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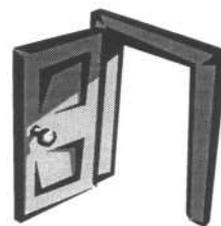


1997-1998

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THROUGH THE STUDY DOOR



Once more it is time to reflect on the school year that has passed and, like many of its predecessors, the 1997-98 academic year was both a busy and rewarding one when I have had the great honour and enjoyment of working with the staff in helping so many girls achieve their ambitions and realise their talents.

The development and growth of the school continues and the 1997 School Speech Day saw the opening of the long-awaited Sixth Form Centre. The block that for many years housed both History and Geography was completely modernised and extended so that now in its second year of opening we have study facilities for over forty members of the Sixth form, as well as kitchens, toilets and recreation areas - complete with a superb conservatory and even a chocolate machine! A completely new Humanities Block was erected on the site of the old Chapel.

As has happened once before in the recent past our guest speaker on Speech Day, Professor Ruth Hawker, also agreed to become a Governor of the School and we welcome Professor Hawker to our school community this year. We also welcomed several new members of staff: Mrs Sarah Rolls to teach Drama and Mr Alex Manning to teach History on a one year appointment in the Senior School; and Miss Helen Gill and Miss Sarah Pannell in the Junior School - which has continued to grow rapidly over the past two years.

The sporting, musical and dramatic, as well as the academic programme has been both active and rewarding this year. The Senior, Junior and Nursery Schools went on a huge variety of trips and visits, including a foreign exchange and a ski-trip, as well as participating in charity fund-raising events at home. On the sports field Stover acquitted itself extremely well with excellent team performances in netball, hockey, rounders and rugby. Colours were awarded to over thirty girls and the Inter-House competitions were keenly contested.

The Inter-House Music Festival and Phyllis Dence concert was a hugely successful evening raising over £1,000 in donations from the audience. The School musical and Junior school performance took place the summer term, and demonstrated the wealth of dramatic and musical talent present throughout the school.

We have received a number of kind gifts to the school over the year, including over £1,000 from parents throughout all three levels of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all on behalf of the pupils.

Sadly we lost two close friends of the school in 1998. Prebendary Davey was a highly valued school governor from 1982 to 1998. Over this time he brought a balanced and sensitive approach to our educational objectives at Stover, often behind the scenes. We also sent our condolences to Mrs Ayliffe whose husband Bill once owned Clockhouse as part of the farm. Bill Ayliffe was always a good supporter of Stover and what we stand for.

Our 1998 examination results were again a great credit to the pupils and staff. Our GCSE pass rate was again high at 89% (5 or more A* to C grades) and exceptional performances came from girls of all abilities. We also congratulate fourteen students who have gained good university places this year, maintaining our 100% entry rate into University - the majority again gaining their first choice. We look forward to continuing success in public examinations in the coming academic year, and we welcome all our new staff and over 70 new pupils to our community as the mantle of our fine reputation passes to another generation of Stover pupils.

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ACADEMIC STAFF

Headmaster

Mr P E Bujak BA (Hons), MA, Cert.Ed, *East Anglia AR.Hist.S.History*

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Mrs S Bradley BSc (Hons) MIBiol., C.Biol., PGCE *Portsmouth & Oxford.Biology*

Head of Sixth Form

Mrs M Batten BSc *RHC London Mathematics*

Head of Boarding

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Mrs R Cockell	BSc. (Hons)	<i>Exeter</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Mrs T Dinsdale	BEd (Hons)	<i>S.Mark & S.John</i>	<i>P.E & Humanities</i>
Mr G Dunbar	Cert Ed PGC	<i>Cheshire College & Middx</i>	<i>Art & Technology</i>
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Mrs A Smith	BA (Hons)	<i>Durham & Camb</i>	<i>Geography</i>
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Mrs N Winston	<i>Licence d'Anglais</i>		<i>French</i>

Boarding House Staff

Junior Housemistress	Mrs M Bousfield	<i>Cert Ed Sarum St Michael</i>
Senior Housemistress & Sixth Form	Mrs J Varley	
Assistant Housemistresses	Miss A Phillips & Miss F Maclellan	

Director of Music

Mrs. S. Farleigh BA (Hons). *Flute, Piccolo & Voice/Perf.Arts Dartington College of Arts.*

Visiting staff:

Miss Hiley	<i>Percussion</i>
Mr J Bryden	<i>Piano</i>
Mrs A Brown	<i>Piano</i>
Mrs H Wills	<i>Cello</i>
Mrs R Morgan	<i>Oboe</i>
Mr J Boorer	<i>Clarinet & Saxophone</i>
Miss C Hayek	<i>Violin & Viola</i>
Mr P Hill	<i>Guitar</i>
Mr A Stark	<i>Brass</i>
Mrs A Ayling	<i>Flute</i>
Mrs S Rolls	<i>Piano</i>

Junior School

Mrs D Williams	BA (Hons) PGCE	<i>Exeter</i>
Mrs H Gill	BA (Hons)	<i>Plymouth & Exeter</i>
Miss S Pannell	BA Ed (Hons)	<i>Exeter</i>
Miss C Cooper	BA (Hons)	<i>Cumbria</i>
Mrs A Burns	BA (Hons) PGCE	<i>Staffordshire</i>

Nursery School

Mrs V A Chapman	B.Ed	<i>Exeter</i>
Mrs L Tonks	NVQ 3	<i>Senior Nursery Assistant</i>
Mrs A Campkin	NVQ 3	<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
Mrs L Sharrock		<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
Mrs F Martin		<i>Nursery Assistant</i>
Mrs A Bujak	RGN	<i>Nursery Assistant</i>

School Chaplain

Reverend C Knott BA

Administration & Finance

Headmaster's Secretary	Miss L Rathe	School Secretary	Mrs L Shell
Finance Officer	Mrs H Goodwin	Accounts Assistant	Mrs M Barnard
		Accounts' Assistant	Mrs G Hanbury

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

School Medical Officer	Dr H Bates	B.Med.Sci.,B.M.B.S.,D.R.C.O
School Matron	Ms N Boyd	RGN

Head of Careers	Mrs S Rolls	BA (<i>Hons</i>)
Examinations Officer	Mrs M Kearney	BEd. (<i>Hons</i>)
School Librarian	Miss C Young	BA (<i>Hons</i>)
Master ic Outdoor Pursuits	Mr R Priddes	BSc.
School Tennis Coaches	Mrs J Hough	LTA
	Mrs H Cole	
Speech & Drama	Mrs V Thresher	LRAM, LGSM.
Laboratory Technician	Mrs A Milford	
Catering Manager	Mr D Woods	

Governors' Sub-Committees

Grounds sub-committee	Junior School sub-committee
Finance sub-committee	Health & Safety sub-committee

GOVERNING BODY

Chairman :	Mr T M T Key, MA <i>Cantab.</i> FRICS.
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Vice Chairman	#Miss F R Evans Cert.Ed.

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- Mrs A Anning
- Mr A C J Cooper Bsc
- Mrs C Cottle MA
- Mrs A Dyer MA
- Mr D J Groom
- #Mrs A Harrison MCSP
- Prof R Hawker OBE
- #Dr P J Key OBE, MB, BS
- Prof I D Mercer CBE, BA, BSc, LLD
- #Mrs J W G Scott

•=Parent/Past Parent Governor

#= Past pupil

School Legal Advisors: *Over, Taylor, Biggs, Exeter - Pidsley & Roberts, Newton Abbot*
School Accountants: *Francis Clark Newton Abbot*

SPEECH DAY AWARDS 1997

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AND EXHIBITIONS

<u>Academic Scholarships</u>	Harriet Greinig Georgia Robinson Lisa Whitney
<u>Academic Exhibition</u>	Daisy Perry
<u>Music Scholarships</u>	Floey Benett Alice Hyland
<u>Music Exhibition</u>	Natasha Oates
<u>Tennis Scholarship</u>	Laura Bagley
<u>Entrance Prizes</u>	Laura Carruthers-Watt Jennifer Colley Alison Doidge Charlotte Murell Rebecca Stark

ACHIEVEMENT AND PROGRESS PRIZES

JUNIOR SCHOOL

<u>Class 1</u> Progress	Laura Fletcher Hannah Nicolson
<u>Class 2</u> Achievement	Rosina Erangey
Progress	Laura Nicolson
<u>Class 3</u> Achievement	Alice Hyland
Progress	Daisy Perry

SENIOR SCHOOL

<u>Year 6</u> Achievement	Joanna Mann
<u>Year 7</u> Achievement	Emma Colley Jennifer Stocks
Progress	Jessica Brown
<u>Year 8</u> Achievement	Grace Bennett
Progress	Rebecca Garland
<u>Year 9</u> Achievement	Lucie Wootton
Progress	Julia Wingate
<u>Year 10</u> Achievement	Carolyn Hocknell Fiona Linton Sarah Parker
<u>Year 11</u> Achievement	Elizabeth Anning Camilla Kwong Lucy Mills
Progress	Louise Astbury Zoe Gaye Caroline Hill Emma Pocock

MUSIC AWARDS

Bairstow Cup : pupil with the highest Associated Board results
Katharine Storrs

Redstone Cup for Junior Instrumental progress
Rachel Storrs

Wendy Insole Cup for singing
Fiona Linton

Patricia Cardale Cup for Instrumental Achievement
Louise Neu

SPORTS AWARDS AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Junior Sports Girl Kate Jones
Partridge Cup and Senior Sports Girl
Clare Cooper

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Anna Storrs
Canoeing, One Star Award Claire Lees
Fiona Linton
Anna Storrs

Prize for Outdoor Pursuits Clare Cooper

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Information Technology Zoe Gaye
Art Camilla Kwong
Melissa Marshall

Watson Cup for Mathematics Camila Kwong
Brenda Ng

Biochemistry Elizabeth Anderson
Geography Tanya Strongman
Sarah-Jane Archdale
Mathematics Kanokporn Rungchaiporn
Ivy Chan

History Jennifer Fisk

Languages Jennifer Fisk

English Caroline Graham

Classics Demelza Williams

Physics Kanokporn Rungchaiporn

SCHOOL AWARDS

Sarah Bruce Cup
(Service to School Music) Caroline Grant

Jameson Cup
(Support for School Games) Sarah Hunt

Drama Plate
(Service to School Drama) Christianna Hiles

Connell/Sandhurst Cup
(Service to School) Sarah Hunt

Head Girl's Prize for 1996-7 and Headmaster's Award for Services to the School Tanya Strongman

SPEECH DAY : HEAD GIRLS REPORT

Chairman of the governors, Professor Hawker, Headmaster, Governors, staff, guests, girls, and Mum and Dad.

Well, I am now in my last year at Stover and I can honestly say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I would like to take this opportunity to share the reasons why with those of you coming up through the school.

We all know the opportunities here at Stover are vast, ranging from Ten Tors to organising Christmas parties, from sleeping in a field on Dartmoor to playing netball in South Africa, from joining in a game of rugby to walking down a catwalk. Need I go on?

Stover really lives up to the promises of the prospectus, doesn't it? Alongside these activities Stover provides girls with excellent teaching and academic results, friends for life, respect for others, working together as a team and responsibility. Here we can work hard and play hard. But it is very important to get the balance right. The prospectus talks about personal development. But what does it mean?

To me it means taking every chance we are offered to achieve the best we can. And that's down to attitude. The person who said it doesn't matter whether you win or lose probably lost. Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. Take the Ten Tors. It is a demanding event which requires motivation, commitment, determination, teamwork and a sense of humour. If you haven't already got any of these, you'll certainly get them by the end of Ten Tors. Having to cross a fast-flowing, knee-deep river with a full rucksack on your back, or having to put up a tent in pouring rain and a howling gale are, as Jane Howard constantly says, "All good character building experiences." The girls who go past the pain barrier and start singing, "I'll tell you what I want, what I really want!" normally survive. This is an essential ingredient for good team spirit no matter how out of tune the singing is!

I would like to thank all staff, past and present, especially Mr Priddes who gave up so much of his spare time to train us so well.

Touring South Africa last year was a fabulous experience which gave me the chance to see another country, another culture, to meet much less privileged children, and to make them happy. I will always remember the day we visited Elandskop, a township school that had a dust bowl as a netball court. The children were so pleased to see us we felt like royalty.

Of course the tour had its ups and downs. These ranged from losing matches and people having injuries to watching the Springboks beat the All Blacks and seeing lion and elephants in the Kruger Park

The squad will always remain friends, not just because of the time we spent together, but because of all the stories and memories we share. Those are the sort of experiences which I will always look back on and think to myself: I've done that; I've been there. And I've got the T-shirt!

Another thing that Stover has taught me, both on the sportsfield and in the classroom, is that we need to set ourselves goals in order to improve performance. Every time you succeed you can give yourself a pat on the back and move on to the next goal a little higher up the ladder.

In assemblies the Head repeatedly talks about the choices we make for ourselves. I am thankful that during my years here I made the choice to accept all the opportunities that the school offers. I hope you will all do the same; they can offer you a great deal of enjoyment and success. If you take part in a venture, commit yourself to it fully, don't do it half-heartedly otherwise you may as well not do it at all.

Make those choices, grab the opportunities, don't miss the boat.

Clare Cooper

OBITUARIES

PREBENDARY NORMAN DAVEY

Prebendary Davey was a Governor of Stover from 1982 until his death in 1998. He had a deep affection for the school and took a great interest and delight in all its many activities. He gave generously of his time and was always willing to offer help and advice to Governors, Staff and girls.

The Governors will especially feel his loss - for his wisdom coupled with a wide ranging and expert knowledge of matters spiritual and educational. He had a wonderfully calm and clear way of getting to the heart of the issue under discussion. His humanity, warmth, humour - and that delightful little twinkle in his eye - will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Charlotte Dyer School Governor

OLIVE CONSTANCE MILNES nee WATERMAN

1907 - 1997

Whilst I record the sad death of my aunt, a very dear and loyal friend of Stover, I must also give thanks for her life. Born in Poole, Dorset, the eldest and only daughter of seven children, my aunt came to Stover when the school first moved to its present location in 1933. Having been a schoolfriend of Mrs Key, the founder, at Duncan House, Clifton, she came to stay and give a "helping hand" with the general running of the school including teaching, and did not leave until she married. She started the first Girl Guide Company, taking the girls on many a camp. Her loyalty and devotion to her six young brothers must have been sorely tested, if some of the antics they got up to when visiting these camps are to be believed!

In 1938 she left Stover and married Kenneth Milnes, a solicitor, to live the rest of her life in Totteridge, London, raising two sons, John and Richard, and a daughter, Alison, who was a pupil at Stover. My aunt's enthusiasm and love for Stover was very infectious, and she was very proud to be invited to join the Board of Governors in 1960 and served with great dedication until 1981. Indeed, in later years, whenever we met, her first questions were always as to the progress of the school. She was especially delighted when Mrs Chapman was appointed Head of Nursery, having known her for some years previously. A memorial service was held last September, which a number of Old Girls attended. Sadly her god daughter, Dr Penny Key, was abroad at the time, but "Hughie", Stover's first PE mistress, turned up, looking fit enough to give a lesson in Lacrosse.

Ann Harnson – School Governor

RENE CORAM

We have received a letter from Sue Coram of Mapperley, Nottingham, telling us of the death of her mother Rene Coram .

"I am writing to tell you the sad news that my mother, Rene Coram, died on June 8th this year from cancer.

She worked at Stover School as a PE teacher in the early years at the school where she introduced the teaching of lacrosse. My mother often spoke of her happy years at Stover school where she started her teaching career."

THE NEW SIXTH-FORM CENTRE

The opening of the new centre was a welcome sight to many, especially the Upper Sixth. We were now able to work in separate study rooms, have easy access to the Chocolate Machine and toast, and be able to sit out on the patio during the summer term.

The Centre allows for privacy and the opportunity to really get to know each other. The Sixth Form are almost family as we all have to live and work together.

Information Evenings, meetings, and a barbecue and karaoke evening have been held in the Centre.

The Centre is a success, and will continue to provide the integration between the Upper and Lower Sixth years and the difference between 'school' and Sixth Form.

M.Batten Head of Sixth Form



NEW HUMANITIES TEACHING BLOCK

Geographers and Historians on the carpet!

New living accommodation for some of the key subjects in school has been much appreciated by staff and girls. We boast new furniture, pale blue paintwork with elegant matching blinds and even double-glazing! Our cup runneth over!

A.Smith Head of Geography

HOUSE REPORTS 1997 - 1998

Victoria House

Yet again Victoria House has excelled itself in almost every possible way, winning the rounders for a second year running and keeping many other sports trophies in our name. These included the hockey, cross country (what would we do without Lucy Mills) and the swimming - especial thanks to the Colley sisters.

Other victories include the Inter House Music Cup. Our house song, a medley from "Joseph" knocked 'em dead!! Every single House member should rightly be proud of the enormous amount of time, effort and commitment put in. We had to let Mary win the gymn, however, otherwise Mr Dunbar would have been even more disappointed.

Everyone excelled in one way or another. Year eleven progressed and matured throughout the year and quite miraculously Year six managed the whole year without obtaining any minus points! I'm sure this achievement will be repeated this year (we live in hope!)

Unfortunately we did not manage to organise a House charity event so we are going to have to make up for it this year. I am very enthusiastic about a "Space Hopper" race and hope everyone will want to make fools of themselves with me.

What more can I say? The results speak for themselves. WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

Josie Coxon

Mary House

Our participation, efforts and commitment to the House have gained us an impressive number of championships this year. As usual Mary triumphed in the Gym and Dance Competition and excelled in the most important sporting events such as Sports Day, Inter-House hockey and won the House Cup in the summer term. Nobody in Mary will forget Mr. Dunbar's motivating yells which have proved highly effective (and can be heard everywhere even if you are on the other side of the field, making sure you will not be left out). Being generous we also gave the two other Houses chances to show their talents in events like the Swimming Gala and Inter-House tennis and netball where we were beaten narrowly.

This year our classic house event "Make and Bake" raised £65 for the charity Epilepsy. There is no doubt that we are a house full of talented cooks because as soon as break and lunch started, our stall would be jam-packed with people desperately wanting to buy a piece of Mary chocolate brownie or delicious home made cakes.

I would like to congratulate those who have achieved so much and show my appreciation for those who have devoted so much time and effort to

the house. Everyone's contribution to Mary has led us to all these successes, and the efforts that the last captain Katherine O'Dwyer made in running Mary House and the support given by our House Staff are gratefully acknowledged. In the coming year, Mary will not only maintain but upgrade our remarkable standard of achievement.

Camilla Kwong 12A

Elizabeth House

Lizzie house members make their way through the years with the main purpose of enjoying our time at Stover. As Mr. Topley always says: "The most important thing is to participate and to do our best!" And our best on several occasions happened to be more than just "good enough".

We started the academic year on a high note by winning the House Cup for the second time in a roll continuing from the previous summer term. This proved that our house has all the brains it needs- that is, when people choose to use them.

We put up a strong fight in the Cross country competition, and similarly in the next term's hockey and House Cup.

It seems as if we set off the Junior School Lizzie house on the right track because they kept winning their house cup all through the year and explained to everyone how one should "Never Smile at a Crocodile", by winning the prize for choral singing in the Interhouse Music Festival. That was brilliant everyone, well done!

In all my time at this school I found the Summer term the best. It wasn't that we won any of the big competitions like the Swimming gala or Sports Day; actually we came second in both of them but it was the brilliant team effort that was put in. During this term we showed that our house is the best not so much for its individuals, although I'd be lying if I didn't say that we do have some great people, but when it works as a team. This was proved by our last victory, in my time at Stover, the Tug of War!!!

What else can I say- compared to some other people here I've been at Stover a relatively short time, but I never thought that writing this report would make me feel so sad to leave. The feeling is even stronger since I never thought that I could become a House Captain in such a short time.

I'm leaving a great bunch of people behind (although you are quite difficult sometimes!) to take Lizzie through the years to come. The fact is that this year, Lizzie house was better than the last one, and I'm sure that the next year will be better than this one.

Good luck everyone, thank you and all the best for the future!

Borjana Arsova.

A BOARDER'S LIFE'S A VERY HAPPY ONE

It's SUCH a hard life being a boarder - you have to be up at 7.30 am so that you can be in the dining room for breakfast at 7.45. Only the Year Tens have to set the alarm clock for bell ringing and - no washing up after breakfast!! (You do have to clean your own shoes though...)

Then after a tough day at school what could be nicer than a good gossip in the dorms or perhaps a clothes-swapping session....even a make over! "Hey, is it pocket money tonight?" "Mrs B, I'm sorry I'm late, but Mrs Stevens wanted to speak to me about my English prep, so can I have my pocket money now?" (A likely story! Ed.)



As a busy day draws to its close, 9 pm heralds the departure from the scene of Year Fives, then 9.15 sees Year Sevens slowly accept the necessity of being IN their beds: fifteen minutes later, years Eight and Nine reluctantly retreat to their haven. Well, that's the way it's supposed to work! Weekends! Saturday morning sees the full boarders in Prep from 9.30 to noon but after a Jenny lunch, creativity begins. What shall we do? Sometimes it is a walk to commune with the ducks, dog-nap someone's friendly canine or merely take pose-y photos. "Good gracious Mrs B., it's time to get the videos." A quick trip to Newton Abbot for goodies, supper, baths or showers, and then all that can be heard is the awful sound of crisps crunching!



At 5.30 there's supper - no washing up - then Prep, an activity inevitably prefaced by urgent cries: "What DID we have to do for English?" "Have you got the worksheet for Geography?" "Help! Can I borrow your pen 'cos I've left mine in the Science block..." etc.

After Prep comes Ablutions! It's a bit like being a Zoo keeper I should imagine, but it seems to work. "Anyone got some shampoo?" "What is that I can smell - MUSK??" "Who's borrowed my conditioner?"

Sunday sees us all smartly turned out for church, then a stampede for envelopes, birthday cards, films, batteries and stamps. After a wonderful Jenny roast lunch the Juniors' democratic choice of afternoon activities is embarked upon: maybe Woodlands, probably ice skating (plenty of boys there!), could be wet'n'muddy at the River Dart Country Park or.. Oh, it's SUCH a hard life!



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My sister, Anna, and I joined the Junior School when it opened in 1996. In the second year, which we have just finished, I was voted Head Girl. This is my review of the year.

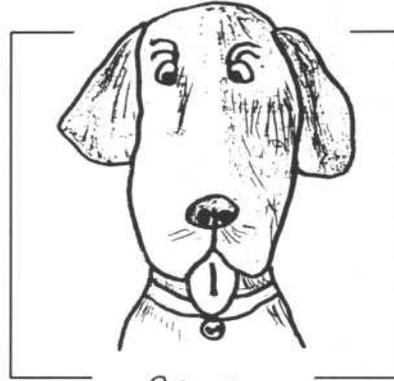
At the beginning of the year the Teachers had shuffled about. Mrs Williams had become the Head and there was a new teacher called Miss Panell who teaches Class Two. Anna loves her and thinks she's cool. The first term was chaos because we had 17 or 18 in my class and one teacher so they were organising another teacher for our class and one for downstairs.

During the autumn term we were practising for the Christmas performance. As usual the nursery performed the Nativity play. Everyone thought it was great fun, especially Corrine who sang louder and louder as the song got higher. My class put on a play about Mr Nicolas, a poor weaver, and a funny little man who gave him money and food. Rosie Erangey was the weaver and I was Count Charles Goodfriend, the funny little man. We all had lines to learn and it was the most organised play I had ever performed..... little did I know that "Joseph" and "Yanamamo" were waiting just around the corner!

Later in the year we raised money for some charities including the NSPCC and Macmillan Nurses and we got our names and faces in the paper!

We also had a ship made of wood built in the playground. It has a shelter with a table and seats in it. They also put bark in it to stop people hurting themselves. On the family Fun Day there was a dog show. We entered Solo, our dog, in two classes. I entered him in the Handsomest Dog and Anna entered him in the Best Child Handler and came first! So we had to enter him in the Best of all Dogs.

HE WON THE CHAMPION OF THE SHOW!!



SOLO

One of the great things about being at Stover is the number of trips that we go on. This year junior classes have been to Buckfast Abbey, Buckland Abbey, Killerton House, the Roman exhibition in Exeter Museum, Brixham Coastguard, the Silk exhibition at Bovey Tracey, Paignton Zoo, a building site and probably other places but I've forgotten them!

Our end of year performance was "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". It was hard work because we had lots of words and lots of songs to learn, but we had so much fun that nobody ever stopped singing the songs. There were lots of soloists and I was jealous of Katie B because I wanted to be the funky Pharaoh. It was a very good performance to be involved in.

Six of us successfully auditioned to be able to take part in the Summer Musical "Yanamamo" with the Senior School. We had even more songs to learn than in "Joseph" and it lasted two hours! I felt proud of being in such a big performance.

This has been a very good year and I am sure that Year Six will be even more fun.

Keishia Taylor Year 5

NURSERY AND JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER OUTING ON THE RIVER DART



CHRISTMAS !

First of all we got into our outfits and everybody looked really good. Then Mrs Owen put make-up on everybody. She put soot on all the children and lipstick on me and all the other narrators.

Then we went over to the Chamber Hall. We all waited and lined up outside while the parents got ready. It was really nerve-racking because all the parents were looking at us. Then we walked into Chamber Hall with Mrs Haynes and sat down in front of the parents. We all sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" while Class One got ready for their Nativity. It was really good, especially the songs, and Mrs Rolls was very good on the piano. The angels were great and it made us all laugh. I looked back and the parents were dressed really nicely.

After the Nativity Class Two performed "The Jolly Christmas Postman". I thought Tabbi was a good actor as the postman. When they had sung their last bit, the choir, including me, sang "The Cowboy Carol". I think we did it very well.

Last of all was our play, "The Christmas Present". I was a narrator and I was really nervous (but luckily I didn't laugh.) The last thing we did was "Hams and Yams". I sang it as loudly as I could and it was very good. Everybody clapped! Afterwards we went back to Turkey Hall and had a mince pie.

Jennifer Kent Class 3



JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER PRODUCTION

On 25th of June, a feast of entertainment was hosted by the Junior School in Jubilee Hall. The girls had worked hard since Easter to produce a variety of songs and dances which were performed by pupils from Reception Class all the way up to year five. The songs included the Toothbrush Song, a humorous look at life inside a bathroom cabinet, and It's A Small, Small World. Also several short routines, choreographed by the dance teacher, were shown, each one remarkably different from the next. They ranged from Chim Chim Cheree, danced to the popular song from the film "Mary Poppins", to the Ugly Bug Ball. It was a wonderful show by Reception Class whose enthusiasm and enjoyment made it lovely to watch.

The major part of the show was a shortened version of "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". The whole school was involved in this with several soloists playing lead roles. A lot of work was put into creating effective movement and dance to accompany the lively, upbeat singing. This hard work was apparent as the show was brilliant and parents felt brave enough to participate in the finale.

The Juniors put a lot of effort into the evening and it proved to be a treat for all who went to see it.

UP FOR THE CUP!



Jennifer Kent, House Captain collects the House Cup for Elizabeth House.

SCHOOL TRIP TO EXETER

On the school trip to Exeter to look at the Romans I felt excited. We had to have our coats on and we went to a museum. We went to look at some of the things the Romans did. Then we went to the Discovery Centre. We looked at some pottery that the Romans had. We drew a picture of them, then we looked at some slaves and then we went round Exeter and we looked at some Roman buildings. Then it was time for school so we went back.



When we got out of the bus we went down to the place where we thought the place was but it wasn't the place that we were going to. So we went to find the right place. And then we found it! At the first place we went to look at the court house and we saw some birds hung on the roof. Then went a little further and then we went into a room and she let us try on some armour. And when I tried a body protector on it was rather heavy and then we went to see where the Romans lived and then we went to have a look at the mosaic and then we went to have our lunch.



THE ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD.

The English Speaking Board was on a Thursday. The English Speaking Board is an examination of speaking and talking. You have to choose a poem from one of your favourite poem books and learn it. I chose a poem called The Song of the Engine. Then you have to choose a passage from one of your favourite books. I chose a passage from The Adventures of Paddington Bear. I practised my passage so I would become better and better and so my expression would grow. Then I had to talk about something I knew a lot about to the examiner and the rest of the class. I had a collection of teddy bears that I knew a lot about and I thought I would enjoy doing it and I did. My pass was a credit.

Chloe



FRENCH EXCHANGE

At six o'clock we were sent to McDonalds car park and then we met Madame Winston and the coach came. Oh! I suppose you don't know what I'm talking about! I'm talking about when my big sister had a French Exchange. Well a French Exchange is when a French boy or girl comes to England for a week then the English girl or boy goes back to France with the French girl or boy for a week. When we had the French girl we went to Woodlands. When my big sister was in the bath I played with her. She has a little sister called Anne Corline. When I'm older I want to have an exchange with her because I like French.

Georgina Erangey

a tramp

I am a tramp sitting in the street
 Playing my guitar it sounds so sweet
 Only got two pence, need some more
 Throwing my hat on the dirty floor
 I hear the children screaming
 of Delight
 The teenagers are rude
 But that's at night
 One light
 two lights,
 three lights
 Four. The people come out and

look the floor
 Vans are leaving
 Engines start
 The smells of
 Sugar and Spice
 Pizzas, Cookies, Buns and
 Pastry
 Bread and
 Doughnuts
 All gone



DARTMOUTH NAVAL COLLEGE

On Saturday June 6th some of the Senior girls accompanied by Mrs. Varley, Mr. Manning, and Miss MacLellan visited Dartmouth Naval College to have a look around the historic naval base and meet some of the Officers.

We arrived in the morning and were shown to the coffee room by Ross Gilbert and a female Officer. At this point we were given the chance to talk to some of the trainee officers about life at the college before touring part of the college. We saw a magnificent ballroom, the library and the church but best of all was watching the Officers doing a training march in full uniform. It was rather amusing because some of the Officers in the parade wore trainers instead of their shiny boots as they had been on a training expedition on Dartmoor and had blisters!

Lunch was a fantastic spread served on the balcony at an ornate table and it was a nice experience to be served from silver platters. After lunch we were given the opportunity to visit the quarters of one of the divisions and decided that beds at Stover are certainly more comfortable than those at the college.

We then went to the docks and looked at the ships and we watched some groups training in the River Dart. This proved to be a very enjoyable visit, well worth going on if the opportunity arises.

Amber Price



Sarah Rolls with students at Dartmouth

DRAMA AT STOVER!

This is the end of my first year at Stover School. I started teaching Year Eleven students in September 1997, taking over from Mrs Paige half way through their GCSE course.

One of the examinations is a practical test of a performance using group work. Five of the girls chose "The Crucible," by Arthur Miller, as their text. After extensive research into mass hysteria, Massachusetts in the 17th century and the work of Arthur Miller, they jointly directed extracts from the plays. The second group created an improvised piece set in a small Welsh village in the 1920s, based on Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" and the theme of gossip.

The resulting performances were premiered in Chamber Hall in March to an appreciative audience of parents, girls and staff. Apart from the excitement of performing in front of an audience this experience was invaluable in showing the girls how clear the messages of the plays were when communicated to people outside their own groups. Katie Munday took on the important task of lighting both performances. She researched different lighting techniques, safety and the practicalities of planning cue sheets etc. She also coped extremely well when one of the lights bulbs blew and the entire lighting plan had to be changed in the interval!

In March the external examiner, Mrs Graymore, visited the school and assessed the girls for their exam. She was very impressed with their sense of commitment, concentration and support for each other and said she had enjoyed an exciting and absorbing afternoon. As you can imagine I was delighted and relieved that the first examinations that I had been involved in at Stover had been such a success!

Sarah Rolls Head of Drama



SUMMER BALL





LIBRARY APPEAL

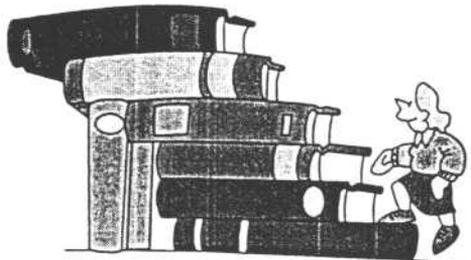
We are very grateful indeed to all those of you who have responded so generously to our Appeal so far. To date, we have raised nearly £800.00 for new books and other items for the Senior and Junior library, including CD roms and foreign language newspapers. The facilities in the library are becoming continuously more up-to-date, attractive and, as a consequence, more used and accessible. This has been very much helped by all those of you who have become donors.

So far the following people have kindly donated to our Appeal:

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Our thanks to all those who have already made generous donations and in anticipation to those who feel they can help in the future. Our appeal will be continuing until the end of 1998.



Christine Young
School Librarian

THE TEIGNGRACE RIVER PROJECT

It all started when Watts Blake Bearne was given planning permission to move a section of the River Teign and River Bovey at the Bovey basin to reach the ball clay beneath. This was opposed by the people of Teigngrace because it could cause flooding in the village and would destroy a particularly attractive riverscape with all its associated flora and fauna.

On Thursday 17th July 1997 at 4 am a group of about twenty protestors made camp on the public footpath by the River Teign. They had come to help the people of Teigngrace with their fight against WBB. It was a very non-violent protest but the original letters of protest just had had no effect. Soon more people began to join the protestors and those who couldn't join them gave them food and equipment. There were many protest meetings and marches which were very well supported. The numbers in the camp grew to forty. Representatives of the action group to court in Exeter to ask for a public inquiry but were unsuccessful. Soon after this the BBC made a programme about the protest which was a great success and brought the issue to the notice of a wider public.

Still the numbers in the camp were rising so it was expanded and four new camps set up joined with bridges across the rivers. Another great help was the back up van containing a computer with Internet access. WBB attempted to have the protestors ejected through the courts, but they refused to move until a public inquiry was called.

On Saturday 27th September a small group of villagers and protestors undertook a walk of 220 miles to London to deliver a letter to John Prescott, the Minister for the Environment, to ask for a public inquiry. They arrived at Hyde Park on the 9th of October to meet up with a coach load of supporters and march on the ministry. Much to everyone's disappointment John Prescott wasn't there, and so the letter was eventually given to his PPS.

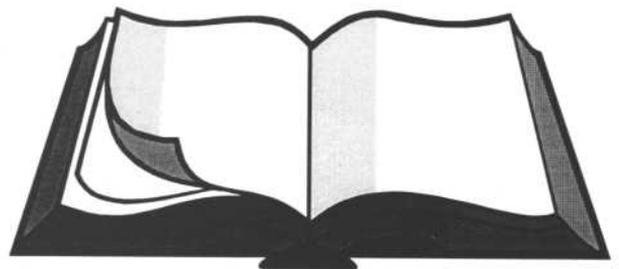
The Public Inquiry started in the last week of July, 1198 and lasted for six weeks. Finally, on Thursday 10th September WWB backed down and dropped the project. We had won!

Gemma Stanbury Year 11



WORLD BOOK DAY.

Thursday April 23rd was World Book Day. Year Eight celebrated the day with a visit to the Newton Abbot publishing house of David and Charles, followed by a talk on book selling by Mrs Stella Watson of the Mitre Bookshop. Mrs Watson and the girls are here looking at some of the many books donated to the library through the Book Appeal which was launched at the start of the year.



STOVER FAMILY DAY and DOG SHOW

An excellent number of entries of dogs of every shape and size made this an occasion greatly enjoyed by canines and humans alike. There was no fighting, gnashing of teeth, biting or tears before bedtime -everyone was impeccably behaved (and that's just the humans!) The Supreme champion was "Solo", a chocolate labrador owned by Keisha and Anna Taylor in the Junior School.

Stover Family Day Fun Dog Show

Sunday June 7th



Start of show: 2pm

The following classes will be held:-

- Handsomest Dog (between 1-8 years)
- Prettiest Bitch (between 1-8 years)
- Best Puppy (under 1 year)
- Best Veteran (Over 8 years)
- Best Brace (matching pair)
- Dog With Waggiest Tail
- Best Fancy Dress
- Most Obedient Dog
- Fastest Eating A Bonio
- Best Dog / Bitch in Show

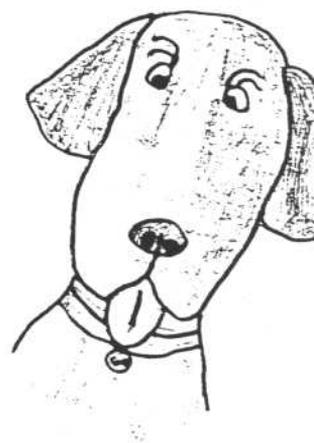
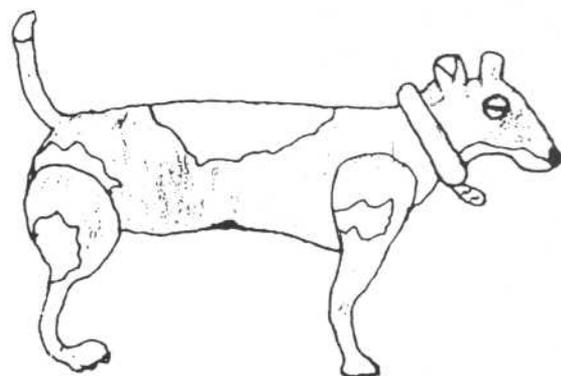


Entries: Please register your dog before the start of each class

Fee: 25 pence per entry

Prizes: Rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and doggy treats.

Judge: Mrs Christine Parndine, Animals-in-Distress Centre, Ipplepen



JUMELAGE !

We left school early on a Saturday morning in March on a coach with a group from Wolborough school who were doing the same exchange as us. After five hours of the coach journey we had all pretty much got to know each other (although we soon got sick of the two boys in front of us!) We boarded the ferry at Portsmouth and took lots of photos as we left England. Dinner in the self service restaurant was good fun because we sat by a window and could see out onto the sea which was quite calm on the journey there luckily! After arrival at Caen in Normandy at about ten o'clock there was an hour's coach trip to the French school in Vire where our families were awaiting our arrival. As the coach drew in we were full of anticipation, looking out of the windows trying to recognise our families from the photos our correspondents had sent us. We arrived at about 11.00 pm - it had been a very long day!

On Sunday we spent the day with our families and really just got to know them. Most of us woke up at lunchtime due to the previous day's activities! During the week we visited the War Memorial Centre and Le Mont Saint Michel, spent a day in Paris and a day at their school and went to see the Bayeux Tapestry. We enjoyed all of them but the all round favourite was the shopping trip to Paris (well, it was ours anyway !)

On Wednesday we woke up at about five o'clock in the morning and climbed onto the coach at six. We were all really looking forward to Paris even though the long journey there and back was quite tiring. We arrived just before lunch and went up the Eiffel Tower. This was a brilliant experience. Most people ran all the way down the steps to the bottom again! We had lunch opposite the tower in a park, then got on the coach again to go to the centre of Paris to start our SHOPPING!! We bought lots of presents for our families and many of us had our portraits drawn by an excellent street artist. Madame Winston very kindly bought us all crepes. The only let down was that we had to ask for what we wanted in French. I do not think the waiter understood half of what we were saying!



On Friday we spent the day at our correspondents' school. This was quite interesting as it was so different from Stover. It was very big as were the classes. We all attended different lessons: English, Geography Biology. The English class was quite fun. All the English people sat at the front and the French people asked us questions in English. They found us absolutely fascinating! (Not to mention fabulous!) In Geography the English pupils observed the lesson and made an attempt to understand what was going on! The day finished with an "au revoir" tea party which was a very sweet idea. Our correspondents and some of their parents came and they had made us cakes and crepes and apple pie. We were also presented with a Vire badge and pen. This was a happy conclusion to our French journey.

We left on Saturday afternoon. We got on the coach all feeling exhausted and looking forward to seeing our own families again although we were all sad to leave France. We all chose chips to eat on the ferry! We were all dying for some English food again as many of us had not taken too well to the French food!

On the long coach trip home many of us fell asleep. We arrived at Stover about 1 in the morning where our families were waiting for us. We had all missed them much more than we thought we would! Then we drove home to bed after a fun-filled and exciting week in France.

Floey Bennett and Natasha Oates



STOVER SIXTH FORM IN THE ROYAL MARINES - ENDURANCE CHALLENGE -

It was with some trepidation that Anna, Louise and I registered our team -the Revots (if you are not sure where the name comes from, the back is a good place to start) for the Royal Marines Endurance Challenge. I remember looking at the people queuing to register and thinking – God, they look fit, sooooo fit! I don't know about Anna and Louise, but I started wondering whether I'd be up to something like this. Soon the team was registered, our £60 turned in and Anna, our captain, pinned the team number on the front of her shirt. – It's too late to wonder now!

We decided to leave our spare clothes and bags in Anna's car. As she was closing the boot, in a split second I saw her face and heard her say, "Oh no, I shouldn't have done that!" The following "click" meant it was far too late... The car was locked and we could see the keys lying inside it. Ah well, something we'll have to deal with afterwards.

On arrival at the start we were told to warm up, but the Royal Marines helping with the event didn't seem to like the sight of the teams warming up the surrounding air by standing in one place and radiating their body heat. So we were led through a proper army warm up. I still am not sure who had more fun, us attempting to follow the instructions, or the spectators standing around laughing.

11.54 was our 'kick-off' and off we went. At first I had trouble trying to keep up with Louise and Anna, both of them being brilliant (and very long-legged) runners, but things got a bit better after the first few minutes. However as soon as we were well on our way the course introduced us to its real nature. Water holes, cold, actually very cold, water holes, pitch dark underground tunnels, filled with more very cold water, boggy ground, rocky paths, open land, forests and of course the sheep dip (a completely water filled tunnel). All of these were obstacles designed for training the best of the best, and all of them were obstacles we had to tackle on our 3 mile run.

I bumped my head on the top of one of the tunnels (possibly because I tried to stand up while still inside) and almost lost one of my trainers while running through a bog. Louise, who was running in front of me, had quite a shock when she jumped into one brown ditch. "I saw Anna sinking almost up to her neck but I thought it couldn't possibly be that deep, she

must have slipped. So I jumped in as well... and it was!" As for me, being quite a bit shorter than them this was well - a bit unfortunate! I simply swam for a bit.

The sheep dip required teamwork more than anything else. It is not the best feeling in the world to know that the tunnel you have to swim through is completely filled with rather brownly coloured water. If you are too high you'll hit your head, too low and your nose will suffer. Here in a big way one depends on the others, to get enough push from one end and to be pulled out on the other. I knew I could trust my team-mates to pull me out, hopefully they felt the same way about me too. Our army trousers got quite heavy, but then so were the rest of our clothes by now!

We overtook two teams on our way around the assault course, one of which was all-male, and both of them started way before us so this gave us a nice boost in the last minutes, and we finished in high spirits. We all had great fun and enjoyed the course thoroughly, believe it or not!

Hmm, it was now time to return to our little "keys in the locked car" problem. It must have taken almost another two hours by the time we got into our dry clothes. As for this I'll just say that a number of people found out: police, AA, parents (no, not ours at least not until now), some helpful but strange people and now all of you.

Eventually we went back to the central point to see our ranking and finishing time – just to find out that that we had the leading time in the all female teams. Nope, no going home yet, we had to stay until everybody finished, and see if our time would be beaten. When we first applied for this event, all we had in mind was having fun and raising money for charity (by the end of the day St. Loye's foundation managed to raise about £12,000). During the event we were thinking about enjoying ourselves and finishing the course. Of course it was competitive but at no time did we think of it as something to be won; it was a competition against time rather than against other teams. Maybe that's what got us through, and I suppose this is why we found out that our time remained the best in our category - thirty eight minutes!

Personally, I couldn't believe it... The whole day was great, certainly a day to remember.

Boriana Arsova 12B

STUDENT LIFE



Choosing the right course at university is one of the most important tasks we have to do when we reach the Sixth form. Elizabeth Anning, Lucy Mills, Brenda Ng and I were delighted to be chosen to experience a day of being an undergraduate at Exeter University. Like other undergraduates we spent the day attending lectures on the subjects that we wanted to read at university.

We set off, not in the smart clothes - and skirts! -

that we have to wear at school, but in sweat shirts and jeans, which gave us a comfortable and relaxed start. We were split into two groups and Lizzie, Lucy and I explored the Biological Science Department while Brenda headed off towards the Maths Department. Starting a morning lecture sharp on nine a.m. made us realise why all the scientists at the university agreed that the most hated object in their rooms was the alarm clock. However lectures are interesting and varied and actually a huge amount of a scientist's time is spent doing practicals. We were told that there would be a lot of fun and companionship as you work in groups but also extremely frustrating when things go wrong!

We attended a lecture on Marine Biology in the morning while Brenda was at a Maths lecture, and we spent our lunch break in the university canteen - not bad. In the afternoon we visited the Library and had a look at the laboratories. We also explored the computer room as well as the university shop where we got ourselves a few (!) bars of chocolate.

We would all strongly recommend this trip to next year's lower sixth, not because of having a day off from school! but because the actual experience will give you an excellent idea of what university life is really like

Camilla Kwong.



YEAR TEN GCSE COURSEWORK IN WALES

We set off for the weekend on Friday morning accompanied by Mrs Smith and Mrs Kearney. Our first stop was at Llanwern steelworks, Newport. Here we received an extremely informative lecture about the way British Steel operates and the processes carried out at Llanwern, followed by a tour of the site taking in the No. 3 blast furnace which was once the largest in Europe. Next a quick visit to Lucky Goldstar (LG) Electronics, a multinational company making semiconductors for computers, who are building two huge new factories in Wales, as yet unfinished.

In the early evening we arrived at Ty'r Morwydd, Abergavenny, the field centre where we were staying for the rest of the weekend. We had a huge meal then made use of the library facilities to do some research on the Afon Llwyd - the river which we were going to study for our coursework.



The next morning we met Howard, our leader for the river study. He gave us a talk on 'bug' species and river safety - very important! During the day we visited four sites along the course of the river and carried out various tests for pH, turbidity, O₂ levels and did a count of invertebrate species. By the end of the day we knew practically by heart the Latin names of the many invert. species found in the Afon Llwyd and were confidently identifying nemouridae, edyonuridae and baetidae without recourse to the identification charts!

On the Sunday we split into groups to carry out various village studies in the area. The largest problem we faced was trying to pronounce the names of the villages, eg. Llanfihangel Tal y llyn! [Easy! "Thlan fi hangel tal I thlin". I am proud of my Welsh blood. Ed.]



Before we left Wales we visited the Big Pit, Blaenafon. Big Pit is a disused coal mine which has been kept open to show visitors around. Our tour included a visit to the underground stables and the vast network of complex tunnels. At one point we were asked to turn out our headlamps. The resulting darkness was so thick you could almost hold it. It was extraordinary to think that it was in such conditions that young boys and girls worked twelve hours a day, six hours a week in the mines. Once back on the surface we looked round the museum and then started our journey home. One especially revealing aspect of the trip was how so many subjects came together. For example at the steelworks we covered aspects of Geography, Physics, Chemistry and Biology and the same goes for our river study. We also learned the importance of working as a team. All in all the trip to Wales was interesting, informative and great fun. (The only downside was having to do the detailed write-ups afterwards....!)

Julia Wingate Year 10

SMILER! (History and maths?)

Q. Why did Christopher Columbus sail west?

A. Because he wanted to prove the world was a circle not a square.

Q. When did we first start using iron in Britain?

A. Twenty years ago?

A NUCLEAR POWER PACKED DAY OUT

Young geographers had a “reactive” day out at Hinkley Point in Somerset. The Year Nine girls, accompanied by Mrs Smith and Mrs Cockell, visited the two advanced gas-cooled reactors and found out how electricity is really made. There are two reactors, A and B and they want to build a third. The reason the reactors were built here on the north coast of Somerset is that the geology of the ground was able to support the huge weight.

Although we had been studying nuclear power in Geography we were not quite sure what to expect and when we drove round a corner and saw Hinkley Point Nuclear Power Station I was really surprised. I did not realise just how big the actual buildings were.

At the Visitor Centre we watched a brief introductory video about nuclear power. Then we were allocated hard hats and ear plugs as the turbines make such a tremendous noise. We were taken to the site and led through the turbine floor where the steam turns the turbines and where obviously we could not hear a thing! Then we went by lift to the tenth floor from where we could look right down into the reactor. It was fascinating! There were mini models of each part of the power station and the guide explained the processes of nuclear power. We saw the protective clothing and equipment that the power workers wear and we were able to test the radiation of everyday objects like luminous watches and fertiliser. The guides

explained that nuclear power was eco-friendly and reassured those girls who had negative views.

Next we went to the viewing control room but all I could see were buttons! It was far too complicated for me! But I was reassured by how many backup systems they had in case a problem occurred. At the end of our tour we went down to the turbine floor and out into the silent air.

Lunch! Everyone sat at the picnic tables except Mrs Smith and Mrs Cockell who sat in the mini bus as they found the coast wind too cold for them. Another quick trip to the Visitor Centre gave us a chance to play games, do quizzes and use touch screens to learn about nuclear power.

Next stop was the village of Cannington. We had to find out what services the village provided such as shops, pubs and schools. We made a survey of the types of housing and finally drew a sketch map of the village. After we had finished these tasks we had a little time to spare so we went and asked the butcher what he thought of having a nuclear power station so close. His answer surprised me as he said it didn't bother him. We were so busy asking questions that we didn't realise the time but we weren't the last group back! I was so exhausted from the day's trip that I promptly fell asleep on the mini bus and only woke up as we drove in through the entrance to Stover.

Bonnie Chivers and Rachel Storrs Year Nine.

DEVON FOOD AND FARMING SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

A team of Sixth Formers consisting of Elizabeth Anning, Zoe Gaye and Sally Luscombe won first prize at the Devon County Show this year with their entry in this unusual competition. The team had to research food production on a farm, prepare a report and finally present a display to the judges at the County Show. Naturally enough the girls concentrated on dairy farming and its end products!

The judges were very complimentary about the presentation and about the performance of the girls when interviewed: “mature young ladies” was the comment!

The picture shows the team with their prize cheque for £100 which they won for the school. Well done!



JOURNEY INTO SPACE !

On 4th December Years Eight and Nine went to Exeter University to attend the Royal Society of Chemistry Schools' Christmas lecture which was given by Helen Sharman, OBE, Britain's first astronaut.

Her career as an astronaut began in 1989 when she heard an advertisement on the radio which said: "Astronaut wanted - no experience necessary!" She was one of 13,000 people to apply for Project Juno, an historic Soviet space mission, which invited a UK astronaut to become the first Briton in space. Helen told us about her training in order to cope with life in space.

She had to travel to Russia for eighteen months of training at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre in Moscow and of course had to learn to speak Russian. She also had to undertake hard physical training to prepare her body for the demands which living in space would make on it. One exercise involved using a piece of apparatus that closely resembled a hamster wheel. Helen had to flip the wheel round while she was inside it - this required a strong stomach as well as good muscle tone!

I found the slides taken from inside the space craft especially fascinating. They gave the audience an excellent idea of what it's like to live in a space craft. Everything that the crew did had to be adapted to an atmosphere beyond the pull of gravity. It looked quite good fun, floating around

in the air being "weightless", but we soon saw how difficult it made everyday things which we take for granted! All food is sealed inside a tube. For example, if you want a drink the opening of the tube goes in your mouth and you squeeze the tube from the bottom like toothpaste. The liquid is forced from the tube into your mouth as it is impossible to drink from a glass without gravity.

When the crew slept they had to be attached to the wall to prevent them from floating around while they were asleep. Waste from the toilet was also chemically separated and recycled into drinking water and air to breathe! These were just some of the ingenious ways in which the crew had to adapt their lifestyles.

Finally the crew had to prepare for returning to earth. It was important that their bodies should be able to cope with changes in atmospheric pressure. Practice included wearing suction trousers for a set length of time!

All of Helen's training culminated in an extraordinary eight days in space - the experience of a life time. We were all very impressed and full of admiration for her. Who knows, perhaps a Stover girl will follow in Helen's moon boots some day!

Grace Bennett Year 9

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY BRONZE MEDALLION AWARDS

Year 10 and 11 pupils successfully completed a basic first aid course in their spare time (!) learning how to diagnose and treat a variety of life threatening conditions. As you can see they all passed with flying colours!



VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

After a long coach journey we at last arrived at the Imperial War Museum in London and were welcomed by two huge battleship guns outside the grand building we were going to explore. We discovered that it had once been the Bethlehem Hospital, the original Bedlam lunatic asylum. Bags were not permitted inside so (after a few last minute snacks!) we left our belongings under safe guard.

It was as if we had been transported through a time warp when we entered the main hall. We were met by a mass of exhibits, all of them the real thing: tanks, guns, transport, boats, aircraft and even missiles from both World Wars and after. Aeroplanes were suspended from the ceiling and tanks dominated the floor space, surrounded by examples of original artillery. It was incredible how realistic the scenery was, making it possible to imagine what life must have been like at the time. The main room had several levels, distinguished by various galleries, which enabled us to gain different perspectives on the exhibits.

According to the different syllabuses for GCSE and A level, each year group was directed by Mr Manning to the appropriate sections of the museum. Year Eleven immediately went to the period between the wars, as this was a large section of study for our exams. There were sections ranging from pre-First World War right through to the Gulf War of 1990 - 91.

The pictures, videos and models were unbelievably convincing. I almost found myself asking a soldier for the time! Although it was nearing the end of our course and we had been taught almost all of the syllabus, actually seeing all this helped to fit so many of the pieces together. Some of the scenes were enough to bring one to tears; it was understandable why the lower years had not joined us on this trip. There was one room, The Belsen Room, which was extremely graphic and quite

disturbing. It was about the concentration camp there and showed the horrific ordeals some of the victims of the Nazis had endured. We certainly found ourselves with lumps in our throats.

The Museum was made interesting throughout by the use of touch screen monitors, wax work models, video footage, original artifacts and activities involving the public. A group of us went into a simulation of the trenches from the First World War, which was made particularly graphic by the use of smells and sound effects. There were also presentations by actors resembling various characters of the time, for example nurses and soldiers. Perhaps the most moving feature of all was a clock, but this was no ordinary clock. It was situated at the bottom of the passageway that led to the rooms dealing with the First and Second World Wars. To go into them you had to pass the clock. It had been started by the Queen at 14.20 on 14th June 1989 when she reopened the refurbished Museum. It makes twelve pulses every minute (i.e one every five seconds) and is linked to a counter that changes with every pulse. The significance of this is that, between when the Queen started it and midnight on the 31st December 1999, each pulse represents a life lost (military and civilian) in war this century.

We left the Museum deeply moved at what we seen. It was a valuable and memorable experience and the journey home was quieter and more thoughtful for some of us than the journey up, and not only because it had been a long day. In many ways the name "Imperial War Museum" is misleading and may give many people the wrong idea about what the Museum is for: it most certainly does not glorify war but informs, explains, commemorates and, most of all, educates.

Fiona Linton and Cally Hocknell Year 11



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DAY

Our business and industry day consisted of two workshops designed to increase our awareness of business and finance. The morning workshop was organised by Barclay's Bank. We were divided up into three groups: "consumers", "retailers" and "bank clerks". Each retailer was going to run a small shop: a newsagents, a leisure centre with a coffee shop, a record shop and a clothes shop. The bank clerks paid out salaries to the consumers, looked after the earnings of the retailers and gave out "chance cards" which gave either good or bad luck and affected whether consumers and retailers would get more or less money than they were expecting. Each consumer or retailer received a different chance card every time they visited the bank "once a week." For example a consumer's chance card might read: "You accidentally drop £5.00 down a drain". The person's bank clerk would deduct £5.00 from their weekly salary of £10.00 and the consumer would only get £5.00 to spend that week. This system was meant to imitate life, in that some people get a lot of good luck and some people get a lot of bad luck!

Retailers had to make their shops as attractive to consumers as possible and make as much money as they could. Everyone put a lot of effort into preparing their shop and the biology lab looked very colourful. Consumers could spend their money as they wished, but had to be careful to plan ahead if they had arranged to pay by instalments and also for any bad luck from the chance cards.

The winner was the retailer who made the most money and it turned out to be Helen Cottle who was running the leisure centre and coffee shop. Everything was very realistic and we all

experienced some very real-life problems! Consumers experienced problems with planning their finances, retailers had a few problems with shoplifting while the bank employees were faced with some difficult and demanding customers!

Our afternoon workshop was organised by MacDonalds. We were split into two teams and each was asked to design a meal for MacDonalds on a theme of our choice. We had a brief talk on all the things we had to consider such as the budget. We had to work as a team and to divide people into groups according to their different strengths. Thus the artistic people formed a group to work on the design and presentation. At the end of the afternoon we had to put together a presentation for the judges and the other team. My team's meal was called "Mc2000" and was based on the Millenium. We used the Millenium Dome as a theme for our packaging and decided to use metallic silver polystyrene to make it look futuristic. We thought it was brilliant, but the other team won with a meal based on a Wimbledon theme called "Serve Me An Ace!"

Altogether I found the whole day a really valuable experience and I think it gave everybody a realistic insight into the sort of skills required in the world of business and finance.

Grace Bennett Year 9



PRIDDES PAGE

EVENING CLASSES

Session 97/98 saw the start of evening classes for IT. These included a Microsoft Word course and Microsoft applications in general. The Word course was oversubscribed but we managed to pack as many in as possible! Hopefully a good time was had by all and a substantial amount of learning occurred. These classes can be started again once the new system for the school has been installed by which time the school will once again be right at the front of technology in IT.

STATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Stover has been successful in its bid for funding under the new government backed State/Independent School Partnership Scheme. More than 500 bids were made for funding across Britain and this was one of only 48 successful applications. The grant of £31,000 was the largest awarded by the Department of Education and means that Stover will now work hand in hand with Paignton Community College. The project is based around the development of information and communications technology which will play an increasingly important role in the future of education in schools and colleges. The grant will enable us to increase links between Paignton Community College and Stover, realise a shared vision of education and take a leap towards the millenium.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Water-based open canoe practice expedition on the River Dart. Quite a few pupils obtained open canoe qualifications ready for Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions later in the year.

Activity weekend with Years 9 and 10 was a great success.

Canoe trip at Paignton for Year 11.

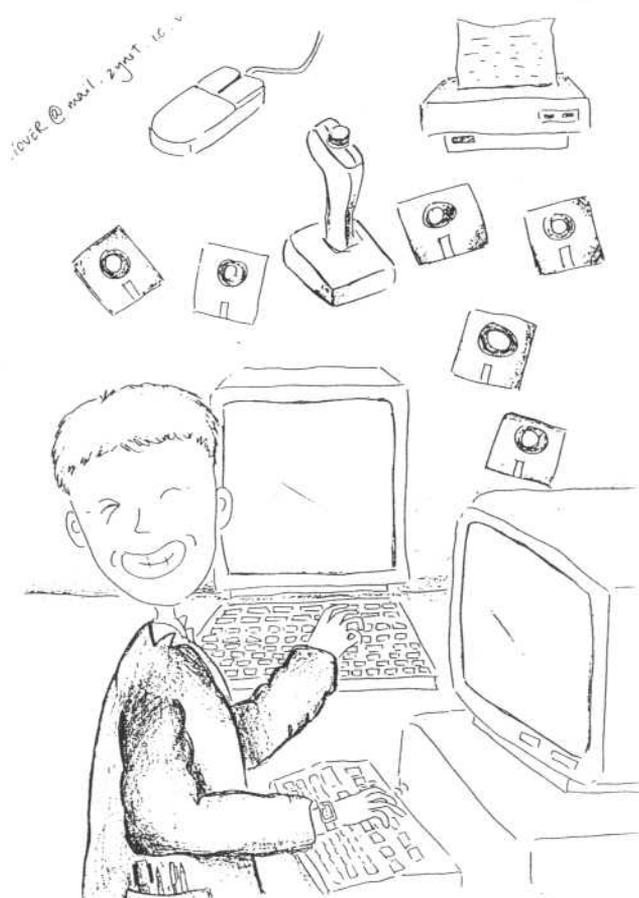
Several caving trips for the younger age groups. These were at Pridhamsleigh and Bakers Pit.

Ten Tors made up most of the walking that occurred through the year and which culminated in successful 35 and 45 mile teams. At least the

weather in training was slightly kinder to us this year.

The school also staged another NPL (National Pool Lifeguard) course which resulted in another 7 people with professional lifeguard qualifications, several of who have now got part-time jobs in leisure centres around the area.

R.Priddes



SMILER!

ACTIVITIES RECORD:

- complete this section:

Sports clubs/teams: Netball

Other activities: cookery, piano

Overall impression of your own progress this term: I'm really confused....!

ON PARADE AT LYMPSTONE



At the end of April a group of Stover's budding musicians, our Directors of Drama and Music and our very own ex-Marine Officer (yes, Mr Manning!) paid a visit to the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines at the R.M. Commando Training Centre at Lympstone near Exeter. We were there for the day to take part in the Marines Band and pick up a few tips from the top.

As we arrived eyes widened at the sight of so many lean, mean recruits marching round in uniform but, as Mr Manning marched us swiftly off the bus and into the practice room, we realised sadly that "sight-seeing" would have to be abandoned in favour of serious work!

As the band performed the first few pieces - rehearsing for a future concert at Exmouth - we acted as their audience. When the break was taken we got a chance to meet the people behind the instruments. In the whole band there were only two women which surprised many of us especially when they said that they did get a bit annoyed with all the blokes. We learned that it is only recently, however, that the Royal Marines Band Service has begun teaching women.

After chatting for a bit it was our turn to join in. As there were no string instruments the Storrs family felt a bit left out but they were given the chance to turn their hands to the percussion part of the band - a very good try, Anna and Katherine, but we suggest you stick to the strings in future!

Mr. Manning had asked that we should see some of the drummers (known confusingly as Buglers, as they carry bugles as well as drums) at practice. In a massive drill shed five of them were practising their drumming for a ceremonial display. Mr Manning explained to us that in earlier years, signals and orders were transmitted around the battlefield and warships by

the beat of the drums or by bugle calls. All of the drum and bugle calls used in ceremonial today, including the ones that we heard, were once used

for real.. They made it look so easy that our very own Lucy Jones thought that she would have a go. The sight of Lucy with hat and drum was funny enough but when she started to march with the men we couldn't hold back our laughter! Even the drummers were finding it hard to keep their upper lips stiff but that didn't put Lucy off, she just kept on going and even posed for a photo call at the end. A future career looms ahead even as we speak!

It was coming to the end of our visit but we still had time to listen to their dance and jazz band. As they started to play we decided that we would have to take part sooner or later, so, with maracas in hand, we started to conga round the practice room to the sound of the band. Sad, I know, but we thought we would give them something to laugh about! (We knew our Drama and History teachers had a good sense of rhythm, but they certainly found a strange way of showing it!)

Back on the bus we were genuinely sorry to be leaving but were told that in November we will be visiting the Royal Marines School of Music at Portsmouth. That brought a smile back to our faces.

Thank you very much, Mr Manning, for arranging such an enjoyable day (and the drink in the Officers' Mess was much appreciated). Thanks too to Mrs Farleigh and Mrs Rolls for coming as well - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Louise Neu



SCHOOL BUS

8.06 am, New Road, Teignmouth. Raining.

Late again; Natalie will not be pleased. Dread to think what waiting in the wet might have done to her hair/face/new skirt/best shoes. There she is, glowering, with an enormous art portfolio which barely fits through the door of the bus.

“Been busy?”

“Don’t ask. That Mr Dunbar; he’s mad, you know. All he cares about is Art! Thinks Art, talks Art, eats Art, drinks Art, dreams Art.....Let’s go. Kate’s late.”

Kate appears in the middle distance, hair still wet from the shower, ambling gently in the general direction of the bus. As she gets in I notice the name on her bag.

PRODIGY it says in large white tippexed letters. Terrible teacherly joke becomes irresistible.

“Gosh Kate, are you really?”

Pause.

“Mmm?”

“A Prodigy?”

Very long pause.

“’sa group.”

Kate’s batteries are flat, can we have Radio One? Reluctantly, I relinquish James Naughtie and Gordon Brown in favour of music that reminds me of hitting my head repeatedly with a brick.

8.12, Teignmouth station to pick up Emma.

The Torquay Boys Grammar School bus is still waiting in the station carpark. With a howl of anguish, Natalie hurls herself to the floor

“Oh God, do you think they’ve seen me?”

“Bound to have I should think. Tell you what, I’ll drive past very slowly, and you can wave to your chums as we go...”

8.20, Kingsteignton.

Alice is entertaining Grace, Miss Young, Robbie and Tasha in the bus shelter.

“No Floey today?”

“She forgot her violin, she’s coming.”

And she is, tearing down the hill with bags, papers, blazer and fiddle clutched in her arms.

Alice resumes the monologue.

“Do you like animals? My favourite animals are dogs. Did I tell you I have a dog? What I really want is for her to have puppies. Did you know it’s my birthday next week? And we’re going on holiday soon. My best friend had a party at the weekend....” Alice used to be shy, and for months hardly opened her mouth. What do they do to them at the Junior School?

8.35, Stover.

At the Lodge Alice, Miss Young and the hounds get off and make their way through the woods towards Clockhouse, Robbie keenly searching for squirrels and/or works of art (ask Mr Dunbar).

I park under the sweet chestnut by the Portico, forgetting how hard it’s been raining. The puddle is large and deep and everyone lands in it.

“See you all at 5.30 then! Have a nice day!”

I complete the logsheet: November 31st; umpteen thousand miles; purpose of journey: Teignmouth run.

(SB)



SKI TRIP TO CLAVIERE

Day 2

Arrived at Claviere in Italy after only twenty two hours of the "Friends" video on the coach. The Hotel Roma was a short stumble from the slopes. The staff were friendly and the rooms of bijou/cleaning cupboard proportions.

Day 3

Blue skies and bright sun greeted us unlike the chaotic Italian ski school who were busy greeting each other. As for most of the week the snow was fairly good in the morning but slushy in the afternoon. After skiing we visited the ancient town of Briancon whose marvellous fortifications vied unsuccessfully with the local supermarche for the girls' attention. In the evening "Le Gran Bouc" karaoke bar resounded to the strains of some Stover "Singers".

Day 4

Alison and Amy examined the Italian medical centre in Cesana and Alison was officially plastered. We attempted to encourage the emergency services further by sledging down a steep icy slope in the dark.

Day 5

After skiing Emma, Steph, Becky, Constanze and Holly tried out their French in a Montgenevre cafe. Surprisingly the assistant understood "un Coca"!

Day 6

We spent the day in Sestriere where non-existent Italian sign posting meant that certain groups spent the morning in a horizontal position on icy "black" slopes. The afternoon was much better but the rain finally came down for our torch-lit descent. We were whisked up the mountain in the dark on a back of a skidoo. After a bizarre Australian game in a cafe (won by Miss Tulloch) we skied back down the mountain holding flaming torches as recommended in all the best health and safety guides.

Day 7

On the penultimate day everyone was videoed doing their Olympic standard (snow plough) turns. We spent the evening in a French restaurant, the menu being fondue, salade verte, frites, coca et tarte aux fruits. Strangely the cheese seemed to induce headaches in Year 11 the following morning.

Day 8

The final day greeted us with leaden skies and pouring rain. One member of staff kindly and enthusiastically volunteered to supervise the non-skiers in the warmth of the hotel. Mrs Dinsdale and Mrs Cranmer ventured out only to return wet and bedraggled several hours later. Horror stories of closed mountain passes, blizzards and falling off vertical drag lifts abounded. Well, it sounded pretty convincing! After the ski presentations and an incongruously candle-lit dinner we departed for a further twenty two hours of "Friends" and so back to Stover after a wonderful holiday.

E.Evans



YEARS 6 AND 7 GO CAVING

When we were driving up to Stover in the car I didn't know what to expect because I had never been down a cave before. When we got there we learnt that we were going to be caving under a graveyard ! When we put our things on we were having a bit of fun - we were calling anybody with a blue overall " Tinky-Winky", anyone with

a green overall "Dipsey ", with a red one " Po ", and the leader had a yellow one, " La La ".

The first pipe went down about 40 feet. Going down was a bit scary but the heat coming up was fantastic. We had been waiting in the cold for ages and if you just put your head over the edge you could feel the heat pouring up. The fourth rung on the left was missing as we went down and that was a bit frightening. We had to shuffle both our feet on the right rung. When we got to the bottom of the first tube we all had to squeeze into a very small space until the last person was down. We could all hear when the leader was down because she had two bags attached to her overall and they scraped against the side of the pipe as she came down. When we descended the next pipe, which went down about 20 feet, most people went much quicker.

When we started to walk through the cave we had to squirm through a tiny hole. We met the other group and we saw how dirty we were going to get ! We saw lots of beautiful stalactites and stalagmites. We found out that they could be coloured by picking up iron. We went on a bit further and we went down a big hole which we used as a slide. We scrambled and squeezed through the cave until we came to place where there was a big drop on either side of us and we had to crawl with our legs on either side of a big rock. After this we saw a bat. We had to put our lights on dim so we didn't give him a shock.

When we came back up the slide we found it was a bit harder getting up but we all managed it and waited for the instructor in the ' Hanging Gardens '. When we came back up the two pipes, Chloe and I went up without the safety belt. When we got back to school my dad had to put newspaper on the seat because I was so dirty !

Hilary Agate Year 6



When we arrived at Baker's Pit we all had to put on overalls, lights, batteries, helmets and wellingtons. This process took a lot of time as we all had to fix our batteries on to our belts, then find a helmet that fitted and then tie the light on to the helmet.

At first when I was standing above the cave (and looking down a tube) I

wondered what I had let myself in for. But as more and more people went down the hole, I felt more confident and by the time everybody in my group had disappeared down the concrete tube, I was sure I could do it (or at least I thought I was !) When my turn came I climbed up the step ladder and looked down the tube. All I could hear was the murmur of voices from below and the instructor looking at me from above. I was fine once I started but when I came to the missing step, I had problems. I was amazed at myself when I found I was down the first part of the tube and that out of 60 feet I only had 20 more to go. I conquered the next part easily and was soon in the cave with the group again.

Our instructor told us we were in the ' Bowling Alley ' and that this part of the cave was as big as a swimming pool ! It certainly didn't seem like it as we were all stooping so we didn't bang our heads on the ceiling. We crawled into the next cavern and sat on some rocks until the group in front of us had moved on. While we were waiting our instructor told us that she had been coming down this cave for 40 years! She also explained about stalagmites and stalactites, and how running water has made the cave.

As we moved through the cave we learnt more and it was great fun. At one point I got my leg stuck in a crevice in the rock. This was frightening as I was hanging head first with my leg stuck behind me. The instructor soon helped me out and also said that no one had ever done that before. I found going back up the pipe was much easier than going down as I knew I could do it.

This caving trip was excellent and I would certainly go again if there was the opportunity.

Joanna Mann Year 7

TEN TORS 1998, 45 MILES IN THE SCORCHING SUN!

Ten Tors is a gruelling adventure, demanding mental as well as physical fitness. This year's expedition was more demanding than ever. Forty-five miles in the blazing sun with no wind or a cloud in sight. There were six of us in all taking part in the forty five mile trek; Kathrine Storrs (Cpt), Louise Astbury, Daisy Rae, Lorna Deas, Kate Jones, and myself Hannah Garvin. Many people thought, 'Wow, summer at last!' but we were actually saying, 'Roll on winter!' Remember, we had to carry packs on our backs weighing nearly thirty pounds. Some people, including my father thought Ten Tors was no big deal: all you did was walk from tor to tor. That may be the case but until he had carried my bag half a mile to the car he hadn't realised how energy draining the bag was; maybe he should try two days walking each day walking for an average of twelve hours with very few stops.

So many things have to be done before teams are allowed to take part in the expedition. Friday, the day before we set off, we had to watch a briefing video so we knew what to do in case any problems occurred while out on the moor and also to be informed of any out of bounds areas. The next thing was to be scrutinised. This meant we had to stand in a long queue with all our kit for about twenty minutes until someone was free to check that all our kit was present and correct. This took about another twenty minutes. We had no problems so this meant we could write our route card and sit back and relax for the remainder of the day.

Saturday morning, and we awoke to the traditional 'Chariots of Fire'- a number I'd rather not hear at five in the morning. As we began to surface from our tents a smell of bacon wafted towards us. Within seconds people were beginning to congregate around Clare (our chef for the Saturday morning.) Breakfast over, everyone began to pack their bags once again, making sure we had everything we needed. Quarter to seven arrived and we headed up to the start with our

supporters: Clare C, Anna, Louise, Lucy, Rowena, Katherine and Claire B, and of course our trainer throughout the last five to six months, Mr Priddes. At the start we came across three other supporters, one of whom didn't stop going on about Year Eleven's English Literature exam on Monday morning. This could therefore be none other than Mrs Jorgenson. Our other followers were Mr Manning and Mr Dunbar, from whom, surprisingly enough, we didn't hear much.

Five past seven and we had said our goodbyes and were walking away from Okehampton with nearly three thousand other people into a place where there was little civilisation and only yourself and your team members for comfort. Everyone became a little emotional on the departure but soon cheered up, walking along waiting for our expert bog finder (and of course, our team leader) Katherine Storrs, (or Boggy) to discover a gungy, smelly, beckoning, mud-infested hole. Our first Tor was Kitty; sounds sweet, doesn't it? but actually a death-defying up-hill slog. The Saturday morning heat was just about right for walking in and we made exceptionally good time. However towards the middle of the afternoon, with the sun at its hottest we began to suffer, some more than others. I felt so sick and dizzy due to the heat, that we stopped for nearly half an hour in the shade to cool off. We reached our fifth Tor at approximately six o'clock. We had a deadline to meet: we needed to be at Combestone Tor by eight o'clock, not a minute after or we could not be checked in and would be forced to camp two miles away and return to the tor the next morning. Unfortunately we realised we weren't going to make it; some of us were just too tired to drag our bodies any further. We faced the fact and camped fifteen minutes away just outside the no camping area.

Now that we were beginning to settle down and regain our breath we wished for the company of





some other teams, preferably one on the same route as us. Believe it or not several teams settled around our chosen camp site including, to our pleasure, another team on our exact route. We therefore began to discuss with them the day's ordeal. At the end of the conversation we had deduced that our route was the most tortuous and tiring one that anyone could have had dumped on them.

Sunday was a little cooler with more of a breeze for which we were very grateful. Our spirits were high and our energy at its peak. We raced up and down the hills! Reaching Postbridge at 8am was great: from there we had only three tors left and not too far away. We met a group who were delighted to hear we were carrying on with a full team: they were from Dartmoor Rescue and had found people dropping out all over the place, unable to cope with the heat.

We weren't worried about the time we would arrive at Okehampton but didn't want to be too late since those who had an Eng. Lit. exam next day wanted to grab as much sleep as possible (N.B. Mrs S. and Mrs J. we did our last minute cramming while walking!)

We pressed on at a good pace, drinking plenty of fluid and eating chocolate in the approved fashion. (Best time

to do this since you don't feel guilty). We arrived at our ninth tor by 2pm. One tor to go: Steeperton. From the name I think you can deduce that it would be an uphill struggle. But with the adrenalin flowing we stormed to its summit to meet some extremely cheerful soldiers encouraging us on for the last lap. Off we set. At the bottom of this particular tor is a large swampy bog. Fortunately for us (thank you Katherine Storrs) we didn't fall into it and just cheerfully watched someone from another team sink in up to her waist.

Then we were standing on the hill above Okehampton looking down on thousands of people. We pulled on our canary coloured jumpers and almost ran the whole way to the finish. Tears began to fall. We'd DONE IT! Mr Priddes was there of course, not saying a lot but beaming from ear to ear. Supporters ran up with our Stover banner and the emotion was pretty overwhelming.

Standing on the presentation stage collecting our medals still didn't make it sink in but we were happy that all that had to be done now was the fifty-five mile Ten Tors route next year!

Hannah Garvin Year 11



THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF OUR LIVES!!





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VISITS

This was something of a first for the RE department but something we will definitely be repeating.

We left school after house assembly in a coach. We were going to visit two places of worship in the centre of Plymouth with year 6. After the coach dropped us we walked for about 15 minutes, before realising that we were lost - or rather that we had lost the synagogue ! Eventually we discovered that we were standing outside it ! [*Jews do not publicise their places of worship, for fear of graffiti or worse -ed.*



When we eventually went inside the synagogue we found it was quite a small room with seats either side and on a little balcony round the top where the ladies sit. We found to our surprise that all the seats had name tags on. The man who gave us a talk was quite old and wore a little gold and cream hat which kept slipping off the back of his head. He was quite funny but informative. He was very deaf though so when you asked a question you had to stand right by him and shout ! There was one quite amusing time when someone asked where the Torah [*their Scriptures*] was and he thought she said 'toilets' and told us that the toilets were locked. There were lots of lights everywhere and the Ark where the

Torahs are kept was very grand and had a velvet curtain. In the centre of the synagogue was the Bimah, a platform from where the prayers are said. There was also a silver Menorah (a nine branched candlestick) which was very pretty and intricate. The building felt very peaceful but a bit unreal.

After this we went on to a really pretty Christian church called St. Andrews. I especially liked the stain glass windows which had a sea scene rather than the more usual angels or saints. The building made me feel serious but content. It was really nice to just sit and enjoy the quiet. I could have sat there for quite a while. One thing I thought was quite nice was on a table they had lots of these little cards saying 'please pray for.....' on the top, for people to fill in if they wanted to be prayed for. I think it is a lovely idea.



We discovered that in addition to attending services church members do things like go bell ringing, go swimming in groups, have bible studies and discussion groups, youth groups called 'Fish and Chips' and hold coffee and chat mornings. If you are a member of a church I think you may have to devote a lot of your time to it but then I suppose that's what a religion is all about ! All in all it was a very informative and interesting morning.

Floey Bennett Year 7

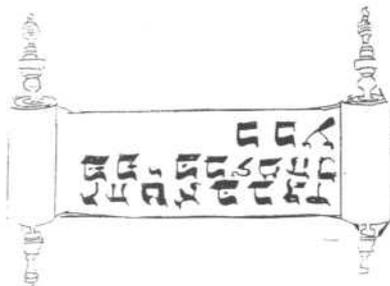
SMILER!

Q. Where do most Hindus live?

A. In houses.



A Dressed Torah Scroll



A Scroll open for reading

YEAR 8 FARM VISIT

On 15th June we went to Blakemore for a geography visit. The farm is a dairy farm owned by Mr and Mrs Anning. Last year we had visited Mr and Mrs Storrs' hill farm on Dartmoor so we are now able to compare a sheep farm with a lowland dairy farm.



As Year 8 set out for a geography field trip the weather didn't seem to be that bad. It was a sunny day with a breeze. We all expected a dull day out with lots of work but it wasn't bad at all - in fact it was fun. As my first field trip I would go again [*you may not get a choice ! Ed.*] Our minibus arrived a little late as Olivia, Zoe and I can't mapread too well. When we walked around the farm we saw some big cows - well, I would move out of the way ! By the time we got back from the beautiful ponds it was time to watch the cows being milked which was amazing. Mrs Anning had arranged a feast for us in the farmhouse to finish our trip.

Sharon Kilpin Year 8

YEAR 6 VISIT DARTMOOR

Year 6 went on a joint Geography / History trip to Dartmoor this June. We went to the Storrs' farm at Kingshead, to Widecombe village and then to Grimspound on the side of Hameldown.

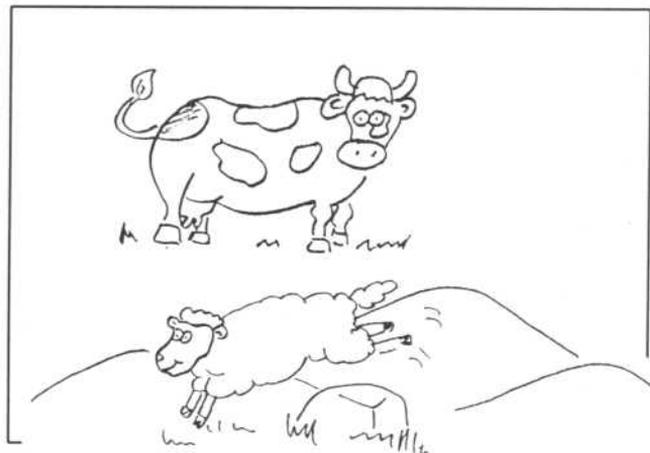
To reach the Storrs' farm we had to walk up a steep track for three quarters' of a mile and we were all huffing and puffing when we arrived - the teachers came last. We had to make notes on what Mr Storrs was saying but our notes got wet. One girl found a jaw bone of a sheep with teeth on it and another found the insides of a rabbit on the ground. We learned a lot about how difficult hill farming is.

In Widecombe we had our lunch and then tried to find out why geographers call this village a 'honeypot'. We discovered it was because so many tourists visit it.

In the afternoon we went to the Bronze Age settlement at Grimspound and tried to imagine how it would have been 3,000 years ago. Mr Corrett told us that it was probably only lived in in the summer. We all crowded into one hut for a photograph. He also told us about tin mining on this part of Dartmoor.

On the way home we all sang silly songs but when we got back to school we had to write about the day in a project

Clare Ryan Year 6



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT

NETBALL

FIRST NETBALL TEAM.

After the long summer break we had rather forgotten what netball was all about, but once we got back into the swing of things at school netball practice and matches became part of the routine once more. Our first match against St Margarets was extremely close and the final score was 13-14. Maybe we didn't have enough time to warm up!

We also played TGGs, Coombeshead, Blundells, Plymouth College, KEVIC and Kelly College. The match against Kelly was quite a challenge as they were the Devon champions. The final score showed just how good they were but there was never a moment of loss of concentration or effort during forty minutes of severe competition from Stover. Well done everyone, and thank you for your unflinching effort and commitment during the season.

Anna Storrs (Captain)

(And very well done to Anna, who made it into the East Devon U19 Netball squad. Ed.)

UNDER 16 NETBALL

Our Year 11 netball team started the season on a high note with a triumphant and convincing win over Teign 24-1. Even though we narrowly lost our next game to Torquay Girls 9-12 we put up an excellent fight against a much larger school and again teamwork was pretty good. Another victory, this time against Trinity 18-2 lifted our morale higher and put us in a very positive frame of mind for the area tournament on October 20th.

Unfortunately we did not qualify on this occasion to go through to the finals but we gained valuable experience and our awareness of tactics and positioning was evident. We ended the Autumn term losing to Combeshead but again their victory margin was narrow and we put them under pressure 99% of the time. Our concentration slipped towards the end and they jumped at the chance to secure victory.

The spring term was a mixed bag with two victories and two losses. The losses as usual were against Blundells and Kelly. We put up a good fight but at the end the two teams were just in different leagues. However we clinched victory over Teign in February and when our last match came against KEVIC we took an unexpected victory over them 11-7. It was the last time we played together as a team. I would like to say well done to all of you and good luck in the future.

Louise Neu



UNDER 15

The season started well with a good win against Teign School with a result of 20-5. Matches against Trinity, KEVIC, Coombeshead and Stoodley followed but not with quite such impressive results! We changed positions around next term and went for a re-match against Trinity. The A team won 13-11 and the B team lost narrowly 8-10, which was good considering they were playing Trinity's U16 team! Well done the squad.

Toddy Turner.

UNDER 14

We have had a very successful season, winning most of our matches and only losing by narrow margins. Our best result was 32-3 against Blundells at the start of the season, but the most pleasing result was at the Area Tournament in October where we came runner up. Sadly many of the matches were cancelled due to the weather. Our extremely strong defence and our determined attackers led to a high goal rate. We mustn't forget our trusty reserves, always there to step in when required without always sharing the glory. (And Bonnie managed to keep up her tradition of falling over at every match!)

Libby Chivers.

UNDER 13

The autumn term was much more successful than past terms and we won many more matches. We won against Trinity and Teign with very good results and lost against Coombeshead and Stoodley.

The Spring term was even more successful than the Autumn one! We had improved tremendously and this showed in our results. We won four matches out of six with our best result being 24-3 against Kelly. We also came third at an end of season tournament at TGGs. Although the team was the same as last year we welcomed two new members, Kirsty McDaide and Naomi Dent.

Maria Glendinning (Captain)

UNDER 12

Year 7 A team performed excellently over the season. We played to a much higher level than last season and we won most of our matches. Our most successful win was against Teign where we won 18-0. The shooters played an outstanding game. The next day we had another win against Kelly 9-7. We also played Trinity and won 20-3 which was marvellous. The team maintained the high standard through many more matches. Beware ! We are all ready for next season!

Joanna Mann (Captain)

INTER HOUSE NETBALL

First	Victoria
Second	Mary
Third	Elizabeth.



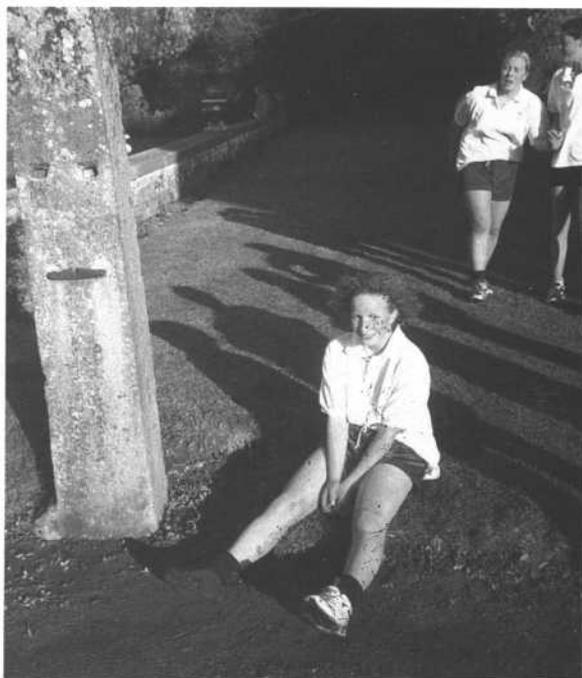
CROSS COUNTRY

AREA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Stover hosted the championships again this year and our teams produced some outstanding performances particularly in the team events. Kate Jones was first home for the Intermediate team which finished in fourth position out of 17 schools. The Junior team finished in third position again out of 17 schools and Rachel Storrs was the best placed Stover girl. Lisa Whitney ran a fantastic race to finish in fifth position for the year 7 girls team who also came third out of 17 schools in the team event.

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected to compete in the Devon Schools Cross Country Championships:

Daisy Rae, Kate Jones, Rachel Storrs, Helen Cottle, Jenny Watts.



INTER HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

First Victoria
Second Elizabeth
Third Mary

SENIORS:

First Louise Astbury (Elizabeth)
Second Katherine Storrs (Mary)
Third Lucy Mills (Victoria)

JUNIORS

First Helen Cottle (Victoria)
Second Rachel Storrs (Mary)
Third Georgie Dean (Elizabeth)

INTER HOUSE GYMN AND DANCE

First Mary
Second Victoria
Third Elizabeth

INDIVIDUAL EVENT WINNERS

Individual	Helen Cottle
Sports Acrobat pairs	Hannah Garvin and Julia Simcox
Open gymn	Karen Ball, Kate Jones and Lisa Tulloch
MRG	Alison Hendy, Toddy Turner, Laila Waters
Dance	Becky Anderson, Emma Martin, Kirsty Macdaise
Junior Vault	Esther Truman
Senior Vault	Julia Simcox
Best performance	Hannah Garvin, Julia Simcox



ATHLETICS

AREA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

There were again some excellent results at this year's championships:

Kirsty Mcdaide	1st	Junior High Jump (Personal best and School record)
Amy Lai	2nd	Intermediate High Jump (Personal best)
Laura Bagley	2nd	Year 7 150 metres (Personal best)
Rachel Storrs	3rd	Intermediate 800 metres (personal best)
Helen Cottle	3rd	Intermediate Javelin
Julia Wingate	4th	Intermediate Discus
Kirsty McDaide	4th	Junior 100 metres (Personal best)
Jenny Watts	4th	Junior 800metres (Personal best)

The following also achieved excellent results in beating their personal best:

Kate Jones, Georgie Dean, Maria Glendingning, Esther Truman, Lisa Whitney, Jo Mann and Holly Smith.

SOUTH WEST ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

I was lucky enough to get through the Devon County Athletics trials in shot-putt, and therefore was asked to represent Devon in the South West Championships held in Yeovil one week later.

It was a long, hot but very interesting day. My event wasn't until 4.30 pm and I had caught the 8.30 team bus from Exeter that morning! By the time my event took place I was quite nervous but the other girls were relaxed and that helped to relieve the tension. I was competing against girls from Cornwall to Gloucester, some of them rather on the large side!

My practice throws went well and I beat my personal best (9.00m). Unfortunately I didn't get as far in the real thing, often the way when the pressure is on. Out of nine girls competing I came fifth. This didn't get me through to the final round but I very much enjoyed the experience of representing my county.

Daisy Rae



FIVE STAR ATHLETICS AWARDS

Congratulations to Rachel Byrnes, Helen Cottle and Kirsty McDaide who all achieved the highest award for athletics this season.

TENNIS

Again this has proved to be an immensely popular sport and 80 children received coaching. This year we entered the Under11,13,15 Midland Bank/A Knock out Tournament, the first time for the U11 team. They started extremely well with Daisy Perry, Rachel Bagley, Holly Smith and Naomi Griffiths beating Edgehill College. It was a long journey -on one of our rare real summer days- but the girls were really excited and thrilled at the final score, six matches to love. Ice creams to cool us down were the order of the day on the way home.

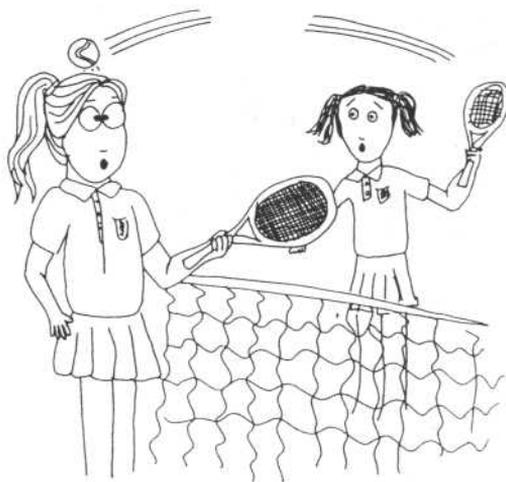
The U13 and 15 teams did well this year both reaching the quarter final knock out stage, beating Teign School and South Dartmoor on the way but eventually being beaten by a very strong Maynard.

U15 team.

Maria Glendinning, Dorothy Sulzman
Laura Bagley, Helen Cottle, Emma Martin, Kate Jones, Natasha Oates, Lucy Robillard.

In the Aberdare Cup we were drawn against Ivybridge Community College. We went with high hopes but our number one player was missing due to illness and a brave team headed by Lucy Mills, Lucy Jones, Louise Neu and Chloe Mansell set forth for battle. We narrowly lost the match but our thoughts remain with Lucy Jones who batted away for over two hours and sadly lost seven-six in the tie break of the final set in a tense singles. Chloe also went to three sets, as did one of the doubles, but it wasn't our evening. However, the losing was done in a very dignified manner - all part of the learning experience!

The Devon School Girls Cup, held at Stoodley Knowle and run by the ever efficient Jane White was well represented this year. We entered 4 girls: Helen Cottle, Lucy Robillard, Rachel Storrs and Maria Glendinning. Helen



Cottle did very well, coming third.

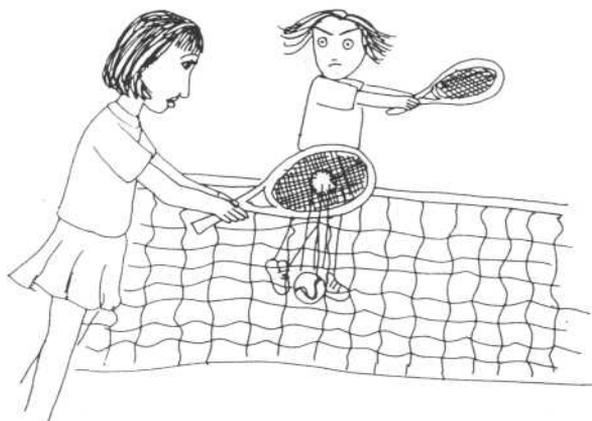
In the internal tournaments Helen Cottle won the Junior Singles cup and Lucy Jones the Senior singles cup. Rachel Storrs and Libby Chivers won the Junior Doubles and Lucy Jones and Louise Neu the Senior Doubles. Lucy Jones also won the cup for the most improved player in the school.

The U9 team spent a day playing in the LTA Short Tennis Tournament at Exeter University. This was open to all Devon Schools and the team of Beatrice Scott, Tabbi Cottrell, Rosie Erangey, Sarah Bagley and Emma Kearney came third overall which bodes well for the future.

Inter House tennis matches were played this year with three doubles pairings representing their house both Senior and Junior. It was a very close call but Mary were the eventual winners narrowly beating Victoria by only four games. Mary House propped the other teams up. The weather was poor but it didn't affect the enthusiasm of the players as the Tennis Timed Event was very successful.

The first year of our Saturday morning tennis coaching club came to a close in July. Two hours of tennis for beginners and intermediates happened on the Stover courts in all weathers throughout the year for boys and girls. It was well attended and all the children involved have gained experience and hopefully will develop a love for the game. (Thanks to Paul Bell and Jackie Hough for their dedicated and fun approach. Ed) At the time of writing this is the first course for tennis to be held at Stover in July. Five mornings of intensive play with games and fun galore to be reported on in the next magazine. Let's hope it is the first of many such courses.

Jackie Hough



INTER HOUSE TENNIS RESULTS

HOUSE POINTS JUNIOR

1st Mary 59 points
2nd Elizabeth 38 points
3rd Victoria 18 points

HOUSEPOINTS SENIOR

1st Victoria 55 points
2nd Mary 38 points
3rd Elizabeth 13 points

OVERALL HOUSE WINNER JUNIOR AND SENIOR

1st Mary 97 points
2nd Victoria 93 points
3rd Elizabeth 31 points

Senior Doubles winners: Lucy Jones and Louise Neu

Junior Doubles winners: Rachel Stors and Libby Chivers

Senior singles winner: Lucy Jones

Junior singles winner: Helen Cottle

Most improved player: Lucy Jones

SPORTSGIRLS OF THE YEAR

SENIOR SPORTSGIRL:

Clare Cooper - Mary House

Clare has played in the Hockey, Netball and Rugby teams this year and has been an influential and successful Captain of the Rugby team. Rugby is her true passion and she achieved an ambition this season, being selected to play for Devon. Congratulations!



ROUNDERS

Well done to the U14 team who have been our most successful team this season beating Kelly College, Blundells and Trinity most convincingly.

v. Kelly won 19 1/2 - 3 1/2

v. Blundells won 20 - 5 1/2

v. Trinity won

INTER HOUSE ROUNDERS

1st Victoria
Equal second Mary and Elizabeth

SWIMMING GALA

1st Victoria
2nd Mary
3rd Elizabeth

Best Senior Clare Cooper
Best Intermediate Lisa Tulloch
Best Junior Emma Colley

JUNIOR SPORTSGIRL

Helen Cottle - Victoria House

Helen has participated in the Hockey, Netball, Cross Country, Athletics, Tennis and Rounders teams and captained the Under 14 Hockey team. She won the Junior Inter House Cross country race and also won two trophies on Sports Day: Best Intermediate Athlete and Open High Jump. She achieved representative honours when she was selected to compete in Javelin at the Devon Schools Athletics Championships.

HOCKEY

U16 HOCKEY

Although this was not an undefeated season it was a satisfying one for the U16 Hockey team. We had a good victory over St Margarets 5-0 and Torquay cancelled the second match. Unfortunately we lost 0-5 against Blundells first U18 team. But we played extremely well against a harder and older team. We came through victoriously against KEVIC 1-0. The season finished with two 0-0 draws against Kingsbridge and Plymouth College. It was a very large squad this season and everyone played well. Hopefully next season we shall be undefeated!
Cally Hocknell (Captain.)

U 14

The most pleasing result this season was the tournament we played held at KEVIC. we played KEVIC and Kingsbridge, drawing with Kingsbridge and winning against KEVIC 1-0. The last game of the season was against Teign and the team played really well. We had the edge in the second half and showed great stamina. Although the final result was 0-0 we were unlucky not to score. The team should be proud of their performance overall this season: they played well together and have really improved their skills and tactics. Well done!
Helen Cottle (Captain)

YEAR 7

Year 7 hockey A team has been very strong over the season. Our most successful win was 3-0 against Trinity but we have also had other wins such as those against Kelly College and Teign School. We have only lost two matches against TGGS and Plymouth College (Remember, these schools do have more pupils!) So the team did really well and were very good sports. Some cool wins there! Keep it up Year 7 Hockey team!!!!
Laura Bagley

INTER HOUSE HOCKEY

1st Mary
2nd Victoria
3rd Elizabeth



SPORTS DAY

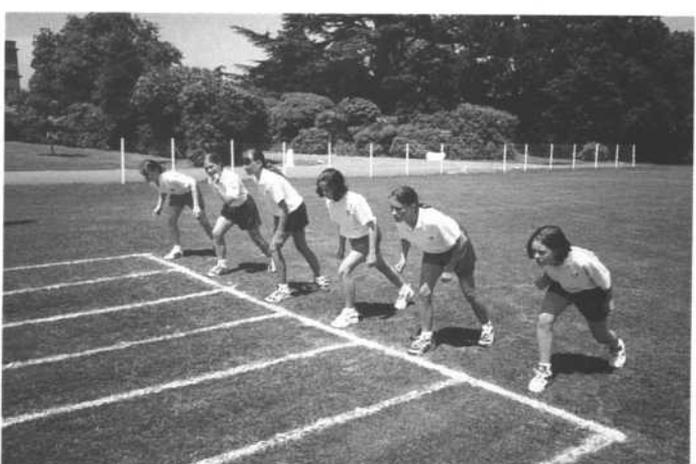
Sports day dawned and thankfully after days of rain the sun finally put in an appearance. Once again several pupils managed to break school records. These included Helen Cottle who managed 1.41m in the high jump and Emma Colley who managed to run a magnificent 300m, finishing in only 54.96secs. All competitors put in a tremendous effort, especially in team events such as the relay and the tug-of-war which as always was great fun.

The staff v parents relay was not surprisingly undertaken with one goal in mind, to win. The parents and staff both gave it their all, but with the amazingly fast Mr Coxon the parents team could not fail to win. Mr Coxon again completed an impressive run in the fathers' race to gain first place. Sports day was great fun for all those involved whether competing, helping or spectating. Congratulations to all those who won their races especially to Lisa Whitney who ran the 1,500 metres in 6 minutes, .03 seconds and Kathryn O'Dwyer who ran the 300 metres in 52.76 seconds. Well done everyone, even if you didn't win, but especially Mary who won overall. Let us hope that next year's event will be as well organised as this year's was.

Cat Hart and Lucy Mills 12A.

Best Junior Athlete
Best Intermediate
Best Senior
Best Long Jump
Best High Jump
Fastest Relay Team

Lisa Whitney
Helen Cottle
Lucy Mills
Lucy Mills
Helen Cottle
Year 9 Mary House



RUGBY SEASON '97-'98

Here's a table of our results.

DATE	TEAM	OPPONENTS	VENUE	SCORE	COMMENTS
8-10-97	U18	EXETER SCHOOLS	HOME	WON 27-0	C.Pyne made her debut and scored 2 tries.
17-10-97	U16	SOUTH DARTMOOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE	HOME	WON 17-7	Everyone played well.
12-11-97	U18	EXETER SCHOOLS	AWAY	DREW 12-12	A match to forget.
27-3-98	U18	OKEHAMPTON COLLEGE	HOME	WON 20-10	Unexpected match, good result to end on.

After a positive start to the season things started to go downhill for school team rugby. Fixtures were being cancelled due to bad weather, waterlogged pitches and lack of opposition. However, our spirits were raised when a new coach arrived. Colin Brown from Devonport Services and Devon R.F.U. got us back on track and is one of the main forces behind the development of the exciting U16 Devon squad.

The standard of rugby at Stover has been proved this season by the following girls representing their county: Louise Neu, Lucy Jones, Lorna Deas, Ella Chivers, Fiona Linton, Jane Howard, Becky Roberts. The team has played two matches against Gloucester, losing one narrowly in the first and drawing the second. Well done to Becky Roberts for scoring Devon's only try in that game. (I have also forced my way into the Devon Ladies' squad after a successful season playing for Exeter.) Ladies' and girls' rugby is on the up. It is so exciting to be a part of it and I hope the girls realise how fortunate they are and take their rugby seriously.

School rugby needs more attention next season. Hopefully a schools league will be set up so that regular matches can be played which will raise the playing standard, and in effect improve the Devon team.

I also believe in club sport. Whatever sport you play, go and join a club. I have gained invaluable experience from playing alongside county, regional and international players this season. I wouldn't be in the county squad if I hadn't joined Exeter.

All that is left to say, is that I hope that Rugby will continue its popularity at Stover and that the team remains undefeated.

STOVER HAS NEVER LOST A RUGBY MATCH – KEEP IT THAT WAY!

Good luck next season, whoever you are playing for!

CLARE COOPER - RUGBY CAPTAIN

ALTERNATIVE GLOSSARY OF RUGBY TERMS

PITCH – A piece of open land where, it is said grass grows in the summer. Traditionally used for exercising dogs.

REPLACEMENT – Another name for a spectator.

OPEN PLAY – Part of the game when everyone runs around.

FOUL PLAY – What the opposition does. If your side does it, it is known as "using your initiative".

FORWARDS – Players who don't run.

BACKS – Marginally thinner players.

DUMMY – Person persuaded to replace an injured hooker.

PASS – What you do as quickly as possible if you get the ball by accident. (See Knock-On)

POSSESSION – When your side has the ball. Can happen 3 or 4 times a game.

RUCK – Informal, disorganised, meeting place and resting point for forwards.

OFF-SIDE – A natural break in play called by the referee every 40 seconds to enable players to get their breath back.

BLIND SIDE – The art of being on the side of the pitch where nothing is happening.

KNOCK-ON – See Pass.



THE TWICKENHAM EXPERIENCE

TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 1997

When most of you were asleep in bed, super-keen rugby freaks were wending our way to The Home of English Rugby - The Cabbage Patch. For many it was their first visit, but Caroline and myself had made the trip only 3 days earlier, to watch the epic 26-26 game between England and New Zealand.

The Varsity Match is always exciting and the ground is full of students.....and little boys, with whom, to our horror, we found we had to sit, a bruising experience in itself. However some compensation was to be had from the fact that our seats were behind the goalposts - a good spot if we were to have any chance of being captured on TV

The game got underway and it soon became clear that we were all supporting the wrong team - Oxford were losing for the whole game, the end result being 27-19. The game was rudely interrupted by a stalker covered only by a Cambridge scarf, much to the delight of the male supporters.

Leaving the ground was another interesting experience. We accidentally split up into two groups and slowly made our way back to the bus. The faster group was accompanied by Mrs Dinsdale, but they were all soon to wish they had not made a quick exit and that they had waited for the rest of us. There were several 'merry' young gentlemen near the bus who were more than happy to see a group of young females walking towards them. These young gentlemen proceeded to chat up Mrs Dinsdale and cling to the bus with frightening tenacity!

The second group arrived to find a complete shambles and a very flustered

Mrs Dinsdale! When all persons were present, the engine was revved and words along the lines of : "Let's get the hell out of here!" were heard. We were on our way back to glorious Devon, laughing about all the days events and singing our hearts out. A good day was had by all and must be repeated.

Many thanks to Mrs Dinsdale and Miss Oakes for driving.

Clare Cooper



TWENTY FOUR HOUR SWIM RAISES £600 FOR 1999 AUSTRALIAN TOUR !

MACMILLAN NURSE APPEAL LAUNCH

September 1997 the South Devon Macmillan Nurse Appeal for Torbay and Exeter was launched at the school. The aim is to raise £350,000 over three years to support the appointment of four new Macmillan nurses in South Devon.

Along with over one hundred invited guests Mr Nigel Mansell got the launch off to a good start. Driving a 1927 Bentley at a very sedate speed and with three Macmillan nurses as passengers, the former Formula One World Champion apparently found the gear changes a little more difficult than those he is used to!



Chloe Mansell and friends from Year Eleven helped the Junior School release 350 green and white balloons seen here drifting away southwards towards Torquay.



Later in the year the Friends of Stover Parents Association presented a cheque for £150 to the Macmillan Appeal. Here Caroline Exley and Lorna Deas hand over the cheque to Mrs Elaine Roberts. The Junior School donated the proceeds of their Harvest Festival towards the appeal, raising over £100



AUSTINS FASHION SHOW

In September Stover's Jubilee Hall hosted a magnificent fashion show organised by Austins department store, Newton Abbot, in aid of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal. Stover staff and pupils acted as models alongside the more experienced Austins staff. Out on the catwalk everything went beautifully: everyone looked extremely professional and the clothes were gorgeous. Behind the scenes in the Chamber Hall it was somewhat different! The whole thing looked rather like an Oxfam changing room. Garments were inevitably too big or too small and many a



smiling sixth former paced down the catwalk with her skirt rolled round her waist secured with safety pins! Men kept appearing at unsuitable moments just as skirts were being frantically pulled over heads to reveal acres of bare flesh or unflattering tights and those tummies we'd all rather keep hidden. But it was all the greatest fun and a really unusual and successful evening. Special thanks to Austins and to Mrs Batten, one of our more mature models, who also spent hours getting the whole thing off the ground.



CHARITIES

CHILDREN IN NEED

In November the Sixth Form organised a day of events in aid of this very worthwhile charity with the main money raiser being a mufti day. At break a roller relay was organised which involved girls from each of the Houses competing against each other in a very informal event! Mary House ended up the winners with House Captain, Kathryn O'Dwyer, skidding over the line in a dramatic finish. At lunchtime there were more organised events such as Bingo in the lecture theatre and towards the end of the day several girls helped to use the coins collected to create the Stover emblem in the Jubilee Hall. Thank you everyone who gave up both their time and their money!

Amber Price 12A (And thanks to Amber and Keira for the effort they put into organising this very successful event. Ed.)



WRONG TROUSERS DAY

Inspired by Nick Parks' immortal characters, Wallace and Grommet, National Wrong Trousers Day was eagerly embraced by staff and pupils alike. Here at last was a chance to wear your silliest keks. The secret of looking really silly of course, was to wear them with school blazer/smart jacket on the top half. Year Ten demonstrates in the photo just how daft you can get. (Oh yes, the point of all this was to raise a lot of money for charity! And we did!)



WALK FOR WILDLIFE

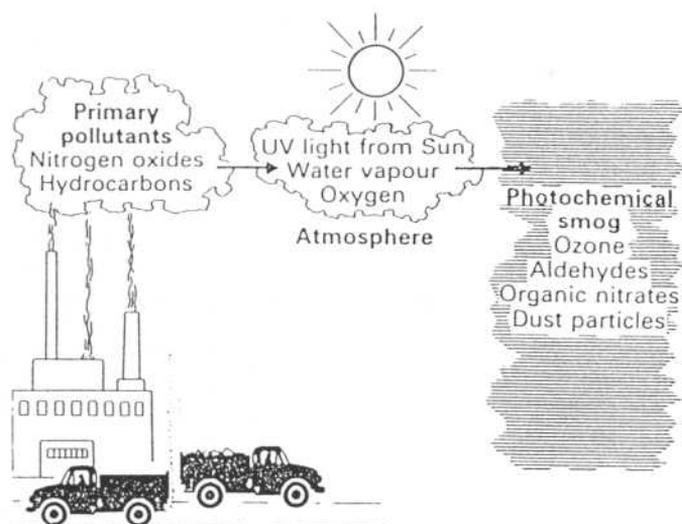
The annual Walk For Wildlife Day in aid of the World Wide Fund for Nature Conservation was again well supported by the junior boarders. Charlie Hayes, Lisa Whitney, Catherine Chan, Steph Smith, Constanze Lanlotz, Wendy So, Lizzie Turner, and Claire Lees set a smart pace around Decoy (followed at some distance by a poor aged biddy croaking "Wait for me!")

Total raised: £136.60



TOP GIRLS!!

In November a team from Stover again took part in the regional final of the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual **Top of the Bench** competition for schools which was held in the Chemistry Department of Exeter University. The team, which consisted of Grace Bennett, Rebecca Moloney, Fizzy Harding and Sara Parker, spent the morning in a variety of tasks. They started off with practical work in the lab. investigating copper chemistry, completed a demanding written test, and finally gave a stimulating presentation on the controversial question: "The earth's atmosphere - safe to breathe?" The Stover team were especially commended for their experimental skills, but the overall winners were the Plymouth College team. All the competitors were given a book on the History of Science for their school libraries. Congratulations, Stover chemists!



SCHOOL! by Floey Bennett
Jr 7.

S

Science first, oh no, I'm late!

C

Classroom cluttered, five minutes to go...

h

urry, hurry! Where's my locker key?

O

h, here it is! Thank goodness for that.

O

oops!! Lost my chemistry homework - I'm dead.

L

et's see, that's all, I think, I'll look for the homework later - there's the bell!!

MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

RESULTS

INTERMEDIATE

Gold and best in school: Fanny Lee.

Silver: Gemma Fitzjohn Sykes
Lucie Wooton

Bronze: Katherine Coveyduck
Anna Gledhill
Victoria Johnson
Karen Ball
Lorna Deas
Abigail Harding
Lisa Whitney
Elli Lait

JUNIOR

Gold and best in school: Jenny Stocks

Silver: Emma Colley
Natasha Oates
Georgia Robinson

Bronze: Kirsty McDaide
Polly Vogel
Katrina Corner
Esther Truman
Hattie Grenig

FRIENDS OF STOVER

This project was taken up by the friends of Stover under the Chairmanship of Mr Peter Gledhill (Anna, Year 11). Costing just over £10,000, eight floodlights were erected in October and all the work was carried out by a team of parents and friends of the school over a number, sometimes very wet and muddy weekends. Mr Jim Johnson, (Victoria, Year 11) acted as 'site foreman' while a number of willing hands ably supported by Mr Ian Glendinning on the mini-tractor carefully manoeuvred each of the poles and cables into place. Mr Neu, Mr Ball, the entire Bagley family and friends, together with lots of mums who made the teas, all helped, as did Mr Topley and Martin from the groundstaff. All in all, considering the whole project was essentially completed by willing volunteers the school can feel very grateful indeed for this valuable new floodlit area which will enable us to play tennis and netball late into the dark evenings from next season.

P.Bujak

SMILERS! (History)

Cromwell could have accused Charles the First of plotting against him with the other EU countries.

Nelson was killed in Trafalgar Square

In 1938 Hitler wanted to invade Cuba.



MUSICALLY POLYPHONIC

The music department has once again experienced a very busy year with a variety of events both in and out of school. The commitment of the girls in Stover Singers and especially the music scholars has been commendable and appreciated.. I would like to take this opportunity to thank personally all of the girls who contribute to music at Stover with so much energy, enthusiasm and whole-hearted support The music department would also like to thank all of the peripatetic teaching staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

NATIONAL ISIS EXHIBITION

In October the choir and musicians performed at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. The chamber orchestra performed a Vivaldi flute concerto and a piece which combined Bach and the blues. Flautasia also performed at this event and their musicality was much appreciated by all who heard them. The highlight, however, was the chamber choir who sang "From a Distance" in three part close harmony - there were not many dry eyes left in the audience! The recital was brought to a close with a rendition of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" sung by Stover Singers with bounce, life and much enjoyment.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Girls, parents, friends and Governors joined together at the end of the Autumn Term to celebrate the Christmas story in the traditional Festival of readings and carols. Congregational carols were interspersed with a variety of music and Christmas poems and stories. Once again the Junior School joined the festival and added an element of fun with the "Cowboy Carol" accompanied by the Chamber orchestra.

CONCERT AT BOVEY TRACEY CHURCH

Tis was a very well-attended event raising over £200. The concert included instrumental and vocal solos by Lucy Jones -flute, Venetia Thompson - oboe, Rachel Byrnes - voice; duets by Anna and

Rachel Storrs - violin, Kate Jones and Toddy Turner - clarinet and saxophone, Floey Bennet and Natasha Oates - violin. Also included were some outstanding compositions by the Year11 GCSE candidates. These pieces demonstrated an excellent sense of instrumental understanding and control of harmony and melodic progression. Chamber choir performed a lively version of "I'm gonna wash that man right out of my hair" and again sang their close harmonies to good effect. Flautasia performed a set of pieces in contemporary style based around the theme of cats: lynx, puma and Siamese were all well captured by the musical interpretation. Chamber Orchestra performed a clever arrangement of famous rags by Scott Joplin which went with a swing! Stover Singers had the task of opening the concert with "Unchained Melody", which proved to be an emotional experience for the audience, and also bringing the concert to its close with an upbeat medley of well-known and well-loved Beatles songs which had everyone tapping their feet in enjoyment.



TORBAY AND SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL 1988

This occasion was once again a great success for Stover as the following results show:

Solos:

Zoe Caines	piano	1st place	
Distinction.			
Zoe Caines	piano	1st place	
Honours			
Alice Hyland	piano	3rd place	
Distinction			
Zoe Caines	flute	1st place	
Distinction			
Floey Bennett	violin	2nd place	
Distinction			
Natasha Oates	violin	4th place	Merit
Clare Ryan	cello	1st place	Merit
Katherine Storrs	cello	1st place	
Distinction			
Rachel Byrnes	voice	2nd place	
Distinction			



Katherine Storrs was also awarded the Dr Wray Cup for the best individual performance in the festival for the second year running.

Duets

Lucy Jones and Louise Neu	flute
3rd place	Distinction
Lucy Jones and Katherine Storrs	flute and cello
3rd place	Distinction
Zoe Caines and Sarah Farleigh	flute and alto
flute	1st place Honours

Trios, Quartets and Ensembles

Flute trio	3rd place
Distinction	
Razzmatazz	2nd place
Distinction	
Flautasia	1st place
Honours	
Chamber Orchestra	2nd place
Distinction	

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

These have proved to be a highly successful series of recitals by music scholars and exhibitionists in the senior school. It was a pleasure to listen to some of the Junior school in these recitals and the concerts provided all of the girls with a wonderful opportunity to experience solo performance in front of an audience. One of the most impressionable concerts featured the Year 10 and 11 GCSE candidates performing a shortened version of the famous "Four minutes and thirty three seconds" by John Cage - this consisted of the girls being perfectly poised and ready to play, only for the audience to experience silence - however they soon realised that there is no such thing! This proved to be an educational experience for all involved! Parents and friends are very welcome to attend these concerts. Details of dates are published in the Stover termly calendar

FLAUTASIA

The flute quartet have performed on many occasions at concerts and events organised by local charities and organisations. Flautasia are available for playing at functions throughout the year - please contact me for further details.

Other musical events have included an evening's entertainment for the Arthritis Care Foundation, a trip to Lymptone Royal Marine base and of course the end of year production "Yanamamo".

Sarah Farleigh Director of Music.



Zoe Caines receives the House Cup from Chairman of Governors Mr Tim Key

INTER HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL AND PHYLLIS DENCE CONCERT

In a new departure for Stover this year it was decided to combine these two important and popular annual events. An audience of over two hundred turned out for what proved to be an unusual and fascinating occasion. The programme in the first half, which involved the whole school, included pieces from Disney musicals to Elgar and was performed by soloists and a great variety of ensembles.

Results: *Junior School song:* Elizabeth.

Junior solo: Alice Hyland, cello.

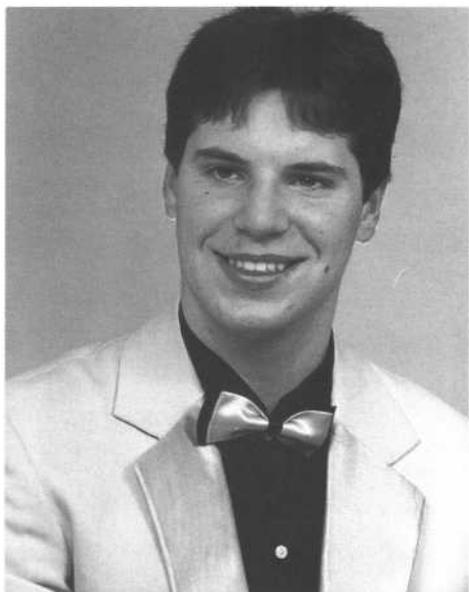
Victoria Senior solo: Katherine Storrs, cello.

Mary House song : Victoria

Winning House: Victoria

After the interval the audience was treated to an outstanding piano recital by the young Romanian classical pianist, Ianut Ulita. A varied programme including Bach, Mozart and Chopin demonstrated his musical virtuosity and high level of interpretative skill. It is hard to believe that he is only sixteen! Ianut has been playing music since the age of five and is currently studying at the Brasov College of Music in Romania. (It is nice to know that he also enjoys football, sport on tv, chips and Coca cola!) A virtuoso performance of Mozart's rousing Rondo alla Turca brought the audience to its feet and concluded an outstanding evening's entertainment.

Ianut first performed at Stover in September '97 when he gave a concert in aid of Dawlish Romanian Relief. (You can read more about this in Helen Kayley's article.) At the time he was attending master classes at Dartington Hall through private sponsorship. We would like to wish him every success in his future career - and, remember, you heard him first at Stover!



DAWLISH ROMANIAN RELIEF

Dawlish Romanian Relief is headed by John Kayley, father of Helen Kayley in Year 9. Helen has visited Romania and writes about her experiences below. She stayed with the family of Ianut Ulita who help distribute UK donated aid to orphanages and hospitals throughout Romania. Ianut has given concerts throughout the South West to raise awareness of and funds for Romanian relief. Proceeds from both of Ianut's well attended recitals at Stover went to help with the distribution of locally donated aid. Year Eleven also helped by organising a mufti day in association with Ianut's appearance at the Phyllis Dence concert.



Helen writes:

"The first mission in March 1991 when I accompanied my father was a 3,500 mile trip with our articulated lorry loaded with medical and educational supplies. It took us eight days to get to Romania with an extra three days as the Hungarian Customs would not at first let us and four hundred other lorries into Romania.

We sailed from Ramsgate to Dunkirk, then drove through Belgium to Brussels, through Germany via Bonn, Frankfurt and Nuremburg, then through Austria into Hungary and eventually across the border into Romania. The journey included 600 miles of Romanian unfenced, unlit, pot-holed roads with wandering criminals adding to the other hazards of night driving.

We arrived at Brasov, a city about the size of Plymouth, in complete darkness, and were directed to the old part of the city with no street lights and little house lighting. Board and lodging had been arranged with a Romanian family, Moria and Nicoli Vetia, whose house had been spruced up in welcome. Their only bedroom was generously given over to us.

We had a week to complete distribution, visiting hospitals, schools, orphanages and even a fire station. One visit was made to Moldova, where a dam had burst and sent a huge wave of water over the town. It flattened all the trees, swept away or destroyed houses in its wake and left the inhabitants with few or no possessions.

Since that first visit in 1991 my father and I have made seven more journeys in bigger lorries".

Helen Kayley Year 9

THE PHYLLIS DENCE MUSIC FUND

Aim: To broaden the girls' musical experience and knowledge and provide opportunities to improve their skills where it will be valuable.

This will be achieved by:

- instrumental tuition in school
- attendance at summer schools and other outside music courses/workshops
- concert-going
- school music workshops and concerts

The use of the Fund's income will be managed by a committee which will include the Head, the Head of Music, a Governor, an Old Girl and other co-opted members.

Applications for a grant will be made on a standard form, available from the School office, by a girl and her parent. The written support of the Head of Music or a member of music staff will be required.

PHYLLIS DENCE: HEADMISTRESS 1935 -1963



Phyllis Dence, sister of Stover's founder Joan, became headmistress at the age of just thirty years when Joan left to marry the vicar, Maurice Key. Phyllis was a brilliant musician (pianist, organist and choir trainer) who had been one of the very few women to study at the Royal College of Organists and was the first woman to be appointed Fellow of that famous College. It was no wonder that, during her twenty eight years in charge, Stover was well known for its fine choir and its music.

After the war instruments were scarce but voices remained in good supply and Miss Dence built up a flourishing choir, which was soon twinned for musical purposes (at first anyway) with the Royal

Naval College in Dartmouth. Many old girls will have memories of rigorous choir practices, but also of the huge satisfaction of singing to a high standard major choral works such as Handel's Messiah, Bach's Christmas Oratorio and even the Verdi Requiem.

Summer each year saw a Gilbert and Sullivan opera performance under her vigorous and stringent directorship. Those of us lucky enough to have been there cannot fail to remember her playing the piano intensively, while conducting the singing and directing the acting! The choir was also in demand for BBC broadcasts and was the first outside choir ever to sing evensong in Exeter cathedral - repeated a number of times since.

The Music Fund was established after Phyllis died in her memory. Originally intended for music scholarships, it was first used to sponsor an annual school concert by a young musician. Now an annual school music award will be made in her memory and selected girls will be sponsored for musical skills development.

Penelope Key, her niece (whom she despaired of teaching the piano, but who did better at the 'cello!)

Windsor and Eton trip

On one of the few sunny May mornings this year a group of boarders under the supervision of Mrs Varley, Mrs. Collinge, Mrs. Bousefield and Mme. Winston set off for London to visit the famous Windsor Castle and prestigious Eton College.

Our first destination was Windsor. And now I'm going to give you some boring but important facts. The Castle was founded by William the Conqueror c.1080 as one of a chain of fortifications round London. But because of easy access from London and proximity to the old royal hunting forest (now Windsor Great Park) it soon became a royal residence. Interestingly, from the outside the Castle looks like a grey and gloomy mediaeval building, whereas inside it has all luxury of the Renaissance and Victorian times. I was quite amazed to find out that a lot of these beautiful rooms had been repaired after the disastrous fire of 20 November 1992. Although the damage to the Castle had been very serious I couldn't find a trace of the fire - the repairs were very well done.

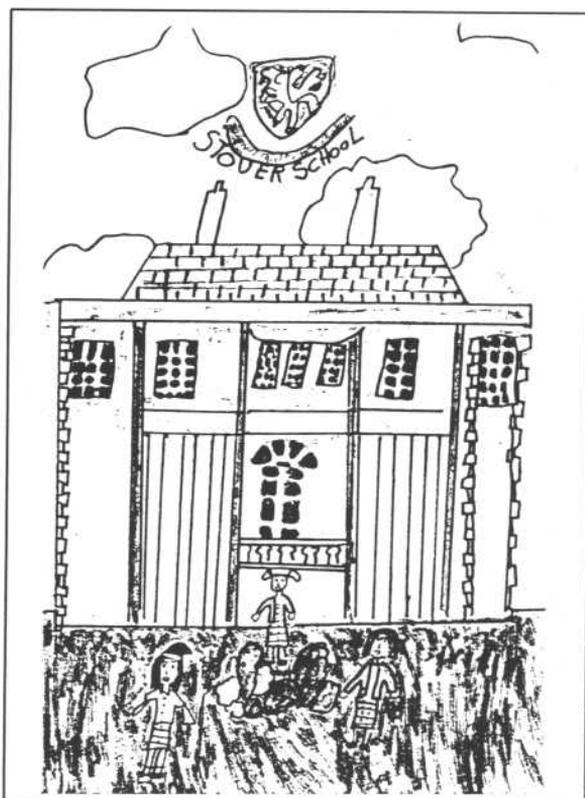
It is pretty difficult to describe what the Castle looks like, you've really got to see it yourself! Each room is a masterpiece on its own. What I remember best is the China Museum with its elegant tea and dinner sets; the elaborate decorations, flowers and crystal of the gorgeous Waterloo Chamber; the impressive wall relief in St George's Chapel; an effective combination of blue and gold in the Garter Throne Room; the angels painted on the concave ceiling so that they look like sculptures in the Queen's Presence Chamber; the knights' armour in St. George's Hall; the Gallery, the spacious ballroom, the Grand Staircase - and more!

After this we went to Eton, which is a tiny town with the smallest and lowest houses I've ever seen! The College is a high reddish-brown building with a chapel in its courtyard. Eton College was actually built for children of the poor who couldn't afford studying in a normal school. Ironically, today the College is considered the best boys' school in the world and one of the most expensive! In the old days the seventy best students, scholars, used to live in one big room inside the College building. However, their life could be called nothing but terrible. Brutal bullying, filthy conditions and no privacy whatsoever were the basic features of scholars' everyday life. Only in the middle of the last century was the room divided into many smaller ones and some sort of studies were built outside the main building. Nowadays, of course, the situation is completely different. The vast majority of Eton students live not in the college but in rented rooms in the town and go to the College

as to a day school. The college puts much pressure on its students: they have almost no free time. Every morning the boys have to spend 20 min. in the chapel (so stop complaining about our short morning assemblies just twice a week!). There is another chapel for Buddhist students. After the lessons there are obligatory sports till 6 o'clock every day. But, wait, even now the school day isn't finished altogether. After dinner the students go to their tutors and spend about an hour talking about their problems, progress or general ideas. Only then can the boys start doing their homework which is normally huge. In spite of such a busy (you might call it stressful) life, the students definitely have great time at the College. Eton offers a wide range of subjects including A-level Japanese, Chinese, Urdu and Russian; almost any sports, for example, basketball, cricket, canoeing; and there are great opportunities for musicians - I'll just mention Eton's own huge orchestra. And, of course, lots of social events like parties, balls, meetings and talks take place regularly.

We all really enjoyed the trip and we did learn a lot that day. As a result, some of us want to live in Royal apartments in Windsor and go to Eton College for girls or, better, mixed (which is still to be created!).

Olesya Dmitraeva



ENVY

I look in the mirror and what do I see,
This loathsome image keeps appearing to me.
I hate her I love her, Oh I wish I were free
From that perfect reflection they all call Envy.

With hair so golden, not a strand out of place,
Eyes sparkle like diamonds in a porcelain face.
Not a spot to be found, not a blemish in sight,
Ruby lips hide white teeth which would dazzle the light.

She's sylph-like with features so delicate and fine,
She has ideal statistics for Armani and Klein.
They say she is elegant and wouldn't disgrace
A royal banquet or an invitation to the palace.

At athletics she's a natural, at tennis supreme,
At netball she's brilliant, the best in the team.
She was player of the year in forms nine, ten,
eleven,
Got straight A's for PE and played hockey for
Devon.

MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT

My favourite subject is Art. I like sketching in art because you can do work and have fun at the same time. My favourite part in Art is when we make clay. It is fun because you can make it in any shape you like. Then after your shape of clay is dry you place it carefully in the stove to make it shine like varnish. I also like about Art when you sketch pictures in chalk because you can smudge the chalk in to create different kinds of shadings. In Art they give you a lot of time to do it so that you do not have to rush your piece of Art. Or if you wish to take your time you can carry on the week after.

In Art there are a lot of interesting things that you can draw, paint, sketch, design and make. You can do fun things outside such as looking at things and sketching them or bring them inside and paint them.

What I find very hard in Art is drawing someone else's portrait because when I draw the eyes I always draw one bigger than the other and also I can never draw the nose right because it always seems to go wobble! And I can never make the perfect colour for their skin. I also seem to blur the colours together and it looks horrid!!! But on the whole I really like Art. Harriet Shell Year 6

She rides at weekends and dines with the Queen;
Her horse, a fine stallion, is fed haute cuisine.
She holds glamorous banquets and plays host to the stars

Who accept her invitations and roll up in fast cars.

I watch her, I hear her, can smell her perfume,
A wonderful fragrance that floats round my room.
Her laugh so infectious attracts all the boys;
Her smile is so friendly it really annoys.

This being, this presence controls my emotion
This perfect angel commands my devotion.
I hate her, I love her, oh I WISH I could be
That perfect reflection I wish could be me.

Georgie Dean Year 9



My Ideal Teacher



by
Year 6

My ideal teacher would be a female person who is young. She would not be a princess but would be quiet good-looking. She is a medium size, has blue eyes that shine and a sweet smile that beams at you. My teacher would have brown hair that beams at the ends (inwards) and small petite feet. Also she wears bright, colourful tracksuits and Reebok trainers. Ideally she would be a bright teacher that did not have to use books to look up work she would know it all.

because sappy or soft teachers are very stupid. They start calling you names like "daring" or "Rose", they act as if you are their favourite.



Mrs Huckle comes from Scotland and when she gets excited we sometimes don't understand what she is saying. She usually wears blue jeans a white T-shirt and sandals.

My Ideal Teacher

My ideal teacher would be called Mr "have a good day" because he always want every one to have a good day.



My Ideal teacher has very wonderful blue eyes and she has beautiful red lipstick. She also has long hair which matches her wonderful and colourful clothes.

My ideal teacher would look very attractive, and would dress in smart colourful clothes. His hair would be short and blonde, Hed behind his ears out of the way. His name would be Josh but we would call him Mr Martins. Mr Martins would have pale blue eyes, a big happy smile and he would be a popular Man.

Mr Martins would be a male because females are too fussy, and make a fuss about nothing.



and in her spare time she goes swimming and she loves sport, even for football, yuck! She lives on her own except for her quite little sausage on the dog school so she's always close to the school so she's always on time.

Olivia's personality would be bubbly fun. She would never have a long face or be grumpy. She would treat everybody equally and never have a favourite.

OLD AGE Year 9

GERIATRICS

"What's the time, Granny?"
"Oh, lasagne, dear."
"What's for lunch?"
"It's five o'clock by my watch."
"How's your arthritis today?"
"The roses are doing beautifully, thank you."
"The weather's lovely this week, don't you think?"
"Oh, Betty's coming round to play bridge tonight."
Gazing out of the window the world is just a blur.
Knitting in her wheelchair the old lady does not stir.

For all the years that have passed her by
She's as wise as one could be,
But never once has she been visited
By anyone else but me.

S. Denham

COLOURS OF LIFE

Alone.
Folded into an armchair
rocking gently back and forth
against the rhythm of time.

His face
flushed with small veins
blanketing his cheeks as if
veiled with red hairs
making him look chapped and worn.

He turns
the sunlight casting dapples
onto his face like the shaken
watercolours before him.

Wearily
he gets up, walks to his
watercolour, picks up a paintbrush
in a wrinkled white hand.
Only to stumble, and slowly buckle
under the pressure of age.

Bent over
he lies powerless to help himself.
His hands, his feet are numb,
his face is cold,
softened only by a stroke
of memories.

Rachael Brandon

THE OPPOSITE TO OLD

We went in Macdonalds
And ordered our food.
My Nan was disgusted!
(but didn't get rude)
She may be streetwise
Or cooler than me
And at sixty seven
She acts twenty three
We entered Macdonalds
At a quarter to three
And left like a dart
Or a sharp-tailed bee
And out in the street
Where should we visit?
Only the sports shop -
It was rather exquisite!
My Nan bought a ski suit
Of red, yellow, green
It looked good on her
As she likes to be seen
She's known in the district
As both bright and bold
'Cause my Nan's young at heart
And the OPPOSITE to OLD!

Abby Harding



WALLABIES AND WOMBAROO

About four years ago, my parents and I attended a course on how to care for injured or motherless wildlife. Since then we have had many short and long stay visitors, including wallabies, joeys and possums; birds such as magpies and liar-birds, and many more. At first we care for them inside with regular feeding times, toilet training sessions, and sleep. Gradually we release them back to the outside world, and wean them off the substitute milk formula, 'Wombaroo', which we use to replace their mother's milk. ('Wombaroo' is a trade name made up from wombat and kangaroo, for which animals it is specially formulated.)

After approximately six months to a year we aim to release the animals back into the wild, as close as possible to the area where they were rescued. We have had many successes with our babies, and only a very few disappointments. One of our most memorable successes was Theodore (or The Odour - due to his terrible smell!) the Swamp Wallaby. Theodore's mother had sadly been run over by my father driving home one night. Dad rescued him from his mother's pouch, and brought him home. We had to make an artificial pouch for him so that we could carry him around with us, taking him everywhere we went as he was far too small to be left on his own. He grew up very well, and although successfully released two years ago, he keeps on visiting! A short time before I came over to the U.K. Theodore brought a friend to visit. He had found a mate! Much to our surprise and delight he had brought her back to show off to the old folks back home that he had become a father - an eight month old joey was in her pouch!

Living in the Deua River Valley is peaceful and very relaxing. Being set far back in the bush, we do not notice when cars - what there are of them - pass along our dirt road. It is very quiet. Our mail is only delivered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. As we live quite a way from the nearest town, (22.74 kilometers, hence the address of our property) our mail lady also delivers milk, bread and newspapers. She also takes away any post that we want to send.

As you can probably tell, I really love my life out in the bush - I just hope my parents won't take it into their heads to move before I get back home !

Amy Phillips



SLOTH

Sloth sprawls in front of the tv
eying it with a dazed confused expression.
In Sloth's room food lies uneaten
trampled into the carpet.
Fatness consumes the chair which is stained
with food, dirt, beer.
Wrinkles of fat wobble
when Sloth ungrasps a beer can.
"WHY ME? Why me? Why ME?"
Sloth's voice echoes down the corridor.
Hair looks greasy and hangs limp.
Bottles of beer stacked in a corner.
Flies hit, hit, hit the lampshade.
This annoys Sloth.
A can sails high, misses,
drips begin to fall.
Drip...
Mrs Henshaw must have left her bath running
The TV goes grey and fuzzy
"schhhhh"
Sloth curls up in a ball
like a caterpillar. Is tired
but can't be bothered to go to sleep.

Frances Newman Year 9

OTHER FACES, OTHER PLACES

We have been fortunate to have several visiting students from eastern Europe at Stover over the last few years. Here Indra Borkus from Latvia, and Tamila Gussienova from Russia, describe their home towns.

RIGA

Riga, my home town, is the capital and largest city in the Republic of Latvia on the shores of the Baltic Sea. It is not as big as London, of course, but it does take about 35 minutes to drive through the city from one end to another.

Riga was founded in 1202, so that it is almost 800 years old. Throughout the centuries it has grown and developed to become a well known port and trading centre. It has had links with Great Britain going back to the times of the Hanseatic League in the Middle Ages. The prosperity of the city changed dramatically during the Russian Occupation, but after four years of freedom, which was re-proclaimed in August, 1991, Riga has once again begun to thrive.

Old Riga, the ancient heart of the city, is a very beautiful place. It is full of attractive old Churches, Squares, museums and houses. It has grown up with many different architectures and styles, dating from different periods of time, and is one of the most beautiful places.

Riga is also the cultural heart of the country, with an Opera House in the centre which has recently been restored to its original beauty. The city is very green, being filled with trees, ten parks and five lakes. All our towns in Latvia seem to be full of tree-lined streets, much more so than I have seen in England.

I live on the 7th floor of a 9-storeyed building. The flat itself is not a very big one but it is good enough for my family - my parents, my two brothers, and myself. My father's work is involved with installing the latest computer technology for the Latvian Post Office. My elder brother is 19, and my younger 11 - he is attending the same school as I studied in for the last 10 years. Our school is only three minutes away from our house, we can see it from the balcony of our flat.

School life in Latvia is very different from here. First of all, my school at home is all in one 3-storeyed building, as are most of the schools in Riga. Nobody wears school uniforms, and the lessons are all 40 minutes long, with either a 5, 10 or 25 minute break between them. We all study 15 subjects right the way through school, until leaving to go to university.

Riga is not the only place which is worth seeing in Latvia. Last summer, I went travelling around the country, and I must say I found my country really beautiful, with old castles, big forests and sandy beaches. Altogether, both Riga and Latvia are very beautiful, and I am very happy that I come from there.

MOSCOW

I have lived in Moscow all my life, but it is such a huge City that there are still many parts of it that I do not know, much less the vast country of Russia. I truly enjoy and look forward to going back to Moscow every holiday. All my memories are there as well of course as my family and friends.

Most people in Moscow live in flats, though they often also have a country house, known as a "dacha" a short distance outside the City. There, they have their garden and grow as many vegetables as possible.

Russian schools are very different to here. Here, every school is different in one way or another, but in Russia all schools are the same and they are very uniform. There are no boarding schools. All the schools are built to exactly the same design, so that if you were to wander into a school which you had never been to before you would feel at home, and certainly not get lost! Children start at school at either 6 or 7 years old, though before that many children will go to the kindergardens where they learn to read and to communicate with the other children there.

Here, an important part of everybody's life is shopping! Well, in Russia the shops are quite different. In England you will find the same shops spread through all the towns in the country. In Russia the shops are all very different, and there are no chains of shops as in this country. Many people will try to find their clothes in the markets which are held in all the towns, as well as in Moscow. The clothes which are sold in the markets are exactly the same as in the shops, but there they are very much more expensive.

In the summer the weather in Moscow can be very hot, and many people try to leave the City as much as possible. In the winter, of course, the weather is very cold and there is always lots of snow, but all the buildings and the flats are very well heated and well-built to keep out the cold!





CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING SOIREE

(Strictly staff and sixth form!)

Degustation de vins et petit banquet gastronomique avec David Wyman, le 5 decembre 1997.

MENU

Amuse-gueules

Aperitif: Castell d'Oledola Brut reserva Cava, Methodo tradicional. Clean fresh bouquet and small bubbles. Good palate, a touch of yeastiness. Good depth and character.

Saumon fume de la region

Les Collinettes Sancerre 1996. Wonderful crisp stylish Sauvignon Blanc from a top producer Joseph Mellot. Classic blackcurrant and gooseberry. Flinty, smoky undertones from the chalky soil.

Ragout de saucisses aux champignons a la sauce Bouguignonne, garni de chou Autrichien, le tout servi sur des assiettes a jeter

Riddock Run Shiraz 1994. Estate bottled at Rymill Winery. Produced in Coonawarra on terra rossa soil with traditional spicy blackcurrant enhanced by French oak fermentation. Wonderful harmony and great depth.



Bombe Mexicaine ou Bagatelle ou Gateau au fromage

Muscat de Saint Jean de Minervois AC 1994. Lovely sweet aroma, intense grapey flavour with length and a good clean finish. Vibrant and luscious, a joy with desserts. From the best Muscat a petit grains.

Plateau de fromages Choix de biscuits croustillantes

Martinez Gassiot LBV 1990 Aged in wood for 4 to 6 years, rich with fruit and soft oak flavours. Soft and full. Many thanks to David Wyman of D.J. Wines for an informative and entertaining evening; to Miss Evans and her team for planning, preparing and serving the meal, and to Mrs Smith whose brilliant idea it was in the first place.



A WALK ON THE WILDSIDE

When I put my name down on the Ten Tors list I never thought that it would turn out as interesting as the walk which I led on the weekend of the 7th and 8th March. We started off at around 1.30pm from Okehampton Camp reaching our first tor, Rowtor, about a quarter of an hour later. Walking up it was quite a struggle because of the strong wind which was against us. Unfortunately, however, our good progress was slowed when one of our younger group members suffered an asthma attack. We stopped for a few minutes and luckily she was able to continue walking.

Our third tor should have been Kitty, but because of the heavy rain in the past two weeks the river in "Death Valley" was too deep and fast-flowing to cross so we were forced to continue upstream to find a safe place. As we were down in a valley, we could not receive a signal on the mobile phone to let Mr Priddes know that we were going off route. This became more of a problem as we found that we were diverting miles out of our way. Rachel and I tried to get a reception by running up one side of the valley, but we had no luck. Toddy managed to cross at one point, but found that the ground on the other side was boggy, so we continued on, leaving Toddy there!

As we turned the corner, we spotted two men walking on Toddy's side of the river and asked them if they knew of a place we would all be able to cross. They led us to a crossing about half a mile upstream and by this time it was beginning to get dark.. We continued on and as we reached the peak of Amicombe Hill, one of the group members noticed a flare in the sky. It became clear that a group was in trouble and I flashed my torch to let them know that we would try to help them. We set off back down the hill and found a bog - with lots of frogspawn in it (I know this because I grabbed a handful of the delightful creatures)! Suddenly we saw the lights of an object in the sky: "Help! A UFO!" Actually it turned out to be a police helicopter which was heading directly for us as the crew had seen our lights and had presumed that we were the group in trouble. There we were flashing our lights and the next thing we knew the helicopter landed right next to us only to find we were the wrong group so off they went once more. Somewhat stunned we trekked onward to our campsite.

We arrived at the camp at Tavy Cleave several hours late, shattered after our somewhat eventful trek and very glad to see Mr Priddes and the other group group of walkers.

Amber Price 12A

CAMBODIA

In early February the school was delighted to play host to the Royal Geographical Society for an illustrated lecture on Cambodia. given by Bob Kennedy. The evening was well-attended and interesting. We have heard that we are to have another visit from this venerable society next spring so we suppose that they approved of the venue!

A.Smith.

SMILER ! (Geog/History)

Q. What is a primary source?

A. I think its a little source. Look at the map and find all the beginnings of rivers.

OR

A primary source is something which primary schools do: e.g.Roman drawings.



THE CLOTHES SHOW

On December 9th a group of very privileged senior girls (competition for a place had been murderous) set off to the Birmingham NEC for a day packed with fashion and fun which proved to be an unforgettable experience. This was The Clothes Show Live, sponsored by Lloyds Bank. As well as catwalk shows and hundreds of exhibitors displaying and selling all the latest fashions, there was the Lloyds Bank College Forum where those who wanted to go into a career in fashion could obtain advice and handy hints for their future. The Style Studio offered tips from top hair and beauty specialists, many of whom had appeared on television.

Some of us decided to visit the Fashion Circus. This was a spectacular show which amalgamated the world of fashion and performing arts. It featured extravagant and heart stopping

stunts performed by the world's leading artists wearing flamboyant and breath-taking costumes.

But the highlight of the day was the main catwalk show. This featured collections by top designers modelled by many different models. The American pop group Damage danced and sang their latest song on the catwalk, providing an opportunity for many of the audience to take photographs. The catwalk show was presented by Tim Vincent, the BBC Clothes Show presenter, and Dani Behr, another television personality.

After the catwalk show and the Fashion Circus, we trawled the stands buying anything from jumpers to make up, dresses to hair products. At about 5pm we left the NEC to face a very long coach journey back to school but it was well worth it! Thank you, Mrs Batten for a brilliant day.

Zoe Gaye and Amber Price.



NB: spotted modelling in several national newspapers, our very own Vicky Williamson who left Stover in 1996. Photographs here courtesy of the Daily Telegraph



YANOMAMO

CAST LIST

SOLOISTS

The Tree of Life

The Sloth
The Jaguar
The River
The City

Give Us Our Pay

Like The Man From the
Government Said

Why?
Burn Them Trees

The Sad Land
Yanomamo!

Eleanor Hemmens
Katie Webber
Alice Hyland
Rachel Byrnes
Fiona Linton
Maxie Erangey
Lucy Jones
Becky Garland
Venetia Thompson
Eleanor Milton
Helen Cottle
Danielle Senior
Amber Price
Louise Neu
Floey Bennett
Rachel Storrs
Fiona Linton

NARRATORS

The Jungle Garden
Narration 1
Narration 2
Narration 3
Narration 4
Narration 5
Narration 6

Louise Astbury
Venetia Thompson
Polly Vogel
Amber Price
Micki Ling
Becky Anderson
Louise Neu

INTRODUCTION

The devastation of the rainforest in the Amazon has been world news for some time now. This massive area, home to some of the rarest plant and animal species, is shrinking at an alarming rate. Media coverage and the efforts of pressure groups fall on deaf ears, for multi-national timber companies and cattle ranchers, not to mention all of the industries that depend on them, clearly have too much to gain from the destruction.

In Yanomamo, we look through the eyes of the indigenous Yanomami Indians and many forest creatures to see what this means for them. In reality, it means the end of their hopes, the end of a way of life thousands of years old and perfectly in harmony with nature. In the end, ironically, the soil in the cleared land is barren, for the richness of the jungle is in the trees, not in the soil. This production, we hope, will leave a powerful message, which is as painful as it is beautiful, and few who hear it will ever forget it.





SINGING

For many years the singing at Stover has been of a very high standard. The singers participating in "Yanomamo" range from year six to year twelve and they have all put an extremely high level of commitment in to the production, producing a dramatic atmosphere. The range of songs is very wide, including those that add humour and create a light and slightly comical atmosphere and those that introduce a high intensity of emotion. Overall, the rehearsals have been really good fun to be involved in. The whole production has been a very worthwhile and creative process in which much time and energy has been used.

By Amber Price



Why?
Narration 7
Narration 8

Natasha Oates
Cat Hart
Louise Astbury

GYMNASTS

Julia Simcox with Hannah Garvin, Lucy Jones, Jo Mann, Louise Neu, Lisa Whitney.

DANCERS

Bat and Fig Wasp

Sloth
Jaguar
Why?
Rebecca Anderson, Georgina Barraclough, Emma Colley, Jenny Colley, Naomi Dent, Alison Doidge, Maxina Erangey, Maria Glendinning, Cat Hart, Emma Martin, Kirsty McDaide, Jenny Stocks, Katie Webber, Olivia Whiteway-Wilkinson.

Maria Glendinning
Emma Martin
Emma Colley
Kirsty McDaide
Jenny Stocks

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Zoe Caines, Lucy Jones, Kate Jones, Louise Neu, Anna Storrs, Katherine Storrs.

COW

Louise Astbury and Josie Coxon / Julia Simcox

STAGE CREW

Emma Donaldson, Caroline Exley, Kate Hawker, Dorothy Sulzmann, Lisa Tulloch, Julia Wingate.





The first half of the production describes the beauties and wonders of life in the Amazon Rainforest.

The Living Trees: A song celebrating the wonder and the strength of trees in the forest.

The Jungle Garden: The wide variety of animals and plants are described clearly in this monologue.

Narration 1

The Tree of Life: Describing how the growth of the trees supports the cycle which maintains life in the Amazon.

Narration 2

The Sloth: The tranquility of this song represents the slow movements of the sloth.

The Monkey's Tale: A humorous look at the monkeys' lives.

The Jaguar: The sensuous blues style music depicts the careful movements of the jaguar.

Soldiers of the Jungle: The busy lives of the proudly patrolling ants is illustrated through the brisk, marching tempo of the music.

Narration 3

Forest People: The lyrics describe the way in which the Amazonian tribes use the traditions of their ancestors to live in harmony with the earth.

Superstore: The Yanomami tribe worship the jungle's wondrous food sources.

The River: The gentle, flowing music reflects the river meandering through the Amazon Basin.



STOVER SCHOOL
PRESENTS

YANOMAMI

AN ECOLOGICAL ENTERTAINMENT



LYRICS AND NARRATION : ANNE CONLON

MUSIC : PETER ROSE

DIRECTOR : SARAH ROLLS

MUSICAL DIRECTOR : SARAH FARLEIGH



The second half of the production describes the human dangers which threaten the jungle calm.

The City: This song studies the poverty that is rife in many of Brazil's large cities.

Narration 4

Give Us Our Pay: The destruction of the rainforest is due to the work of the loggers who work hard to build the Trans-Amazonian Highway.

Narration 5

Like the Man From the Government Said: The people of Recife in Brazil have been given the opportunity to improve their quality of life and this song emphasises their happiness and enthusiasm for their new start.

Narration 6

Why?: This song illustrates the disillusion of the people who realise that the new land is not all that it promised.

Narration 7

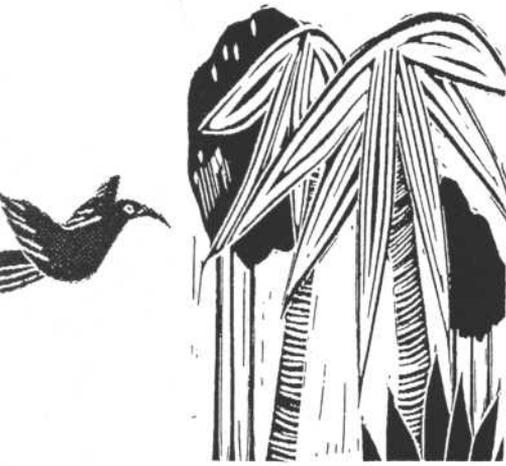
Burn Them Trees: The cowboys have come to the jungle to set up ranches for cattle breeding, but find that when the trees are all gone, life is not as they had expected.

Run Away: A look at the tragic way in which the lives of many animals are destroyed due to the barbaric nature of modern technology.

Fire: Highlights the horror and destruction of the fires which consume large quantities of the forest's fragile ecosystem.

The Sad Land: Death is common, both for those who are native to the forest and the migrants who have come in from the outside.

Yanomamo: A final plea for recognition of the dangers threatening the rainforest and the multitude of lives within it.



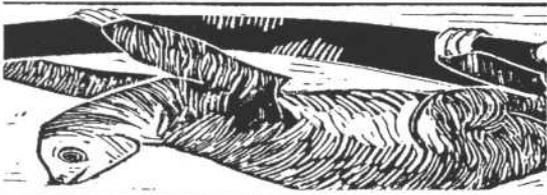
DANCING

For the past term several dancers have worked with Nicky Hall, a professional dance teacher, to produce many individual and group dances to accompany the choral and solo singing. These dances capture the essence of the rainforest and show through movement the aspects with which the songs were concerned.

The dancers worked long and hard to achieve a high quality performance and found themselves exploring many new methods of portraying different feelings and emotions through dance. The dances are in perfect harmony to the play, helping to stimulate the audiences senses of sight and sound.

Despite facing many problems, including dancers dropping out of the project, all the dancers in the final production showed great commitment and worked well together to result in dances with spectacular effects.

By Cat Hart



THE ZOO

Several members of years five and six, those who are involved in "Yanomamo", recently visited Paignton Zoo to study the monkeys as research for the production. It proved to be an enjoyable day out and has helped the girls greatly in creating effective drama techniques. We have included some comments made on their return as we thought that you would find them amusing...

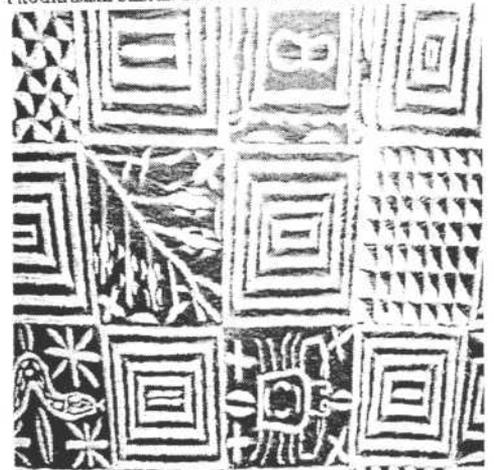
"...we walked in and YUCK! it really stank. It made us feelsick, but then we saw them curled up in the hay and we couldn't help but look!"

"...we went outside and drew different pictures of the movements the monkeys made..."

"...Mrs Farleigh pointed to one and he hid his face as if he was shy and then groomed his head and he looked like Elvis..."



Director /producer	Sarah Rolls
Musical Director	Sarah Farleigh
Choreographer	Nicola Hall
Drill Master	Alex Manning
Stage Manager	Mic Corby
Scenery /set design	Gavin Dunbar
PROGRAMME DESIGN BY A.PRICE, LASTBURY AND C.HART.	



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STOVER OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

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Hello everybody !

How quickly the last twelve months have flown by. Certainly keeping in touch with all of you helps to keep me occupied!

My first year as SOGA Secretary did not start off too well with our November buffet supper being unfortunately cancelled through lack of support. However, as you all know, another supper has been arranged for September 26th and as applications have already started coming in, that event is definitely taking place.

There has been a lot of activity and continued progress at the school. One of the outstanding social occasions of course being the Phyllis Dence Memorial Concert, which was such excellent entertainment both from all the pupils taking part and also from the outstanding young Romanian pianist .

Membership is still low and in order to keep things positive we really do need more members rejoining, so if you can inspire your Stover colleagues please do so. There have been some members rejoining after a number of years absence and that is really encouraging. Older members are invaluable with their knowledge and support but it is also necessary to keep others through the years to keep fresh ideas coming in and school friendships flourishing.

Hopefully the AGM will be an excellent day with many friends meeting up. There were 40 odd at last year's AGM so we have to top that! With the addition of school sports to watch in the afternoon including, I hope, our own SOGA relay team to cheer on, the day really should be a great success.

I hope that you all enjoyed receiving my 'News Letter' with your termly calendars. Don't forget to let me have your news, friends' addresses and, importantly, your ideas for the Millenium Appeal. It has been really wonderful talking on the 'phone to so many voices from the past, not to mention reading your interesting letters. Do please keep in touch.

With best wishes,
Eileen Shillabeer.
Hon. Secretary SOGA.



Helen Hammond

OLD GIRLS NEWS

- Births:** Claire Endacott - a daughter - 14.1.98.
Engagements: Helen Gill to Mark Gray - Easter 1998.
Marriages: Emma Wyness to Bob Cunningtan
Kathryn Harvey to Noel Whelan
Hayley Newbury to Leigh Barnard
Nicola Pegg to John Whitelock
Laura Eldridge to ?
Claire Endacott to 'her French man' -
more details please !
Chantal Fowler to Simon Barsby
- 30.5.98.
Deaths: Mrs Olive Milnes (1997)
Mrs Josephine Butler (1997)
Miss D Bright

Hayley Newbury's wedding was really lovely. Held in the village church at Coffinswell in the late afternoon, the weather was overcast and pouring with rain! However inside the church was magical. Lit with masses of twinkling candles and with a harp playing in the background the whole scene really did feel out of a Jane Austen novel. The bride looked stunning, and the reception afterwards was excellent with the bonus for Mrs Lunel and I of meeting up with other Stover Old Girls.

Karoline Ortmann (Stanton) is hoping to arrange a reunion with her year.

Jane Kneel (Clapp)- Head Girl 74/75 - has three children, Matthew 18, Helen 15, and Peter 11. Jane is currently studying for a degree with the Open University. She is planning to come to the September buffet together with Carrie Tully and Judith Peile. A reunion was arranged at her home last year with eight of her year together with partners and children! Jane gave me addresses of:

Gillian Channer (Bani -Channer) - living in Switzerland

Phillippa Cowell (Schwarz) - living in Germany

Heather Deacon - living in Harrogate

Carol Hartnel (Foan) - living near Exeter

Sue Limmer (Winter) - living in London

Anne McRink (Langston) - living in Sherborne

Judith Peile (Read) - living near Exeter

Caroline Prior (Holden) - living in Tonbridge, Kent

Jane Rooney - living in Georgia. USA

Avril Trippier (MacDonald) - living in Nairobi, Kenya, currently running safaris!

Vanda Woolcock - Head Girl 83/84 - has now moved back from London where she is working with Knight Frank's Exeter office involved in the development of professional and management business in existing departments and with agency instructions throughout the South West.

Ruth Parker - is working as a Nanny, and is in contact with Nicki Senior, Lisa Balmforth, Vicki Brain and Sarah Chisnall.

Stephanie Lodwig- she of Stover Rugby fame - returned for Christmas from Tokyo where she is still teaching, with a brand new fiance (Sam) in tow! Half a dozen of us met up to meet this new partner - only No. 8 in the Western Samoa National squad so we should be seeing him playing in the next International/Olympic Games! Stephanie also coaches a team for dragonboat racing and was taking a team for an international event to - yes, Western Samoa.

Emma Wyness (Cunnington) has been a real source of information, especially providing other people's addresses ! Em is finding work hard as a busy secretary!! As she shares an internet address with her husband, Em asks if SOGA can also go on the net! Well I can't but of course the school is and you will find their E-mail address at the top of the Ball Letter. Anyone else who has an E-mail address do let me have it for circulation as I will include them with the main address list on a separate sheet.

Fay Clarke is in her final year at Cardiff University studying Sport and Physical Movement.

Debra Newbury is teaching P.E. at St. Margaret's school, Exeter, also hoping to row in Dragonboat racing at the next Commonwealth Games.

Kathyn Harvey (Whelan) - now married and living in Southern Ireland, obviously very happy with her lot.

Hayley Newbury (Barnard) - also married, living and working in Plymouth on the administrative side with Chay Blyth's team; sounds interesting.

Zoe Farmer - now in her second year at Southampton University and hoping to work with antiques afterwards.

Zoe has contact with Eliza Hunter and Jane Longrigg.

Vicki Willmott-Sharp completed her teaching qualification and has been trying for three years to get a visa for Australia! Her sister Abby got her visa and now lives in New Zealand.

Kathy Warne - is now an occupational therapist living in Birmingham. Kathy is in touch with Claire Gilpin and Liz White.

Lucy Ryan - last heard of driving a ten ton truck around Africa!

Jane Wyer - last heard of in Thailand.

Em has also been in touch with Julianna Brown.

Patricia Hunt - now has her own gymnastics business in the Newton Abbot area called 'Somersaults'. Pat is a qualified gymnast.

Felicity Atkins - after studying for four years at college she is now a fully qualified beauty therapist. A star award for Stover as Felicity really feels that a visit to a beauty clinic during Careers week helped her to decide on her career. As so often happens she only went on the trip for an afternoon out from school but really enjoys the work now!

Alex Clyne - is working at B.R.N.C. Dartmouth in civil administration is currently managing a clinic in Langport.

Trudi Elliott(Beard) - plans to return to live in England again this year, bringing her two daughters with her. Her husband will follow on from Australia with her son when the latter has finished his schooling in two years time. Trudi has remained very faithful to SOGA throughout the years, also keeping in touch with her classmates, Bridget Wigram and Adrienne Day.

Sarah Kendall (Christmas) - is living in Cornwall where her husband is stationed at Culdrose. When she wrote in February, Steven was serving on HMS Invincible, flying helicopters involved in the Iraq crisis. Fortunately he is now safely home again and no doubt Emily (4) and Alexander (2) keep Sarah busy. Sarah gave us news of

Claire Endacott who is married to a French gentleman. They have just had a daughter.

Tara Clifford - was until recently working with Westward T.V. in Plymouth but I understand is shortly moving to Australia.

Liza Kendall - Head Girl 89/90 - is still working in advertising in London. She recently went to Anna Jones' wedding.

Karen Watts (Cotton) is living in Oxford whilst her husband is training for the Church of England ministry. They then hope to return to live in Cornwall with their three children, Christian 10, Caroline 7 and Benedict 9 months. She is hoping to get to the AGM this year and is in touch with Mars Buker who was in London and visiting her in February; Jacqui Saysell who is currently working for a computer company in the USA; Sue Mearns, Caroline Prescott, Julie Babbage and Nicola Murphy. Karen would also like to organise a reunion amongst her friends and needs to know the addresses of Heidi White and Louise Jones. Can anyone please help

Mary McGahey (Downey) writes with news of Ros Bennett (George) who is with her three daughters in Washington where her husband Steve is currently posted. I believe that was my first experience of a Stover/Dartmouth romance which was all very romantically conducted !

Jo Stephens - is the editor of a business magazine in Holland.

Patsy Browning (Howe) - is currently living in Kuwait with her husband David, son Peter 8 and daughter Jessica 6. She wrote a most interesting letter about their life there where she was taking Arabic lessons and a scuba course.

Penny Atkins (Weeks) - had a career in nursing but has given it up at the moment to look after her three children, Charlotte, Thomas and Oliver.

Julie Major (Fairbrother) - is a primary school teacher and also has three children, Kimberley, Robert and Chloe.

Debbie Loud (Burrough) - helps her husband on their farm near Axminster aided and abetted by their three sons !

Jan Cattermoul - was working at the Colston Hall in Bristol, and finally Mary is also in touch with Shirley Fuller (Jennings) and Nicki Pitts.

Mary works for a firm of Patent Makers and is responsible for the trade marks renewals for the firms offices, actually being able to work from her home. In 1997 Mary organised a reunion with all the above members of her year. They met up for a meal at a hotel in Corsham near Bath, staying overnight and visiting nearby Lacock the next day. Everyone enjoyed the weekend so much that they are planning another reunion in three years time.

Helen Gill is currently on the Stover staff at Clock House with the younger girls. She has just become engaged and plans to marry in July next year. She is running in our relay team!

Helen Towell (Cole) is in touch with Helen Gill, and they play tennis and badminton regularly together. Hopefully she is also running in our relay team !

Nicola Harvey passed German, English Language, History and General Studies at 'A' Level after leaving Stover. She is currently in her second year at John Moores University, Liverpool, where she is studying German and European Studies as well as taking electives in Russian and Italian. Next year she has a year studying in Germany.

Her sister Rachel is currently at college in Henley studying Hair and Beauty Therapy. They both enjoy reading the school magazine and hope to continue their SOGA membership.

Sarah Hearsey (Isherwood-Smith) - married in 1997 and moving house in October 1997. Disappointingly I haven't heard from her since.

Pene Key has now retired and I hope is enjoying more relaxation. Pene has just returned from three months staying with her brother's family in Australia. Currently living near Exeter Pene is looking to move nearer to Stover.

Leanne Lucas - now living in Avonwick, South Brent.

Jean Mackinnon (Mackinnon -Grimmer) '54/61 - recently rejoined SOGA, living in New York.

Mary Pinhey kindly wrote giving me the addresses of: Caroline Tandy, Sally Cliff (Manser), Willie Tang (Ho), Ola Chan (Mei Him Shui) and Ann Mokhtar.

Louise Robins - is still studying hard at King's College Taunton. In addition to studying Biology, Chemistry and Geography at 'A' Level, Louise is busy singing with the senior choir. She has sung with the choir in the Albert Hall and Salisbury Cathedral and this summer they are singing in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Louise is hoping to come to the Stover Ball and also the supper in September. Louise also likes the idea of a SOGA Dinner - let's see how the buffet supper goes first !

Jean Scott 1932-'38 ! writes in with the name of the Speaker for 1938's Speech Day; namely Miss Margaret Bondfield. I wonder if there are any of Jean's colleagues still with us in SOGA?

Miss Anne Smith Headmistress - is now an Honorary Life Member of SOGA together with Miss Laura Jewell Hill and Mrs Wendy Lunel, both past Headmistresses.

Penny Youle (Spalding) - had planned a reunion with some of her Stover friends at the supper last November.

Unfortunately that event was cancelled. However I hope that we shall be seeing her again soon as she has renewed her membership.

Sarah Waterman (Timms) wrote to say that she hoped to come to the AGM in 1997 and also asked for addresses of her year. The latter I sent on to her but I haven't heard from her since.

Anne Waterman (Harrison) - is a very active member of the Stover Board of Governors. Travelling a long way to meetings, Anne is currently the Governors' representative for SOGA.

Fay Tribble - is currently employed as Housemistress and also teaches music at a school in Bromley, Kent. She writes a most entertaining letter. I think perhaps she should write a book !

Valerie Willing (Wakeham) had hoped to be retiring with her husband this year, but they have now decided to soldier on for a few more years with their farm.

Valerie recently attend the Hyde Park Rally and London March and thoroughly enjoyed herself! Her daughter Sarah is now teaching Years Five and Six locally at Blackpool School, Liverton. Sarah is still able to live at home and enjoy her riding at weekends. Sarah sees a lot of Becky Rice and is still in touch with Caroline Taylor and Alison Wigman - Head Girl 90'91. Valerie met Mavis Nicholls (Pering) at the service station en route for the London March - small world!

Jacomina Wakeford has moved to Shebbear. She is now at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth reading Geography.

Katy Wollen - I met Katy out walking her dog in the middle of the countryside near Lustleigh! She operates a house/pet sitting service and recognised me in spite of the years that have passed !

Eleanor Gray has completed her A levels and is joining Cheltenham and Gloucester College to study for a degree in Media Studies.

Nicola Gray (1984 - 91) is teaching in Japan having graduated from Warwick University and travelled through Eastern Europe.

Catriona Kemeny (1989 - 1995) has graduated from Royal Holloway College, University of London with an Upper Second in Biology and Geology.

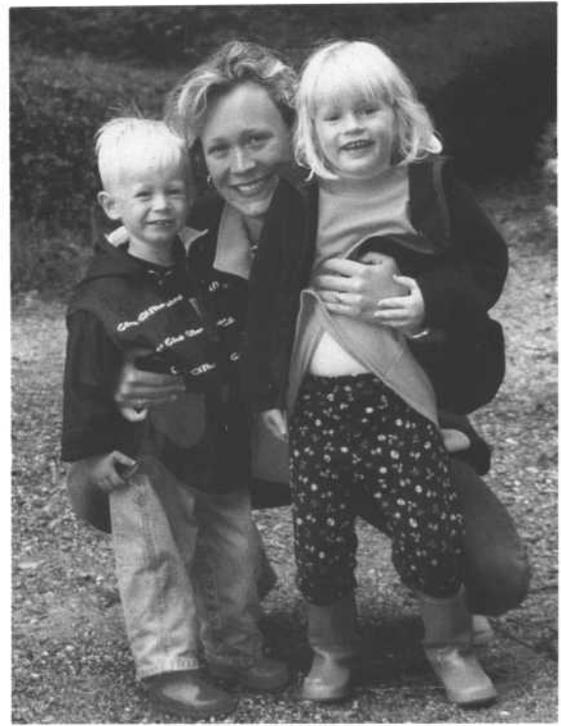
Helen Shrimpton (1989 - 1995) has graduated from the University of Reading with an Upper Second degree in History of Art and Architecture.

Emily Atkinson (1988 - 1995) has graduated from the University of Reading with a second class Honours BA in Sociology.

Kate Jackson finished her degree in June '98 in to Houston, Texas to start work moving and positioning oil platforms around the Gulf of Mexico.

Buffy Jackson graduated from Hatfield College, Durham in June '97 with a BA Ed. She is now working as an accountant at Francis Clark in Torquay.

Helen Hammond graduated June '98 from Bath University with an Upper Second Honours degree in Modern Languages and European Studies. She is currently working in Luxembourg for a firm of investment consultants.



Sarah CHRISTMAS (nee KENDALL) '88 – met up with 'Miss Lashbrook' whose husband is also stationed at Culdrose. Sarah has sent us a photo of her two children Emily 4 1/2 and Alex 2 1/2. She hopes to come back to Stover for a reunion another year and would welcome contact from anyone who remembers her including members of staff – Mrs Batten, Miss Young, Mrs Collinge and Mrs Jorgensen. Sarah says she is following in my steps as she is currently Secretary of the local playgroup!

Finally – Where are they now? Can anyone help with addresses for the following please

Paula Mosforth
Ross Partington 70/71.
Nicola, Sally and Robin Cliff
Amanda, Barbara and Patricia Cam
Belinda Burgess
Anita and Norma Bennett
Sue Cartwright
Charlotte Vere
Lara Booth -
Bridget Peirson
Sarah Mallock
Rebecca Townsend
Alison Wigman
Charlotte Greaves
Kate Browne
Camilla Steen
Lorinda Grayson-
Debbie and Julie Pickstone
Louise and Katie Jones
Elizabeth and Kate Jackson
Joanna Helme
Tiffany Evans
Emmna Bruce
Helen Shillabeer
Catherine and Aliee Paxton

Catriona and Morna Lane
Fiona Partridge
Ros and Frances Coward
Gaynor and Melanie Mogford
Kate Tremlett
Iona Stevenson 86/87
Tessa, Charlotte and Wendy Smith
Gwen, Sian and Ceri Lloyd Edwards
Fay and Tara Larence
Annabel Kay
Helen Grover
Lorinda Grayson
Tara Clifford
Julia and Nicola Gibbins
Sarah 'Wizz' Gambier
Susie and Alison Fleming
Paula Farthing
Sally Dudmesh
Diane and Lisa Dudley
Mary Donaldson
Anne Dixon
Henrietta Darrell-Brown
Philippa and Nicola Cowell

Please send details of Old Girls to :
Kinoulton, The Paddocks, Abbotskerswell.
Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 5YE
Tel. 01626 366793 Also for subscription renewal.
Eileen Shillabeer

Late query! Mrs Dora Maclath would like to hear from Anne Levett, Sheila Holman, Janet Buckland and Judith Ryle who were at Stover with her from 1943 to 1948. For further details please contact the school.

VISIT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

It was a very early, cold Thursday morning in late November when we got up at 5:00 am and slowly, still half asleep, dragged ourselves toward something that turned out to be a coach to London or, to be precise, the House of Commons. After a few hours of driving and six packets of crisps we all came back to life and started to get quite excited about what was ahead of us. Of course we all knew we were going to the House of Commons to look around and to have tea with MP Patrick Nicholls. However, while we all agreed that it sounded impressive, nobody actually knew what to expect. We finally arrived the House of Commons around 11pm. While we were being shown around the magnificent halls of this extraordinary building, the thought of being a politician crossed our minds for a short while. We were definitely impressed by the House of Commons, but the thought of participating in endless (and sometimes seemingly pointless) discussions changed our minds about seeking a career there. However, we did enjoy seeing and walking through a place with such an amazing history and architecture. It was a great feeling to be walking down the corridors, knowing that Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher and other VIP's, including Mr Tony Blair have walked there as well. We even had a chance to stand next to his office (it wasn't as thrilling as running into Mr John Major, but still....). We had a brilliant guide, who told us absolutely everything about the history as well as everyday life in the Houses of Parliament.

After about 4 hours here we had some free time before tea with Mr Patrick Nicholls. So we made for Harrods and the other Nicols - Harvey! Most of us just went to look around and be surprised with how much you can actually buy, and to see what London can offer before Christmas. (Some of us got lost in Harrods... it is

difficult to find the right way out when you've only five minutes left...) Back at the House of Commons we were served with delicious salmon sandwiches, excellent cream tea and strawberry cakes. We were so immersed in eating and admiring the surroundings we almost forgot the reason for coming here, when Mr Patrick Nicholls arrived to greet us, give us a speech, and then - as quickly as he came - he was gone. We faced the fact that this was probably a normal thing for a busy politician.

Just time for a final visit to the House of Commons gift shop where, we were told, most of the MP's buy their Christmas presents. And then the bus arrived to take us away.

Although it was just after 19:00, most of us fell asleep as soon as we got on the bus. It had been a very long, but a very enjoyable day. There are so many fascinating memories: the story about House of Commons breaking into the House of Lords; the ceremony of the opening of Parliament; the red seats in the House of Lords and the green ones in the House of Commons; the new part of the Houses of Parliament being built on the river Thames, after the building was partly burned down; the statues room, where Winston Churchill was the only one to have his statue put up while he was still alive; the bronze shoe of Winston Churchill which was rubbed for luck; the "Yes" and "No" voting corridors; the Strangers' Lodge and more and more and more.....

Tina Zadnik and Indra Borkus

My local supermarket

Fresh baked bread makes hunger rise,
Cream cakes float before my eyes.
Sound of babies, high heeled shoes,
Chattering noise of folks in cues.
Fathers search for new laid eggs,
Toddlers run between their legs.
Carrots, orange, peppers green,
Broad round mushrooms, leeks so lean.
Perfumed bubbles for the shower,
Guess who has the shopping power?
Look through the shelves, now what's for supper?
Pay for the goods, then home for a cuppa!

G'DAY GUYS!

When I was at school I heard of a special scheme that was run that enabled students to move to England at the end of Year 12 to work in a Boarding House for a year. It sounded like a once in a lifetime opportunity and the chance was too good to miss. The process began in December 1996 and on the 4th of January 1998 (after a very tearful goodbye) I was on a Qantas flight headed for Heathrow. Was it fate that Amy and I landed on the day of the worst storms in 60 years after leaving 40 degree heat? I don't know!!

I quickly settled into my routine of facing screaming girls at Tuckshop, San Shop, Lost Property and After School Care. My favourite job at Stover has to be the thousands of photocopies (back to back) that I have done! (And I never once jammed it!!!) The girls in the Junior Boarding House have been great fun and are always good for a laugh. They have also offered me lots of support when I needed it: thanks guys, I really appreciate it. We have been on great trips throughout England on Exeats and during the holidays. It is definitely one of the main reasons that I came here. The travel opportunities are endless and I wish I could stay another year.

Sometimes it is hard to believe that I am living halfway around the world by choice. I am still waiting for the sun to appear and I still hope it will eventually. Stover is a beautiful school and the staff and students have made the year here jam packed full of fun and adventure. The friends and memories that I have made here will last a lifetime and I know that when I go home I will really miss it.

Thankyou to everyone at Stover who has made 1998 so good for me and I'm sure that I will be back someday. To all the girls going on the netball tour - I'll see you in 1999 and we'll throw a few shrimps on the barbie!!

See ya later mates,
Fiona MacLellan (Alias Fi Fi, Poop a Loop & Miss Mac)

"Why come here?" This seemed to be the most frequently asked question from the girls throughout the entire school. Well, I thought before I get too far into this piece that I would explain to you all why I did come to Stover. I came to Stover for a once in a life time opportunity. A chance to get away from home and learn to become more independent. To learn skills that will be beneficial to my future, and, last but not least, to TRAVEL! I chose to come to Devon because I dislike staying in busy places for too long. So I hope that has answered the question.

It's a big decision to travel half way around the globe to go to work as a staff member at another

school after only finishing Year 12 two months earlier. If any of you get the opportunity to do such a thing all I can say is jump in and go for it! Is is the best thing to do and you learn so much from your experiences. I will miss those wonderful little jobs I was given, such as 600 back-to-back photocopies, making up prospectuses and tracking down far-flung pupils to give them messages. I am really going to miss putting the fifth and sixth forms to bed and waking them up in the morning. Not to mention those educational trips we

would go on. Getting myself tied up in situations which I found rather difficult to get out of! I am not sure yet whether I am going to miss you having a joke about my little pet phrases such as "Oh yeah!" and "Oh, OK!"

I wish you all the very best in whatever path you choose to walk down in your life and a huge thankyou to everybody for making me feel so warm and welcome right from day one. I will miss every aspect of Stover greatly and I will try my hardest to keep in touch. I hope all goes well for you all and that you make next year's GAP students feel as welcome as you did me.

To all those coming to Australia next summer for the Netball tour let's see whether we can meet up somewhere. Maybe we could have a cuppa!

Best wishes to you all.

Amy Phillips



AND SO FAREWELL YEAR ELEVEN



...AND WELCOME STOVER 6TH FORM

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS JULY 1998

All girls who applied have been awarded places at their chosen universities

Borjana Arsova	York	Genetics
Emily Beech	Plymouth	Psychology
Bonnie Chan	Oxford Brookes	Hotel & Restaurant Management
Corina Chan	King's, London	Nutrition
Rebecca Cheng	Essex	Accounting & Finance
Clare Cooper	Chichester	Sports Studies
Christianna Hiles	Sussex	International Relations in English & American Studies
Rita Li	Manchester	Economics
Zuzana Smidova	Hull	Politics & International Relations
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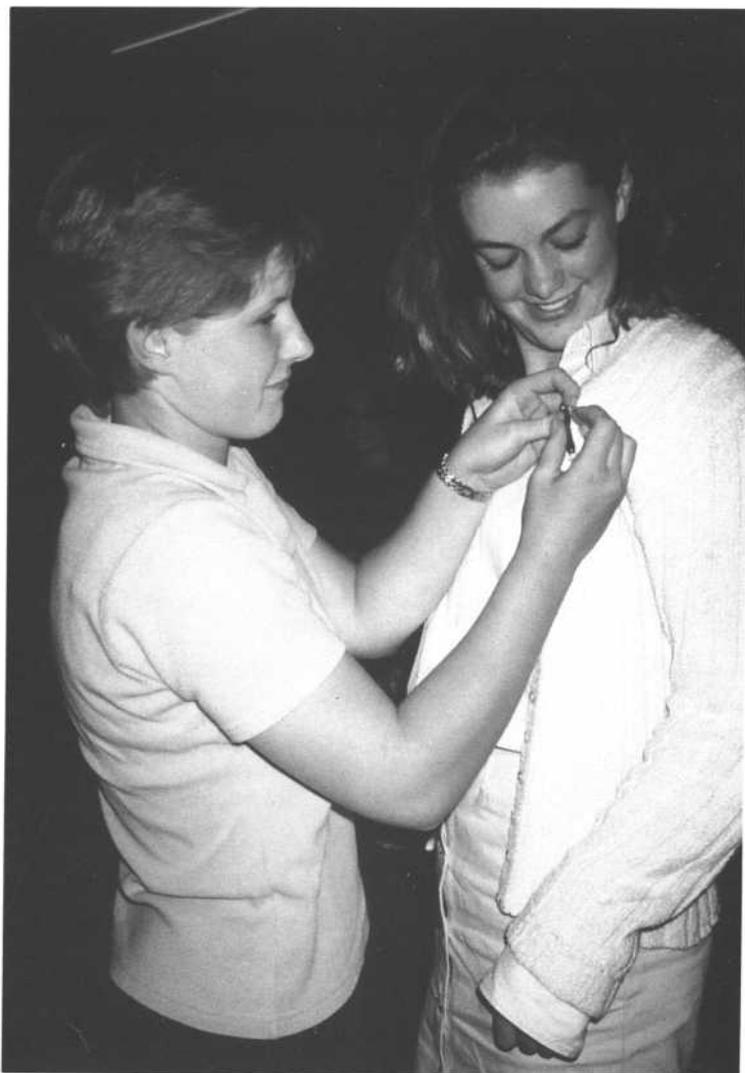
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I wonder how many people have driven past the main gates and thought to themselves, "What is Stover really like? What lies at the end of the drive?" I used to be one of those people until I joined the school the age of eleven. The first time I went down the drive was to sit the entrance exam in February. It was a snowy morning, everywhere was glistening white, girls were having snowball fights, building snowmen and sledging down the terraces on trays and plastic bags.

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Clare passes on the Head Girl's badge of office to Louise Astbury

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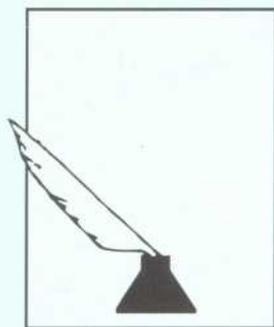
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