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*Cover: The new Art and Technology centre opened by
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OUR SCHOOL- A BRIEF HISTORY OF ITS DEVELOPMENT 1930-2001.

- 1930 *The Chestnuts School founded in Newton Abbot by Joan Key*
- 1931 *Stover day and boarding school for girls founded on the present site*
- 1950 *New three-classroom block opened*
- 1963 *Phyllis Dence Dining Hall and Senior Boarding Wing built*
- 1967 *New Chemistry and Physics laboratories in Clockhouse opened*
- 1975 *Second floor added to Phyllis Dence Boarding Wing*
- 1979 *New Biology laboratory*
- 1982 *Opening of the Jubilee Hall*
- 1987 *Six all-weather tennis courts constructed*
- 1990 *Conversion of lower Clockhouse to Technology area*
- 1994 *First Steps Nursery School opened*
- 1995 *Stover Junior School, founded*
- 1996 *New Humanities Block opened*
- 1997 *Opening of New Sixth Form Centre*
- 1998 *Extension to Stover Junior School*
- 2001 *Millennium Art and ICT Centre opened by HRH The Princess Royal*
- 2001 *New Junior School classrooms opened*

Staff List 2000-2001.**Academic Staff****Headmaster**

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

Deputy Head

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Head of Sixth Form and Director of Studies

Mrs M. Batten BSc, RHC London. Mathematics

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Mrs M. Marker Dip.Ed (Sp.Ld), Cert Ed Sussex. Dip Ed, Plymouth. Learning support

Mrs J. Middleton BA(Hons), PGCE, London. English

Mr M Palmer Cert Ed, Exeter. ICT

Mrs S. Rolls BA(Hons), Dartington. Drama and EFL

Mrs A. Smith BA(Hons), PGCE, Durham and Cambridge. Geography

Mr D. Topley BA, Cert. Ed, Open University and London. Physics and Maths (Careers)

Mrs K. Veal BEd(Hons) , Worcestershire College. Home Economics

Mrs N .Winston. Licence d'Anglais. French

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Mrs D Williams BA(Hons), PGCE, Exeter

Mrs V Chapman BEd, Exeter

Mrs H Gray BA(Hons), PGCE Plymouth and Exeter

Miss S Pannell BA(Hons), Exeter

Miss M Gower BEd Plymouth

Mrs C. Simmons BA Ed (Hons), Exeter

Mrs F. Martin: Junior School Secretary

Boarding Staff

Junior Housemistress :Mrs M .Bousfield Cert .Ed. Sarum St. Michael

Senior Housemistress :Mrs K. Veal BEd(Hons) Worc. College

Assistant Housemistresses :Mrs T. Klymenko and Ms S. Nuttall Cert TESOL. (EFL &Library)

Assistant House Tutors: Miss G .Stanbury and Miss E. Trimmer

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Mrs L. Tonks NVQ3 Senior assistant
Mrs A. Campkin NVQ3
Mrs L. Sharrock NVQ3

School Nurse

Mrs A. Bujak RGN

Outdoor Pursuits

Mr C. Brown

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Mrs J. Hough

Speech and Drama

Mrs H. Keen

Lab Technician

Mrs A. Milford

Catering Manager

Mr S. Kiddy

Estate Manager

Mr M. Clarkson

School Chaplain Reverend C. Knott BA

Peripatetic Staff

Miss Hiley Percussion
Mr J. Bryden Piano
Mrs J. Quick Piano
Mrs S. Rolls Piano
Mrs A Brown Piano
Mrs H. Wills Cello
Mr J. Boorer Clarinet and Saxophone
Miss C Hayek Violin and Viola
Mr P. Hill Guitar
Mr A. Stark Brass
Mrs A. Ayling Flute

Governing Body

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From the Study window

In this year's final school assembly I spoke to the whole school about the comparison between our school days and preparing to go on holiday. When we plan for a trip we think about what we will need, whether to pack sun tan cream or not (depending on whether we are holidaying in the UK or overseas!), what clothes we will need, books to read and so on. When we are young our parents also think for us and pack a few items they know we will need and put them in our suitcases. At school, teachers also help their pupils plan for the journey of life - putting into the suitcase of their experiences how to deal with pressure, how to work with others and of course how to make the most of our talents. At Stover this year our pupils have achieved a huge amount in terms of experiences and achievements that will all help build the collective experience that a good education gives.

Academically both Junior and Senior schools have continued to work extremely well and the quality of work produced this year has been quite exceptional and across numerous subjects. More academic commendation certificates have been presented this year than ever before and our pupils have gained excellent results in:

- *English Speaking Board Examinations*
- *LAMDA Awards*
- *Mathematics Challenge Awards*
- *Guildhall School of Music Examinations*
- *Sports Leadership Awards*
- *Young Enterprise*

In this last category our Lower Sixth team won the South Devon Heats against 14 other schools to go into the Devon finals where they came a close second. In sport we have also had an excellent year. Not only did our Under 11s and Under 12 teams become South Devon Champions, but 6 of our pupils competed in the Devon County Athletics Championships, 10 girls ran in the Devon County run in Cross Country, and Natasha Corner was voted most Promising Player in the Plymouth and District Netball League. Our teams in Netball, Hockey (badly affected by the weather), Rugby and Rounders all played well, achieved some excellent results and maintained the best of sporting standards that Stover's reputation expects.

New facilities have been enhanced this year with the addition of our new £350,000 Art and ICT Centre -universally acclaimed as a design and teaching success and opened by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal on her visit to Stover in January 2001. The Junior School benefitted with the opening of two new classrooms in the converted art room and throughout the school we have added in new resources and 12 new computer stations to bring our total number of computers at Stover to over 50. In January 2002 the school will be expanding further with the opening of a boys' Preparatory Department. This is the next stage of our exciting programme to give the opportunity of single-sex education to local children at Stover. No doubt many are unaware that the founder of the school, Mrs Joan Key, opened the Chestnuts School in Newton Abbot in 1928 with boys and girls before bringing the first boys to Stover in 1932.

Central to all we do, are of course our teachers. In September 2001 we will be welcoming 6 new staff throughout the school who themselves will become part of the unfolding history of the school. This school magazine records tremendous service that the following staff have given to Stover and who have moved onto new challenges this year:

Mrs Tiffany Dinsdale-Physical Education-7 years

Mrs Sarah Rolls-Drama and EFL-4 years

Mrs Val Chapman-Stover Nursery and Junior School- 7 years

Mrs Tetyana Klemenko (E.Europe teacher exchange) Geography- 1 year

Miss Gemma Stanbury- GAP year, boarding tutor- 1 year

To all of the above we say thank you on behalf of the staff and parents and wish them every success in the next phase of their lives.

In September 2001 over 60 new pupils joined Stover at all levels taking our new roll to over 380 pupils and we look to them learning the core values of our school and carrying the torch passed to them in success by those that have gone before.

Of course we also need the support of our friends, the PTA, past contacts and our dedicated governors. We say thank you to all the gifts of financial donations, photocopiers, sponsorship, equipment and pianos that we have received this year from those who support all that Stover represents.

To close, it matters not what is in our suitcase for the journey of life if we leave it on the station platform. I therefore suggest and hope that this year our leavers, like those before them, will remember what they have learnt at Stover and go on to apply our values and friendship in their lives. I look forward, along with the governors, to another excellent, successful and progressive year at Stover in 2001-2002.

P.E. Bujak BA (Hons), Cert.Ed, ARHistS

Headmaster



SPEECH DAY AWARDS 2000

*Prizes presented by The Right Reverend Colin Docker,
Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Exeter*

ACADEMIC PRIZES

Prizes for outstanding academic achievement in Sixth Form
Ariel Li, Fiona Linton, Katherine Storrs, Jaana Takis, Joanna Wright,
Ella Chivers, Carolyn Hocknell

SUBJECT PRIZES

Mathematics	Ariel Li
Physical Science	Ariel Li
Biochemistry	Fiona Linton
Geography	Fiona Linton
Physical Education	Katherine Storrs
History	Jaana Takis
English	Joanna Wright
Modern languages	Ella Chivers
Classics	Carolyn Hocknell

Major Academic Entrance Scholarships: Chloe Collins, Tabitha Cottrell, Ceri Lloyd,
Rebecca Houdmont, Anna Taylor,
Hannah Walsh

Music Entrance Awards: Harriet Beasley, Lucy Webber
Entrance Prizes: Jasmin Holmes, Lucy James,
Beatrice Scott, Julia Snowden

ACHIEVEMENT AND PROGRESS PRIZES

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Reception	Progress	Charlotte Holyoak
	Progress	Rhiannon Main
Year 1	Progress	Melanie Etherton
	Progress	Nicole Foulkes
Year 2	Achievement	Alice Lang
	Progress	Alexandra Floyd
Year 3	Achievement	Zannah Lawrence
	Progress	Victoria Stark
Year 4	Achievement	Coralie Chapman
	Progress	Hannah Partridge
Year 5	Achievement	Rebecca Houdmont
	Progress	Hannah Barter

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 6	Achievement	Lucy Webber
	Achievement	Emma Wyatt-Haines
	Progress	Roberta Juxon-Keen
Year 7	Progress	Stephanie Kent
	Achievement	Rachel Billington
	Achievement	Keishia Taylor
	Achievement	Rebecca Yates
	Progress	Amy Burrige
	Progress	Jennifer Kent
Year 8	Progress	Catherine Stark
	Achievement	Jennefer Colley
	Achievement	Alice Hyland
	Achievement	Daisy Perry

	Progress	Helen Millman
	Progress	Claire Snowden
Year 9	Achievement	Emily Monk
	Achievement	Georgia Robinson
	Achievement	Katie Webber
	Achievement	Lisa Whitney
	Progress	Emma Higgin
Year 10	Achievement	Emma Colley
	Achievement	Katrina Corner
	Achievement	Polly Vogel
	Progress	Maria Glendinning
Year 11	Achievement	Leyna Beasley
	Achievement	Grace Bennett
	Achievement	Libby Chivers
	Achievement	Sarah Denham
	Achievement	Abigail Harding
	Achievement	Rebecca Moloney
	Progress	Rachel Byrnes
	Progress	Rachel Storrs

SCHOOL AWARDS

Instrumental Progress in the Junior School
 Bairstow Cup for the pupil with the highest Associated Board Result
 Redstone Cup for Junior Instrument Progress
 Wendy Insole Cup for Singing
 Patricia Cardale Cup for Instrumental Achievement
 Sarah Bruce Cup for Service to School Music

Harriet Beasley
 Louise Neu
 Alice Hyland
 Emma Higgin
 Keishia Taylor
 Florence Bennett

Jameson Cup for support for School games
 Drama Plate
 Connell / Sandhurst Cup for Service to the School
 Prize for Outdoor Pursuits
 Head Girl's Prize for 1999/2000

Katherine Storrs
 Danielle Senior
 Katherine Storrs
 Katrina Corner
 Louise Neu

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Abbey Printers Junior Art Prize
 Abbey Printers Senior Art Prize
 Newman Millennium Award
 Founder's Day Award 2000

Leyna Beasley
 Mimi Wong
 Bonnie Chivers
 Hannah Garvin
 (New Zealand & Australia)
 Louise Neu
 (Australia)
 Katherine Storrs
 (Iceland)



The Senior Common Room

Head Girl's speech



I remember sitting in Abbotsbury church at the end of the Christmas term 1994, a very small year 7 and absolutely petrified at the prospect of reading at the carol service. Catriona Kemeny, the then Head Girl, tried to reassure me. "Don't worry", she said, "I read that piece when I was in year 7. Perhaps you will be Head Girl one day". At that time I couldn't even have imagined being in the Sixth Form let alone Head Girl! It all seemed so far away, and now of course, it seems like yesterday. Although the years have scudded by, I am absolutely amazed to think at how much we have had to fit in and achieve and the number of choices we have had to make.

All through school and through life we have to make choices. To make choices you have to be decisive, something that I was extremely bad at when I first came to Stover, to the complete despair of my Mother. At home I could not even decide where I was going to ride my horse, or what I was going to wear! However, with all the decisions we have to make through our time here at Stover you will be glad to know I have improved, thanks to the perseverance of the staff! (And Mum!)

I know in the junior years you may well feel as though you are being told what to do all the time; what prep to hand in, what uniform to wear, when to go to lunch and that you make no decisions of your own, but you do. You have to choose for example when in that given time you are going to fit your prep in, how you are going to organise your weekend so that work and

pleasure can be balanced. It is possible! The further up through school you go the more decisive you have to be, as choices become more important. In the lower years it is "which club should I join"? usually a group decision with your friends. In Year 9 there are options, with the choice of subjects for the next two years. This is much harder, where you have to think about what you might want to do later on for A Levels. The next major decision is with A Levels themselves, where you have to think about what you may want to do at university. Do I edge toward Science, Arts or a mixture of both? Then, do you stay at Stover for the Sixth Form, where you know the school, the staff know you, and you learn how to cook toast. Here I know I made the right choice, staying with the place, the staff and friends and this has finally given me the confidence I needed.

We need this confidence to decide to take up the many challenges and opportunities open to everyone. This summer I chose to extend my experience and support my university application to go on a challenging expedition to the Sinai Desert for a month. For two weeks I trekked through the mountains to Mount Sinai, living with and learning about the culture of the very hospitable Bedouin people, whilst sleeping in the open under the stars. For the remainder of the time, the eleven other group members and myself worked alongside the Bedouin tribe, helping in an irrigation project, working as a team in the extreme heat. I saw an entirely different culture where the way of life is nomadic and women are treated very differently. Sinai also enabled me to suffer the hardships as well as experience the beauties of a contrasting ecosystem to the one in which we live. I discovered the Desert's vast hostile environment where little can grow and water is scarce. I can now also safely say that I never want to see another grain of sand again, and horses are much easier to control than camels! But, it was certainly an excellent choice.

As I say, school helps you make choices and take up challenges. It teaches you to be responsible for yourself, helping you to become a more confident, independent person. Now in my final year, thanks to the confidence I have gained at Stover, and although sad to leave, I feel happy and am looking forward to the next stage in my life, university and career.

Fizzy Harding; October 2000.

THE HOUSE REPORTS



ELIZABETH HOUSE REPORT

Once again this has been a fantastic year for Elizabeth House. We have gone from strength to strength, continually improving not only our house morale, but also our overall success in competitions. Everybody in the House has shown a great determination and effort to bring Elizabeth House the true success and glory that is deserved. Through our efforts we have managed to win one of the most important events of the year being, Sports Day. If this achievement was not already enough, we have also competitively competed against the other houses to achieve wins in the Hockey, Cross-Country and we have even maintained our academic achievements by winning the Autumn Term House Point Cup. As well as competing in these events, Elizabeth House has also played a large role in organising charity events around the school such as 'Lizzie Day'. This was hugely successful and was enjoyed by all who participated in 'Mufti Day' and the Chocolate Stall. These events were able to raise a substantial amount of money to help improve the life of a little boy suffering from Cerebral Palsy. Overall this has been a very successful year. We have achieved many sporting victories and have maintained our high house point total. A firm conclusion can thus be drawn that the fortunes of Lizzie will continue to improve and we will be forever striving to make our house more successful. Good luck for the future.

By Caroline Exley

Ed's Comment . Lizzie House won the Sports Day Trophy for the second year running!



Elizabeth House win Sports Day - House Captain receives the Cup



MARY HOUSE REPORT

If only Mary House could match Mr Dunbar's enthusiasm, we'd be winning everything!! But, however with headsprings, jumps and flips, hoops and ribbons we won the Gym Competition victoriously! And with the style of Anna Kornikova we smashed our way to the top in the Tennis. We also came first in the Junior Hockey and a close second in the Senior Hockey. Swimming and Rounders weren't our strong points, but we came in joint second with Vicky house on Sports Day (I am sure someone was meddling with the results!)

The fact was that everyone did join in, although not always with total enthusiasm. Team spirit was hauled up to scratch by Mr Dunbar.

The Phyllis Dence concert must be remembered by Mrs Jorgensen's dramatic presence on stage. Although we didn't win she should have got a medal for attempting to knock into shape our rusty vocal chords!

I would also like to thank the prefects in both the Lower and Upper Sixth for getting stuck into everything, even if an oddly familiar mix of cocoa, sugar and other uplifting substances were needed for encouragement!

Good luck to Bonnie Chivers as the new House Captain as she will have to deal with picking people to run miles in freezing conditions up the torture field and to run up and down the Hockey pitch for next year. That is her first term's challenge at any rate!

Good luck everyone and thank you Mr Dunbar for a great year as House Captain.

D. Sulzmann



Encouraged by their House Captain, Mary go for it in the Tug of War, Sports Day



VICTORIA HOUSE REPORT

Victoria House has always been very enthusiastic rounding up its troops to sing, dance and run as well as scrounging house points here and there. Cries of "I can't"... are quickly hushed and everyone gets on with it. This has been very true of the Year 2000-1. Our first success was raising of over £300 for the Kool Club in Newton Abbot, a social weekend club for teenagers with special needs. There were lots of spotless cars, a result of our well-raised funds!

Although defeated by Lizzie house, in our first term, we did not despair. Netball and Hockey were played well but our first real victory didn't really come until our house song for the Music Festival. We had a lot of help and encouragement from Mrs Middleton, mouths were open wide and tonsils warbling! There have been lots of memorable moments such as Angel Lau performing her dance for the Gym and Dance Competition. In the Spring Term we proudly scooped the House Cup.

Vicky House dived into the Summer Term winning the Swimming. The Colley sisters were stars spurring everyone on to breaking even more records. Claire Lees, the new House Captain also left her mark winning triumphantly and proving she could do more than paddle!

Rounders was won successfully, although short on numbers, a lot of effort was put in and everyone was very determined, enjoying mad-sprints in the sun when the ball was in the air.

Vicky House finished the year with leaving its mark on many of the cups. A huge thank you must go to Miss Evans for all her support and encouragement. She definitely flies the purple flag with pride!

Esther Rae (House Captain 2000-2001)



Emma Colley with her swimming awards

Sadly, it is time to say good bye.....

Mrs Tetyana Klymenko



Mrs Klymenko arrived in September 2000 and brought a breath of fresh air through our maps in the Geography Department. Although I was initially taken aback when one of our governors serving the lamb at the barbecue at the Juxon-Keens' lovely home in September inquired whether Mrs Klymenko was my daughter, on later reflection I was quite flattered. Well, I am twenty one years her senior and for someone to think even for one moment that I could have mothered this tall, slim, blonde Ukrainian beauty rather cheered me up.

Tanya, as we were to call her on our side of the Staff Room door, proved to be a star. A highly qualified teacher, Tanya had left a university teaching post to join us at Stover for the year. She taught Geography to Year 6 and half of Year 8 and although no soft touch - plenty of work got done, that was for sure - she won them over very quickly. She also taught Physics and Chemistry to Year 7 and assisted with PE with Years 6 and 8 too, having to turn her hand to hockey, netball and rounders, all games which she had not played in her native Ukraine. She also had duties in the Junior Boarding House and I am sure her sense of humour was regularly needed there.

Tanya carried out all these duties and responsibilities with professionalism and a twinkle in her eye. Even though it was her first visit to Britain, she was highly proficient in English on arrival and her fluency and accent rapidly improved. By Spring she had even started coming along to my monthly Reading Group, where I have pretentious discussions about literature with a number of friends, including three doctors and an Oxford English graduate who practises as a solicitor. They are all much cleverer than I am but Tanya kept her end up perfectly. And she was much the best at Russian too.

Her Geography lessons were always varied, interesting and provided challenge for the girls. Tanya was working with resources and in some cases topics with which she was previously unfamiliar and yet she managed to conduct her very well-prepared lessons without notes. She managed to get through a remarkable amount of work, while keeping the girls well motivated. She certainly continued the tradition of awarding lots of housepoints for effort in Geography. Year 8 top set examination results were much the best since school records began, which is of course a tribute to Year 8 as well as to Tanya.

No opportunity to participate was lost and she volunteered to do a number of extra-curricular activities at school, including running a Ukrainian Club for 7-10 year olds, a Badminton Club for boarders and assisting with a Virtual Travel Club and clubs for fitness, dance and jogging.

Tanya made a big impression in a very short time here at Stover. She was fun to be around, sensitive and tactful. It was so good also that we had a chance to see something of Mr Sasha Klymenko before Tanya left. Sasha, an international professional volleyball player, managed to charm us all in his short visit and at the Swimming Gala he presented the medals with panache.

Ukraine has been put on the map for all of us and we will never select Chicken Kiev again without thinking of Tanya Klymenko. We will all miss her.

Mrs Anne Smith

Mrs Val Chapman



Stover Junior School Staff on Speech Day. Mrs V. Chapman, 2nd from right

Mrs Chapman has taught at Stover as Head of our Nursery School since September 1995 when First Steps Nursery opened. In September 1996 she took on the post of Reception Class teacher for the newly founded Stover Junior School. This was in addition to her responsibilities for the Nursery.

Val's high level of commitment and enthusiasm over the past six years have greatly contributed to the success of the Junior School and First Steps Nursery. The school has particularly benefited from her part in directing the musical performances both of the Nursery and the Junior School, which takes exceptional organisational skills, dedication and a good sense of humour! She is well loved by all the children and will be sorely missed by the Nursery and Junior School staff. We all wish her and her family well in their new home and for the future.

Mrs D. Williams. Head of Junior School

Gemma Stanbury

Gemma joined the boarding team at Stover in January 2001. She quickly became an established member of staff and a great asset. As a former pupil she knew many of the boarders' tricks!

Gemma has been popular and friendly as a House tutor. Many of the boarders have sought help with their Science prep. We all wish Gemma much success in the next stage of her life at university. I am sure she will be the first to organise the kitchen rota in her Hall of Residence. Good luck Gemma; we will miss you very much.

Mrs K. Veal. Senior Housemistress

Sarah Rolls Drama Dept.

Sarah Rolls joined Stover four years ago, having taken a degree at the prestigious Dartington College of Arts as a mature student, after many years of being involved in performance and production in amateur groups. In addition to her teaching qualification in Drama, Sarah is a computer "whiz kid" and a highly proficient piano teacher. Her verve, enthusiasm, energy and wonderful organisational skills ensured that Drama GCSE and A level Theatre Studies were in capable hands during her time at Stover.

For many girls, it is the memory of being in school plays that linger on long after academic facts are forgotten. So many students will treasure happy memories of being involved in Sarah's exciting productions, particularly "Yanomamou" and "I'll Be Seeing You". Sarah had a wonderful knack of bringing out the best in the most reticent performer and encouraging the confident girls to the level of professionalism.

Sarah left Stover for a very positive reason - a new life as Mrs Andy Chapman! Those of us lucky enough to attend the blessing of their marriage at Wray Barton Manor experienced a typical "Sarah Rolls Production": sincere, vibrant, amazingly *different* and destined to stay in our memories for many a year. We shall miss her, but wish her every happiness in her marriage and in all future enterprises!

J. Middleton. Head of English

Tiffany Dinsdale: Head of PE

It was extremely sad this year to have to say goodbye to another loyal member of staff at Stover. This time it was the turn of the P.E. department who bid farewell to Mrs Tiffany Dinsdale and wished her well in her new career at the Atherley School in Southampton. Since joining Stover, initially as a part-time member of staff, Tiffany has been an inspiration to many girls. She has encouraged all to perform to their very best and given opportunity to many. Being an excellent sportswoman herself she has also tried to foster a competitive edge to sport at Stover, allowing us to compete successfully against many schools in the area. We have also seen the expansion of many of the school House Competitions, once again encouraging as many girls as possible to join in and have a go. It is also worth remembering the good work that she undertook in the classroom with her A Level and GCSE students, producing excellent results. We will miss Tiffany and all that she stood for but wish her and her husband well in their new venture.

T. Craven. Physical Education

FROM RAIN AND MUD...TO REALITY

The Millennium Building goes up



1. Surveying the site. A transformation of this piece of land is about to begin. August 2000.



2. The digging commences. September 2000.



3. Digging foundations. September 2000.



4. The structure goes up. October 2000.



5. Things start looking more complicated!
November 2000.



6. The roof goes on. A fascinating procedure if viewed from room 10
(Ed's comment) Nov-December 2000.



7. The roof is on. December 2000.



8. Things really start taking shape
Will it be ready in time? December-January 2000-2001

Stover School Millennium Centre

Have you ever watched a new house, or school, grow from a mud-filled hole in the ground to a perfect, finished building and wondered what it was made of and why?

Stover School now has a new Art and ICT Centre to celebrate the new millennium, and girls in year 9 have had an opportunity to find out all about its construction.

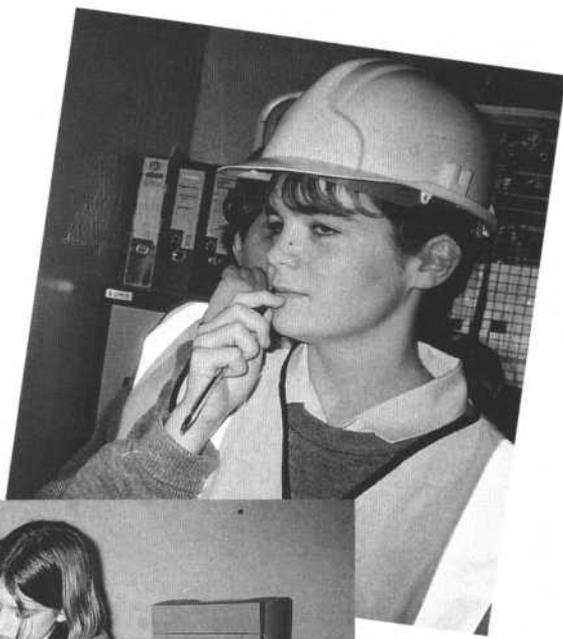
First, the hard hat stuff! A site visit in November showed a building whose shell was complete, but which still lacked a roof and internal walls. The guided tour was taken by the site manager, the architect, and representatives from Stacey's, the Construction Company responsible for the building. They nobly endured a barrage of questions, which lasted all afternoon!

Year 9 spent their science lessons over the next few weeks working in small groups to prepare presentations on such topics as Material, Properties, Uses and Environment and Insulation: saving energy, saving the Planet. Some presentations took the form of experiments, whilst others were based on information from many varied sources.

On a very wet and windy Thursday afternoon in December we all met again to hear the presentations. It was a nerve-wracking experience for all concerned but also a fascinating and entertaining one. Every single pupil contributed to a range of lively and varied talks. The girls learned a lot about insulation, foundations, zinc as a roofing material, and their own ability to stand up and address an audience. They also began to realise for the first time how many different skills are required for a project like this, and to glimpse something of the range of career opportunities in the fields of material science, planning, design and construction. Gina Martin from CITB presented certificates to Stacey's and to the Headmaster to commemorate the occasion.

Many thanks to Angela Wakinshaw and the Devon Education business Partnership, to Gina Martin of the Construction Industry Training Board, to the architect, the site manager and to everyone from Stacey's.

When our new centre was formally opened by the Princess Royal in January 2001, Year 9 could really feel that it belonged to them.



Stop press!

"Princess's determination makes it a brolly good day"

"Volunteers get a right royal thanks"

The headlines above are just a tiny selection of captions published in local newspapers publicizing the visit to Stover of HRH Princess Anne, The Princess Royal when she came to visit the school on Tuesday January 23rd 2001. Her visit was part of a daylong engagement in Devon where at Stover, she met charity workers for Save the Children and visited the new Art and Technology building.

It was a wet and blustery day, not the greatest weather for such a special occasion. However the focus was very much upon welcoming our royal visitor who had come to the school for a number of important engagements.

Princess Anne was accompanied by Ladies-in-waiting, the Lord Lieutenant of Devon Mr. Eric Dancer, and the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. The Princess arrived at Stover at 12 noon where the Chairman

of the Governors, Mr. Tim Key and the Headmaster, Mr. Bujak, greeted her. The Princess's first engagement was a lunch in the Blue Library where she met members of the Rural Housing Trust. Princess Anne is the Patron of the Rural Housing Trust whose aim is to build affordable houses for local people in English villages.

The Princess's next engagement was a tour of the new Art and Technology Centre where she met pupils from the Junior School, and Year 9. After this, Princess Anne was guided past the whole school who had come out to see her. The rain came down heavily so Stover umbrellas lined the route. At 3pm the Princess met outstanding fundraisers for Save the Children in Jubilee Hall. She finally left by helicopter at 4pm. It is hard to describe what an important and busy day it was in words, so hopefully the pictures will tell the story more graphically.





PRINCESS ANNE'S VISIT TO STOVER FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A WAITRESS



The prospect of royalty coming to Stover School was very exciting. A chance to actually see a member of the Royal family up close was not to be missed.

The whole school was involved in preparations and it was truly an honour to think Princess Anne would open our new Millennium Building.

As I sat alone in my study, I remember how the girls had come back from maths class and said to me, "Rebecca, you have been volunteered to waitress for Princess Anne". It took a few seconds for me to register what was happening, me - waitress for royalty, excitement swept over me, shortly followed by panic! I was no novice at being at waitress, as I had worked for a lovely café in Torquay during the summer, so I had a vague idea of what to do. The idea however, of having to do it for someone with so much prestige was quite nerve racking to say the least. My first thought was "what if I drop something on her"?

Six of us were going to serve the Princess lunch in the Blue Library. The day before her arrival, we were shown the layout of the tables and what cutlery was going to be used. Simon our Chef, took us through the way he wanted us to serve. It was all very professional and organised. We were to walk in and each take a corner of the room and take two plates, move on and continue until the table was cleared. I must admit we had to practise this formation a few times and it was, I am ashamed to say, quite hard to remember where we took the plates from

and then what side we put them on. I remember a few of us wrote "serve and take" on our hands to remember what side it was.

The day came and we were all dressed in our black and white uniforms and Simon was the picture of composure as he had already cooked for Princess Anne on two previous occasions so he was very well prepared. Our first task as royal waitresses was to

serve the arriving guests with sherry, and to guide them into the Blue Library for lunch. The first course had already been set and was a beautifully prepared salmon and haddock mousse, and we all waited nervously for the guests to finish so that we could take their plates away. I had to take Princess Anne's plate away first and I managed, surprisingly, to do it without dropping anything on her. The next course to follow was chicken and warm potato salad that looked lovely. Everybody enjoyed it and it was time for the final course, the most exquisite fruit salad with passion fruit and lemon coulis. By the time we served the huge cheese platters and coffee, we were quite relaxed.

Realising what a special thing we had done we all congratulated ourselves on how smoothly it had gone. After the meal the guests thanked us for the beautiful meal and our service. And it was nice to know that all our hard work had not gone unnoticed. The biggest achievement of the lunch was that nothing went badly wrong!

When Princess Anne had opened the Millennium Building, we all lined up with the rest of the school as she walked past. She came over and thanked us, and that was very nice. When she was leaving in her helicopter, she gave us a wave and we were all honoured to have served such a wonderful lady.

By Rebecca Moloney (L6) and Sarah Denham (L6)

Two new Junior Classrooms opened in the former Art Room

At the cost of just over £12,000 Mr. Dunbar's art room was converted during Easter 2001 into two excellent new junior rooms. Equipped with new flooring, bright pin boards, new lighting and a complete redecoration. These new rooms offer an excellent addition to the Junior School, which continues to grow and this year topped over 90 girls.

Dr. Pene Key OBE, School Governor, opened the new extension reminding the current pupils that this part of the school has seen many uses and how important it would be for them to use the new facilities they have to their very best advantage. Also present were Miss Rachel Evans, School Governor, and Mrs. Kate Reece - past pupil and also school governor along with Ellena - age 4 months - a Stover Junior School pupil of the future!



The Hog Roast

On Saturday 23rd September, parents, guests and friends of Stover were kindly invited by Mr and Mrs Juxon-Keen to enjoy a Hog Roast at their home, Wray Barton Manor. Many people accepted the invitation and a very pleasant and memorable evening was had by everyone involved.

The Juxon-Keens's beautiful grounds were the perfect setting for an evening of fine food and lovely jazz music kindly provided by the Brixham Strollers. The invitations and posters described views over river meadows, woodland and rolling hills but nothing prepared us for the wonderful sights from Wray Barton Manor. The evening was perfectly glorious.

One gentleman commented afterwards that "the Juxon-Keen's gardens were like a private corner of Dartmoor, perfectly serene". The Indian summer weather made the evening even more of a success, and our thanks go, again to Mr and Mrs Juxon-Keen for a truly splendid evening.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

A Short Story

Peter and Katie Hutchings had worked hard all their lives and had so far been very happy with what they had. One day, an interesting looking package covered with Australian stamps arrived, bearing amazing news. Out of the blue, their whole world was turned upside down. Peter's Uncle George in Adelaide had died and left his nephew his entire estate. Something in the region of three million Pounds Sterling!

Three days later the family were seated around the breakfast table, still in a state of shock, talking about what they were going to do with the money.

"Imagine the possibilities! We can move house! We could have an indoor swimming pool! A tennis court! Horses! Acres of land! Every electrical gadget on the market! A shoe collection to rival Imelda Marcos!" exclaimed Katie excitedly.

Mummy! Daddy! Could I please have a Barbie house with everything possible in it?

Also a trampoline, and a puppy and tree house and a Play Station and maybe, a television in my room?" pleaded Annie, aged 7.

"Gosh, darlings, we can really have some fun with this money... but we must not spend it all on luxuries! We could start up a new business, we need a new car, a holiday too!" replied Peter.

"Well, I know what I am doing today" declared Katie. "After I drop off Annie at school I am going to visit all those boutiques in Bond Street that I have always been too nervous to enter and I am going to have some fun!" Katie dressed in her smartest little M & S suit, made sure she wore her new undies, took extra time on her hair and make up. She walked Annie to school, past Shermans Candy Store (now permanently closed) and gave her daughter a big hug saying Daddy would collect her from Lucy's house on his way home tonight. She decided to take a taxi for the rest of the day. The shop windows beckoned her with their glamorous models and expensive looking clothes. Gleefully she entered Gucci and gazed in amazement at the colours and designs, a very well dressed woman came up to her, eyeing her Marks and Spencer shoes with dismay.

A few hours and £10,000 later, Katie emerged onto the pavement, giddy with joy! The elegant shopping bags said it all! Prada! (Shoes and neat bag) Gucci! (Coat) Donna Karan (Little black dress) Armani! (Silk Trousers suit) La Peria (Sensational new undies and night-gown) Katie was trying to calculate what she had spent. She was not really looking at the dirty face, the shabby coat, the worn boots. As she leaned down to help him get to

to his feet she was overcome by the terrible smell coming from his body. The temptation to move away was strong. But there was something familiar about this man. Could it be? Yes! It was Mr. Sherman from the Candy Shop just five minutes from their house. How could he have got into this state?

She remembered hearing about his wife's sudden illness and untimely death and how he had lost interest in his business. A few weeks after the funeral the shop had closed down and Mr. Sherman had disappeared. Against her better instincts Katie decided there and then to help if she could. She could see that he recognised her.

Acting on impulse, Katie hailed a taxi and gently persuaded Mr. Sherman to come back to her house and have a cup of tea. The taxi driver was not sure about letting this smelly old man get into his cab with this obviously elegant, wealthy woman, weighed down with some impressive shopping bags.

It was a very long drive home. The windows had to be kept wide open. Eventually Katie opened her front door and with some misgivings invited Mr. Sherman into her home.

Peter and Annie walked into the kitchen at five thirty as usual and stopped in amazement to see Mr. Sherman, now freshly bathed and dressed in an old tracksuit of Peter's, sipping tea and devouring a sandwich. Katie took Peter by the arm and led him into the passage to explain.

Meanwhile, Annie and Mr. Sherman were chatting away like the old friends they were. Annie had visited Mr. and Mrs. Sherman nearly every day since she could remember and had really been upset when the shop had closed. Mrs. Sherman used to give Annie a few extra sweets in her packet when she thought Katie wasn't looking.

Peter and Katie came back into the kitchen. "Mr. Sherman, would you make us very happy and agree to stay with us for a while. We have been very lucky and come into some good fortune recently and we would love to share it with you! You and Mrs. Sherman had always been so kind to us, Annie misses you so much!" "I don't know what to say! This is so kind...I...I accept!" stuttered Mr. Sherman, close to tears.

Later that night, as Katie was about to fall asleep, she thought back on what had happened that day. She realised that she had had as much pleasure, if not more, in finding Mr. Sherman again, helping him to find his feet, than she had from spending a ludicrous amount of money in those Bond Street Boutiques.

Sophie Ashby
Year 8CO

20 November 2000

UP IN THE HOUSES

Boarding year review

The year began with the arrival of many new boarders and two new members of staff; Mrs Karen Veal joined from Tudor Hall School to be Housemistress of the Senior House. Mrs Tanya Klymenko assisted in both houses, whilst she was resident at Stover for a year on placement from the Ukraine HMC Eastern European project.

During the Autumn term the boarders enjoyed many outings with the evening at North Petherton Carnival bring particularly enjoyable. Another event was christmas dinner with entertainment provided by Emma Elliot and Louisa Shirley, our Aussie gap students who left in December to return to Australia. Emma often emails the Seniors with instructions to straighten their duvets!

At the beginning of the Spring Term we welcomed Emily Trimmer, our new Aussie and Gemma Stanbury, an old girl of the school who have assisted in both boarding houses and have been invaluable to Mrs Bousfield and myself. During this term we enjoyed a delicious Chinese New Year meal and great excitement was caused when some girls saw snow for the first time.



Buckfast Abbey - Staff having lunch!

The Summer Term saw the arrival of a new member of staff, Miss Sue Nuttall, who helps in the San, both boarding houses and runs the library. Miss Nuttall has become very popular as she regularly supervises swimming on hot, sunny Sunday afternoons.

In June the boarders prepared a delicious Sunday lunch and the staff and girls enjoyed a relaxing afternoon in clockhouse courtyard. The finale to the summer term will be a trip to Windsor and Legoland, which Mrs Bousfield had organised with Year 9.

We have also had to say goodbye to Miss Stanbury and to Mrs Klymenko. Miss Stanbury will shortly take up a place at Cardiff Institute and Mrs klymenko will go back to the Ukraine and to her husband who has paid a surprise visit to us at Stover recently. He has run a Volleyball club for the girls whilst being with us.

Finally we say goodbye to the present Upper Sixth who have been a forthright and fun group to have in the house. I wish all the leaving girls success in their future. We all look forward to a new school year and new challenges, which lie ahead.

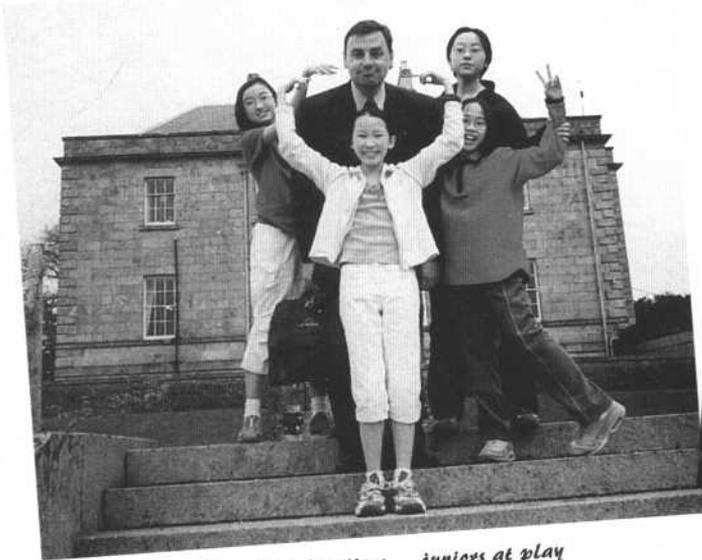
Mrs Karen Veal B.Ed.
Head of Boarding



All in this together... Boarders' moments!



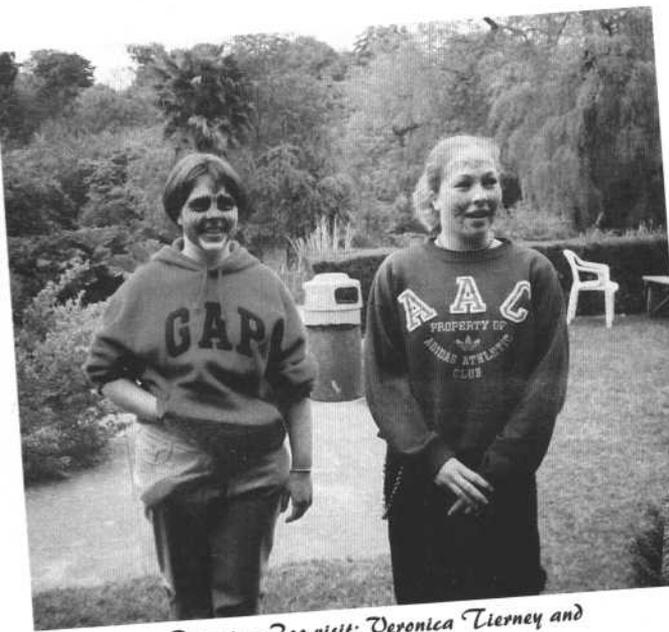
*Girls at play:
Jessica Turner, Emily
Emmot, Michelle Spinks-
Wright, and Charlie Hayes
(left-R)*



Caught on location: juniors at play



*Exeat at Butlins, Minehead. "Gimme the sun, gimme the sea": Miss
Emily Trimmer and Mrs. Tanya Klymenko.*



*Paignton Zoo visit: Veronica Tierney and
Chloe Bartlett*



*Friends together: (L-R) Joey Chu, Emily Ho, Gladys
Ip, Josephine Ng*

Just to say

Dear everyone in Stover,

It's been really nice to know you all. During the two and a half months I was there, I have made lots of good friends and the impression I will always have of Stover is the good times I spent there. I miss you all so much.

Best wishes

TAT (Teerada Siripant)



Christmas Dinner for the Boarders

After a long and gruelling day of decorating the Chamber Hall in preparation for the Year 10 Christmas Party, and whilst suffering the awful music of "Bob the builder", we made our way back inside to get ready for the Christmas dinner.

Once suitably attired, we were escorted into the dining room to sit at tables covered in candles, crackers and party poppers. Our dinner was served by the Sixth Form (Don't become waitresses girls!) and consisted of roast turkey, beef, sprouts, potatoes, carrots, pigs in blankets, stuffing, peas and gravy; followed by mounds of Christmas pud or Yule log.

Highlights of the dinner included a minor fire hazard in which a candle burst into large flames (almost catching onto the curtains), and experiments involving snaps from crackers and plastic frogs!

After dinner we all went into the Entrance Hall; where we sang our hearts out to several carols, and in different languages. We also watched Miss Elliot and Miss Shirley performing a talented demonstration!

Boarders invade London

Finally after weeks of slave labour and order marks the last weekend of term had arrived and we were going shopping in London.

The day started badly with a wake up call at 3.45am! Angel had set her alarm to come on rather early! At that time no-one was very excited about the day ahead! We ended up on the coach intending to go back to sleep. However the coach driver had another idea! He decided to play really bad Country and Western music at full last. That was made worse by certain people (who shall remain nameless!) taking up lots of room on the back seat and squashing us!

The first stop was at a service station where we all bought essentials for any long trip-chocolate and magazines. Then we were back on the coach and slightly more awake than we had been. Finally, after what seemed like ages we arrived in London and shopped until it got dark. On our travels we ended up in Trafalgar Square where we unsuccessfully tried to climb Nelson's Column, and had a conversation with a man who was selling strange books! We also spent lots of money, drank lots of coke and waited for the coach to return. Back on the coach everyone launched into present-giving mode, which resulted in even less room to sit, Philippa (Scott) singing "Bob the Builder" loudly and lots of hugging.

On the way back almost everyone fell asleep and we awakened at a service station where a photo booth ate Caroline's money, and we stuffed our faces with more unhealthy food. We got back to school about 11pm and went to sleep again. Thank you to Mrs Veal and everyone who took us, and the coach driver for not playing that terrible music on the way back. It was a really good day.

By Lisa Whitney, Georgia Robinson and Maria Glendinning

Musically Polyphonic

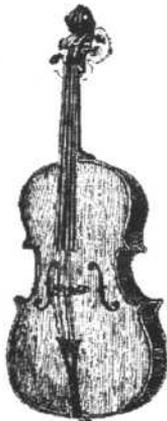
The Music Department at Stover continues to be a busy area of the school. The musicianship provided by the girls, both at junior and senior level, is of a very high standard. The girls are committed to the ensembles, choirs and orchestras and their participation is commendable and very much appreciated.

Peripatetic Lessons

The number of girls receiving instrumental tuition within the junior and senior schools is continuing to grow. Currently 203 girls have instrumental tuition. 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.

Peripatetic staff:

Percussion	Miss M. Hiley
Piano	Mr J. Bryden
Piano	Mr p. Hurst
Piano	Miss J. Quick
Piano	Mrs A. Brown
Piano	Mrs S. Rolls
Cello	Mrs H. Wills
Violin / Viola	Miss C Hayek
Clarinet / Saxophone	Mr J. Boorer
Flute / Voice	Mrs S. Farleigh
Flute	Mrs A. Ayling
Brass	Mr A. Stark
Guitar	Mr P. Hill



Stover Music Activities

Many instrumental ensembles, choirs and orchestral rehearsals take place on a weekly basis (Some even start at 8.00am). There are several choirs within the school and many instrumental ensembles of graded standard. A variety of music is performed, providing the girls with a good insight into the world of music.

Weekly Musical Activities include:

- Stover Singers *Years 6 - 13*
- Chamber Choir *Years 6 - 13*
- Junior School Choir *Years 3- 5*
- Chamber Orchestra *Grade 4/5 & above*
- String Orchestra *Grade 4/5 & above*
- String Ensemble *Grade 1 - 4*
- Flute Ensemble *Grade 2 & above*
- Clarinet Ensemble *Grade 2 & above*
- Woodwind Ensemble *Grade 2 & above*
- Senior Orchestra *Grade 4 & above*
- Junior Orchestra *Grade 1 - 4 (Years 2 - 7)*
- Brass Ensemble *Grade 1 & above*
- Theory of Music *Grade 1 & above*



Music Scholars

The music scholars at Stover make a major contribution to the school's happy, enthusiastic and expanding music department. Throughout the year, the scholars with an advanced instrumental aptitude have helped with the younger ensembles and provided support and encouragement lower down the school. Their enthusiasm has been admired by many teachers and parents.

Music scholars 2000/2001:

· Floey Bennett	Year 10
<i>Violin, Piano</i>	
· Emma Higgin	Year 10
<i>Voice, Flute, Piano</i>	
· Natasha Oates	Year 10
<i>Violin, Piano</i>	
· Iris Yan	Year 10
<i>Piano, Violin</i>	
· Alice Hyland	Year 9
<i>Cello, Voice, Piano</i>	
· Claire Ryan	Year 9
<i>Cello, Piano</i>	
· Rachel Marsh	Year 8
<i>Voice, Violin</i>	
· Christina Warn	Year 7
<i>Voice, Flute</i>	
· Lucy Webber	Year 7
<i>Flute, Piano</i>	
· Harriet Beasley	Year 6
<i>Clarinet, Piano</i>	

Music Scholarships are awarded annually after competitive examination held in January. Scholarships are graded in value according to the promise and potential of a candidate. Free instrumental tuition is also offered to some candidates. The number of scholarships issued is determined by the quality of the candidates interviewed. There is flexible entry for music scholarships at the ages of 10+, 13 or 16.

The accent on performance within the department is encouraged by participation in concerts, festivals and master classes both in and out of school.

Music scholars will be expected to perform regularly throughout the year. Individual practice arrangements are made to suit girls' musical needs and a strict practice regime is of great importance. Girls are expected to practise on a daily basis.

It is expected that music scholars will reach grade 6 standard by the age of 15. Grade 7 / 8 standard is expected for scholarship entry into the 6th form.

Girls gaining scholarships at 10+ will be reviewed on entering years 9 and 11. It may be necessary for girls to re-sit the scholarship if they wish to take their musical studies further at GCSE level and 'A' level. For further details on music scholarships please contact the Director of Music.

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, along with an annual concert featuring a well-established professional musician, music awards are made in memory of Phyllis Dence and selected girls are sponsored for musical skills development.

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

This will be achieved by:

Instrumental tuition in school.

Attendance at summer schools and other outside music courses/ workshops.

Concert-going.

School music workshops and concerts.

The use of the fund's

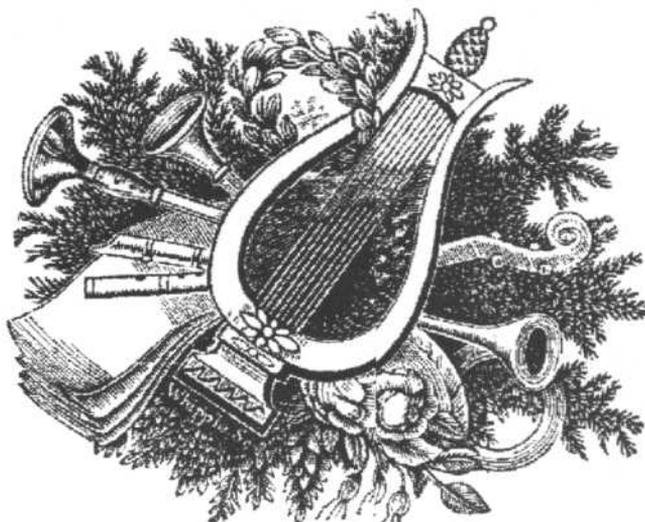
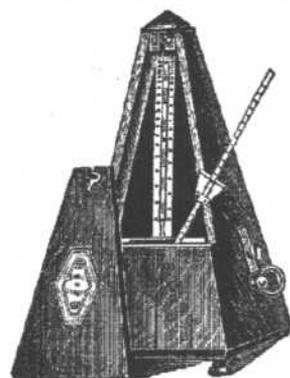
income is managed by a

committee which includes

the Head, the Director of Music, a Governor, an Old Girl and other co-opted members.

During the academic year, Alice Hyland (year 9) and Claire Ryan have been given awards to support their attendance at music courses / workshops and master-classes. 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 music staff will be required.



An Evening of Music

On the 13th October, girls from the Senior and Junior schools provided parents, Governors and guests to an evening of musical entertainment. Girls from years 5 to 12 performed to an audience of approximately 200 people at St. Peter, Paul and Thomas of Canterbury Church, Bovey Tracey. A wide instrumental repertoire was covered from Vivaldi through to a year 10 composition by Iris Yan. The minuet and trio from Mozart's Symphony no. 40 was performed by the chamber orchestra to end the first half of the concert. Vocal repertoire included "I Believe" - Quodlibet with Bach-Gounod Ave Maria which proved to be a very moving experience for the audience to a rousing gospel song for the finale of the concert. A highly polished evening concert was performed and enjoyed by all.

Christmas Carol Service

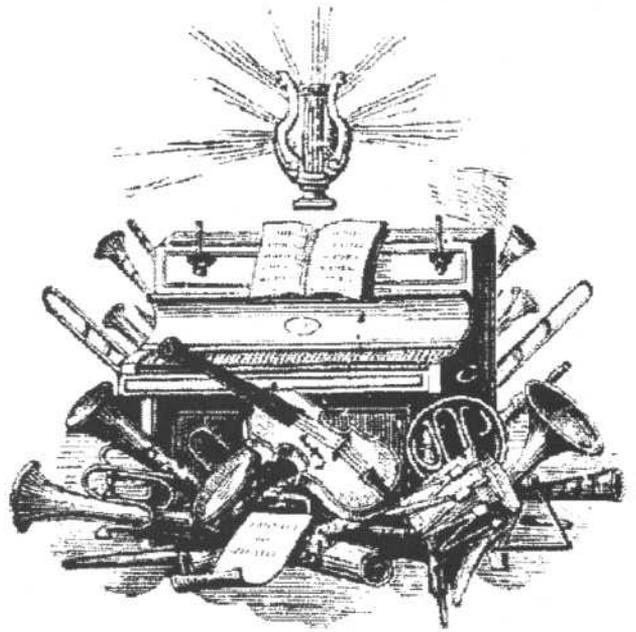
The Autumn term was brought to a close with a traditional carol service. The readings were read by girls, parents, Governors and teaching staff. The junior and senior orchestra combined to accompany the congregational carol Hark The Herald Angels Sing. Stover Singers worked hard throughout the second half of term to learn some challenging carols, two of which were in Polish and as usual they performed with musicality and feeling. The junior school choir, Stover Singers and chamber orchestra joined together to sing "Look no further" and this moving performance touched many of the audience.

ABRSM Examinations & 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. Some outstanding results were:

Alice Hyland - Grade 7 Cello - Distinction
 Lucy Webber - Grade 3 Flute - Distinction
 Lucy Webber - Grade 4 Flute - Distinction
 Laura Nicolson - Grade 1 Singing - Distinction
 Mandy Ho - Grade 5 Piano - Distinction
 Keishia Taylor- Grade 4 Flute - Distinction
 This year the music department successfully entered the Plymouth music festival, which proved to be a good learning experience for all who took part.

Well done to the Chamber Orchestra for gaining first place in the orchestral category. Particular congratulations goes to Alice Hyland who won the cup for the best string performance.



Inter-house Music Festival

The inter-house music festival (a whole school event) attracted an audience of over 500 people. The evening's programme gave the houses an opportunity to perform a concert repertoire which the girls themselves had chosen and rehearsed. Each programme featured a junior school song and the competitive house song. Each House then had the choice of three of the following categories: junior solo, ensemble piece, GCSE or 'A' Level composition or duet. This year the Houses chose to sing folk - based songs for their house song and this provided the audience with the opportunity to listen to some sensitive and musical singing along with some interesting ethnic music. With a wide variety of music provided, the evening proved to be a great success.

Results:

Winning House:	Victoria
Junior House Song:	Elizabeth
Senior House Song:	Victoria
Best Elizabeth Performance:	Claire Ryan
Best Mary Performance:	Rachel Storrs
Best Victoria Performance:	Alice Hyland



Phyllis Dence Concert 2001

After the interval, Jubilee Hall was filled with the soothing tones of the harp performed by Lucy Wakeford. Lucy was selected for representation by YCAT in May 1998.

One of the most outstanding harpists of her generation, Lucy is much in demand as a soloist, recitalist and ensemble player. Born in Surrey in 1972, Lucy Wakeford studied with Daphne Boden and Marisa Robles at the Royal College of Music and with Gerard Devos in Paris and Skaila Kanga in London.

At the age of 10 Lucy was the youngest ever member of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain and four years later she was awarded the Walter Todd Bursary for an 'outstanding young player of great promise' at the 1986 BBC Young Musicians Competition. During her studies Lucy won top prizes at numerous national and international competitions including 1st Prize at the 1996 Charpentier Competition held in Paris, 1st Prize at the 1991 World Harp Festival Competition held in Cardiff and 2nd Prize at the 1988 Tenth International Harp Competition in Israel.

As a concerto soloist Lucy has appeared with the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Israel Symphony Orchestra, Guildhall String Ensemble, Britten Sinfonia, Ulster Orchestra, London Festival Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra, among many others. Her performances of Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto have included a concert with James Galway and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. In 1999 she recorded the Mozart with the Britten Sinfonia conducted by Nicholas Cleobury for the BMG Conifer label.

Over the last year Lucy has performed at major venues and festivals throughout the UK, including the Wigmore Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, St. Georges Bristol, the Newbury Spring, Thaxted, Ribchester, Dumfries and King's Lynn Festivals. She regularly gives concerts with the Erard Trio, Belcea Quartet, Haffner Wind and Zenith Ensembles.

Future plans include a return visit to the Wigmore Hall, and a series of performances of Britten's Canticles with Roger Vignoles, Michael Chance and John Mark Ainsley in Spain.



Lucy's programme included:

- J.S.Bach Lute Suite in E minor.
- Spohr Fantaisie, Op.35
- Tailleferre Sonata
- Granados 2 Spanish Dances
- Plowman The Mermaid's Lagoon
- Pierne Impromptu Caprice

Other events and concerts.

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

The year 10 GCSE group and the year 9 music scholars went to London to watch the London Symphony Orchestra perform Benjamin Britten's "Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra" at The Barbican Hall.

Britten's Guide to the orchestra is a perfect introduction to the instruments of the orchestra, using a familiar tune by Purcell to introduce each family of instruments and then each instrument individually. The conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas described how the music was created and this with the lecture prior to the performance proved to be an interesting insight into the composition process. A visit to the Royal College of Music in the afternoon proved to be very successful and the girls gained a valuable insight into the life of one of London's top music colleges.

Five girls represented Stover when they were asked to perform in a High Scorers concert at Ashburton for the Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music in March. These girls all gained Distinction in their music examinations.

Laura Nicolson Singing Grade 1
Lucy Webber Flute Grade 3
Keishia Taylor Flute Grade 4
Alice Hyland Cello Grade 7
Mandy Ho Piano Grade 5

The chamber orchestra and choir have performed on two occasions at the Ilford Park Polish camp. The residents and staff were very appreciative of the performances offered and even sang to us on one occasion.

Charity concerts throughout the year have been given to help raise money for Rocrift Hospice and the Bovey Tracey Rotary group.

Main concert events for the Academic Year 2001 - 2002

Autumn Term:

Morning Concerts 9.00am Chamber Hall:
Wednesday 26th September
Wednesday 17th October
Wednesday 21st November

Concert at Stoke Gabriel Church
Friday 12th October

Jenny Quick - Schubert Lecture recital with
Stover chamber musicians - October,
Stover School Chamber

Plymouth Music Festival
12th - 17th November

Christmas music at St. Peter, Paul & Thomas of
Canterbury Church Bovey Tracey for
Rocrift Hospice
Thursday 6th December

Carol service - Tuesday 11th December

Spring Term:

Morning Concerts 9.00am Chamber Hall:
Wednesday 23rd January
Wednesday 13th March

Paul Hill - Guitar Recital - The Latin American
Influence & Stover Chamber Choir, February

Concert at Elburton Methodist Church
Plymstock, Plymouth
Thursday 28th February

Lunchtime concert at Ilford Park Polish Camp
18th March

Inter-House Music festival & Phyllis Dence
Concert - Friday 8th March

Summer Term:

Morning Concerts 9.00am Chamber Hall:
Wednesday 16th May

Torbay & South Devon Music Festival
1st May - 6th May

Senior Summer Show
26th - 27th June



STOVER JUNIOR SCHOOL 2000-2001

Come to Stover School

Stover School has 60 acres of beautiful grounds and scenery. There are some wonderful buildings with pretty views of the moors and the rolling hills. There is a new building called 'The Millennium Building'.

Pupils start at 2 and a half and go on to 18. Homework starts in class 2, the homework gets harder as you progress through the school. The teachers are kind and gentle, but strict when needed.

All girls wear smart uniforms. In the Junior School they have a tartan pinafore, a white blouse, grey tights and black shoes. A similar uniform is worn in the Senior School. The children have good manners because the school expects them to behave properly. Everybody is very friendly.

At Stover there are lots of sports including rugby, rounders, hockey, netball and gymnastics. The girls are good at drama and perform amazing shows. They play peaceful, quiet and flowing music to go for scholarships. There are good, fun and learning clubs for most ages.

There are delicious lunches served by friendly cooks. Biscuits are provided at break but you need to take a drink.

I hope you have had a good taster of this wonderful school, you should come and visit.

Alice Cantell- Hynes class 5



Georgina Ashby, Melanie Bates and Georgina Noble play their violins at school concert. December 2000



Florence Beasley playing her trumpet

SPECIAL PIECES OF WORK

Transport Poem

Long black skate board moves quickly to town,
Big dirty lorry rattles slowly back home.
Clean polished bicycle goes swiftly round the streets
Huge powerful aeroplane flies smoothly over the world.
Long shiny boat drives lazily out of the harbour.
Squeaky, rattly train runs speedily on the track.
White smooth helicopter whirrs noisily through the air,
Pretty pink pram rolls gently down the hill.
Silver metal trollie trundles sluggishly through the aisles.
Old wooden horse and cart clip clop heavily along the country lane.

Emily Simpson Class 3.

At the Sea Side

At the sea- side I play and swim.
The waves are crashing against the rocks.
I smell hot dogs and ice cream.
I see the sea-weed being washed up on the shore.
The waves are roaring and the seagulls are screeching.
I see the glistening sea.
At the sea-side I see my mum sun bathing.

Georgina Pool Class 1

Happiness is...

Happiness is when you see a baby that has big blue eyes and little toes and a tiny face and a button nose.

Happiness is when I see the baby animals playing in the sunshine.

Happiness is when you get what you ask for and I sit on the sofa with my family and cat.

Happiness is when you get a bit of money to spend. You can be really nice and share it with a friend.

Happiness is holiday time, Christmas parties, birthday tea.

Happiness is spending time with my loving family.

Ryasia Chambers Class 4

The Seashore

Picnics on the gleaming sand
Waves getting my ankles splashed with water.
Go swimming in the salty sea
Get caught in the sea-weed, getting my fingers wet.
A pink, smooth, squidgy jelly fish bobbing up and down.
Red, rough, scuttling, fast crabs that nip at your feet when you go past.
Thick, cold, yummy ice cream melts in your hand.
A perfect day at the seaside.

AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

Our Harvest Festival October 12th 2000

On Thursday we did our Harvest Festival. We put our things on the bench. I had some crackers. Then we took off our plimsolls and our raincoats. We walked in to the big room. All the mums and dads were sitting in their seats. Then we all sat on the mat. The reception class sung 'Oats and Beans and Barley.' Then Reception class, class 1 and class 2 sang 'When The Corn Is Planted'. All the mums and dads clapped. Reception and class 1 went off and class 2 said a prayer called 'Lovely Things' and a poem called 'Autumn'. After that class 3, class 4 and class 5 sang 'The Harvest Beat'. After that we watched a little play called 'The rest of the day is your own'. It was about a farmer boy. This was my favourite. All the mums and dads clapped. Then the choir sung 'The Earth is my Mother'. Coralie played the xylophone. Finally we did our school prayer. Then it was all over and we went back to our class room.

By Holly Chapman Class 2

Bonfire Night November 2000

On Friday night mummy and I went to the school bonfire night. There was a huge bonfire and it crackled and leapt around, burning everything in its way. The rockets were wonderful. They leapt into the air, exploding into millions of colours. The Roman Candles were my favourites. One looked just like a tree! It was a lot of colours gold, blue, green, silver, mauve, orange, red and yellow. I saw Holly and Melissa on the terrace, they were scared. When the fireworks finished I clapped and cheered a lot. I went to see the barn dance and I played some really fun games. I bought some sparkling water then I went home.

Melanie Etherton class 2

Christmas at Stover

A selection of Christmas photographs
 Christmas show
 Christmas lunch
 Christmas party



JUNIOR SCHOOL TRIPS

Snow Shoes

On Tuesday 5th December the Junior School went to see a play called 'Snow Shoes'. It was an excellent play and everybody seemed to enjoy it. We went to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. There were 7 characters in the play but they were all played by the same two people. I thought that this was very clever. At the end of the play everybody stood up and made their way back to the coach and back to school. What a tiring day!!

Laura Fletcher Class 4S

Our trip to Cardrew Pottery

We went on a trip to Cardrew Pottery. We painted some pottery ourselves. I painted an Easter bunny and I decided that I would call her Lucy. After we had done our painting we went to see how the pottery was made. I watched a man making some Tigger heads. He put a butterfly on tigger's nose.

Rhiannon Main Class 2



Cardrew pottery trip

My trip to Buckfast Abbey

On 29th March all of class 5 went on a trip to Buckfast Abbey with Mrs Williams and Mrs Gray. We left school at half past 9 and it took about half an hour to get there on the mini bus.

When we got to Buckfast Abbey the first thing we did was go to talk to Brother Henry about his daily life. He told us that he gets up at 5 o'clock and goes to bed at 8 o'clock, except on special occasions such as Christmas and Easter.

After that we went and watched a video about how the Abbey was built and how it makes money. It makes money by selling honey, wine and blown glass. Four brothers built the Abbey. It took them 32 years to complete it.

When we had watched the video we split up into two groups. I was in Mrs William's group. We did the church trail and the archeological trail.

After we had done the trails we went into the lunch room and then on to the activity centre. We learnt to build a bridge and make a mosaic picture. Then we went to the shop and the exhibition which told us more about when the Abbey was built. After that we made our way back to school.

Jessica Sullivan Class 5



Buckfast Abbey trip class 5



Infant trip to Dartmouth on steam train

SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK

FEBRUARY 2001

PC Bigland came to talk about road safety and the Green Cross Code. We learnt some signals. Stamp your feet meant STOP. Touch your head meant THINK. Touch your eyes meant LOOK. Touch your ears meant LISTEN. PC Bigland told us that whenever you cross the road you must always remember to look left and right to make sure that no cars are coming. He told us that when it is raining you must be even more careful. You should always hold your mummy or daddy's hand.

Megan Higginson Class 2



Fancy dress competition

On Thursday 15th February we had a fancy dress competition at school. The whole of the Junior School took part. The competition was part of our safety week. I dressed up as a nurse and my sister dressed up as a policewoman. The winner of the competition was Francesca in class 2. She was dressed up as a doctor. She won a smartie chocolate easter egg. At the weekend there was a picture of our competition in the newspaper.

Alice Blower Class 2

Thursday 15th February 2001

Fancy dress competition



JUNIOR SCHOOL FUND RAISING

Red Nose Day

On Red Nose Day all of the Junior School dressed up in bad fashion. In the afternoon we went to the Jubilee Hall where there were lots of things to do. I had a flower painted on my hand and I got a lolly. I wore some checked trousers and a glitzy red top with glitzy shoes.



Elizabeth house made cakes to raise money for Alex a little boy with cerebral Palsy



Children from class 1 and 2 with Alex

SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO HAVEN BANKS

On Thursday 14th June eleven pupils from class 5 went to Haven Banks on a residential trip. We left school at 9am and reached Haven Banks at 10am. When we got there we learnt how to hold a paddle. We put on our life jackets and climbed in to our canoe. We went in canoes that held four people and I was in one with Hayley, Amy and Mrs Price. When I first got in to the canoe I was very scared because it felt like it was going to tip over, but as I was at the front I could canoe either side.

When we finally were going up the river the rain started and every time we looked up rain went in our eyes. We stopped at Countess Weir to play a game of rounders. When we got our breath back we climbed back into the canoe. We paddled up to Double Locks to have lunch and play. By this time my arms were aching so I sat down and had a rest. I found a dead baby bird and gave it a funeral.

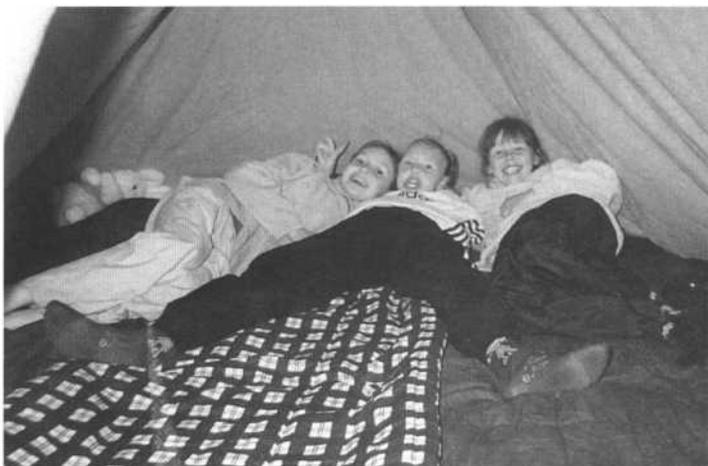
Then we paddled up to Turf Locks and had some yummy hot chocolate that made my tummy fill with warmth. The mini bus picked us up and took us back to Haven Banks where our

tents were all put up in the canoe centre. We had to sleep inside because it was so wet. Then we had a barbeque and at 12 o'clock we had a midnight feast. At about 3 o'clock in the morning we went to sleep dreaming about what lay ahead the next day.

Jessica Sullivan
Class 5



Residential trip to Haven Banks



Coralie, Megan and Charlotte camping on residential trip

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

I had fun on Sports Day.
I won the race.
I love racing.
Victoria House won the cup.
All the children who went in the race got a sticker.
I cheered for everyone.
It was a lovely day on sports day.

I LOVE SPORTS DAY!

Florence Beasley Class 1



Lucy Morris winning the flat race for Victoria House



Children from Mary house enjoy sports day 2001

SUMMER TERM 2001

A Critique Of A Midsummer Nights Dream

On Tuesday 26th June 2001, classes 4S, 4P and 5W went to see the senior school play- A Midsummer Nights Dream. It was a brilliant performance and we all really enjoyed it. When we got there we found out that there was other local schools there. There were loads of seats on staging, and it was quite dark. We waited for a while and then some music played and we knew that the show had begun. The music went on until someone came on stage pretending to read the news. She didn't know it but the fairy was fluttering around doing her makeup. They both came off stage and the music started to play as the lights went down. Lots of people came on the stage doing different things. I felt sorry for them- they all had lots of lines to say! I thought the way they performed was brilliant. After a while the musicians put down their instruments and got into some positions. They started singing a beautiful song and it sounded lovely in the big hall because it echoed a lot. Soon people in the audience started to fidget and get hot. A lot of the speech was rhyming and rhythmic. It was lovely language. It sounded as if it had come straight from a book!

There was an interval after a hour and 15 minutes and everyone except the senior girls went outside to get a kit kat. Then we went back into the hall and sat down in our seats. Within a second the music was playing and everyone went quiet. The show carried on and there were some disasters! Soon some dancers came on and filled the room with colour. One of the dancers blew glitter around the room and made it sparkle. We sat and watched the dancers, until they spun into different positions. It was absolutely fantastic! After the dancers had gone off stage lots of people came on in a blaze of colour and filled the room with light. We stared at them with fascination as they memorised the words. I believe the play was written by William Shakespeare. I had a fabulous time and I hope everyone else did too. It was a memorable experience!

Laura Fletcher Class 4

The End Of The Pier Show

Last night we did our Junior School performance called The End Of The Pier Show. It was like a show in a show. It was set in the olden times and it had lots of different acts.

The music in our show was enjoyable. Some of it was fast and bouncy and some of it was peaceful and slow. There was also a lot of dancing in our performance. The dancing had lots of movements. Some were slow and graceful and others were fast and exciting.

The hall was very full. The audience were cheerful and kept clapping really loud. For the performance we needed lots of costumes because there were lots of children in it. The costumes were old fashioned. Some were glamorous, others were flowery, most of them were pretty. I did lots of different parts so I had to keep changing costume. There were lots of funny bits in the show. The clowns were very funny because they kept acting silly. My favourite bit was Susie's girls because I really enjoyed dancing and singing in it. I really liked my costume. It was very pretty.

When I did the show I felt nervous but also very excited. I felt very happy because I really enjoy doing performances. I also felt very tired after the show because it seemed as though it had gone on for hours, but I enjoyed it. I felt



embarrassed when we did something wrong.

I really enjoyed the show even though it went a bit wrong in places like when we forgot our words or came on too late. I could see that the audience enjoyed it too because by special request we did the infant choir song and the can can a second time. This show was one of my favourite shows. I wished we could have done it twice!

Megan Holmes Class 5



Infant children in end of term show



Junior children in end of term show

OUR SUMMER CAMP

This year we are going to the school summer camp again. Year's 3 and 4 go camping in the school grounds in tents. Everyone is really excited about this event. It is on the 29th June.

All the games we play are really good fun like bulldog and leap frog. It is like a huge party. We have a bonfire and we sing silly songs and tell jokes. We have sparklers and lots of other fun activities. We have big torches so that we can see in the dark and everybody gets scared.

Late at night we go for a walk in a place that we call the jungle. It is really scary when Mr Bujak jumps out at us.

The tents are quite small but you can fit about eight people in them. It is really cramped.

I love the summer camp!

Charlotte Pool Class 4



Mrs Simmons doing her best to cheer everyone up as the rain pours down outside!



Tents at the summer camp



End of term inter house rounders match. Elizabeth House



Anne Berry plays class 2's game at Family Fun Day



Mrs Lawrence and her girls perform 'Pure and Simple' for the Junior School children.

FAMILY FUN DAY

On Family Fun Day my dog was in the dog show and we dressed her up as one of the Three Blind Mice. Georgina Pool played with me. We went on the bouncy castle and we played together.

Georgina Ashby Class 1



Val Chapman is presented with a farewell gift from parents and children in the Junior School

The end of the summer term saw the Junior School saying farewell to Val Chapman. Val contributed greatly to all aspects of life in the Nursery and Junior School and will be missed by us all.

We wish her and her family all the very best as they start a new life in the South East.

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Ben Alford and Abigail Carne are Mary and Joseph in the nursery nativity December 2000



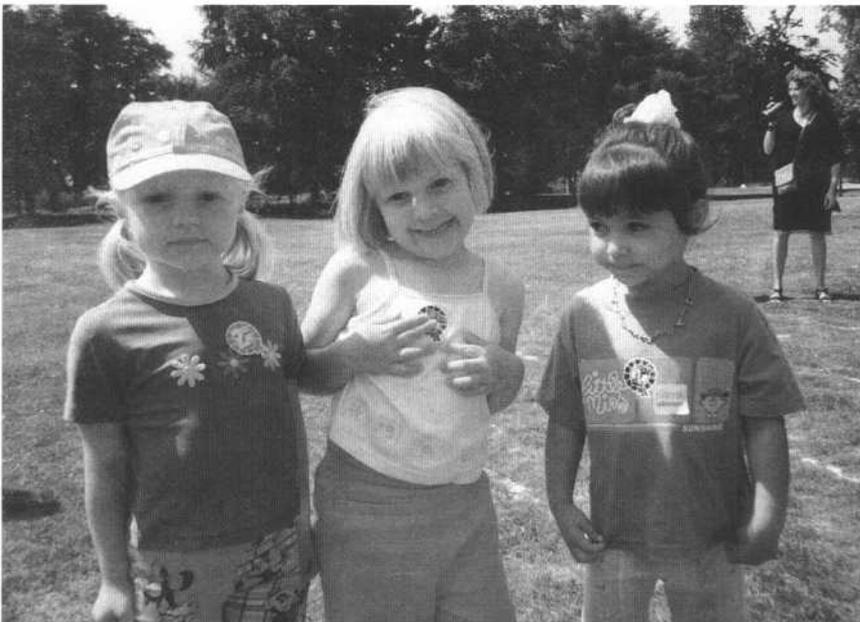
Nursery children join in during safety week February 2001



Mrs Chapman takes nursery children on a walk around school grounds during holiday club 2001



Peter Pan Fun Day in nursery June 2001



Gemma, Jessica and Mariah have fun on sports day 2001



HISTORICAL RAPPING HENRY VIII'S WIVES BY YEAR 8

Oh Henry VIII was a mean old man
When he was young he had lots of fans
He married Cathy Aragon, a Spanish princess
Together they had Mary, divorced-second best
He met a pretty lady called Anne Boleyn
She was used as an ally but she didn't love him
She was accused of having lovers and Henry got bored
And as she was French she was beheaded with a sword
He was left with Elizabeth, queen Lizzie the 1st
And as she was a girl she was thought to be the worst
So he moved on to marry Jane Seymour
He only wished he could have seen her more
She gave him Edward, his joy and pride
But in 1537 old Janey died
So he moved on to marry Anne of Cleves
From the moment he saw her he knew she should leave
He said she was ugly, she was over powered
So then he moved on to Catherine Howard
She took after her cousin Anne Boleyn
She had an affair because she didn't love him
From 1540 they were happily wedded
But when Henry found out she too was beheaded
He went on to marry Cathy Parr
He really thought that she was a star
In 1547 king Henry died
But lucky Cath Parr, she survived!



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Médecins sans Frontiers

On the 2nd November 2000, a small group of us attended a Millennial Lecture jointly organised by the College of St. Mark and St. John and the Lord Caradon Lectures Trust.

The lecture, given by Dr. James Orbinski, president of the Médecins sans Frontiers International Council was about the work of Médecins sans Frontiers in support of worldwide humanitarian operations.

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Welcome by Dr John Rea, Principal of The College of St Mark & St John
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The audience was immediately mesmerised by the sense of urgency and human respect in every example given by Dr. Orbinski. He described the work of Médecins sans Frontiers and the impact they have on global issues; the main lines of the Médecins sans Frontiers policy were emphasised repeatedly, "First in, last out."

Although the evening involved acknowledging some of the most painful and distressing situations of human suffering, the lecture left us inspired by the work of Médecins sans Frontiers, and the courage they need. The future seems more positive with organisations like Médecins sans Frontiers ready to help at any moment.

**Esther Rae, Mme Winston
and Julia Wingate.**

Le chat noir.

Lundi 2 octobre, Miss Evans et Mme. Winston ont emmené un groupe d'élèves au théâtre du Phoenix à Exeter pour voir une production française, "Le chat noir". C'était très amusant!

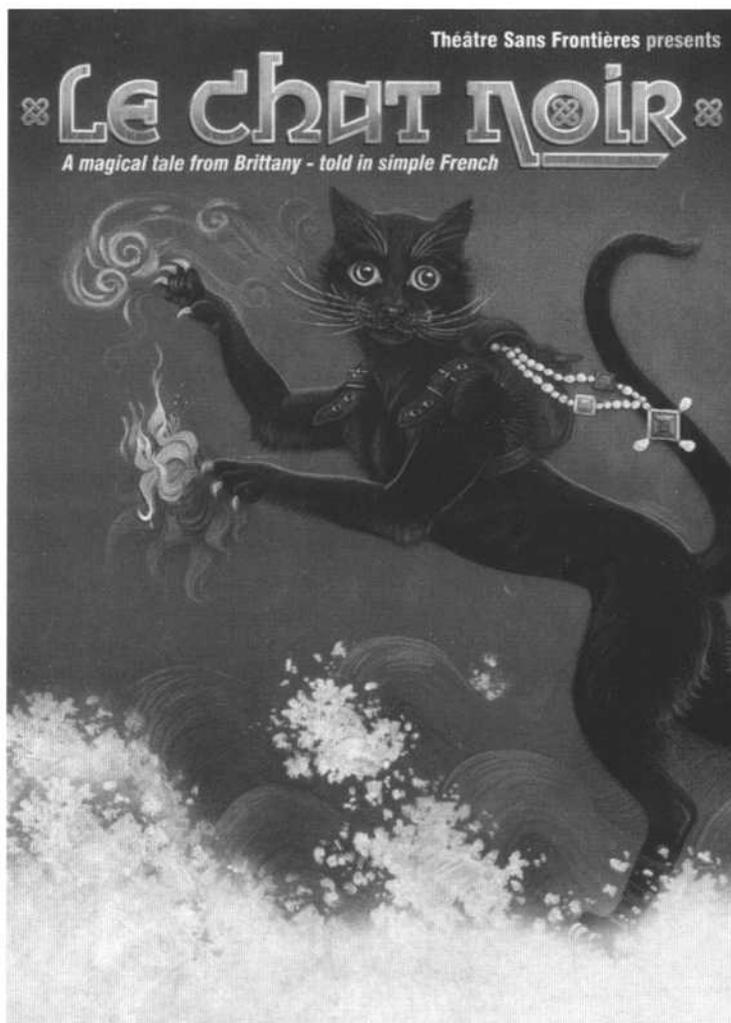
Nous avons pris l'autobus de l'école et quand nous sommes arrivées, on a eu des problèmes avec le parking! Nous sommes quand même arrivées tôt, donc nous avons attendu dans le bar – mais pas de bière pour nous!

La pièce a commencé à sept heures et demie. La scène était simple et ingénieuse parce qu'elle changeait facilement : d'abord le château, puis la plage..... Tous les acteurs étaient étrangers, mais ils parlaient bien le français. Ils ont utilisé des marionnettes, la musique bretonne et des masques. Par exemple, une fois, ils ont utilisé des ciseaux pour représenter des crabes. Les danses étaient très drôles – on a bien rigolé ! Le français était facile à comprendre. L'histoire aussi.

Un Prince annonce son intention d'épouser son amour, Louisa, mais le jour du mariage, la méchante belle-mère échange Louisa pour Yvonne qui n'est pas belle. Après ça, la pièce est pleine de confusion, de magie et d'effets créatifs. Grâce au chat noir mystérieux, la fin de l'histoire est heureuse et Louisa épouse son Prince.

A la fin de la soirée, nous sommes rentrées tard et fatiguées, mais très contentes de nous car nous avons bien compris une pièce de théâtre entièrement en français ! C'était vraiment une soirée fantastique et éducative.

By Emma Higgin: Year 10



GEOGRAPHY

FIELD TRIPS

The Lake District

It was the Year 12's first field trip and we were really looking forward to almost a whole week of geography. Year 13, Mrs Smith and Mrs Elce came with us.

We set off from Newton Abbot station at 8am on Saturday. It was a long journey to the Lake District and took us seven hours. However we were amazed by the breathtaking views of the area.

Our accommodation was an ex-tuberculosis hospital halfway up a very impressive mountain. The scenery was spectacular. We were shepherded into wings of the building and given the "dos" and "don'ts" of staying there. After settling into our rooms we had dinner and a short introductory lesson with Ian, our guide for the stay.

The next day was our first full day. We had to climb the Eastdale Tarn but first we walked through a charming village full of teashops and shops selling souvenirs. This was William Wordsworth's hometown. We then hiked up slope after slope finally getting to Eastdale Tarn. That first day seemed exhausting. We had dinner followed by some lessons.

The next day saw bad weather chiefly rain and winds. We analysed soil and vegetation along the Glenda Terror Becks valley. We chose three sites and worked in groups of three starting at the top and working downwards. For lunch we had to get in to large orange bags and perch on the side of a valley. Our valiant efforts working in the harsh weather were rewarded with a video, "Armageddon" later. There was not a dry eye after the film.

Our final full day was fun. We spent the day working in Grendaterror Beck where we analysed three sites of the river, starting near the source until the river widened out. It was another very wet day. We had now finished out fieldwork so that evening was one of packing.

The journey back was good. There were about ten of us in a carriage, which we had to ourselves! The electricity kept going off so maybe that put people off sharing with us. After seven



hours we were home again and saw our parents...now it was time to do the project!
By Rebecca Moloney, Year 12

The Year 10 Trip to Abergavenny, Wales.

Stover Year 10 Geography group set off to Abergavenny with many pre-conceptions of what the trip was going to be like. This was largely thanks to the stories we had heard from last year's Year 10's who told us of terrible food and weather!

At our youth hostel we found that the rooms were identical. I got lost a few times! We shared two to a room. After we had finished working we would go down to the ground floor and turn up the music, play pool and enjoy the fact that we only had three teachers to keep an eye on us!

The most memorable parts of the trip were as follows: At nights things were fun. Esther and Sarah were in the room next to Laura and me. That was a big mistake, as we didn't get much sleep. One night Mrs Smith checked rooms to make sure the right people were in them. Laura was hiding in Esther and Sarah's cupboard and only just managed to get back to my room as I greeted Mrs Smith at the door. She had stayed hidden when Mrs Smith checked Esther and Sarah's room.

We also had some good sweet throwing competitions. One night I had just settled into a relaxed sleep when Laura woke me wailing like a siren. She had seen a spider!

The trip was fun. We discovered Mrs Kearney's wild side when she raced the other bus down the motorway. We enjoyed the river we worked on too.

By Amy Blake and Sarah Byrnes

@ Bristol

Year 6,7 and 8 went on a trip to @ Bristol. This was strange for me since I used to live in Bristol but it was also strange because I had been to Bristol the only day before. Two coaches turned up to take us there. It took about 2 hours to get there, but we made it!

Our first view was of a big shiny globe. This was part of the Explore, which we didn't go to but Year 8 did. The first thing we went to see was Wildwalk. We had about an hour to go in there and it was really fun. We couldn't bring our bags in because there were animals in there.

First of all we went inside and talked to the guide about biodiversity, which means what we share our world with. We were asked about what group we thought would have the most species. Nearly everyone said mammals. But, amazingly enough, it wasn't mammals, it was insects. Mammals have the smallest amount of species of all.

We watched a sort of video talking about things that happened millions of years ago and what was extinct. The next thing we saw was about bacteria. I couldn't see most of these because I'm so short. I can't remember the order of things, so I'll just say as it comes to my head. There was a thing about water and we saw some Starfish, which were amazing, the Common Starfish and the Sun Starfish. There were some prawns, they were awful, all see-through.

There was a jungle which had plants, and all about them butterflies flying around. There were some Leaf Cutter Ants and where there were a pile of leaves, the ants would cut one up and carry a piece on its back along a branch to the anthill. There was a huge catfish as well. There was a section all about insects. I skipped most of that one, but there was a Red-kneed spider eating spiders, and some scorpions. After the last jungle there was a final section about people. It dealt with discoveries people had made and the environment.

After Wildwalk we went to the IMAX Theatre to see "The Secret of Life on Earth". It talked about the Green Contract, animals and plants. It warned us about what would happen if the green contract was broken, and how ultra-violet rays would mean humans were unable to go outside because it would damage their skin if the ozone layer broke. Do you know why it's called the ozone layer? Because it's a layer made of oxygen. It told us how to stop it happening by recycling and not using up too many of the earth's natural resources like oil and coal.

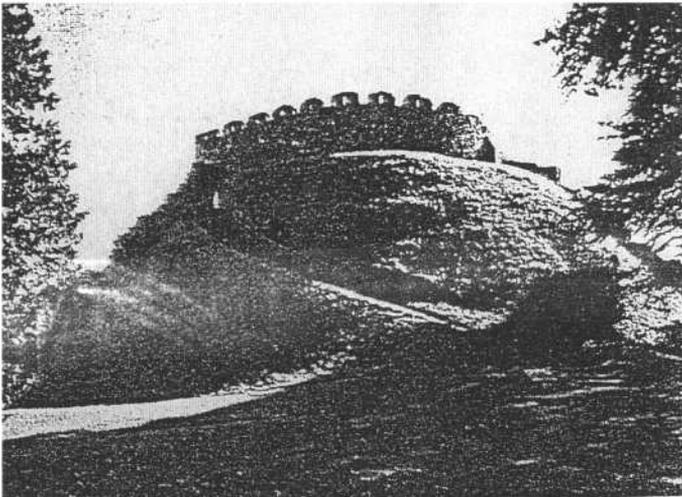
After the IMAX Theatre, we had lunch and then it was free time from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. All in all, it was great fun.

Zoë Wrigley



YEAR 7 TRIP TO TOTNES CASTLE

It's a bit small isn't it, not much to see"



Famous last words! There is in fact LOTS to see IF you know what you are looking for. Year 7 did. As part of a topic on motte and bailey castles Miss King thought it would be a good idea for the whole of Year 7 to go and look at a real one. Where better than just down the road in Totnes, once the second most important town in Devon after Exeter. The visit took place way back in deepest, darkest November (when it wasn't raining!) Our intrepid reporter Emily Ettridge has this to say...

"On Wednesday 15th November Year 7 went on a trip to Totnes castle accompanied by Miss King, Miss Young and Mrs Klymenko.

We all got on the coach and left for the castle, well equipped with sweets and of course chocolate (by order of Miss King)! After about half an hour we reached the castle. Miss Young took some photos of the castle from the bottom of the motte and we all started walking to the entrance. We all gathered in the bailey (the bottom part before another hill up to the actual castle) Miss King gave us all a booklet to complete. We walked outside the wall and looked down onto the town below, it was a wonderful sight. We also tried invading the castle from the ditch below. It was hard work!



After we had completed the first part of the booklet we climbed the steps to the castle. It was smaller than you would expect with big stone walls. At this stage a lovely cat was following us. It kept popping up to see us! Then we went up into and on top of the keep. The view was amazing. We could see for miles around, the river, houses and hills. Medieval people would have had an excellent view. Finally we gathered in the bailey. Miss Young took some photos of us and we bought some things from the kiosk on site. The morning went quickly and for a small castle there was lots to see and do. We climbed aboard the bus after a lovely morning."

Years 3 and 6 go to Bath

Compared with last year, when it rained, hailed and snowed, this year's joint Junior/Senior visit to Bath was lovely. The sun shone and we were even able to have a picnic in the park. Amazing! Mind you, it was May.

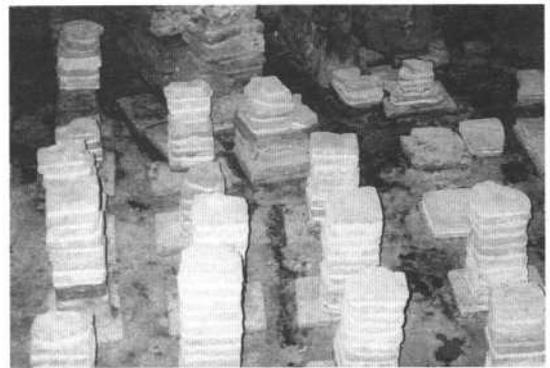
We left aboard a luxury coach and our driver had even bought a tape for us to listen to. Before long we were all singing along to the hit "Bob the Builder", much to our teachers' annoyance. We arrived at Bath in time for a teaching session where we examined artefacts and learned about the way the Romans went to the baths. It was certainly very much more complicated than the way we keep clean today.

As the sun was shining we went to a nearby park for our lunch which was lovely. Miss King took some photos and we let off steam. We then returned to the Roman Baths Museum for the next stage of our trip. We toured the baths with special devices which told us the story of the Baths whilst we walked around. It was all very interesting. We then had some time in the gift shop before coming back to school. It was a

great day out, even if we did have to wear school uniform (Miss King's reason so we could be recognized!)



Finding out more



The Hypercaust System



The Great Bath



The scaffolding isn't Roman!

Operation Christmas Child: A charitable response organised by Lizzy House

The aim of Operation Christmas Child was to donate presents for those children in the world who would get nothing for Christmas because they lived in a war torn country, poverty-stricken land or came from a part of the world which had suffered natural disasters. The hope was that a little bit of festive cheer would be brought to children with the arrival of a shoebox filled with gifts. Otherwise many of these children could expect to receive nothing at all.

The idea comes from the Christian organisation, Samaritan's purse and its president is Franklin Graham. The aim is to show God's love to the children through other peoples goodwill in eight countries. These include the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Australia, Germany, Finland and the Netherlands. More than three million shoeboxes were collected last

year and sent via air to various places in Eastern Europe. Countries receiving parcels included Bosnia, Kosovo, Russia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Slovenia, Romania, Georgia and Macedonia.

The idea behind using a shoebox was to send presents in a solid container which would store lots of items. Boxes were wrapped in Christmas wrapping paper. The shoe boxes were also made gender specific. That is, they were marked for a boy or girl and the presents inside would reflect this gender difference. Senders were also invited to put in a brief letter, photograph or Christmas card in addition to the gifts. This gave the boxes a personal feel. The hope was that the boxes could be delivered before Christmas so were flown out at the end of October.

Stover girls have contributed generously to this scheme both at junior and senior level. A great deal of effort went into packaging the boxes and the gifts sent were of a high quality.

A Stirring evening

Stover hosted the inaugural dinner of the Devon Branch of the Wooden Spoon Society in November. 200 people enjoyed a super evening raising £8000 for the RFU charity. Pictured below are helpers for what was a very successful evening. The girls pictured helped on the night by selling tickets and crowning Richard Trick (Bath and England) as the RFU President.



GSUS LIVE

On Friday 12th of January Year 8 went on an RE trip to a travelling trailer parked in the grounds of Churston Grammar school. It contained £ 80,000 worth of software for us to use. It was a project for Year 8 to explore. I thought we were just going to sit in a classroom but I was wrong. It was really cool. We walked inside the trailer where it was quite dark; all we could see were two rows of seats facing a big screen. We heard the sound of a heartbeat and then Nigel Taylor, a schools' worker, gave us a pair of 3D glasses to watch an introductory video about the three people we were going to try to help. They were struggling with fear, rejection and the need to forgive.

Kylie was afraid of her friend dying, Jack was feeling lonely and rejected because of his weight and Ben couldn't forgive his brother for stealing money from his mother. We then chose one of the people and tried to find out more about them. There were 4 levels and there was lots to do. There was a CD player, passages from the Bible, part of the film 'The Miracle-Maker' and information on the Internet. The person sent a postcard and we had to decide how to answer it and what advice to give. You could watch a little show about when Jesus got rejected. At the end we got a print out of all our answers.

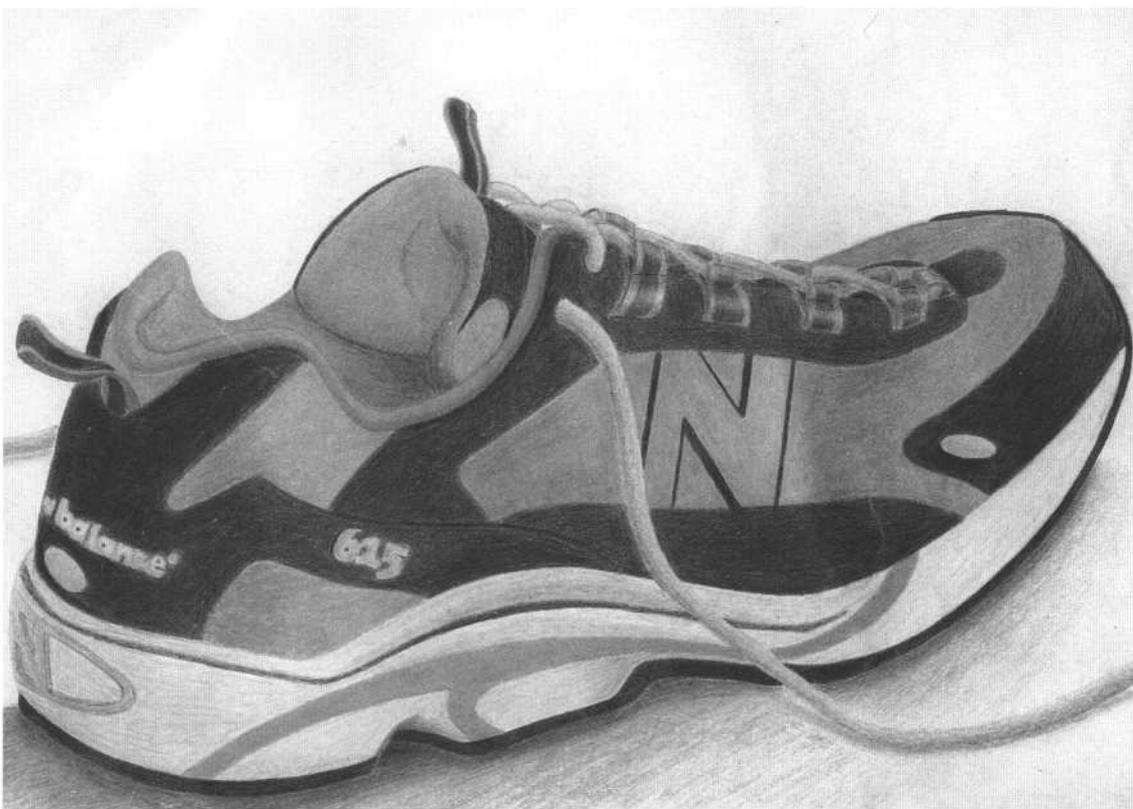
We all learnt a lot about these strong feelings and how we can deal with them. We also learnt about how Jesus helped people who experienced those feelings.



Night

*Night. Sensuous, silky, smooth,
Shadows haunting me at my every move.
Stars like diamonds surrounding me,
An immense velvet canopy.
Bats on the hunt, an army on attack,
Weaving, soaring looking for a snack.
A lake nearby, a peaceful altar,
Silhouettes reflecting on the moon-lit water
Synthetic lights can only lend,
Day begins when night time ends.*

By Kate Thompson, 7B



*Trainer
by Emily Poon
10D*

Sixth Form Art trip to London, November 2000

After a nightmarish trip lasting five hours in the midst of the rail chaos we arrived in London. The Tate Modern was so exciting, the scale of the building and the quality of the work was overwhelming. By contrast the National Gallery seemed like an old friend with its Rembrants, Constables and Van Dykes. Our third 'port of call' was the Tate Britain where we viewed the four Turner Prize nominees. Thank heavens there was some real painting this time and not unmade beds. I rushed off to the William Blake exhibition to pour over his illustrations and poems. As he's someone I greatly admire this was a special treat.

The girls returned with their sketchbooks full and with lots of reproductions and cards for their studies. A rewarding but exhausting trip.

Mr Dunbar (Head of Art)



Ronsinate

*Whinnying and snorting, tired, old,
Ambling, stumbling, slow and cold,
Feeble and helpless, dobbin, nag,
Fool-owned, raw-boned, droop and sag,
Knightly and chivalrous, strengtless, ill,
Brave, faithful, weak of will,
Shaking and clumsy, sway-backed, sad,
Arthritic, rheumatic weary, had,
Unwanted, unable, failure, doubt,
Skin and bone, scraggy mane, worn out.*



By Keishia Taylor, 8CO



A VISIT from the SAMARITANS

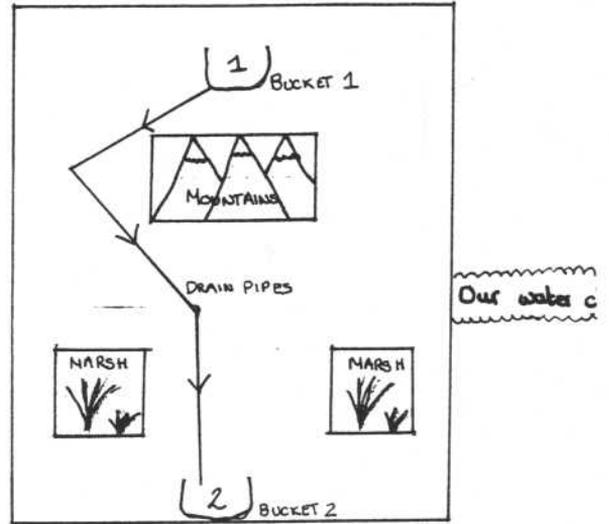
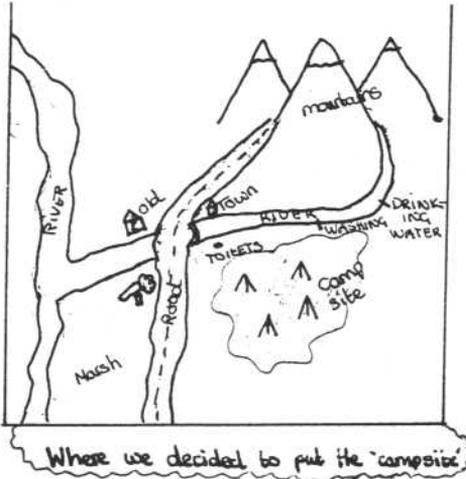
On the 20th of April we were told that we had to sacrifice our PE lesson to listen to a talk from a Samaritan. There were some mixed reactions to this depending on whether people liked PE or not. I wanted my tennis lesson and didn't fancy being preached at. I couldn't have been more wrong about the visit. We walked into the Lecture Theatre and were greeted by a friendly face. 'That can't be a Samaritan' I thought. She was just the type of person who might be your auntie. She was wearing a bright jumper and a rather large smile. We were surprised that she didn't seem at all nervous standing in front of 30 fifteen year olds staring.

Despite the name the Samaritans aren't a religious organisation, although they were started by a priest. They are 'people at the end of the line'. People phone them up to talk about their problems, whether they are being bullied at school, whether they are depressed or whether they have just killed someone. They treat all calls as confidential and will only give advice or take action with the person's permission.

We asked the lady who came to talk to us what she gets out of it. She said it feels good when someone has taken your advice and it's a nice feeling when you've helped someone. Thanks to the visit I felt some reassurance that only a phone call away there is someone who wants to listen to my problems and who wants to hear what I have to say. Being a teenager is hard and it sometimes feels as if adults don't take our problems seriously. It is good to know that there are people out there to talk to when you feel there is no one else. Their phone number is in the phone book and in call boxes.

L. Woodham, C. Woodgate, E. Monk, M. Warn, S. Akhtar, A. Blake - Year 10

RAPID RESPONSE ENGINEERING DAY



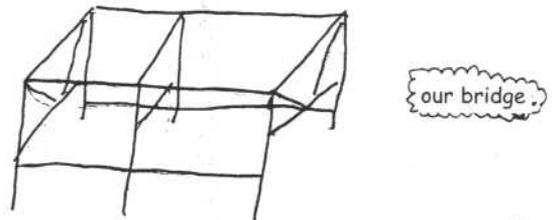
Before Friday we didn't really know what engineering involved but we had managed to get the impression from Mrs. Elce that some of the activities involved water. Even the less enthusiastic members of the class were excited by that!

We began to feel excited when we woke up at 7.30 am and got dressed in our own clothes on Friday 11 May. We felt full of energy for the day ahead.

At 9.30 am we were all gathered in the Jubilee Hall where Year 9 girls from St. Margaret's school soon joined us. The engineers set the scene by describing the situation the people of Honduras were in after Hurricane Mitch in 1998. They then rang each other from opposite sides of the hall with their mobile phones to arrange for girls of both schools to be civil engineers to help the affected area. This was a good way of helping us feel we were actually in the situation. We were then split up into teams as this was going to be a competition. As part of one of the exercises we had to decide which were the most important things that someone in a disaster like Hurricane Mitch would need. We guessed many things but got some wrong - the most important would be clean water, sanitation, shelter, medication and food. We also had to decide where to put a relief campsite on a map we were given and then give a group presentation on the reasons for our choice.

It was then time for lunch. This was provided by the Royal Marines and was the kind of food they might provide after a disaster. It was boil in the bag type but we had things like curry, chicken casserole and rice, sausages and beans and chocolate pudding. It was actually quite nice and it would have been fantastic if you'd just been in a hurricane. We sat in the sunshine talking about what the afternoon would bring.

The afternoon was the most enjoyable part of the day. We were given about forty minutes either to build a shelter out of bamboo canes and plastic sheeting or make a water channel out of plastic guttering, avoiding the marsh and the mountains. We had to do this as economically as possible and as quickly as we could. They were then put to the ultimate test (water!) and we were given marks on our designs.



Overall a team from St. Margaret's was the winner but we all decided that we had had a very enjoyable and educational day. It gave us information about a hurricane and about civil engineering, and also gave us the opportunity to practise skills like teamwork and giving a presentation.

D. Perry, R. Tierney, Z. Swift, N. Higgins, C. Ryan - Year 9

Bend Ze Kneez..... The Ski Trip

In the February half-term a party of Years 6 to 9, accompanied by Mrs Dinsdale and Miss Evans, spent a week's skiing holiday at Avoriaz in the French Alps.

After a 24-hour coach journey we arrived at the typically alpine hotel just before lunch. The lady owner gave us a hostile reception, obviously believing the worst rumours about English school party vandalism. She was soon to be pleasantly surprised if not embarrassed when our young party behaved in such a polite and mature way all week, a fact remarked on by other hotel guests.

The snow was good and the skies were blue as we embarked on our first day's skiing. Everyone made remarkable progress and soon we were all exploring the huge range of slopes available. The ski instructors were fun, even Annie who could be rather strict (Ronnie!)

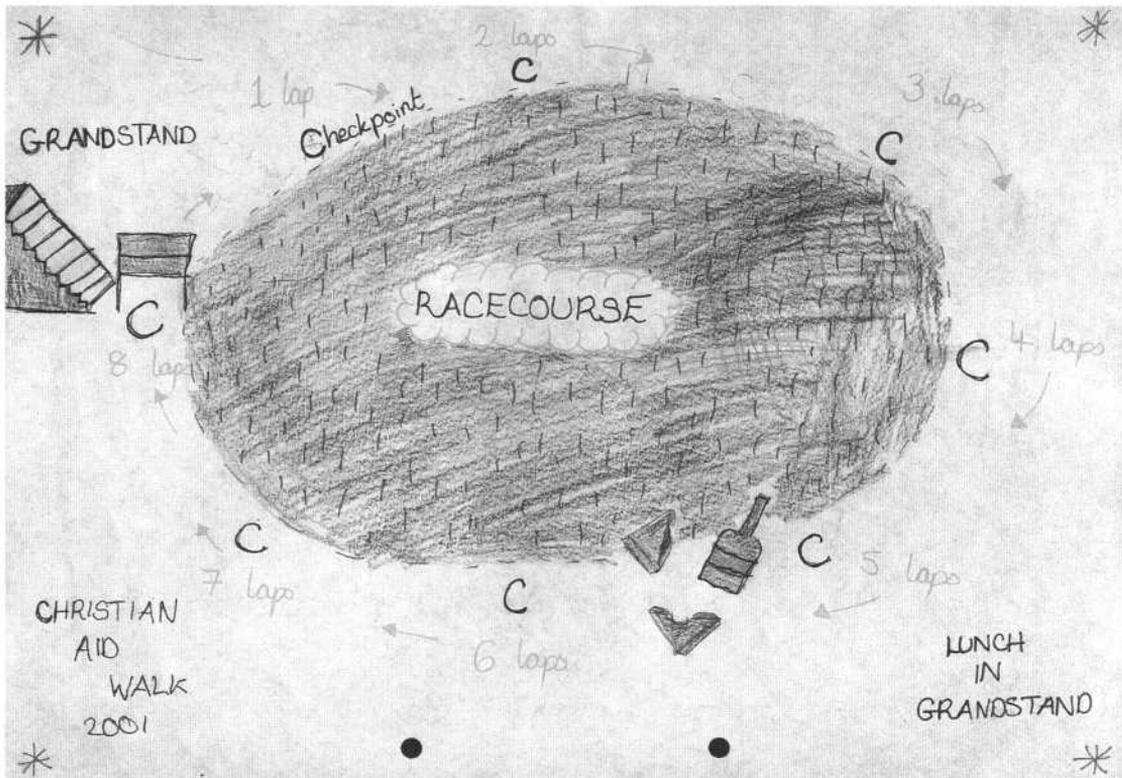
It would be impossible to mention all the events but they included a riotous games evening, watching ice hockey in Morzine, Helen's sparkling birthday cake, watching a torch-lit descent at night, ice-skating and sledging. The food was excellent - real French cuisine, and most girls tried everything. Although it snowed on the final two days spirits were not dampened and we all skied together on the last afternoon, stopping at a mountain chalet restaurant for a 'chocolate chaud'. Nobody wanted to go home and we had enjoyed a wonderful week. Many thanks to Mrs. Dinsdale for all the help and fun.



Ten Mile Christian Aid Walk

The sponsored walk took place on Saturday 5th May on Newton Abbot racecourse. The walk is held annually to raise money for various charities and this year it raised money for fishermen and farmers in Mali, Africa. It was a perfect day for a walk as it was warm and sunny.

At the racecourse the swarm of people with their friends filled the stands that would normally be filled with spectators watching horses or dogs race. It was important to get as many sponsors as possible. Each walker had their own logbook, which is where walkers wrote their sponsor's details and how much they would owe.



Altogether we had to complete eight laps of the course to make up the ten miles. We queued up to be checked in and listened to the organiser who told us what to do. The events of the day were "walking, lunch, walking, home"! At 10.15am we started and just walked along talking (or gossiping!) It was boiling hot and there were hardly any clouds in the sky.

We Stover girls started off at a brisk walk or jog, but that didn't last long. After each lap our logbooks were stamped at the checkpoints. On the second lap three of us decided to jog ahead, stopping only for sweets and water. After five laps we stopped for lunch. In the afternoon we walked slowly as by then we were getting tired but we managed a final sprint for the finish at the eighth lap. At the end of the walk most people were perfect imitations of Zombies! We all completed the walk (some faster than others) and although we said "never again" I expect we will all be back there next year!

By Yasmin Millin (Year6)

Laura Nicolson (Year7)

Hannah Walsh (Year 7)

Stover Art Competition

This is a competition that is open to all girls at Stover School from the Nursery right up to the sixth form.

There are four categories:

Nursery

Junior Years 2-5

Middle Years 6-9

Senior Years 10-13

Each category has a winner and two runners up. Well-known local artist David Lawrence, our very own artist Mr Dunbar and Mrs Bujak judged the artwork.

This year's theme was Landscape and Nature. Shown below is a piece of work by Rebekah Guthrie, a winner from Year 9

The winners of each category received a cheque for £50 and art materials. Runners up were presented with a book token. The presentation of the prizes took place on Speech Day back in October.



Winning picture by Rebekah Guthrie, Year 9

SPORTS REPORTS

Hockey

Under 12s

We had an excellent season and out of four matches against Coombeshead, Kevics, Wolborough and Bovey Tracey, we lost one game against Wolborough. The first match was against Coombeshead and the score was 4-0. The second match against Kevics was a 1-1 draw. Our third match was against Wolborough where we lost 2-0. The final match against Bovey Tracey saw a winning score of 4-1. The entire team has played well and composed Justine Richards, Summer Fergusson, Rose Ashby, Ceri Lloyd, Jasmine Holmes, Tabitha Cottrel, Lauren Higgin and Beatrice Scott.

Rose Ashby (captain)

Year 7

We have no doubt that the best team in the school is the year 7 hockey team! By winning six matches, loosing one and drawing the other we showed the opposition that Stover is the greatest at hockey. We have had an excellent term and even though it has usually been pouring down with rain we have had a brilliant time

Our team has involved many members of year 7 and yet despite our changes in formation and players we still proved that we are the best!

CF Georgina Palmer
RF Hannah Walsh
LF Sarah Bagley, Katie Owen
CB Emma Wyatt-Haines, Christina Warn
LB/RB Emma Kearney, Bessie Salmon, Kate Kelsall, Alex Osborne, Kate Thompson, Rose Perry

We have played teams at home and away. Here are our results:

Plymouth College	4-1(A) lost
Coombeshead	0-3(H) won
Trinity	0-5 (H) won
Coombeshead	0-1(H) won
Bramdean	0-5 (H) won
Kevics	0-5 (A) won
Teign	1-3 (H) won
St Margarets	2-2 (A) drew

I am very glad I have been captain of such a wonderful team. All I have left to say is:

Three cheers for Stover
Hip hip hooray
Hip hip hooray
Hip hip hooray
And one for GOOD play
Hip hip hooray!
By Emma Wyatt-Haines

Under 13

This season the U13 hockey team has played very well winning 4 out of 5 matches played. The only team that managed to defeat us was Plymouth College. The score was 1-0. Our defence this year was very good and we only let 4 goals in. Both the attack and defence played to a high standard with Tessa Wigram, Kathryn Hendy and Tash Corner who scored 21 goals. Two other goals were scored by our defence, Sopic Ashby and Hannah MacDonald. Well done!

Natasha Corner was also selected for county Hockey trials at under 14 level.

Natasha Corner (Captain)

Under 14 and 15

After a tough season many of our matches had been cancelled due to poor weather conditions in the past few months. Unfortunately our first match was a bit of a battle, we lost 0-3 to Kingsbridge but we didn't let that get us down. We enjoyed some wins against South Dartmoor 3-0, and against Trinity 2-1. Trinity thought they had luck on their side but the tables turned in our favour. The game against Kevics was hard fought and although we lost in the second half the team really started to work together as a team. We have had a good season with some well-played matches.
Rebecca Stark

HOUSE POSITIONS

1st: Elizabeth
2nd: Mary
3rd: Victoria

Netball

Under 12 Netball

We have had a really good term. Despite the weather and cancellation of some matches, we have played well. We have won three matches, drawn twice and lost once. One of the matches that I enjoyed the most was playing against Bramdean School. They were a very good team and hard to beat. The final score was 10-10. We also won against Trinity, which was a very exciting match. The only match we lost was against Teign School, the score was 4-6. Our most recent match was against Kevics and we won 10-3. Overall we have played really well and have worked hard as a team. I feel privileged to have been captain of this team.

Christina Warn

Under 13s

This year the Under 13s have entered into the Plymouth League Netball Tournament. We have played well as a team and have won a lot of matches. We voted for the best players in each team we played. Our opposing teams did the same for us! It was nice to be voted a good player.

A really good experience for me has been playing for the West Devon County Development Squad which has been a great thing for me to do.

Tash Corner.

Under 14s

This term the team has played really well and has won 6 out of the 8 matches we have played. The games we lost were very close.

Our team has amazing shooters, Natalie Higgin, Sian Cox and Katie Brown. Our good defenders were Jenny Colley, Daisy Perry and Harriet Truman. Alice Hyland, Nicky Hiles and Zoe Swift fired accurate passes. What a team!

By Jordan Salmon

Under 15s

After an exciting but short Netball season the Under 15s scored successfully with most of their matches. Although we only played four matches due to bad weather and as well as the Foot and Mouth outbreak, the team spirit held high.

Our first match against St. Joseph's was sadly lost even though we were on home ground. The rest of the matches proved to bring out our true talent and we won our next three matches against Kelly College, Trinity School and Coombeshead. Our best result was against Trinity scoring 16-8, thanks to the brilliant work of our shooters.

Overall this season has been far from bad and with the same great team next year things should be even better.

Harriet Hamilton

Under 18s

The season didn't get off to a good start because we had never played as a team before. However after a few practice sessions we were entered into the Area Tournament. We successfully got through to represent South Devon having beaten Teign, Trinity and Maynards.

During the season we played Teign and St. Margarets, and beat them 18-4 and 21-9. We also played Kevics and drew 9-9. Unfortunately we did lose two matches against Trinity 8-22 and Kelly 13-29. However, the whole team played well and spirits remained high.

Alex Caddick

HOUSE POSITIONS

- 1st: Elizabeth
- 2nd: Victoria
- 3rd: Mary





Year 7, Area X-C champions!

Under 16 Area Tournament

The under 15 Netball squad started apprehensively warming up, worried that lack of practise due to it being our Hockey term would hinder our performance. Our first battle was against Brixham and the whole team came together to win 12-3. This gave us the confidence to take on our next opponents, Torquay Community College. We won by 13-4! We then faced Torquay Girls' Grammar and Kevics, winning both matches 6-3 and 9-6 respectively. Now we were through to the semi-final and unfortunately lost against South Dartmoor Community College 9-5. They proved to be a very tough team! The final outcome was that Stover came third over all.

Kirsty McDaide

Under 19 Area Tournament

The under 19 Netball team started off by playing in the area Netball tournament which was held at South Dartmoor Community College back in October. It was an eventful day with Stover playing in a total of five matches. We only lost one, which was to South Dartmoor! Three of the matches were won against Teign School, Kingsbridge and Trinity. We played so well throughout the day that we gained ourselves a place in the National Schools Tournament, which was again held at South Dartmoor Community College in November. We played some extremely tough matches but they were engaging. Unfortunately we didn't get through to the next round but everybody played exceptionally well. It was a good experience.

Rachel Storrs

Cross Country

Area Championships 2001

On Tuesday 9th January year 7,8 and 9 girls went to Forches Cross to run in the area cross-country Championships. Twelve girls from Stover competed, as did schools from all over South Devon. Stover's junior team was Zoe Swift, Natalie Higgin, Jordan Salmon, Kathryn Hendy, Michelle Spinks Wright and Harriet Truman. The Year 7 team consisted of Bessie Salmon, Rebecca McMaster, Alex Woodruff, Sarah Bagley, Vanessa Waldron, Hannah Walsh and Katie Owen in reserve.

The course was tiring and covered three fields and a wooded area. The course was about a mile and a half in length. Almost all Stover's competitors came in the top thirty and most in the first fifteen. Positions were as follows:

Year 9

Harriet Truman	4th
Jordan Salmon	6th
Catherine Hendy	8th
Zoe Swift	11th
Natalie Higgin	14th
Michelle Spinks-Wright	30th

Stover achieved 29 points and came first! Stover beat Torquay Girls Grammar and South Dartmoor Community College.

Year 7

Bessie Salmon	3rd
Sarah Bagley	4th
Rebecca McMaster	5th
Hannah Walsh	7th
Alex Woodruff	11th
Vanessa Waldron	33rd

Stover achieved 19 points and came first beating South Dartmoor and Kevics.

Harriet Truman

HOUSE POSITIONS

- 1st: Elizabeth
- 2nd: Victoria
- 3rd: Mary

Inter-House Gym and Dance Competition

Once again, much talent and energy was displayed at this event. Stover is lucky and proud to have some excellent gymnasts and dancers. Spectators enjoyed a feast of flips, jumps, vaults and handstands (to name but a few).

Some memorable highlights had to include some excellent dancing with Angel (pictured) doing a super and lively dance. Well done to all who participated.

HOUSE POSITIONS

- 1st: Mary
- 2nd: Victoria
- 3rd: Elizabeth



Angel struts her stuff



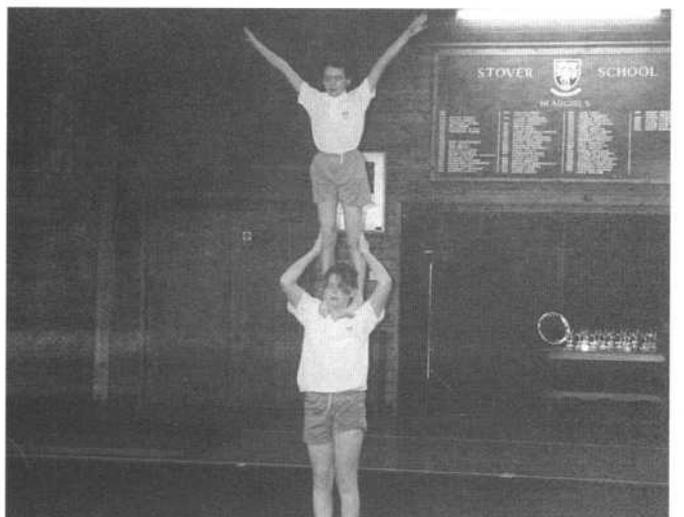
Gym and Dance winners



Mary House, the winners in formation



Doing it with ribbons, Mary House style



Lizzie House, pair

Tennis

Winners

Junior House Tennis

1 st	Lizzie House	58
2 nd	Mary	57
3 rd	Vicky	26

Junior doubles' winners

Beatrice Scott and Jordan Salmon
(Lizzie)

Senior House Tennis

1 st	Mary	67
2 nd	Lizzie	42
3 rd	Vicky	31

Senior Doubles' winners

Rachel Storrs and Bonnie Chivers
(Mary)

Junior Singles' Winner

Beatrice Scott

Senior Singles' Winner

Rachel Storrs

Most improved player

Natasha Corner

HOUSE POSITIONS

1st: Mary
2nd: Elizabeth
3rd: Victoria

Report

This season we have played many matches against a number of schools. These have included Maynards, Wolborough Hill, South Dartmoor, Stoodley Knowle and Trinity (to name but a few). Our successes are as follows (we don't mention the failures!). The Maynard School WON 4-2, Wolborough Hill School WON 5-1, Ivybridge School WON 4-2, Torquay Grammar WON 4-2.

A super day at Wimboldon was also enjoyed by some of the girls.

Tennis teams

11 and under HSBC

Sarah Bagley, Rosie Perry, Tabitha Cottrell, Hermione Williams-Copp. Res Ceri Lloyd and Chloe Collins

HSBC Year 8 and under

Beatrice Scott, Natasha Corner, Tessa Wigram, Joey Chu, Hannah Macdonald

HSBC Year 10 and under

Gemini Chan, Jordan Salmon, Natasha Oates, Daisy Perry, Lucy Hawkins-Adams. Res Rachel Bagley

Ist Team

Rachel Storrs, Caroline Exley, Gemini Chan, Beatrice Scott, Natasha Oates, Maria Glendenning

Athletics

English Schools Athletics Cup

On Monday 21st May a Junior and Senior team of girls from Stover went to compete in the English School's Athletics Cup. 12 girls were in the Junior team and 12 in the Senior. There were 11 events and we broke five school records

Harriet Truman in the **1500 metres**

Jenny Colley in the **discus**

Emma Wyatt-Haines in the **shot**

Rebecca McMaster in the **800 metres**

Bessie Salmon in the **1500 metres.**

The Juniors were competing against six other schools and the Seniors against five. They came second with 258 points! Esther Truman scored 28 points and so did Bessie Salmon.

Rebecca McMaster Year 7

School records

Several school records have been broken this year. They are as follows:

Track Events

100m S.Brynes, Year 10
13.3 seconds (13.7)

800m B.Salmon, Year 7
2.45 seconds (2.52)

L.Whitney Year 10
2.43 seconds (2.44)

1500m B.Salmon, Year 7

5.42 seconds (5.58)

H.Truman Year 9

5.31 seconds (5.34)

Field Events

Shot E.Wyatt-Haines Year 7
7.24m (7m)

Discus J.Colley Year 9
21.87m (19.35)

Area Athletics

On Monday 18th June the athletics team went to Exeter Arena to compete in the Area Athletics Competition. We spent the whole day at the arena taking part in all kinds of events including hurdles and triple jump. Our school did very well in both the Junior and Intermediate competitions. Special "well done's" go to the following:

Area Champions

Hannah Newey-**Junior Long Jump**

Bessie Salmon-**Junior 800m**

Natalie Higgin-**Intermediate 200.**

Lisa Whitney-**Intermediate 800m**

Second Place

Kathryn Hendy-**Junior 1500m**

Natasha Corner-**Junior High Jump**

Sarah Brynes, Zoe Swift, Jordan Salmon,
Natalie Higgin-**Intermediate relay**

Third place

Hannah Macdonald-**Junior Javelin**

Jenny Colley-**Intermediate Discus**

Sarah Brynes-**Intermediate 100m**



Area Athletics- High Jump

Rounders Roundup!

The under 14s

By Harriet Truman. Team Captain

It has been a good season for the Under 14s because we have won most of the matches we have played. We have played against schools such as Kelly College, Trinity and St Margaret's; and have won against Trinity and St Margaret's. All of the Rounders team have played consistently well throughout the term. The team includes Alice Hyland, Daisy Perry, Zoë Swift, Rachel Bagley, Jordan Salmon, Nicky Hiles, Chloe Bartlett, Jenny Colley, Natalie Higgin and myself!. Hopefully next year will see us play just as well.

The under 15s

By Lucy Nicholls. Team captain

The team has played extremely well this year especially Natasha Oates. Although we haven't won all our matches we certainly put a lot of effort in!

We have won games against Trinity School, 14,½-11½ , Brandean 13, ½ -1, ½ and Kevics 25, ½ -14, ½ . We have lost narrowly to St Margaret's 15, ½ -14, ½ and drew against Kelly College 15, ½ -15, ½ .

This season has been successful and I would like to thank everyone who played, they were great!

HOUSE POSITIONS

1st: Elizabeth

2nd: Mary and Victoria

Swimming

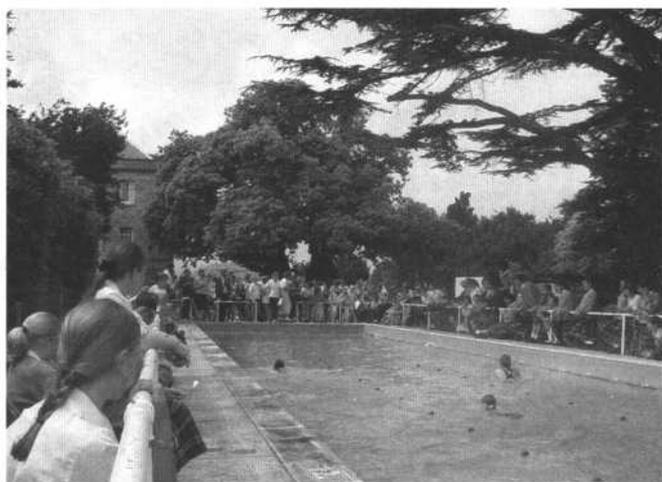
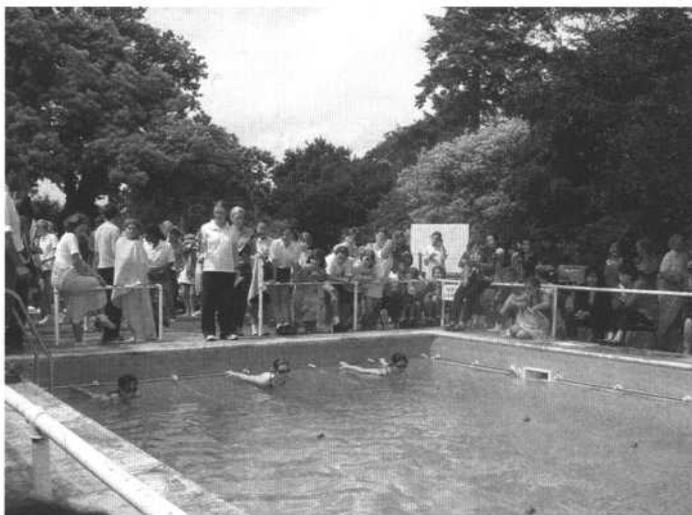
This year saw some excellent swimming by all those who took part. The winners of the Inter-House swimming is as follows:

HOUSE POSITIONS

1st: Victoria

2nd: Elizabeth

3rd: Mary



Stover Sports Day 2001



The Winners!

Sports Day took place on Saturday 16th June, and as usual it included many willing athletes, which created an enthusiastic atmosphere. Spirits were high due to the unexpected gorgeous weather and the numerous supportive parents, friends, staff and pupils cheering the competitors on. This clearly helped to encourage all the participants and there were many school records broken. These included the following:

Jenny Colley year 9 Intermediate discus with an amazing 21.6 metres

Sarah Byrnes Intermediate 100 metres with 13.27 seconds

Victoria House smashed the current record with an amazing 1 minute, 5.71 seconds in total.

At the end of the day everyone crowded around for the prize giving. The atmosphere was very tense, as everyone wanted to know who had won trophies and which house had won. Prizes were as follows:

Top junior athlete: Natasha Corner (Year 8)

Top Intermediate athlete: Natalie Higgin (Year 9)

Top senior athlete: Claire Lees (Year 12)

Fastest relay team: Mary House with a time of 1 minute and 2.62 seconds

Suspense grew as we waited to find out which house would win the trophy. The winning house turned out to be **Elizabeth House** again! It really was a great achievement as everyone in the house had tried so hard. I may be biased, as I am a Lizzie House member! However, I would really like to congratulate everyone who took part and made it all run so smoothly and successfully. In particular I would like to congratulate Mrs Dinsdale as this was her last Sports Day at Stover.

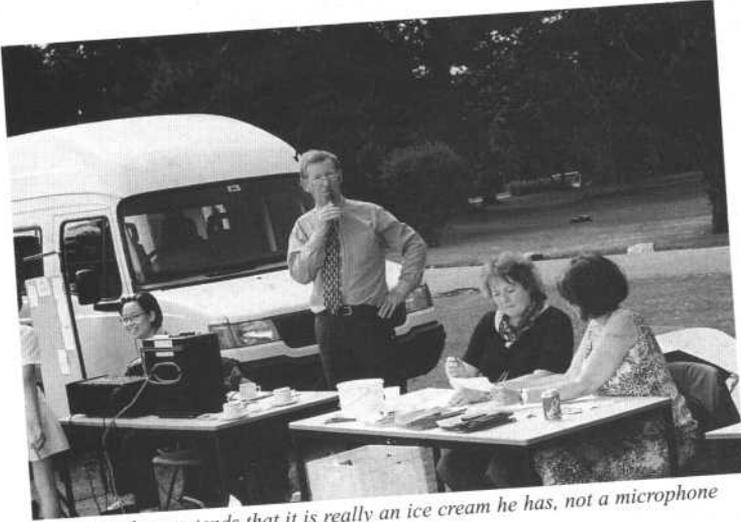
WINNERS

1st Elizabeth House

2nd and 3rd: Mary and Victoria Houses

By Natalie Higgin (Year 9)

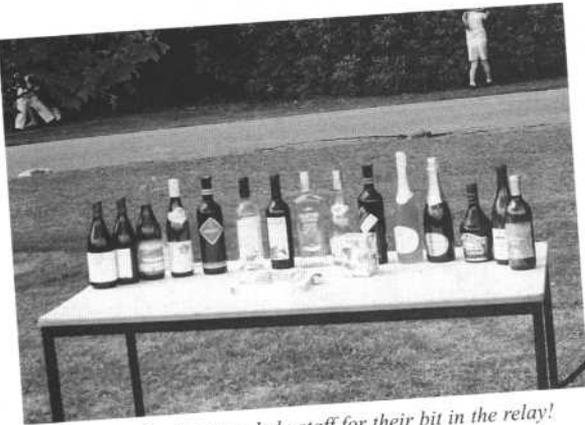
Images of Sports Day 2001



Mr Dunbar pretends that it is really an ice cream he has, not a microphone



Zoe Swift (Mary House) Long Jump



A little refreshment to help staff for their bit in the relay!



Come on Dads!



Bessie Salmon ups her pace in the 1500m



"Take the strain"



"And we're off"

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is ever popular at Stover. This year record numbers of girls have commenced the Award. The most popular and well-known feature is the Expedition section and especially the training. This also allows girls to prepare for the other big outdoor activity, which is the Ten Tors.

Autumn Term 2000.

So far we have had three weekend walks which were intended to test the girls' fitness and their outdoor suitability. The majority of girls have all come through this with flying colours.

Stover girls have introduced a new safety factor into their walking! It involves singing school songs at the top of their voices ensuring that anyone within five miles knows where they are.... It certainly seems to work!

Spring Term 2001

Unfortunately due to Foot and Mouth, Ten Tors was cancelled this year and there were severe restrictions on Duke of Edinburgh Expedition training as well.

Rugby

The Rugby Club is registered with the Rugby Football Union for women and it is included in their handbook.

Numbers for this season's training have been very encouraging. The girls have worked hard on their skills and have enjoyed the "bish-bosh" training in the mud!

A number of schools have contacted us for games which has allowed the standard to improve and the girls have put in some hard work. The overseas girls have worked particularly hard on their skills.

C. Brown

Mizuki Konno (Year 10) reports:

We have played our first Rugby match, against south Dartmoor School and won 21-7. The match was our first and everyone was quite nervous about it. Everyone did really well and a special mention must go to Lisa Whitney with her excellent tackling!

Lauren Higgin (Year 6) reports:

We had our first tournament in the Summer Term. We played really well. Rose Ashby, Ceri Lloyd and summer Ferguson made tries and I shouted "Tag". We made it to the Second round and came second. Overall we came third. It was hot and tiring but the whole team played well and were proud of their efforts. We were the only all-girls team!

A quick titter....

Two fleas are playing football in a saucer. Suddenly, one of the fleas hops onto the side of the saucer saying "this is no good. We're rubbish. We'll never be ready for next week". The other flea looks up and says, "What do you mean? We're having fun aren't we? Anyway, what's going on next week?". The other flea hesitates, sighs and finally says, "well, don't you know. We're playing in a cup"!!!!!!

“Try Me, Taste Me, Tempt Me”

Stover’s Young Enterprise Company for 2001

It did not take long for this year’s Young Enterprise group in the Lower Sixth to decide on what their product was to be this year – a Cook Book. The one thing that united them all was a passionate enjoyment of eating! Experience from other school encouraged them to believe that such a product would sell well, and once produced, the efforts of manufacture would be minimal. Having decided on a product, however, a name for the Company caused rather more difficulty. Some rather favoured the Jamie Oliver-style “Pukka –Tukka”, but when the company attended the inaugural Young Enterprise achievers meeting at Torquay Boys’ Grammar later in the autumn term, the name “Try Me, Taste Me, Tempt Me” was picked out by the South Devon Development Manager as being the most inspired title there, and so the choice was made!

Having decided on a title and a product, the next step was to collect recipes. Requests were sent out to all Stover parents and staff asking for their favourite recipes, and the Company was very grateful indeed for all those who responded. Recipes were divided into Starters, Salads, Main Courses, Puddings and Drinks, and work began on getting them all typed up in the same format. The difficulty of how the book was actually to be produced and bound was finally resolved by the decision to home produce the interior pages, whilst local publishers Abbey Printers agreed to produce the front and back cover and dividing pages.

The Newton Abbot Victorian Christmas Fair provides an excellent opportunity to sell Young Enterprise goods, and so the rush was on to meet the deadline of early December for finished article! Constanze Langlotz and Claire Lees certainly did their share of burning midnight oil manning the school printers, the Company paying the school for all items used in a thoroughly business like manner. All members of the Company dressed up in Victorian-style costume for the event, and they and the stall itself were rewarded with second prize as best decorated trade stand. Everyone was pleased with the number of books sold in the run up to Christmas, and it made all the hard work and headaches involved in the early stages of production worthwhile.

The Spring Term events were tragically affected by the foot and mouth crisis, which meant that the usual trade fair, scheduled to be held at Paignton Zoo had to be cancelled. Preparations were then in full swing for the South Devon Area Presentations.

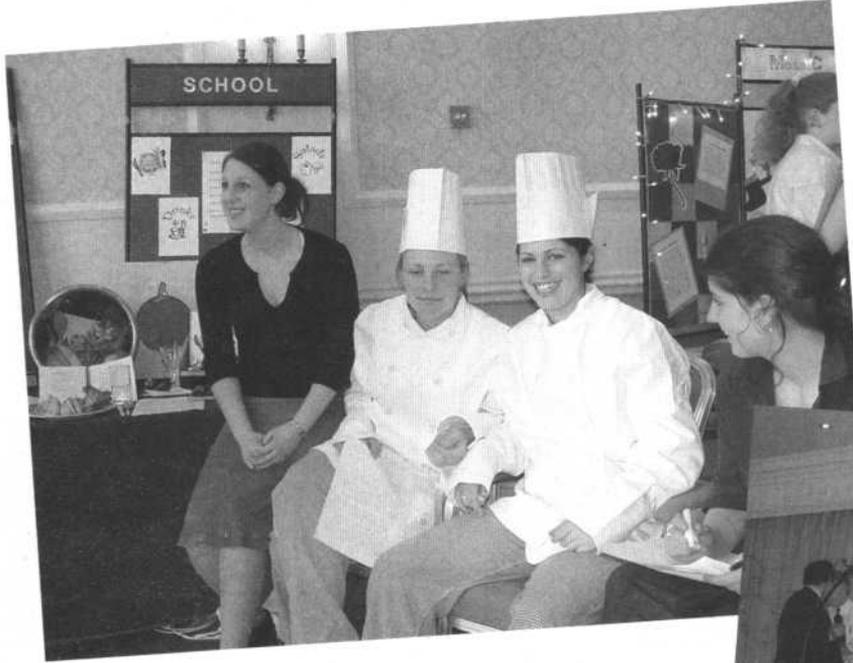
It was decided to model the presentation on the popular T.V. programme “Ready, Steady, Cook”, with ingredients like teamwork and meeting deadlines producing the winning recipe. Sarah Denham, as Managing Director, was due to compare the Show, but ill health meant that Constanze Langlotz had to step in at the last minute. The presentation went down extremely well, as did Rebecca Moloney’s confident answering of judges’ questions at the trade stand. Everyone was excited and amazed when the Judges finally announced that “Try Me, Taste Me, Tempt Me” were the South Devon winners!

Winning the South Devon round meant that the team now proceeded to the Devon finals, which were held, like the first round, at the Imperial Hotel, Torquay. The team followed the same format for their presentation, Abby Harding and Alex Caddick playing the parts of the hapless cooks, wearing uniforms kindly donated by Simon Kiddy, the school chef, who also stood as an advisor to the Company. In the end, the judges were

torn between Stover and the company from Colyton Grammar School, representing East Devon, which was the eventual winners.

To have come second place in Devon from all the Young Enterprise companies in the county really was a tremendous achievement, and one of which every member of the team should be justifiably proud. As a crowning achievement, every girl passed the Young Enterprise Achievers examinations, many of them being rewarded with credits, and Libby Chivers gaining a Distinction. Thanks are due to the two advisors, Simon Kiddy, and John Pickup (formerly of W.B.B.), who was an enormous support.

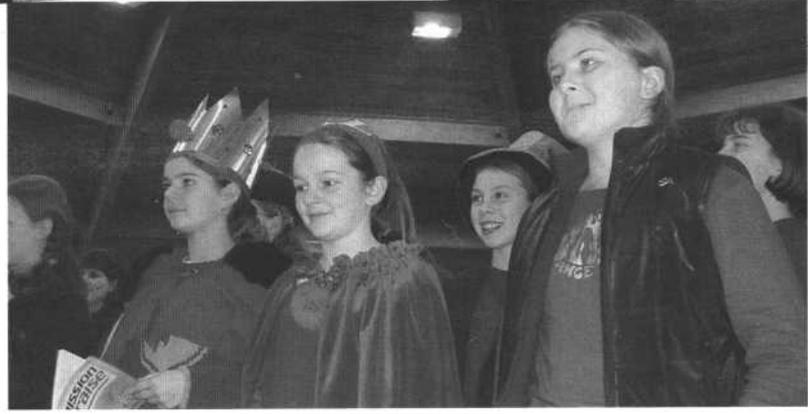
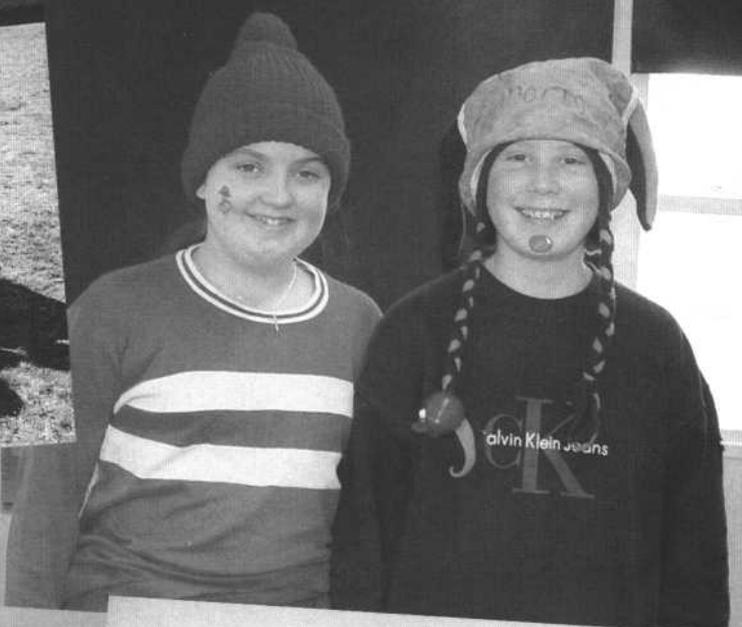
Well done, girls!



RED NOSE DAY

*On March 16th the whole school enjoyed Red Nose Day. The aim of the day was to raise lots of money for charity and to have a good time in the process! The girls and staff did enjoy themselves as these photographs prove. A grand total of **£1,263** was raised. Not bad for one afternoon's work and fun!*





Poets' Corner

The Stream

Filtching at the time-worn bystanders,
 Yet dregged in the riches of the multitudinous
 skies,
 Rippling and resounding from its parallel
 pillars.
 Bereft of all purpose, yet silkily gliding upon a
 Jewelled byroad,
 Until it stumbles into the raging torrent.

The darkling expanse, laden with peril,
 Churning and gurgling, the tameless abyss
 In a caldron of torment, the hellish broth
 A Cacophony of seething foam,
 Raging and writhing to its death on the ocean

By Katie Webber Year 10



The Waves

They roar and rage o'er rugged rock.
 White horses race against the clock.
 Lunging forward, almighty surge,
 And greater, thundering beasts emerge.

Jerking and jolting, a hammer of hooves,
 The slinging of salt, with such vigour each
 moves.

But the fearless factories of frothy foam,
 Having reached the shore, are drawn in and
 dragged home.

By Emma Higgin



Waves

Balmy waves; soothing lap;
 Breathing calm; out and back;
 Wheezing cough; murmur and shout;
 Heaving shore; in and out.

A whistle of wind, a shuffle of stones,
 Chinking to clapping, whispers top groans,
 Hurls of heavy smack and whirls-whip,
 Booming lurches gag, clutch and rip.

Calm down. Slow down.
 Tumble up. Roll shinkle down.
 Clusters of bubbles shimmer about;
 Tired of breathing; in and out

By Georgia Robinson



The Ballad of Bottom's Dream

It was a summer's evening
 Into the woods we went
 To practise our play for Athens's great Duke,
 For stardom I knew I was meant.

I scampered into the undergrowth
 To wait for my next cue.
 I saw an apparition
 And asked it "who are you?"

I felt my ears grow longer
 And my teeth stick out.
 My face felt rather hairy.
 I thought without a doubt

That I had been remodeled,
 But into what I had no clue.
 When I came out my friends had gone,
 What was I to do?

I thought to keep my spirits up
 I'd sing a little ditty,
 I knew rescue would not be long,
 And made it pretty witty.

Suddenly in front of me
 Appeared a lovely beast.
 She was dressed like a dove:
 Not scary in the least.

She has golden flowing hair
 Right down to her knees,
 And all her body was adorned
 With butterflies and bees.

She had sweet eyes and lily lips,
 Hands as smooth as silk,
 With cherry nose and cowslip cheeks
 And skin as pale as milk.

Then she glided up to me
 And grabbed me by the collar,
 "You are my eternal love,
 I love thee" she did holler.

She treated me right well, she did,
 And bought me servants four.
 O the things I felt and heard
 Tasted smelt and saw.

She led me to her bower,
 My tongue was in a know,
 She caressed my silky ears
 And laid me in a cot.

She sang a soothing lullaby
 That floated through the air.
 She kissed me on the nose and cheeks
 And treated me with care.

I dreamed for all my life
 Of something half as good
 When I woke up it was a shock
 To find me in a wood.

So as my story nears it's end
 With this perfect dame
 The greatest truth I will unfold:
 I was born for fame.



By Kathryn Hendy and Keishia Taylor, Year 8

Our Moldovan Link Update



During the Spring Term 2000 Mr Scudder, from "Christian Response to Eastern Europe" suggested that some of our girls might like to correspond with students from School Number 20 in Chrisinau, Moldova.

On two occasions Mr Scudder came to Stover to present the country to the whole school. He showed us pictures and many slides describing the very poor conditions of life in the country, particularly in the winter. The director, Tatiana Naguibeda, wrote to us and several other teaching staff from the school.

Some of our girls are writing to pupils at School Number 20. They are Emily Ettridge, Floey Bennett, Lizzie Turner, Claire Snowden and Katie Webber. English is used, as the common language but also French which is an important language in Moldova.

School 20 have sent us some photos and newspaper cuttings after they celebrated the school's 55th Anniversary. The school has become large and successful with 1126 pupils, 40 forms and 70 teachers.



Our thanks go to Alexandra Raileanu who translated articles into English and to Tetyana Klemenko who translated some of the Russian letters to us.

Apart from the pen friend links between the two schools, we also collect good second-hand clothes and English books for My Scudder to take to Moldova on his regular trips there. Please continue to donate if you can-

Mdm Winston



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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON WITH YEAR 6...!



MRS BATTEN'S SURPRIZE PARTY



Year six go a travelling...

The end of the Summer Term saw a visit for Year Six to two places.

The first was the Norman Loker Observatory at Sidmouth; the photos show them looking at sunspots (electromagnetic storms on the sun's surface, which may have a significant effect on the Earth's climate). We also saw a display in the Planetarium of the stars and planets visible from Devon.



The second visit was to the Donkey Sanctuary; as is clear from the photos, it was hard to separate girls and donkeys at the end of our visit. Expect demands for money to support the work of the sanctuary next term....and for donkeys!

Mrs Bamberg



"A Midsummer Night's Dream" (or "Tiaras Boom Today!")

June 2001



This year's school play was a departure from the "whole school" revue-style productions of recent years. It was decided to offer the girls the opportunity of creating a new interpretation of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Of course, the most significant challenge lay in the language itself - long lines of sixteenth century verse and prose to learn and deliver with clarity, confidence and a sense of character. This is all rather different to LAMDA exams, as our actresses were expected, at various moments, to climb ladders, scoot on a micro-scooter and wriggle commando-style across the stage, sustaining their character at all times!

After initial casting problems, we finally embarked upon rehearsals. June seemed such a long, long way away on those winter evenings in Room 9 when we first began to shape the scenes and yet after the Easter holidays the production dates loomed with alarming alacrity. The commitment required to produce a piece of drama "fit for public consumption" is considerable ...every week after school; two Sunday rehearsals and then the concentrated efforts of the last week. The dress rehearsal was, to say the least, shambolic - but in true thespian tradition, it galvanised every member of the cast into action. Our performance to local primary schools on the following day showed just how much thirty odd people can improve, given the motivating emotions of determination and terror!

Our cast was youthful: girls took main parts in Years 7,8,9 and 10 because the pressure of A/S levels precluded the usual Year 12 contribution (apart from Lizzie!). Years 6 and 7 provided our little team of Celtic dancers, organised by Mrs Coyne-Stacey. Because all the parts are integral to the success of the play, it is difficult to single out individual performances but certain girls deserve special congratulation: Emily Monk provided us with an original and hilarious Bottom, who delivered her lines with intelligence and excellent comic timing. Alice Hyland was a superb Titania, combining grace, beauty and passion in a charismatic performance; Alexia Mills, behind her "shades" and bandanna, was an enigmatic and clear-voiced Puck, well-balanced against Laura Woodham's strident and "cool"

leather-clad Oberon. The four lovers acquitted themselves well: Lucy Nicholls provided us with an enthusiastic Lysander, dashing around with the sort of speed an RSC actor would envy! Esther Truman found a comic side to Demetrius' desperation - frantically calling for help on her mobile phone in the middle of the lovers "quarrel scene". Gemma Bishop's portrayal of Helena was beautifully controlled, both vocally and physically, and Becky Yates provided a good contrast as the vertically challenged and feisty Hermia.



There is an old maxim advising "never act with children or animals". Well, Daisy did steal the show, especially on the Tuesday night when, clad in her special silvery costume, she slipped her lead, escaped from Moonshine (a startled Caitlin Theobald) and headed off into the orchestra! Daisy wasn't so sure about the Lion

(Lucinda Thompson) either, giving her some very Old Fashioned Looks in each performance.

Mrs Rolls and I had great fun dreaming up the set. As the Jubilee Hall was in use for the Ball on the Saturday, we only had a day in which to create our forest, but with the help of flashing fairy lights; a rustic arbour; Mrs Juxon-Keen's hops, logs and greenery, a lavish pedestal flower arrangement and a collection of assorted stars and moon duvet covers and sleeping bags we managed it! The use of levels



is often very effective in drama, so we came up with the idea of giant ladders, suitably decorated with ivy and copper beech from the grounds of Stover. The fairies looked wonderful perched up on high, although they were heard to complain loudly about the hard seating arrangements. The atmosphere was made very special by the work of the technical crew from Coombeshead College. Initially the lads were disappointed to hear that virtually all the action was in the same place - the Forest! They perked up, however, when I started asking for special effects, so eventually we managed a forest with smoke, mirror ball, flashing lights, strobe lights, owl hoots and bird song!

The girls were responsible for providing their own costumes. Special thanks goes to the mums of the fairies, who gallantly searched for wings and tiaras and made suitable skirts. The colour-co-ordination they all achieved was quite remarkable! Oberon's henchmen were equally inventive, scouring charity shops for dark suits and red ties. Our "piece de resistance" was surely the acquisition of fabulous wings for Titania and Oberon, courtesy of Mr Juxon-Keen's sharp eyes in Warwick!

Our production was enhanced by the inclusion of skilful and tuneful musicians and singers.

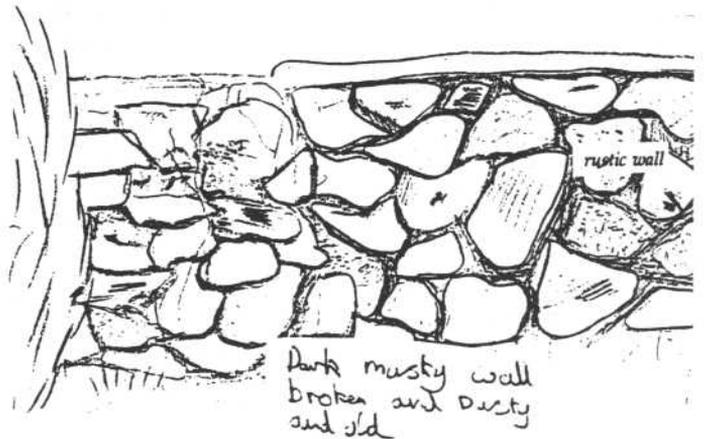
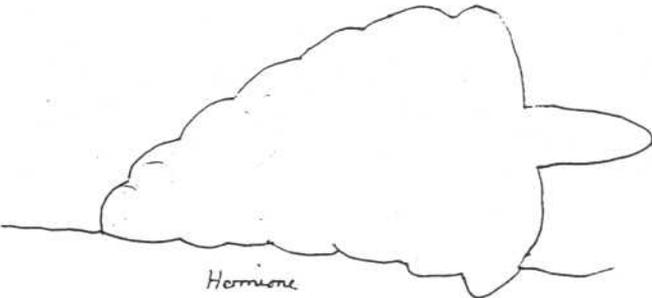
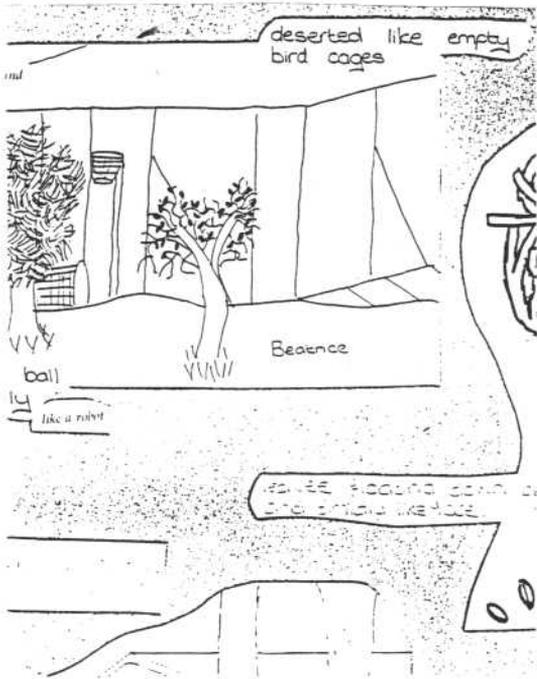
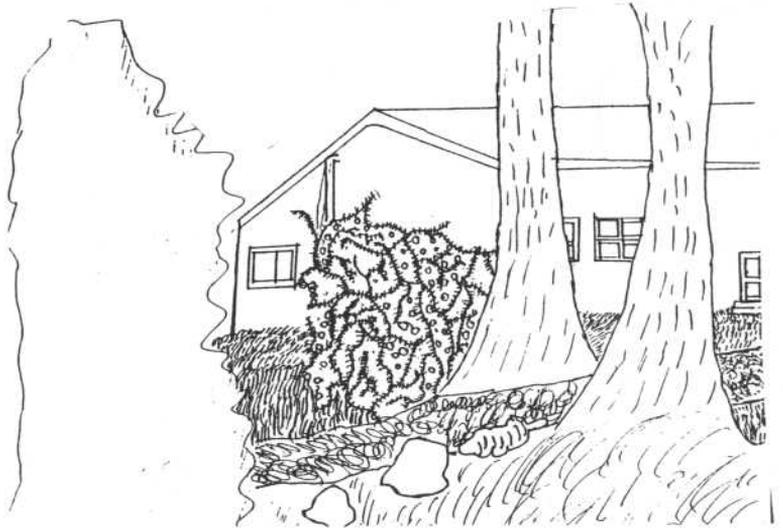
"Thank you" seems a rather inadequate word to say to Mrs Farleigh, who listened kindly to my ramblings about Celtic music and provided the most delightful and appropriate reels, jigs, airs and stately tunes to suit every single scene change. The professionalism of the orchestra was much admired. It is always fun to set Shakespeare's songs to new music and again Mrs Farleigh composed an unforgettable new version of "Ye Spotted Snakes" and arranged the traditional "Salley Gardens" melody for three part voices to fit the words of Oberon's final speech. This finale was quite magical amidst the glimmering lanterns and swirling mirror ball.

Thank you to everybody who helped to make this such a memorable show, whether you acted in it, danced in it, helped backstage or manned a door. And surely we will all now turn back to our copies of the play, searching in vain for that vital stage direction: Enter Belly Dancer ... did we dream it, or not?



Just bring along your imagination...

In English lessons year 6 and 7 spent some time staring out of the windows of their classroom so that they could let their imagination start to work. Here are some drawings of their results.



STOVER OLD GIRL'S ASSOCIATION 26th June 2001

COMMITTEE

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	Mrs. Melian Kearney (Pappin)	

Greetings once again everyone - on behalf of the Committee may I thank you for your continued support and trust that you are all well.

We have had a less hectic year this year, after last year's busy fund raising for the Memorial Building Appeal, which was very successful and culminated in a royal opening by Princess Anne. Unfortunately not the usual Stover weather, as it was blowing a gale and pouring with rain all day. However the weather did not deter guests, including those of us from SOGA and including one member - Angela Read - who drove all the way down and back the same day from London - albeit getting her car stuck in the mud when parking at the end of the swimming pool!

At the AGM on June 16th -

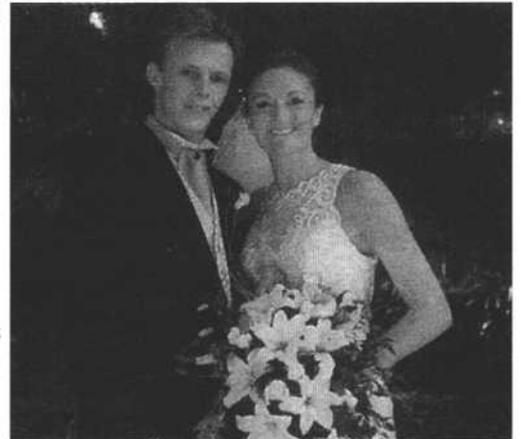
We had a few changes to vote on to the committee with Kate Howard stepping down as Chairman and Sally Lean as Treasurer. Both have done sterling work for a long spell in their positions and deserve their break. Numbers were low for the AGM, but we were able to vote in two good folk for the vacant positions. Patricia Parkin agreed to take the position of Chairman and Kate Reece agreed to take over the duties of Treasurer, both on the proviso that terms would be for three years only. Julie Fairbrother was elected to serve on the Committee in place of Melanie Benham who had unfortunately had to retire. I am sure that Julie will be most supportive and helpful.

The London Reunion -

Plans for November 24th are going ahead well with numerous enquiries. By the time that you receive your copies of this magazine we may well have celebrated the occasion! However up to date details are as follows - As before the venue is to be the Naval & Military Club in St. James's Square, London with a buffet lunch at 1 p.m. . The Club proved a very popular venue two years ago, being well situated for shops, theatres and the underground.

By popular request this year's meal is to be a buffet in the hope that friends will find it easier to mix and chat more freely. We are being provided with a two-course meal including coffee.

Wine will be available and a cash bar will also be provided prior to lunch. Overnight accommodation is again available together with underground parking, provided that it is booked in advance.



Lisa Smart and Paul Rogers

Presentation-

At lunch after the AGM, Kate and Sally were both presented with cut glass vases engraved with the Stover crest by Rachel Evans on behalf of the SOGA committee members. Guests at the lunch included Stover's Head Master Mr. Philip Bujak and Mrs. Bujak, Deputy Head Mrs. Sue Bradley, Head of VI th Form Mrs. Margaret Batten, Head of the Junior School Mrs. Denise Williams, Head Girl Felicity Harding and her Deputy Catherine Sulzmann.

Flowers were also sent to Kate and Sally at their homes afterwards.

Membership-

Continues to remain at approximately 250. Sadly those who renew their membership are few. New members leaving the school from the senior forms are almost 100 per cent and others do return to the fold after a gap, particularly after a reunion. However because of the rising cost of printing and postage, members agreed that membership charges should be increased from £5 to £6 per year by bank mandate. Alternatively from £15 to £18 for three years' membership. I do hope that this small increase will not deter you from rejoining. Your support is needed, it is lovely to make your acquaintance again and I do hope that you enjoy renewing friendships and reading the literature, which comes out from Stover.

University News-

Camilla Kwong (1999) - is reading Pharmacology at UCL, maintaining her art interest inspired at Stover by Mr. Dunbar and currently on a research chemist replacement.

Clare Cooper (1998) - now reading Sports Science at Cheltenham after spending her GAP year in Canada.

Sorrel Hughes - obtained a 2.1. in Marine Biology at Newcastle in 1998.

Anna Gledhill (1992-97) - reading Geography at Liverpool. Plans to go on a two-month exchange to Tanzania on

Lindsay White (1990-96) - reading B.Sc. Animal Science at Newcastle. Lindsay is spending the summer in Borneo as part of 'Project Orangutan'.

Caroline Howell (Harris) - collected her B.Sc. (Hons) in Health Studies from Ely Cathedral last June. Owing to injuries sustained in an accident Caroline studies with Open University and hopes to study for a degree in Medical Science later.

Jacomina Wakeford - graduated from University of Wales Aberystwyth last July with a 2.1 (Hons) in Geography.

Alice Paxton - graduated from University of Warwick last summer with a 2.1. in English and American Literature. Alice is now studying for an MA in History by research.

Demelza Williams - also graduated last summer from University of Wales, Swansea with an 2.1 (Hons) in Ancient History & Civilization.

Rachel Evans - graduated from the Welsh College of Music Cardiff in July 1998 with second class honours in Music.

Tanya Strongman - (Head Girl 1997) - BSc. Honours Geography Class 2:2. St Mary's College, University of Durham.

Sarah Jane Archdale (1998) - graduated from University College of London with 2:1 (Hons) in Geography.

Births-

Kate and Mark Reece (Roberts) - 17.12.2000 - a daughter Ellena Kate.

Jennie and Tim Dodd (Shillabeer)- 13.04.2001 - a son Tom Anthony Shillabeer, brother for Toby.

Catherine and Stuart King(Paxton) - a son Angus Paxton, April 1999 and a daughter Molly Ann born in July 2000.



Rachel Evans

Marriages-

Lisa Smart to Paul Rogers at St. George's Church, Goodrington last year.

Alice Paxton to Stephen Evans, 2nd September, 2000.

Changes of Address

Fay Tribble- now 53 Elliott's way, Caversham, Reading. RG4 8BW.

Tiffany Evans- 4 Plymouth Avenue, Brondesbury, London. NW6 7TJ.

Sorrel Hughes- currently moving house so E-mail: sorrelhughes@hotmail.com.

Caryn Newman- moved from Peru now in the Netherlands but home address- "Woodlands", 3 Osbern Road, Paington, Devon. TQ8 1HN.

Sarah Cunich (Stamp)- C/o Dr. Peter Cunich, Dept. of History, University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong.

Jean Mackinnon- Grimmer (Mackinnon)- now 47 Goldfinch Drive, Nantucket, MA 02554, USA.

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Diana Browne (Oakley) 1953-59 - PO Box 21508, Umtentweni, 4235 KZN., South Africa.

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Victoria and Nicki Croke- 944 Winthrop Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, USA.

Penny Deighton-Gibson (Youle) - 15 The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 4HP.

Roxanne Oynes (Irani) - E-mail: finnoynes@hotmail.com

Anne Roberts (Fursdon) - 23 Lakeside Close, New Park, Bovey Tracey, Devon. TQ13 9FE.

Alison Dawes (Fleming) - C/o Mrs. Fleming, Lower Horner, Halwell, Nr. Totnes, Devon. TQ9 7LB.

Jennifer Bailey (Lean) - 4 Beechey Close, Denver, Downham Market, Norfolk. PE38 0DH.

Corinne Joy-Flat 2, Sunrise, Fort Road, St. Peter Port, Guernsey. GY1 1ZU.

Alice May (King) - Woodreaves, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon. EX17 4JH.

Janet Byrde (Rouse) - Stonefield, Kimmeridge, Wareham, Dorset.

Mary Johns (Huntley) - 38 Lark Rise, Mertlesham Heath, Ipswich. IP5 3SB.

Pippa Dunseath (Johnson) - The Priory, Clinton St.George, TA17 8SE.

Old Girls' News

Julie Fairbrother (Major) 1976 - Julie has been Headmistress of a prep school in Bristol since 1996. The school which has over 200 pupils aged 2-11 is set in a fine old Georgian Building on the Downs. Julie has three children aged 13, 11 and 7 and her husband works in Luxembourg. Julie keeps in touch with Penny Weeks (Atkins) Jo Halloran and Barbara McRink. Julie and Penny are godmother to each other's first born thus, she says, proving the Stover motto "Friends for Life".

Gene Smallridge (Walker) - has a daughter Ashleigh aged 8 and a son Jared who is 6. She is married to Shaun and now works for the National Farmer's Union in the Press Office in Exeter. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers her from Stover and hoping to attend the London reunion with Louise Winchester.

Jacomina Wakeford writes to tell us that her friend Alice Paxton married in September last year. Vicky Anning (we seem to have lost her!) also attended the wedding.

Sorrel Hughes- since leaving University Sorrel has worked in lab testing and research in molecular Biology. She and her partner Neil are planning to move to Bishopstoke in the near future. Sorrel still keeps in touch with Emma Taylor and also met Nicki (Pegg) - en route for Australia- and Claire- Louise King in a pub on New Years' Eve '98! Sorrel would also love to hear from anyone who remembers her, particularly boarders, and hopes to meet up with many at the November reunion.

E-mail listed under addresses.

Tiffany Evans - writes that she has taken the plunge and is now a full time freelance Arts Marketing Consultant with numerous well known dance companies on her books. Tiffany celebrated her big 'three-o' last summer with a helicopter trip to the Grand Canyon with champagne brunch! She is also learning golf and skiing.

Jean Scott - who has to be one of Stover's oldest pupils, having started in '32 has now decided to retire from SOGA. She gets news from her sister-in-law, Bunty Scott, and finds it impossible to attend meetings. We wish her well.

Penny Haddacks (Robertson) 1953-61 - After leaving Stover Penny returned to Canada after which time she trained at St. Thomas Hospital specializing in Theatres, becoming a Sister. Married to Paul, a naval officer, in 1970 and they have a son David who is 27. Passing Stover the other day brought old memories flooding back and she would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

Sarah Cunich (Stamp) - After visiting Stover whilst on leave Sarah's husband wrote to me to obtain membership of SOGA for her for a surprise Christmas present - wasn't that nice. He commented that although Sarah doesn't talk about her school days very much, as they were taking their daughter around the school and the grounds he realised that she did in fact have a great affection for the place. They were both impressed with the facilities which the school now offers and particularly surprised to discover students from Hong Kong studying at Stover.

Sarah Taylor 1996 is now working in marketing in Boston USA. Her e-mail is listed earlier.

Sophie Dunkerley - writes that she is working for Crowe Livestock Underwriting as assistant underwriter. Insuring every animal from farm animals to exotics with only 1-2% of business being in the UK. New address and e-mail listed earlier.

Clare Cooper - writes that she is still very busy (and successful) in the sports world. Last season she was selected for the England Students' Rugby Team playing scrum-half. Playing against the Army, Scotland and Wales, They won all three games. Clare was also University Women's team club captain, which she has to admit did put a strain on her studies! This summer she has been selected for the English High Performance Academies. Next season she hopes to play for the English Academy, one step up from English Students and one-step closer to the full England Squad. I am sure that you all wish her well. Clare is hoping to make the November reunion with as many of her Stover friends as she can muster- no scrums at the Club on that day though!

Kate Taylor - whom I met unexpectedly on Teignmouth sea front - has just returned from Thailand where she has spent seven months teaching English. Looking very sunburnt and attractive Kate is a professional lifeguard so you can swim safely there! Kate plans to return to University in the autumn.

Alison Dawes (Fleming) - is teaching at Tockington Manor School where Tessa Adams spent some happy years before joining the police.

Anne Roberts (Fursdon) - 1944 - 52 - is now living in Bovey - address listed earlier. Anne used to represent SOGA at Tennis against the school, the last time she remembers she partnered Barbara Farmer. Maybe we should resurrect the School versus Old Girls' Tennis match on Sports/AGM Day - any takers? Anne married a policeman in the RAF and has two stepdaughters and a son who was born in Malaysia in 1968. Also five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. And I thought that I was setting a precedent becoming a great grandmother this coming November!



Polly Vacher after touching down at Birmingham

Polly Vacher (Mary Anne King) - daughter of Gerald King, music teacher at Stover and Dartmouth Royal Naval College. Polly exploded in the national press recently becoming the first solo lady to circumnavigate the globe via Australia and the Pacific, also in the smallest plane, crossing seventeen countries and covering 29,000 miles. Travelling in a single engined Piper Dakota plane, Polly's purpose was to raise awareness of the Flying for the Disabled Charity. Polly has three mature sons and only took up flying seven years ago - AND SHE'S A MEMBER OF SOGA TOO!

Jane Howard and Clova Gladstone Head Girl and Deputy of 2000 are teaching English in Nepal as part of their GAP year.



Tessa Adams (Shillabeer) after graduation



Mr P. Bujak, Mrs W. Lunel, Miss C.A. Smith. SOGA luncheon, June 2000.



Sue Bradley, Brenda Morgan, Virginia Lyle, Sally Lean, Mary Pinhey. SOGA luncheon 2000.

Photographs - there should be included with this issue a photo of Polly Vacher; Tessa Adams after graduation; Miss Anne Smith, Mrs. Wendy Lunel and Mr. Philip Bujak at last year's AGM lunch, together with Sue Bradley, Mary Pinhey, Virginia Lee (Lyle), Sally Lean (Gray) and Brenda Morgan; Ashleigh and Jared Smallridge - daughter and son of Gene Walker; Lisa and Paul Rogers (Smart) and my newest grandson Tom!

Unfortunately photos of last year's lunch which included Heather Collinge mysteriously disappeared before getting printed last year!

Now if you haven't all dosed off ploughing through my epistle, may I wish you all a safe and happy year. I certainly look forward to meeting as many of you as can make it to the reunion in November.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Eileen Shillabeer
Secretary SOGA

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Lorna Deas	BSc	Marine Environment Science	Southampton Institute
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Caroline Exley	BSc	Health & Human Biology & Sport Rehabilitation	St Mary's
Felicity Harding	MSci	Geography	Bristol University
Petya Mintcheva	BSc	Economics	London School of Economics
Esther Rae	BA	English (QTS) Lower Primary	Bristol University West of England
Danielle Senior	BA	English Literature with Sociology	Kingston University
Catherine Sulzmann	BSc	Forensic Science & Criminology	Central Lancashire University
Dorothy Sulzmann	Art	Foundation Course	Bournemouth Arts Institute
Lisa Tulloch	BSc	Geography & Sport Science	St Mary's
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The End of the Summer Term

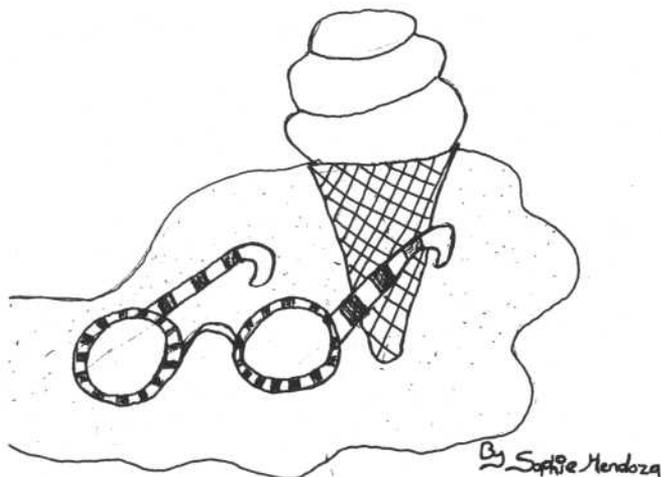
*Laughs and jokes are what you hear,
The locker rooms all tidy and clear,
The school gates are closed,
And won't be opened until next year!*

*Saying "good-byes" and feeling excited,
Phone numbers swapped and children.
Cars and buses on the portico
Excited pupils prepare to go.*

*Summer days stretch out forever, like empty spaces.
You're ready to go to luxurious places,
When you come back, you feel ready to face hard
Work and strain.
As the cycle starts all over again.
By Year 7*

*Lessons seem to make no sense,
You're gazing into outer space,
Wondering what the summer will bring.
Will it be hot or cold, sunny or dull?
Nobody knows.
The thought of basking on hot white sand
Is unbelievable.
When will the summer come.
Dozing silently off as the heat makes
You lazy,
The thought of cold lemonade and
Strawberry ice cream.*

*Coming home, no more tedious lessons
Or endless homework,
Wondering how much fun and laughter
There is to come
At last you can be free, away from
School,
It's time to do, as you like.
Will it be swimming, relaxing or
Riding your bike?
It's the start of the summer and
There's lots to do,
Before starting the autumn term,
All fresh and new.
By Stephanie Kent*



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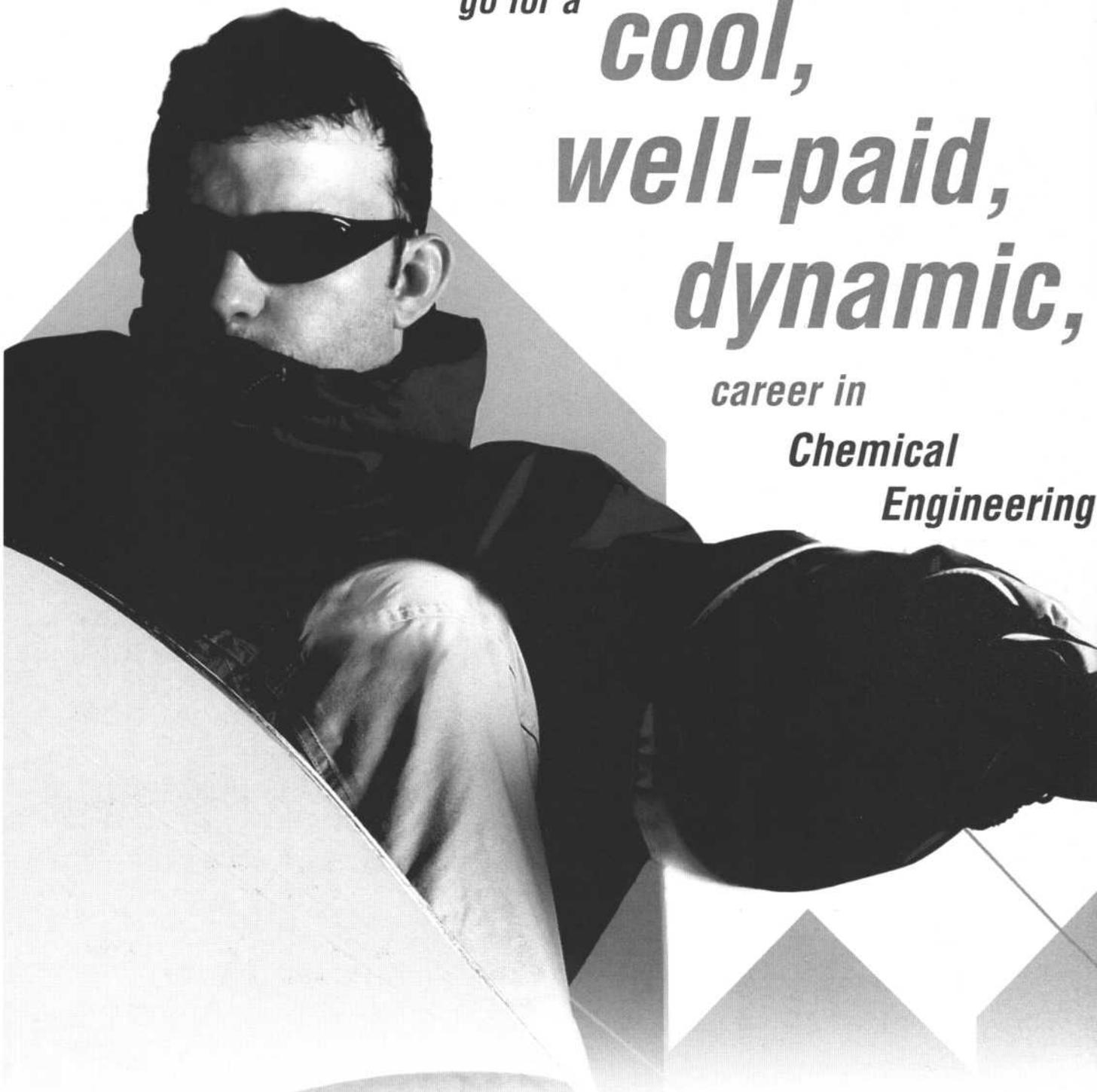
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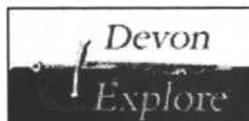


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