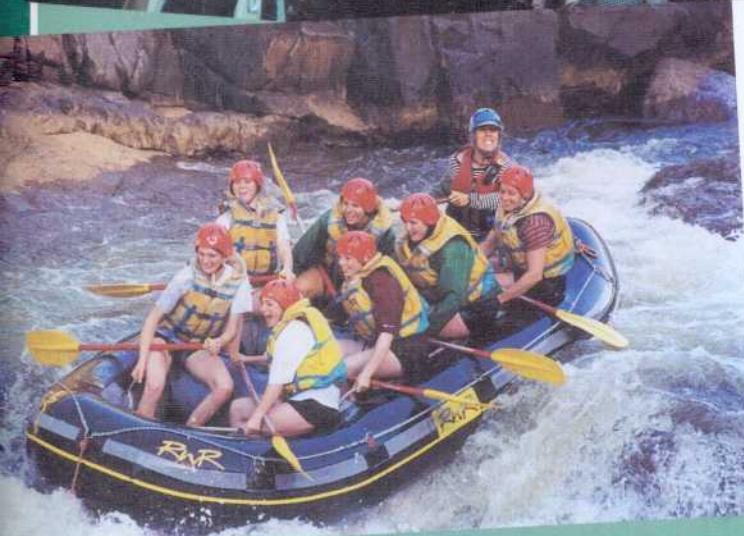


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FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

The school year at Stover often seems to be best measured from Speech Day to Speech Day. In 1998 we welcomed Mr David Woodhead, the National Director of ISIS, as our guest speaker. Mr Woodhead reminded us of the particular strengths of independent schools and how generations of parents and grandparents over many years and across thousands of schools have made sacrifices in order that their sons and daughters should benefit from the individual care, opportunities and high teaching standards that our schools give. But we must all remember he also reminded us that, without the commitment of Governors to our schools, many would not survive. In this respect, I would therefore like to pay tribute to our own 16 school Governors of the present and all the Governors of Stover School of the past, who play and have played their part in preserving and creating the wonderful school that we have today.

The culmination of this academic year was the publication of the GCSE and A-level results, which were outstanding. Congratulations to all our pupils who helped to make 1999 a record year in the school's history. But Stover is not just about academic results, but about the whole person and our record of providing opportunities has never been better. From hosting tea parties for handicapped children to raising over £1000 for charity and a 3-week Sports Tour of Australia, our pupils have all been involved in activities which will help to create an awareness of others and, hopefully, a sensitivity to those less fortunate than ourselves.

On the sports field teamwork and endeavour have been excellent, and the school was awarded the Sportsmark Award in June 1999 by 'Sport England' for our commitment to sport at Stover.

We also had to say goodbye this year to valued members of staff moving on to new phases in their lives. Mr Roger Prides was appointed as Head of GNVQ ICT at Paignton Community College. Roger's enthusiasm, commitment, both inside the classroom and in Outdoor Pursuits, and his warm character made him a good friend and colleague, and many girls past and present will, I know, want to wish him every success. Mrs Jane Varley retired as Senior Housemistress and, although only at Stover for 2 years, Jane, who has worked at a number of boarding schools, felt that it was her most rewarding period. We also wish Jane well and retain many happy memories of her philosophical and humorous approach to adolescence! Mrs Mica Corby to whom we also wish every success, taught Mathematics part-time and was a dedicated member of the staff team. New arrivals have included Mrs Jillian Wilce to teach Mathematics Miss Rebecca King as Head of History and Mr Simon Kiddy as Catering Manager - all of whom we hope will enjoy their new roles at Stover.

The teaching staff have as always been dedicated to their roles and I know that, despite all the hard work, the whole school achieved tremendous satisfaction, reward and fulfilment in the past academic year and we look forward to another successful year ahead.

Philip Bujak
Headmaster



ACADEMIC STAFF

Headmaster

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

Deputy Head

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

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Mrs S Bamberg	BA, MSc.	Cambridge	Chemistry
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Junior Housemistress

Mrs M Bousfield Cert Ed *Sarum St Michael*

Senior Housemistress

Mrs J Varley

Assistant Housemistresses

Miss J Parmeter & Miss S Dabb

Junior School

Mrs D Williams	BA (<i>Hons</i>) PGCE	Exeter
Mrs H Gill	BA (<i>Hons</i>)	Plymouth & Exeter
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Miss C Cooper	BA (<i>Hons</i>)	Cumbria
Miss M Gower	BEd	Plymouth

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Mrs A Campkin	NVQ 3	Nursery Assistant
Mrs L Sharrock	NVQ 3	Nursery Assistant
Mrs F Martin		Nursery Assistant
Mrs A Bujak	RGN	Nursery Assistant

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School Secretary	Mrs L Shell
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Bursar's Assistant	Mrs M Barnard
Bursar's Assistant	Mrs G Hanbury

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>

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 and Drama	Mrs V Thresher	LRAM, LGSM
Laboratory technician	Mrs A Milford	
Catering manager	Mr S Kiddy	MHCIMA

School Chaplain

Reverend C Knott BA

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Vice Chairman •Mr R H Roberts JP

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

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School Legal Advisors: Over, Taylor, Biggs, Exeter
Pidsley & Roberts, Newton Abbot

School Accountants: Francis Clark Newton Abbot

SPEECH DAY OCTOBER 1998

This year's guest speaker was David Woodhead, national Director of the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS) the main independent schools' voice for the UK. Mr Woodhead presented prizes to more than fifty pupils and followed this with a thought-provoking speech on independent education in Britain today. He stressed his belief that schools had a duty to put down markers for standards and that they must resist an increasingly yobbish and too often inconsiderate society.

Earlier in the day, Mr Woodhead officially opened a new three classroom extension at Stover Junior School, which has grown enormously since it was founded in 1996. In just over two years the Junior School has grown from only five pupils to seventy six reflecting the growing demand from new parents for a girls-only junior school.



*Mr Woodhead opens the new
Junior School extension*

SPEECH DAY AWARDS

Major academic scholarships:

Gemma Bishop

Zoe Swift

Keisha Taylor

Claire Lash-Williams

Claire Ryan

Helena Forster

Rachel Seward

Harriet Shell

Fiona Linton

Music Entrance Awards:

Entrance Prizes:

West Bank Scholar 1998/99

Achievement and progress prizes

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class 1	Progress	Sophie Bates
		Eleanor Bujak
Class 2	Achievement	Tabitha Cottrell
	Progress	Yasmin Millin
Class 3	Achievement	Rosina Erangey
	Progress	Stephanie Kent
Class 4	Achievement and Booktrack	Keisha Taylor
	Gold Award	Jennifer Kent
	Progress	

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 6	Achievement	Alice Hyland
	Progress	Claire Styler
Year 7	Achievement	Joanna Mann
		Georgia Robinson
		Katie Webber
		Lisa Whitney
	Progress	Emma Higgin
		Elli Lait
		Laura Woodham
Year 8	Achievement	Emma Colley
		Jennifer Stocks
	Progress	Olivia Whiteway Wilkinson
Year 9	Achievement	Grace Bennett
		Abigail Harding
		Rachael Brandon
	Progress	Helen Cottle
		Eleanor Milton
Year 10	Achievement	Felicity Harding
		Julia Wingate
	Progress	Lucie Wootton
		Danielle Senior
		Catherine Sulzmann
Year 11	Achievement	Melody Cooper
		Carolyn Hocknell
		Fiona Linton
		Sarah Parker

Subject Prizes A level

English	Christianna Hiles
Miss Smith's Prize for English	
and History	Zuzanna Smidova
Home Economics	Corinna Chan
Languages	Olesya Dmitricova
Mathematics	Vivian Tse
Science	Borjana Arsova

Subject Prizes GCSE

Art	Chloe Mansell
EFL	Fanny Lee
Geography	Joanna Wright
Home Economics	Clova Gladstone
Information Technology	Sarah Parker
Languages	Katherine Edwards
Watson Cup for Mathematics	Sarah Parker
Religious Education	Fleur Grening
Science	Fiona Linton

School Awards*Music*

Instrumental progress in the Junior School:	Rosina Erangey
Bairstow Cup for pupil with the highest Associated Board results:	Kate Jones
Redstone Cup for Junior instrumental Progress:	Alice Hyland
Wendy Insole Cup for Singing:	Fiona Linton
Patricia Cardale Cup for Instrumental Achievement:	Lucy Jones
Sarah Bruce Cup for Service to School Music	Anna Storrs



Lucie Wootton: prize for achievement Yr 11



Julia Simcox, winner of the inaugural millennium vase, presented by Mr and Mrs Newman for endeavour.

School Awards*Sports*

Junior School Sports girl:	Naomi Griffiths
Junior Sports girl:	Helen Cottle
Senior Sports Girl	Clare Cooper
Jameson Cup for support for School Games	Anna Storrs
Prize for Outdoor Pursuits	Katherine Storrs

Drama Plate	Louise Astbury
Connell/Sandhurst Cup for Service to the School	Borjana Arsova
Head Girl's prize 1997/98	Clare Cooper

Newman Millennium Award: Julia Simcox

Founder's Fellowship Award: Bethany Elce

Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Woodhead, Governors, Headmaster, staff, guests, parents, and girls.

Being appointed Head Girl was a great honour for me and I feel very privileged to have this position of responsibility in the school. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the prefects, all my friends, the sixth form and the school as a whole for their support, which I greatly appreciate and feel extremely lucky to have.

When I look back to what I was like in the first year, and I know this must sound very clichéd, I was a very unlikely candidate for Head Girl. I was an extremely short, scatty 11 year old. I spent most of my time waiting for the bell to ring so my friends and I could race down to the Jungle and play on the climbing frame and in the branches of the trees. At the same time I wasn't rebellious, I did do my work with help from the staff and their tireless refusal to admit defeat.

However, things did change, and then came the day of my G.C.S.E. results, which is a time

I will never forget. It was one of those magic days. I couldn't have been more pleased with my results, and even surprised myself in some subjects. The emotions of everyone that day were so contrasting - some people were laughing, some were crying both out of disappointment and joy. But the most memorable thing of all was the real spirit of sharing that everyone experienced. This feeling of sharing, I believe, is a particularly strong feature at Stover and at the same time an important one.

When I started to study the play "Top Girls" by Caryl Churchill it made me really think deeply about my experience of that day.

The play is built around a successful business woman, Marlene, and her work mates, Win and Nell, who are in sharp contrast to her much less successful sister Joyce, to whom Marlene has given the responsibility of her daughter.

The main questions that it provokes and, as an audience makes you think about, are the huge sacrifices that these women have given up for

equal status in the male dominated world. I feel that they are losing out on the experience of a family and their femininity. This is how I related the play to my experience of G.C.S.Es and later, I hope, in both A-levels and at University, as the women in this play have no sense of the amazing feeling of sharing.

Particularly noticeable was the women's total loss of femininity, not physically but emotionally. Their characters are harsh, ruthless and endlessly competitive - they even call themselves "tough birds". They are successful in their own terms and this success is at the expense of others. It seems ironic that these are all the characteristics that they had formally resented in men. Although I am addressing a primarily feminine audience, Gentlemen, please do not get the wrong impression, as I am sure that you do not possess any of these unfortunate characteristics!

It is not only the value of sharing and the ability of the staff and pupils to work together at Stover,

but the continuous encouragement we are given to develop into individuals. Stover is full of unique personalities - one has only got to look at the multitude of activities going on all the time. We are encouraged to find our particular niche in life, be it in music, in sport, in art or academically. And it can be found in every student. The "heart" of it is that there is never a loss of self.

In the future when hopefully I have a family and a successful career, I will definitely be looking for a school like this for my children. Finally let's hope that in the right sense one day we can all be "Top Girls" with "Top Jobs"!

Louise Astbury



MILLENNIUM APPEAL

In March 1999 the Governors and Headmaster announced the launch of the Stover Millennium Appeal. The aim of the project is to build a new Art and Computer Centre which will house the school's growing array of new computer hardware, as well as provide a new home for our very strong Art Department led by Mr Dunbar.

The artist's impression below shows that the new £250,000 centre will be a two floor building with the Art Department located on the ground floor and ICT on the first floor, both linked by a spiral staircase at the back of the building. Also part of the design are an exhibition area, toilets and extensive storage space, as well as specialist areas within the Art Room itself for jewellery design. All donations are to be recorded in a special Millennium Centre book, and those of £500 or more will also be inscribed on a Millennium Tablet which will form part of the central exhibition area.

The building costs are to be met by a combination of school funds and outside help, as well as an appeal to all current and past friends of the school. A series of events is also planned through to the summer of 2,000, and it is hoped that the new centre could be opened at Speech Day in October 2,000. All offers of help will be gratefully received and an appeal office has been set up in the school to co-ordinate events and contact donors to the appeal. If you would like to help in any way, please contact the school office.



MARY HOUSE REPORT

Mary House began the year with our annual Make and Bake, this time in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance, which raised £90 - the most ever raised in this event, thus getting the year off to a good start. Cross Country followed in the wet winter months of '98 and for the first time was run as a team relay. All the Mary House competitors pulled together and showed their excellent team spirit although we were narrowly beaten by Victoria House. The Inter house Netball was also extremely close between Victoria and Mary but sadly we were robbed of glory. However we will be back next year to claim our cup. As usual it rained on the day of the Inter-house Hockey competition and the pitch became a quagmire so the matches took place on the netball courts. Again, Mary lost very narrowly.

Christmas came and went and the rehearsals for the Music Festival began. We practised long and hard on the House song, a piece from Les Miserables. We thought, as we sat down after singing our hearts out, that we had it in the bag. However, Victoria House yet again stole victory from our grasp, and we were definitely robbed this time!

Mary now clung to the hope of winning the Gymn and Dance competition which had been our undisputed territory for nearly nine years but it became clear after the first aesthetic performance that Mary had yet another battle on their hands and we lost narrowly to our arch enemy Victoria yet again. Our hearts were lightened however by the circus act performed by Hannah at the vault!

Sports Day arrived and we really thought we would at last win a cup to put in the trophy cupboard. Mary put on an outstanding performance, with Katherine

Storrs breaking a school record for the 100 metres - and came second to Victoria House! However even as our hopes floundered in the mud all credit must go to Mr Dunbar who, accompanied by his trusty camera and in-built megaphone, was permanently on



Mary House Make'n'Bake

hand to provide much needed support.

With six Inter-House events down and three to go, Mary relentlessly pursued the dream of that trophy. The Swimming Gala arrived and we were off to a promising start, winning the first two events. But after a furious battle throughout the morning we came in second once again.

We also came close to our old nemesis Victoria in the House Cup, with a total of 2116 House points - a brilliant score, and well done to everyone in the house.

Mary's performance this year may have been less successful than in past years, but we can regard this as a well-earned rest from glory while we let the other houses have a taste of the limelight which is only fair. Next year we will be on course for victory, so watch out - those cabinet shelves are going to be sagging under the weight of our silverware!

Hannah Garvin and Kate Edwards



Mary House juniors show their support

ELIZABETH HOUSE

Elizabeth House is unquestionably the best! I may be biased as House Captain, but Lizzie House certainly has the most fun and that is what it is all about. The renowned determination and enthusiasm of Lizzie House was apparent in every event in which we took part throughout the year.

Lizzie has had its difficulties over the year but, under adverse circumstances, showed the others what teamwork is all about. I have to thank Sally Luscombe and Louise Astbury for doing such a great job while I was away and also thank Mrs Cockell for helping out as House Leader for a few weeks. They all did a brilliant job.

We may not have won the Sports or even the Music, but we didn't make it easy for the victors. Yet our consistency isn't in achievements in sport and music, unlike Mary and Victoria, but in our attitude to life, our determination to have fun and enjoy every challenge we face.

At the end of the day I have never wanted to be in a different house in my seven years at Stover. Every year the house grows stronger and so does its enthusiasm. I would just like to say to all those members of Elizabeth and to all the staff a big THANK YOU for supporting me as House Captain, and I wish you all the best of luck for the coming year. I am sure the house will continue to keep smiling under the new leadership of Cally Hocknell. Good luck everybody!!

Keira Witcombe

VICTORIA HOUSE

Victoria House has always been outstanding on the sports field but this year we exceeded even our expectations. From winning the Junior Netball through to the Gymn and Dance Competition and finally Sports Day, we swept all before us. These triumphs were possible, not only due to the overwhelming spirit of the house, but also to a few exceptional sisters - no need to tell you their names!

The most memorable event of the year was the Inter-House Music Competition. On the day, after much dedicated work, Victoria cleared the floor and lifted the roof with our rendition of "I've Got Rhythm".

After winning the majority of the house competitions we were still able to raise a considerable amount of money for the children's charity CLIC through our "Chocolate Tombola." In addition to sporting and musical achievements, the sixth form and staff have taken it in turns to lead house assembly with interesting and often inspiring talks. One of the most memorable was a theme chosen by Tina Zadnik from Slovenia around the Latin tag "carpe diem" which means "seize the day." It is a motto which all "Victorians" have obviously taken to heart.

Well done Vicky House for all your effort and I am sure you will carry it through into the next millennium.

Lucy Jones

P.S. Many thanks to all Years 11,12 and 13 who have organised and supported the House so well throughout the year. E.Evans House Leader



Keira and Cally offer vocal support !

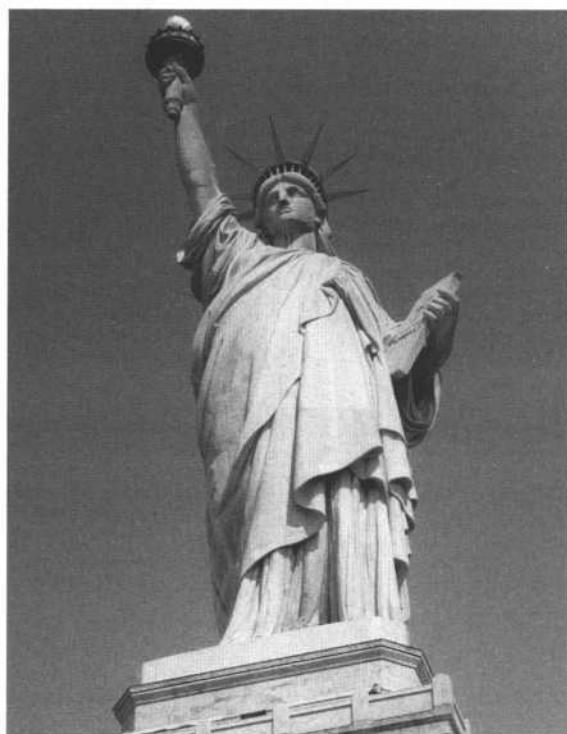
FOUNDERS AWARD

Last summer I was fortunate enough to be granted the opportunity to enhance and broaden my education with study and travel abroad. This was made possible by means of the Founder's Fellowship Award.

In July I travelled to Boston in the USA where I had organised a period of work experience at the University of Massachusetts. I have relatives who both work in the biochemical research laboratory at the University. They are both currently involved in a project investigating the HIV virus in an attempt to find a cure for the deadly disease AIDS. They offered me the chance to undertake a period of work experience during which I would be working with them in the lab and assisting them with any experiments they might be conducting.

For a girl who had never travelled farther than Exeter on her own, I must admit that an adventure of this kind seemed very daunting, but after a seven hour plane journey I was ready for anything. I was made extremely welcome at the lab. and soon settled into the daily routine. The first few days were spent doing my own personal research into the HIV virus and the way the immune system works. Normally the students who work in the lab. are pre-clinical medical students so I had a lot to catch up on after only just completing my GCSEs! However I found that everyone was more than willing to explain anything that I did not understand. I'm sure that any of you who have studied Biology and Chemistry will know that one of the biggest hurdles is to overcome the impossible pronunciations of the ridiculous Latin words (no offence meant, Mrs. Stevens!) However, within a few days I was fully conversant with words such as macrophages, phagocytes and t-lymphocytes (NB These are Greek derivations. Ed) and was beginning to understand the process of immunology and the effect of the HIV virus on healthy cells.

One of the most interesting experiences I had was being able to culture a group of human kidney cells and preparing them as samples for the professors. This involved using hi-tech equipment such as centrifuges and preparing solutions of various chemicals and media. Obviously I was not allowed to come into close contact with the HIV virus under State Law.



However I was involved in investigations into the types of DNA that it affects in particular and therefore had the opportunity to carry out electrophoresis experiments and work with different types of genetic material.

However I did not spend the entire three weeks of my time in America hard at work. After all, what is the point of travelling thousands of miles across the Atlantic ocean if you don't get a chance to experience what real American life is like? During the evenings I was happy to join the family with their outings to the local roller rink or even offered my services as babysitter to allow my hosts to escape the horrors which having four young children can bring.

Sight-seeing was also prominent on the agenda and I was whisked around four of the New England states including Rhode Island and Connecticut. My travels included visiting several of the preserved pilgrim villages which provided an insight into the lives of the first Americans, and a trip to Salem, home of the infamous witch hunt of 1692. This was particularly interesting as we had just studied Arthur Miller's compelling play "The Crucible" based on this event. Seeing the memorial stones and the houses of those involved brought the characters to life and made the injustice of the hangings even more frightening.

Perhaps the most memorable experience of my time in America was the few days that I spent in New York. I climbed the statue of Liberty,



Fiona and the flag

visited the museum dedicated to the American immigrants on Ellis Island, was taken to the top of the World Trade Centre - the tallest building in America and the third tallest in the world - visited Wall Street, Central Park and Broadway and still had time for shopping on Fifth Avenue! After all the commotion of city life I spent a long weekend with relations on Long Island, sunning myself on the "deck" and enjoying water-skiing and sailing in the Sound.

I must admit that I felt almost saddened at the thought of leaving America. I had made so many friends from all over the world, had got to know distant members of the family far better, and had experienced an alternative way of life which had allowed me to become far more independent and more confident. I consider New England one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited and hope to return one day.

All of this would not have been possible without help from the Founder's Fellowship award, and I hope that you feel it has been put to good use. I also hope that my adventure will encourage other members of the school to consider a similar way of fulfilling their dreams.

I am deeply grateful to Stover and to those who administer the award for giving me the confidence to apply and for making the summer of 1998 so special for me.

Fiona Linton

The current holder of the Founders Award is Bethany Elce, daughter of the Head of RE at Stover, Mrs. Viv Elce. She has spent eight months in Malawi, in Africa, as a "gap" year between A-levels and university, under the auspices of the Right Hand Trust. This organisation "provides a life-enriching experience for 18 - 30s as guests of the Anglican church in rural Africa."

Bethany was teaching in a primary school on Chizumulu island in Lake Malawi. She and a friend, a physiotherapist working the local clinic, decided that one of the simplest and most cost-effective ways of helping prevent the scourge of malaria among the local community, especially young children, was by the provision of mosquito nets. To this end Stover was involved in sponsoring nets and raised £167. At about £4 a net, very little by western standards, this will go some way to help provide the 350 nets needed. Bethany writes:

NET NEWS!

We had a six day journey from Chizumulu to Blantyre to collect the nets and bring them back. Due to the vagaries of African local transport it took 50 hours to cover 480 miles, to get them back to Chizumulu. The two men who helped us transport them were real stars. We couldn't have done it without them.

The nets are large rectangles and are green so that they don't show the dirt. Each household makes a bamboo frame to hang the nets easily and effectively. Each net plus insecticide treatment for one year costs approximately £4.00. The nets have to be re-impregnated with insecticide every year which will cost about £1.20, so a saving scheme has been set up to pay for this.

Education is the most important part of the whole programme. Three sessions on facts about malaria, malaria prevention and use and care of mosquito nets take place in each of the six village areas. After this two representatives from each village will be responsible for the further treatment of the nets in their village. And finally the Public Health Officer will be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the nets on an annual basis.

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed towards sponsoring the nets for Chizumulu.



Bethany Elce with children on Chizumulu

YEAR TEN HIT MIAMI BEACH !!!!!

There were several ideas for the Year Ten Christmas party: should it be on a metallic millennium theme or should we resort to that 'timeless' Hollywood theme? Neither seemed particularly appropriate - millennium celebrations would be a little premature and Hollywood would be a bit 'last year, darling,' and so the idea for a Miami beach party was born.

With the invaluable assistance of Mr Dunbar and Mrs Dinsdale our year divided up into groups, each responsible for a different area of the organisation. After frequent Wednesday morning meetings between forms everything began to take shape. On the day some people went shopping, some helped set up the games and others were busy in the Art room. By the evening various different activities had been set up in the Jubilee Hall while Chamber Hall had been transformed into a very convincing beach - not bad for a hectic twenty four hours!

Everything seemed to be going very well - except for the ever-increasing risk of a tidal wave as people dived head first into the apple bobbing bucket in hot pursuit of a Granny Smith. As this activity proved a bit too wet to continue inside we carried on outside. After this there was a disco in Chamber Hall as well as karaoke - lots of people joined in, including several teachers! However all good things must come to an end and as the clock struck midnight, Miami Beach turned back into Chamber Hall.

Grace Bennett Year Ten



That looks painful as well!



That looks painful!



Clarke Kent and Lois Laine were spotted at the party

FRENCH EXCHANGE

(From a teacher's viewpoint)

Saturday 7.50 am

Set off slightly late. Kerry and Caitlin try to smuggle Easter cakes onto bus on dining room plates. Search school for Caitlin - found sitting on bus. Laura arrives late.

11.00. Caitlin violently sick in coach. Changed her clothes in loo at Bridport and put sicky jacket, jeans, t shirt and bag into bin liner. Viv goes to local supermarket to buy disinfectant, J cloths etc. Mop up bus floor and seat.

Rebekah has headache.

p.m. On boat. Jenny puts both hands on newly painted bright blue rail. After a great deal of explaining and apologising white spirit is produced half an hour later. Maxine has tummy ache.

Daisy left purse locked in cinema.

Left Kerry and Helen with their families at Caen.

(Didn't know about Helen until today.) 10.45 Arrive.

Vire. Much confusion as coaches decant 90 children in pitch darkness together with luggage. Cries of "A qui cette valise noire?" go unanswered. Advise various French parents re their visitors' ailments/anxieties. Note written to Caitlin's French family asking them to wash her clothes. Caitlin departs leaving said clothes on coach.

11.30. Arrive at Le Relais Normand. Viv and I have cup of tea from plastic cup in room. Room like a furnace. Turn off radiator. Room becomes an ice box. Lie in cold listening to cars/motorbikes/lorries roaring past. Telephone rings continually. Super soft bed wraps itself round me. Back starts to ache. Get up at 3.30 am and turn radiator back on 4.00 am. Fall asleep.

Monday 22.

8.45 Meet at school. Alice and Alison had gone home with the wrong bags and borrowed ill-fitting pyjamas. Four girls don't have packed lunches so excess sandwiches hastily collected to form Red Cross parcels

10.10. Rebekah feels sick.

1.15. Harry leans over wishing well and, whilst others are throwing in coins, drops wallet and keys irretrievably into the depths.

3.15. Jenny leaves purse and coat on Mont St Michel, rescued by Viv. Girls reluctant to get on coach as totally fascinated by filming of Taiwanese quiz show.

5.05. Arrive school. Beseiged by various parents wanting to know "Est-ce qu'il est contente?" Reassure with, "Mais oui, regardez comme elle sourit!" Sort out packed lunch problem. Caitlin has left her 'sick' clothes on the bus again.

Tuesday 23

Rain. Set off for Arromanches. Packed lunches sorted.

Tara has a stomach ache. Hattie has a temperature and headache.

Nobody understands the French conversation lessons from 8-9pm. Eleanor and Maxi get left in the ladies at Bayeux. Mr Seabrooke takes wrong turning and misses out on tea. Attend "Conseil de classe" where everyone talks at the same time. Meanwhile Viv extricates Caitlin's clothes from bus and valiantly washes them by hand.

Wednesday 24

Get up at 4.45 am. Set off at 6 am. Helen has lost her purse. Claire feels ill - generally.

Thursday 25

Return Caitlin's clothes. Set off for Argentan. Not much there. Get lost on way to breeding stables. Describe large circle and end up back at Argentan. Find stables and have interesting tour. Had thought breeding stables would be full of lovely fluffy foals but we were greeted by a snorting, oversexed stallion aptly named Workaholic. Spent next hour trying to translate the trickier details of horse reproduction.

Friday 20th

L'Angleterre v. La France basketball extravaganza. Allay fears of worried participants who are using the thin excuse that they have never played basketball before. "It's a bit like netball without the rules," is my way of psyching up the team. After a tour of the school my interpreting skills are tested to their limit by long impromptu speeches by French pupils and staff. I am rewarded with a selection of regional produce: a kilo of smoked salmon, an amusing Asterix drinks tray and a huge, oddly shaped sausage.

Sat 27th (Some time before dawn)

Depart from school amidst much kissing. Sadly we have to leave without Kerry whose family is still slumbering. They will bring her to Cherbourg - "Pas de probleme!" But nevertheless I am planning for the worst... Finally catch up with her successfully at the port and try not to scream... As I watch the French coast recede into the distance, I relax into the comfort of my soft reclining chair and start to think... Everyone is safely on board except Claire who is staying on with her French hosts as her parents are coming to pick her up en route to their holiday destination. She'll need her passport of course...so why have I just found it in my handbag???????

Very grateful thanks to Mrs Elce, Mr Seabrooke and Mr Coleman for their good-humoured company, which helped make this the least problematic trip I have ever been involved in!

PS Many apologies to Claire's parents! (E.Evans)

YEAR 12 INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTE

When the Sixth Form comprises so many budding chefs from so many different corners of the world, what better than to hold an international cookery evening when everyone gets the chance to show off the best of their own local cuisine and, most importantly, taste everyone else's dishes?

For several hours the Home Economics room looked like the set from an international round of Junior Masterchef and resounded to cries of "Who's stolen my rice?" and "Give me back my gherkins!" The smells were pretty good too, with every kind of spice mingling with the baking of cakes, hot chocolate and frying garlic.

The final line up included the following gems: Sichuan spicy bean curd, prepared by Elaine Yeung, Olesya Dmitricova's gherkins and pork Traspol style (from Moldova), Vera Benninghaus' Schaschlik kebabs, and Estonian gherkin and potato salad prepared by Jaana Takis. The wonderful array of desserts included Ulrike Ungewiss' delicious Amaretto mousse and Hannah Garvin's American banoffee pie, which, as it universally scored 11/10 in the tasting test, we have included for you to try for yourself.



BANOFFE PIE USA

Ingredients: 2x 250ml cans sweetened condensed milk

- 4oz digestive biscuits
- 2 oz butter
- 3 bananas

Method: Melt the butter and mix in the crushed digestive biscuits. Line an 8 oz cake tin with this mixture. Place in fridge to set

Place the unopened cans of condensed milk in a saucepan and cover with water. Boil for one hour. Slice the bananas thinly over the biscuit base. Pour over the condensed milk while still hot. Cool in fridge and serve with clotted cream.
(Important Warning: Do NOT attempt to count the calories!)



A SNAIL

A snail is a caravan, a house on the move
A snail is a foot without any shoe
A snail is a sledge sliding on slime
A snail is an alien, antenna headed
A snail is a birds' larder, keeping their food fresh
A snail is a grand spiral staircase
A snail is a tortoise without any legs
A snail is a tractor crawling up a hill
A snail is a weather forecast before it rains
A snail is lunch with garlic and cream.

Gemma Bishop Year 7



MY IDEAL SCHOOL

My ideal school is located in Auckland, New Zealand and it would be called View Point Girls School. It would be a boarding and day school. If you did board you could design your own room.

At lunch time you can do whatever you like such as swimming in a huge heated swimming pool. The pool would be inside with huge slides. We could also play in the huge adventure playground. This would also be inside. This play area would have slides that go almost vertical. You could also go and play with your animals such as horses, rabbits, hamsters, anything you wanted, even pigs! You would have exactly the same lessons as any other school because we still have to learn. You start the day at ten in the morning because I like to sleep in. And you finish school at three thirty.

The teachers at my school would be very friendly. They would wear a uniform but not the same as the pupils. These uniforms would come in whatever colour you wanted.

At this school they have delicious lunches. Some days they have roast lamb, potatoes and stir-fried vegetables. Once a term the pupils in each class vote on a restaurant that they would like to go to such as MacDonalds and the teachers arrange for them to go there for lunch.

This school is very clean because if you drop litter or do anything bad you have to pay a fine of £5.00 or help the teachers for a week. The facilities such as bathrooms are very posh. The walls are marble.

This school has no rules, only a few like not dropping litter. It has hardly any rules because they trust the girls to use their common sense.

At this school you would have your own little car like a golf cart. You would use this all the time to get around the school. This is quite useful because you can put your books for the next lesson on the seat beside you. Also you don't have lockers. This cart has a boot you can put all your books in and lock.

You don't have homework here because the teachers think you have too much work in one lesson anyway. The weeks are not long, you have Friday, Saturday and Sunday off and the rest at school. There are about three hundred girls in this school and only twelve in a class.

This is my ideal school.

Chloe Billington.

CLEAN CLOTHES

Ring! Ring! Groan, groan. Early start.

Rush, rush. Splat! Muddy puddle.

Mum like a bomb exploding.

Clean clothes.

Move! I was sitting there!

Sister Sandwich, between two brothers. Teasing, shoving, poking, crying.

Sleeping, playing, laughing, singing.

Racing cars rushing by

Blue and yellow service station

Fields of black/white cows.

Yuk! Slimy wet feel, horrible smell, brother sick.

Clean clothes again.

Late night

Shove clothes in drawer, suitcase under bed.

Hot sticky feel of a bright summer day

Cut grass. A-a-choo! A-a-choo!

Morning sun blinds my eyes

Oh no! Not more muck on my T shirt!

Silly food.

Clean clothes.

French money, French food, French everything, Sandy pebbles scattered on the beach like marbles.

At last an ice cream

NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

Clean clothes.

Enormous waves rolling over us

Sandy swim suit.

Ring! Ring! Groan, groan. Early Start.

Charlie Murrell Year 8

SMILERS

Advice from the English department;

Be more or less specific

Avoid cliches like the plague

Don't use no double negatives

Puns are for children, not groan readers

Verbs has to agree with their subjects

Eliminate commas, that are not, necessary

A LETTER FROM JULIANE BROWN

(Former Stover pupil Juliane who left in 1993 is considering teaching as a career and spent a week at Stover discovering at first hand about life at the chalk face)

Dear Everyone,

Thank you for making me so welcome during my week at Stover. It was lovely to be back again at a place where I spent five happy years as a pupil but this time seeing it from the teachers' view point!

I arrived on Monday morning and hovered nervously in the corridor outside the Staff room, looking for familiar faces on old school photographs. Mr Bujak came out, introduced himself and told me to go straight in! Panic set in: I couldn't just walk in there! Fortunately Mrs Bradley came to my rescue and took me into the staff room under escort.

At first I found it very strange being on the other side of the staff room door, in a place I had only snatched glimpses of as a pupil. I had often wondered what went on. I was seeing a whole new side to the teachers. On one occasion the laughter of the staff was such that Miss Evans, who was on the telephone, had to shout at them to keep the noise down!

The staff welcomed me into a whole range of lessons. I particularly enjoyed the time I spent in the Junior School where I began the day in a lesson taught by my old classmate, Helen Gill. The following day I met another old school friend, Patricia Hunt, who had returned to judge the Inter House Gym competition. As my loyalties still lie with my old house I was delighted to see Vicky win.

The highlight of my week - and I suspect everyone else's - was Red Nose Day. I was full of admiration for the effort the staff and pupils put into organising this event. The three-legged football was great fun. I played on the staff team leg to leg with Mrs Batten. I didn't volunteer to be a target for the wet sponges, however, and I think those who did were very brave. They were also very cold - apart from Mr Topley who had wisely dressed for the occasion in a diving dry-suit!

I thoroughly enjoyed the week I spent at Stover and gained a valuable insight into the teaching profession. I was able to appreciate just how hard

the staff work - teaching is only half of it! So, do I still want to be a teacher? Well yes. I am applying for entry in September 2000. This October I am hoping to go to Fiji to take part in a marine biodiversity survey of a coral reef. That will last ten weeks and then I'm planning to travel on to New Zealand, Australia and South East Asia. I can't wait!

Thanks again for all your help and advice and for a wonderful week.

With very best wishes from
Juliane Brown.



*"So do I still want to be a teacher?
Well, perhaps not a head teacher!"*

HAIKU
THE WIND IS HOWLING
ROADS BLOCKED, CHAOS OUTSIDE
HOME SAFE BY THE FIRE

Louise Renowden Year 7

SMILER!!

Biology

Q. How does the fat stored in a camel's hump help it to survive?

A. It keeps the animal going for a long time without food. The desert has many open places and not much food - it isn't as if there is a Tesco round every corner, you know.

French

Q. Est-ce que tu es sportif?

A. (After much brow furrowing)...Oui, un petit pois...

UK MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

SENIOR:

Silver and best in school: Camilla Kwong

Bronze	Fanny Lee
	Yukiko Agukatawa

Emily Monk qualified for the UK Junior Olympics with a score of 107. The qualifying score was 97. Congratulations to everyone who entered this year's challenge.



INTERMEDIATE:

Gold and best in school: Lucie Wooton

Yr 11

Gold	Yr 9	Jenny Stocks
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Silver	Yr 11	Toddy Turner
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	Yr 10	Leyna Beasley
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		Claire Lees
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Bronze	Yr 9	Emma Colley
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	Yr 11	Felicity Harding
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		Nai Klinji
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		Alison Hendy
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	Yr 10	Grace Bennett
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		Amy Lai
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		Esther Choi
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	Yr 9	Sharon Kilpin
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		Camilla Smallwood
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JUNIOR

Gold and best in school: Emily Monk Yr 8

Gold	Yr 8	Georgia Robinson
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Silver	Yr 8	Lisa Whitney
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		Sara Akhtar
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		Clare Courage
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		Esther Truman
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Bronze	Yr 8	Laura Carruthers Watts
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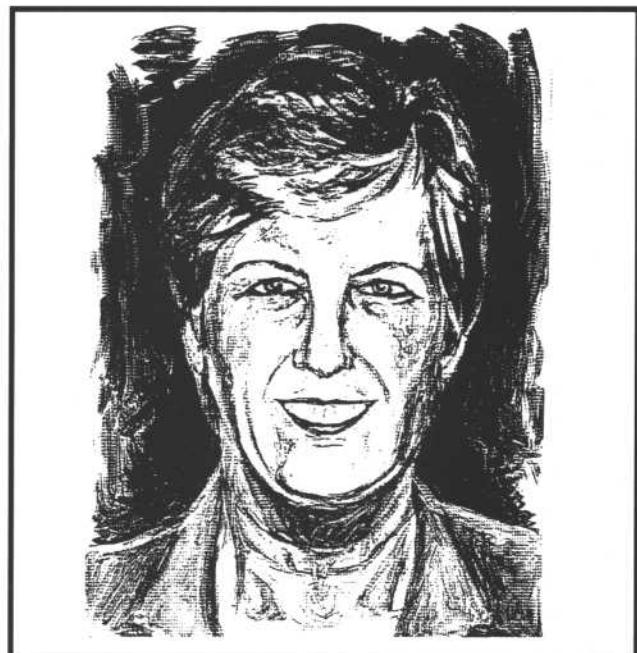
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	Yr 7	Alice Hyland
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Jenny Stocks and Emma Colley from year 9 scored so highly that they were invited to enter the European Kangaroo Mathematics Challenge which involves students from twenty different countries.

WANTED



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN?

MUSICALLY POLYPHONIC

Each year the music department experiences a busy schedule of events both in and out of school. The energy and musicality that is apparent within the department is outstanding and the commitment of the girls involved, especially the music scholars, has been commendable and appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls personally for their support and enthusiasm over the past year. The peripatetic staff work to a very high standard, producing excellent ABRSM results throughout the year. Their hard work is greatly appreciated by everyone involved in the music department.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Carol service had a traditional feel with Bible readings by girls, parents, Governors and teaching staff. The orchestra, Stover Singers, Junior Chamber Choir, Senior Chamber Choir and Junior School Choir worked hard on the chosen repertoire to produce a highly polished performance. Congregational carols were interspersed with a variety of Christmas music to celebrate the Christmas story. Stover singers added a contrast with a rendition of two Gospel carols.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

These have proved to be a most successful series of recitals by music scholars and girls learning instruments and voice throughout the Senior and Junior School. The standard of performance is consistently high and provides an enjoyable break in the school day. The concerts provide the girls with a wonderful opportunity to experience solo performing in front of an audience.

ABRSM EXAMINATIONS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL RESULTS

The results from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music examinations have been excellent this year with many girls gaining high merits and distinctions at all levels.

The Torbay and South West of England Music Festival was also a great success for the girls who entered this year.

INTER HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Inter House Music festival, combined with the Phyllis Dence Memorial Concert attracted a large audience. The first half of the programme included pieces from Disney musicals to Rachmaninov. A song composed by Lucy Jones, an A level music student, was used by Victoria House as their ensemble piece. The song, entitled "A world of promise and hope", was written for a competition for the Marks and Spencer Children's Promise and reached the last round of the judging.

RESULTS

Junior solo	Victoria Floey Bennett	violin
Senior solo	Victoria Kate Jones	cello
Ensemble	Victoria	"A world of promise and hope"
Junior house song	Elizabeth	
Senior House song	Victoria	
Winning House	Victoria	

After the interval the audience was treated to a fascinating trumpet recital by the famous trumpeter, Crispian Steele-Perkins. He performed a varied programme, working through the history and evolution of the trumpet and providing us with musical examples from the Baroque period to the Jazz age.

During the afternoon Crispian held a master class with two girls from the Junior School who were about to take their Grade One trumpet and cornet examinations. They gained much inspiration from his input and hugely enjoyed the class.

STOVER MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

Stover Singers	
Chamber Choir Years 10-12	
Junior Chamber Choir Years 6-9	
Junior School Choir	
Chamber Orchestra Grades 4/5 standard and above	
String Orchestra Grades 4/5 standard and above	
String Ensemble Grades 1-4	
Junior School String Ensemble	
Flute Trio/Quartet	
Clarinet/Saxophone Ensemble	
Clarinet Trio	
Rubbish Band!	



How do I play this, then??!

As from September 1999 the following ensembles will also take place thus ensuring the development of music at Stover:

Junior School Orchestra

Senior School Orchestra

Woodwind Ensembles Grades 3 and above

String Quartet Grades 3 and above

String Quartet (Junior and Senior groups)

THE PHYLLIS DENCE MUSIC FUND

Originally intended for music scholarships, the music fund was first used several years ago to sponsor an annual school concert by a young musician. Now an annual school music award is made in her memory and selected girls are sponsored for musical skills development.

The aims of the award are to broaden the girls' musical experience and knowledge and to provide opportunities to improve their skills. 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 is managed by a committee which includes the Head, the Director of Music, a Governor, an Old Girl and other co-opted members. Applications for a grant can be made on a standard form available from the School Office by a girl and her parent. The written support of the Director of Music or a member of the music staff will be required.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

Percussion Miss M. Hiley

Piano Mr J. Bryden, Mrs A. Brown, Mrs S. Rolls

Cello Mrs H. Wills

Violin and viola Miss C. Hayek

Clarinet, saxophone and flute Mr J. Boorer

Flute Mrs J. Ayling

Brass Mr A. Stark

Guitar Mr P. Hill

Voice, flute, piccolo Mrs S. Farleigh

GUYS AND DOLLS



The highlight of the Music and Drama year was the summer performance of *Guys and Dolls*. Rehearsals started in the second half of the Spring term, and girls from Years 6-10 and the Lower Sixth put in many hours perfecting their songs, actions, lines and dance steps. Four boys from Coombeshead School joined the cast. Dick, Ollie, Joe and Craig brought energy, talent and much laughter to the show. On the 23rd May a ten hour, non-stop sponsored rehearsal took place in Jubilee Hall in aid of the Phyllis Dence fund, raising £300.

We all approached the performance dates with trepidation as set, props and costumes were organised. Many thanks go to Tim Collings from Coombeshead who supplied all the lighting and technical support and to the Salvation Army who lent uniforms and a big bass drum for the Mission band. Excitement levels rose when the tiered seating arrived and was set up and Jubilee Hall suddenly acquired that magical theatrical atmosphere.

By the day of the dress rehearsal the all important exits and entrances had been mastered and the Junior School had a preview. Their thank you letters showed how much they enjoyed the show. The effort of the cast throughout every rehearsal was excellent and there were many tired faces the day after the final performance. The girls gained great experience from the show and their memories will stay with them for many years to come. According to all who saw it the show was a great success, full of energy, enjoyment, talent and skill.

Thank you to all of the staff who helped and the determination of the cast to achieve such a triumph.

S.H.Farleigh Director of Music

S.Rolls Head of Drama

N.Hall Choreographer



DRAMA

The Drama Department's spring term evening of work in progress is by now a well established annual event. The serious part of the evening is of course the A Level Theatre Studies examination but the fun part comes first as Years Eight, Nine and Ten demonstrate what they have been up to in their Drama and Music sessions this year before an audience of friends, students and parents.

Year Eight presented some of the favourite songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Cats" in a lively performance which included gym, dance, rap and mime. Year Nine opted for the famous comic workmen's production of "Pyramus and Thisbe" from "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Michelle Griffiths tells us that "everyone did their absolute best although there were a few beforehand nerves! We included some improvisations, which ranged from a chat show to a sword fight and an overall view of the story. It's a very comical play and very enjoyable and we hope that everyone who came to see it thought that too!" Year Ten's presentation was outstandingly original and visually quite stunning: a Recycled Fashion Show. They made the costumes, designed the set and produced and directed their own pieces. We look forward to seeing all those marvellous ways with bubblewrap and plastic wire on the High Street next year! Many thanks to "Scrap Store" for supplying the materials and to Nicky Hall for helping with the choreography.

Then the A level group performed their examination monologues, duologues and group work. For this last they had devised a piece based on local Dartmoor legends and used many dramatic techniques to produce a lively and interesting performance. The Examiner was very complimentary and gave high marks to all involved. Well done!

Throughout the year the A level Theatre Studies and Year Ten GCSE Drama students visited local theatres in Plymouth and Exeter to see a varied programme of plays including Ibsen's "The Dolls House", "Top Girls" by Caryl Churchill and Shakespeare's "The Tempest". The performances are used as a basis for discussion and written analysis of dramatic technique, giving a greater understanding of theatre.

The Year Ten Drama group performed a series of plays using sites in Stover grounds as a stimulus. Thankfully the day of the mock exam was beautiful and so each play could be performed on site without the use of umbrellas! They explored the themes of Heaven and Hell, legends and witchcraft, and analysed and evaluated their plays to produce log books recording their experiences: a valuable practice for the real examinations in Year 11. Good luck!

LONDON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DRAMATIC ART AWARDS

Grade three

Kerry Ann Tunnell	Distinction
Caitlin Theobald	Distinction

Grade four

Claire Snowden	Distinction
Bonnie Chivers	Pass
Michelle Griffiths	Distinction
Rebecca Anderson	Honours

Grade five

Tara Donaldson	Distinction
Lucy Hawkins Adams	Distinction
Helen Pizzey	Distinction
Rachel Byrnes	Pass
Rachael Brandon	Distinction
Libby Chivers	Pass
Micki Ling	Distinction
Claire Lees	Distinction

Grade six

Sara Akhtar	Pass
Kate Hawker	Distinction
Danielle Senior	Honours

Grade seven

Ella Chivers	Distinction
Esther Rae	Distinction
Julia Wingate	Distinction

Silver medal for Acting with Distinction

Jessica Cottle Fleur Greinig



Fleur Greinig

Sarah Rolls Head of Drama

COOKERY CLUB YEAR 8



T	A	B	P	L	A	T	X	S	I	N	K
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S	E	C	O	O	K	E	R	L	E	N	X
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FIND:

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| - Technology | - Cupboard | - Knives | - Plate | - Microwave |
| - Cooker | - Table | - Spoons | - Grater | - Jug |
| - Food | - Chair | - Forks | - Spatula | - Kettle |
| - Mixer | - Sink | - Bowl | - Oven | - Racks |
| - Kitchen | - Bake | - Whisk | - Pan | - Shelf |



MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF



Proceeds from the 1998 Summer Ball were dedicated to Macmillan Cancer Relief. Last year the charity launched its appeal for £350,000 in the grounds of Stover. It hopes to reach this total by September 2000. Here Elizabeth Anning, Sally Luscombe and Keira Witcombe hand over a cheque for £870 raised at the Summer "James Bond" Ball, to Elaine Roberts from the South Devon Macmillan Nurses Appeal. In May, in spite of appalling weather, a successful garden day was held in the school grounds, and another one is planned for next year.

Macmillan
cancer relief

GARDEN DAY

Saturday 8th May
10.30am - 4.30pm

in the beautiful grounds of
STOVER SCHOOL
Newton Abbot
by kind permission of the Headmaster and Governors

Grand Opening at 11am by
Dennis Cornish of Westcountry TV
Plants, Pots, Ponds, Weeds, Feeds and Seeds
-Dennis has all the answers

Bedding Plants Alpines Shrubs Annuals
Bonsai Cacti
Specialist Growers Tools
Crafts Talks and Demonstrations
Morris & Maypole Dancers
Refreshments Delicious Cream Teas Raffle

Entrance £3

For Exhibitor information, telephone 01392 402381
All proceeds to Exeter & Torbay Macmillan Appeal

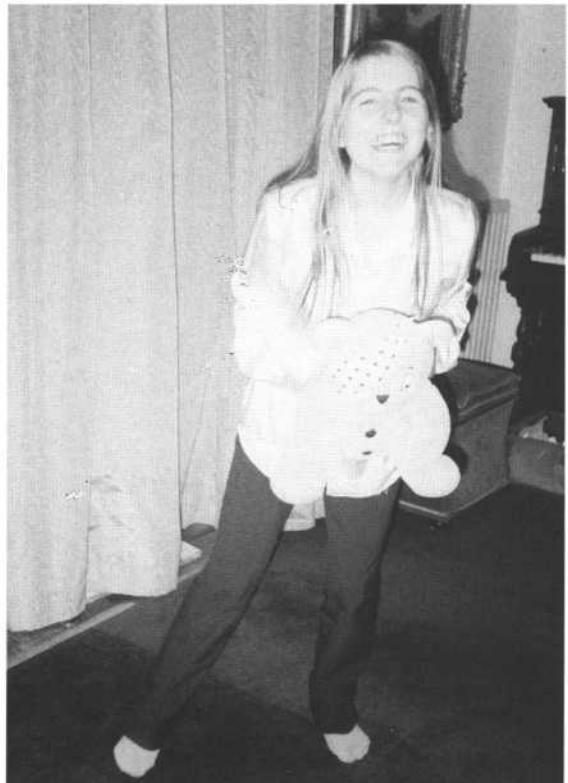
WALK FOR WILDLIFE

On Sunday the 11th October the Junior House full boarders went on the Walk for Wildlife to raise money for WWF.

The walkers were Sharon, Charlie, Michelle, Nai, Lisa, Angel, Marcia, Kenji, Catherine, Kerry, Caitlin and Esther, plus Mrs B and Miss Mac. Four of us had done it before so we knew all the short cuts! Luckily it was a nice day for walking although Mrs B got confused as the track was different from last year. First we had to check in at the main desk and get our record sheets and every time we came to a person with a little sticker on them - these were the marshals - we gave them our sheets and they signed them. We did this non-stop until lunch time! When we stopped we took some photos and ate Jenny's packed lunches which she had made for us then we started off again. On the trail we found lots of activities including monkey bars which we had to go on and hang upside down. Well, three of us did. (I can guess which three. Ed.) Altogether we raised £147. 67!

Our thanks to everyone who paid up their sponsorship money, and we hope you will all support us again next year - or even come and join us - it's fun!

Lisa Whitney and Charlotte Hayes



Claire Owen, Year 9, taking part in a sponsored dance session for Children in Need



STOVER JUNIOR SCHOOL 1998-1999

I had a great start to the new term. I was sitting next to my best friend, and I had my favourite teacher Mrs Williams. It was nice to be in the top class of the junior school.

It was great to have the opportunity of trying for House Captain. The first term I wasn't House Captain. Katie Owen was for Mary. Coral Cuthbertson for Vicky and Emma Wyatt-Haines for Elizabeth.

Our first trip of the term was to Killerton. We had been learning about Habitats, so a lady showed us all of the Habitats in the grounds. Next we went orienteering in the woods at Killerton. My group won most of the time.

We had Netball teams. Sometimes I was in the team. We played against lots of schools like Bradley Barton. Sometimes we won and sometimes we lost, but it didn't matter whether you won or not. It was taking part and having fun that mattered.

We had our Harvest Festival which was interesting as it was all about the Creation.

Our next trip was to 'George's Marvellous Medicine' at the Northcott Theatre in Exeter. It was good fun.

Our Christmas performance was about Pablo the Reindeer from Mexico. I was Pablo with Georgie E as my partner. The songs were up beat and jolly.

In the Spring Term we had the Entrance Exam for the Senior School. I found that it was fun, not as frightening as I'd imagined.

We went on a trip to Plymouth Dome because we were learning about the Tudors. We went through a dark tunnel, which was scary. It had lots of models in.

When we did the English Speaking Board Exam it was fun because people brought in pets. I talked about a computer game.

We had the inter-house Music Festival and Elizabeth won! Our song was 'Under The Sea'.

Red Nose Day was brilliant. We all put our hair up in weird positions. Some of us had hair dye in. We went over to the Senior School and sponged the teachers. We all brought in as many pennies as we could and put them in a line.

The summer Term came and I was the House Captain with Christina Warn and Emma Kearney. About two weeks later we all hurt ourselves. Emma and Christina hurt their feet and I broke my arm! Great House Captains!

We had our gardening competition, which was fun. Elizabeth's garden was a star shape. We couldn't decide whether to use driftwood or flowers. In the end we used flowers.

I have really enjoyed being in Class 5. We have been given some wonderful opportunities. I have felt special being the oldest in the Juniors. It will be strange being the youngest again.

Laura Nicolson Class 5



Junior School Harvest Festival

JUNIOR SCHOOL TRIPS

Habitats at Killerton

When we arrived at Killerton we went to a little lodge at the edge of the car park. Inside the little lodge there was a Victorian room. In the Victorian room there were little pictures of people in the Victorian villages and Victorian streets. There were also some cardboard pictures of Victorian people standing and sitting.

In the next room there was a big tree. It was real but it had fake leaves. There was a little worktop that had puzzles on it. A lady called Angela came to welcome us. Angela told us about a life cycle, which was quite fun.

We went outside into the grounds and went looking for animal habitats. We found quite a few.

We found a tree that we had to work on and around its area. I found a piece of moss and a huge Harvestman Spider. When we got back to the little lodge we played a game of Life cycles and I was a beautiful Caterpillar.

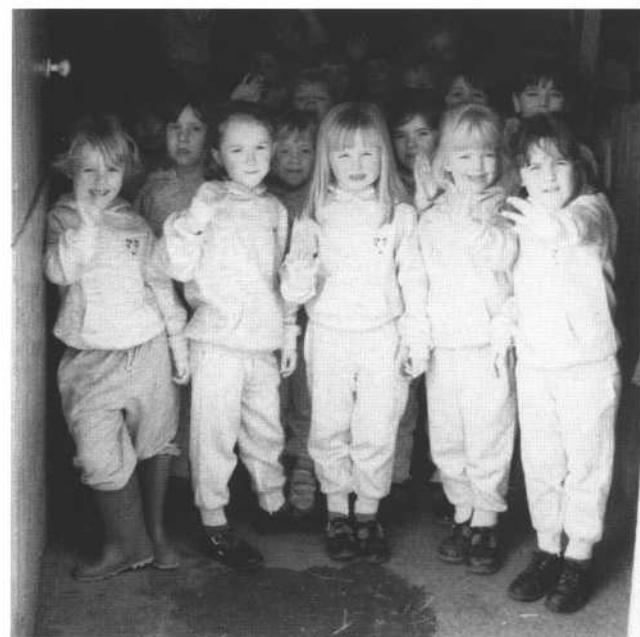
After lunch we went orienteering with Miss Cooper. We went into the woods and into some fields. We went into a little shop and bought some gifts to take home with us.

We went home on the bus and gave the gifts to our Mums, Dads, Brothers and Sisters.

Emma Kearney Class 5

Our trip to Teignmouth Pier
we went on a school trip to
Teignmouth, we saw a lighthouse.
we went to the sand and we made
footprints, we could smell fish and
seaweed. Then we got the sand out
of our shoes and then we went on
to the pier, when we were on the pier
we saw lots of machines and we saw
lots of rides, we could see the sea, we saw
through the wood on the pier. I really
enjoyed our trip

by Charlotte Ashby aged 7



Reception and Class 1 visit Seale Hayne Farm
Paignton Zoo

Paignton Zoo

On Tuesday 8th December class 2 and 3 went to Paignton Zoo. First we went into a classroom and watched a film about what we might see. We saw a Rhino, a Deer, a Gorilla and a Maned Wolf. Then we went outside and went to see the Baboons. They were really noisy. After that we saw the Zebras. Then we saw the Kangaroos, then the Camels which were very big indeed. After that we saw my favourite animals which were the Giraffes and the Elephants. It was very scary because we were up high. We went to see the Gorillas. One of them was scary. He had a big hairy chest.

After that we all went back to school in the mini bus.

Jenna Brittan Class 3



The best bits of George's Marvellous Medicine

On November 11th we went to the Northcott Theatre in Exeter to see 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. It was a very hilarious and interesting production about a boy named George and his grandma being left at home for only about an hour. George was in charge of giving the medicine to his grandma, but then he had a brain wave. He thought he could make a New medicine, which would make his grandma explode!

George mixes in shampoo, nail varnish, shoe polish, pet medicine, brown paint, face powder, engine oil, anti freeze and loads of other revolting ingredients. He gave his grandma her new medicine and she goes shooting up through the roof because she grows so much.

The parents come home and find the extraordinary happenings. His Mother faints but his Father thinks it is wonderful. They try making it again and again but it does not work and in the end the grandma shrinks and disappears.

One of my favourite parts is when George is pouring out all the ingredients into a big saucepan. There are lots of sloshing and plopping noises because it is so gooey. My other favourite part is when the medicine goes wrong and the chicken grows really long legs.

Brilliant Brilliant Brilliant! A Brilliant story by Roal Dahl.

Emma Wyatt-Haines Class 5



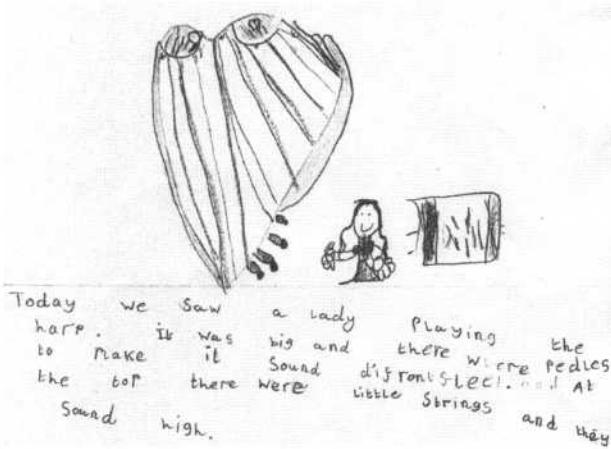
Jessica, Alice and Amy pond dipping at Decoy Lake with class 3

MUSIC WEEK



Monday- Harry Fulcher came in to play and talked about the saxophone. First Miss Pannell played the Clarinet with Harry playing the Piano. Then they both played the Saxophone. Together they made a lovely sound. Miss Pannell tried to play the Clarinet and the Saxophone at the same time. It didn't sound very nice but it was quite funny to see.

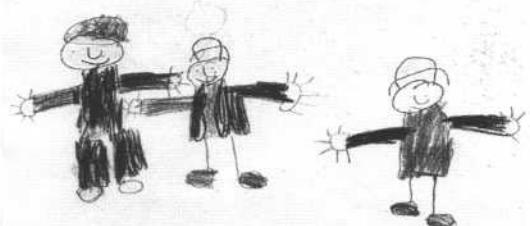
Tuesday- There was a lunchtime concert in the senior school. My friend Jenna went to see it and she said it was good.



Thursday- In assembly we listened to some pop music and the last one we heard was the Beatles. Later that morning Emma Graham came to play and talked to us about the Harp. The Harp made a really magical sound.

In the afternoon a Tudor Dance group came and they taught us one of their dances. The dance was called 'Planting A Hedge through A Maze'

The Tudor Dancers



I went in the hall to watch the ladies and men dance and then we had a time.

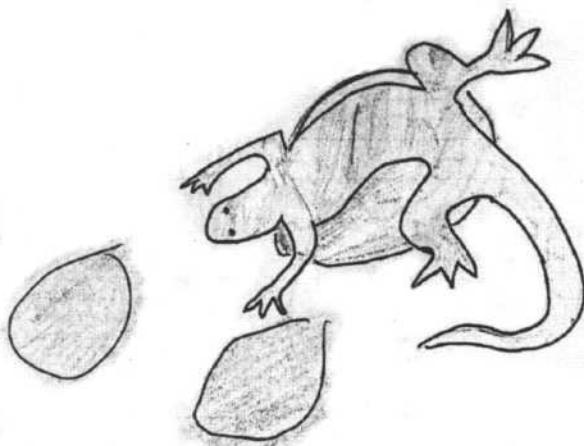
Friday- The Junior School did a music assembly for the Senior School. I played the Cello. My Dad came to watch me. I was really pleased that he could make it. Holly, Melissa, Rosie and Laura and Katie played their Violins. Anna played the Piano. Georgie played the Clarinet and Sarah and Rosie did a duet on the Trumpet. The Junior School choir sang 'Cookoo'. To bring the music assembly to an end we all sang the school hymn.
Coralie Chapman Class 3

NATURE WEEK

Sparkwell visit

From the two terms I've been in Stover I liked the visit from Sparkwell the most. It all happened on 24th June when a Lady from the 'Dartmoor Wildlife Park' showed us a Rock Python, an Owl, a ten week old Racoon and a Tiger Salamander. The lady took the animals one by one and told us about them. She let us stroke the animals. I learned a lot. It was really interesting. We had to stay very quiet because the animals might have gotten scared. At the end we were allowed to carry the animals back to the car and we got a free leaflet about the park.

Polina Abery Class 5



EXAMPLES OF CHILDRENS WORK

The Balloon

We sailed through the clouds,
We almost got lost,
I balanced on the clouds,
The moonlight changed into dark cold night.
We could see the people's heads bobbing up and down,
The cars look like little ants,
The traffic lights are changing every moment,
Suddenly there was a pop,
The balloon and I came floating down.
It was so scary,
Luckily I landed on my feet,
Then I skipped home,
Just with myself.
Amy Wyatt-Haines Class 3



The Storm

On Thursday night there was a storm. I heard it and I saw the lightning. Our lights flashed on and off. It made me jump. I felt nervous and scared. The lightning lit up the sky. I heard the rain pattering on the window. I thought the thunder was pretty loud. I had to put cotton wool in my ears. It started when I was in the middle of watching the news. The Kosova people were on the television.

Claudia Colby Class 1

Snowman

Out in the snow,
Where it is freezing cold.
Where the wind starts to blow, The snowman
stands, his head so bold.

His body so white,
And his hat so yellow,
He almost screams with delight.
He is a happy old fellow.

A carrot for his nose,
Raisins for his eyes,
He has no clothes,
And he spots a bird who chases flies.

But don't forget my scarf,
Oranges, reds, pinks, blues, greens and yellows.
You're sure to laugh.
So goodbye for now and that's all good fellows.

Sarah Abbott Class 4

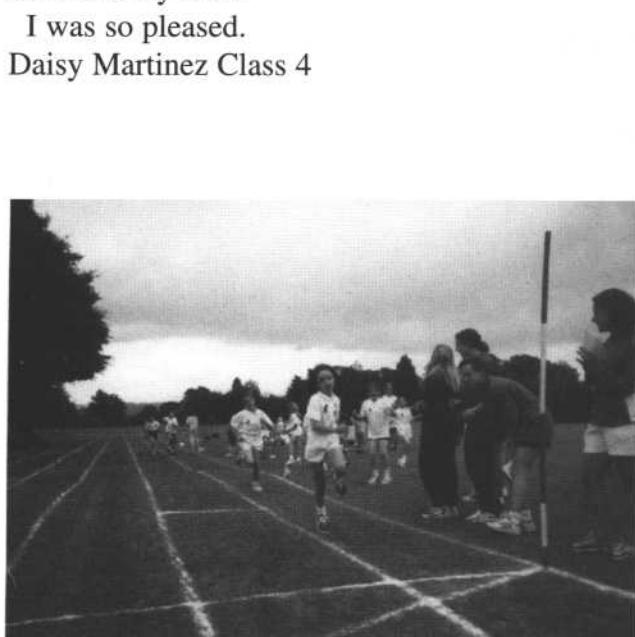
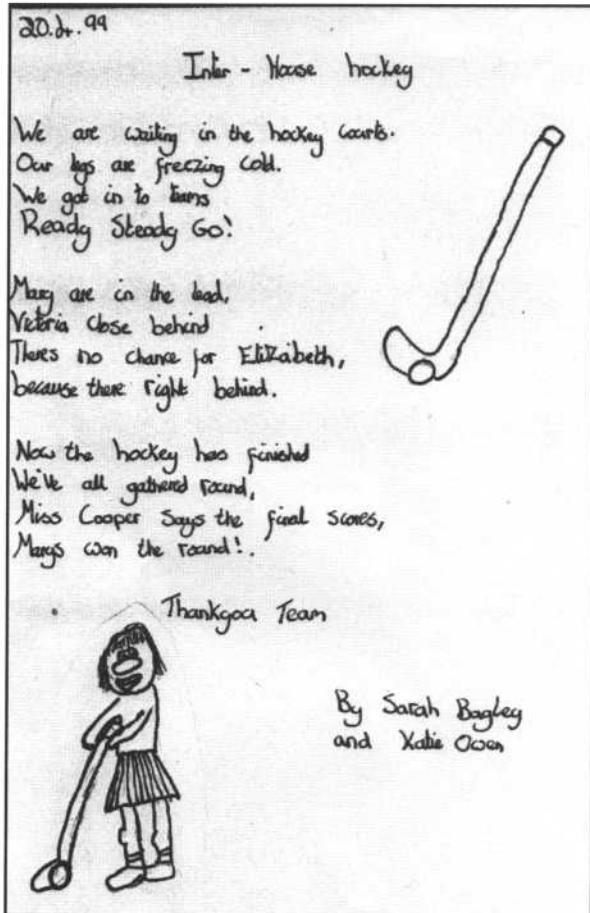
Sports Day 99!

We got divided into our houses.
I was really nervous but I kept saying to myself there is nothing to worry about. I had my Mum and Dad and my Cousin and my friend watching me. The infants had their races then Class 3 and then it was my turn to race. I was racing against fast people and I thought that I was going to come third. The whistle blew and we were off. I was last at the beginning and then I crossed over into first place. I had won!

Then it was the skipping race. I was not feeling so nervous this time. The whistle blew and we were off again. People were cheering us on. When we got to the finish line I had come second. The girl that came first did really well.

Next it was my turn for the Long Distance Race. At the start everybody crossed over in front of me and knocked me off the track. I overtook into first place about 20m before the finish line. I had won!!

Then it was the relay. Mary House was behind all the way till the finish line. I was running last. I ran as hard as I could and Mary House came second.



The Good and Bad Times of the Netball Team Under Nines

We all stood on the netball courts,
 "Lets hope we win" were our thoughts.
 Nervously waiting for the Sidmouth team's bus,
 Miss Cooper and Miss Gill said, "Don't make a fuss."
 Someone yelled, "Here they come,"
 I was getting wobbles in my tum.
 We tossed a coin to see who would begin,
 "Heads" I called but I did not win.
 We tried very hard to get the ball,
 But the other team were very tall.
 "Mark your partner" called Miss Gill,
 But sadly time was up and we lost six-nil.
 We were all very sad,
 The other team looked really glad.
 They shouted for us "Hip, Hip, Hooray,"
 It didn't cheer us up, we had a bad day.
 Next match we played, we lost again,
 "Oh no" I thought, another bad game.
 The Decoy Centre again was tall,
 I had felt so very small!

Oh well, Bradley Barton here we come,
 Guess what! - We finally won.
 Singing and cheering on the way back,
 We were desperate to tell Mr Bujak.

Since then we've played other schools,
 sometimes twice,
 Some were pushy and some were nice.
 Most of the time it was great fun,
 So I'd just like to say to the team
WELL DONE!

By Beatrice Scott

Camp breakfast in the playground



Our Overnight Camp

It was time, tonight we were going to camp out in the grounds of Stover! The room was buzzing with excitement as Miss Cooper handed out the bags. "Change into the clothes you would like to wear". Miss Cooper said. Louise Neu, Catherine Storrs and Lucy Jones from the sixth form were coming to help. We were now going to play games. We played Snakes and Ladders, that was really fun.

Next Miss Cooper tied pieces of string from tree to tree in the orchard. She told us to get into pairs and explained that one of us would be blindfolded and the other person had to guide through the trees.

For our tea we had a barbecue. I had a beefburger. Louise took us for a walk on the terraces and we went rolling down the hill. When we got back we had a campfire and were singing songs. When it was dark we went into the jungle. It was pretty spooky! Louise and Catherine jumped out of the bushes at the ruins and made everybody scream! Mr Bujak was at the gate and everybody started screaming again!

Before we fell asleep we had a MIDNIGHT FEAST!! Miss Cooper came and joined in the feast, then Louise, Lucy and Catherine.

At five o'clock the next morning we woke up and started singing.... our loudest!

When we got up Catherine, Louise, Lucy and all the teachers were half-asleep in the nursery!

I had a FANTASTIC TIME!!

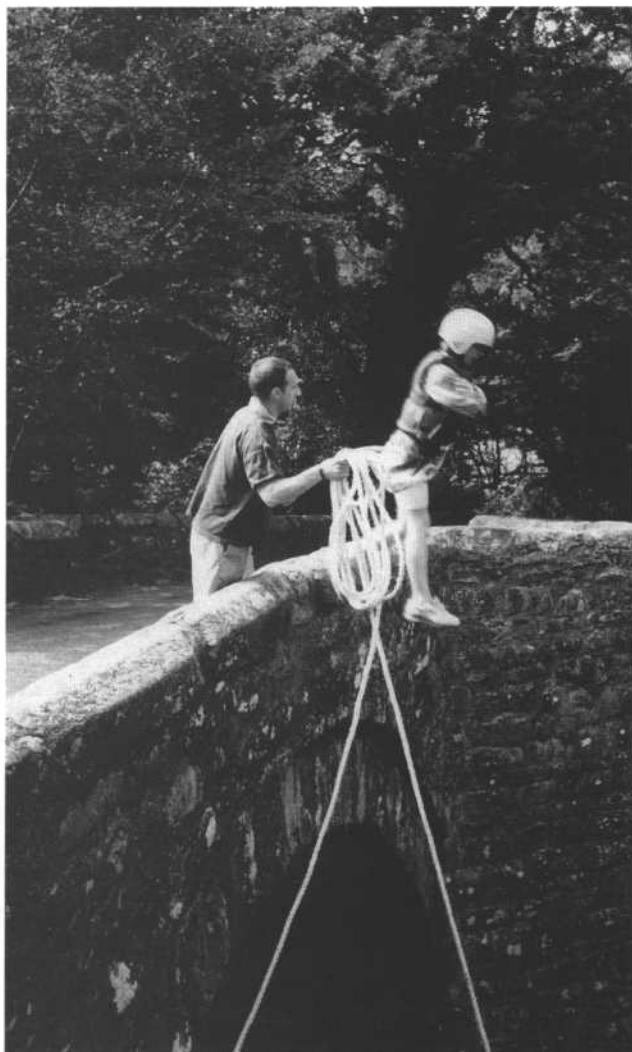
Anna Taylor Class 4

Teacher's breakfast in the nursery !!



CLASS 5 RESIDENTIAL

Great Potheridge House



We went to Potheridge House, it was great, all of the activities were great fun and I really enjoyed them. Most of all I liked the bridge jump. It was one of the most exciting things I have ever done in my life. I steadily climbed up the steps. I got all of the equipment on. Gavin held my hand and I walked over to the bridge. The bridge was 35ft high. I looked over the edge. It was a long way down. I had never done anything like this before. I was horrified. I still wanted to jump. Nothing was going to stop me. Gavin gripped my harness. He let me stand on the bridge. He told me to cross my hands over my chest then he shouted THREE, TWO, ONE GO. It was really frightening. The air was rushing by and my hair was blowing in my face. In a couple of seconds there was an almighty splash. The water was ice cold.

When I got out I was shivering. Everyone was

helping me to get my life jacket off.

When everyone had had a turn we all packed up and went back to school. When we got back the parents were waiting. I was glad to be back but I had enjoyed staying away too. I had a great time and I wish I could do it again.

Christina Warn Class 5

Caving and Bridge jump at Great Potheridge

Years 5 and 6 all jumped into the buses and sat down. Sarah Shell and I sat next to each other and from Great Potheridge House we drove to the outskirts of Ashburton to go caving in one of the muddiest caves in England. We were kitted with the appropriate paraphernalia like a headlight, a helmet and a boiler suit. I had borrowed a boiler suit from Sarah Bagley.

We walked up a slight hill and then in front of us was a huge hole leading into the opening of the cave where I could see only a tiny hole.

We were separated into 5 groups. We had supervisors to look after us. Ours were called Flick and Stephen. We crawled through huge holes, slid down huge mudslides and all got extremely muddy.

Rosie Erangey Class 5



Summer Performance

Yesterday and today the Junior School did their Summer Performance. The first half was all about Summer. The second half was about Bugs. In the summer part I was a little girl watching Punch and Judy and I was a child on the beach building a sandcastle with Alice and Eleanor. We did a song about the seaside.

In the 'Goin' Buggy' bit I was a Bee all the way through. We did a song about Bees. I had a flower called Sally. My Sister was a flower as well. Georgina had to say some lines to a Fire Fly who is in Class 4. Georgina and Nikita were the leaders of the Bees. Christina was a Lady Bug. She had to sing a Lady Bug song on her own. Her song was called 'That's no was to treat a Lady Bug'.

Near the end of the show we did marching off to Washington. My sister was a butterfly. At the end we did Goin' Buggy. At the very end Mr Bujak said how well we did. I really liked it.
Sophie Bates Class 1

Goin' Buggy

On Tuesday we had a concert. We did a Goin' Buggy song. Butterflys had to wear wings. Bees had to wear a Bee costume. The first thing I did was 'We're all going on a summer holiday'. Then Punch and Judy and then Beside the Seaside. My Mummy and Daddy and Grandma and Grandad came to watch.

Nicole Foulkes reception



By Corinne Goble

Holiday Club

For two weeks in the summer holiday a club was set up at school so we could have fun, play games and go on trips. My favourite trip was to Shaldon and Teignmouth. We parked at the Ness car park in Shaldon and walked to the beach. We ran around like loony's. We had the beach all to ourselves.

On hot days we went for a swim in the school pool. We also went to the hottest place of all, the Butterfly and Otter Sanctuary. The Butterfly House was humid and you could see the condensation on the windows.

We played games like football and rounders. I really enjoyed it. Holidays are excellent, especially when you are at school!

Rosie Erangey Class 5



"Holidays are excellent, especially when you are at school!"

STOVER NURSERY



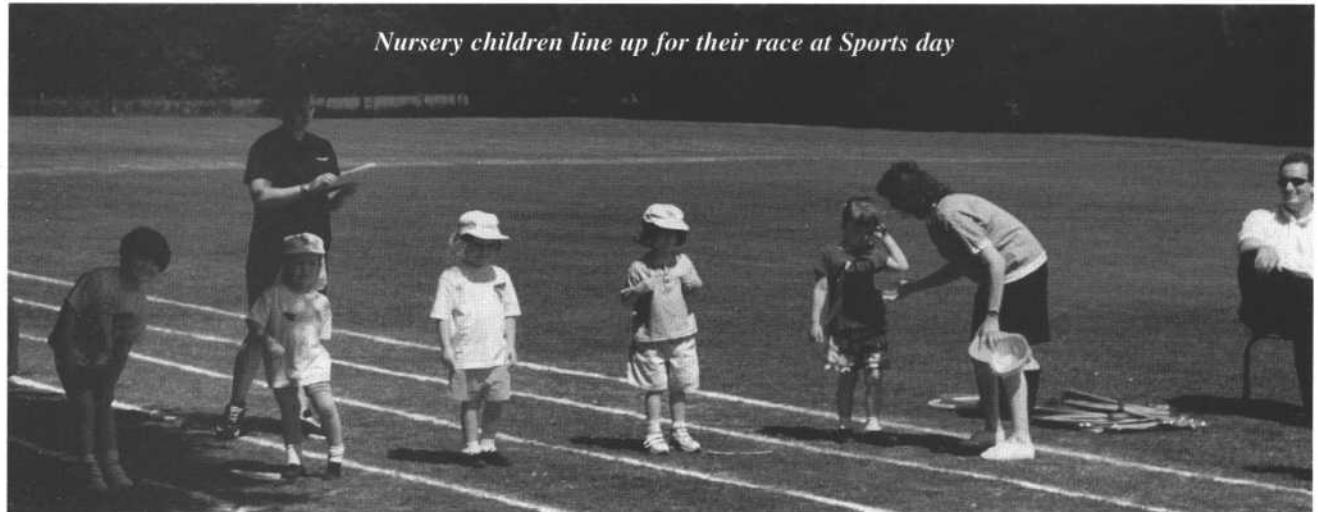
Rachel Norman and Andrew Corbett as Mary and Joseph in the Christmas Nativity play



*Fairy Tale Fun Day:
George Lance and Grace
Souch with Mrs Williams,
Head of Junior School*



*Emily Corbett and
George Fice*



Nursery children line up for their race at Sports day

BOARDERS



BOARDERS



GEOGRAPHY TRIPS

A VISIT TO CHAGFORD

On 10th March Year 7 went to Chagford to work out if it was a village or a town! My definition of Chagford is a town but when we asked the people of Chagford most of them thought it was a village as everybody knew everybody.

After crawling along the road at a very fast five miles an hour we finally arrived and parked in a very empty car park. We were put into groups of threes, and then we walked around the Chagford roads gathering information. We found out that Chagford was a Stannary Town because there are tin mines around it. There are a great many signs of tourists in Chagford as I counted 12 facilities and 23 services for tourists but we only saw about 3 or 4 tourists!

It was very sunny when we arrived, then it started to rain and then snow! We were all really cold and most of us forgot our coats. After successfully getting lost about five times (in Chagford?! Ed) we all bunched into a tiny little bus shelter to try and avoid the snow and hail. In Chagford there were lots of shops but we never had a chance to buy anything!

The trip actually turned out more fun than it sounded, even the teachers enjoyed themselves and it was worth missing lessons!

Claire Ryan and Harriet Shell Year 7



A VISIT TO HAYTOR

We went to Haytor to find out if visitor numbers need to be controlled. Haytor is very popular with tourists and local visitors and lots of coach parties like to visit the Tor. First we did a survey in the carpark to work out how many visitors could be accommodated in the car park. On Haytor itself we found many indications of how visitors damage the area. People going up to the Tor had worn away a path and there was only a thin layer of grass and a tough plant called sedge. All the gorse and heather had been worn away. In some places the grass had been eroded so far down that you could see the granite below. We noticed the amount of litter dropped: there were bits of cling film and crisp packets and other rubbish. We went on a cold day in May but in summer when it's hot there would be more visitors and more litter dropped.

We decided that a way to control visitor numbers would be to make prices for ice creams go up and charge people to use the car park and toilets. The council could put barriers up on the Tor to prevent people walking on the worn bits and let the grass grow back.

Eleanor Hemmens and Harriet Truman Year 7



Geography Field Trip to Dorset

After a bright sunny early start the A Level and G.C.S.E. groups arrived in Dorset to study the coasts. Our first destination was Lulworth Cove where we met Mr. Smith who was going to take the A Level group around.

The G.C.S.E. group had Mrs. Smith and Mr and Mrs. Elce.

First of all we walked to Stair Hole where there was a fantastic arch which had obviously been made by hydraulic pressure and a bit of help from sub-aerial erosion. But it didn't stop there! After Stair Hole we walked about one and a half miles until we got to Durdle Door where there were a great many of the geographical features that we had been discussing in lessons.

Durdle Door is actually a massive arch made out of limestone. To the right of the arch there were some magnificent pure white chalk cliffs just like at Dover. Next to the

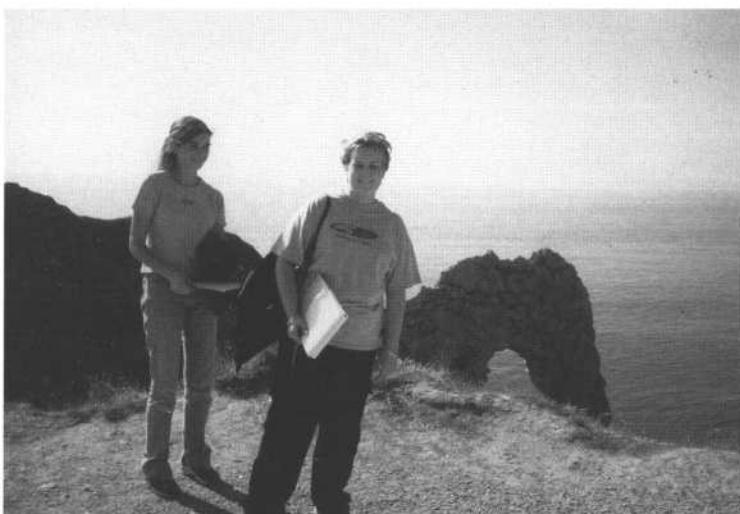
where we stopped briefly to see the newly built town. Although it wasn't anything to do with coasts it was useful stopping there as we are going to study the settlement later on in the year. Poundbury has about one hundred people living there already. Finally we travelled on to Lyme Regis. Here sub-aerial processes are really important. The cliff faces there are made of



different sorts of clay and shell which are compressed together.

The weather was wonderful. It was almost so hot that I couldn't work! We left Lyme Regis at around four o'clock and arrived back at Stover at six. The coach was considerably quieter on the way back as most people had fallen asleep which proves that Mrs. Smith worked us very hard. We all enjoyed ourselves at Dorset even though we were doing work.

Rachel Storrs Year 10



cliffs there were a number of stacks (collapsed arches) and stumps which are eroded stacks also made out of limestone. The rocks under the sea lie on beds called Wealdon bed which is soft sand and clay. After our visit to Durdle Door we headed back to the car park for lunch. Surprisingly everyone walked just that much quicker on the way down than on the way up! After lunch we went on our way to Poundbury



DEAR DIARY,

I have been at this school for over a year now and it only seems like one week because things are going fine and quickly! My favourite subjects are games, art, maths, science, library studies and sometimes history. I play piano with Mrs. Rolls and guitar with Mr. Hill. I play guitar on Friday from 12.00 to 12.30 and piano either on Mondays or Thursdays, it depends really.

I am a weekly boarder. I enjoy being a weekly boarder because if I was a full boarder I would miss my Mum but because I am a weekly boarder I can see her at weekends. It is really fun because you get to know people better and you get to go on really cool school trips like to the cinema or to Bath to go Christmas shopping. It's really fun. There are eight people in my dormitory, their names are: Ickle, Lisa, Kirsty, Polina, Kerry, Caitlin, Charlie and me (known as Mitch). I've known Lisa and Charlie since I came here, but Ickle, Kirsty, Polina, Kerry and Caitlin have only had a couple of months boarding with us. They are all kind to me but they do have their moments. To be honest with you I must admit so do I!

We are like a big family together, always caring for each other and if someone is upset we try and sort it out. Sometimes I do find it hard to cope with being friends with everyone, it is quite difficult. Most of the time it does not matter because I am friends with almost everyone anyway. One problem is that every single morning just before school and every single night just before we have to wash and go to bed, we have to be checked off by either Mrs. Bousfield or Miss Dab. Mrs. Bousfield is known as Mrs. B for short. She is our very kind housemistress, but there is one problem, she sometimes threatens us by saying, "Right, that's it, forty lashes for you." Don't tell her this, but that's on her bad days! Miss Dab is a fun, energetic person. She's an Australian because every year we have someone from Australia come and help out. Not just with boarding but also children who stay late for supper until their Mum and Dad come. I think she is coping very well with us horrible bunch! And I think she should give herself a good hard pat on the back.

Miss Dab if you are reading this, I hope you are very pleased with yourself, thank you for being with us.

So what I am really trying to tell you is that everyone around you treats you like you are part of a big family.

Thank you for reading this!

Michelle Spinks Wright Year 6



Whizz kid Michelle displays her ICT awards

Smiler!

Geography

Description of "relief rainfall":
evaporation...condensation...perspiration

It's called "relief rainfall" because the people who live beyond the hills are relieved that they don't get any rain.

Study visit to Paris for A Level Art and Geography

Over February half term 1999 a party of Stover sixth formers visited Paris. Taking the Eurostar right into the heart of the city was a convenient and exciting way to travel. The hotel was conveniently situated in the heart of Montmartre and we were able to enjoy the views from Sacre Coeur on our first evening. The students and staff were impressed to see the lights come on all over the city, although our eyes were seeking out the Eiffel Tower.

There was a busy itinerary for both groups. The artists soaked up the museums and galleries, while the geographers took in visits to a number of contrasting quarters in the city. Of particular interest for the artists were the Hockney exhibition at the Pompidou Centre, the Musee Picasso and Brancusi's Studio. The geographers carried out fieldwork comparing environmental quality in



"I'm sure it's round here somewhere..."

several locations within the 16th arrondissement - a very smart area between the Trocadero and the Arc de Triomphe - and in some run-down (and in parts redeveloped) areas of the 18th and 19th. They also visited the modern business district of La Defense and the Parc at La Villette. Two real high spots for the whole party were our visits to the Louvre and to the Musee d'Orsay. Even the geographers could not help but be impressed by the treasures that we saw, although the Mona Lisa (once we had followed the confusing directions to find her) was a bit of a disappointment, compared with the colour and

vibrancy of all the Impressionist paintings. It was a particular thrill to have the privilege of seeing some of our favourite paintings for real and to be reassured that Mr Bean had not ruined



"That's what I call a kiss!"

the portrait of Whistler's Mother.

In between times, we went up the Eiffel Tower, visited Notre Dame, strolled by the Seine, enjoyed the Spring sunshine in the Tuileries, saw an IMAX film about the Amazon and even managed a little shopping. One of the students even came home with a new coat!

The mature and responsible attitude of the sixth formers meant that they were permitted to go out in groups in the evening and enjoy ordering dinner (in French!) in a restaurant of their choice. A measure of the success of the trip is that the Lower Sixth have already been asking where we are going next year.

A Smith Head of Geography

"We arrived safely after all"



NETBALL

Under 12

I have been Netball Captain for quite a while this year and I have loved it. Out of 13 matches we won 8. Our best win was against Plymouth College which was good because Plymouth College is a very big school. Many of our matches were played in the rain but we still enjoyed them! I am so glad I got to be captain and I am really proud of the team I played with.

Jenny Colley Year 7 captain

Under 14

We started the season against Coombeshead but sadly lost 13 - 4. Our next match was a very close one and we only lost by 15 - 14. For this match we were joined by Kirsty McDaide and Jessica Brown. We found our luck change for the better and were on a winning streak for the next few matches. Against Trinity we won 8 - 7 and against Plymouth College we won 5 - 3. The gap was increasing until....on the following Wednesday we won 24 - 7 !! Well done team!

Maria Glendinning Year 9 Captain

Under 15

The Under 15 team had a very successful season this year. Due to the excellent coaching of Miss Oakes and Mrs Dinsdale our team has formed a strong side. Our most convincing win this season was against Plymouth College 35 - 9 and in the Area Tournament we came third. Everyone this season has worked really hard and contributed to the team 101%. We also had a member from the Under 14s who came up to join us, Emma Colley. Emma played goalkeeper against Blundells, which we won 36 - 13. So well done her as she played very well. The whole squad, in fact, has played outstandingly this year - well done all of you!

Helen Cottle Year 10 Captain

1st VII team

The Under 18s started off the season on a triumphant note with a convincing win over Trinity 18 - 19. In October we took part in the Area Netball Tournament. The netball was of a very high standard and we narrowly lost to KEVICC and South Dartmoor, but ended the day with a win against Trinity. Unfortunately this was not enough to take us through to the final. However a 15 - 8 victory against



St Margarets raised our spirits. The match against KEVICC in December was very close: we lost 14 - 15. The first match of the Spring term against Plymouth College was a good start to the year with a confident 6 - 1 victory. But a real blow came when we met Blundells top standard precision players and, not surprisingly, lost 39 - 13. Not disheartened however, we went on to beat Coombeshead 17 - 14. Although we then lost 15 - 11 against Kelley this match showed great improvements in the team. Our final match of the season was a re-match against KEVICC and this ended our unsuccessful run with a victory of 19 - 18.

Well done team, and good luck to next year's squad.
Caroline Pyne Year 13 Captain

Inter House Netball

First	Victoria
Second	Mary
Third	Elizabeth

County Netball

Since November 1998 I have been playing for West Devon Under 16s. We have training sessions every Wednesday from 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm. The training is tough but it's fun. We have had three matches so far against teams from other counties and won two.

I was lucky enough to be picked for the Under 18s to go up to Kent for the INCT Alex Barless Cup, which was a great experience. The standard was very high and I came back with lots of handy tips!

County Netball is a big commitment and the training sessions hard and frequent. There can be a lot of travelling but naturally it is worth the journey once you get to play. I hope by this report I have encouraged anyone who is serious about netball to try out for the West Devon Squads as the "cons" are definitely overruled by the "pros"!

Helen Cottle



Helen Cottle

SENIOR SPORTS GIRL OF THE YEAR

Caroline Pyne

Played in the Hockey, Netball and Rounders teams. Captain of the First VII Netball team



SWIMMING GALA

Another successful swimming gala took place this year with several school records broken: breast stroke, Lorna Deas; open butterfly, Jenny Colley and inter. free style, Rachel Storrs. Two teams qualified for new school records, as did Victoria House in both the junior freestyle relay and the inter medley relay. Jennefer and Emma Colley, Naomi Griffiths and Helen Cottle all won cups, as did Hannah Garvin, who was named Senior Swimmer. Michelle Spinks-Wright gave the bravest performance of the day without doubt, with her efforts in the individual relay.

First	Victoria	44 points
Second	Mary	40 points
Third	Elizabeth	23 points

Well done Victoria House (again!)

CROSS COUNTRY

Inter House Cross Country

First: Victoria House
 Second: Mary House
 Third: Elizabeth House

Area Cross Country Championships

Intermediates: Fifth
 Juniors: Sixth
 Year 7: First

Trophy for highest placed athlete Zoë Swift who came third in the Devon Schools Cross Country.



Devon Cross Country Trials

The Devon Cross Country Trials this year were held at Torquay Grammar School. During registration I met up with Laura Bagley, the other competitor from Stover, and we walked the course together. It was deep mud with hills in every direction and a full five kilometres which was bad enough just to walk, let alone to run! However we started off but by the end of the first lap I couldn't believe I still had another two laps to go! My muscles felt as if they were made of lead.

Well, neither of us made it into the Devon team this time but there's always next year!

Katherine Storrs



Yr7 Area Cross Country Champions

INTER HOUSE GYM AND DANCE

This year, after nine years of domination by Mary House, Victoria vaulted to victory in the Inter House Gymn and Dance competition. Patricia Hunt, judge for the past three years, was extremely impressed and commented on the way in which the standard of gymnastics improves year on year. Esther and Harriet Truman won the best performance of the day, followed closely by Hannah Garvin and Julia Simcox. There was only 0.05 of a mark separating the two spectacular sports-acro pairs!

Mary House Junior dancers stole the limelight from the other gymnasts with their lively interpretation of "Yellow Submarine". Performed by five Year 6 girls, it captured the hearts of the audience and proved to be the most humorous part of the competition. However some may argue with this and say that Hannah's dramatic, sky-flying, free-fall vault was the highlight of the day! While we're on the subject of vaulting, congratulations to all those top quality head and hand springs. It was the largest number of scoring vaults in six years; well done for all that hard work and dedication.

Next year who knows what will happen! The rate at which school gymnastics at Stover has increased in the last three years has been pretty impressive. Good luck to all next year's participants: it will be a hard act to follow!

H.Garvin and J.Simcox

ROUNDERS

Under 13

This season was a very good one for all of us. We managed to win three matches out of five against St. Josephs, Trinity and KEVICC. Unfortunately we lost to Kelly College Under 14 team and Blundells. I hope next season we can keep it up and do even better.

Lucy Nicholls Captain

Inter house rounders

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>Seniors</u>	
First	Elizabeth	First Victoria
Second	Victoria	Second Mary
Third	Mary	Third Elizabeth

Winner Victoria

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Year Nine pupil Kirsty McDaide who was selected for Devon Athletics training. To be chosen really places you among the elite: this was quite an outstanding achievement. Well done, and we hope others will follow in the future.

"In March I was invited to attend the Devon Athletics training camp in Braunton. I was rather nervous as I knew no-one else who was going and it was miles away from home. I caught a bus from Plymouth and set off for three hard working days.

When I arrived we went straight to the track and started to train. To start with we did eight hundred metres just to stretch ourselves out! After we had made sure we were warm we went and trained with specialist coaches for our first event which in my case is the high jump. It was extremely tough because all the other students go training at their local track at least twice a week and there was me who had never done a day of training in my life!

We returned to the hotel where we were staying and relaxed for the evening. Returning to the track next morning, bleary eyed at the early start, we did some strength training. This involved throwing around what we called a medicine ball which weighed up to five kilograms. We worked with it as if we were doing netball training but the heavy ball strengthened our arms. We carried on with our first and second event training for the rest of the day and on the following day.

The training tested everything I knew and taught

me much more. I came back very tired but with so much more knowledge and understanding. I enjoyed it immensely and am pleased to see its effects in my improved performance."

Kirsty McDaide Year 9

JUNIOR SPORTS GIRL OF THE YEAR Kirsty McDaide, Year 9



Played in the Hockey, Netball, Rounders and Athletics teams. Represented the Area at the Devon schools Athletics Championships. Selected to attend Devon County Athletics training Camp.

ATHLETICS AWARDS

Four Star Awards

<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Year 9</u>
Katie Brown	Emma Colley
Zoe Swift	Maria Glendinning
Jenny Colley	Christina Vitez
Harriet Truman	

<u>Year 8</u>	<u>Year 10</u>
Laura Bagley	Rachel Byrnes
Rachel Caddy	Libby Chivers
Natasha Oates	Georgie Dean
Emma Higgin	Claire Lees
Esther Truman	Fran Newman
Joanna Mann	

Five Star Awards

- Year 9 Kirsty McDaide
Year 10 Helen Cottle, Rachel Storrs

TENNIS

This has been another excellent year for school tennis. Much emphasis has been placed this year on the younger and less experienced players with the aim of developing their potential and enjoyment of the game.

In the Aberdare Cup we were drawn against Trinity. The match was played in April almost before the tennis season got going! We put up a brave fight against a strong team which included a county player and a nationally ranked Under 14 player. Needless to say we lost 5-1 but really enjoyed the match and gained much valuable experience. Later in the year our First VI team managed to beat Blundells and drew with Kelly College.

We entered the Midland Bank Under 15 and Under 13 LTA Tennis Championships. This year the format was different: twelve teams divided into two boxes of six played for a place in the final. We played Teign School, Plymouth College, Egguckland, Kingsbridge CC, KEVICC and Stoodley Knowle. We won all the matches except one in each age group. It was a great effort by all the team members and Rachel Storrs was awarded a prize for best overall performance.

The Under 9 team spent a day playing in the LTA Short Tennis Tournament held at Exeter University. This was open to all Devon Schools. Inter House tennis matches were played in better weather this year! As Wimbledon was rained off yet again our stars played with determination and enthusiasm for their house. My thanks to Fran Newman, my assistant referee for the afternoon.

RESULTS:

Senior Singles and shield

Lucy Jones

Junior Singles and cup

Laura Bagley

Senior Doubles:

Helen Cottle and

Lucy Robillard

Junior Doubles:

Laura Bagley and

Natasha Oates

Winning House:

Victoria

Most improved players:

Senior

Louise Neu

Junior

Rachel Bagley

Junior School

Beatrice Scott

Laura Bagley, who has a tennis scholarship, has had a busy year:

"This year the coaching by Mrs Hough has helped to improve my tennis considerably. I have played in the Midland Bank Tournament and the

Rover team, two Ivybridge leagues and lots of tournaments in places like Plymouth and Totnes. I have also been picked for the Under 15 mixed team for the Millennium Games and gone from a 7.2 to a 7.1 I am aiming to get to a 6.2 by next year. The best thing was going to Wimbledon to see how the professionals do it!"

Laura Bagley Year Eight

WIMBLEDON VISIT

Our visit this year included a fascinating tour of What Makes Wimbledon, from the statue of Fred Perry to the amazing modern television broadcasting complex. We were very lucky in that not only is our coach, Jackie Hough, an ex-Wimbledon player, but our guide, John Crump, had also played on the hallowed turf! The tour was not only informative but really conveyed Wimbledon's special magic.

After seeing Tim Henman and Anna Kornikova warm up on the practice courts we took our places in the stands waiting for our heroes to appear on No 1 court although rain was threatening. As Andre Agassi appeared the atmosphere became electric. Shouts of "C'mon Agassi!" rang round the courts (prompting us to join in.) During the five minute warm-up however, it rapidly became apparent that the weather was not a tennis fan and the ground staff brought the covers on in record time to prevent the ground becoming saturated.

Not only did we have tickets for No 1 court but we were lucky enough to get two tickets for the Centre Court as well. Unfortunately for those who got the coveted seats there was very little play for the first two hours due to rain. After a long tedious wait the rain stopped and Tim Henman, the British contender, made his third appearance on court. For the next few hours the crowd was mesmerised by his performance and the earlier part of the afternoon was soon forgotten.

Back on No 1 court the crowd was able to see the uninterrupted conclusion of the Agassi match. Steffi Graf was next on court but after 50 minutes the weather again took a turn for the worse and back came the ground staff. Sadly there was no further play after that, so, after raising the spirits of the No 1 court spectators with our exceptional singing ability, we left the home of tennis, hoping to return next year. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Hough and Mrs Dinsdale for making our memorable visit possible.

Lucy Jones and Louise Neu Lower Sixth

RUGBY UNION INTERNATIONAL: ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA

"Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home!" could be heard ringing round Stover at 7am on Saturday 11th December. We were finally off to see our rugby heroes at Twickenham. Even at that time in the morning our minds were racing ahead to 2.30 p.m. when England would take the field and we would finally get to see them play LIVE!!!

Weeks of planning had gone into our visit. Rugby shirts were washed, hats bought and voices trained! Any sports fan would know that you can not go to a match without a hooter. Jane had taken charge of the hooter situation and had told everyone to listen at 3.30 p.m. for out 'hoot'. 2 hours into the journey a loud screech came from the depths of the Stover mini-bus: '*** the hooter!' The inevitable had happened - Jane's hooter was sitting on her desk in her dorm!! Moments of panic followed, calm was resumed and after a couple of 100 stops we arrived at Twickenham.

Entering the ground was an experience in itself. In good teacher style Mrs. Dinsdale had to have a photo opportunity in front of the ground. We also had the opportunity for a photo shoot with Sky but obviously we were far too talented for them and out debut will have to wait. Before kick-off we split into groups, some went to the museum, others went autograph and picture hunting and some just went and spent, spent, spent.

The atmosphere around the ground when England appeared was electric. We screamed, we shouted and of course joined in with "Swing low". It is amazing how you can really become involved in a match. Every time England got the ball we screamed and when Jeremy Guscott went over the line for the only try of the match we leaped up out of our seats, as did the rest of the crowd and used what was left of our voices to cheer England on. Even though Australia won by 1 point our spirits weren't dampened. Whatever the result we had had the privilege of watching some of the world's greatest players.

Our day had not finished though, there was still the problem of getting the bus out of the mud. With a bus load of strong rugby players that wouldn't be hard, would it? We got mucky, we got the bus muddy and we ended up with an extra rugby ball! But we finally did get the bus out. On the way back we were in good voice and were already thinking what we could do on our next visit to Twickenham. Packing hooters was high on the list!

A big thank you to Mrs Dinsdale from everyone who went for getting the tickets and coming with us on probably one of the most memorable school outings to date.

Louise Neu & Lucy Jones

Rugby trophy winners '99

Try scorer of the season:

Jane Howard

Player of the season:

Lucy Jones



HOCKEY

UNDER 16

It's been a great season for the Under 16 Hockey Team this year. We lost only 2 out of 9 matches played and we even beat our major rivals Blundells 1 to 0 which was a very satisfying win. We also made it to the Area Tournament Finals and managed to come third overall. The Under 15 team also did well coming second overall. Both teams put in a lot of effort and worked very well together.

Katie Jones Year 11 Captain

Inter House Hockey

Juniors (Years 6, 7, 8 & 9):

Mary House beat Elizabeth House: 1-0

Victoria House beat Mary House: 2-0

Victoria House beat Elizabeth House: 1-0

Seniors (Years 10, 11 & 12):

Victoria House beat Elizabeth House: 1-0

Mary House & Elizabeth House drew: 0-0

Mary House & Victoria House drew: 0-0

Overall Results:

3rd Elizabeth House

2nd Mary House

1st Victoria House

FIRST TEAM HOCKEY

After last season's successes we decided to play more challenging opponents, mainly those who were a year older than us and of a higher standard generally. Although the season did not grant us many victories this strategy certainly improved our skills and game as a whole.

The games proved to be more mentally demanding, a lot faster, and were all played on astro-turf, a surface we do not practise on regularly! Everyone got a chance to play in the more demanding games and we all exceeded our usual standard.

Our opponents were Churston Grammar, Stoodley Knowle and Torquay Girls Grammar who all defeated us 1-0. We played an exciting match against Blundells' first team, losing 3-0. Contrary to what the score suggests this was certainly the most enjoyable and tiring game we played! There were a number of missed opportunities which we created to narrow the score. However Blundells proved the more successful team.

The season started to improve as the team held their own and proved undeterred by earlier losses. We drew 0-0 against KEVIC in another impressive match. Finally we proved to ourselves we were still an excellent team with our superb 4-0 win over Plymouth College.

Everyone in the squad had a good season and perhaps next year we will improve even more. Sorry if there are any sore ears among the squad from my constant bawling at you! I certainly had a sore throat after each match! Well done, and good luck for the next hockey season.



Cally Hocknell
Captain
Lower Sixth

SPORTS DAY

On June the 19th, the annual Sports Day was due to take place no matter what the weather. Although the day before was glorious, it seems as though our sports day had a jinx, as does the school photograph. Everyone turned up in force wearing only shorts and T-shirts to find later that day they would be purchasing the school umbrellas.

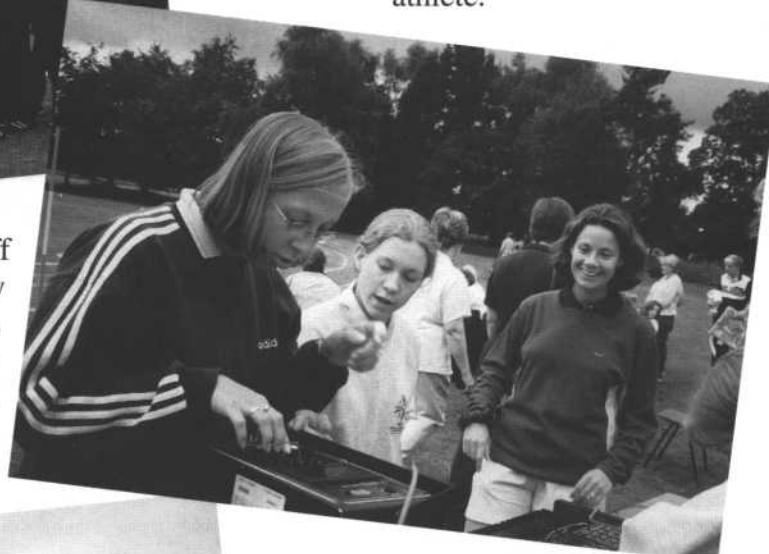


The Sports Day kicked off with the 100 metre which was closely followed by the other track events. Records were smashed by Katherine Storrs (Mary House) in Senior 800 metres and Lisa Whitney (Elizabeth) in the Junior 1500 metres. The relays also proved to be very exciting with the Year 10s in Mary House also breaking the record. The staff and parents' relay team was another exciting event with the winning team consisting of Mrs. Dinsdale, Caroline Pyne, Martin and Mr. Priddes who narrowly defeated the opposition. However, they did have the age advantage!

In the field events, although no school records were broken, everyone performed to



the highest of standards with Lucy Mills yet again taking home some more silver ware for the best long jump and top Senior athlete of the day. Helen Cottle got the best high jump and top Intermediate athlete. Lisa Whitney again took the top Junior athlete.



The overall trophy was won by Victoria House with Mary following behind. Sadly Elizabeth tailed behind again! However, some compensation was winning the Tug-of-war competition for the second year running.

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported the athletes and all those behind the popular food counters and umbrella stands. Special thanks go to the PE staff and grounds men for organising the day and making it the success it was despite the weather conditions!

Jane Howard and Katherine Storrs

TEN TORS

After months of dedicated training by our 35 and 45 milers the weekend finally arrived for the Ten Tors challenge. For the teams, who were already apprehensive about the walk, the weather only dampened moods. After the usual visits to both the NAAFI and local chippie for our tea (well, we needed the calories!) the teams settled down ready for the next two days.

Our spirits were a lot higher next morning (must have been the chips) and we were up cooking breakfast (more calories) before the wake-up call. After the obligatory photo shoot we were off up the hill to the start - with a few thousand others! Some people were getting quite emotional (Would we ever return? Would we disappear into an unmarked bog? Would we run out of chocolate?) but for most of us the adrenalin was pumping away and as soon as the cannons fired all that stored energy was released and we streamed off across the moor. The two teams separated and we began our march around our designated routes.

After the umpteenth hill the pain really became unnoticeable and the 45 team arrived at their eighth tor in good time. Cooking tea was the next hurdle!

On the second day we were happy to meet our 35 team on our way back to camp and as we marched to the finish to cheering crowds we were all really pleased to have completed the course and met the challenge. Well done to:

35 team, Captain Rachel Storrs and Libby Chivers, Bonny Chivers, Abby Harding, Claire Lees, Helen Cottle.

45 team, Captain Lucy Jones and Jane Howard, Louise Neu, Jade Brown (TGGS), Colin Riggs (TBGS), Liam Granfield (Teign)

And a special mention to our most intrepid walker, Katherine Storrs who completed the gruelling **FIFTY FIVE** miles!

Lucy Jones and Louise Neu

SMILERS!!

History

"The Magna Carta was a cart that said what people were allowed to do."

HE IS.....

He is my favourite TV show,
He is a juicy apple
He is a bacon sandwich
Smothered in tomato sauce

He is a bright rainbow
He is a long Saturday
He is a hot sunny day
With a slight breeze

He is as fast as a car
He is as strong as iron
He is an easy crossword
Done in two minutes

He is a fantastic story
He is a warm orange colour
He is a chocolate machine
Just for me.

He is the end of school
He is a tall oak tree
He is a bird on the wing
Watching from above

He is the relaxing sound
Of whales singing in the sea
He is the best birthday present
And Christmas

All for me.

Elli Lait Year 8

"One type of work done by monks in monasteries was making fudge."

PRU LEITH COOKERY COURSE

In September 1999, Stover secured the franchise for a two year course from the Pru Leith School of Food and Wine in London. The Leith's Basic Food and Wine Cookery Course - one of the most prestigious cordon bleu courses in the country, by the way! - teaches you every aspect of food preparation, cookery, hygiene and presentation - there's even a theory section on wine.

Those taking part include Sixth Formers and Stover parents. There are 2 sessions a week and once a term a member of Leith's school comes down and either gives a talk or



"URRRRGHHHH!!!!"



"Take it away!!!"

final practical exam which is marked by the Leith School. There is also continuous assessment every week with a mark given - all of these add up to the final mark. The Sixth Form practised some of their newly acquired

demonstration. At the beginning of the course we were given a lecture and demonstration in knife skills, which has proved useful! (Worrying...Ed). At the end of the 2-year course, you are awarded a certificate in the Leith's course; that is, if you pass the



"She called me a silly old trout..."

skills on the staff at a gourmet dinner given in the Blue Library.

On a more personal note, the reason why I joined the course was because I knew it would help me at university and more importantly - survive! It's a good thing to put on your personal statement and it's definitely on mine. In the class we cook a variety of things ranging from basic methods to the more advanced techniques. At one stage we seemed to cook a lot of fish and, well, we decided to liven things up a bit by looking at the

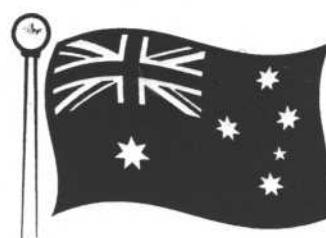


Students enjoy the results of their hard work

expression on the fishes' faces. It was certainly a lot of fun! All in all the Leith's course is good for amateurs and future chefs as well - who knows we may have the next Delia Smith in our class! It can also help you gain a job as the Leith's certificate is widely accepted.

Fleur Greinig Lower Sixth

AUSTRALIA 1999



NETBALL TOUR

After two years of planning and fund raising we finally set off for Oz with eleven enthusiastic netballers (also secret shopaholics) eager to take on the Aussies. Our objectives were to develop an awareness and appreciation of Australian culture, improve our netball skills and tactics and to enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime trip Down Under.

The tour was packed with many memorable and exciting events including scuba diving, snorkelling on one of the wonders of the world - the Great Barrier Reef - white-water rafting, and horse-riding in the outback.

We learned a lot about Aussie netball which is a much faster game than the netball played in England. Men's mixed netball is also very popular. Netball and sport in general has a high status in Australian society with nearly every girl playing the game. There is widespread media coverage

with a lot of national, regional and club games regularly televised. There are many high profile role models for the youngsters to follow. It is certainly no wonder that Australian netball is at least ten years ahead of the game in England.

The tour was a successful and rewarding experience for all involved. It was particularly refreshing to discover the Queenslanders' approach to life which was extremely laid back: "no worries" is the most popular expression! Much credit should go to the girls who were very well behaved and excellent ambassadors for Stover School.

We'll have many happy memories...
T.Dinsdale and T. Oakes.

The Team: Elizabeth Anning, Louise Astbury, Caroline Exley, Hannah Garvin, Zoe Gaye, Felicity Harding, Alison Hendy, Lucy Mills, Caroline Pyne, Katherine Storrs, Laila Waters.

Here is their Australia Tour Diary

The Australia tour started off with tearful yet excited farewells on Newton Abbot station. When we arrived at Heathrow we felt as if we'd been travelling for ages already but this was only the prelude to a very long, twenty one and a half hour flight!

This was Katherine's first flight, so take-off was "interesting". However we soon settled down to films, food, doze, read, as far as Kuala Lumpur, then the final eight hour leg to Sydney, largely memorable for Louise waking

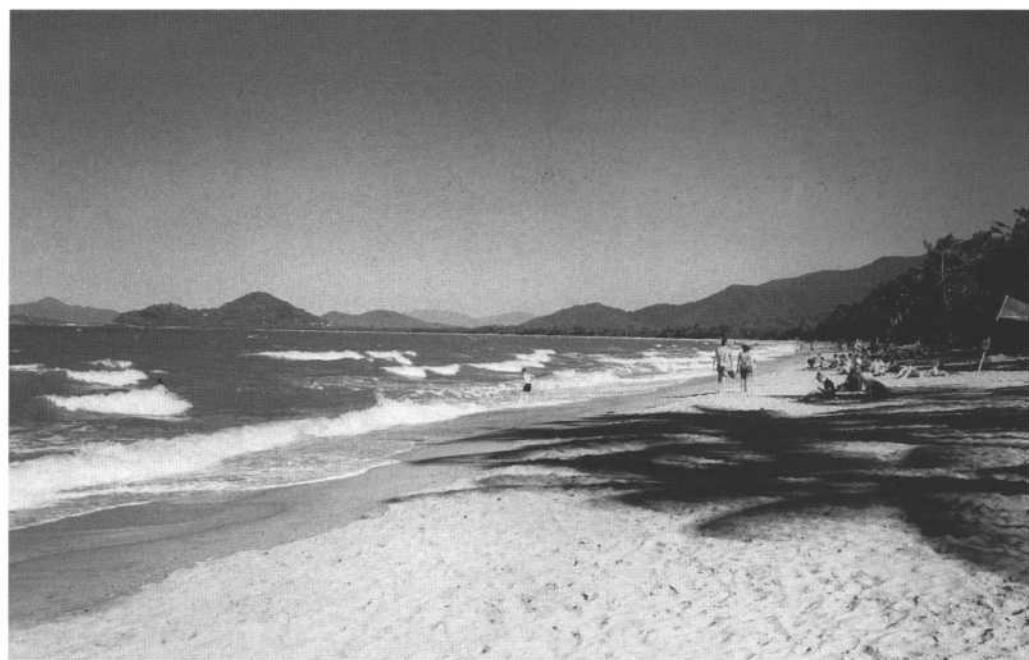
every hour, on the hour, and demanding of Caroline, "How much further"!

July 2nd Sydney

Although exhausted from our flight, we were determined to make the most of our time in Sydney, even if it was 6.30 am! Our first stop was Bondi Beach where even on this cold winter morning the active Aussies were already jogging. Next followed a coach tour of Sydney visiting many lookout points from which the views of the city were just fantastic and made climbing 200 steps to the top of the harbour



Bridge Tower worth it. At the end of the tour we could all tell you exactly how many tiles there are on the Opera House roof (the Australians are justifiably proud of their city!) We fully appreciated the huge size of Sydney and its excellent balance between the skyscraper filled horizon and the numerous park areas which make it seem very clean, open and attractive.



July 3rd Sydney

After checking in at our hotel, the delightfully named Oxford Koala, we made for the SHOPS!! Start as you mean to go on, I say. After a twelve hour sleep we felt totally revitalised and ready for the next day's tour. We cruised round all the attractive and photogenic bays of the Darling Harbour ending up at the Sydney Aquarium where we saw sharks, seals and masses of fish from the Great Barrier Reef. After lunch we visited the AMP tower which is the second tallest building in the Southern hemisphere. The views were fantastic and in the background we caught our first glimpse of the site of the Olympic Games.

July 4th. Olympic site visit

Today we visited the site where we saw the Olympic village beginning to take shape as well as the stadium and pool. Here we took advantage of a free barbie and sat in the sun eating hot dogs containing strange Australian sausages. Then we walked over to the Olympic stadium where we were to watch what the Aussies call a footie match and which the dear old Brits call a rugby match! However we had a bit of a problem getting in. There was the stadium just a few metres beyond a ten foot high fence. We walked along the fence towards some gates but found they were locked. Were we downhearted? Well, as I'm sure you realised, eleven fit Stover girls

plus two members of staff clambered swiftly over them and walked casually to the footie match. The stadium was massive, holding up to 110,000 supporters so with only 20,000 spectators for the Sharks v. Bulldogs match it looked a bit empty!

During the day we met up with two other groups: netballers from NZ and hockey players from Scotland. And we made many more friends over dinner that night at Rooty Hill Resort where we were to spend the next seven days. The evening was rounded off with a bush band and disco. The music was not quite what we were used to but as we had some of our own CDs we put on some real dance music. One of the NZ rugby players asked if house music was like Elton John or the Carpenters. Somehow I don't think so! Anyway they all seemed to like it a lot!

July 5th Blue Mountains

We spent today on a visit to the impressive Blue Mountains, part of Australia's Great Dividing Range. The coach journey, along narrow and twisting roads, left quite a few of us feeling slightly ill by the time we got to our first look out point. However the striking views of the mountain ranges soon made us forget any queasiness. We visited the Three Sisters Rocks and Wentworth Falls and had lunch in a revolving restaurant which enables you to see all round views - amazing.

After lunch we had a trip on the scenic cable car, followed by a trip on the scenic railway which travelled on a very, very steep gradient! Cue



return of queasiness!. Finally back to Rooty Hill on the coach where we opted out of the karaoke night on the grounds of sheer exhaustion!

July 6th Wonderland

Wonderland is a theme park with "the largest roller coaster in the southern hemisphere". As we approached the park and the huge loops and corkscrews of the rides came into view, Hannah and Katherine were busy deciding which looked the scariest so that they could be sure of going on them.

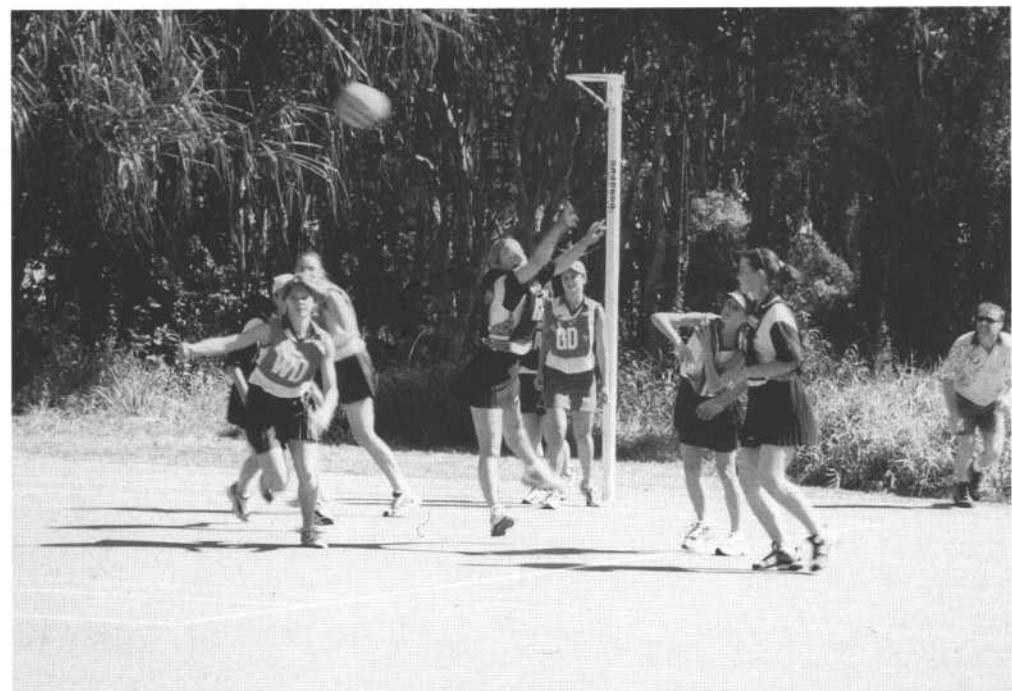
The roller coaster itself was a bit worrying. It wasn't its size, more the fact that it looked as if it was entirely held up by scaffolding! However we all left it safely if covered in bruises. Some of us braved the upside down swing boat next, but it was a definite no no for Mrs Dinsdale, both Carolines and Fizzy, especially after consuming rather a lot of chocolate. Later however we all braved the space probe, a huge tower which takes you right to the top and then releases you

without warning so that you make an extremely rapid descent to ground level leaving your stomach somewhere en route. It was certainly an experience, but not something most of us (excluding Katherine and Hannah) would rush to repeat. After a further selection of rides we calmed down with a gentle stroll through Wonderland's wildlife park , home to many examples of Australia's native wildlife, including koalas, crocs, snakes, wombats and kangaroos.

And so back to Rooty Hill and another opportunity to show the Aussies and New Zealanders what REAL music consists of!

7th - 10th July What we came for! Netball Tournament!

When we arrived at the Anne Clarke Netball courts we were amazed at the amount of competitors, both male and female, not to mention the spectators. We were quickly hurried into lines for a rather regal entry procession into the main hall. The first game we watched was



between boys' teams, to our surprise, and although netball is traditionally a women's sport,

the speed and accuracy of their game was superb. But this was nothing in comparison to the girls' teams we played! On our first day we only had one game, thankfully, as at the end of it we were left breathless, both metaphorically and literally. On the second day our first match was against last year's runners up and, although daunted by their league standard, we shared a good game due to their friendliness and we had good fun. However the next match spun our English traditions of no contact and good sportsmanship into oblivion. Our opponents had obviously been sharpening their nails the night before, and the second the whistle blew they went in with their elbows! After the first half we realised a radical change in tactics was needed, and in the second half they got as good as they gave! The last game of the day was against the winners for the last two years and exceeded our expectations of how good the netball really was. Our first match on the following day was another rough one but we decided to play a friendly in the second match against a friendly and enthusiastic team. We forfeited the game but it gave us a chance to demonstrate that winning isn't everything! On the last day we played a second team who still maintained the extraordinarily high standard and our last match was against a team of a similar standard to ourselves. We had a nice, level game with a chance to practise the skills and tactics we had learnt during the tournament. The day finished with a riveting struggle for supremacy between the finalists.

July 11th Manly

Our journey to Manly from Rooty Hill started with a train journey to Parramatta, then by ferry to Circular Quay where we met the nephew of Dr Pene Key and Mr Tim Key. He and his wife gave us a guided tour of Manly. It was gorgeous and sunny and we paddled happily in the warm and crystal clear water. We had a lovely relaxing afternoon shopping or just sitting on the beach admiring the view before our return to Rooty Hill. When we got back all the other teams had



already left and the chef said he would cook us whatever we wanted. No surprise that everyone voted for chocolate fudge cake...

Back to Sydney for a short flight with Quantas to Brisbane. At Mount Coot Tha we met our host families, and in the evening drove up the mountain to experience the dazzling view of Brisbane at night.



July 13th Brisbane

Everyone was very enthusiastic about their host families; we had all been really lucky. We opted for a tour of the city in an old-fashioned, open-sided bus followed by a trip on the City Cat along the Brisbane river. In the afternoon we had our first friendly match. Again the Australians certainly lived up to their reputation although the match was fairly close, and Fizzy, who played exceptionally well, was named Player of the match, which was quite a triumph for us as well!



July 14th Brisbane.

Today we met up with new hosts and went into school lessons with them: maths, chemistry, PE, biology and accounting. Just like home! (We all noticed how well we behaved in class by comparison with our hosts!) In the afternoon we were able to use their wonderful swimming facilities and discovered the Olympic team had trained at the pool, including Susie O'Neill and Sam Reilly, whom we were lucky enough to meet.

July 15th Brisbane

This morning we hired roller blades and all the gear and attempted to make our way along Brisbane's South Bank, a beautiful area by the river. We were a bit slowed down by the fact that some of us couldn't rollerblade! Anyway we split into two groups and all arrived back at lunchtime to proudly describe our falls and show off our bruises.

July 16th Brisbane

An option day, so we decided to visit the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary just outside Brisbane. First we stopped by the kangaroos to ooh and aahh over the joeys peeping from their mothers' pouches and then on to the koalas. Well we had to cuddle a koala and have photographic evidence! Profits from this session help fund research into an eye disease which affects koalas. Our koala was called Fritz and he was a friendly and handsome chap although Zoe rather changed her mind about his charm when she discovered a

stain on her white t-shirt..... In the afternoon we had an uproarious time at the cinema watching Austin Powers 2 which we have been quoting ever since, and in the evening a wonderful barbecue at the house of one of our hosts.

July 17th Gold Coast

To make the most of the Gold Coast necessitated an early start and we arrived at Surfers Paradise at 10.30 am. Unfortunately, a great deal of the beach had

been washed away by the very high tides, but we just about managed to all fit on. We were staying at the Mercure Resort which was really nice, five minutes from the beach and only ten to the centre of town. We spent most of the afternoon on what was left of the beach, swimming, boogie-boarding and sun bathing (although the weather wasn't that brilliant).

July 18th Sea World

We started the day off with a shark encounter and a history lesson on the development of underwater breathing apparatus -actually a lot more interesting than it sounds! On the way to the Dolphin cave we took in a quick roller coaster ride (rated tame by Hannah).

The dolphin show was amazing with triple somersaults, walking on water, surfing with their trainers and lots more. We were offered the opportunity to swim with the dolphins ourselves but at £40 no one could afford it! As we had half an hour to spare before the water skiing spectacular we went on the triple corkscrew roller coaster ride twice -quite short but excellent fun for the aficionados. Caroline Exley managed to conquer her fear of adrenaline-pumping rides, but Mrs Dinsdale hasn't -yet!

The water skiing display was both breathtakingly skilful and hilarious especially when the water hoses were turned on the audience and both Miss Oakes and Mrs Dinsdale got drenched! After lunch we watched a pirate adventure film in horribly convincing 3D with wasps, bats, birds

and spiders seemingly all over us. Then it was back to Surfers Paradise for bit more sun sand and sea before a great evening meal in the Hard Rock Cafe. A really good day.

July 19th Brisbane to Cairns

Another early start for the flight from Brisbane to Cairns. The flight was very smooth and the captain told us that there were only about two days in the year when passengers can see the islands and reefs clearly and today was one of them! We had some spectacular views from the plane of Green Island, Hamilton Island and then the Great Barrier Reef itself. On arrival in Brisbane we had lunch in an American style diner and then went on to our new host school to meet up with yet more new families . Zoe and Lizzie watched a horror video before going to bed - NOT a good idea in a strange house in a strange area!

July 20th White Water rafting.

Buzzing with excitement but also some apprehension we set off early for the Barron River. On arrival we were kitted out with the most unflattering gear ever! Strapped up safely in our huge life jackets we struggled with our raft to the water's edge. After instructions on technique and safety procedures we headed round the corner and came face to face with our first, daunting white water rapids. Fortunately we didn't capsize but were hugely amused when Hannah, after completing the most difficult rapid, managed to fall off the side of the raft . After the white water section we reached a stretch of calm water. Hannah and Katherine were first off the raft and in, and Miss Oakes was "aided" under protest into the cold, murky, eel-infested water by everyone else.

July 21st Cairns Palm Cove

From Cairns we went to the Colonial Club hotel and decamped almost immediately to the beach. The water was nice and warm but the waves not as powerful as those at other beaches we had

visited as the Barrier Reef absorbs their energy. We managed to get sunburnt - not clever- and moving around that evening was rather painful for some of us!

July 22nd The Great Barrier Reef

As we approached the reef on the huge Quicksilver boat we had to decide whether we were actually going to dive. Those of us who did agree that it was one of the best decisions we ever made -it was a fantastic experience! After a struggle into the heavy diving equipment,wetsuits and fins we entered the water, practised some basic skills and headed down to the bottom of the reef. Fish were swimming all around us, so close you could



touch them. We put our hands inside a giant clam and were amazed at its soft, silky interior, then touched a sea anenome whose stinging mechanism felt like sellotape on your fingers. Inside the anenome lived a small fish; just a tiny example of the many individual and extraordinary eco-systems that make up the wonderful world of the reef. We also held a sea cucumber which was large, soft and slimy, and was actually rather disgusting! In one of the crevices of the coral a small black fish with red spots was hiding but would come out to have its chin scratched. I never thought I would tickle a fish!

When we came up after 40 minutes we would all have liked to go straight back down again. We were stunned by the beauty and complexity of the reef as well as the experience of the dive. Later we all went down in a semi-sub which gave



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us a wonderful view of the whole reef. On the way home on the boat we watched the video of the dive which was often very amusing and helped us relive the adventure. The journey back was quite rough and exciting and we all sat on the foredeck watching the land draw closer, being sprayed by the sea and nearly blown away by the wind. The whole experience of that day was for me the highlight of the tour and one I really will never forget.

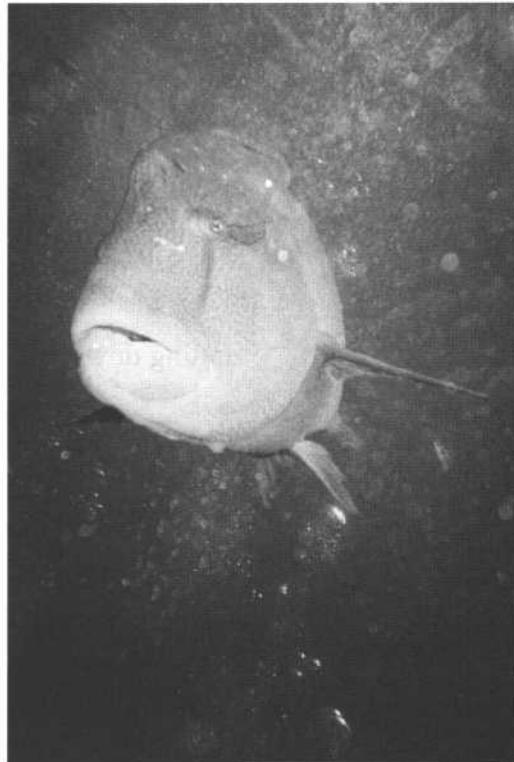
July 23rd Cairns

After so many busy days with early starts we finally had a chance to sleep in after 7.30 am! We had a lazy, late breakfast and we spent the morning taking full advantage of the hotel's superb facilities - the choice of three swimming pools. After lunch the dedicated shoppers headed into town while the rest of us thought we would like to see a bit more of the countryside, so off we went to a riding stables an hour from Cairns on the edge of the rain forest.

The ride was excellent as we made our way through sugar-cane fields, plantations of banana and papaya trees and into the rain forest itself. We emerged on the other side onto dunes and sandy beaches where we raced off at full gallop. Ahead of me Mrs. Dinsdale was moving pretty fast- afterwards she insisted she was in control!

July 24th Cairns Karunda

Another early start to catch a train to Karunda



and a park called "Rainforestation" which aims to give you an idea of the Aboriginal way of life. We were taken on a guided tour through the wildlife park and then we all embarked on a WW II amphibious vehicle or DUCK for a trip through the rain forest finding out about its extensive plant kingdom. At the amphitheatre we watched traditional Aboriginal dances and then had a chance to try out three Aboriginal skills: spear throwing, playing the didgeridoo and throwing the boomerang. Possible events for Stover Sports Day next year?

25th - 26th July Cairns, Darwin, Singapore, London, Stover!

And so the day finally arrived when we had to leave the heat, sun, beaches, shopping, wildlife and return to England. Shedding various members of the group on the way we arrived at Cairns Airport only to realise, an hour or so before the flight, that I had left my wallet on the coach. After a lot of panic and telephone calls Mrs Dinsdale and Miss Oakes managed to get it returned to me just before the plane left. A very big thank you! (from Katherine Storrs) We had an hour's stop in Darwin and then on to Singapore. Here we had

two hours wait and Fizzy decided it would be a good time to lose her boarding pass - luckily they let her on without it. Then it was the thirteen hour haul back to London arriving eventually at 5.45 am. Panic at Reading station as to whether we could all get our luggage on the train before it left, but eventually we could relax for the final leg back to Devon.

Un jour au salon de la Jeunesse

Il faisait chaud hier, le jour quand nous sommes arrivées au Canada, à l'aéroport Mirabelle près de Montréal.

Après avoir retrouvé nos bagages, Constanze et moi sommes allés recontrer ma soeur, Susie.

Nous avons pris un taxi à son appartement. En route, nous avons vu beaucoup de grands édifices. Ma soeur a suggéré que nous devions visiter le Salon de la Jeunesse demain et nous étions d'accord.

Aujourd'hui nous allons au Salon de la Jeunesse. Nous prenons l'autobus au Stade Olympique. À l'entrée quelqu'un nous donne un sac dessiné et nous dit que c'était dessiné par une élève qui a gagné le concours "Dessine le Sac Officiel du Salon". Le dessin est une fleur bien colorée.

A l'intérieur il y a beaucoup d'activités et l'atmosphère est chaleureuse. J'aperçois un défilé de mode qui prend place à mon gauche. Je m'approche pour le regarder. Les vêtements sont très différents et plein d'imagination. Je veux être sur la passerelle moi-même! Une fille me dit que les mannequins portent les vêtements sélectionnés pour le concours Jeune Designer de Mode du Québec.

Ensuite je vais à l'autre côté du salon où il y a des gens qui grimpent un mur d'escalade. Je les regarde pendant quelques minutes et puis décidé de l'essayer. Je mets un harnais de sécurité. J'ai un peu peur pour commencer, mais tout va bien. Je rencontre Constanze pour manger. Constanze prend un hamburger et moi je prends un hot dog. Nous buvons des cocas. Nous essayons d'inventer un message "vert" pour le concours "Action Jeunesse". Notre suggestion est: "La pollution c'est l'exécution."

Je pensait à faire le Gyro-Club mais après le déjeuner, peut-être pas! Au lieu de cela nous allons pour une manicure et un maquillage donnés par des élèves d'un collège de beauté. Je me demande si mes parents vont me reconnaître! C'est l'heure de départ. A la sortie nous rendons notre slogan pour le concours de l'environnement. Les résultats seront publiés demain. Nous allons retrouver ma soeur, puis ensemble nous irons à l'aéroport rencontrer mes parents qui arrivent de l'Angleterre à 16 heures.

MY EARLY LIFE

I was born four months early
when I was still furry.
I was on a ventilator
for nearly twenty five weeks.
I was a silent babe
Silently screaming while
the doctors put pins in my veins.

I had heart surgery when I was small,
it damaged my vocal chords as well.
I had a tracheotomy when I was small,
my airway was rebuilt from my ribs.
I had chronic lung disease when I was small,
it's mainly disappeared, but it's still there.

I had a bubble birthmark on my head,
It's sunk, but there's still a dent.
I rode at RDA from the age of four,
but my favourite pony, Catkin,
died at the age of thirty six.

I won a rosette at Windsor
awarded by Princess Anne.
I first spoke when I was five,
or five and a half years old.
I was always howling like a wolf
Purring like a cat,
losing at races,
falling down the backs of benches.

I fell rather spectacularly off my pony
At my second riding school.
I was teased by an Italian or Greek boy
At my second school.
My feet were cut by rocks
When we came down here for our holiday.

Helena Forster Year 8

TEIGNBRIDGE STUDENT YOUTH COUNCIL

In September 1998 Teignbridge Council launched their Student Council which consists of 24 elected representatives from the sixth forms of schools and colleges in the district, to wit: Coombeshead, South Dartmoor, Teign, Newton Abbot Sixth Form, Teignmouth Community College, Trinity and Stover.

It is hoped that the new Student Council will:

Be the starting point for ensuring that young people have direct access to decision makers in the Council

Create a two way opportunity for consultation by students with the Council and to act as a sounding board for Councillors and officers

Provide an opportunity for students to develop leadership and citizenship skills

Create an opportunity to receive training in the skills required in negotiation and balanced decision making.

Stover's elected representatives, Melody Cooper and Jane Howard, report on the first year.

"When we first heard about the Youth Council, like most of the Lower Sixth we were a little apprehensive, but our interest grew when we attended a briefing session. And so our story begins.....



The candidates

The four candidates started canvassing immediately, each taking different approaches in the hope of gaining votes from the general public (i.e. the Sixth Form!) The ideas varied from stickers to baby photos. Although each candidate was undoubtedly equally capable of fulfilling the role, in the final count Jane and I found ourselves elected by a narrow margin.

Our first meeting at the Teignbridge District Council offices at Forde House was a little heavy going as we were bombarded with information of all sorts, the most important of which was the situation of the canteen. After this gruelling introduction another nightmare was in store for us - photographers!

After overcoming the unaccustomed horrors of both publicity and the new microphone system we appointed

our chair person and directors. The ultimate aims of the Student Council this year is to increase the awareness of bullying in schools and subsequently to update the schools' bullying policies. We have also endeavoured to target different age groups and backgrounds ie not just college students, by using some of our budget to provide recreational facilities in the district. In addition we have set up a promotional Website on the Internet, allowing local people to put forward ideas and raising the awareness of new initiatives.



Jo places her vote

Our term of office ends in December 99 and two new members of the Lower Sixth will take our place. We both found it to be a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable experience which has given us a greater insight into many areas of local government including the election process as well as dealing with the press and press releases. We both feel it is an excellent project and sincerely hope that the community benefits from our efforts and the further work of Student Councillors.

Melody Cooper and Jane Howard Lower Sixth



Getting down to business at Forde House

TREES FOR THE FUTURE

Thanks to a generous bequest the International Tree Foundation for Devon kindly agreed to donate to the school over 500 trees to be planted along the school's southern boundary with the clay works. A selection of indigenous trees was planted during March and will, in future years, provide a large and mature tree line to the south of the school. The trees have been planted in naturalistic groups of copses to the design of school governor Andrew Cooper.

We would like to thank the ITF most sincerely for their support and generosity in contributing towards the development and history of the Stover grounds.



From little acorns great oaks grow! Year 8 get dug in



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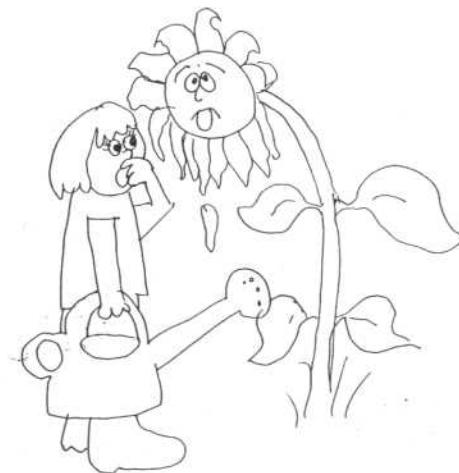
In May the school received £1,500 from Transco towards the building of a new nature trail and path through the "jungle" to the east of the main school. Stover was one of 100 organisations nationally to be recognised by Transco for being involved in the restoration or conservation of rural areas.

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

In November Jubilee Hall was the venue for a recording of the popular BBC radio programme Gardeners' Question Time. An invited audience of 300 people included staff, parents, pupils, friends and representatives of the Devon Hardy Plant Society and the Teignmouth Orangery Project. There was a lively selection of questions (the Sixth Form wanted to know what sort of plants would be suitable for their patio, thus encouraging them to spend even more time relaxing on it!) Expert advice was provided by



the team of Anne Swithinbank, Eric Robson, John Cushnie and the aptly named Bob Flowerdew, seen in the picture together with the Head Master. Stover, with its listed Georgian parkland, provided the ideal setting for this event.



SUNDAYS

As part of the Christian foundation of Stover School the full boarders attend a short service every Sunday. Most weeks are 'in house' (in the Chamber Hall actually) but roughly twice a term we visit other places of worship. These are usually liturgical churches, like the Church of England or Roman Catholic tradition, so that those who wish can take communion but other denominations are included so that girls can appreciate 'the variety within unity' which makes up the Christian church. In the last school year we have attended Holy Communion services at Highweek and Abbotsbury parish churches; Sung Mass at Buckfast Abbey ; the Advent service in Exeter cathedral ; and services at Kingsteignton Community Baptist church, Newton Abbot Salvation Army and Chudleigh parish church. Our group of 50 or so has been made to feel very welcome in all these places. In school we have been addressed by a variety of speakers and have experienced at first hand a varied range of church music, including a Christian band complete with electric guitars and percussion, who put on a radio programme for us.

V. Elce - head of RE

It was a typical Sunday morning at school. After eating our breakfast and trying to find something decent to wear, we made our way down to Chamber Hall for church. To explain - each week we have prayers, hymns that we try to sing and speakers who range from teachers, to governors of KEVICC, to ex-cons who once had drug problems. This all creates mixed responses in both boarders and in house staff.

One week stands out for me. Mr. Michael Codner was the speaker and musician. The sixth form were asleep in the back row as usual; the junior boarders were trying to smile in the front with Mrs. B looking intently at them to make sure they were listening , and the other staff were trying to look interested. As Michael stood up to speak we had no idea that this would be a mixture of RE with Mrs. Elce and Physics with Mr. Topley. Michael was a Christian who had also been to one or two lectures on nuclear physics ! He started by asking the sleeping crowd what the first book in the bible was. I cringed as people started to mumble pathetically what they thought the answer was. Feeling quite embarrassed that we didn't know, I took a deep breath and shouted out the answer. By now I felt that I had betrayed the back row so I sank back into my chair and kept quiet. However as time went on everyone was awake! Michael flung his long arms round extravagantly and shouted something that I just didn't agree with although I believe in God. I thought to myself, "How can a man who knows about nuclear physics and the Big Bang believe so strongly in God?"

Whatever the answer to that is, I think he made everyone in the room stop and think for just 2 or 3 minutes about God and their own beliefs. It has

certainly sparked off some debate on the subject. I think it's good from time to time to stop and listen to others' views. We can expand our minds and take into account that even the cleverest of scientists do believe in God.

Julia Simcox - Year 12

The service on September 27th was both amusing and intriguing. Jos Sumner, who is head of RE at Teign School, started her talk by opening a bag of Opal fruits and passing it along the front row. When the bag ran out she told the unlucky ones not to worry because she had more sweets in her bag. However each time she gave out sweets she started with the front row ! Eventually Elizabeth Turner ended up with an Opal fruit, a Twirl, a Crunchie and an Aero whilst those at the back had nothing. They soon started to whisper amongst themselves that it wasn't fair whilst those in the front row were obviously enjoying themselves. This was a powerful way of helping us to think about what Jos Sumner went on to talk about: the way that wealth is so unevenly distributed in the world - those in the Third World (or Less Economically Developed Countries) having so much less than us.

Amber Price Year 12

Last Sunday when we went to Exeter cathedral I felt that the church was very big and solemn. It was amazing when the choirs began to sing - the songs were very touching. The ceremony made me respect God and I now know why so many people respect him like this.

I've never been to a service in a cathedral before. I listened to the lovely hymns and the chapters from the bible being read. This cathedral is so magnificent that it makes me feel there is a God. (But I regretted one thing - we couldn't sit in the middle!)

Eleanor Ma and Elaine Yeung Year 12

On April 18th the boarders went to the Salvation Army. We found it more interesting than other churches. There are a lot more songs and there is a brass band. People clap to the beat of the songs too. This church is in the style of the army so the leader is called the Captain. They also have many flags including the Union Jack. The sermon was about the Temple in Jerusalem and an overhead projector was used to show its plan and furnishings. Overall we really enjoyed the service.

Caitlin Theobald and Kerry-Anne Tunnell Year 7

SMILER !

Q. Why is the Bible so important to Christians?

A. It is?

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL EDUCATION

YEARS 10, 11 and 12

Here are some of the comments made by Year 11 after spending a morning at Newton Abbot Magistrates Court watching the proceedings under the kind supervision of Mr. A Rooth J.P.

"I realised that I took for granted my opportunities which others may not have.

It was eye-opening

I would like to be a magistrate when I retire.

It was incredible to see how others live their lives. I think some of us would now think twice about some things.

To see the realities of life is very hard.

It was interesting to see the jobs there are in a court.

One of those experiences that we will not forget: listening to a case for real.

Some of the cases were quite upsetting.

I can't say that I enjoyed the experience of seeing human beings sentenced to imprisonment or being made to pay fines out of money they don't have. However I do think that it was a valuable visit."

In the Spring term 1999 Mr. Tony Ralls, an ex-drug addict, came to speak to the Sixth Form. Here are some of their comments about the afternoon.

"Eye opening

shocking	INTERESTING
professional	perceptive
worthwhile	stimulating
long	unrehearsed
from personal experience	
different from standard talks	
he communicated the problems in a way we could relate to	

An unforced and personal account of the situation surrounding drugs in our own country and worldwide. The speaker was honest and due to this we were able to feel comfortable and talk openly about the subject. The criminal aspects are surprisingly close and put drugs into a new perspective."

SMILER!

RE

- Q. Name two of the Apostles
A. Mark and Luck

Misconceptions Theatre Company

Year 10 give their responses

"When I first heard that the Samaritans were coming to Stover on Red Nose Day I thought it would ruin it and spoil the fun, but although Red Nose Day was fun the theatre group really got us thinking about drugs and abuse. They presented a couple of sketches to help us understand what people go through when affected by domestic violence and drugs. The Samaritans were also there to give us background information about their organisation and to help us see that drugs are pointless and ruin lives. We discussed our feelings and answered questions about it as well as taking part in a tableau. It made me think about the future and what we can do to help others in difficult situations. Using a fun way to put across a serious message really made me realise how lucky I am to have loving parents and friends who care for each others' welfare.

The main message of the afternoon was: drugs and violence will mess your life up. It might help talking things out with someone sensitive. They answered any questions we had very easily, (even the difficult ones from Rebecca Moloney.)"

E.Turner, H.Pizzey, R.Brandon, M.Ling, R.Byrnes

YEAR 7 : RE LESSON WITH A DIFFERENCE !

"In our RE lesson a lady came to teach us some dances that Jewish people dance in their synagogues and at special occasions like weddings. It was a surprise when Mrs. Bamberg told us to go into the Jubilee hall with trainers for our RE lesson! First we learnt the steps and then the music was put on and we danced in a circle. We did this in RE because it is a way of showing us how other religions worship their God. My favourite dance was when you walked forward four steps clapping at every step, left then right and then turn in and lift your arms up in praise and slowly lower them; then take four very small steps and click left, right until back to where you started. I enjoyed doing the three point turn and felt as if I was worshipping God when the music was on and we were dancing. Dancing in circles involves people celebrating together, unlike going to church and praying on your own. I found the dances quite easy to follow but needed more time and practice to be as good as the lady was! The lady taught us lots of interesting moves that I had never seen or heard of before. The words were mostly sung in Hebrew. It was a great experience."

D.Perry, E.Hemmens, K.Tunnell, R.Guthrie, L.Renowden, V.Tierney, H.Truman Year 7

AS OTHERS SEE US

Olesya Dimitrijeva, from Moldova, spent two years in Stover Sixth Form studying for A levels. When she arrived she was, in her own words, "vastly under the influence of common-place stereotypes." However she soon came to realise that the reality was quite different! Olesya spent a week on work experience with the Herald Express and obviously impressed them so much that they asked her to write about her experiences of England in the paper. Here are some of the points she made in that article or, as she called them, her "notes en route."

Well, you do say 'What lovely weather!' at least ten times a day even when it's pouring with rain. However, in contrast to a widespread view that English people are very posh, reserved and rather haughty, I found most of them very friendly and understanding. And whatever happens they are extremely polite and "nice". (I am genuinely amazed by the variety of meanings of this word and the number of instances when the English use it!) I bet you are the only people in the world who say "please...thankyou...sorry...excuse me" etc. so incredibly frequently. When I go home people wonder why I'm so polite. It's an English habit I'm afraid -not a bad one however! And you never leave anyone in trouble. How many times when I have got lost in the narrow, twisty streets of English towns and cities you have shown me the right way with full details and a smile.

Could you please explain to me once and for all what I am supposed to say when you ask this mysterious question, "All right?" It's a sort of greeting. But what if I am not "all right"? Should I say, "No, I have two history essays to write by tomorrow, I can't get through to my Mum and the telephone has swallowed all my coins, I have a terrible headache and..." You probably wouldn't have time to listen to all of that. I just answer "Yes" even if it's a lie. So what's the point of asking?!

As you see I spend a lot of time thinking about the Brits. What about your country? So far I have seen Devon, London and Scotland. Devon is of course absolutely enchanting with its green hills, countless sheep and frequent - by English standards - sunshine, but its winding roads with mean hedges on both sides made me very nervous at first: you never know what's round the corner, never mind the breath-taking speed at which you drive! While driving through those green tunnels I felt as if I was inside a computer game called something like "Mortal Race" and prayed for my life! God was kind; I am still alive and no longer so afraid of the Devon roads. London is a great contrast. It is a remarkable place with a calm, strict beauty of its own. Behind its grey, grand buildings there is a brisk and colourful life of museums, galleries, theatres, pubs and night clubs. This may sound like an advertisement for those annoying tourists but, believe me, that is my own experience.

I've always been interested in Scotland and, after visiting it, became its ardent fan. Take the lovely Scottish accent for a starter! Isn't it really different and cute? Edinburgh is beautiful indeed, with its imposing Castle on the rock (the admission charge is also very imposing!) Men look most attractive in kilts, and the sound of bagpipes is so unique, so utterly Scottish! In the Highlands, I felt the spirit of Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott, men who loved their birthplace and helped the rest of the world love it too. I went on a tour round Loch Ness but the notorious monster with the sweet name, Nessie, couldn't be bothered to turn up. According to our guide she was on a holiday in the North Atlantic. What a pity!

Now British education. The teachers here are completely different, so much more relaxed and frank. They make you feel at ease straight away and after an hour of conversation you are ready to trust them with your personal problems.



Olesya, and Tina Zadnik from Slovenia, on a visit to the Imperial War Museum (no you can't take it home!)

In return they happily share their experiences with you. What was difficult to get used to at first was the independence given to the students. Sometimes I was annoyed by the method of teaching which seemed to me equivalent to a package DIY when I didn't really have a clue about how I was supposed to do something I only had a slight idea about anyway! But it didn't take me long to understand the new system and now I am coping with it quite successfully. I got so involved I even dream of getting into a British University.

Just one last thing: you repeat that you are NOT European but British so often that by now I believe you - well, you certainly are unique!

RED NOSE DAY





TRIP TO TREYARNON

It was the morning of the long journey to Cornwall. Everyone was running around or as Kate was, lying on the grass with her body board practising surfing. Half way there we got stuck in a traffic jam and everyone was feeling sick from eating so many sweets. Eventually we arrived and practically fell out of the bus because our legs were so stiff. We went straight to the beach where some of us went exploring while others laid lazily around guzzling sweets or running round half-naked to the disgust and amusement of the others. Then we went back to the Youth Hostel to stuff more food and sweets into our mouths. We then went surfing. Baggle, Ickle and Jo had a big black rubber ring which they got stuck in whilst being drowned and also somersaulted due to the huge waves. We lazed around for the rest of the day as usual before being allowed to squabble over who was allowed in which room. Anyway, after it was finally sorted out, we started redecorating ourselves and our rooms and then we went outside ready for the barbecue and a game of rounders.

Whilst playing rounders, Tara accidentally on purpose hit Daisy with the rounders ball. Everyone laughed except Miss Evans who was busy trying to resuscitate Daisy. That evening we built a bonfire, which led to ghost stories about headless dogs and devil worshipers. At 11.00



p.m. we had to go back to the Hostel to supposedly go to sleep. This, of course, did not go to plan and Miss Evans spent the night shouting at us in her lovely, grey, fluffy pyjamas which every one found highly amusing.

The next day it was very hot so we had to go for



a walk. We found lots of sand dunes and spent most of the morning rolling down them. At the bottom was a small stream, which looked fresh and so lots of people drank it. Later Miss Evans said that it was polluted so everyone started to play Floey's funeral as she had drunk loads.

We went to a massive rock pool, which we swam in and jumped into. It was FREEZING COLD but we managed to over come it. The rest of the day was spent getting sunburnt which we are still suffering from.

Highlights of the weekend included: Scaring Elli with a story about "IT"; searching for firewood - Floey brought back a tree; toasting marshmallows -mine fell off the stick into the sand; Miss Evans' pyjamas; Daisy digging her way to China; washing ALL the dishes; body boarding; Floey and Tara drowning;telling ghost stories; telling naughty jokes; body boarding again. It was an excellent trip and we are still trying to persuade Miss Evans to go with us again next year.

Jo Mann, Laura Watts, Lisa Whitney and others.
Year 8



SAINT BLAISE HACCOMBE

St Blaise at Haccombe is a small jewel of a church set in the heart of an unspoilt, peaceful valley close to the Teign estuary. It was built by one Stephen de Haccombe, a knight returning from the Crusades, who wished to leave a permanent thanksgiving for his survival and who believed that he owed his life to the protection of the Saint, the patron of woolcarders.

His connection with the Crusades and the fact that the Church has survived very largely unchanged was the reason for Year Seven's visit there one sunny spring afternoon last March. Mr Bob Bamberg, who is one of the Church Wardens, showed us round this wonderful example of an unspoilt Crusader chapel and we would all like to thank him very much for this opportunity.

Helen Millman reports:

"At one thirty we had to be in the portico where we waited for a long time and at last Miss Young came with the mini bus and we drove to Haccombe. Everyone in the front sang the Little Mermaid song because Miss Young liked it but she had to tell us to be quiet a lot because we started shouting. Mr Bamberg and Peg the dog met us at Haccombe. He told us that the crypt was under the church and that if we liked we could all go in there at the end of our visit.

We all went into the church and the first thing I saw was a little tiny tomb. I thought that it must be a child's grave but Mr Bamberg told us that it was a heart burial and that the person whose heart it was was studying at Oxford University when he came down with the Plague. It was the winter and the body needed to be taken back to Devon. Unfortunately it was too muddy to get the body there in a cart like they were usually taken, so they took the heart out of

the body and sent it on horseback to Haccombe. Next to the heart burial was a huge tomb which contains the bodies of the parents of the heart burial person who are called Sir Hugh Courtnay and Lady Philippa Courtnay. The grave is going to be X-rayed to see if Sir Hugh is wearing his armour. Next to the Courtnays' tomb is a small, coffin-shaped tomb which you can only see if you walk around the big tomb. Nobody knows what is in this so this may be X-rayed too.



We all stood around Stephen de Haccombe's tomb which was what Miss Young had brought us to see. It was a low cracked effigy with hardly any paint left on it at all. It wasn't that interesting, but then I remembered we were going to the Crypt so I started listening more. We rang the oldest surviving church bell in

Devon (Miss Young said she's pleased it still is), dressed up in the church clothes, held sermons from the pulpit and played on the organ.

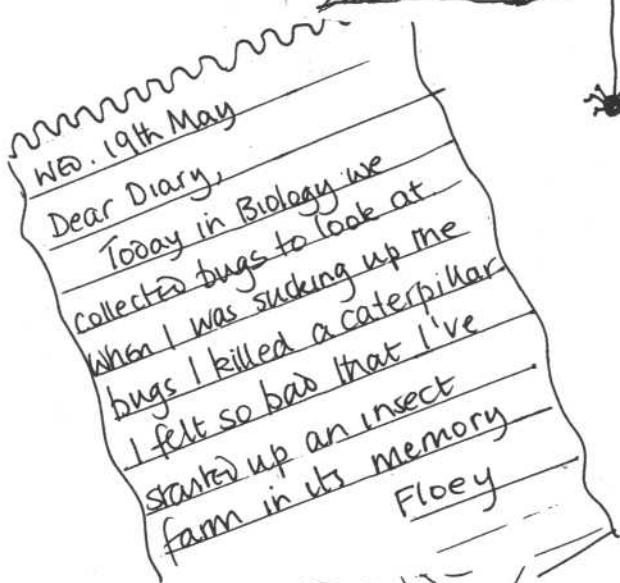
Then the time had come to go into the Crypt. I was expecting skeletons and various other limbs etc. scattered across the floor. Mr Bamberg opened the door and there were about eight coffins in there,

together with a wheelchair, a flagpole, a ladder and some junk in a corner. It seemed pretty ordinary; the coffins were falling apart though and there was one which contained a five year old. There was also a huge one! He was a seven foot man when he was alive and he was fat as well! He died sometime around the 1890s or 1920s, I can't remember which.

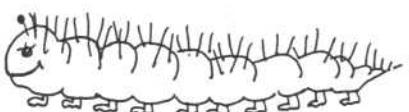
Then it was time to go back to school. On the back of the bus someone had written "Come to South Devon". For some reason it was a lot quieter on the way back to Stover. Thankyou very much, Mr Bamberg, for showing us round and giving us so much information."



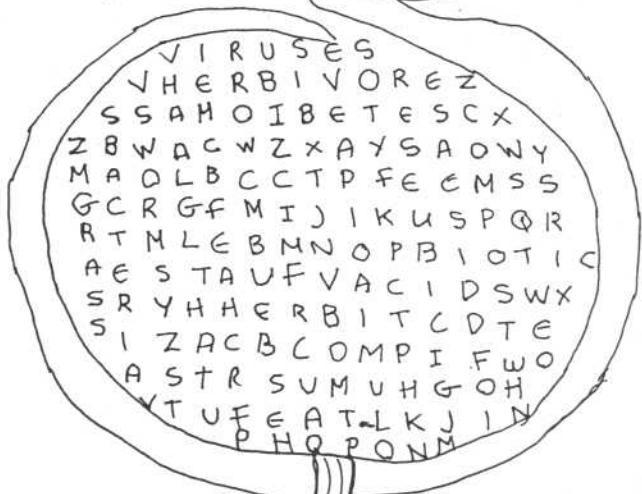
The great bug hunt.



It's only a caterpillar



worm search



Year 8 Sampling INVERTEBRATES



YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This year the team, with Ella Chivers at its head, decided on jewellery as its product - after much discussion! Steve Williams, of Lloyds Bank, guided the company through its early meetings, "Maid in UK" was adopted as a name and ordering of materials began. Cally Hocknell and Melody Cooper gave considerable help in suggesting suitable materials and suppliers (it is always helpful to have contacts!) and Finance Director Vicki Johnson proved a dab hand with the chequebook.

It was quite an impressive sight to observe the production line in operation in the Technology Room. The Quality Control Section were kept very busy and managed to tug a good few catches off necklaces and bracelets before Research and Development suggested a belt and braces approach with a touch of Superglue.

Sales boomed at Christmas but no-one wanted to buy in January and it was only in the spring that most of the rest of the stock was sold, at never-to-be-repeated prices.

Everyone turned out for the Final Presentation Evening, held at the Imperial Hotel in Torquay. There we were struck by the professionalism and initiative of many of the other teams but by the time "Maid in UK" had got the stand set up, we looked pretty striking too. Elaine Yeung and Eleanor Ma had spent most of the previous weekend colouring in Union Jacks. Claire Blackmore and Tracey Jeffery had spent time getting the layout organised and one thing was for sure: We certainly had the biggest computer monitor anywhere in the Imperial Hotel that night.

Julia Simcox had produced some very effective graphics through PowerPoint and the team was delighted to gain Third Prize for the stand, with the monitor and its graphics gaining a special mention from the judges.

So what's the product going to be next year?

A.Smith

CAMBRIDGE BUSINESS SKILLS

This is a course consisting of five modules which can be taken by Sixth Form students. Each module is about an aspect of the business world and the girls have to undertake a practical assignment. In the Autumn term the students covered a module on Meetings and Presentations skills. With one day's notice each girl had to give a talk on her favourite A level subject. After presentations by Tina and Olesya we were convinced that History was without doubt the most interesting subject!



Zoe Gaye's presentation on single sex education.

The actual assignment was to give a presentation to a group of people on a chosen topic using visual aids. Talks ranged from Young Farmers to Fashion and from Press Freedom to BSE. Each Thursday evening in November, Staff and Sixth Form met for refreshments in the Sixth Form Centre and were treated to two presentations. It was impressive to see the girls talking with such confidence about their chosen subject - all of which had been carefully researched - making full use of a variety of visual aids and answering the questions at the end very competently.

Speaking before an audience can be a daunting prospect and the students have had some valuable experience. I am sure that they will find what they have learnt on this course extremely useful, whatever their future careers.

M.Corby

STOVER OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION**COMMITTEE**

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Mrs. Bunty Scott (Jenner).

Hello again everybody, my warmest greetings to you all,

Another very busy year has quickly passed by with many new 'Old' members returning to the fold but sadly, few more recent members continuing their membership.

The Appeal project has provided plenty of activity for us all with various ideas being supported to raise funds. Our special and grateful thanks go in particular to the willing hands of Patricia Parkin and Trish Revell, helping me to 'stuff envelopes' with great gusto!

SOGA's main effort as you will all by now know being the DRAW which we hope that you will all support as much as you can. Books of tickets have been sent out to all Parents, Staff, Governors' and Old Girls, currently totalling 14600 tickets. If together with those remaining they can all be sold, SOGA will be able to donate £15,000 towards the Appeal Fund - I think that we could ask for at least a brick to be named for SOGA with that amount don't you?!!

To save on additional postage may I take the opportunity now of thanking those who are currently returning ticket stubbs and their cheques, your support is much appreciated.

Sincere thanks also to the donors of prizes for the Draw.

THE REUNION LUNCHEON AND CAKE STALL - on Sports Day, both were very successful with hopefully £300 from the Lunch - which was excellent, and a further £240 from the Cake Stall going towards the Appeal - fantastic! Thankyou to everyone who supplied homemade produce and also helped in the marathon sale!

THE LONDON REUNION LUNCHEON at The Military & Naval Club, St.James, on Saturday November 20th is now well under way. Interest is coming in both from the London area and also locally from those wishing to attend. As I know that you have all had details earlier I won't take up space again here, sufficient to say that if you are interested, do please get your bookings in together with your cheques which should be made out to SOGA. At £15 the Luncheon is extremely reasonable. If you require overnight accommodation, then again rooms are limited so don't delay! Four students, namely the Head Girl Louise Neu and her Deputy Clova Gladstone, the Head of Games Catherine Storrs and the Head of Boarding, Jane Howard have been invited by the Committee to join us for the London Reunion Luncheon in November, courtesy of SOGA. This will give both the students and members of SOGA the opportunity to meet together and hopefully encourage the students to continue with SOGA membership when they leave Stover.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING although thinly supported, did produce some new faces, particularly from Miss Dence's era and they were warmly welcomed. All Committee officials being happy to continue, were appointed for a further year's service. In addition after discussion it was agreed to appoint a further seven new members to the Committee, in the hope that this would provide more input at Committee Meetings and also encourage younger 'Old Girls' back to the Association.

THE NOVEMBER '98 REUNION proved a big success, numbering over 50 with many attending from the 1979/81 years, with thanks particularly to Karen Cotton(Watts) for her hard work together with Kate Browne in rallying practically the whole of their years in attending.

THE RECENT JUNE REUNION was also a big success for the participants again numbering over 50 with 30 from '89 leavers, successfully rallied by Lucie Brewis.

A SOGA RELAY TEAM competed again this year ably organised by Helen Gill running against the School Staff, Parents and a team created by the Head! Our team by no means disgraced themselves but are considering introducing some male team participants on their behalf to match the opposition another year!

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Births - Melanie Moule(Crabb) - a son.

Ben Key - a second son.

Beth Dennick(Lloyd-Edwards) - a son, on New Year's Day.

Wendy Bennett(Insole) - a son, Simon.

Marriages - Katie Snell to Jamie Elliott. 19th June 1999.

Debra Newbury to Andrew Veal. 117th July 1999. Reception at Stover.

Melanie Crabb to Daniel Moule. December 1998.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Kate Taylor(93-96) has been studying at Swansea and commences teacher training(Primary) next term. Kate was also selected to play for the Welsh Universities Rugby Squad!

Kate Howard(Rowe) has recently obtained her B.A.

GENERAL NEWS

Caroline Howell(Harris) - has spent her time since leaving Stover nursing . She also has a son aged 14 years.

Sarah Jayne Maxwell - after living in San Francisco for eight years now has her own business producing music and comedy shows. She also has her own record label -'Cannibal records' !

Kathleen Mortimore(Roberts) - married to a local farmer with two married daughters aged 35 and 37. Katherine is obviously very helpful on the farm, as she had to scuttle home after the A.G.M. to help with the hay making, so was not able to stay for our Lunch! - There's dedication for you !

Julie Fairbrother(Major) - update - since my last report I have discovered that she is a 'HEAD Teacher' in Bristol. Together with a very busy full time job she also has three children but hopes to visit Stover for a social event in the near future, school social dates tend unfortunately to clash.

Gina Rooth(Brown) - now safely back with SOGA! Living locally Gina hopes to meet up with old school friends soon , hopefully at a future reunion., Gina's comment 'memories of Miss Gaukrodger (my predecessor) came flooding back when I read your letter' made me wonder just what I had written!!

Emma Crabb '96 - wrote with news of her sister Melanie ('Max') to friends). Melanie was married in Kingsbridge last December and Emma plans to marry in April next year.

Fay Tribble since her mother's death Fay has moved back to England again, this time from Scotland to Oxford, having a break for a spell from teaching.

Who would I wonder remember MRS KELLAR who taught Maths. and Latin at Stover in 1933/34 ? Her daughter MAISIE met the Head when she called in to Stover earlier this year. Both Maisie and her sister who lives in South Africa, were pupils at Stover and she was most interested to see how the school has grown -'Such a beautiful school' .

News from the Lloyd-Edwards establishment courtesy of 'Puggie' Pugh, who lives nearby.

Ceri - is busy nursing at the Hospital for Sick Children in Bristol.

Gwen - trained as a fashion designer, and has recently set up her own company in Clifton Bristol and is also about to open her first shop.

Bronwen - lives in Dartmouth and is a freelance TV camerawoman. Originally working in London she now films news and documentaries for Westcountry and ITN.

Beth - (now Mrs Dennick) - Broni's twin - had a son on New Year's Day. Beth is a Veterinary nurse and is currently moving from Cambridge to Oxford.

Sian - now living in Denver, Colorado working for a Gold Exploration Company, prior to which she worked in Bermuda. Sian is planning to marry this summer.

I have addresses if anyone wishes to make contact.

Veronica 'Puggie' Pugh - has written such an interesting and concise 'Story of her life since Stover', that I am hoping to include it in this issue in its' entirety as I am sure that you will all enjoy the contents.

Elizabeth (Liz) Kyle - although still living in a remote spot in Nova Scotia, Liz is hoping to move nearer to her parents in Halifax. She is still working in 'the investment business' and also studying for yet another examination. Liz's grandmother Mrs. Templer now aged 88, is still very active and currently visiting the family in Canada. Mrs Kyle wonders what her august ancestor James Templer - of Stover fame - would think of the girls now playing Rugby!

Barbara Bretherton(Baker-Beall) '46-'50 - is another member who has recently rejoined SOGA - again address available.

Polly Vacher(Mary Anne King) '54-'61 - rejoined in November last year. Obtaining her Private Pilot's Licence in '93. In '97 she subsequently flew solo in a single engine aircraft across the Atlantic to America and back and now gives lectures about her flights with the proceeds going towards Flying Scholarships for the Disabled in memory of Sir Douglass Bader.

Debra Newbury - currently teaching in the Twickenham area is getting married on July 17th at Coffinswell with her reception at Stover.

Katie Snell - was married at Bovey Tracey on June 19th - Reunion Day!

NOW APOLOGIES - for an incorrect address and 'phone number being given for me in last year's issue - obviously a memo which had become attached to my report! Sincere apologies to Mrs Jackson who had to bear the brunt of enquiries.

FINAL NOTE - it wasn't like this in YOUR Day, I bet! Not only did the Stover Netball team go on a tour of South Africa two years ago. This year's Netball/Hockey team left yesterday for a month touring and playing matches in AUSTRALIA! Good Luck to them all, spreading the word, and particularly to Lizzie Anning- '98/'99 Deputy Head Girl, who has just joined the SOGA ranks on the Committee. We look forward to an interesting report on their tour in next year's magazine.

An 'Email just received from Toronto! - from Geraldine Mabin who attended Stover from 1950 - 1957. She has obviously led a very interesting life in education and although her work continues to take her all over the world she usually manages to visit Paignton a couple of times every year and keeps in touch there with Nan Clapp. In addition she is the teaching principal of the Mabin School which was founded in 1998. Since 1995 she has been Chair of the Board for The Children's Own Museum in Toronto and has also had two children's books published. If anyone would like a copy of the full Email which includes her address etc. do please write and let me know.

Now, if any of you should be visiting or passing through that lovely little town of Bampton, there is a mouth watering tea shop there in Brook Street, where I am sure all 'Old Stover Girls' would be made particularly welcome! Yes, it does just happen to have a florist' section too!

'Perhaps a Reunion Tea Party' ?

With my best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Eileen Shillabeer
Hon. Secretary SOGA.



SOGA Late News - 7th September'99

Kate Steele('75) - Email <kaga@stee156.freeserve.co.uk>. would like news of: Joanne Garrett,Kirsty Collier,Karen Featherstone,Amanda Carr,Angela Boyes,LynneGrocott,Angela Boyden,Suki Yamanaka,Charlotte (Greaves?),Jane (from Plymouth) and Sarah (from Lostwithiel).

Karen Cotton(Watts) new address - Godrevy House, Penpd Avenue,(spelling as written!) Hayle,Cornwall.TR27 4NQ.

Lisa(Robillard)Tope- 24 Windrush Close,Bramley,SurreymGU5 OBB(01483 8933767). Eail - Lisa@t.three.co.uk. Is in contact with Selina Hague,Anna Cameron,Lucy Pratt and Nicky Sewell.

Nicky (Cowell)King - Llwyndyrys,Uplands,Gowerton,Swansea,SA4 3ET(O1792/874857). Currently Head of Geography at a local IVth Form College with 120 taking 'A' Level!. Vicki(Paul)Smith- now living in Italy where her husband is in the forces. Would like to contact Emma Wyness,Helen Gill,Rachel Hill and Patricia Hunt. Her address - C/o Cpl I. Smith , UKNSU, HQ APSOUTH. BFPO8.

Marilyn Aucutt('68) - 66 Koraha Road,Kumeu,Nr. Auckland,New Zealand. Visited her mother in Dartmouth for three months this summer, also contacted some old Stover friends . After obtaining her B.Sc. in Biology at Birmingham worked for two years in Educational Department at Paignton Zoo then spent ten years in Kenya,a complting her M Sc in Zoology and also teaching which she hasa continued since. In 1987 she married a'Kiwi.' Together they run a horticultural block growing glasshouse crops and until recently Marilyn was also Head of Biology at the local senior school. However although she resigned her post in able to visit her mother this year, she has now returned to New Zealand and envisages being back at the 'chalk face' in October!,

Cindy(Fishwick)Wyatt('78) - 2 Hillcrest,Spreyton,Nr Crediton,Devon. EX17 5AJ. Gives details of Angela Boyden - Denshams Cottage, Chagford,Devon; her cousin Belinda Burgess 50 Rue

d'Anvers,LUXEMBURGH,L1130;Vicky(Williams?)GardnerFronGoch,Llangernuw,Aberrgale , Conwy LL2 8PF; Karen(Featherstone)Grigsby- 8 Hardyfair Close,Weyhill,Andover,Hants.SP11 0QR; Beverley(Williams)Cross - 34,Chapel Field,Gamlinggay,Nr. Sandy,Beds.,SG19 3QP.;

Geraldine Mabin(57)- Email gerrymabin@AOL.com. 257 Concord Avenue,Toronto.M6H 2p4. Geraldine has worked in Education since graduating after Stover. Curreently a consultant in the Middle East and amongst other positions has also published some children's books. Jane(Kneel)Clapp - Upton Pine, Nr Exeter,Devon.EX5 5JA. Jane has had a very busy year coping with a serious illness. Hopefully now on the road to recovery and planning to attend the London Reunion, together with many of her friends from Stover'75, who have proved a tremendous support to her during her illness. She writes that she has seen more of them this year than since they first left Stover!

Ruth Pruen - 61 St John's Street,Winchester,Hants/SO23 OHF. Her twin sister Margaret Lindup - Caryes,Aylesbeare,Nr.Exeter,Devon. EX5 2BU.

Anne(Himely)Cooke - Churchill House,Donehead St.Mary, Nr. Shaftesbury,Dorset. SPY 9DQ. Sadly Anne's sister Jenny died in a car accident a couple of years ago and her other sister Louise also died, of cancer. Anne is a J.P. in Salisbury.

Mrs (Gorle) Fleming, mother of Susie and Alison, 'phoned just yesterday with family news. Susie is now Mrs. Thorn - 'Clevedale'

Bartley Road,Woodlands,Southampton.SO40 7GOP(01703/813649. Susie has three children and is still nursing.

Alison now Mrs Dawes41,LaxtonClose,Olveston,Bristol.BS35 4ED.(01454/613772). Alison has a daughter and is still teaching. Mrs Rosemary Fleming attended Stover around 1944-46 - does anyone remember her please ?

Imogen Pantel writes from Germany. Imogen married Klaus Hohlbein in July and still keeps in touch with many of her Stover colleagues.

Carole(Symes) Wilkinson(59-64) - writes from 814,Skipton Street, Ballarat 3350., VICTORIA, Australia., Email: carwilks@netconnect.com.au. Carole would love to get in touch with Elizabeth and Suzanne Mackay;Susan Evans;Lynette Beaman,Jean

Watson; Alice Constantoulopoudo (or something like that!) , Sally Brown and Honor Langton. Carole is visiting England with her four children for Christmas this year. Having not been back for twenty eight years she is particularly looking forward to visiting Stover! Unfortunately she arrives too late to attend the London Reunion. A surprise letter from Cheryl Sothall(‘80) - visiting the New Forest Show recently (yes, she is ‘into’ horses) - Cheryl came across a Stover prospectus on the ISIS stand! As they only had the one copy they wouldn’t part wth it so Cheryl had to write to me to get hewr copy! Although she and her partner had passed Stover on their way to Cornwall a couple of times, she couldn’t pluck up the nerve to ring the bell! I wonder how many others have been in the same situation?! Cheryl works for the Civil Service in I.T., and is still very active in sport. Cheryl also represented her department on Sports Day. Woiuldn’t Mrs Morgan be proud! However Cheryl admits to being ‘green with envy’ reading all the activities available at Stover these days on the ‘web site’, compared with those available when she was at Stover.



Old Girls Members



Old Girls Committee

Katie Snell and Jamie Elliott were married at Bovey Tracey Parish Church on 19th June 1999



PUGGIE'S STORY

I was at Stover from 1961 to 65, leaving at 15 with a packet of "O"s but no "A"s - 100% university entrance was a distant dream in those days!

After a year at Rhode Hill College of Domestic Science (with other Old Girls Sally Mallows and Emily Weber as contemporaries) I trained as an SRN at the old Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. This was consolidated by a course in Operating Theatre Technique at St Georges Hospital, London. Then off to Switzerland, where I worked as a staff nurse in a French speaking hospital in the Jura mountains for a year. On my return to the West Country, I was soon appointed as one of the youngest theatre sisters at Treliiske Hospital near Truro, where I stayed until 1980.

At that time Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service was advertising specifically for theatre sisters. I applied and was delighted to be accepted. They certainly had some treats in store for me! At the onset of the Falklands crisis in 1982, the educational cruise ship, Uganda, was converted to a hospital ship. I joined the 39 other nursing staff and a team of medical and paramedical personnel for a little cruise to Port Stanley and the Falkland Islands.

The Uganda was the hospital ship for the entire conflict - over 500 operations were performed and 730 patients (our troops and Argentinians) were treated. The operating theatre was converted from the ballroom; we installed three operating tables and anaesthetic trolleys, a complicated sterilising unit and all the back-up support needed. The blood bank was handily situated in the adjacent converted bar area, and the busy Intensive Care unit next door. Frequently, during busy periods we had all three operating tables working with three supporting teams. I have to confess that when things got a bit hectic I had to assist at more than one operation at the same time, so more than one pair of hands would have been useful!

Surgeon Commander Rick Jolly was in charge of the casualty service station ashore at Ajax Bay. I was unaware until recently that his niece and ward, Tiffany Evans, was at Stover at the time. Eileen Shillabeer would like to contact her if anyone is in touch with her!

During my time in the QARNNS I served at all three naval hospitals: Haslar (Gosport), Gibraltar, and Plymouth. They were rather demanding times, as we had to balance our clinical skills and being on call several nights a week for operating theatre emergencies with all our other duties, and we certainly earned our "Queen's shilling".

In 1985, on completion of my 5 year Short Service Commission I returned to Cornwall to work at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Truro. I have to say that by this time I was beginning to feel rather ancient and exhausted, having been working in full time clinical nursing for over twenty years!

So I was delighted to meet Peter, a former RAF fighter pilot and British Airways captain, through a sailing meeting in Dartmouth; and not to put too fine a point on it, I stopped work and we sailed off into the sunset! I had learned to sail as a child on the Helford River and had sailed competitively with my family for many years. All through my nursing career I had managed to maintain my interest, making several Atlantic crossings as crew, keeping up my RYA qualifications and eventually owning my own little cruiser. Now Peter and I are the joint owners of a Freedom 35, a lovely cruising yacht, ideally suited to a sailing couple like ourselves. We live on board most of the summer, and cruise extensively as weather and time permit.

Peter and I were married in - of all places - Newton Abbot Registry office in 1991, having sailed back together from the Azores that year. We now live at Stoke Fleming, a little village between Dartmouth and Start Point, by coincidence very near Marilyn Aucutt's elderly mother, Joan.

I am in touch with Hilary Reeve, Sue Mackey and Marilyn Aucutt: I have remained close friends with Emily Weber as we come from identical family backgrounds. I'm not sure we're enjoying getting middle-aged together, though! Many of you will remember Anne Polglase, a very close friend of mine who lived near our family in Cornwall. Anne (Polly) sadly died from breast cancer on her 40th birthday, leaving three young daughters and a devastated husband. There is a memorial seat to her at the little

harbour of Mylor on the Helford, a place she loved to visit with her family.

Now I am joining SOGA as I approach my half century! After those hectic years as a bachelor girl at the coal face of the NHS, I find, with the greatest pleasure, some time for myself. I hope I will be able to help out over the years before I get too doddery. I would be glad to hear from any of my contemporaries who may remember me after all these years.

I am often asked by young people if I would still choose a nursing career today and the answer is certainly yes. Of course the training has changed radically over the years and is now of a much higher academic standard which can only be for the good. And you certainly won't have to spend endless hours cleaning out sluices and bedpans as we did: nowadays most things are disposable! There are now countless opportunities to expand and develop your basic training and to travel extensively while gaining more experience and qualifications. In spite of a frequent bad press, the starting salaries for a recently qualified RGN is acceptable, and you can get a mortgage on it. In the seventies I was able to do this by renting out a room of my house to student midwives and the same could be done today.

Fundamentally, though, nursing, like medicine and all the caring professions, is a vocation, and if you work on the simple premise that you get as much out of life as you put into it, you will have made a good choice of career. Don't go into it with your eyes closed: of course it will be hard work, and of course you will be involved in many stressful and distressing situations, but you will have friends, contemporaries and colleagues all going through it with you and this makes an enormous difference. The friends you make (a bit like Stover!) will be friends for life. The smiling gratitude of someone whom you are helping to live with hope, or die with dignity, makes up for a lot in life, I can promise you.

Veronica (Puggie) Pugh

MISCELLANY



*Lower Sixth A level Home Economics group visit
Douglas House, the Leonard Cheshire Home Brixham -
and clearly give the residents something to laugh about!*



*Safety in the lab:
bad example!*

THE REAL ME

*I am a person who speaks for myself
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No matter what they think or say
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And thoughts
But I am too shy to voice them
I am a person with many personalities
I am a person who can easily make mistakes
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Spending time with other people
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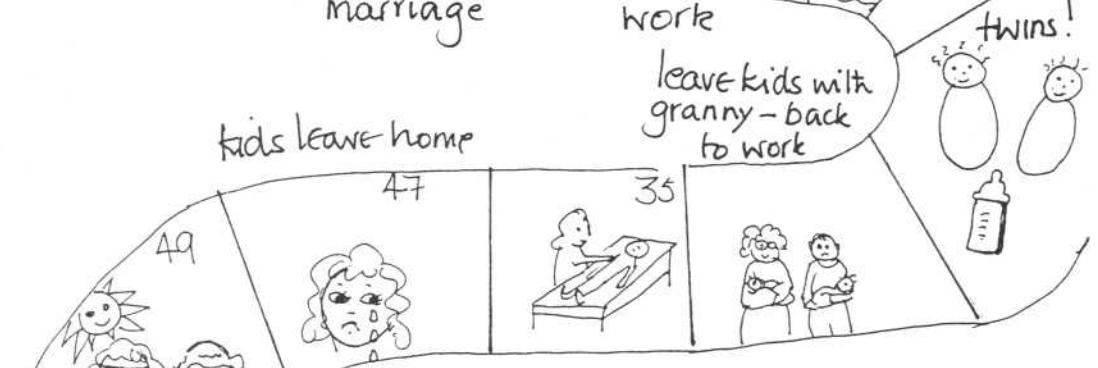
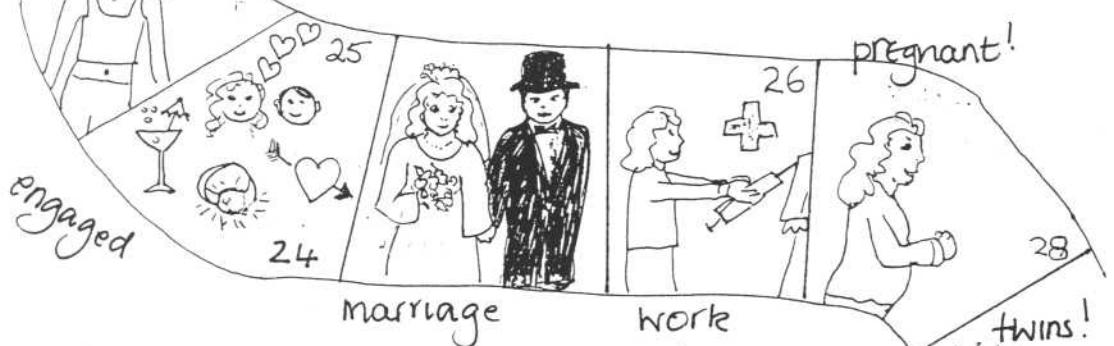
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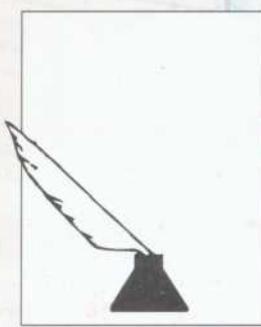
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