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Foreword

Welcome to this wonderful record of a very busy millennium year, a snapshot of life at St. Elphin's School as we enter an exciting new century. You will see smiling faces on photographs taken to record every member of the School Community as we stepped into the new millennium.

We were thrilled with the exceptional examination results and joined in the cheers and tears of delight and relief as we celebrated with the Year 11's and Upper Sixth who have all gone on to make their marks at their chosen destinations.

I will leave you to enjoy this journal of our life over the past year at St. Elphin's.

Ann Hodgson



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and Jean Davies, our secretaries
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Throughout the magazine you will find mysterious boxes which contain clues about the likes and dislikes of members of staff. Guess each one before you turn to the answers on the last page. Favourite – music, place, book, hobby, personality, food, drink and favourite thing.

Front cover: Victoria Sheldon, Rebecca Moncrief, Evelyn Smalley and Olivia Walker on the gold D. of E. practice.

Tributes

DOREEN PEARCE

Doreen Pearce has retired this year after seventeen years of service to the school in so many ways. She began in the Classics Department where she taught 'A' and GCSE level in Latin and Classical Civilisation, training girls for Latin speaking competitions with considerable success and assisting on trips abroad to Italy and Greece. When she became part of the English Department she brought her high standards and ability to the teaching of GCSE and 'A' level Language and Literature achieving high grades in examinations. She made her pupils think for themselves and was respected by them for her broad interests, knowledge and quick wit. Doreen's avid interest in politics and current affairs was reflected in her memorable sixth form general lessons. She was able to turn her hand to anything and was in charge of debating and public speaking, building up the school's enviable reputation in this field.

In the staff room she was a fount of knowledge and much discussion emanated from the corner where she sat engrossed in the newspaper. We admire her courage when her husband, Ron, died four years ago and the way she formed the lynchpin for her extended family. We shall miss her sense of humour, her high values and her friendship and wish her a very happy retirement, after forty three dedicated years in the teaching profession.

Ann Hodgson



Catherine Emery

CATHERINE EMERY

Catherine Emery has left St. Elphin's this term to take up a place at Newman College, Birmingham.

Catherine came to us originally six years ago, as housemistress in Hillview, but "retired" after a year to join the management team at a Birmingham nursery. Three years later we "headhunted" her and she returned to us, Hillview and the nursery department.

A heartfelt thank you, Catherine, for all you have done for us over these past two years. Who will drive the mini-bus on a Saturday afternoon, now? Who will entertain Hillview in the evenings and at weekends, help change their beds, help mend a broken heart – order boiled eggs for breakfast (when the menu says baked beans!) and drink all my coffee? Not you, Catherine... but you'll don the togs of the students and I hope, love every minute of it.

Anne Phillipot



VALERIE FISHER

Amongst the privileges of my four years as Chair of Governors at St. Elphin's has been that of working with Valerie and learning from her. These have not been easy years for education generally and for the independent sector in particular, but Valerie's enthusiasm and determination have enabled St. Elphin's to flourish. She had been indefatigable in keeping touch with pupils and potential parents, willingly giving time to go, for example, to the Far East in the interests of the school. She has succeeded, with the staff, in maintaining quite excellent exam results, and many have experienced her quiet, unsung acts of kindness which have been an expression of her Christian faith and commitment. All of this has been at some cost to her health, and we wish her well in her new post in Chester. Thank you, Valerie, for your commitment to St. Elphin's and for what we have gained from knowing you.

John Packer



SYLVIA HALL

Sylvia Hall left St. Elphin's this summer to take up a post in Malaysia.

During her time at St. Elphin's Sylvia taught Speech and Drama to many girls whose successes in the LAMDA Speech and Drama Exams were outstanding.

She also produced a wide range of plays in both the Senior and Junior School, and even the odd pantomime.

Some of the productions, such as 'Oliver', she both wrote and produced! In her 'spare' time she wrote novels, and her 'Can't Say No' was a great success.

Sylvia's vivacity, enthusiasm and talent will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her new life.

Elizabeth Prince



DAVE FARRER

(from Patricia Miles)

I have worked with Dave for all of his 19 years at St Elphin's. As a fellow staff governor and colleague I have always valued Dave's calm and reasoned approach and his ability to defuse a potentially contentious situation, although he was not beyond deliberately stirring up the staff to enjoy his colleagues' reactions. Many is the time he has wound me up with his professed (or possibly real!) antipathy to Latin and things Classical, and I fell for it every time. His wry smile and sardonic wit will certainly be missed.

Dave was not just a Physicist – he enjoyed numerous outdoor activities, such as sailing and scuba diving, and was very generous with his time helping to run the offsite sports and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

He and his wife Chris are inveterate travellers and used to regale us with their latest adventures after each holiday. Before coming to St Elphins they lived for several years in the Seychelles; now they will be free to take off whenever the next bargain offer occurs.

Dave is a great one for a good bargain and always amazes me (a fairly profligate being) with the way he managed all his financial affairs so astutely, even offering to buy equipment etc for other departments on his credit card so he could collect the air miles!

"Bon voyage" Dave, and enjoy your freedom, and thank you for all you have done and been at St Elphin's.



DAVID FARRER

(from Judith Crook)

Dave became Head of Science at St Elphin's in 1981 when I relinquished the post to become Deputy Head.

I've always valued his quiet, pleasant leadership of the Science team; he always tries to get everyone working happily together, looks after the interests of all the staff, but lets individuals develop their own ideas.

His Lab was always organised; everything had a place and everything had to be returned to that place. As a mere biologist I valued the way he explained Physics concepts to me when I had queries.

His lessons were often entertaining, making hair stand on end using the Van der Graaf generator and getting girls to run up and down main stairs while partners timed them with stop watches.

As a teacher and a colleague he will be sorely missed.



Margaret Flood House



There always seems to be a natural rhythm to the Infant and Nursery year. We haven't been many weeks into the Autumn term when we don our boots and join in the school's Sponsored Walk. Soon after this we celebrate Harvest. Half-term is enjoyed and then Bonfire Night goes off with a bang. Before we know it, we are rehearsing carols and mending angels' wings. Our Christmas production of 'The Bossy Fairy' was pronounced 'the best yet!' Sausages, crisps and a few bowls of jelly later, we all sit down to enjoy the magician at our party. Covered in glue and glitter, we exchange Christmas cards and break up for the holidays.

Spring term begins with us entertaining the local Derby and Joan club with songs, piano and recorder solos. We cook a Chinese meal to celebrate their New Year and then run our pancake races.

The Sixth Form asked the Infants to join in their Millennium Fashion Show and we modelled costumes from around the world. Watch out Naomi Campbell! It was a long term and we longed to be at home eating our Easter eggs.

This Summer term we have had visits from the Road Safety Officer, the Fire Brigade and the Police. We enjoyed a visit to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and to see the Caveman who lives in Cresswell Crag!! The three year olds had a ride on the Peak Rail train to fit in with their topic. As I write we are busy rehearsing for our end of term concert, and, on fine days we are practising for our Sports.

Summer school looms – then a quick holiday – and, guess what – the route for the Sponsored Walk is on my desk again!

Rosemary Cuff

THE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Mrs Cuff's Class

Hermione likes the Animal Ark books. She enjoys watching 'Rugrats' and 'The Railway Children'. Her hobby is rollerblading and she likes playing on her Gameboy. Hermione enjoys fish and chips. Her wish is to have £10.00 pocket money.

Sophie's favourite book is 'Wizard of Oz'. She likes to watch 'Ghost Chasers' and 'The King and I'. Her favourite toy is Lion King and her favourite pastime is doing sums on the computer. She enjoys pasta, wants to be a Teacher and go to Disney World.

Laura Sutton wants to be a baker in the morning and a lifeguard in the afternoon. She would like to stay in Mrs Cuff's class for ever!

Laura's favourite book is 'The Butterfly Lion'. She enjoys 'Home Alone 3' and 'Inspector Morse'. Her favourite toy is a skipping rope. She likes to eat spaghetti bolognaise.

Alexander likes 'Star Wars', Animorphs and 'Home Alone'. His favourite toy is a football – he enjoys playing football – and guess what – he wants to be a footballer when he grows up. He wants to be a millionaire.

Iona enjoys reading 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'. She enjoys watching Madeline and Top of the Pops. She enjoys trampolining. Her favourite food is lettuce and vinegar. She wants to be a pop star and have a bedroom of her own.

Lizzie Sedgewick. My favourite books are 'The Secret Seven'. I enjoy playing with my cat and watching the 'Mulan' video. My special toy is Squeaky Ted and I like 'Rugrats' on T.V. I want to work in an Old Peoples' Home and sing. I wish I had wings and that Mummy and Daddy would never die.

Chloe Hayes likes reading 'Fergus' Big Splash' and watching 'Animal Hospital'. Her favourite toy is a baby rabbit. She enjoys tap dancing and watching '101 Dalmations'. She wants to be a vet when she grows up and to have a guinea pig. She likes eating fish and chips.

Chloe Watmore's favourite book is 'Rosie's Babies' She enjoys going on holidays and watching the 'Titanic' video. Her favourite T.V. programme is '2000 Kid's Choice Awards' and her favourite toy is Mr. Squidgy. Chloe likes eating pancakes. When she grows up she would like to be an ice skater and go to China for two weeks.

Kerry loves Chinese food and watching 'Watership Down'. She enjoys playing at school and with her playstation. Her favourite book is 'Would they Love a Lion' and she likes 'Tom and Jerry'. When she grows up she wants to be an artist. She would like it to be warm and sunny every day.

Rhian's favourite book is '100 Things for Kids to Make' – her favourite film is 'Riverdance' and 'Father of the Bride'. She enjoys playing 'Spinning the Plate'. She wishes she could be a butterfly and fly.

FAVOURITE TOY

Beanie Babies
Rugrats
Dolls
Action Man
Teddy
Doll



FAVOURITE VIDEO

Aristocats
Little Mermaid
The Tweenies
Mary Poppins
Barney
The Worst Witch
Paddington



WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE

An angel
Actress
Vet
Racing Driver
Teacher
Mermaid



FAVOURITE T.V. PROGRAMME

Really Wild Show
Tweenies
Emmerdale Farm
Witch World
Rugrats
Worst Witch



FAVOURITE PASTIME

Trampolining
Playing with Toys
Teddybear
Playing outside
Riding horses
Climbing trees



FAVOURITE FOOD

Fish and salad
Fish and chips
Pizza
Chips
Sausage, chips and beans
Sausage rolls
Fish fingers

THEIR WISH

To act with the Worst Witch
To have lots of chocolate
A fairy with a magic wand
To go to Oasis soon
Own a dog
To visit Koala bears in Australia



FAVOURITE BOOK

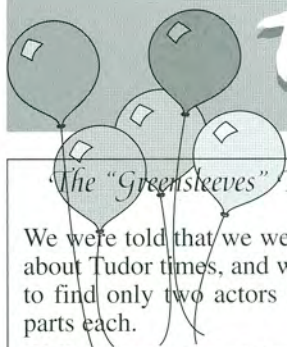
Children's Encyclopaedia
Tom found the Red Paint
The Wise Doll
Sleeping Beauty
The Magic Faraway Tree
Noddy
Little Grey Rabbit





FORMS 1 AND 2 1999 – 2000

Back Row: Charlotte Taylor, Rhian Hughes, Laura Sutton, Chloe Watmore, Laura Whitton, Sophie Webb
Front Row: Jemma Whitton, Hermione Bilton, Iona Carter, Alexander Park, Elizabeth Sedgwick, Kerry Yates, Chloe Hayes



The Junior School Year

The "Greensleeves" Tudor Theatre Group

We were told that we were going to watch a play about Tudor times, and were, therefore, astounded to find only two actors who played a variety of parts each.

Well on came the actors dressed as hikers – but the play was about Tudors – not hikers. The production was amusing and contained plenty of audience participation including putting someone in the stocks.

The production was brilliant. It contained famous people such as Shakespeare and Elizabeth!, known facts like Henry VIII having six wives only one of whom survived him and unknown facts – Sir Walter Raleigh cried when he got a splinter in his thumb.

The production was so entertaining and educational that everyone was sad when the history lesson ended!

Kyna Milnes

A visit to Buxton Opera House to see "The Wind in the Willows"

When we arrived at the Opera House we were taken into a hall where we sat in awed silence.

Well, time went by and I, like everyone else, felt as if I was a Mole, Ratty, or one of the other characters.

The second half was just brilliant. At one time a party popper was used as a gun-shot. This made everyone jump out of their seats where upon the seats folded up and everyone fell on the floor.

So ended a thrilling performance of "The Wind in the Willows".

Kyna Milnes



"Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat"

We went to see 'Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the Sheffield Lyceum in February.

The character who was supposed to play the part of Joseph was actually ill so his understudy played Joseph. He was brilliant. The Technicolor Dreamcoat at the end was absolutely gorgeous! I could have worn it myself! It looked like a multicoloured parachute coming off his back. I really enjoyed the music, the acting and the singing.

Hannah Johnson

Year 3's Favourite Things

Book: "Milly, Molly, Mandy", "Windhover", "The Worst Witch", "The Wind in the Willows".

Food: Pasta, chips, Cake, Chinese, Veggie Bits, beans, potatoes.

Animal: Badger, rabbit, hamster, fish, dog, monkey.

Toy: Ludo, soap making set

Game: Rounders, "Game-boy", "Thinker", "Connect-4"

My most favourite thing is to go to the park, my cats and make-up, chocolate, chewing-gum, riding, gardening, roses, books and friends.

Fame

We went to the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield to see "Fame!". The music, the actors and the audience were all hyped up. I must say I had never seen so much dancing out of one audience before. There were people jumping, singing, shouting and more dancing all over the theatre. It was worth going to see and everyone had a wonderful time.

Jaeger Rowland

PEAK NATIONAL PARK

On 19th June, 2000, all of the juniors went on a walk round Lady Bower Reservoir, Derwent Edge and Derwent Dam.

It was a five mile walk which, all the way, the scenery was magnificent, no cars, just beautifully shaped rocks and bracken and fern around.

We were very grateful for our lunch as we ate under the tall majestically carved gritstone.

Then we started walking again talking about the lost villages and their remains under the reservoirs.

At the end of the walk we bought souvenirs to remember our day from the Visitors' Centre.

Though we were tired we had a great day, an adventure for all of us.

Emma Brookes



Jessica Witty, Philippa Hayward, Hannah Sutton, Phoebe Cunnane, Laura Ferguson-Lee, Christine Lowe, Amy Yates, Jordan Stewart, Jade Jafari, Simone Park, Fiona Hawker

St. Elphin's Juniors win National Book Award

The pupils in Years 3 & 4 at St. Elphin's are pictured with the books they won as a result of entering the Weetabix Millennium Challenge. They were runners up in a national competition where they had to research an event, an invention or a person who had made an impact on the last millennium. Some of the topics the girls researched were:- television, space exploration, Captain Cook, Christopher Columbus, Krakatoa, the telescope and gravity.

Fund-raising

Blue Peter Appeal

Philippa and Phoebe decided to do a Blue Peter appeal to raise money for premature babies. We all brought things from home to sell and the people of the Junior School brought things to sell. They raised £190.

Mozambique Appeal

Over one weekend we were asked to bake cakes and biscuits. At the end of the day we raised just over £100. We had lost pounds out of our purse and we have put pounds on our body.

Holly-Rose Godkin



The Fashion Show

We all enjoyed being models in the fashion show. There was a super finale with balloons and partypoppers but best of all was the winner of the competition, Iris Lau. You would not have caught me wearing any of them because they were all too skimpy.

Jaeger Rowland



R.S.P.C.A.



During the summer holidays Holly-Rose and I met up and decided to sell our old things for money for charity. After a lot of thinking we decided on the R.S.P.C.A.

Two days after the beginning of term we set up a stall in the entrance hall. We raised over £45 and we put it towards building rabbit runs.

Effie Cunnane

Christmas Party



We began the Christmas party in the gym with balloons, music and far too much make-up. We had a lot of games where we won chocolate. My favourite bit was when Mr. Keal walked in and started eating the chocolate with ski gloves and a knife and fork. After that we all galloped into the dining hall for crackers and goodies.

Effie Cunnane

The Sponsored Walk

We walked the 10 miles which seemed like 24. My favourite part was when we all had a mud fight, even though the parents said no!. When we returned to school it was good to know Mrs. Ward had a big bowl of soup for us.

Katy Matthews

Year 4's Favourite Things

- Book:** "Harry Potter", "Spellhorn", "Doggie Dogfoot", "Harry's Mad".
- Food:** Sunday lunch, pasta, chicken pie and chips, Chinese.
- Animal:** Tiger, tortoise, killer whale, dog.
- Outfit:** Tammy clothes, T-shirt, shorts, pedal pushers and strappy top.
- T.V. programme:** "Neighbours", "Fort Boyard", "Miami 7"
- Thing:** my Mum and Dad and my cat that ran away, Tom, stroking my cat, making things in the garage with old junk.

Carsington

I loved going to Carsington in the Autumn Term with Mrs. Blount and Mrs. Barrett. Although it was raining – as if we needed it! – it was really good. I loved visiting the Indian burial site, well it was really stone island. Lorna and Rachel treated it like a slide slipping half-way down it. I liked the Visitor Centre. It was amazing to know that millions of gallons of water each second were being taken out of the dam. It was like watching your money going down the drain.

Katy Matthews

Prep School Day

On February 12th Prep. School Day was a thrilling experience for everyone. We learnt to share and help each other. Apart from learning that Matlock is very muddy which I found from my knee high in mud wellingtons.

We found out about all different and interesting creatures that live in streams and others that don't, like me when I almost fell into the stream.

We became aware of how to use rubbish and scraps to make interesting and useful household items, but one of the best things we made were friends and lots of them.

We worked as a team in our hockey matches to try to win.

Emma Brookes



Chesterfield Music Festival

Friday 12th May

Yippee! We won. There were nine schools attending this festival. All I could hear was Lorna singing behind me. This turned into a scream in my ear when she heard that we had won.

The first piece that we sang was Psalm 23, the second piece that we sang was a "Pirate Song". The first hymn that we sang was "Make me a channel of your peace" and the second was "Lord for the years".

Thank you Mr. Teague for a lovely day.

Nicola Yates



VISITORS FROM FRANCE

A group of French children from Paris came to stay for ten days at St. Elphin's.

On Saturday we had a disco. One French boy called Christophe had his own way of dancing. It looked as if he was keeping fit doing star jumps. Thank you Mr. Leach for a wonderful disco.

Rachel Ragsdale

Junior Swimming

Fortunately for the Juniors Mrs. James took it upon herself to rally round to find a swimming pool big enough to take them. After endless searching and visiting pools she finally managed to find Edensor and the Juniors got back into swimming in early November. The change was very positive. Due to the smaller size of the pool many girls gained in confidence tremendously. Consequently, this year, there have been great improvements in Junior School swimming. Well done girls, keep up the good work!

Catherine Jefferies

Badminton

On Tuesday nights Nicola, Verity, Victoria, Eleanor, Hannah and I go to Badminton Club taught by Miss Spurling and Miss Payne. First we do warm up exercises like running round the gym and stretches. Then we play games such as "Round the World".

Emma Brookes

Tennis - Every Thursday

A tennis club is held every Thursday from 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. on the St Elphin's School tennis courts. Pupils from different schools around the area come to our school to play tennis, with our tennis coach, Mr. Keel. The tennis club is really great fun.

Nicola Yates

We also play rounders and netball.

Lorna Tonks

Trampoline Club

We go to Trampoline Club. It is on Mondays and Wednesday for Juniors and Seniors. I am in the Wednesday group. First we do a warm-up then we practise awards. We do seat bounces, front drops and lots of different moves. I like trampolining.

Hannah Hitchcock

Rounders

We had a rounders match against S. Anselm's at their school ground. They won, unfortunately, Miss Jeffries was pleased with us and she gave us a star for effort.

Lorna Tonks

Year 5's Favourite Things

- Book:** "Matilda", "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe", "Penguin Progress"
- Animal:** Hamster, dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea-pigs
- Drink:** Lemonade, water, Fanta
- Sweet:** Galaxy, Toblerone, Terry's chocolate orange.
- Sport:** Rounders, Tennis, swimming.
- Food:** Blackcurrant ice-cream, egg and soldiers.
- School:** "St. Elphin's"
- Thing:** My family, my cuddly teddy bear, my hush puppy dog.

The Waltz of the Flowers

As the thick white fleecy
cover of bitter winter is
drawn away from the bed of bouncy green
grass



All the flowers arise from
their sleep to dance to the
Waltz of Spring.

As the soft rain falls
the daffodils collect the
precious, glittery drops in
their tiny golden buckets.

But then a new dancer
starts to sway to an unset
dance, a fast, heavy
dance, the dance of water.

The daffodils turn
frantic, for they do
not know this dance.



The primrose in her
flowing mellow yellow
satin gown hides from
this unsteady movement.



Now, all is changed,
The tender flowers hide
and the unsure dance
of rain goes on.

Emma Brookes Y6

Oh That Cat

'Oh that cat', said Mum.
He's never independent.
He stalks his prey and
Then pounce! Oops the vase.



He really is a naughty puss.
He sits there in the sun and
Then another pounce, he killed
A mouse or was it a fly?

Tired out from his day,
He lies down the sun,
Shining his fiery tiger coat.
He twitches his whiskers and
A purr purr z z z and falls,
Down into a cat's snoozing sleep.

Simone Park Y3

A Cat's Dream

My podgy black cat just falls asleep.
He dreams of fat mice
And things delicious to eat.



He dreams of milk, and playing outside,
With butterflies and bees,
At the stroke of midnight.

Then the dream ends, and he's wide awake,
His eyes shining with delight,
And a smirk on his face.

Then the dream starts again, but in real life,
Although it's not quite as nice,
Because he just can't catch mice.
Phoebe Cunnane Y4

A sonnet – The Tiger

The tiger with its coloured stripes so bright,
Segmented by black and yellowy lines.
With any creature, stag or doe, will it fight.
It will fight until the prey ceases all whines.
Challenge it on a bitter winter's day.
Start off feeling bouncy and brave,
If you lose, with your dear life you will pay.
And end up without a grey, stony grave.
Using its dangerous, sharp claws it eats,
Like needles are its catly deadly claws.
It can perform amazing, clever feats
Mainly using its stripy feline paws.
The tiger is full of gold and magic.
But the deaths it causes are tragic.

Kyna Milnes Y6



Year 6's Favourite Things

Book:	"Harry Potter", "Roald Dahl", "Swallows and Amazons"
Sport:	Swimming, ice-skating, rock climbing, rounders, running, trampolining and hockey.
Food:	Beans on toast, lasagne, ice cream, chicken dippers, chips, burgers and mash with gravy.
Drink:	Milky coffee, coke, Dr. Pepper, sparkling spring water.
Sweet:	Polos, Munchies, laces.
People:	The whole of my friends and family.
Animals:	Snow leopards, hedgehogs, elephants, dogs, cats, hamsters.
School:	"St. Elphin's" – unanimous!



Form Prizes

Year 6	Kyna Milnes
Year 5	Hannah Potten
Year 4	Phoebe Cunnane
Year 3	Simone Park

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Flute	
Grade 1	Lorna Tonks

Piano	
Grade 4	Euphemia Cunnane
Grade 3&4	Phoebe Cunnane
Preparatory	Katy Matthews, Hannah Sutton Simone Park, Jaeger Rowland

Recorder	
Grade 1	Euphemia Cunnane, Holly-Rose Godkin Verity Wall, Hannah Johnson, Lorna Tonks

Singing	
Grade 1&2	Verity Wall
Grade 1	Caroline Boffey

Theory	
Grade 5	Euphemia Cunnane
Grade 3	Phoebe Cunnane

JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

Violin	
Grade 3	Euphemia Cunnane
Grade 1	Hannah Johnson

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Speaking of Verse and Prose

Grade 2	
Honours	Jade Jafari, Christina Lowe
Distinction	Caroline Boffey, Rebecca Cooper, Philippa Hayward, Hannah Sutton
Pass	Fiona Hawker, Jordan Stewart

Grade 3	
Honours	Kyna Milnes, Simone Park, Jessica Witty, Amy Yates
Distinction	Victoria Tonks, Verity Wall

Group Acting	
Grade 2	
Pass	Katy Matthews, Hannah Johnson Lorna Tonks, Jaeger Rowland

Young Investigators (Science) Awards	
Gold	Euphemia Cunnane

Gymnastics Awards	
Bronze Award	
Year 3	Rebecca Cooper, Fiona Hawker Laura Ferguson-Lee, Jordan Stewart Simone Park, Loren Rosebery, Hannah Sutton



James and the Peach Sail Out to Sea



A boastful centipede, a pedantic earthworm and a musical grasshopper. Two nasty aunts and parents trampled by a rhinoceros. Add a giant peach and we're off on an adventure!

The Year 5 and 6 play in February combined all these elements and the girls did a brilliant job in bringing it all to life. Some parents made wonderful costumes and some helped with staging and prompting. We couldn't have done it without you. On the night the cast were lively and spontaneous and were thoroughly engaging.

When the peach rolled out to sea we glimpsed an underwater world created for us by Years 3 and 4. Princess Pearl was tired of smelly seaweed and gossipy old jellyfish and wanted to swim up to the surface and mix with humans. Trying to thwart her ambitions were thrusting swordfish, Swagger and Dagger and shifty sharks, Mac and Zac.

After the sharks captured Princess Pearl, a Yellow Submarine came to her rescue. When I asked if any parent could make a submarine, I envisaged a cardboard cut-out at best. What we got was a wooden submarine on wheels complete with an interior Carol Smiffe would have been proud of. It was wonderful. Thank you.

Years 3 and 4 were impressive in their commitment, concentration and ability to create a variety of characters with brilliant touches of comedy. Georgina Jones painted a vibrant set with a tree that was surreal and a peach that looked good enough to eat.

At the end, the two plays came together. Princess Pearl avoided the sharks and pirates to swim up to the surface and find the boy of her dreams. And what could be more convenient for a mermaid? They lived happily ever after in a floating peach.

Sylvia Hall

Stray



Moth-eaten and cold. He stands in the street.
His green eyes shining like emeralds.
Half of his fur is coloured with mud.
His ear is ripped and his tail is not there.
Starvation and hunger. His purr is quite rare.

The centre of his eye is black and diamond shaped.
He hisses at rats that live on the cobbled street.
He imagines a home with a warm cosy fire.
Fish pie and warm milk for supper each day.
But then he remembers that he's only a stray.

Jessica Witty Y4

Year 4	Phoebe Cunnane, Philippa Hayward Christina Lowe, Amy Yates
Year 5	Hannah Potten, Victoria Tonks, Verity Wall
Year 6	Holly-Rose Godkin, Rachel Ragsdale Katy Matthews, Jaeger Rowland Lorna Tonks, Nicola Yates

British Trampoline Federation Awards

4 Star Award	Emma Brookes, Eleanor Dale Hannah Hitchcock, Katy Matthews Rachel Ragsdale, Nicola Yates
5 Star Award	Katy Matthews, Rachel Ragsdale Amy Yates

The Headmistress's Prizes

Effort	Progress
Year 6	Emma Brookes
Year 5	Caroline Boffey
Year 4	Jessica Witty
Year 3	Hannah Sutton
	Nicola Yates
	Lorna Tonks
	Euphemia Cunnane
	Jaeger Rowland
	Euphemia Cunnane
	Christina Lowe
	Jordan Stewart

Individual Swimming Cup	Nicola Yates
Textiles Prize	Lorna Tonks
Woodard Science Cup	Euphemia Cunnane
Art Cup	Jaeger Rowland
Music Cup	Euphemia Cunnane
Warrington Speech & Drama Trophy	Katy Matthews
The Mosley Cup for Courtesy	Hannah Johnson



FORMS 5 AND 6 1999 – 2000

Back Row: Caroline Boffey, Victoria Tonks

Middle Row: Eleanor Dale, Katy Matthews, Emma Brookes, Jaeger Rowland, Hannah Johnson, Verity Wall, Hannah Potten, Mrs. Henson

Front Row: Kyna Milnes, Rachel Ragsdale, Lorna Tonks, Euphemia Cunnane, Hannah Hitchcock, Holly-Rose Godkin, Nicola Yates



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Back Row: Mrs. Henson

Middle Row: Simone Park, Laura Ferguson-Lee, Fiona Hawker, Phoebe Cunnane, Rebecca Cooper, Loren Rosebery

Front Row: Jordan Stewart, Christina Lowe, Hannah Sutton, Philippa Hayward, Jessica Witty, Amy Yate, Jade Jafari



Upper Sixth Notes



Head Girl
Deputy Head Girls

Daisy Chan
Hannah Atkins and Katherine Hillard

Boarding Representative

Brenda Lee

Social Secretary

Nicola Hain

House Captains

Kennedy
Pigot
Powys
Wilson
Brenda Lee
Karley Chung
Sarah Beresford
Virginia Tang



Universities, here we come... if we get the grades, that is!

Perseverance and perspiration in trying our hand at many new off-site sports, including circus skills, go-karting, snow-boarding, skiing, windsurfing and climbing, which everyone really enjoyed – except Hannah!

Perhaps we will never forget the speech given by Daisy on Speech Day!

Everyone enjoyed organising the Fashion Show – it was hard work but worth it!

Rewards were plentiful at the Chesterfield Festival, where Virginia came First in the Open Sonata Group.

Saying goodbye to all our friends and teachers – we will miss you all.

I'm sure we will always remember the Sixth Form Ball, sailing along the River Trent in the 'Nottingham Princess'. Thank you, Nicky – we all really enjoyed it.

Xmas Dinner, delicious food and dancing.

The performance of 'Five' at the School Disco we organised.

How could we forget Mrs. Hodgson for being such a wonderful form teacher? Thank you very much. We will all miss you.

Sarah Beresford,
Virginia Tang



Lower Sixth Notes



We were introduced into the Sixth Form with a three-day Induction Course, including one day which was spent on Stanton Moor doing initiative and first aid exercises.

Being the eager and hard-working group that we are, we began our A levels with enthusiasm. The whole form have had great fun together, learning 'Britney Spears' new dance routines from Evelyn and consuming amazing amounts of chocolate in our break times.

The biologists enjoyed their Sixth Form 'holiday' on the Field Trip to Cranedale. A little reluctance was seen coming from the bunch of Sixth Formers having to trample around slimy seaweed looking for limpets – hardly their style!

Sports lessons became something to look forward to in Year 12. Miss Jefferies organised challenging activities each week, ranging from dry-slope skiing and windsurfing to indoor rock climbing.

The most notable event for us was definitely the Sixth Form Ball; due to the fantastic organisation by Nicky Hain it turned out to be a great success.

Our thanks to Mrs. Spriggs for keeping us all in check throughout the year.

Claire Harrison, Rebecca Moncrief, Olivia Walker

My Pillow

It rests on my shoulder, in front of the TV. It's warm, fuzzy individual smell hovers just above the pink flannelette and makes me sleepy. Better than any fluffy teddy bear, easier to hold and softer, it is more comforting to cry into no matter what kind of tears, from grazing my knee at five to splitting up with my boyfriend at sixteen. It grows up with me, from tired baby smell to perfume and moisturiser, but is never scarred.

Innocence is held within and it is always safe. It's at my home, on my cosy bed. It's my pillow.
Rebecca Moncrief

Duke of Edinburgh's Awards - Gold Expedition

We set off with hope - full of glee,
No-one knew how hard it actually would be!
We tightened up our rucksacks, did up our boots good,
Covered up our heads with our waterproof hood.



We climbed up hills, scrambled through bogs,
Tiptoeed over streams, met with loads of fog,
Clambered over stiles, struggled with our map,
Raced for some water from our camp-site drinking tap.

We lost our way once, got rained on lots,
Were attacked by midges, groaned to wash our pots,
Put up our tents with trouble, looked forward to sleep,
Washed and rubbed and plastered-up our tired, aching feet.

But even though it sounds like this was a nightmare come true,
It actually was fun and worthwhile too.
We now know what to take for our real expedition:
Plenty of plasters, chocolate, socks and lots of motivation!

Evelyn Smalley

Year 12's Favourite Things

Books: "Malory Towers", "Come Together", "The Hungry Caterpillar", "Black Adder".

Songs: "Pearl River", "Lucky Penny", "Feels Like Home", "Don't be Stupid".

Dishes: Pasta, Chocolate Gateau, roast dinner, Big Mac.

Pastime: Playing golf, singing, music, flying.

Drinks: Chocolate milkshake, Pepsi, Baileys.

Films: "Sliding Doors", "Top Gun".

Cartoon Character: Homer Simpson, Tigger, Cartman.

Singing

My favourite thing has to be singing. There is a song I can sing for every mood isn't there? I cannot think of a better way of expressing sheer joy and light-heartedness than in a song and in contrast the best way of pouring out a sad heart is through the words and tune of a song. Then there are the fun, meaningless little jingles that I can hum and cheer other people with. Singing is something that never stays the same and can be composed anyway I like. It can be totally private and yet totally loud and wild. Yes, my favourite thing must be singing. I do it all the time!

Vikki Sheldon



**FORM 13H
1999 – 2000**
Back Row:
Amy Gould
Brenda Lee
Rosemary Chung
Nicola Hain
Virginia Tang
Ann Hodgson

Front Row:
Karley Chung
Hannah Atkins
Daisy Chan
Katherine Hillard
Jennifer Li



Destinations of Upper Sixth

Hannah Atkins
Homerton, Cambridge
– Education and Geography
Sarah Beresford
East Anglian University
– Computer Studies
Daisy Chan
UMIST – Business and Textiles
Rosemary Chung
Chesterfield College – Art Foundation
Amy Gould
Buxton College – Childcare
Nicola Hain
Newcastle University – Law
Katherine Hillard
Bristol University – Physiology
Brenda Lee
UCL – Podiatry
Jennifer Li
Salford University
Virginia Tang
Huddersfield University – Music



**FORM 12S
1999 – 2000**
Back Row:
Joyce Lai
Liv Ko
Kyung-Ah Lee
Josephine Leung
Xiaoyu Wu
Jin-Young Kim

Middle Row:
Sue Dakin
Rebecca Moncrief
Xiangwei Xu
Joyce Ngai
Evelyn Smalley
Min-Hye Jin
Claire Harrison
Sue Spriggs

Front Row:
Victoria Sheldon
Nan Zhang
Olivia Walker
Holly Page
Emma Shirley
Lea Owen
Katy Thurman

Year 11 Notes

Year 11's been an adventurous one to say the least. With Mrs. Corfield to keep us on the path to exam success and our out of school activities to keep us sane, it's been a rocky road that's finally reached an end. Ecstatic to leave behind exams but sad to leave each other, we will always remember this year. We've trudged through mountains of work – studied "mocking birds" until we felt like shooting them and learnt the digestive system inside out.

We managed to join in some of the less strenuous activities – House Drama, sports matches, and the Christmas Dinner, each with their own tales to tell. The end of exams was celebrated with an Indian meal and a trip to Matlock's night-spots.

Thank you to all our teachers. We'll keep our fingers crossed until results day!

Hannah Hall and Sophie Hill

Work Experience Notes

After the stress of exams finally came to a close I decided to escape to London to do work experience. My placement was at East West Records. Going into a huge company was nerve wracking but everybody was friendly and I was treated as a proper employee. I was in the press office and had the chance to see how PR really works. The highlight of my week was 'The Corrs' album launch party where I met both them and other celebrities.

Hannah Hall

When we were told about work experience, I never expected to end up with so many new friends and a job! I went to work at the Peak 107 radio station where I was able to put faces to the voices I heard so often. The atmosphere was fantastic, people were so friendly and relaxed that it was hard not to instantly feel at home! I worked in all the different departments including the newsroom, where I wrote cues and edited interviews on the computer! Two months later I was working in the newsroom on the football! Every Saturday I record interviews and results and edit them before they are broadcast on the radio!

Kirsty McCarrison

Sine Macula

So innocent
appeared the devil,
who lounged among the daisies.

So shrewd
was the disguise,
that presented her essence.

So desirable
was the creature,
who adorned womankind.

So sensual
was her fragrance,
that vanquished the surrounding nature.

So liberated
was the child,
whose hair waved like corn in a field.

So foolish
was the poet,
who asked her name.

Lauren Reuter

For the first time a pupil has submitted a folder of poetry for her GCSE creative writing! A Well done!*



SOUTH PARK - FROM HEAVEN OR HELL?

Judge for Yourself!

Part of GCSE media coursework

Southparkaholics

Whether you like it or not Southparkaholics are out there, myself included. Kenny, Cartman, Kyle and Stan are four nine-year old little boys who live in a town where the abnormal is normal.

However, for those who appreciate things that are disgustingly funny, South Park is the crème de la crème of cartoon viewing.

South Park is based in a town called South Park in Colorado. The main characters are four boys who go around the town making hilarious criticisms and offending everything they see. They do swear but this is not uncommon when you compare it to any modern film/television production. This just adds to the brilliance of this simple cartoon. They make racist comments etc. about things they have heard but ironically have little knowledge about them themselves.

It is indeed satirically humorous.

Veronique Yonnet

Kill the critters!

"Oh my God, they killed Kenny!"

For the past ten months, people throughout Britain have become obsessed with Kenny, Cartman Kyle Stan and all their other little friends.

It is disgraceful that any viewer should be subjected to this kind of torment, including explicit language, racism and mere stupidity. What sort of example is this monstrosity setting to our innocent viewers?

Up until now, I have been unaware of this series, until my eight year old son came home, singing the lines to one of the theme tunes, which one of his friends had brought to school. The unnecessary language used is unacceptable. Cannot our children be satisfied with the traditional "Bugs Bunny and Friends"?

This South Park craze has led to the recent release of the latest South Park fashion accessories, music and expensive character toys, unnecessary and worthless.

"South Park" mania is the most absurd and ludicrous series which has ever hit British television, and that I have ever seen in my entire life!

Amy Wass

MY SECRET PLACE

My secret place is the rock that is positioned above my house. It stands like a king in his castle or like God in Heaven. It acts as a focal point for the whole valley. The walk up there is very tiring but when you get up there it is as if you are in another world completely. It is so beautiful. Some people say that it makes you feel as if you are on top of the world. I go up there to think and to sort things out for myself. If I have a problem then I go up to the rock and just sit there and think about it. At home there would just be noise all the time, I wouldn't get any peace and quiet.

When I am up there no-one is around at all. I only see glimpses of people or only their shadows.

Once I even took some homework up there, I got on with it really well. The weather was a bit windy but I managed okay. The rocks look as if they are colourful big cushions that are waiting for you to jump on them, or a large crash mat.

I call this the 'Secret Rock' just as in the film 'The Secret Garden'. This is the most beautiful place on the Earth and I'd never change it for anything. This is my secret place.

Sarah Beighton 11C

Oblivion



As I sit down, I think to myself, 'This is your last chance to escape.'

'Oblivion', the new attraction at Alton Towers. Oblivion the state of being forgotten. Just the name sends a shiver down my spine. As the bars come down I can almost taste the tacky leather seats. The silver bars shriek over the rust as I am thrust deeper into my seat. Speakers and people in the queue seem as if they're yelling compared to my silence. I feel crowded and trapped, yet I feel so much pleasure.

From my seat I smell the many perfumes around me. So tightly strapped in I could not see back, but only in front and on my left. I had been put on the end, which scared me even more. In front was cold, shiny metal of the next

seat, with another person, like me, waiting to feel the power of the 'Oblivion'. On the left I could see the queue, a hundred colors in front of a dark red background, a hundred eyes anxious to be in my place.



Suddenly the mass of metal moved along the metal path. In front the sun shone on us as we begin the prolonged walk up the winding path. My body jolts as I go up each clog of the chain, flinging my head. As I look down to see the height we've reached my stomach churns. My eyes lose their receptors to see anything but the height and metal twists and turns of the 'Oblivion' path. As the train reaches its maximum height I put my hands on the bars over my chest. Suddenly, I'm very relieved they are there for me to hold. The plastic coat over the metal feels cold and as I squeeze it my hands begin to feel numb with excitement, tension and impatience for the drop.

As the train travels along the equal platform towards the end, I can feel my heart beginning to beat faster. As we get closer and closer, I can feel myself sweating and my heart beating faster than ever, like a wild beast trying to get out of a cage. I can feel a strange lump in my throat. As we approach the end, tipping over, we stop!

My immediate thought is that the ride has broken, but then, from the huge speakers by my ears I hear the terrifying words, 'Don't look down!'

Like a military salute all of us look down, a reflex reaction to the words. Then the brakes were freed and with a roar I felt myself hurtling down. The only thought in my mind was, 'I'm going to die!'

My stomach felt as if it had been popped and my eyes stung as tears ran back over my face. The speed was tremendous and I could feel the adrenaline racing through my body. My brain had just registered what was happening and it was over. At the bottom we went underground, all went black apart from the white light at the end, a perfect end to a near death experience.

Narinder Gill



**FORM 11C
1999 – 2000**

Back Row:
Sarah Beighton
Yun-yu Leung
Doris Chan
Sarah Lilley

Middle Row:
Michelle Thompson
Bojana Varga
Kirsty McCarrison
Amy Wass
Narinder Gill
Lauren Reuter
Iris Lau
Judy Corfield

Front Row:
Hannah Hall
Sophie Thwaites
Sophie Hill
Rebecca Adamson
Jade Lee
Helen Radford
Veronique Yonnet



**FORM 10M
1999 – 2000**

Back Row:
Phyllis Odonkor
Nicola Bateman
Gemma Eagle
Vivian Cheung
Clare Jackson

Middle Row:
Anita Lui
Leonie Evans
Charlotte Nunn
Paloma Perez-Domper Campos
Ruth Varley
Elizabeth Cason
Naomi Brogden
Geraldine Martin

Front Row:
Felicity Rowland
Amy Daniel
Sophie Shardlow
Alexandra Vernon
Winnie Leung
Charlotte Brown
Holly Brown



**FORM 9P
1999 – 2000**

Back Row:
Amelia Gilman
Rebecca Gowers
Lisa Beighton

Middle Row:
Amber Jafari
Claire Foster
Caffy Hon
Alice Tam
Leanne Varney
Maria Theodoulou
Samantha Haworth
Caroline Pilkington

Front Row:
Anna MacDonald
Catherine Leteve
Jenny Hudson
Nicole Robinson
Bryony Lawrence
Christina Powell
Kayley Eagle

Year 10 Notes



Into Year 10 we ventured like lambs to the slaughter (a bit harsh we must admit) with two extras, Vivian and Anita. The cosy comfort of Year 9 had disappeared before our eyes, and now we had to do a gruesome task such as working.

How would we survive? But being adventurous Year 10s we made the best of a bad situation. After a few 'kick up the bums' from our dedicated teachers and a few hugs and tears from our friends, we settled down to do some work, and a few other things, too.

The highlight for all in the first term was the end of term theatre trip to see 'The Blues Brothers' – we are still hearing the gentle murmur of "FLIP-FLOP FLY – don't care if I die..." And the vision of our favourite geographer, Mr. Coutts, being asked to vacate the aisle due to being a fire hazard after an over-excited burst of energy, still brings a smile to our faces on rainy days.

Our next term flew by, although very long due to a late Easter. Sports matches were played, songs were sung and plays were performed. The Spring Term began with "Fame" and several renditions of "I'm gonna live forever" were thoroughly enjoyed by our friendly bus driver. The next event in the lives of Year 10 pupils was "The Millennium Party", hosted by Alex and Charlotte. Well, need we say more? Let's just say – new experiences were had by all.

Then came the PGL trip in the Easter holidays which was enjoyed by just about everyone – although a few cases of homesickness were experienced, nevertheless, the trip proved to be a very enjoyable experience.

In we came for the Summer Term with the countdown beginning for the end of the year and everyone knowing that in just under seven months the real nightmare would begin.

Exam week came and passed leaving us regretting our lack of revision as our marks were dished out. Next on our agenda was the Science Fair at Derby University, a very enjoyable day. As the term died down we realised that a few goodbyes had to be said. Paloma and Anita will never be forgotten through the remarkable role they played in our little Year 10 community.

We would like to thank Mrs. Martin and all other teachers for their guidance and perseverance throughout the year. Thanks!

Let's just hope you can cope with us next year!

Lisbeth Rosebery

ALTON TOWERS

Alton Towers here we come.
Buses clog the car park.
Corkscrew, a traditional favourite.
Damp, what you will be after the Log Flume.
Energiser, is it really still there?
Fabulous day is guaranteed.
Gardens, soothing in the summer stampedes.
Hex, on the list for the next visit.
Ice-cream, and plenty of it.
Junk food!
Keyring, a must from the souvenir shop.
Lake, where the swans live.
Monorail, to conserve energy.
Nemesis, is definitely one of the best.
Oblivion, need I say more?
Pale, this is what you will be after the Haunted House.
Queues, queues and more queues.
Rapids (best take your raincoat).
Swans, live on the lake.
Tickets £20?
Ultimate experience.
Virtual queuing, it took them long enough.
Walking, always plenty of this.
X sector, persons with heart conditions need not apply.
Yippee!
Zzzzz, after a long day.

Holly Brown and Felicity Rowland

Year 10's 'Favourite Things

- Book:** "Charlotte's Web",
"The Horse Whisperer",
"Here comes the Sun",
"Tall Poppies"
- Dish:** Coronation chicken, salmon,
spaghetti bolognese, Keanu
Reeves, steak and chips
- Film:** "The Matrix", "Pretty Woman",
"Clueless", "The Wedding
Singer"
- Excuse:** 'The baby was sick on it', 'What
prep?', 'I thought I handed it in?'
- Phrase:** 'My hair', 'You're kidding',
'cheese', 'oh dear', 'oh, Lord'
- Pastime:** eating, music, sleeping, reading
- Game:** Monopoly and Cluedo
- Idol:** Yehudi Menuhin, Anne Boleyn,
My Mum, The Virgin Mary, Matt
le Blanc
- Sport:** horse-riding, watching rugby
(various), tennis.

Macbeth – Type-cast

Duncan	Mr. Farrer
Malcolm	Mrs. Hodgson
Donaldbain	Mr. Mayo
Macbeth	Mr. Coutts
Lady Macbeth	Miss Jones
Gentlewoman	Mrs. Hughes
Banquo	Mr. Franks
Fleance	Mrs. Prince
Macduff	Dr Ogden
Lady Macduff	Miss Pilkington
Son of Macduff	Mr. Noble
Seyton	Mrs. Phillpot
Porter	Mr. Teague
Captain	Mrs. Davies
Doctor of physic	Sister Mitra
First Murderer	Chaplain
Second Murderer	Chaplain
Third Murderer	Chaplain
Ross, Lennox	Dr Mouat
Hecate	Mrs. Fisher
Three Witches	Miss Jefferies
	Mrs. Martin
	Mrs. Dakin
	Mrs. Miles

Three Apparitions



My favourite thing in life is sailing on a calm stretch of water on a bright and sunny day, resembling the Michelin Man with your life-jacket on. You can hear the slapping of the water on the hull echoing around you and the flapping of the jib in the cool breeze. It gives you a sense of freedom and whatever the boat does, you have total control of her. Shouting 'ready about' when the boat is turning, and ducking as quickly as possible so as not to get knocked out by the beam is all part of the fun too!
Holly Brown

My favourite thing would have to be a holiday. I don't care if it's long or short, as long as I'm free to do what I want. I can stay up until late, eat when I please, watch telly, go on the computer. Go shopping with friends or wander around in the street when it's nice weather.
Winnie Leung



The Twelve Days of Christmas

Charlotte Brown, Lisbeth Rosebery, Holly Brown, Alex Vernon, Leonie Evans, Ruth Varley, Charlotte Nunn

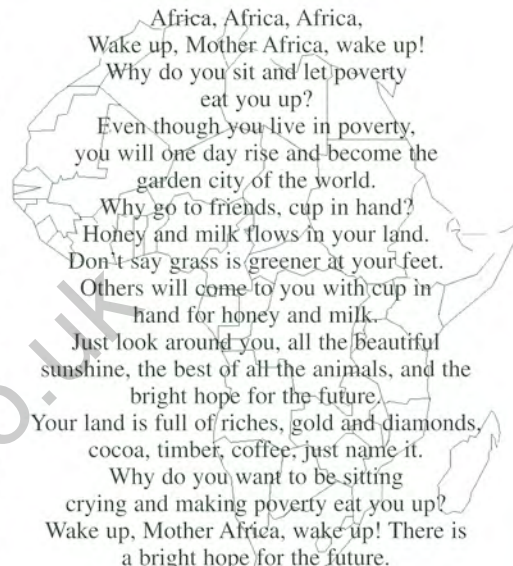
Alex Vernon

Charlotte Nunn

Elizabeth Cason



Cry no more.
Phyllis Odonkor



- (E)
- Pop/classical/traditional/jazz – probably most listened to is Radiohead's "The Bends" or The Beatles' "Revolver"
 - South of France – Provence
 - The Hobbit
 - Table football
 - Robbie Williams
 - My 'A' level coursework piece
 - Proper pizza (with anchovies, olives, good mozzarella)
 - very strong coffee/Yop – strawberry or coconut
 - She's quite dirty, she's got long hair and blue eyes. Her breath can be quite bad at times and she's not allowed in my bedroom. She visits the salon once a month and comes home looking very pretty but it doesn't last long because she rolls in poo. She's called Molly.

Year 9 Notes

The year started off well. We all went on a Science trip to Sheffield Hallam University in September with Miss Pilkington.

Christmas came soon and we went on our annual trip to the Lyceum in Sheffield to see 'The Blues Brothers'. It was very entertaining and we all enjoyed it immensely.

The Christmas Dinner was next on the calendar. Everyone dressed up in their elegant dresses and was raring to go. The dinner was prepared well by the kitchen staff and tasted delicious.

In February, we visited the Lyceum again, to see 'Fame'. It was an excellent performance. The highlights of it were the songs and costumes.

In June we all worked hard for our end of year exams. We all did quite well, although we thought they were hard.

Mid-June was the time when the Russians and the French visited school for a total of four weeks. They had an enjoyable stay. It wasn't only them who learnt when they were here – we also learnt a lot about their culture and way of life.

At the end of June we went to see 'West Side Story', as we had been studying it for the past academic year. It was nail biting and tense but extremely enjoyable.

That was our academic year. Our Form teacher, Miss Pilkington, who guided us through the year. THANK YOU!

Kayley Eagle and Amelia Gilman

The Sponsored Walk

The day started at 9 o'clock when everyone lined up in Long Corridor, signed in and started the walk.

We walked down the Drive and crossed over the A6 at the first marshals. Everybody walked in pairs or more, and Years 7 and 8 walked with parents, family or friends. It was a glorious sight to see families, friends and pets together on a warm summer's day.

We went through a field of cows and up a steep gravel hill. When we finally got to the drink stop, everyone was hot and thirsty. We left the drink and sweet stop and went up the village. Some people stopped and got an ice-cream and some people carried on.

We walked down through the hills on a very muddy track. Although the weather was good that day everyone finished the walk covered in mud and tired.

Kayley Eagle and Christina Powell

Winners of the Short Story Competition, Year 9

Catherine Leteve
and Anna MacDonald

Year 9's Favourite Things

Taste

We Love

ginger beer, Chinese noodles, chocolate (without nuts), pizza, meat & potato pie, jelly babies



We Hate

anchovies, English noodles, blue-veined cheese, Turkish delight, sprouts

Touch

horses, suede, soft hair, dolls, body lotion, fur, lip balm, velvet



wet rats, greasy hair, colour paints, chalk, nettles

Sight

happy people, clouds, ghost videos, new life, daffodils, stars, the Stage, The Simpsons



builders' bottoms!, face piercing, litter, graffiti

Smell

fresh coffee, after shave, the forest, chocolate, shampoo, bread, sesame oil



smelly feet, fish, public toilets, garlic

Sound

'Five', the band, my sister's voice, wind, my piano playing, waves, popcorn



giggling, The Spice Girls, shouting, balloons, school bells, screams



Year 9's star in an authentic version of the shepherds' mystery play
– Jessica Younger, Maria Theodoulou and Anna MacDonald

My favourite thing is the sound of a telephone ringing. I listen. I wait. I wait for the high-pitched sound echoing around the house. I pick up the blue-coloured receiver and hope. I hope that I'll hear the sound of a good friend in a happy, chatty mood. I say, "Hello?" brightly, questioning to who is calling. While we chat, I'll listen carefully. Carefully to what she has to say. I'll hope. I'll hope to hear some music in the background of her voice. I'll hope it's 'Five'. We'll sing along together. While we chat I'll wait. I'll wait for her mother to say, "You've had enough time now, and all you're doing is singing away to that sad music!". We'll giggle, and say "Goodbye!" I'll put down the receiver with a cheerful mood bringing on a smile. I'll wait. I'll wait for my favourite thing – the sound of a telephone ringing. *Samantha Haworth*

I love forget-me-nots. I will fall in a really bad mood if I can't see them. I love forget-me-nots because they have no smell, and whenever I see them I will forget all the unhappy things at that moment. I love forget-me-nots because I want them to think about me when they see Forget-me-not!
Caffy Hon



Fears

Any accidents or fire,
Lost in a busy place,
Losing something special to me.



My face falling fast towards the ground,
Youths stealing people's belongings.

Weird noises that play on my imagination,
On my own in a strange place,
Rapists and murderers.
Shot-guns,
Terrorists and vandals.



Falling fast downhill,
Every alcoholic or drug addict,
All diseases,
Robbers, thieves and burglars,
Streets at night, alone in darkness.



Catherine Leteve Year 9

Behind the scenes of the art room – see facing page
Foreground yr. 10 'Creative Creatures'
Background – view from the art room
On the windows: yr. 7 'Stained Glass Windows'





Sporting Congratulations

Well done to:

Kirsty McCarrison and **Sarah Nortcliff**, who were trialists for the Derbyshire Hockey teams, with Sarah being selected.

Leanne Varney who was chosen to represent Derbyshire at the Millennium Youth Games. Leanne was also selected for the javelin for the Games.

Winnie Leung, Rebecca Gowers, Lisa Beighton and **Leanne Varney** for being selected for the Derbyshire Dales Athletics team, competing at county level. Special congratulations to Leanne who took second place in the javelin. Leanne won the event at the Derbyshire Dales Schools' Athletics Championship.

St. Elphin's newly formed football teams who played against Highfields, one team winning, the other drawing.

The U12/13 Netball team, who bravely entered their first tournaments, proudly coming third in the Derbyshire Dales Millennium Youth Games Tournament.

Claire Harrison has once again shown magnificent sportsmanship in her golf, achieving the following:
 English School Champion 1998
 Derbyshire Girls' Champion 2000
 Quarter finalist English Girls' Championship 1997, 1998
 Derbyshire Girls' Captain 1999, 2000
 Derbyshire Ladies' squad member 2000.



TRAMPOLINE AWARDS

4 Star: Emma Brookes, Eleanor Dale, Amy Daniel, Hannah Hitchcock, Sally Ho, Clare Jackson, Katy Matthews, Paloma Perez-Domper, Rachel Ragsdale, Yasmin Sneyd, Nicola Yates. **5 Star:** Caroline Cable, Sally Ho, Katy Matthews, Paloma Perez-Domper, Rachel Ragsdale, Amy Yates. **6 Star:** Rebecca Allen, Lisa Beighton, Sarah Beighton, Jenny Beresford, Gianna Grossi, Miriam Hammond, Caroline Hatchman, Maria Theodoulou. **7 Star:** Felicity Rowland

Catherine Jefferies

Catherine has come to us after a degree in Physical Education and a year's PGCE at Leeds Metropolitan University

Her interest in Gymnastics started when she was three and she began competing at five years old, representing City of Leeds Gymnastics Club.

She was a member of U8 and U15 Yorkshire squad and U12 Zone squad.

She competed at National Level many times, representing Yorkshire and competed in the British Senior Championships in 1995.

Catherine had the distinction of representing Great Britain at the 1991 Gymnastrada in Amsterdam and again in 1995 in Berlin.

At university she shone in gymnastics and became British University Champion in 1995 and 1996.

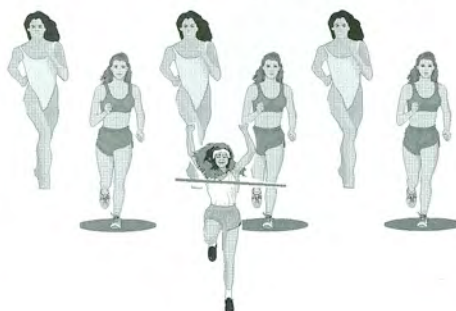
She has already made her presence felt here with the team enthusiasm now generated and her hope for next year is to bring on the prowess of our netball teams at St. Elphin's.

Cross Country

Cross Country – otherwise known as every St. Elphin's girls' biggest nightmare. Whether it was raining, hailing or even snowing our teacher, Miss Jefferies, continued to put us through our paces and even bring some of us to tears, (well nearly!). The falling over, the muddy legs, the sweaty shirt and the bright red perspiring faces. The poor sheep looked petrified in the field we had to run through and all the other pupils in school found it very amusing to watch – I suppose we were pretty funny.

The only words that sum up St. Elphin's Cross Country this year are; wet, muddy, painful and hard work.

Lisbeth Rosebery Y10



Off-site Sports



The 1999 Off-site sports was off to a good start, with what was left of the summer

weather. This made the sailing and windsurfing activities much more enjoyable for the girls... at least for the first week anyway! For the typical British weather turned and it was wet and windy for the remaining weeks at Carsington. It was all right for Mr. Coutts and all the less adventurous Sixth Formers. Whilst we were all getting wet and cold they were tucked up inside at Queens Park Leisure Centre. What a cop out! Still, a good experience was had by all.

Preparations for Christmas and working up an appetite for all that Christmas turkey and pud' were well underway in the second half of the term with our visit to Peppermint Gym, here in Darley Dale. A nice leisurely stroll down to the gym preceded many a hot, sweaty and tiring work out with Claire, the aerobics instructor.

Dry-slope skiing in Sheffield followed Christmas, where good fun was had by all. During the run up to Easter we continued to travel up to Sheffield to go to the Foundry. There were some

talented climbers – including Miss Xianyu! I don't think many of us will forget Karley Chung and her screams as she shot up the climbing wall with great style, only to realise how high up she was! Rather more tame activities followed, with the Hydro group coming in to teach the girls archery, yoga, circus skills and aromatherapy. Karting and Bowling were also one-off activities at the end of this term, with Karting being the Upper Sixth's last ever activity on off-site sports.

The summer term began and the summer weather didn't! This meant that our second visit of the year to Carsington was again cold, wet, and windy! Many of the girls took the opportunity to hire bikes and go cycling around the lake; some of the braver ones took up canoeing. This was so successful that we had to drag them out of the water every week so the rest of us could go home!

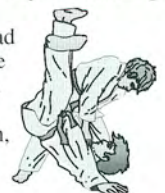
An excellent year for off-site sports. One which promises to be even better next year. Watch this space.

Catherine Jefferies

Self-defence



Many thanks to Self-defence instructor, Rob Lock. Rob has taught many of St. Elphin's girls over the last ten years, informing them of what to do in the eventuality of an unexpected attack and making them practise techniques which would help them out of dangerous situations. The girls have always had great fun, with Rob's sense of humour, his music tastes and his general way of teaching! They have also learnt many valuable skills. It is therefore sad to say that this was the last time we will see Rob at St. Elphin's. After ten years, we are very sorry to see him go. Once again, from everyone, a huge big "Thank you" Rob.





Swimming



 Well, what a fun time we had swimming this year! "Will we be swimming next term?" was the familiar cry of the Autumn term...; "when are we going swimming? You told us the pool would be open by February half term and we're now in March!"

The closure of Matlock Lido during the summer months last year caused many girls to miss out on their weekly swimming lesson. For some, this caused an outcry, but others were secretly quite pleased I don't doubt! The pool was expected to be closed for the whole of the first term, but this was then extended to the end of January, followed by February, then... and so it went on. Finally, by Easter, we managed to get the senior girls swimming. A little rusty after their long break, they soon got into the swing of things and we began to see some promising work. I would personally like to thank the girls for

all their support, co-operation and hard work during those difficult months when we didn't have the use of the pool. It made our job much easier!



Life-support Awards

During the first term, work on the Life-support Awards continued. The qualifications are at various levels and require the girls to learn and perform water-related resuscitation and general resuscitation, along with theory work and general first-aid.

Passes this year:

Life-support 1	18 girls
Life-support 2	27 girls
Life-support 3	1 girl
'Save a baby'	33 girls



Life-support celebrations

Badminton Club

Badminton Club was run by Mrs. Davies this year, who encouraged and coached many aspiring young hopefuls! We only had one fixture this year, but it was against Lady Manners, so it promised to be a good one.



The representatives were as follows:

Year 7/8 Grace Lau
and Sally Ho

Year 9/10 Rebecca Gowers and Bryony Lawrence, Kayley

Eagle and Maria Theodoulou, Alexandra
Vernon and Paloma Perez-Domper

Year 11/Sixth Form Kirsty McCarrison and Sophie Shardlow*, Iris Lau and Amy Wass, Katherine Hillard and Hannah Atkins

Year 7/8 drew 1-1

Year 9/10 won 5-3

Year 11/Sixth Form lost 3-6

Play was fast and furious. Well done everyone!



(J)

- ★ 1 Albatross - Fleetwood Mac
- ★ 2 Venice
- ★ 3 Gone with the Wind / Shogun (James Clavell)
- ★ 4 Line dancing / Go Karting
- ★ 5 Billy Connolly / Harrison Ford
- ★ 7 Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, lots of fresh veg and loads of gravy
- ★ 8 Cider
- ★ 9 A warm, still evening in summer, sitting on my back doorstep with a glass of cider or wine, watching the sun go down over Pic Tor until it disappears.



House Badminton

House Badminton was also a great success. Matches began at lunchtime and then continued after school, just to add to the suspense! It was quite amusing to see the girls counting up how many matches each house had won, then trying to work out who had scored what points, all to figure out who the likely winners were going to be. Needless to say, all was determined when the last match was played – not teatime as originally planned but three days later! This was due to one desperate Wilsonite, who couldn't play on the day and another time had to be arranged so that she could play at least one of her three matches for her house! Well, it was all worth it in the end – congratulations to Wilson, who were overall House Badminton winners.

(M)

- 1 Bruch's Violin Concerto
- 2 Cable up to Swiss mountains
- 3 Book: Shakespeare Sonnets
- 4 Hobby: Flower Arranging
- 5 Personality: Prof. Magdi Yacoub
- 6 Work of Art: Michelangelo's 'David'
- 7 Food: Salmon, buttered new potatoes, 8
crisp green salad
- 8 Drink: Gin and Tonic (several)
- 9 Wandering in the Alps on a sunny day
enjoying their special flowers – cow bells
clanging in the distance.



U12: Beth Bearder, Jenny Beresford, Jessica Brogden, Rebecca Brown, Elizabeth Davies (Capt), Grace Lau, Natasha Mitra, Amy Sneyd, Yasmin Sneyd.

U13 (pictured above): Sally Barnett, Beth Bearder, Elizabeth Davies, Katie-May Godkin, Caroline Hatchman, Sally Ho, Grace Lau, Amy Lukic (Capt), Mabel Odonkor.

U14: Lisa Beighton, Kayley Eagle, Rebecca Gowers, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Anna MacDonald, Maria Theodoulou, Leanne Varney.

U16: Elizabeth Cason, Gemma Eagle, Leonie Evans, Jade Lee, Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison, Phyllis Odonkor, Helen Radford, Lauren Reuter, Ruth Varley, Alexandra Vernon.



U13 (pictured above): Beth Bearder, Siân Bacon, Sally Barnett, Rebecca Brown, Elizabeth Davies, Katie-May Godkin (Capt), Miriam Hammond, Sally Ho, Amy Lukic, Natasha Mitra, Mabel Odonkor, Amy Sneyd.

U14: Lisa Beighton, Kayley Eagle, Amelia Gilman, Samantha Haworth, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Anna MacDonald, Sarah Nortcliff, Nicole Robinson, Maria Theodoulou, Leanne Varney

U16: Charlotte Brown, Elizabeth Cason, Sophie Hill, Jade Lee, Kirsty McCarrison, Charlotte Nunn, Phyllis Odonkor, Helen Radford, Lauren Reuter, Sophie Thwaites, Alexandra Vernon, Olivia Walker.

Netball



We have had a lot of success with Netball this year, particularly with the help of Jean Davies – whom the teams couldn't have done without. Next year we hope to build on this year's experiences and successes to become even better – especially with the use of our new netball courts.

International Netball Trip

On Wednesday 12th April, 2000, Miss Jefferies and Miss Jones took an excited group of Year 7 and 8's and two GCSE PE students to see part of the National U21 Test Series, at Birmingham National Indoor Arena. It was England v Jamaica and the fight was on! With Mabel shouting for Jamaica and the rest for England the two teams battled it out! At first Jamaica looked like the stronger team as they developed a good lead but England fought back. By the fourth and final quarter the scores were almost level. Our girls were so much in awe of the skill and speed of the game, ("So that's what you mean when you tell us to jump for the ball, Miss Jefferies!"). The girls couldn't wait to get back and try out some of the techniques they had seen. I have never seen a group of girls so inspired.



Unfortunately for us (but not for Mabel) the England team were not quite strong enough and the final whistle stopped them from closing the narrow gap.

Many thanks to Miss Jones for accompanying us and keeping us all entertained with Hillview type sing-a-longs! An excellent time was had by all and it was definitely an experience to be repeated next year, as I am sure all the girls who went along will agree.

Catherine Jefferies

U13 Hockey



Hockey practices are on Mondays and Thursdays. Miss Jefferies teaches us the rules and the positions that we play and we practise very hard until we get it right. Our goalie is Beth Bearder and she is training very hard. Our team Captain is Katie-May Godkin and her position is CH. Miriam has joined the team and is learning to be goal-keeper, this means Beth can then play as a back, which she prefers.

Now that the introductions are done – what have we achieved this season? Our first match was way back in September against Anthony Gell. They won 6-3. Our goals were scored by 'Little Lizzie' and 'Courageous Kate'! We thought it was fun and as it was our first ever match we were very pleased that we managed to survive the tough opposition! Well done to everyone.

Our first victory came on 22nd March, 2000. We were all really shocked because to tell you the truth, we all thought Lady Manners would win! However, we won 2-0. The magnificent goal scorers yet again 'Little Lizzie' and 'Bold Becky' (both Year 7's). Sally Barnett sprained her ankle so Miriam came on.

Probably this grand victory was because of the many practices Miss Jefferies has, so the team would just like to say... thanks!

Amy Sneyd and Elizabeth Davies Y7

Rounders

The summer term arrived and the whole school went rounders mad, or so it seemed! I am proud to say that every member of Year 7 & 8 was involved with a team and played in matches. These two year groups worked particularly hard and improvements were both immediate and tremendous. Their commitment and enthusiasm this year has been highly commendable and their successes well deserved.

Year 9 also impressed everyone with their skill level. A good term was had by all, well done.



Derbyshire Dales Athletics

During the summer term we visited Moorways Stadium three times. The first time a selection of Year 8, 9 and 10's went to perform different athletic events including discus, shot, javelin, long jump, high jump, hurdles and running. This was the Derbyshire Dales trials to see who was going to represent our area for the County competition.

The second time was the County Championship and three of us from Year 9 went on a Saturday to represent Derbyshire Dales. We did shot, javelin, and long jump. Leanne Varney did very well coming second in the javelin.

The last Tuesday of term three pupils from Yr 7, eight pupils from Y8 and myself from Y9 went to the Derbyshire Dales Schools Championship, representing St. Elphin's. This time we competed in single year groups, not Junior, Intermediate and Senior as previously. Some feel this is a better way of competing. (Leanne won her event this time and we are all very proud of her).



Everybody really enjoyed competing even when it was very cold. We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Jefferies for taking us and organising us for the different events. We can't wait to go again next year.

Leanne Varney Y9



Tennis

Unlike last year we cut our twice weekly tennis practice down to a once a week activity (due to an unfortunate extra Maths lesson). Through wind, sleet, rain and sun (and then back to rain again – the British summer) we battled against the elements and actually learnt a few things, with the help of Mr. Keal we conquered the serve and game of Tennis. We've all enjoyed playing Tennis whatever the weather and hopefully we hopeless players have improved! we want to thank Mr. Keal for giving up his time to help us.



Alexandra Vernon Y10



U12: Beth Bearder, Jenny Beresford, Jessica Brogden, Rebecca Brown (capt.), Elizabeth Davies, Miriam Hammond, Grace Lau, Natasha Mitra, Amy Sneyd, Yasmin Sneyd, Prudence Wagstaff.

U13 'A': Rebecca Allen, Siân Bacon, Sally Barnett, Katie-May Godkin, Gianna Grossi, Sally Ho, Amy Lukic, Felicity Marshall, Mabel Odonkor (capt.)

U13 'B': Jessica Brogden, Caroline Cable, Caroline Hatchman (capt.), Elizabeth Hayward, Harriet Holt, Rachel Howard, Eugenia Kam, Yasmin Sneyd, Nicola Sterland.

U14 (pictured above): Lisa Beighton, Kayley Eagle, Claire Foster, Amelia Gilman, Rebecca Gowers, Samantha Haworth, Jenny Hudson, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Anna MacDonald (capt.), Christina Powell, Maria Theodoulou, Leanne Varney.

U15: Charlotte Brown, Holly Brown, Elizabeth Cason, Gemma Eagle, Leonie Evans, Clare Jackson, Winnie Leung, Charlotte Nunn, Paloma Perez-Domper, Ruth Varley, Alexandra Vernon.



St. Elphin's First Ever Footie Match

What an oddity! Football on St. Elphin's extra-curricular time-table. Miss Jefferies whatever were you thinking of – this is a girls' school! With the enthusiastic Sheffield Wednesday supporter (Dr Ogden) and the arrival of the Georgie (Mr. Franks), St. Elphin's created a football team.

Though many at first were scared of the fierce ball (it could break a nail!) they did in fact learn to conquer their fear and actually play a game against the notorious Highfields – and didn't do too badly! Though the scores cannot be remembered (we were just thankful to survive the experience!), one team was victorious and the other team drew... Maybe there's hope for England yet!

Alexandra Vernon Y10



Our expert riding team under the direction of Emma Shirley – Siân Bacon, Rebecca Allen, Beth Bearder and Caroline Hatchman

AT HOME...



Our Biology Field Trip to The Cranedale Centre, North Yorkshire



Thursday:

We arrived at the centre before lunchtime, and were given a tour of our rooms before being whisked away to Brompton Beck in order to investigate our first topic; freshwater energetics. We were taught new techniques, such as kick sampling, and the identification of freshwater species. Back at the Centre, we used the data collected to quantify the energy flow through a freshwater environment.

Friday:

Friday's aim was to investigate the effects of treated sewage effluent on the chemical and biological structure of a freshwater community. So, armed with rubber gloves and an assortment of equipment, we headed for Pocklington Beck. At four sites, at various points along the Beck, we compared the abiotic and biotic factors influenced by the quality of the water – and yes, we did have to stand in the sewage outlet point! Nice!

On the way back to the Centre we visited a disused quarry to tippec some woodlice – not only for pleasure, but as part of a population study!



Saturday:

The location of today's study was Filey Brigg, where we investigated how the population of a sheltered shore varied with the position on the shore. This was all well and good, until we found out that we had to get up at 6.00am in order to avoid high tide! Following this, we went back to the quarry to recapture our woodlice, in order to estimate the number of woodlice present in the quarry.



Sunday:

We returned to Filey Brigg to carry out our individual coursework tasks, ranging from measuring limpets to investigating rockpools. Then we had to climb all the way back up the cliff, for the second time in two days, making us realise just how unfit we all were!

We would like to thank the Yorkshire Field Studies Committee for helping to fund such a beneficial visit to Cranedale.

Katy Thurman

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

This Art GCSE and 'A' level trip took place on November 4th. It was a bright cold afternoon when we went in search of Henry Moore. Fortified with an excellent Elphinian 'Nosebag' we set off across the park, fired with enthusiasm and sticks of charcoal!

We all had our own favourites, the reclining figures or the more modern 'Oval with Joints', my personal favourite. The girls sketched away – producing some excellent quick sketches. We encompassed the park visiting each sculpture in turn and then did a tour of the Nature Trail including the sculptures from various artists.

Ultimately the girls' work will be submitted as part of their coursework and has inspired Year 10 girls to produce additional claywork!

Anne Phillpot, Georgina Jones



Classics Department Trip to Wroxeter

Year 8 and some of Year 9 visited Wroxeter in June. It was a long bus journey but we eventually arrived. It was brilliant to see Roman walls still standing.

Wroxeter used to be the fourth biggest Roman city in Britain and was the 'gateway' to Wales. The Romans built it to impress the Britons. The town's position is very close to Watling Street so it was important for trade and it was also near a navigable river – the River Severn.

There was a lot of Roman remains to see. The baths basilica is very impressive and the 'Old Work' – one of it's walls – stands out from a distance because it is so big and tall. The 'Old Work' has survived since AD 121. The Basilica was an area for exercise and yet was as big as the nave of a large cathedral, three times larger than our school hall. The Tepidarium and Caldarium can be found by the brick piles which raised the floor so the hot air could go underneath.

We were very lucky because we had a nice day. Mrs. Miles told us you can sometimes find bits of pottery in mole hills and the earth from rabbit warrens, so some of us decided to dig in some mole hills and found what appeared to be tiny bits of Roman tile and pottery.

Caroline Cable, Yr 8

Science Festival – Derby

In June, Years 9 and 10 descended on Derby University. First, we went into 'Explorer Dome' for a journey into the cell. Then we had lectures on Geology and Photography. The final item of the day, and everybody's favourite, was "Dr Bunhead" – custard powder, flamethrowers, frozen stunt-bananas and the best way to make chips (with a bazooka and a tennis racquet!)

Many thanks to Miss Pilkington and Dr Mouat for taking us on this novel and informative trip – a great time was had by all!

Ruth Varley, Y10

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**'Wish you
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there?**



On a cold spring Saturday afternoon twenty-something St Elphin's pupils and staff left Derbyshire in search of the sunnier skies of the Dordogne. After a long and tiring journey we arrived at Dover. After missing one ferry we boarded another and waved goodbye to the white cliffs.

By midday Sunday we finally arrived at PGL Hameau-les-Ages. Within an hour we had eaten lunch, swung on a trapeze and got drenched in mud while mountain biking. Thoroughly exhausted we were glad of a hot shower, a change of clothes and a meal. Our evening entertainment consisted of Bar Games, during which the instructors played mean tricks on unsuspecting children.

After a good night's sleep we were rudely awoken by a loud radio carried in by an instructor. A day at the lake was planned. Windsurfing in ice-cold water, followed by sailing, during which the author's boat capsized in a storm. Once again we dried ourselves off and returned to the centre for supper, which gave us energy for the mini Olympics in which both St Elphin's teams were victorious.



Tuesday saw us at the crag. Rock climbing and abseiling were followed by a visit to a supermarket. Back at the centre cases were raided to find items to create the best male "Miss Hameau". Accessories such as knee high boots and pink hairspray came in useful!

Wednesday was excursion day. We began with a boat trip through an impressive network of caves. Lunch and sunbathing in a nearby park prepared us for a visit to the scenic town of Rocamadour. After a couple of peaceful hours wandering around we went on to Decathlon, allegedly one of the largest sports shops in the world. The day came to an end with a quiz night. Our general knowledge was tested in all areas, including the number of tables in the centre's dining-room.

Thursday was to be a quiet day at the centre. Only archery, rifle shooting and pony trekking to be fitted in! The day was rounded off by a sing-song round a camp fire.

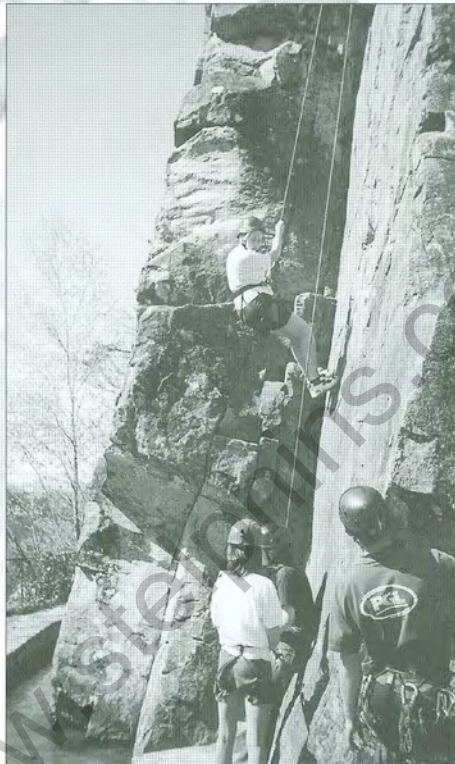
Our last full day was spent at the lake. We were able to try canoeing, kayaking, raft-building and bell boating.

Back at the centre everyone began to practice for the talent show. It was a true variety show with acts as diverse as jumping up walls, gymnastics and a five-tribute band. Finally we all danced the night away at the disco.

Before leaving on Saturday we managed to fit in riding the zip wire, hill boarding and initiative exercises. Our return journey took us via almost every service station in France!

We arrived back at school on Easter Sunday, bruised, battered and very tired, but having had a thoroughly enjoyable holiday. We would like to thank Mrs. Phillpot, Miss Pilkington and Mademoiselle Lecomte for giving up a week of their Easter break to take us.

Rachel Howard



WÜRZBURG

OCTOBER 7th – 14th 1999

ODER – 'Schülerinnen und Rentnerinnen unterwegs'

Donnerstag:– When immigration officers at Frankfurt airport persuade Iris, Doris, Joyce and Rebecca to wait a little longer, and Doris decides she'd rather not. Schwester Petra learns the bear-hug, and Miss Crook learns all about 'Staus'.

Freitag:– Um acht Uhr ist Schule – nicht? Dann gehen wir den Residenz besuchen. Sarah donates a Wörterbuch to needy tram passengers then chases to retrieve it. Two suppers are eaten by mistake, and Frau Crook is introduced to the Dative Plural after the preposition 'in'.

Samstag:– When Frau Crook gets referred to a new German Teacher in Mainz (Gott sei Dank) and the zwei Rentnerinnen fahren weg to the casino in Wiesbaden. Ruth has a bumpy ride on a Krankenwagen, Rebecca earns at least ten house points, causing a German doctor to wonder if 'bluten' is an English irregular verb?

Sonntag:– In which the Baader-Meinhof-Gruppe practise robbing the Dresdener Bank in Würzburg. Miss Crook thinks the sermon 'war gut, und hat geschmeckt, and die zwei Rentnerinnen' defy Schwester Petra's orders... Diesmal. Ruth has a ride in a Flugzeug.

Montag:– When Felicity nearly scores a direct hit. Sophie wishes she had learned the word "Herren" before she came. Gemma's Gummibären takes a very wrong turning, and, Bojana helps Miss Crook experiment with explosive chocolate on a tram.

Dienstag:– Charlotte gets us glass eyes in the Puppenfabrik. Jade earns ten House points beim Klavierspielen in Coburg, then ten more for keeping us in the right direction, und, die Rentnerinnen kichern viel. Geraldine Martin



The Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Miss Jones in charge!

Theatre
Outings



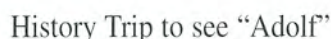
However, the highlight of the excellent production was Mark McGann, in the role of the Inspector.

Our now traditional outing, after the Christmas services and before the dinner, took the form of a three-coach trip to "The Blues Brothers". The disappointment of some in the absence of a real plot was more than compensated for by the delight of pupils and staff in the fast-moving action and lively music,—we learnt how to "flip, flop, fly".

On a fine January day the Sixth-form English groups travelled to Stratford to see the RSC's "The Taming of the Shrew", a production with an intriguing twist as the dream sequences were on the computer, viewed by a modern club-goer who came back to the reality of today's world at the end – his dream of taming a shrew shattered. The pre-show discussion and meeting with the actors gave us an insight into the director's aims. It was a vigorous performance, not to be missed.



Thank you once again Mrs. Hodgson. It was a splendid evening enjoyed by all the girls and staff. The evening was packed with superb dancing, acting, and singing but perhaps the best bit was Mrs. Renshaw getting up and dancing with us. What a mover! We look forward to the next trip out.



A chilly, foggy night in the latter end of January – the perfect occasion to see a play based upon the life of one of the most evil products of the 20th century (no, not me Ruth) Adolf Hitler!

Having safely driven the minibus to Buxton Community School it was time to enter the bunker of the Fuehrer. With the audience on three sides the scene was set for Pip Ulton's amazing one-man performance.

The first person 'Hitler' addressed was one terrified History teacher who had the misfortune to be in his line of fire. Next to be verbally abused was Vikki Sheldon, henceforth to be known as Eva Braun. What is it about St Elphin's parties that make them the centre of attention?

The first two-thirds of the play concentrated upon Hitler's last hours in Berlin when he rants and raves at his many enemies and even friends who have let him down.

The play is even more effective when Pip removes his Nazi uniform and moustache, begins to drink from a can of lager and lights up a cigarette. Everybody relaxes believing this to be an after-play 'wind down'.

Slowly, however, he begins to spout homophobic nonsense, followed by more and more extremist views on several topics including Europe and immigration.

The audience, or most of them, cottoned on to the fact that he is still acting and the message of the play is that extreme right-wing views still manifest themselves in today's Britain amongst tabloid reading white males – especially when they travel abroad.

'Adolf' was a superbly dramatic, challenging play centred around a magnificent performance by Pip Ulton and superbly directed by Guy Masterson!

The journey back was safely negotiated, taking in some fish and chips en route! Paul Franks

We all joined in the National Day for Reading on March 18th by having complete silence for half an hour first thing in the morning. We did surveys of our favourite books – staff and pupils. Look for the results in "The Elphinian".

The venue for our Poetry Conference was once again the Bridgewater Hall – Manchester, where along with hundreds of other GCSE pupils we were enthralled and entertained by a variety of well known poets – Simon Armitage, Carol Ann Duffy, performance poet John Agard and Grace Nichols.

"You know how they feel and it makes you feel the same way too" – Sarah Lilley.

"Quite different to hear their readings" Narinder Gill

The Classical Civilisation A Level group were lucky enough to get tickets to see Ted Hughes' version of the *Oresteia* at the National Theatre, London. The first part, *The Agamemnon*, is a set text for A Level. It was a stunning production and helped the understanding of the text immensely. The Chorus, men too old to fight, were portrayed as reporters in wheel chairs, taking notes, using tape recorders and whizzing round the stage.

'Often choruses can be boring and drone on, but this chorus was totally original, and held my attention completely.'

‘Clytemnestra’s manipulation of the press and her occasional screams down the microphone were enough to make my hair stand on end.’

The performance of *The Agamemnon* by the Theatre of Dionysus at Nottingham did pale into insignificance once we had seen the National Theatre, but nevertheless we found it useful and good to compare the different approaches.

Patricia Miles

(A)

- 1 Pixies - The Cactus
- 2 Isle of Skye
- 3 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- 4 Gardening
- 5 Cheerfulness
- 6 Gustav Klimt - The Kiss
- 7 Chips and Egg
- 8 Tea
- 9 Animals, animals, animals of any shape, size or colour. My absolute favourite is capybara (largest in the rodent family found in South America. There's one at Ribes Zoo which has bonded with me.



(B)

- 1 Chorale Prelude 'Nun komm der heiden
Heiland' J S Bach
- 2 Norfolk
- 3 'Goodbye Mr. Chips' - James Hilton
- 4 Walking
- 5 Diana Rigg
- 6 Wilton Diptych
- 7 Curry
- 8 Bitter
- 9 Smooth yet fairly granular, it caresses the
tongue, subtly the flavours mingle, sweet
earthiness, rich butter, cool milk, fiery
pepper, a solid undertow of salt. Who can
resist the heart-warming cosiness of
mashed potato?

This year has seen the Creative Textiles department once again as a bustling, busy, industrious environment, with a good quota of students entering GCSE and 'A' level examinations. Students of all levels are achieving their potential and in many cases have surpassed even their wildest expectations. We are thrilled for them all in their achievements, and marvel at the apparent "endlessness" of their imaginations and determination to produce what they envisage.

The Sixth Formers were so confident of the reception that this creativity would receive that they risked their reputations as 'it' girls to produce a "Millennium Fashion Show" in February. This began with a super 'intro' from Mrs. Cuff's infants showing 'Costumes of the World'. "Follow that!" we all thought – and they did charting 'Fashions of the Century' which they had begged, borrowed and stolen (I hope not) from anyone who had saved their 'kit' for long enough. An interval of how to camouflage your face (or a make-over as we now know it to be called) was followed by a breathtaking (an audience opinion we trust) fast-paced, style-strutting display of creations from the Textile students. Many thanks to the team of organisers: Nicola Hain, Hannah Atkins, Katherine Hillard, Daisy Chan, Rosemary Chung – all their helpers and the many models who needed to make it a success.

We rounded off the year with a trip to Haddon Hall to see their collection of antique tapestries, especially the group called the five senses which depict feeling, hearing, seeing, tasting and smelling. However we were particularly keen to view an exhibition of creative cushions made by members of the Embroiderers' Guild. We were not disappointed and were treated to cushions which resembled baked beans on toast, shells on sandy beaches, bathing belles on striped towels à la Beryl Cook and countless variations of patchwork which left us breathless and itching to get back to our "box of bits, buttons and bows."

Elizabeth Hughes

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The Groovy Chick Report



We came back for the spring term to a string of hockey matches. Most of them went O.K., but one unfortunate girl from Anthony Gell, had her tooth knocked out by our best Left Back, Sally Barnett.

Later in the year, we went for a trip to Lincoln to see the Roman remains. We were shown around by a guide in a see-through toga, resembling Matthew Kelly.



We then went to Lincoln Castle, where Eugenia and Gianna were spooked out by the over-enthusiastic guide's ghost stories. We went to see the Magna Carta, which was really interesting. Then some of us climbed to the top of the tower.

A couple of weeks later, when they hadn't quite got over the ghost stories, five Year 8's who were sitting in the Powys house room, were convinced they had a poltergeist on their hands!

This year we had to say goodbye to Gwyneth and Lizzy Hayward. We'll miss you!

Now, we have to look forward to the summer holidays to return in September (just as full of mischief as this year).

Harriet Holt, Rachel Howard

'These are a few of my favourite things...'

Music: Danse Macabre, Bat out of Hell (Meat Loaf), Fantasy Island, Mambo Italiano

Book: "True Monster Stories", "Jamaica Inn", "Red Sky in the Morning", "The Black Velvet Gown", "The Subtle Knife", "Harry Potter".

Hobby: swimming, roller blading, music

Personality: My Mum, Cleopatra, Nelson Mandela, My Grandma

Food: Chinese, Yams with spinach stew, spaghetti carbonara, bonbons

Drink: water, noo-noo (lemonade, orange, banana and grenadine), non-diluted Ribena banana milkshake, hot chocolate and marshmallows, diet coke

My most favourite thing in the world is my Mum. She has looked after me since I was born. She's the most precious thing I have.

The Evil in the Species

The cat, to you, is a lazy, fat creature. All you can see is the outer shell, the innocent part of it.

Well, maybe it kills off your plants, and it might eat the odd fish from the garden centre down the road. You can be fooled by its innocent exterior, but deep down, inside your pet, there is a fire burning. It burns so fast and so fierce, that it cannot hold it in.

Every night, the cat has to let its anger and hatred out. It prances and dances, twists and wails. Its heart pumps, its skin tingles and its teeth start to grow sharper and longer.

Its eyes glow like the dying embers of a fire. Its teeth, like daggers, shine in the moonlight. Its muscles stiffen, its ears fold flat against its skull. It crouches in the shadows, its amber eyes glowing bright. It pounces off the ground, bearing its fangs, its claws carefully sharpened like pirates' cutlasses.

The cat flies through the air, a creature of the night in its own savage world. The hate surges through the cat's body, its scorn and anger and loathing. Its eyes glowing, it screams once more, then seeming content, it pads away, taking its normal shape again, ready to play at being domesticated and tame, keeping its anger locked away.

Harriet Holt Y8



"Stars in their Eyes"

This year to raise money for the crisis in Mozambique, Year 8 came up with an ingenious plan: to perform a version of the T.V. show, "Stars in their Eyes".

When the day finally came, many stars walked through those famous doors: Cher (Becky Moncrief), Donna Summer (Mabel), Shaft (Felicity and Co.), Geri Halliwell (Felicity again), Charlotte Church (Lizzy), Celine Dion (Caroline Cable), Sive (Year 9's), ABBA (Miss Jones, Mr. Coutts, Miss Jefferies and Mr. Franks) and Aqua (Dr Mouat and Dr Ogden).

Harriet had to transform herself into Matthew Kelly. It wasn't easy.

Every show has its catastrophes and ours was no different: Cher stood in an embarrassed state while Katie and Sally fumbled with the CD player. Mr. Coutts, ever the embarrassing form teacher, had trouble with his robe, causing us to wait while he had buttons sewn on. We raised over £80.00 to help the people in Mozambique.

Rachel Howard



Girls of the Millennium

We are all we see,
Sally Barnett running down the wing,
New born lambs, jumping in the spring.

We are all we hear,
The crackling leaves blowing down the path,
And Mabel Odonkor singing in the bath.

We are all we feel,
The shake of hands as a sign of peace,
And Mr. Franks saying "It's gel, not grease!"

We are all we taste,
The nice taste of delicious hot chips,
And the spicy taste of Mexican dips.

We are all we remember,
The springy feet of Harriet Holt,
When she runs and jumps over vaults.

We are all we've been taught,
The confusing equations that we cannot work out,
The sound of Miss Jefferies when she shouts, shouts, shouts.

We are all we think,
The successful shows that we seem to think,
But at the end of the term our brains go down the sink.



Nicola Sterland, Katie-May Godkin,
Gianna Grossi Y8

Year 8 Athletics

This year we participated in the Derby County Athletics competition, held at Moorways athletics stadium.

The first time only a few of us competed. We were Year 7 then. Mabel and Harriet ran the 1500m and Caroline Hatchman ran the 800m. We all beat our times by up to 30 seconds.

Going to Moorways is great fun, and we hope to go again next year.

Mabel Odonkor

My bedroom because it's small and cosy and has got all my favourite possessions in it and is very messy.

Year 7 Notes

The first main event of the year was the Christmas Dinner. We all dressed up and had a good time. Lizzie escorted Mr. Franks, who gallantly gave her a Thornton's "Chocolate Heaven". The Sixth Formers had arranged an end of term Disco. Everyone went to it and Beth took her friend Lulu. We all enjoyed it.

Then we had our first Theatre Trip, to see "Fame". Miriam went mad and we all danced long into the night.

Soon after that we said goodbye to one of our classmates, Amy Reynolds. Don't worry, we won't forget you.

We also had two History outings this year. The first was to Lincoln. We learnt about what the town looked like in Roman times. The second was to York where we did some good old shopping and went to the Minster. After a school packed lunch we went to the Treasurer's House and then were taken back to school to revise for the exams!

The exams took place with many moans and groans. We all passed with flying colours and were happy to see the last one finished.

We have had a good year and are all sad to see it end but we're looking forward to Year 8.

Miriam Hammond, Amy Sneyd

OUR INDUCTION WEEK

Our class met on Sunday afternoon at a tea party, this was also where we met Mr. Franks and some of our other teachers. Most of us were nervous, mainly boarders where there and just a few day girls. Mr. Franks took us to the classroom and showed us where we would sit.

The next morning we got to school and that was when we were told it was our induction week. We found out we were going to Carsington Waters and the Chestnut Centre. We went to Carsington Waters on the Tuesday and it was great fun. We were taken there by Dr Ogden and Mrs. Barrett. We got into wetsuits and made rafts out of canoes, rope and logs and we had a race to an island where we played welly wanging, and witches broomsticks and then on the way back one boat sank because of Yasmin and Miriam who were sitting at the back.

On Thursday we went to the Chestnut Centre where we did a lot of walking and we all fell in love with two baby otters called Sixpence and Hobbo (Jenny, Jessica and Prudence fell in love the most!). There were owls there too.

Thank you to all staff concerned.

Yasmin Sneyd and Beth Bearder. Y7

The winner of the Short Story Competition, Year 7 is Beth Bearder

Year 7's Favourite Things

Music: “Don’t call me Baby”

Book: "Sophie's World",
"Harry Potter",
"Battle Cry Forever"

Hobby: collecting postcards,
swimming,
horse-riding

Personality: Zoe Ball, my sister

Food: butter popcorn, milk chocolate, Spaghetti Bolognese, pizza

Drink: Diet Dr Pepper, strawberry or mango milk shake, coke



Beth wins the day

Kirkby-in-Ashfield Horse Show

The highlight of my school year was when I was sponsored by school for horse riding.

The first show I went to was Kirkby-in-Ashfield Riding Club Open Show. What a successful day I had! I was first in the "138cm Show Pony" and I had two seconds in "In-hand". I was champion of Style and Appearance (Show Pony) too!

Mrs. Fisher along with Masha, Nina, Boris and George (the Russian pupils) came to watch me. It was quite a shock because I wasn't expecting them! So I would like to thank school for sponsoring me and my pony Barkway Love Affair.

The Year Seven Quiz!!

This is a quiz where you find as many words as you can in a phrase. However you are not allowed to use the same word more than once. We found 135 words in this phrase, see if you can find more!

Here is the phrase:

YEAR SEVEN ROCKS

My Hamster



One of the best things in my life is my hamster Eve. She has a fluffy coat that is as soft and as white as snow. Eve is a perfect size, she sits perfectly in the palm of my hand. Her little pink eyes are shiny and cute, and blink at you. When you put food in her bowl she scoffs it all down. If people ate hamster food we wouldn't get a look in! Even if she isn't hungry she stores it all away in her pouches and scurries off into her nest of cotton wool and paper, and if you listen carefully you can hear a little crunching noise.

Natasha Mitra

The Best Thing in Life

The best things in my life are animals. I absolutely adore them. Just looking at them makes me want to run and cuddle them. I love the way puppies jump around, their tails wagging and little wet noses sniffing. My all time favourites must be horses. I love the way they shimmer in the sunlight and gallop around, their long silky manes and tails glowing in the wind and their hooves clomping on the cobbled path.

Prudence Wagstaff

Swimming

I love swimming. I like the smell of chlorine when I go into the swimming baths. I also like the sound of my friends splashing about and playing around in the still blue water. I also like the feel of my toes touching the water as I slide in and I also like to see the sea because I can snorkel and see fantastic, weird looking fish.

Yasmin Sneyd



(F)

- ★ 1 Moonlight Sonata – Beethoven
- ★ 2 Guernsey
- ★ 3 Pride and Prejudice
- ★ 4 Gardening
- ★ 5 John Thaw
- ★ 6 "The Marriage of Arnolfini" by van Eyck
- ★ 7 Shepherd's pie
- ★ 8 Cold Milk / red wine
- ★ 9 My single most favourite thing is to swim along the top of a warm sea, with a mask and snorkel to enter the secret, peaceful world of waving sea-weed, small fish, crabs and shells. I hope I shall never get too old to enjoy this.



**FORM 8C
1999 – 2000**

Back Row:
Eugenia Kam
Felicity Marshall

Middle Row:
Elizabeth Hayward
Siân Bacon
Gianni Grossi
Rebecca Allen
Caroline Hatchman
Mabel Odonkor
Nicola Sterland
Tony Coutts

Front Row:
Rachel Howard
Amy Lukie
Katie-May Godkin
Sally Barnett
Harriet Holt
Caroline Cable
Sally Ho



**FORM 7F
1999 – 2000**

Back Row:
Paul Franks

Middle Row:
Yasmin Sneyd
Jenny Beresford
Prudence Wagstaff
Elizabeth Davies

Front Row:
Rebecca Brown
Grace Lau
Natasha Mitra
Beth Bearder
Jessica Brogden
Miriam Hammond
Amy Sneyd



The music for Speech Day included the 'Messe Basse' of Fauré. Two carol services were held in

Within a week of returning after the very late Easter, the Junior Choir, together with girls from Years 7 and 8, took part in the Chesterfield Festival, winning both classes. Also in May, the Summer Concert was held partly in the Chapel and partly in Stopford Hall. This gave ample opportunity to hear many groups and individuals, but especially leavers. We wish them all a happy, musical future.

Andrew Teague

“West Side Story”

We had comfortable seats up in the Balcony with a very HIGH view, but it was great to see the performance from this angle. There were lots of very 'hunky' actors, especially Chino – who certain people managed to go head-over-heels at just the pure sight of him.

We would like to thank Mr. Teague for organising the trip, and to all the other teachers who came along to watch this brilliant show.
Samantha Haworth, Y9

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End of Year May Concert

This night was worth coming to watch and to listen. All the parents were there. After the Senior Choir, we played our recorders. We played "Old MacDonald's Farm", "Father Hear the Prayer We Offer", followed by Psalm 23 sung by the choir. Amy Sneyd played the flute, Verity Wall sang a solo, Yasmin Sneyd played the guitar and Virginia Tang played the piano. The orchestra rounded it all off really well.

Nicola Yates



Junior musicians

Old Girls

Obituaries

The news of the deaths of **Margaret Farley** and **Rachael Dawson** saddened all of us who knew them. Judith Crook wrote movingly about Rachael in particular in the Spring 2000 Old Girls Newsletter, and I have asked if much of what she wrote may be reprinted in 'The Elphinian', to avoid unnecessary repetition on my part. I share all her sentiments.

In the history of St. Elphin's few families have had a closer connection with or shown more loyalty to the school than the Smarts and Farleys. I realised this from the moment I became Head in 1979, and my friendship with the families remains to this day. Indeed, in the months leading to her tragic death, Rachael Dawson had written to me twice: lovely letters, expressing her continued interest in the school as well as her inevitable concern for her mother, as well as her father in his imminent bereavement. No hint, though, of her own problems – and having spent much of the afternoon with Rachael at the May 1999 Reunion at school, I found it hard to believe the reality of what followed.

In the years after my retirement in 1994 I met Tom and Margaret Farley annually in North Yorkshire when they came to the spring Parents' Meeting at Ampleforth, where their son was then a pupil. Over delicious meals in delightful surroundings we maintained the link begun much earlier. Tom and Margaret had helped me greatly in the years of my wife's illness and we brought each other up to date with news of our families, and always spoke with affection of the school and what it meant to us all.

Margaret Farley was very brave in the way she faced death. She had helped and inspired many people in her professional life and could draw on a deeply religious faith to sustain her in times of trouble. In her work as a councillor in Southport she had shown herself to be a great public servant, working tirelessly for the causes she believed in. Rachael Dawson had inherited her mother's integrity and sympathy for others; her lovely nature was apparent to all her friends, and we can only grieve at the shortness of her life and the tragedy of its conclusion.

We thank Margaret and Rachael for their unstinting devotion to St. Elphin's School. It's an attitude all former pupils might emulate.

Peter Pollard

Dr Margaret Farley (Smart) and Dr Rachael Dawson (Farley)

It is with great sadness that we record two deaths last October, 1999. News first reached school as some of us returned from a lovely exchange week in Germany. It was such a shock to hear that Rachael Lindsay Dawson (nee Farley), a talented young doctor specialising in anaesthesia at the Norfolk and

Norwich Hospital had used her own knowledge, whilst suffering from depression, to end her life.

Rachael joined St. Elphin's as an eleven year old pupil in September 1981 beginning boarding at exactly the same time as the 'new' Deputy Head. I always felt a special bond with the new girls that year! Rachael joined her two older sisters, Susie and Alix, in Powys House, following the family tradition.

I have two vivid memories of Rachael at school. The first is with her sister, Alix, in a House Music Competition. I remember two angelic voices emanating from two small kneeling figures dressed as nuns on the stage in the Stopford Hall.

I do not remember ever reprimanding Rachael. She was kind and gentle, helpful and caring but always ready to speak her mind. She was not a conformist in the way teenage girls tend to be, and she was very much an individual. She was an able student who was also industrious and conscientious.

When Rachael left school she and her family gave 'The Lindsay Cup for Public Speaking' awarded annually at Speech Day.

After school Rachael studied Medicine at Southampton University. After house jobs in Southport and Kings Lynn she found her niche in anaesthesia where her talents were recognised and encouraged. She became a specialist registrar in February 1999. Although intelligent and articulate, she found it hard to make new relationships and difficult to come to terms with her own illness, but she remained loyal to her friends and dedicated to her patients.

Judith Crook

Barbara Mary Perry-Gore

Barbara Mary Perry-Gore was the middle daughter of the Vicar of Oldham and was sent to St. Elphin's School with her elder sister Madeleine when it was still known as The Clergy Daughter's School probably about 1906. I don't think she was particularly happy at school and was a bit of a dreamer. However she went on to Harpur Adams Agricultural College and learned to drive tractors and milk cows which stood her in good stead for joining the Land Army in the First World War.

In 1942, after her mother had died, Barbara joined the Community of the Holy Name, an Anglican order of sisters which was then based in Malvern, Worcestershire. She made her vows as a sister on 7th March 1945, just 55 years ago and was from then on known as Sister Mary Sethrid.

The community relocated to Derby in 1990. She settled in to her new home, pushing her pusher/zimmer/tricycle at top speed through the refectory and down the ramp to chapel. She knew she had to be careful not to knock the 'old sisters' over – by this time she was ninety three and our oldest sister.

Sister Mary Sethrid paid a return visit to St. Elphin's three years after coming to Derby

and how she enjoyed that day! She had lots of memories that came flooding back. She remembered the main staircase and of course the Chapel (where she was probably confirmed) and told us about having to speak French with the Headmistress in the evenings.

Sister remained mentally alert to the end of her long life – she really did move with the times and had no objection to women priests (I'm sure her Pa would have totally disapproved!) and took great interest in the activities of the other sisters in local parishes and beyond so she could pray for them. She died very peacefully in Derby just a few days after her one hundred and third birthday and is buried alongside other sisters in Breadsall churchyard.

Old Girls' News

STOP PRESS FROM THE BAHAMAS

Jeunesse Osadebay

I attended St. Elphin's from 1990 to 1992 and whilst there I was involved in many activities such as Choral Society, Chapel Choir, Debate Team, Rounders Team, Head of Pigot in 1992 and School Prefect.

I must say I enjoyed my stay there, especially since my older sister, Jackie, had already been there. I must thank all of you for making my stay a very enjoyable one. I met many friends, many of whom I have now lost contact. However, I do receive my mailings, but rather late.

I have recently changed jobs. I worked with Price Waterhouse, an accounting firm, for the last three years, as an Auditor, and have recently taken a position as Risk Manager with Credit Suisse Private Banking. It is great fun, and I do enjoy it. My sister has recently had a baby girl named Anya, after being married for over a year. She lives in Belize, a Central American Country. I am at present still in the Bahamas.

I do see old girls from time to time. Kenya Nottage, Bridget Sands Kenya Kemp, and Nicola Crawley I see almost on a daily basis, and are all doing well.

My address is still as follows:
P.O. Box N 7686, Nassau, Bahamas.
242 393 3256 (home)

I am happy to see that you are doing extremely well and carrying on the name of St. Elphin's with great pride.

Take care and best wishes for all that life has to offer. I will continue to stay in contact with any Old Girls. Kindest regards

Jeunesse Osadebay

News from one of our earliest contacts from the Bahamas – **The Rev'd Angela Charlene Bosfield Palacios**, who was a pupil in the late sixties. She has taken many different degrees and further degrees. Her studies culminated in English and Divinity further degrees and a Master of Theology in 1985.

On July 25th, 1981, she married Fr. Palacious, and they have a thirteen-year-old son, Carlos. Her father, who is ninety-three, resides with them at St. Matthew's Rectory. Her home, therefore, is blessed with three generations of gentlemen.

Her personal interests over the years have included: ballet lessons, track and field (at which she excelled in high school and at the university level), drama, judo, and tennis. Presently, her leisure time is divided between reading, listening to music, gardening, and family-orientated activities such as swimming, boating, and travelling to the Family Islands and abroad.

Rev. Palacious was the first woman ordained to the order of deacons in the Diocese of the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands on May 11th, 1999, and to the sacred order of the priesthood, on May 31st, 2000. She works as a Coordinator of the Diocese 2000 And Beyond Program and is the Assistant Priest at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Nassau, Bahamas.

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I thought I would write and inform you that I have just completed an eight year part-time degree at Edge Hill College, Ormskirk, and Associated College of Lancaster University. In spite of two periods of hospitalisation, suffering with M.E. and a car crash which has left me unable to continue working with my hands as a nurse, I graduated with a B.A. Hons. in Applied Social Science on July 8th 1999, from Lancaster University.

I am now considering my options on the Central Council of the Association of British Paediatric Nurses, and am a trustee of Sefton Choices, a local church based charity in my home area.

Gillian (1964-1971) is still working as a Senior therapeutic radiographer at Clatterbridge Hospital on the Wirral and got married in December 1997 to Paul Cook.

Ruth (1969-1971) is back in Australia having had a spell at home. She is currently working as a Diagnostic Radiographer on a mobile Mammography unit working from Toowoomba in Queensland and visits lots of outback hamlets and small 'towns'.

Ann Bisbrown-Lee

At the end of term came an excited letter from Helen Winlow (left in 1996) telling us that she had gained a '1st' BA Honours in Fashion and Textiles from Harrow School of Art, University of Westminster.

Those in the world of art and design will understand the "eliteness" of this award and needless to say it is a first for the Textiles

Department. We wish former pupils "Good luck" to follow in her footsteps as several of them embark on their final year to produce that all important degree show.

Bethan Lewis

Has now graduated and exhibited at the Slade School of Art and has been accepted for the Royal Academy, on a three year post-graduate course.

Betsy Wong

Has graduated from Nottingham University, gaining a 2:1 in Business Management. She is applying to take her Master's degree.

Manyi Tsang

Graduated with a high 2:2 in Law from London University SOAS. She is entering the Inns of Court to study for the Bar.

Winnie Tam

Is working as a Co-ordinator at Europa Ltd, HK - advertising.

Purdey Ngan

Is working as Course Co-ordinator at YMCA in HK.

Joanne Ko

2.2 in Business Management, H.K.U.S. and T. is now working for a web-site company 'Star-East'.

Theresa Kwan

2.1 in Business Management - is working as a Designer of clothes for toys.

Student of the Year Award

Rita Lai from last year's GNVQ group was nominated for Edexcel's Student of the Year Award for her outstanding work and contribution in both Business Studies and Information Technology. Rita did extremely well to be selected for the regional finals.



News of Sarah Wickham

(nee Rawling M/F Kennedy 1984-92)

29 The Greenway, Uxbridge,
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Personal:

Since leaving school in 1992 I read Greats at Trinity, and sang, rowed, played and worked my way through College, graduating in 1996. I married Andrew, a fellow classicist, in November 1996, which was a really special (and sunny!) day in Trinity Chapel. Despite the date clashing with St. Elphin's bazaar, we were delighted to share the day with Miss Crook and other friends from school, and touched by the cards we received from other staff and pupils. Andrew is now working for Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Uxbridge, and we moved into our first home in Uxbridge last Autumn, following a long drawn out saga with estate agents and solicitors. I continue to sing with the Camden Choir, recent highlights including "Messiah" with top trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins, and also to undertake work with young people through the Guide Association: it was a big surprise to find Lucy Faulds (nee Roberts, Kennedy 1987-1990) again there.

Career:

Following College, I spent a year working as an assistant in the University Archives before taking an MA with distinction in Archives and Record Management at University College London. Following a short-term contract cataloguing the archive of a major business in Wolverhampton, I started work as Assistant Archivist at Lambeth Palace Library a year ago. I'm now using my Latin on a regular basis, confounding all those who claim that studying Latin and Greek was impractical. At work I'm responsible for cataloguing the papers of John Jackson (Bishop of London 1869-85), running the photographic services and managing the publication rights of the Library material, troubleshooting and improving our computer network, and supervising a reading room packed with academics of international standing, local historians, other students and genealogists. I've also been involved in mounting a large exhibition of 'treasures' from the Library's holdings for the opening of Lambeth Palace as part of the Millennium String of Pearls festival. I think I have Richmal Crompton to thank for my current career(!): it was during the school celebrations for the 100th anniversary of her birth (1991) that I first became aware of and interested in archives, and pursued this interest through volunteering in the College archives before starting full-time work as an archivist.

I'm very pleased to be used as a contact within the archive/library/information sciences professions, if anyone has leanings in those directions.

With good wishes to you all

Sarah Wickham



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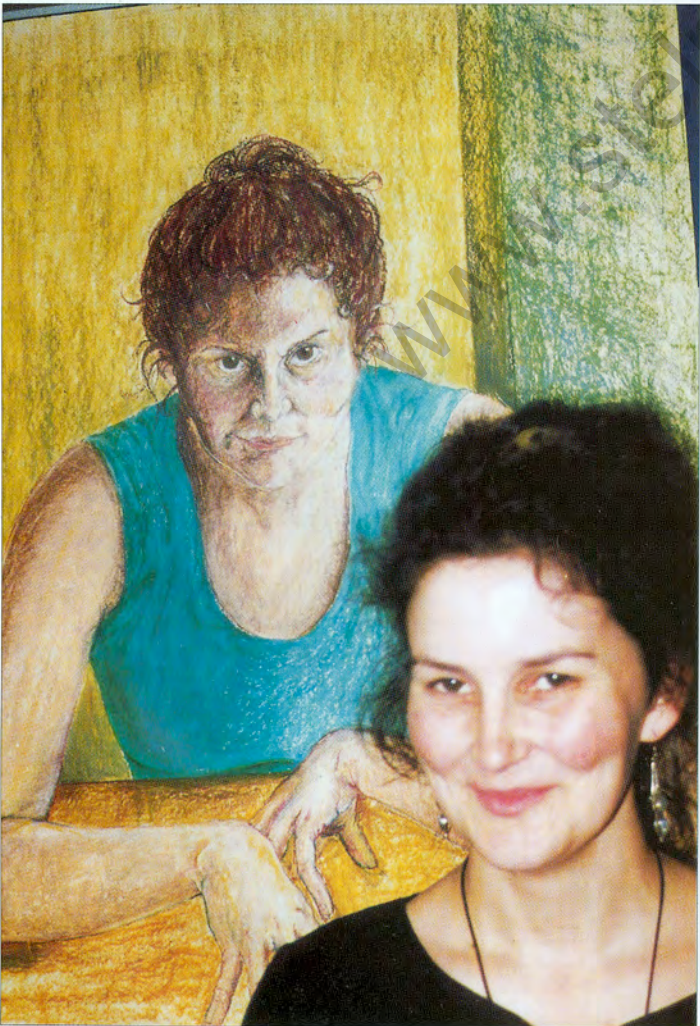
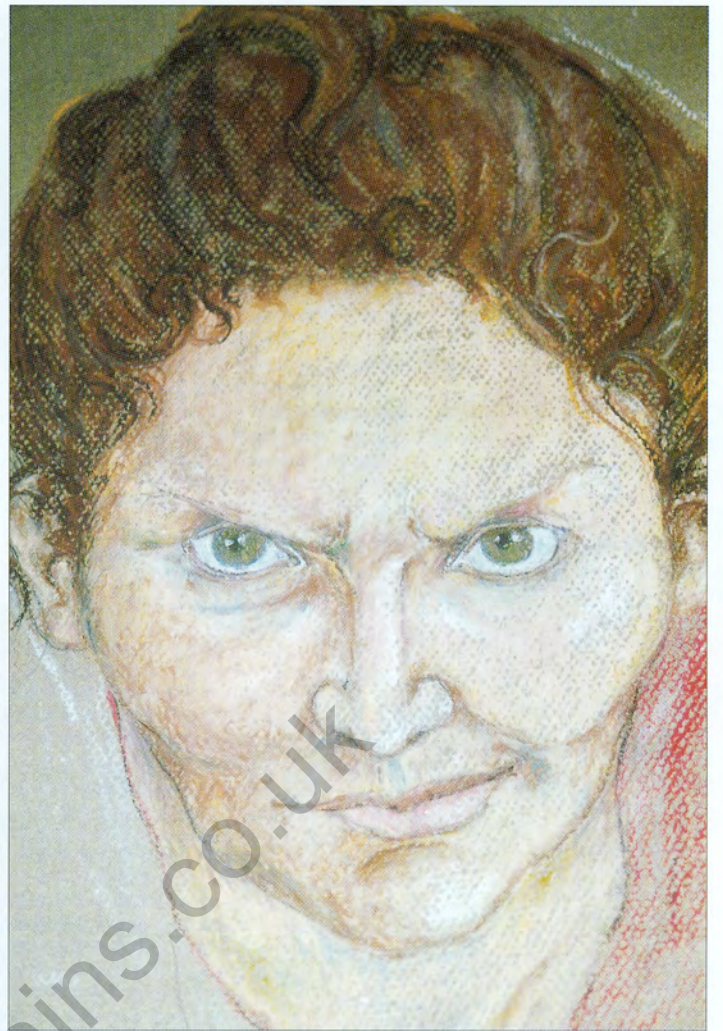
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CHAPEL NOTES

Old Girls' Evensong was early in the Summer Term, and we were pleased to be able to use the first of the new chapel pews which are being presented by an Old Girl, Miss Mary Goodman. The remainder of the pews should be in use before the summer holidays. We are enormously grateful for this generosity; especially those with longer legs, who have suffered over many generations from the extraordinarily low seats of the old chairs. (Incidentally, does anyone have a use for about 150 wooden chairs with very short legs?) *Rev. Stephen Jones*

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Holy Baptism

25th January

12th March

Phoebe Cunnane, Christina Lowe

Effie Cunnane, Kyung-Ah Lee

Confirmation and First Communion

18th October

Rebecca Allen, Holly-Rose Godkin

Katy Matthews, Jaeger Rowland

12th March Emma Brookes, Rebecca Brown,

Effie Cunnane, Jenny Denley,

Kyung-Ah Lee, Amy Lukic,

Amy Sneyd,

Yasmin Sneyd



Even in the four years during which I have been Chaplain, changes have been evident in the composition of the school. Something which has particularly affected Chapel is the decreasing number of boarders who are here at weekends. Like many schools in the Woodard tradition, our Chapel life has as its climax our weekly Eucharist; so it made less and less sense to celebrate it on Sundays, when only a fraction of the school community could be there. So, like Denstone and Worksop, we have this year been celebrating the Eucharist on Fridays, at the beginning of the school day. This arrangement has difficulties, not least that (even with a slightly rearranged timetable) the timings have to be watched carefully so that First Lesson is not cut short.

Another welcome development this year has been the increased participation of the Junior School in Chapel worship. All the Juniors now attend Chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays, and several times they have provided our music in place of the choir and instrumentalists of the Senior School. We are, incidentally, very grateful to all those who have given their musical talents during the year, whether as organists, instrumentalists or singers.

Two Confirmations were held during the year, in October and March. This year four girls have been baptized and twelve have been confirmed; details are given at the end of this report.

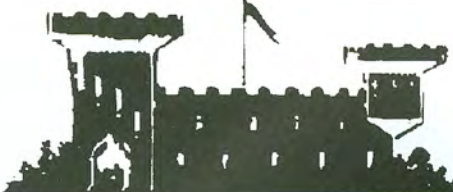
The usual Harvest celebrations took place in Chapel at the end of September and the beginning of October, followed by the distribution of Harvest Gifts to the many former employees of the School who live in retirement in the area. Also in October, our old friends Dr and Mrs. George Summers visited us on behalf of the Gideons, to distribute New Testaments to staff and pupils; and just before Half Term, the Annual Commemoration Service was held in St Helen's Church, Darley Dale; we are grateful as usual to the Rector and Parochial Church Council for their hospitality. The celebrant was the Bishop of Warrington, and an excellent and entertaining Address was given by the Bishop of Sheffield.

In November, the boarders took part in the parade and Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Whitworth Park. We welcomed parents and families to our Advent Sunday Eucharist on 28th November, which was followed by the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, and lunch in the Stopford Hall. The Junior and Boarders' Carol Service on the last Sunday afternoon of term was as usual sung by the Junior School Choir, who really seem to improve every year; and the Readings and Music for Christmas were performed twice during the last week of term, and attracted a good audience.

Although it was not attended by the school, we were very pleased to welcome in February the Derby Diocesan Deans and Bishop's Staff, who celebrated their Eucharist in the Chapel and had lunch with the School, prior to their business meeting in the afternoon.

*G.J. Observational study (top left); G.J. Observational study (top right)
"Artificial Light" with G.J. in front (bottom left). Rosemary Chung (Upper 6th).*

Art History Study of painting by Lucian Freud (bottom right) Olly Walker (Lower 6th)



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*I hate Duke of Edinburgh,
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Why did I let myself in for this,
why oh why?
I just cannot move.
I have got holes in my feet,
Alas, why have I got holes in my feet?
My blisters have got blisters.
Where is the fly sheet? Someone must have
the fly sheet. Look for it.
They did not even have toilet rolls
on that last camp site.
Where is the path, we can't find the path?
You cannot expect us to walk down that.
Your feet smell,
I can smell them from here.*

These are just a few more printable comments made by members of the two groups of Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award participants during their three day, two night expedition held at the end of June this year.

The weather was not so kind as it might have been and the girls had to endure some miserable walking and camping conditions. With only one or two minor mishaps all survived however, and in spite of the early misgivings, thought, that given time to recover, in two or three days time, they might actually appreciate the achievement. Horror of horrors, some will think next year they might even contemplate the GOLD Award, but for now "Just let me soak in a hot bath!"

The Gold Award expedition does however present a problem. If that expedition lasts for five days with four nights camping, how can enough food be carried to suffice. Rucksacs were crammed now, and far too heavy! More planning and dietary advice is obviously needed.

Still, after some thirty miles of lugging rucksacs around Derbyshire, from Monyash to Newhaven and on to Parwich, the entry to which was down an impossibly steep and by now treacherously wet, ill defined path, to be negotiated in pouring rain, and even though spirits were extremely low at this point, the groups reach Longcliffe intact. When they saw the school mini bus waiting at the end of the track on Sunday afternoon to mark the end of the expedition, it even prompted one of the groups on return to school to state "Dr Ogden I love you!" Every cloud has a silver lining!

The girls who have completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award are Charlotte Nunn, Paloma Perez-Domper, Phyllis Odonkor, Alex Vernon, Ruth Varley, Felicity Rowland, Holly Brown, Winnie Leung, Charlotte Brown, Amy Daniel, Naomi Brogden, Clare Jackson and Gemma Eagle.

Nigel Ogden

Art by Rosemary Chung:

"Enlargement" (taken from the staeman of a peace lily) (top left) - Lower 6th work.

Constructed dress from safety pins (top right) (Textiles 'A' level Lower 6th work) Grade A

Reclining Figure (bottom) - Art Examination Grade A.

SOCIAL SERVICES

We started our efforts this year by taking part in "Strip for Shelter" - not what it sounded though! It turned out to be "Wear a football strip for SHELTER" and we raised £140 with a variety of teams getting publicity for the day. Later in the Autumn term a Home Clothes Day raised £75 for the British Deaf Association.

Having seen the television pictures of misery caused by the floods in Mozambique, the girls set to in many inventive ways to raise money to help. Books and cakes were sold, cars were washed. Small change was collected. We had a most entertaining "Stars in their Eyes" and a chocolate version of "Who wants to be a Millionaire". Mrs. Renshaw looked amazing one day when she wore a hat suitable for Ladies' Day at Ascot and raised £70 through sponsorship. We were able to send over £475.

Mrs. Cuff and the Juniors and Infants made a grand effort for the National Children's Homes and raised over £500, encouraged by Cedric the Dinosaur.

Judy Corfield

Photography Club



The Photography Club has continued this year with a large number of Year 8 girls participating.

The girls have continued to improve their skills and are now producing excellent black and white enlargements from films they have developed at school.

Girls are also reminded that Photography can be used as one of their skill areas in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

John Mayo

Netherthorpe Debating Competition



We were hosts to the formidable debating team from Netherthorpe School, at which we proposed the motion: "This House believes that the UK should become a Republic".

With very little notice to prepare the debate, Olivia Walker produced an electrifying display of rhetoric, ably seconded by a magisterial presentation of argument from Holly Page. Despite this, Netherthorpe were judged the winners, in what was possibly a controversial decision by the judges.

Stephen Jones

Welcomes



Deborah Mouat

In September 1999 we welcomed our new Deputy Head, Dr. Deborah Mouat, now our acting Headmistress.

She took a B.Sc. in Chemistry followed by a PhD in Organic Chemistry.

Before teaching she worked for the Beecham Pharmaceuticals (now Smith Kline Beecham) in the Sales and Marketing division.

She taught for one year at Wombourne High School, moving to 'Mount St. Mary's College', an 11-18 boarding and day school for boys and girls, where she went from strength to strength, from Teacher of Chemistry to Head of Science, to Examinations Officer and finally to Director of Studies.

In school we have already admired her in action in her main interest, amateur dramatics in "Stars in Your Eyes". She has appeared with the 'Hasland Theatre Company' in a number of productions and also starred in a one woman show at the Edinburgh Fringe about Nell Gwynn. She is also a very keen walker.

We wish her all the best in her future with us.

Paul Franks

Welcome to our new Head of History, Paul Franks who has come into teaching after experience in advertising, insurance and the printing industry. He enjoys playing golf, football and tennis, and he is very keen on the theatre, cinema and concerts.

He organises and hosts quiz evenings in his home in Horbury, Wakefield and is a friend of Horbury Library.

You will appreciate the energy he has already put into his job here when you read his article.

Mary-Claire Bogie

Welcome to Marie-Claire Bogie who has assumed responsibility for teaching English as a Foreign Language to our overseas students. She has wide experience of teaching modern foreign languages and English in schools and colleges, and has recently completed a Masters in Applied Linguistics at Sheffield University. She is keen to expand EFL qualifications and resources at the school.



Art by Narinder Gill:
Still Life (top), GCSE Grade A*;
Narinder with Vegetable Study (bottom right);
Observational Study of Mask in Oil Pastels (bottom left).



Jane Keane and Linda Whitehead

How do I start to write about why I like walking? I do not know how to begin to describe the feeling of freedom, to be able to breathe good, clean, fresh air, to get away from people and traffic, noise and pollution and apart from all of this, there is the challenge! How high dare I climb, how dangerous is the route to the top and back again?

My husband and I started walking locally about five years ago and found we thoroughly enjoyed it, there is so much to see and enjoy when you get out there. After a while we became more adventurous and started long distance walks with backpacks and tiny tent, great fun! In the short time we have been walking, we have done a Sponsored Walk along the route of Hadrian's Wall to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, 80 plus miles. We have also walked the Dales Way, The West Highland Way and the Pembrokeshire Coast Path (186 miles with a full pack) phew! We have climbed the highest peaks in Great Britain (Ben Nevis in Scotland, Snowdon in Wales and Scafell Pike in England) in the Lake District. We have also done some navigation with Mrs Blount.

We have met some really nice people during our hikes but we prefer to walk alone enjoying each other's company and the solitude. Ten years ago, I would have laughed if anyone had told me I would be doing this and some think we are mad because we walk whatever the weather, you must try Hellvelyn in a blizzard! What a buzz!! I would recommend walking to anyone, the spectacular scenery, the fresh air and the buzz you get when you conquer another peak. My advice is get the right equipment and give it a try, if a 50 year old asthmatic chef can do it, so can you!

Linda Whitehead, Head Chef



Brenda Farrell

Brenda will be remembered, above all, for the wonderful flower displays she has created all over the school, enhancing the beauty of our lives on a daily basis but also rising to important occasions with imaginative skilful arrangements. When we had prepared the school for events along came Brenda with the final touches. Closeted in her room upstairs Brenda was a hive of industry – sewing and running the clothing shop, helping with drama

costumes and on special occasions she enjoyed being part of the silver service. Staff and pupils alike offer you our gratitude for all the work you have done and your willingness to join in all occasions, in your twelve years' service to the school.

Ann Hodgson

These are a few of my favourite things...

Piece of music: 'Love Changes Everything', ABBA, Simply Red, U2 'With or Without You'

Book: 'Wuthering Heights', Enid Blyton's 'Second Book of Naughty Children', 'Sucking Sherbet Lemons', 'The Devil's Disciples', 'Far from the Madding Crowd'

Hobbies: reading, pop music, concerts, camping, walking, gardening

Work of Art: Chatsworth House, Well Dressings, Constable's paintings, Monet's 'Water Lilies'

Food: steak salad, pizza, Chinese, Indian, Italian, gateaux, roast dinner

Drink: white wine, lager, Tequila, Jack Daniels

My single most favourite thing: travel, whether it be in the UK or abroad, seeing different cultures and trying their various foods; making intricate knitting from patterns; day-dreaming and peace and quiet; visiting different pubs!



Cheerful smiles on Speech Day from Naomi Titterton, Mrs. Renshaw and Louise Hanson

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Linda Whitehead



Words of a very loyal member of staff – 45 years! Elizabeth Wass

Imagine St. Elphin's with no I.B., no Thornton Block and no Hopkins Building. The hall, gym, Robinson and Devonshire had still to be built. Most teaching took place in wooden huts and there were few specialist rooms. I wonder how both Chemistry and Physics were taught in the present Music Room and how the Biology teacher coped in the Ensemble Room? Yes, teaching facilities were very poor in 1955 when I became a new resident teacher at the school.

Compared with today, the teaching time-table was light, being only thirty lessons out of a total of forty-five, but this was offset by onerous duties. The school was run by the deputy-head with the help of two duty staff. I was on duty each Tuesday and several Saturdays and Sundays per term. Weekend duties were especially tiring because you started the day by supervising breakfast and ended it by supervising supper and there was little rest in between. Particularly difficult was taking twenty junior boarders for an afternoon walk.

So with poor teaching facilities and heavy duties why did I remain at St. Elphin's? Quite simply because of the people there. I've always found the majority of the girls to be courteous and well-motivated. Those with problems nearly always responded to the time and encouragement given to them by the staff.

The ancillary staff were always happy to do small tasks for us. I remember in particular having my electric blanket repaired and my hockey-stick grip renewed. Today, Keith and his men continue this tradition of cheerful helpfulness.

But it's my teaching colleagues whom I must thank most for a happy career at St. Elphin's. In those early years, I was guided through the labyrinth of pastoral and form duties by truly dedicated older members of staff whilst, in more recent times, I've enjoyed a happy working relationship with colleagues especially departmentally.

Forty-five years ago I realised that bricks and mortar don't make a good school; it's the people within it who do. I'm still of the same opinion.

Diary of a History Teacher aged 36 and a half! Paul Franks

Autumn Term

Confused, lost, disorganised and a feeling that everyone knows so much more than me. No, not the youngest member of Year 7 but their Form Teacher experiencing Chapel for the first time! One of the biggest tips they give to new teachers is not to try to do too much and concentrate on the basics such as planning and marking. I stick to this for the first half of term and then find myself putting together an Assembly, helping to run football practices and treading the boards as Lloyd George and Keir Hardie in "Melanie Moon".

Christmas is coming and classes are getting rowdy. Even my Form are beginning to exhibit the classic symptoms of **Elphinitis**: falling out, bickering and tears before Chapel. All is saved by some wonderful last week activities especially the unique "12 days of Christmas" performed by Year 10 and the school trip to see The Blues Brothers tribute, where I wow all and sundry with some electric dancing (not!).

Spring Term

Not labelled "the longest term" for nothing. I thought it would never end! Still resolving not to get involved in too many activities I limit myself to "**Blind Date**", the **Millennium Fashion Show** and performing as one-quarter of Abba in "**Stars in Your Eyes**". By the way Mr. Teague, I'm at Grade 9 Tennis. Does this entitle me to a certificate?

Summer Term

The killer term! Talk about pushing a boulder uphill and swimming against the tide (enough metaphors Ruth?) I've managed to set personal bests in report writing, setting and marking exams, playing tennis, going out on school trips and compiling a Departmental Handbook. Oh, and I'm sure I've taught some lessons as well along the way!

Here I am, the last week of the year and I've survived – just! Thanks to all the girls and staff who helped me to make it through to the end. I can't wait for the long, hot summer break. Eight weeks of doing nothing, give or take the odd training day, four weeks at Summer School and three weeks preparation for the new school year... roll on September!

(with apologies to Sue Townsend)

A Room for all Seasons

From my eyrie in Room 10 we watch the magic of the ever-changing seasons.

To the right, we seem to be on a level with the tops of the tall fir trees below the Drama Studio. In summer they are outlined against the cloudless blue sky, but in autumn and winter, when the winds get up, they sway dramatically, excitingly, their movement making us feel as if we are in a ship tossed at sea.

It is to the left, however, that the changing seasons are most apparent. The fields housing Mrs. Renshaw's sheep are a source of endless entertainment.

In the spring we see that the ewes have mysteriously developed coloured dye marks on their backs. Some interesting biological facts are learnt!

As spring progresses, the ewes become rounder and rounder, and then the first lambs appear. The flock doubles in size and the lambs become sturdy and adventurous, gambolling and rushing about in all directions.

In the summer, waves of long grass ripple in the wind and shadows cast by the sun flit up and down the fields. Early this summer, we were riveted by a drama when a cow escaped from a neighbouring farm. We felt very sorry for it as it was obviously terrified. It put up a good fight and we were glad to see that by lunch time the score was – humans-nil, cows-six, but all good things come to an end and by the beginning of afternoon school it had been returned to the herd.

I am always aware of how lucky we are to live and work in such a beautiful and spacious environment – and despite the sheep watching, we do find time to work HARD.

Elizabeth Prince



Wildlife Watch
school year 1999 – 2000
We have had a very active year in the school grounds. The following have all been sighted:

Bird

Black bird
Blue Tit
Coal Tit
Collared Dove
Duncock
Fly-catchers
Great Tit
Green Finch
House Martin
House Sparrow
Jackdaw
Jay
Long-tailed Tit
Magpie
Mistle Thrush
Nut Hatch
Pheasant
Pied Wagtail
Redwing
Robin
Rook
Siskin
Sparrow Hawk
Starling
Tawny Owl
Wood Pigeon
Wren



Wildlife



Bat
Fox
Frog
Grey Squirrel
Hedgehog
Rabbit
Stoat

Sister Jenny Mitra

A Parent's Guide to Surviving GCSE

1. Do not allude in any way to your own exam experience. Remember times have changed since you studied evolution – the greenhouse effect is not about tomatoes. You're hopelessly out of date and any advice will be ignored.
2. Do understand that any attempt at encouragement is counter productive.
3. Blackmail may work. Offer a trip abroad, a car when they turn seventeen, Gucci sunglasses and/or an Ibiza-style foam party. What do you mean you can't lie?
4. Do work out a study timetable that includes days off, nights out and the student's own door key. This may sound extreme but it's your best hope of co-operation.
5. Do put up a warning sign – "FRAGILE STUDENT AT WORK". Ask neighbours to cancel all plans for building alterations and lawn mowing. Shoot any local barking dogs or they will become a source of complaint.
6. Do stock up on your student's favourite snacks and chewing gum. Forget healthy eating. Feed them junk food and sedatives at regular intervals.
7. For your own use – stock the wine cellar.
8. Do cancel any work commitments. You must be on hand at all times to make hot drinks, dispense sympathy, act as questioner, cook, counsellor and punch bag.
- 8a. Form a parents' support group.
9. Do order an extra computer, plus all the necessary Bite Size bits. Make Internet access readily available. Of course midnight conversations with a student snake charmer from Marrakesh vastly improve French grades.
10. Please note this is not the time to ask them to stop smoking.
11. Do install a telephone line in the student's bedroom. Panic calls to friends have high priority, can be of long duration and, let's face it, it gets you off the hook for a while.
12. Do not divorce your partner. We know it's a difficult time but hang in there. A break up at this sensitive time could be fatal and, who knows? – when it's all over you might change your mind.
13. Do understand that today's students have the capacity to learn about the Cold War while listening to Travis at full volume.
14. Do anticipate mood swings. Smile when they smile, and when they don't – duck!
15. Try not to leave home. This torture will only last a few weeks and then... well you have A-levels to look forward to.

This is a work of fiction and any resemblance to actual persons is entirely coincidental.

Sylvia Hall

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Emma Brookes, Kyna Milnes, Natalie-Iman Sherif

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Narinda Gill, Kirsty McCarrison, Amy Wass

AWARD FOR A DAUGHTER OF AN OLD GIRL

Rebecca Allen

SPECIAL AWARDS

Jade Lee, Jaeger Rowland

Prizes Awarded for best results in GCSE Examinations:

Advanced Level Katherine Hillard
GCSE Level Amy Wass

Form Prizes

Upper 6th Rosemary Chung
Lower 6th Katy Thurman
Year 11 Narinder Gill
Year 10 Gemma Eagle/Ruth Varley
Year 9 Kayley Eagle
Year 8 Rachel Howard
Year 7 Amy Sneyd

Headmistress's Prize for Effort

Upper 6th Hannah Atkins
Lower 6th Joyce Ngai
Year 11 Helen Radford
Year 10 Felicity Rowland
Year 9 Caffy Hon
Year 8 Amy Lukic
Year 7 Beth Beader

SUBJECT PRIZES

English Hannah Atkins/Nicola Hain
History Kirsty McCarrison
Geography Katherine Hillard/Hannah Atkins
French Katherine Hillard
German Amy Wass
Latin Amy Wass
Biology Katherine Hillard
Physics Sarah Beresford
Chemistry Katherine Hillard
Music Virginia Tang
Textiles Daisy Chan
Art Narinder Gill

SPECIAL PRIZES

Chairman's Prize
Bishop Claxton for Service in Chapel

Daisy Chan
Sally Ho/Mabel Odonkor

CUPS

Barton Cup for Swimming
Sara Hurn Cross Country Cup
Helen Robinson Cup for PE
Townend Cup for Hockey
Joyce Knight Cup for Speech and Drama
Pollard Cup for Performing Arts
Lindsay Cup for Public Speaking
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Aulton Rose Bowl for Singing
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MacIlwaine Cup for Organ
Moorcroft Piano Salver
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Adlington Mil Cup
Hammond Shield
Lester Cup
Chamber of Commerce Prize
Galatians Cup

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Victoria Sheldon & Olivia Walker
Katy Thurman & Olivia Walker
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Virginia Tang Mathematics (AS), Music, Chinese

LOWER SIXTH

Liv Ko Chinese (A)
Kyung-Ah Lee Art (AS), Music, Textiles

KEY SKILLS

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Unit Credit Rosemary Chung (for communications)
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BEC 2 Liv Ko, Josephine Leung, Carol Xu
RSA Text Processing 11 Part 1, Word Processing 11 Part 2, Liv Ko
UET Doris Chan, Iris Lau, Anita Lui

GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS

Rebecca Adamson English Language A, Spoken English A, English Literature A, French, Geography, German, Information Technology (SC), Mathematics, Religious Studies (SC), Science (Double)
Sarah Beighton Art, English Language, Spoken English A, English Literature, French, Geography, Information Technology (SC), Mathematics, Religious Studies (SC) A, Science (Double)
Doris Chan Chinese A, Geography, German, Information Technology (SC), Mathematics, Science (Double)
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Hannah Hall English Language A*, Spoken English A*, English Literature A*, French A*, German A*, History (SC) A*, Information Technology (SC) A*, Mathematics A Science A*A*, Textiles A
Sophie Hill English Language A*, Spoken English A*, English Literature A*, French A, Geography A*, History A*, Information Technology (SC) A*, Mathematics A, Religious Studies (SC) A*, Science A*A*
Iris Lau Art, Chinese A*, Information Technology (SC), Mathematics A, Religious Studies (SC), Science AA, Textiles A
Jade Lee English Language, Spoken English, English Literature, Geography, German, Information Technology (SC), Mathematics, Music, Religious Studies (SC), Science (Single)
Rita Leung Chinese A, Mathematics, Textiles
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SC = Short Course

SIXTH FORM

Liv Ko Information Technology (SC)
Felicity Ranger Textiles

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sarah Lilley Information Technology, English, Mathematics

(L)		
1	Bell Across the Meadow	
2	New Zealand	
3	Sorrel and Son by Warwick Deeping	
4	Drawing	
5	Dominic West	
6	Castel Coch	
7	Roast lamb/mint sauce, creamed potatoes	
8	Brandy with babycham	
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	<i>Pass</i>	Virginia Tang
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Grade 4	<i>Pass</i>	Sophie Hill
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Grade 1	<i>Pass</i>	Caroline Boffey
Grade 2	<i>Distinction</i>	Verity Wall
Grade 4	<i>Pass</i>	Maria Theodoulou
Grade 5	<i>Merit</i>	Hannah Atkins
Grade 6	<i>Merit</i>	Elizabeth Hayward, Kyung Ah Lee
Grade 7	<i>Merit</i>	Virginia Tang
Theory		
Grade 1	<i>Distinction</i>	Narinder Gill, Sally Ho, Natasha Mitra, Min Hye Jin, Jin-Young Kim, Christina Powell
	<i>Pass</i>	Katy Matthews, Helen Radford, Jaeger Rowland, Verity Wall
Grade 3	<i>Distinction</i>	Phoebe Cunnane, Felicity Rowland, Alexandra Vernon
	<i>Pass</i>	Sally Barnett, Min Hye Jin
Grade 4	<i>Distinction</i>	Charlotte Brown
Grade 5	<i>Distinction</i>	Holly Brown, Sophie Thwaites
	<i>Pass</i>	Charlotte Brown, Bryony Lawrence, Brenda Lee
Grade 7	<i>Pass</i>	Virginia Tang

LAMDA RESULTS

VERSE AND PROSE

Grade 6	<i>Pass</i>	Harriet Holt
Grade 3	<i>Honours</i>	Kyna Milnes, Simone Park, Victoria Tonks, Verity Wall, Jessica Witty, Amy Yates
Grade 2	<i>Honours</i>	Christina Lowe
	<i>Distinction</i>	Caroline Boffey, Rebecca Cooper, Philippa Hayward, Hannah Sutton
	<i>Pass</i>	Naomi Brogden, Fiona Hawker, Jordan Stewart
Grade 1	<i>Honours</i>	Rhian Hughes, Laura Sutton
	<i>Distinction</i>	Alexander Park, Chloe Watmore, Laura Whitton
	<i>Pass</i>	Hermione Bilton, Sophie Webb
Introductory	<i>Honours</i>	Iona Carter, Chloe Hayes, Elizabeth Sedgwick, Jemma Whitton, Kerry Yates

ACTING

Bronze Medal	<i>Honours</i>	Hannah Hall
	<i>Distinction</i>	Helen Radford, Sophie Thwaites
	<i>Pass</i>	Brenda Lee, Kirsty McCarrison, Evelyn Smalley, Veronique Yonnet
Grade 8	<i>Honours</i>	Narinder Gill
	<i>Pass</i>	Rebecca Adamson
Grade 7	<i>Honours</i>	Charlotte Nunn, Phyllis Odonkor
Grade 6	<i>Distinction</i>	Charlotte Brown, Anna MacDonald, Lisbeth Rosebery, Alexandra Vernon
Grade 5	<i>Distinction</i>	Amelia Gilman, Maria Theodoulou
Grade 4	<i>Pass</i>	Siân Bacon, Sally Barnett, Caroline Cable, Sarah Lilley, Felicity Marshall
Grade 3	<i>Honours</i>	Caroline Hatchman, Rachel Howard, Mabel Odonkor, Nicola Sterland
	<i>Pass</i>	Amy Reynolds, Yasmin Sneyd
Grade 2	<i>Pass</i>	Naomi Brogden, Amy Daniel, Hannah Johnson, Katy Matthews, Jaeger Rowland, Lorna Tonks
Grade 1	<i>Distinction</i>	Jenny Beresford, Miriam Hammond, Prudence Wagstaff

MUSIC

A.Mus.T.C.L. [Music - Diploma Trinity College]	<i>Pass</i>	Holly Page
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SWIMMING AWARDS

Life Support 3: Samantha Haworth

Save a Baby Award: Rebecca Adamson, Nicola Bateman, Naomi Brogden, Charlotte Brown, Holly Brown, Elizabeth Cason, Amy Daniel, Gemma Eagle, Leonie Evans, Winnie Leung, Charlotte Nunn, Phyllis Odonkor, Paloma Perez-Domper, Lisbeth Rosebery, Felicity Rowland, Sophie Shardlow, Ruth Varley, Alexandra Vernon.

Life Support 1: Jenny Beresford, Jessica Brogden, Rebecca Brown, Vivian Cheung, Elizabeth Davies, Narinder Gill, Amelia Gilman, Miriam Hammond, Sally Ho, Jenna Johnson, Grace Lau, Rita Leung, Amy Lukic, Natasha Mitra, Nicole Robinson, Amy Sneyd, Yasmin Sneyd, Alice Tam, Prudence Wagstaff.

Life Support 2: Rebecca Allen, Siân Bacon, Sally Barnett, Lisa Beighton, Caroline Cable, Kayley Eagle, Claire Foster, Amelia Gilman, Katy May Godkin, Gianna Grossi, Caroline Hatchman, Harriet Holt, Rachel Howard, Jenny Hudson, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Anna MacDonald, Felicity Marshall, Sarah Nortcliff, Mabel Odonkor, Christina Powell, Nicola Sterland, Maria Theodoulou, Leanne Varney, Jessica Younger, Sarah Beighton, Doris Chan, Hannah Hall, Sophie Hill, Iris Lau, Jade Lee, Sarah Lilley, Kirsty McCarrison, Charlotte Nunn, Phyllis Odonkor, Helen Radford, Lauren Reuter, Michelle Thompson, Sophie Thwaites, Bojana Varga, Amy Wass, Veronique Yonnet.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARDS

Participants who have completed:

Bronze Award: Rebecca Adamson, Holly Brown, Philippa Heathcote, Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison, Helen Radford, Sophie Thwaites.

Silver Award: Rebecca Adamson, Sarah Beighton, Hannah Bourde, Gemma Eagle, Victoria Fox, Katherine Hillard, Felicity Rowland, Jasmine Salt.

Gold Award: Catherine Benoist, Louise Benoist, Melissa Heathcote, Christina Thwaites.

HOUSE CUPS

<i>House Marks</i>	Wilson			
<i>Drama</i>	Pigot			
<i>Hockey</i>	Wilson			
<i>Badminton</i>	1st Powys	2nd Wilson		
	3rd Kennedy	4th Pigot		
<i>Cross Country</i>	Junior: Powys	Intermediate: Pigot	Senior: Wilson	
<i>Rounders</i>	Pigot			
<i>The Gascoigne Cup</i>	To be announced			

Favourite Things Answers

(A) Georgina Jones	(E) Tony Coutts	(J) Liz Hughes
(B) Chaplain	(F) Elizabeth Prince	(K) Jenny Mitra
(C) Caroline Pilkington	(G) Paul Franks	(L) Anne Phillpot
(D) Ann Hodgson	(H) Valerie Fisher	(M) Rosemary Cuff
	(I) Patricia Outram	

