. And so it did.

Our local paper does a 'profile' on various citizens and chose me one time. So many things have happened in my life; some were funny, but life has been by no means easy. My husband and I became stud cattle breeders of one of the lesser-known breeds, but because of drought and market depressions I had to return to teaching whilst my husband put his energies and what money we had into developing the property and stud. This is a very raw country with a lot of development still to be done. My two sons, of whom I am very proud, had a most difficult passage through school. Children can be very cruel, especially to teachers' children, and in our country town there is only one school. The droughts of this land are legendary; I thought my heart was big enough to cope with them but I don't feel that way any more.

In 1995, during a long-awaited holiday in England, I actually visited St Elphin's. It was during the summer holidays so I was allowed to wander through both classroom and boarding areas and was most impressed.

Since I came home I have been looking through photographs. I am sure the ones I am sending you will find a good home. Perhaps some of the customs I knew, like Speech Days, with not only speeches and awards but also sports competitions and displays, still exist. In over 40 years many other traditions will have developed.

I never joined the Old Girls' Guild. It was almost a complete break. I wrote briefly to Georgina Coe, but I was friends for a longer time with Mary Swift and I greatly regret having lost touch with her.

It was a long time between visits - 1959 to 1995 - and I doubt whether I shall get a chance to visit again, but I haven't forgotten you and I wish all of you and the School the best of everything.

Frances Anderson

Graduations

We have been pleased to hear about the following Old Girls who graduated in July 1998

Miranda Ludlum	University of York	BA 2:1	English
Emma Atkinson	University of Salford	BA 2:2	Sociology
Rachel Butler	University of Kent	BA 2:2	English and American Literature
Devanie Hutton	University of London	BA 2:2	Law and Special Prizes
Kerris Thompson	University of Salford	3	Sociology
Christina Kong	University of Bradford	2:2	Business and Management Studies
Amy Turner	University of Newcastle	2:1	

Extract from Matlock Mercury June 1998

St Elphin's Student is Awarded a First at Cambridge

Congratulations to Angela Billington, a student at **St Elphin's School** 1987-94, who has been awarded a First Class Honours Degree in Modern Languages with a very high award in her German Language orals. Angela, who comes from Matlock, has studied Modern Languages at Clare College, Cambridge for the past four years and is hoping to stay in Cambridge to study for an MPhil. Everyone at St Elphin's is very proud of her and wish her every success for the future.

Visit to Hong Kong - February 1998

I was more than delighted when Mrs Fisher invited me to accompany her to Hong Kong to meet parents, Old Girls and new parents. I enjoy flying, though 12 or 14 hours is rather over-egging the cake! Our flight was very comfortable and it was most interesting to see the Gobi Desert where it joins the foothills of the Tibetan Plain for mile after mile - the only part of the outward journey we saw anything of the earth!

Parents were most welcoming and hospitable and enjoyed talking with the Head about their daughters. We met new parents, keen to hear about the school, and attended an Old Girls' Reunion at the American Club with 36 girls who had left school between 1980 and 1997. It was a joy to see them as young women - assured, successful, smart, but above all with a great fondness for St Elphin's and a desire to hear all about staff they had known and changes that had taken place. Mr Pollard sent a message to be read out at the party as he was not able to go in person and following this we had a question and answer session. A most delightful buffet to suit every conceivable taste had been laid on for us, all organised by Win Chung, who is now Assistant Manager at the American Club.

What can I say about Hong Kong? It is a vibrant, busy place with high skyscrapers set quite closely together, beautifully air conditioned shopping malls and very congested traffic. I have never seen so many eating places in such a small area and I ate things I had never even heard of before, becoming quite adept at using chopsticks in the process. The food was excellent and everywhere was very clean, but the air quality is poor until you get out into New Territories. The rate of growth and change there is phenomenal, with the new Tsing Ma Bridge (an engineering wonder), new roads, railway and the new airport.

I was fortunate to be taken on a grand tour by a parent who had grown up in N.T. and who was able to tell me about the way of life there when he was young and the many changes which have taken place in a relatively short space of time. The border with China is still in place and only a limited number of people are allowed to come in to Hong Kong each day, including those who trade both in China and HK. There are still 'mainland' Chinese entering illegally, coming over the border fence, which is still patrolled.

I shall never forget the warmth of the welcome we received from everyone we met, whether Old Girls and parents or those wanting their daughters to come to St Elphin's. It was a most happy and interesting visit which I feel very privileged to have made and I hope that I shall return one day.

Mrs Mavis Hunter

Miss Dorothy Watts

Miss Dorothy Watts celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday August 23rd 1998. She will be remembered as a teacher of both piano and speech and drama. She still does some teaching at her home at 1 Kent Banks Road, Buxton.

Mrs Judy Corfield



EXAMINATION RESULTS 1998

THE SCHOLAR'S GROAT

Ruth Varley

ST ELPHIN'S SCHOLARSHIP

Sophie Hill, Rachel Howard

SIXTH FORM SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Beresford, Nicola Hain

PERFORMING ARTS

Charlotte Brown, Elizabeth Hayward, Harriet Holt,
Anna MacDonald

TOM BOWER AWARD

Hannah Atkins, Kirsty McCarrison

AWARD FOR DAUGHTER OF AN OLD GIRL

Rebecca Allen

BEST EXAMINATION RESULTS

Advanced Level - Sarah Patterson

GCSE Level - Katherine Hillard

FORM PRIZES

Lower 6	Katherine Hyde
11C	Hannah Atkins
11S	Nicola Hain
10M	Holly Page
10S	Katy Thurman
9	Sophie Hill
8	Holly Brown
7	Anna MacDonald

HEADMISTRESS'S PRIZE FOR EFFORT

Upper 6	Sophie Wragg
Lower 6	Catherine Benoist
11C	Daisy Chan
11S	Alexandria Smith
10M	Eleanor Hughes
10S	Joyce Ngai
9	Amy Wass
8	Elizabeth Cason
7	Leanne Varney

SUBJECT PRIZES

English and Theatre Studies	Veronique Evans, Sara Vinall
History	Kate Rodgers
Art	Kate Rodgers
Classics	Katie Taylor
Geography	Fiona Hibbert
French	Liliane Ntirandekura
German	Sarah Patterson
Biology	Sarah Patterson
Chemistry	Amanda Lee
Mathematics	Amanda Lee
Physics	Katherine Hyde
GNVQ Business	Nicole Chin
Business Studies	Sarah Watson
Textiles	Annabel Gilman

SPECIAL PRIZES

Chairman's Prize	Sally Walton
Chamber of Commerce Prize	Brenda Lee

CUPS

Barton Cup for Swimming	Sarah Beresford
J.W. Trippett Cup for Backstroke	Annabel Gilman
Sara Hurn	
Cross Country Cup	Helen MacBain
Helen Robinson Cup for P E Results	Hannah Atkins
Townend Cup for Hockey	Sally Walton
Joyce Knight Cup for Speech and Drama	Helen MacBain, Christina Thwaites
Pollard Cup for Performing Arts	Sara Vinall
Lindsay Cup for Public Speaking	Faye Mellor
Hilary Pollard Memorial Music Prize	Katherine Hyde
Aulton Rose Bowl for Singing	Jessica Logan
Hitchen Cup for Piano	Virgenia Tang
MacIlwaine Cup for Organ	Natsuko Shimanuki
Moorcroft Piano Salver	Kathryn Shipman
Riley Instrumental Cup	Eleanor Hughes
CLT Language Cup	Sarah Patterson
Thornton Cup for Business Studies	Sarah Watson, Sophie Wragg
The Burgess Award (I.T.)	Rita Lai
Helen Waddingham Cup for Art	Daisy Chan
Susan Gibson Cup for Service	Georgina Elder
Adlington-Neil Cup	Fiona Hibbert
Hammond Shield	Alice Sumper
Lester Cup	Manna Lai
Galatians Cup	Victoria Fox

HOUSE CUPS

Hockey	Kennedy
Swimming	Powys
Cross-Country	
Senior	Powys
Intermediate	Wilson
Junior	Kennedy
Athletics	Kennedy
Drama	Pigot
House Points	Wilson

RESULTS 'A' level results - June 1998

Elizabeth Allsop	Textiles, Theatre Studies
Katie-Marie Baughan	Biology, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics
Louise Benoist	French, Geography, Pure Mathematics
Elinor Chan	Pure Mathematics, A/S Art, A/S Textiles (A)
Nicole Chin	Classical Studies, Ad.GNVQ Business (Dist.)
Zoe Clark	Advanced GNVQ Business (Merit)
Hayley Clarke	Music
Tamara Dudziak	Business Studies, English Literature, A/S Religious Studies, A/S Textiles
Georgina Elder	Business Studies, Textiles, A/S Biology
Veronique Evans	Classical Studies, English Literature(A), Theatre Studies
Annabel Gilman	Business Studies, English Literature, Textiles (A).
Fiona Hibbert	Chemistry, Geography (A), Pure Mathematics
Amanda Lee	Biology, Chemistry (A), Chinese (A), Pure Mathematics (A), A/S English Literature
Liliane Ntirandekura	Classical Studies, English Literature, French (A).
Sarah Patterson	Biology (A), French (A), Geography (A), General Studies, German
Emily Purrett	Geography, Textiles
Kate Rodgers	Art (A), History, Pure Mathematics, General Studies (A), A/S Mechanics
Elisabeth Sumper	Business Studies, Classical Studies, Geography.
Katie Taylor	Classical Studies, Geography, General Studies, German
Sara Vinall	English Literature, Music, Theatre Studies
Sally Walton	Biology, English Literature, Geography
Sarah Watson	Business Studies, General Studies (A), Geography, Pure Mathematics
Sophie Wragg	Business Studies, Classical Studies, Geography
Rita Lee	Chinese

GCSE - Extra subjects

Upper 6

Georgina Elder Accounting

Lower 6

Rita Lai Chinese A*
Natsuko Shimanuki Japanese A*

GCSE Results

Year 11

Hannah Atkins English Language A, Spoken A*, English Literature A, French A*,

Sarah Beresford

Daisy Chan

Rosemary Chung

Gemma Farmer

Zoe Froggatt

Amy Gould

Nicola Hain

Katherine Hillard

Brenda Lee

Rachel Longden

Coby Ma

Laura Nicholson-Thew

History A*, Mathematics A, Physical Education A, Religious Studies A*, Science A*A*, Textiles A
Art B, English Language A, Spoken A, English Literature B, Geography A, German B, Mathematics A, Religious Studies A*, Science A*A*
Art A, Chinese A*, Geography C, Mathematics A, Science AA, Textiles A*
Art B, Chinese A*, Geography, Mathematics A, Science BB, Textiles A
English Language A, Spoken A, English Literature B, German B, History B, Mathematics B, Religious Studies C, Science CC, Textiles A
English Language B, Spoken A, English Literature B, French, History A, Mathematics, B, Religious Studies C, Science CC, Textiles B
English Language A, Spoken A, English Literature B, French C, History C, Mathematics B, Religious Studies C, Science CC, English Language A*, Spoken A*, English Literature A, Geography A*, German A, History A, Mathematics A, Religious Studies A, Science A*A*
Textiles
Art A, English Language A*, Spoken A*, English Literature A*, French A*, Geography A* German A*, Mathematics A*, Religious Studies A*, Science A*A*
Art C, Chinese A*, Classical Studies B, English Language B, Spoken A, English Literature A, German B, Mathematics A, Science BB
English Language C, Spoken B, English Literature C, French, Geography B, Mathematics C, Physical Education B, Religious Studies C, Science CC
Chinese A*, Geography C, Mathematics A, Science BB, Textiles A
English Language B, Spoken A, English Literature B, French C, History A, Mathematics B, Music B,

Rebecca Ragsdale

Jasmine Salt

Alexandria Smith

Alice Sumper

Virginia Tang

Angela Wong

Candy Yung

University Entrance Test in English 1998

Coby Ma, Virginia Tang, Candy Yung, Angela Wong, Winnie Kam, Cherry Cheung, Rita Lai

Year 10

Eleanor Hughes Music A
Rebecca Monerief Music B
Holly Page Music A
Amy Rodgers Music B
Katy Thurman Music A
Olivia Walker Music B

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Bronze

Hannah Atkins, Catherine Benoist, Nicola Hain, Katherine Hillard, Daminie Hutton, Katherine Hyde, Robyn Lawrence, Brenda Lee, Helen MacBain, Faye Mellor, Kathryn Shipman, Ruth Spokes, Jessica Sverdlhoff, Christina Thwaites.

Silver

Elizabeth Allsop, Elisabeth Hughes, Louise Huxtable, Faye Mellor, Emily Purrett, Christina Thwaites, Sarah Watson, Sophie Wragg.

Gold

Helen Ainscough, Davinia Harrington, Elizabeth Hill, Joanne Ko, Rachel Lai, Zoe Short, Man-yi Tsang, Betsy Wong.

Others have completed recent expeditions but have not yet received their certificates

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