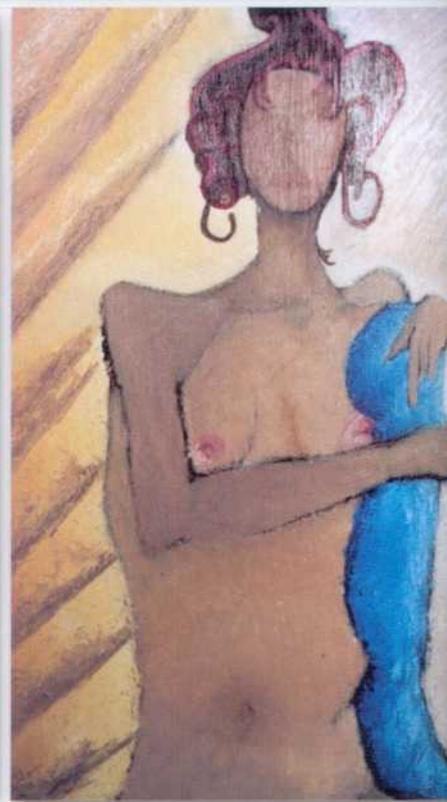




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Headmistresses

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Mrs D Williams BA (Hons), PGCE Exeter

Junior School Staff

Mrs H Gray	BA (Hons)	Plymouth & Exeter
Miss S Pannell	BA Ed (Hons)	Exeter
Miss M Gower	BEd	Plymouth
Mrs C Simmons	BA Ed (Hons)	Exeter
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Mrs L Smale	DipEd	Winchester

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Mrs E Peace	QTS BA (Hons)	Head of Nursery
Miss N Shute	NVO3	Nursery Assistant
Mrs L Sharrock	NVO3	Nursery Assistant
Mrs A Bujak	RGN	Nursery Assistant
Mrs G Thompson		

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Senior Housemistress	Mrs K Veal	BEd (Hons) Worc.College
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Assistant House Tutors	Miss Kuruppu & Miss Vanzella	

Chaplin

Reverend C. Knott BA

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School Secretary - Miss F White
Junior School Secretary - Mrs F Martin
Bursar - Mrs H Goodwin
Bursar's Assistant - Mrs M Barnard

Medical Department

School Medical Officer - Dr D Milburn MB BS
School Sister - Mrs A M Bujak RGN

Other

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Estate Manager - Mr M Clarkson, LCGI

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

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Miss F.R. Evans, Cert Ed
Mrs A Dyer, MA

From the Study Window

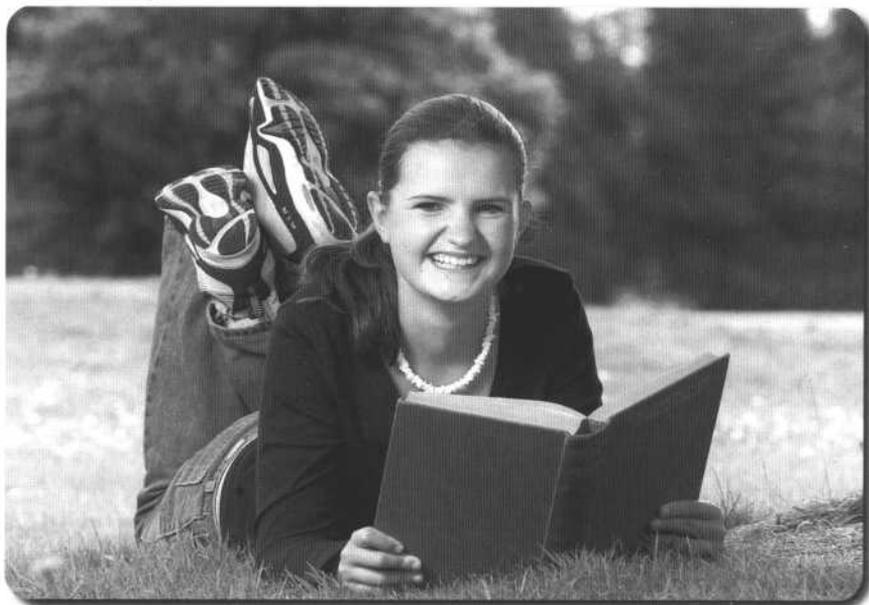


The past year has been as eventful, rewarding, challenging and successful as ever and as I reflect on the 2001-2002 academic year we have much to be proud of. We continue to develop our facilities apace mindful of the need to modernise and improve what we already have as well as look to new facilities to enhance our offering to all our pupils. Being a Grade II* listed site has its blessings as we work and play in such beautiful surroundings but we also have the responsibility of protecting the heritage of the grounds and buildings. Blending the two together is a difficult and challenging task but we are clearly succeeding.

New developments this year included the introduction of many new ICT facilities. We now have the ability for wireless lap top learning, more computer stations than ever before and we began another new phase of boarding refurbishments. We also welcomed 15 new boys into our Prep School - the start of an exciting new challenge for the school. On the horizon we look towards a further expansion of the Junior and Preparatory School together with the possibility of a new Science and Mathematics block on the horizon (near I hope!).

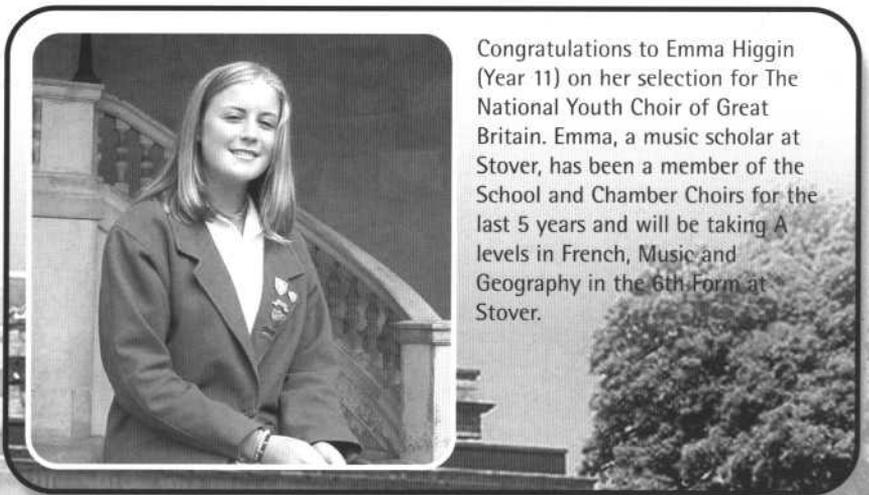
None of what our pupils achieve here would be possible without a combination of support and good communication between staff and parents as our pupils move through the school culminating in public examination success and university. Along the way we will have provided between us far more than just academic reward and the skills and experiences we provide here really do fit pupils for life after school. Central to what we do is to provide a happy and caring environment and that will continue to be my aim in the coming year at Stover.

Headmaster



Top candidate award for Katie

In the AQA GCSE English Literature Examination in 2002, Katie Webber was one of only five candidates in the UK to score out of 350 marks in her examination. Given that there were 52,000 candidates Katie was amazed at her award. Katie also achieved 10 grade A* or A passes in English, French, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, RE and Double Science.



Congratulations to Emma Higgin (Year 11) on her selection for The National Youth Choir of Great Britain. Emma, a music scholar at Stover, has been a member of the School and Chamber Choirs for the last 5 years and will be taking A levels in French, Music and Geography in the 6th Form at Stover.

Speech Day Awards

October 2001

MAJOR ACADEMIC ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Alice Cantell-Hynes	SJS
Kendelle Cooke	St Bernard's School
Sara-Jane Lee	King's School, Plymouth
Imogen Middleton	SJS

EXHIBITIONS

Jasmine Holmes	SJS
Hannah Partridge	SJS

ENTRANCE PRIZES

Jenna Brittan	SJS
Sarah Buxton	Diptford Primary School
Jennifer Wilson	St John's School Sidmouth

CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MUSIC

*Emma Higgin	Theory	Grade 5	Pass
	Singing	Grade 6	Merit
*Mandy Ho	Piano	Grade 5	Distinction
*Alice Hyland	Piano	Grade 5	Merit
	Cello	Grade 7	Distinction
Mizuki Konno	Piano	Grade 4	Distinction
*Clara Lau	Theory	Grade 5	Distinction
	Piano	Grade 7	Distinction
*Claire Ryan	Theory	Grade 5	Pass
*Keishia Taylor	Flute	Grade 4	Distinction
	Flute	Grade 5	Merit

*Girls with Grade 5 and above will be presented on Speech Day

MUSIC AWARDS

Instrumental Progress in the Junior School	Hannah Nicolson
Bairstow Cup for the pupil with the highest Associated Board Result	Alice Hyland
Redstone Cup for Junior Instrumental Progress	Claire Ryan
Wendy Insole Cup for Singing	Rachel Marsh
Patricia Cardale Cup for Instrumental Achievement	Lucy Webber
Sarah Bruce Cup for Service to School Music	Emma Higgin

ACHIEVEMENT & PROGRESS PRIZES

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Reception	Progress Prize	Abigail Caunter
Year 1	Achievement Prize	Charlotte Holyoak
	Progress Prize	Jemima Rogers
Year 2	Achievement Prize	Melanie Etherton
	Progress Prize	Harriet Rogers
Year 3	Achievement Prize	Emily Simpson
	Progress Prize	Corinne Goble
Year 4	Achievement Prizes	Nikita Higginson
	Progress Prizes	Emily Markow
		Ryasia Chambers
		Amy Weekes
Year 5	Achievement Prize	Jessica Sullivan
	Progress Prize	Sarah Baker

SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 6	Achievement Prizes	Rebecca Houdmont
	Progress Prizes	Hermione Williams-Copp
		Jasmine Holmes
		Lucy Norman
		Emma Kearney
		Alexia Mills
		Vanessa Waldron
		Hannah Walsh
		Lucy Webber
	Progress Prizes	Emma Wyatt-Haines
		Rebecca Liu
		Bethany Salmon
		Zoe Wrigley
Year 8	Achievement Prizes	Keishia Taylor
	Progress Prizes	Rebecca Yates
		Emily Emmott
		Emma Logie-Smith
Year 9	Achievement Prizes	Jennefer Colley
	Progress Prizes	Alice Hyland
		Helen Millman
		Jordan Salmon
		Veronica Tierney
Year 10	Achievement Prizes	Emily Monk
	Progress Prizes	Katie Webber
		Lisa Whitney
		Georgina Barraclough
		Florence Bennett
		Lucinda Hawkins-Adams
		Mizuki Konno
Year 11	Achievement Prizes	Emma Colley
	Progress Prizes	Katrina Corner
		Lucinda Weston
		Maria Glendinning
		Camilla Smallwood
		Polly Vogel

Speech Day Awards

October 2001

ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Laura Boyd-Coles	Grade 3	Distinction
Ryasia Chambers	Grade 2	Distinction
Laura Fletcher	Grade 2	Distinction
Megan Holmes	Grade 3	Distinction
Emily Simpson	Grade 1	Distinction
Amy Woodruff	Grade 1	Distinction
Ryasia Chambers	Winner of the Kings Care Summer Fayre Poster Competition	

SPORTS AWARDS

Junior School Sports Girl	Amy Wyatt-Haines
Junior Sports Girl	Natalie Higgin
Senior Sports Girl	Caroline Exley

SCHOOL AWARDS

Jameson Cup	Support for School Games	Caroline Exley
Drama Plate	Service to School Drama	Lucy Nicholls
Outstanding Performance in the School Production	Emily Monk	
Connell/Sandhurst Cup	Service to School	Constance Langlotz
Head Girl's Prize for 2000/2001	Felicity Harding	

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Art Competition	
Poetry Competition	
Abbey Printers Junior Art Prize	Lucinda Weston
Abbey Printers Senior Art Prize	Leyna Beasley
Newman Millennium Award	Claire Owen
Founders' Day Award 2001	Anna Gledhill Abigail Harding Lindsey White

DESTINATIONS OF YEAR 13 LEAVERS 2002

Lorna Deas	Southampton Institute	BSc (Hons) Marine Environmental Science
Emma Donaldson	Exeter College	HND Management
Caroline Exley	St Mary's College	BA (Hons) Health & Human Biology & Rehabilitation
Felicity Harding	University of Bristol	MSci Hons Geography
Petya Mintcheva	London School of Economics	BSc (Hons) Economics
Esther Rae	Bristol University of the West of England	BA (Hons) English (QTS) Lower Primary
Danielle Senior	Kingston University	BA (Hons) English Literature with Sociology
Catherine Sulzmann	Central Lancashire University	BSc (Hons) Forensic Science & Criminology
Dorothy Sulzmann	Bournemouth Arts Institute	Art Foundation Course
Lisa Tulloch	St Mary's College	BSc (Hons) Geography & Sport Science
Julia Wingate	University of Manchester	BA (Hons) English & American Studies
Lucie Wootton	St Catharine's College Cambridge	BSc (Hons) Natural Sciences



My time at Stover

by Rachel Storrs (Head Girl 2001/02)

It is not often that one awakes to a symphony of exotic sounds. For a glorious month this summer I did. A passing Tuk Tuk, (a motorised rickshaw), a tropical bird or the latest Thai pop-song blaring from a distant radio became my daily wake-up call. I was extremely fortunate to be spending my holiday travelling throughout Thailand and Malaysia.

It was only when I returned home, when I was reflecting on the past month, that I realised how well, over the last six years, Stover has prepared me for the outside world. Whilst I was walking down the round passage, I noticed a display featuring the journey of life. I thought to myself that it is our school days, which make up an important part of life's journey.

My journey through Stover began six years ago. The week leading up to the start saw my mum busy filling out the necessary forms and sewing nametapes on the mounds of green and grey uniform. And then, here I was, dressed in a hysterically over-sized uniform and staggering along like a snail, bent over an over-sized school bag trying to find my way through the maze of the timetable.

To some extent, setting off to Bangkok was similar. Yet again I was going out into the unknown. This time however, all the organising was down to me. I had filled in my forms, checked my kit, and labelled my rucksack. As I touched down on Thai soil, the intense heat and riot of noise engulfed me. I spent the first 24hrs cooped up in a 3rd class carriage - thankfully I was spared from the hens and goats. But this time setting out was quite an excitement and not a daunting experience.

Being open-minded, positive and being ready to make the most of all opportunities when they arise are just some of the qualities that Stover cultivates. Taking part in activities ranging from Stover Singers to the Junk Band, from the Netball team to 'Ten Tors', I know has benefited me in several ways. On the Parentian Islands on the East Coast of Malaysia, where we planned to stay for a couple of days, we found ourselves ending up in tents as all beach huts had been booked. As the dreaded tropical thunderstorm whipped around our rather saggy looking tent each night, all I had to do was to close my eyes and pretend that I was really cold. I could then believe that I was back on South Hessery training for the 'Ten Tors'. It was at these times that I learnt to

build on team work, co-operation, determination, stamina, leadership and I suppose most importantly, the ability to see the funny side in all situations - that is the numerous number of times, we found ourselves stuck in the famous Dartmoor bogs. Similarly in Thailand there were several opportunities that I felt I could not miss. These ranged from visiting the Buddhist temples, getting up at some unearthly hour to see the morning and floating markets, where many exquisite fruits were sampled, and lastly walking through the rainforests where I must add, I did keep a sharp eye out for the snakes and other creepy crawlies.

One of the joys of travelling is the never-ending uncertainty of how a new day will turn out. Some days, perhaps you wish you were back in the safety of your own culture, because everything seems to go wrong. For example, you find yourself spending two hours traipsing around in the immense heat looking for accommodation or you miss the only train of the day, and then you find that your camera has been stolen. But most of the days, you only wish that time wouldn't fly by so fast. In a funny sort of way, it is the same at Stover. You have days, where you just do not think you will get through; where you have endless amounts of coursework due in and constant nagging teachers asking where it is. Sound familiar? But then you have days, where everything seems to go right. You get in to the school hockey team, you get two house points in Geography for excellent work but most importantly you know you have a circle of friends around you that you who you can trust, laugh and share happy memories with. You know that at the end of the day they will be friends for life.

By the end of my four weeks in Thailand, I had grown to love the country. It is the same at Stover. Once in the VI Form you know the school like the back of your hand and you know that Stover has given you a strong foundation for the next stage in life's journey.

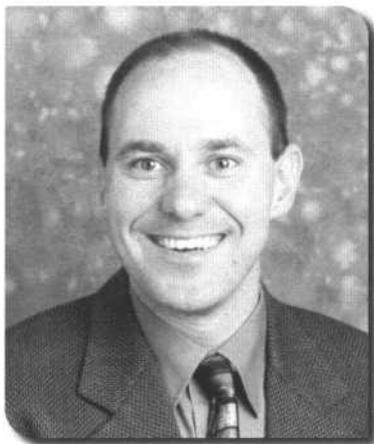


Salvete



Mrs Julie Fairbrother
BA (Hons); PGCE

Mrs Julie Fairbrother joined Stover as Head of the Junior Preparatory School in April 2002. For six years before joining Stover, Julie has been Head of Torwood House School in Bristol. She has also taught at Clifton High School. Julie has just completed an MA in Education Management and Administration. Her two daughters both attend Stover and her son is a boarder at Clifton College.



Mr Paul Barter
BA (Hons); PGCE

Mr Barter succeeded Miss King as Head of History in January 2002. He had previously taught at both Torquay Grammar School for Girls and Torquay Boys' Grammar School. He has introduced football to the school and alongside Colin Brown, coached the successful Ten Tors Team.



Mrs Amanda de Montjoie
MA; PGCE

To teach English, Drama and 'A' Level Media Studies, Stover welcomed Mrs Amanda de Montjoie in September, from Torquay Boys' Grammar School. Her interests include film making and sport, particularly hockey. Rumour has it that she was also seen football training with Year 8. Mrs de Montjoie has also been an important member of the 'Matchgirls' team as stage manager. She officially will succeed Mrs Batten as Head of the VI Form in September 2002.



Miss Alex Goodall
BSc; PGCE

Joining Stover from the University of Wales and Bath, Miss Goodall joined Stover in September to teach PE. Living at the school, she is also an integral member of the Boarding House team.



Mrs Judith Dobbyn

Mrs Dobbyn moved to Devon from London three years ago and was formerly a senior lecturer in Business Studies at Croydon Business School. Prior to moving into FE/HE, Judith was Head of Department in a large London Comprehensive School. By contrast, she finds Stover, like working in Paradise.

Valete

Christine Young



Christine Young joined Stover in 1977 to teach History throughout the school. Over the years she has been inspirational to countless girls, many of whom have gone on to study

History at university thanks to her boundless enthusiasm for the subject, and there are numerous Old Girls who still keep in touch with her. When she first arrived the staffroom was accommodated in what is now the school office, Christine soon ensured that it would have a homely feel with dogs sitting in front of the fire.

In addition to her responsibility for History, she guided many Young Enterprise teams to success, taught English and RE, and in more recent years organised the Library and helped put Stover on the map with considerable marketing skills.

Over the years she offered tireless assistance behind the scenes with school plays, always providing a haven of calm and efficiency. Indeed the only time she was responsible for chaos was when her dog Ben, starring in *Midsummer Night's Dream* in front of the portico, caused great embarrassment when, overcome by his hormones, he chased one of the Governor's bitches.

Her detailed research of the school's history led to a fascinating pamphlet exploring the Templar's vision for the Stover estate and the family's impact on the local area. She shared her passion for the environment and delight in the school grounds with many of the girls, acquainting herself with the names and habits of many of the species here. This continued further afield with Junior Ramblers, Youth Hostel trips to Cornwall and camping on Dartmoor. The success of the Country Fairs in 1995 and 1996 owed much to her involvement and the numerous dog shows she organised were tremendously popular, with her spaniels, Robbie and Tasha, generously escorting girls around the ring and providing them with rosettes.

Since leaving Stover, she has continued her environmental interests by helping to set up a local group for the Devon Wildlife Trust. We wish her every happiness and success with her new ventures.

Dave Topley



Dave Topley came to Stover in 1988 to teach Physics and Maths and became very rapidly one of the special people who define the nature of a school community. His enthusiasm and original,

"hands-on" approach single-handedly transformed Physics into a central part of the curriculum, capturing the imagination of generations of Stover girls, and inspiring many of them to continue studying it (or related subjects) beyond school.

Teaching in the room next door to the Physics Lab. was always amazing; we would hear discussion followed by the quiet hum of practical work, and then complete silence as the whole class went outside to measure the speed of sound (or the acceleration due to gravity, or something similar?). More talk, and then, quite often, an ear-splitting explosion and gales of laughter. I used to think "physics was never this exciting when I was at school"! He is a teacher who never forgets that education is about people, about thinking, and about having fun. To the wider life of the school Dave's contribution has been just as important.

He has been an invaluable supporter of the Friends of Stover over the years, helping to organize innumerable events. In fact, it is hard to imagine any school event without him: quiz nights, swimming galas, sports days, bonfire nights, school plays.....the list is endless. With Dave, out of school activities were exactly that, including scuba diving, car maintenance and, on numerous trips to the Ardeche, Salcombe and elsewhere, canoeing, windsurfing and other watersports. Dave's ability to relate to his pupils has made him an understanding, effective and popular form tutor, and colleagues and girls alike have come to rely on him for the unexpected comment, and for his unfailing ability to make us laugh.

We shall miss him very much. He leaves us to become Head of Science at St. Dunstan's School in Plymouth. We wish him all the very best there, and insist that he keeps in touch, anticipating many joint events, scientific and otherwise!

Margaret Batten



Margaret Batten joined Stover in September 1974 as a part time teacher of Mathematics. Over the next twenty-eight years Margaret became involved in every aspect of School life. She

became a full time teacher in 1984 and during that year was appointed to the position of Head of Mathematics. One of her major strengths and contribution was to alter the approach to the teaching and learning of Mathematics. She took away the fear and the "cannot do" aspect of the subject for many girls and this approach continues to this day. Large numbers of girls take Mathematics at A Level and many continue to study Mathematics at University. We even have a Mathematics club, an optional lunchtime activity for girls in the Senior School. In September 1995 Margaret was appointed as the Head of the Sixth Form.

She rose admirably to the many challenges and her wisdom and experience has guided girls successfully through this important stage of their education. She was always there to help both with their academic work as well as listening to their pastoral needs. She expected high standards from the girls and supported them. Margaret always displayed a calm, flexible approach to each situation and girls worked with her to achieve their aims. In September 2000 Margaret took on the additional demanding role of Director of Studies and has guided the School through all academic areas including a move to computerised grades and reports introduced for the first time last year. In addition to her huge commitments and responsibilities as a member of the Senior Management Team, Margaret has also been over the years involved in many activities. This started in the 1980s with teaching the Sixth Form to learn to drive in an 'old banger' along the road to Teigngrace, then to swimming club in Torquay, Newton Abbot and Finlake. Finally Margaret has been taking Golf Club and I know this is an interest she plans to develop during her retirement.

Although Margaret retired from her role as Director of Studies in July this year she has been back at Stover since September preparing for our whole School Inspection. Her tireless work, support, loyalty and commitment to the School over many years will be sorely missed. Governors, Headmaster, Staff and pupils all wish Margaret a very happy retirement, an improving golf handicap and every happiness in the future.

All around the houses

Elizabeth House Report

I feel extremely honoured to have been House Captain for the past year. So much has happened and it seems only yesterday that I was starting the final year of the VI Form and taking on the huge responsibility of being House Captain. I would like to think that the whole house could look back on the year with as much satisfaction as I can. We have had a good year. In the Autumn term, we elected to support Hope and Homes for Children. This charity commits itself to raising money for children in war torn countries with the aim to provide them with stable loving homes, a thing which we perhaps take for granted. In aid of the cause a 'Lizzy Day' was arranged. Each year group organised a different event and there were various stalls selling cakes and chocolate. The most rewarding aspect of the day was the way the whole house pulled together to raise the money for our cause.

Elizabeth House has also had a good involvement in the sports competitions. We much enjoyed competing against the other houses in the hockey and netball, as well as winning the Gym and Dance competition. The House came second at sports day and has shown a great sporting achievement, and with Elizabeth House it is truly the taking part that counts. I am delighted to say that Elizabeth House has been involved in sporting and charity events and has even managed to win the house point cup for two years.

As a house we have all participated in the house assemblies and I feel that we have worked together as a good team. For the past year we have shared many varied experiences, and I would like to thank all of the girls for trying their best and always supporting each other. But, also, the VI Form girls must be thanked because they play such a key role. Both the deputy, Abby and myself, have felt unwavering commitment from them, I wish Claire Owen, as the new House Captain, all good wishes. I am confident that she will fulfil her role with enthusiasm and dedication. I must not forget all the support from the teachers who have gracefully put up with me nagging them about doing the assemblies. I would particularly like to thank Mrs Cockell, our House Leader, who has supported and offered guidance, not just to me but to the whole house. So I say a sad good bye and hope Elizabeth has another great year.

*Rebecca Moloney
(House Captain 2001-2002)*





Victoria House Report

This year has been a very successful one for Victoria House. We have been as enthusiastic and hard working as ever, fulfilling the true meaning of the name "Victoria". Despite losing the House Cup, we left our mark on several other Cups. The Phyllis Dent Memorial Concert was memorable not only for the high calibre performances by Covent Garden Opera singers, but also for a Victoria House victory in the Inter House Music Cup. Of course we owe thanks to Quentin Hays for his expert coaching. Enthusiasm and determination ensured a successful Sports Day as Victoria won the Sports Day Trophy.

Without doubt, however, our greatest success was in our fund raising for Rowcroft Hospital, which cares for terminally ill patients. The sponsored aerobic session directed by Claire Lees and Alexandra Caddick boosted our fitness while raising a substantial amount of money for the charity!

I want to thank everyone who took part in our events and supported us throughout the year. Special thanks go to Miss Evans and Claire Lees, who both encouraged us and helped with the co-ordination of our events around the school. Good luck to Maria Glendinning as the new House Captain and may she feel as welcome in the house as I did.

With all good wishes and luck for the future to everyone! I leave Stover with many happy memories.

Katharina Diekmann
(House Captain 2001-2002)

Mrs Coyne-Stacey adds.....

It was a joint first for Victoria and Elizabeth Houses in this year's Swimming Gala on July 10. Out of thirteen events, Vicky House was victorious in seven of them. Well done to Victoria House. And the victories don't end there! The very next day in our Tag Rugby League, we were yet again victorious. Won't Miss Evans be proud, as she suns herself under Barbados skies!!

A final word of praise and thanks must go to our very dear House Captain, Katharina Diekmann, who is now back home in her native Germany. Her organisational skills and reliability in office did Vicky House proud. We'll miss you Katharina and wish you all the very best in your studies! Let's not forget the busy bees, Ryoko and Charlotte who helped out so much in the end of term points calculations. Thanks Girls!

Mary House Report

The year started off with a bang! With three talented year sixes and some lithe sixth formers, their steps were put into practice. Performing *All that Jazz* to the school, it really was a moment to remember!

The talented Evie, touched and entertained the school through playing the recorder, showing everyone what a real performance is about. Combined with the 'Wrong Shoes day' and donations from the musical performances, we managed to raise enough money to help facilitate an entertainment room at Radfords centre. Radford's is part of the Robert Owen Foundation offering opportunities to people with learning disabilities. According to the manager at Radfords, he has experienced a constant headache ever since the introduction of the new Karaoke machine after Radford's very own Pop Idol! We can only guess who won (Evie)!

On the sports field Mary House didn't seem to get over what must have been a rather large Christmas dinner, coming second in both cross country and hockey competitions. However by the Spring Term we pulled our sporting socks up, setting a new record by coming first in all senior Interhouse Netball matches.

We cannot forget the Phyllis Dence concert with the spectacular performance by the opera singers from Covent Garden. With thanks to Alf Boe (now with his very own Mary House badge) who transformed the house in the space of hours from something sounding like a pack whining cats to a choir of angels!

I would like to welcome Katie Webber as House captain of 2002-3 who is the first Lower Sixth girl ever to be a House Leader. I'm sure she will undoubtedly lead the



house to great things. I would also like to thank Mr. Dunbar who brightened up our Tuesday and Thursday mornings. He brought art, culture, giggles but most of all BEEF JERKY!!

Bonnie Chivers
(House Captain 2001-2002)

A View From Upstairs

Boarding report by K. Veal

What a super year 2001-2 turned out to be in boarding! The year began with some familiar faces returning along with some new people, who joined the sixth form for just one year.

In the autumn term we participated in some fun activities such as a make-up workshop and a self-defence work course: Kaina Schaefer was a mean match for the self-defence instructor!

We have enjoyed two karaoke evenings this year and some of the girls certainly gave "Pop-Idol" a run for its money.

At the end of the autumn term we had our traditional Christmas shopping trips to London and Bath, followed by our Christmas dinner. The dinner was delicious and cooked for us by Jenny and her helpers. We finished the evening with some Christmas carols and the staff's interpretations of prep; I hope Mrs Bousfield will be in better control of the balloons next year!

At the end of the autumn term we said goodbye to Emily Trimmer, our "Aussie" for this year. Emily was a tremendous help in the junior and senior boarding houses, and an efficient and popular helper within school (at the time of writing this, Gemma Stanbury is enjoying a 5 week holiday staying with Emily).

Two new "Aussies" joined us in January; Miss K and Miss V, their names are far too complicated to pronounce on a daily basis! They have settled in quickly and are slowly adapting to our British weather.

In February we celebrated the Chinese New Year with an oriental style meal and singing and dancing, and continued to enjoy trips to Cardiff and Bath.



Suddenly the summer term was upon us and the examinations began in earnest. The seniors enjoyed their de-stressing evening of ice-cream and hot chocolate which, the Year 11s promised, had helped with their concentration. Lisa Whitney and Mizuki Konno joined the Ten Tors team and a group of boarders led by Mrs Bousfield and Miss Nutall cheered them in when they successfully completed the event.

The summer ball was a great success with the theme of "The Moulin Rouge", giving us the opportunity to have can-can dancers for the first time at Stover.

Sadly, this time of year also means saying goodbye to some of Year 11 and sixth form.

In particular, Katharina Diekmann and Esther Choi who were boarding prefects this year and played a minor part in the smooth running of the house. Catherine Chan and Mandy Luk succeed them and I am sure they will do an equally good job.

This year has been one of the most pleasant I have known whilst being a housemistress and this has been entirely due to the attitude of the girls within the senior boarding house. Whilst I look forward to familiar faces returning in September and to new girls beginning at Stover, I wish all the boarders leaving Stover the very best of luck in the next stage of their lives.



The Ghost of the Boarding House? - Mizuki Konno

One morning, a girl called PH woke up and found a saucepan next to her bed. She wondered what it was doing there. So she asked whether anybody knew why it was there. Well, it happened to be that PH sleepwalked to the to the sixth form kitchen and took the saucepan with her. But this isn't the mystery. In the middle of the night, a girl in another dorm called JN

woke up to go to the toilet. She went out into the corridor and saw PH with a saucepan, but PH wasn't alone! She was with another girl who had long, curly, blonde hair. JN didn't recognise this girl. JN was tired so she asked them whether they were ok then went to the toilet and straight back to bed. In the morning JN told PH about the girl who took PH back to her bed. PH didn't remember anything. They asked everybody in the boarding house but nobody knew who the girl was. PH told this to Mrs Veal, and Mrs Veal asked everybody at a boarders' meeting, but nobody knew who she was.

The mystery is still unresolved. Was it one of the girls in the boarding house or was it a real ghost??

Boarding at Stover – K. Baeni

I had a really nice time at Stover, but I think the best or one of the best times I had was watching ER. Yes, I know it's a TV programme, but that was one of the only times when we all (the "Seniors") sat together in the common room enjoying episode after episode each Wednesday. We laughed together, had discussions about "medical things" and sometimes even cried together. I will miss those evenings very much, but I will always keep them in my memory. (I hope ER was a help to our future doctors!)

Sharing a bedroom with my best friend Melanie – K. Schaefer

Actually, it's a bit too late to write this article, as Melanie, with whom I lived for one year, has already left and I won't have the chance to show this to her and ask for permission before publishing it. Not that I desperately need her permission, but Melanie and I have always done things together at Stover.

It all started with the very first day! When I arrived at Stover and was introduced to my room, the other person on the name list on the door hadn't arrived yet. So I had a quick look around and went down for supper. When I came back upstairs and opened the door, I saw Melanie standing between all the suitcases and staring at me. Without even knowing that I am German she said, "Ich habe mich schon fuer das untere Bett entschieden!" which means: "I

have already decided to take the lower bed!" I was kind of expecting a little smile or a nice "hello" or "hi", but I was not prepared to hear that! And in German!

Guess what her first thought was (we talked about this a few months later). She thought "ohhhh my god!" That was in her head when Mel saw me for the first time. And her second thought was (I still get upset when we talk about this topic) "My roommate is a lesbian." Just because I was wearing a trouser suit because it was in the leaflet that girls **must** wear school clothes when travelling to school. It was written in the leaflet that Mel didn't get at all.

After Melanie got a blanket and pillow from our housemistress everything was ok, and I asked her whether she had a boyfriend. Soon we started our first long conversation, which carried on until late after bedtime. From that day on, we were good friends! We did everything together: we missed several house meetings (sorry Mrs Veal!), we overslept the first practice fire drill (sorry again!), we invented our own tooth-brushing competition. We talked about boys for at least four hundred hours; we talked about school and the future and everything else.

Mrs Veal used to tease us. Me, because I hang some pictures of men on the walls in our dorm, and Melanie because she was "dippy". I think we were both a bit dippy sometimes.

As our time at Stover is almost over now, Melanie and I had to say goodbye, but we decided to visit each other even though she lives on the other side of Germany. And we all decided to organise a big meeting with some other Stover girls when we reach 30.



Boarders! – Mrs Bousfield

On May 22nd 2002, our School Chaplain, Rev. Chris Knott, baptised Rebecca Liu and Harriet So at Teigngrace Church. Though it was the quickest baptism that I have ever attended it was lovely. The girls really enjoyed their shared experience... which, I believe, the enclosed photograph proves!

On June 16th the Bishop of Exeter confirmed them at Teignmouth's St Michael's Church. It was a very enthusiastic, crowded event where the two girls were supported by their eight friends — and me



Reportage de deux étrangères à Stover

Toute la vérité.

Notre professeur de Français-la fameuse Mme Winston, nous a demandé d'écrire un compte-rendu de notre année à Stover. Nous venons toutes les deux d'Allemagne, nous avons vécu presque les mêmes expériences ici et nous avons eu les mêmes problèmes au début.

A Stover nous avons découvert comment apprendre et rester assises devant notre bureau pour six heures, à travailler, sans avoir une dépression nerveuse.!

Naturellement, notre français et notre anglais se sont améliorés, et nous avons remarqué que le cliché sur les Anglais n'est pas toujours vrai!

Nous étions choquées par la quantité de devoirs. Sérieusement, on en a moins en Allemagne. Après la première leçon de français, notre devoir était de répondre à des questions assez compliquées et d'écrire une rédaction sur nous-même. ("au moins une page!")

Nous avons aimé le fait que les relations entre les profs et les élèves sont très décontractées.

Et ce qui était bien aussi, était que nos amis ici n'étaient pas loin de nous-dans le "dortoir"

Mais il y a eu aussi des choses qui nous ont moins fait plaisir. Les repas étaient trop gras et c'était difficile de s'habituer à la cuisine anglaise.

Nous n'aimons pas les méthodes de punition. Si certains transgressent une règle, tout le monde paie les pots cassés!

Parfois, les journées dans le pensionnat étaient très monotones et ennuyeuses-particulièrement les week-ends.

C'était difficile de jongler avec les trois langues.

Parfois, Mme Winston nous a traduit un mot français en anglais, mais si on ne comprend pas l'Anglais, cela n'aide pas beaucoup!!!

Christine Stadler.

Quand il faisait beau à Stover, c'était une grande joie pour moi. Une autre grande joie était de jaser dans le pensionnat. J'étais aussi très heureuse quand j'ai passé un weekend avec Mme.Key et Tola, car j'ai pu voir un peu de Devon avec elles. J'ai réussi à suivre toutes les leçons en anglais et ma plus grande réussite était d'étudier la littérature anglaise niveau AS. (Merci Mme.Jorgensen.). J'étais très fière de devenir 'Prefect'.

Mes seuls regrets: j'aurais dû étudier la psychologie et ne pas écouter 'classic FM' au lieu de réviser!

Kaina Schaefer.

I am very happy to have found some good friends at Stover with whom I spent a lot of time. We enjoyed going for long walks in the Stover country park where I learnt a lot about the countryside, observing the animals and plants. It was so different from Berlin. I also learned the rules of English games like cricket, rugby and rounders. I was very pleased and honoured to become a 'Prefect'. My big successes were to obtain a silver certificate in the Mathematics Challenge and to be part of the winning team in the Devon speech competition with Milly and Lucy

The naked truth about being a German at Stover

Our French teacher, the famous Mme Winston, asked us to write a report about our year at Stover. Since we are both from Germany, we have made nearly the same experiences here and had the same problems at the beginning.

At Stover we have learnt how to study and also to sit in front of our desk for six hours (working) without having a nervous breakdown !

Of course, our English and French have improved and we noticed that the cliché about English people is not always true.

We were shocked by the amount of prep. Seriously, you get much less in Germany. After the first French lesson, our prep was to answer fairly complicated questions and to write an essay about ourselves (at least one page).

We like the fact that the relationship between teachers and students is really friendly and relaxed.

What was also good, was that in the boarding house our friends here were not far away.

However, there were also things that were less pleasant. The food was too greasy and it was difficult to get used to English "cuisine".

We do not like the method of punishment. If certain people break a rule, everyone is punished.

Somedays, life in the boarding house were very dull and boring-especially the weekends.

There were difficulties when studying in three languages.

Sometimes, Mme Winston translated a French word into English for us, but if you don't understand the English, this does not help much!



Music report 2001-2002

The Music Department at Stover has experienced a particularly busy year. The musicianship provided by the girls, both at junior and senior level, is of an exceptionally high standard. The girls are committed to the ensembles, choirs and orchestras and their participation is commendable and as always very much appreciated.

Peripatetic Lessons

The number of girls receiving instrumental tuition within the junior and senior schools is higher than ever; with over 60% of the school having instrumental and or singing lessons. The peripatetic staff works to a very high standard, teaching and encouraging the girls to produce excellent ABRSM results. 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 E. McMahan
Cello / Piano	Mrs H. Wills
Violin / Viola	Miss C Hayek
Clarinet / Saxophone	Mr T. Lakeman
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 and non-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*
- Flute Trio / Quartet
- Clarinet / sax. Ensemble *Grade 2 & above*
- Woodwind Ensemble *Grade 2 & 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 2001/2002:

Floey Bennett	Year 11
<i>Violin, Piano</i>	
Emma Higgin	Year 11
<i>Voice, Flute, Piano</i>	
Natasha Oates	Year 11
<i>Violin, Piano</i>	
Iris Yan	Year 11
<i>Piano, Violin</i>	
Alice Hyland	Year 10
<i>Cello, Voice, Piano</i>	
Claire Ryan	Year 10
<i>Cello, Piano</i>	
Rachel Marsh	Year 9
<i>Voice, Violin, Flute, Piano</i>	

Christina Warn	Year 8
<i>Voice, Flute</i>	
Lucy Webber	Year 8
<i>Flute, Piano</i>	
Harriet Beasley	Year 7
<i>Clarinet, Saxophone, 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 are expected to perform regularly throughout the year. Each Scholar receives a fortnightly tutorial, which provides them with the opportunity to further their musical training in performance, aural, theory, composition and history. During these tutorials the scholars prepare recital programmes, which they perform at intervals 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 at least grade 6 standard by the age of 15.

Grade 7 / 8 standard is expected for scholarship entry into the 6th form.

Girls gaining scholarships aged 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.

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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, Claire Ryan, and Rachel Marsh were 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 Autumn Evening of Music

On the 12th October, girls from the Senior and Junior schools performed a musically polished concert at Stoke Gabriel Church. A wide instrumental repertoire was covered from Purcell and Bach through to Gershwin and Cole Porter. The Chamber Choir, Chamber orchestra, String Ensemble and Flute ensemble performed with flair and musical sensitivity. Solos and duets were also featured in the concert. The evening raised a considerable amount of money for the church funds and the Music Department was very pleased to be able to help support the church in their fund raising.

Festival of Light Service for Rocroft Hospice

The Chamber Choir was invited to sing at a service at St. Peter, Paul & Thomas of Canterbury Church, Bovey Tracey on the 6th December. The music performed included a SSAA arrangement of "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Faure and "O Rest in the Lord" by Felix Mendelssohn. The service was very moving and the choir sang with great emotion and feeling.

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 carols. The Chamber orchestra, Chamber choir, Senior vocal group and Stover Singers worked hard throughout the second half of term to learn some challenging carols and Christmas music.

ABRSM Examinations & Festival Results

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

Lucy Webber: Grade 5 flute: Distinction

Lucy Webber: Grade 5 piano: Distinction

Rachel Marsh: Grade 3 singing: Distinction

Rachel Marsh: Grade 4 singing: Distinction

Hannah Nicolson: Grade 2 singing: Distinction

Hannah Nicolson: Grade 3 singing: Distinction

Mandy Ho: Grade 5 Theory: Distinction

Clara Lau: Grade 7 piano: Distinction

Mizuki Konno: Grade 4 piano: Distinction

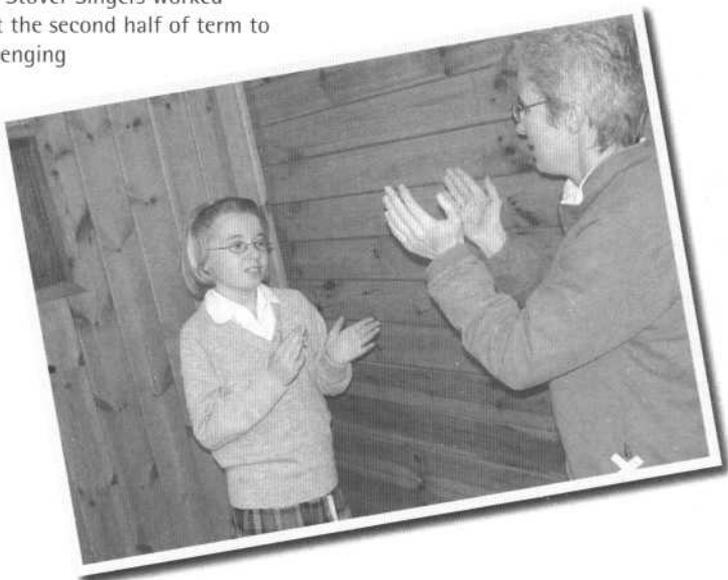
Alexia Mills: Grade 1 singing: Distinction

Emma Higgin: Grade 7 singing: Merit

Claire Ryan: Grade 7 Cello: Pass

This year the music department successfully entered the Exeter 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.



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24 Hour Sponsored Play & Sing

We must have been mad! What were we all thinking when we agreed to carry out such an event? 9.00am on Friday the 1st February we started the marathon of 24 hour non-stop, continuous singing and instrumental music. Due to the most horrific weather we battled through power cuts and black-outs (At one point during the middle of the night in the pitch black we had to improvise for at least 2 hours). Duvets and beds were set out in Jubilee Hall while the music making went on in Chamber Hall. A strict schedule was adhered to and not a moment went by without the air being filled with the sound of music! By about 5.00am we started to feel tired and rather exhausted, but we kept on playing and singing. To round off the event we tried a dummy run of a concert we were going to be performing at the end of February. Tired and pale faced we had made it through to 9.00am Saturday and we were all very pleased to be able to return home to our beds to sleep! As the money was collected and started to be counted we could not believe that we had raised over £800 pounds for the Phyllis Dence music fund.

Concert at Elburton Church, Plymouth

We arrived at Elburton late in the afternoon on 28th February for our rehearsal prior to the evening concert. We were warmly greeted and looked after. The concert was to raise money for the church extension and raised over £300 pounds. The evening was a great success and every musical item from Baroque to Classical to Romantic and even to a year 11 GCSE composition by Emma Higgin was received with rapturous applause and warm appreciation.



Inter-house Music / Performing Arts Festival & The Phyllis Dence Memorial Concert

The Inter-House festival of performing arts (a whole school event) attracted an audience of over 500 people on Friday 8th March. The evening's programme gave year 6 through to year 9 the chance to perform work that they had been preparing in their performing arts lessons throughout the term. Excerpts from "Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo" and "Cats" were performed by years 6 and 7. Years 8 and 9 performed dance sequences based on music from the 1920's and the more present day "Songs of Distant Earth" by Mike Oldfield. Interspersed with these items were songs from the junior school. The reception and year 1 gave a sweet rendition of "Sing a rainbow" and there were not many dry eyes left in the hall when the whole of the senior school joined in and sang it with them! Year 2 and 3 stunned everyone with their quick moving mouths in "Michael Finnigin" and the year 4 and 5's sang some two part ethnic songs, which proved to be very effective and demonstrated their excellent ability in singing together unaccompanied. During the morning of the 8th the houses learnt the songs that they were to sing for the evening's competition. The theme this year was "The Beatles". A medley had been arranged by Mrs. Farleigh linking the chosen two songs from each house together. Half way through the morning the opera singers from Covent Garden

arrived and they were assigned to a house. They helped the houses to put the finishing touches to the songs and gave them some more helpful hints in performing. The idea of learning the songs in the morning and singing them in the evening in front of an audience was a little frightening, however it was very successful and proved to be a great experience for both the school and audience. The "Beatles" medley was finished with the song "Imagine", which was sung by the whole school. This song proved to be very moving and was chosen for its poignant words, which were so apt considering the effects of the September 11th plane crash in America. The opera singers judged the house song and yet again Victoria house was victorious and won the house song cup. The second half of the evening featured the three inspiring opera singers from The Royal Opera House Covent Garden. Sally Matthews - soprano, Alfred Boe - tenor and Quentin Hayes - baritone, accompanied by Steven Maughan on piano. The audience and school were given a feast of well-known and loved opera arias and duets. What a lot they had to offer! Their delivery of the music involved the entire audience from the age of 5 upwards. Their voices filled Jubilee Hall with glorious echoes of vocal skill and technique and their acting ability entranced everyone. This was certainly an evening to remember and will be talked about for many years to come.



Wooden Spoon Society
the charity of British rugby

The Wooden Spoon Society generously sponsored this event.

This Society works in 30 regions throughout the UK and makes a huge impact on the lives of disadvantaged children. In a 24 hour period during February, the Wooden Spoon Society distributed £563,000 to five projects throughout the UK - ranging from the Centre for Autism, in Scotland, to a Cystic Fibrosis Unit, opened by Prince Charles, in Liverpool, to - a little closer to you - a Wooden Spoon Society Special Purpose Boat presented to the West of England School for Children with Little or No Sight, which is based in Exeter.

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70th Anniversary of Stover School at Exeter Cathedral

The rehearsals for this event were very interesting as many of the girls were involved in GCSE examinations. Despite this minor set back the end result was very satisfying for all of the Chamber choir and Chamber Orchestra. The girls worked exceptionally hard to work together at unusual times (and not always at the same time!) to rehearse the musical items for the service. A 12-part canon from the Renaissance period echoed around the Cathedral. The school psalm was arranged by Mrs Farleigh for solo voice (sung beautifully by Rachel Marsh) and SSA and the senior vocal group were challenged by the "Laudamus Te" from Vivaldi's "Gloria". The Chamber Orchestra performed "Zion hort die Wachter singen" from Cantata: "Wachet auf", BWV 140 by J.S.Bach in full counterpoint and their warmth of sound filled the vast space of the Cathedral.



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 & 11 GCSE group went to Cardiff to watch the Welsh National Opera perform "La Clemenza di Tito" by Mozart.

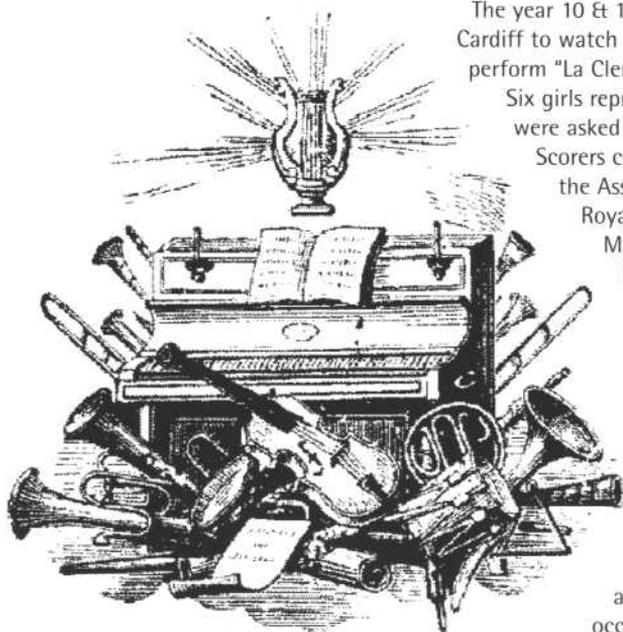
Six girls represented Stover when they were asked to perform in a High Scorers concert at Ashburton for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music in March. These girls all gained Distinction in their music examinations.

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.

Several girls were invited to perform at Stover for the SOGA meeting in March.

Charity concerts throughout the year have been given to help raise money for Rocroft Hospice.

The Chamber Orchestra performed in Newton Abbot for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.



The Matchgirls by Bill Owen

This year's production was a real "team effort", involving a talented cast of over twenty drawn from Years 6 –10; an enthusiastic chorus involving everybody in Years 6 –9; a competent backstage crew from Year 10, all aided and abetted by Mrs Farleigh (musical director), Mrs Middleton (theatrical director), Mr Hurst (at the piano) and Mrs de Montjoie (stage manager).

For a school like Stover, where singing is definitely "cool", *The Matchgirls* is an ideal choice, with a wealth of interesting female characters, and male roles that can easily be made credible. The acquisition of convincing cockney accents proved a challenge for some in the cast; vocal experiments veered wildly up and down the map but finally, with the help of many an episode of *Eastenders*, came to rest within the sound of Bow bells. We had finally mastered our glottal stops, dropped our "itches" and turned from "girls" into "gels"!

We began rehearsals in March, working every Monday evening until 7.30pm and then using two Sundays as the performance dates drew near. I can honestly say that every rehearsal was a pleasure (well, with the exception of the one where I retired ill!). A real sense of team spirit pervaded, with girls making new friends across the year groups. This is a really special aspect of life at Stover. The Year 10 girls led by example with their commitment and sense of fun and our contingent of actresses and singers in Year 8 showed a tremendous breadth of talent.

Meanwhile, in performing arts lessons, everyone learned to hoof and sing their way through a variety of chorus numbers. Mrs Farleigh acquired a natty little microphone head-set and closely resembled "Mr Motivator" as she gave instruction to circle, strip the willow, conga, do grapevine steps, box-steps, knees-up, promenade etc etc. With such lusty singing, it was no wonder that Mr Bujak remarked he was soon able to sing along with all the tunes – sitting in his office, he was a captive audience!

Co-ordinating the drama rehearsals with the music, and finally incorporating the "Busby Berkley" whole school numbers, was no mean feat! Those who came to see the production soon realised why we had needed two full days of marshalling girls

through doors and into line. Once again, an atmosphere of pulling together saved the day (plus of course dire threats from Mrs Middleton and "more in sorrow than in anger" admonishments from Mrs Farleigh!)

And so, at long last, to the performances. Always the best bit! The buzz of excitement during make-up, the butterflies in the tummy ... will I remember my words? Will the audience applaud? Will they laugh at the funny lines? Do I look dreadful in a hairnet with rings under my eyes?

It's difficult to single out performances but special mention must surely go to Alice Hyland for her spirited, yet beautifully controlled, portrayal of Kate. We enjoyed Daisy's Perry's transformation into Joe, with faultless cockney accent, splendid braces and skilful pigeon catching! Alice and Daisy gave everything in performance, lifting the quality of the play and inspiring others. Gemma Bishop delivered an impassioned, clear Annie Besant, and Veronica Tierney obviously has a future as a town crier, creating a wonderfully comic character in Mrs Purkiss, though we are not quite sure that "SHUT YER GOBS, ALL OF YER!" should be bellowed within the hearing of prospective parents! Helen Millman was a very convincing Old Min, complete with gin bottle, bloomers and red nose. Coral Cuthbertson was a sultry and flirty Jessie and Rachel Marsh enjoyed herself as the irrepressible Polly, singing her heart out. Rebecca McMaster's quirky, whimsical portrayal of George Bernard Shaw was very clever and Alexia Mills gave a thoughtful, amusing performance as Louie. Christina Warn wowed the audience with her poise and powerful solo singing and well done to Alexia, Christina and Jessica Wass for all their musical contributions. Congratulations to all the cast on achieving two wonderful performances.

The audience reaction was tremendously positive, with many appreciative comments about the high standard of acting and singing. Sadly, though, the lights have to come down, the scenery dismantled, props returned to their owners, costumes packed away and the magic is over but there's always next year!

Mrs J Middleton



Ten Tors 2002



Our training began in the unpredictable month of September and with a willing group of twenty-two girls we set out to prepare ourselves for Ten Tors. Unaware of what to expect we navigated and trudged across the open land safe in the knowledge that a mobile phone was only a short reach away! I can certainly say that our training walks were very eventful. Most of the time was spent laughing at certain events that had occurred whilst on the moor, especially those of the overnight walks! We have walked through treacherous weather, from snow to rain and strong winds and by the end we were prepared for anything nature could throw at us!

With all the training under our belts, the final group of six, now a happy bonded team, set off to Okehampton camp for the event. The bus was very quiet, except for the front seats, where Emma was singing along to Britney (much to the disapproval of Lisa and Elli who find Britney somewhat annoying!) After unpacking and making acquaintance with Cornwall College (!) we set off to watch the briefing video and to have our kit scrutinised.

It was a relief to find that some of our route consisted of tors we had

previously visited, such as Kitty and Shilstone, but that didn't make it any easier! Friday evening meant socializing and for Mr. Barter and Mr. Brown that was in the pub! Whilst for us it was chatting with our "next door neighbours." Our wake up call at 4.30am was not warmly welcomed. Mr. Brown was awake bright and early to start cooking our full English breakfast of sausages, bacon, beans and bread washed down with a cold cup of coffee, which set us up for the day ahead.

At 6.30am it was time to walk to the starting line. Accompanied by Mrs. Jorgenson, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Barter and Mr. Brown, we all felt very emotional and I believe there were a few tears shed, although not all have been admitted! The gun went and with that we were off, only this time there was no mobile phone!

Our first leg went well and we arrived at Shilstone Tor on time. With a constant supply of water and chocolate we made it to tor number three and there it started to rain. Although we had a good soaking we didn't let it get us down. After a tiring leg from tor five, we reached tor six where we set up camp for the night. Despite the annoying boys making fools of themselves we managed to get a good nights sleep. We awoke, the next day at 4.30am to the early morning sunrise in a crystal clear sky. Breakfast consisted of Mars Bars (much to the delight of everyone!) and high - energy tablets. By 6.15am we had packed away and checked out of our 6th tor. Our tired feet needed to carry us seventeen miles on the second day, and the thought of the finishing line and a hot bath spurred us on. The sunny weather meant we were all drinking far more than we had planned which in turn caused a water shortage, but was soon resolved with a few water purification tablets.

The Tors	
1 Shilstone	6 Black
2 Steeperton	7 Great Mis
3 Sittaford	8 Lynch
4 Rough	9 Kitty
5 Beardown	10 Sourton

At each tor we were welcomed as the "Famous Stover School" which we found intriguing. It wasn't until our tenth tor that I finally asked why..... apparently it was because of previous summer ball events when the Army were invited. It must have been the great time they had!

The leg from the tenth tor to the finishing line was very taxing. With our shoulders aching and our feet now really painful and blistered it felt one of the toughest parts of the walk. The vast open land ahead of us seemed to take hours to cover, but we were kept motivated by the helicopters flying overhead. Turning the corner and seeing the mass of crowds clapping and cheering was the most amazing thing I have ever experienced. We had been through some tough times but we had worked as a team and we all have medals and certificates to prove we finished Ten Tors.

The team performed really well and I'm so proud of them all. I hope they decide to do 45 miles next year!

Georgina Barraclough
(Team Captain)



Anne Frank's Tree is growing at Stover



As part of Britain's annual Anne Frank Day, Stover School planted a tree in the grounds to commemorate the occasion. The planting of an Anne Frank Tree serves to commemorate Anne Frank and the millions of other children around the world who were killed through wars and persecution. The Anne Frank Tree will become a focal point of our community for reflection on the past and present, and a place of commitment to a better future.

The chestnut tree in the Amsterdam garden of her hiding place from the Nazis during World War II was Anne Frank's only link with freedom, allowing her to watch the changing seasons. In turn Anne Frank's diary, which is the most widely read non-fiction book after the Bible, has inspired children around the world never to lose faith and to strive for a more peaceful

world. According to the city council in Amsterdam, the chestnut tree, of which Anne wrote so fondly, has been polluted and will not live many more years. This symbol of hope and peace will be lost forever.

The Anne Frank Trees planted across Britain will generate her hopes for the future. As Otto Frank, Anne Frank's father and sole survivor of the people in hiding in the secret annexe, once wrote: "If the end of the world would be imminent, I would still plant a tree today". The planting an Anne Frank Tree at Stover will be a symbol of hope and peace. It will serve to encourage the children to focus on their role as a good citizen. It is hoped that this will help raise their awareness of prejudice, racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism and that they will have the courage to fight against it.



Youth Speaks South Devon Winners 2002

Congratulations this year to our public speaking team of Camilla Smallwood, Kaina Schaeffer, Lucinda Weston and Rachael Brandon who were this year's winners of the Rotary Clubs of Great Britain Youth Speaks Competition in South Devon.

The team was guided by Miss Nuttall through two rounds, reaching the South West finals held in Somerset. The topic of 'Raising Awareness' for breast cancer came out of Millie Smallwood's own charity fundraising at school earlier in the year. The team had to speak in response to a series of instructions under strict time conditions. The team are pictured here getting ready to leave for the competition and receiving their shield from the Governor of District 1170. Well done girls!



ICT Report 2002

In the past two years of my GCSE ICT (Information & Communications Technology) course and indeed of my full four years at Stover, I have witnessed a tremendous amount of change in the ICT department.

Firstly, there was the arrival of Mr Palmer as the new Head of IT (Information Technology) at the end of Year 8, replacing the previous Head of IT, Mr Priddies- also chemistry teacher. I hadn't much experience of the use of main ICT applications, such as, MS Word (word processing), MS Access (database) and MS Excel (spreadsheet). Before I came to Stover in September 1997, I had only used computers for games. Mr Priddies taught me how to use a DTP (Desktop Publishing) package but Mr Palmer schooled me in the three MS applications.

Learning how to use MS Word was the easiest part as I could (according to my parents) "type before I could write." The trickiest application to master was MS Access- the database. Once I got a few of them 'under my belt' though, things got easier. It is still however, the application which I dread using- *all* those tables, queries, forms and records to be kept in order etc!

The second change was the introduction of a huge television screen, which duplicated what Mr Palmer was doing on

his personal computer screen. This was very handy, since we could have group demonstrations round it instead of us individually following his instructions on our own terminals.

Thirdly, was the change of location from the old building where the Home Economics room is now, to the upper level of the ICT/Art building, opened in January 2001. This enabled a greater number of computers to be available for us (no more double booking), greater space and better communications. At first I was sceptical of the new ICT room, but after a tour and a few lessons, I saw it was better than the old one. The main advantage was that there were more computers, which enabled me to have a terminal. I was often the last one going into the old room, although I was often first at the door!

The latest change is the introduction of a wireless network around the school instead of the present wire network. This has been in development since the beginning of summer term 2002 and reception is available in several locations via laptops in a 500-metre radius. These include: the ICT room; the 6th Form Centre; the area around the Centre; the Humanities, Languages and English blocks; the Staff room; the Year 11 borders' common room above the Staff room and

the Year 11 boarders' floor at the top of the Phyllis Dence Wing (senior border's side). (The last two are slightly shaky.) From September 2002, the use of laptops among the 6th Form will be encouraged because with the wireless network and a wireless card, they will be able to access their Area from almost anywhere in the school grounds. I myself have already had my laptop configured to the wireless network. It is easier to log on. Mr Palmer hopes to extend this new type of network to include the whole school.

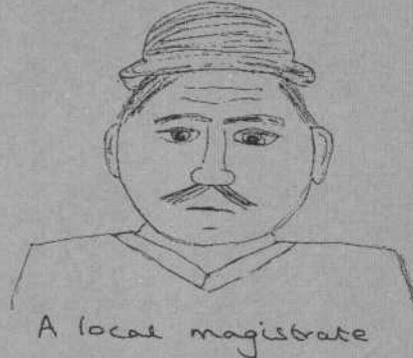
Taking GCSE ICT is very hard, especially when it's the first two weeks in March and you're frantically trying to complete one or other of your coursework pieces. I can still remember my frustration as my Word documents were infected with the Ethon Virus for the thousandth time and had to be cleaned or deleted. Luckily, I had backups or else I would have lost marks on quite a few sections! As if the virus wasn't enough, I had to cope with my many screen dumps going AWOL- that is, thinking I'd placed them in one place and them turning up a few clean pages later or disappearing completely. The documentation- User and Technical- were the worst as they made up half of my file and consisted almost entirely of screen dumps.

PSE Report 2002

In PSE this term we have been learning how to be good citizens. Mrs Elce arranged for three very different people who work with the law to come and talk to us. The first one was PC Bob Bigland who is a community policeman who helps young people not to get into trouble in the first place. We did a role-play about a party to discuss how the police would deal with a late-night disturbance and we learnt about the various ages when we are allowed to do certain things.

The second lesson gave us a chance to learn about the work done by local magistrates - we listened to A. Rooth and a colleague who were both Justices of the Peace. We were surprised that magistrates can only send people to prison for a maximum of 6 months.

Lastly we all enjoyed hearing about Rev. M. Kiddle's experiences during a lifetime of



being an Anglican Prison Chaplain. At present he is at Channing's Wood prison. He was a lively charismatic speaker. What surprised us was he said that a lot of the 'men inside' are very pleasant people. We asked him several questions which he answered humorously. We asked him why he was working in prison and had he had he ever been threatened. We discovered



Rev. M. Kiddle
Prison Chaplain

that prisoners can follow any religion they like in prison and can get a leader of that religion to come and talk to them. Rev. Kiddle also spoke about the help prisoners receive to get back into the real world after a spell in jail. Altogether we found the three talks very interesting.

Alice Hyland, Claire Ryan, Zoë Swift, Sarah Byrne, Daisy Perry - Year 10

Destinations of Year 13 Leavers 2002

Leyna Beasley	UWIC	Art Foundation Course
Rachael Brandon	Southampton University	Advanced Diploma in Nursing 2003
Rachel Byrnes	Deferred entry to Higher Education	
Alexandra Caddick	University of Plymouth	BSc (Hons) PE
Bonnie Chivers	Lancaster University	BSc (Hons) Marketing
Libby Chivers	University of Leeds	BA (Hons) Broadcasting
Esther Choi	University of Hull	BSc (Hons) Marketing Management
Stephanie Choi	Peninsula Medical School	BMBS Medicine
Sarah Denham	Deferred entry to Higher Education	
Katharina Diekmann	Deferred entry to Higher Education	
Rebecca Garland	Cardiff University	BSc (Hons) Biology
Abigail Harding	University College, London	BSc (Hons) Biology
Laura Henderson	University of Bath	BSc (Hons) Chemistry
Mandy Ho	University of Stirling	BSc (Hons) Computer Science
Constanze Langlotz	University of Wales, Swansea	BSc (Hons) Business Studies
Claire Lees	Brunel University	BSc (Hons) Sport Science
Jacinth Leung	Roehampton, University of Surrey	BA (Hons) Education & Music
Karmen Leung	Oxford Brookes University	BA (Hons) Business Administration & Management
Winnie Mok	University of Sheffield	MEng Aerospace Engineering
Rebecca Moloney	Bristol, University of the West of England	LLB Law
Alexandra Raileanu	University College, London	BMBS Medicine
Amy Shapley-Arioli	University of Wales, Aberystwyth	BA (Hons) Geography
Rachel Storrs	Deferred entry to Higher Education	
Shirley Tang	Kingston University	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiology
Elizabeth Turner	Plymouth Art College	Art Foundation Course
Kalam Wong	Loughborough University	BSc (Hons) Chemical Engineering

70th Anniversary of Stover School at Exeter Cathedral



I walked into the Cathedral where the sun made the light seem unusual as it streamed through the stained glass windows.

As I stood on a box in front of five hundred people reading a prayer, I felt nervous at first but near the end, I became used to it and enjoyed it.

Many past pupils told us stories the time when they were at Stover. After two terms at Stover, I have some good stories too!

It was a happy day at Exeter Cathedral.

William Sanderson (Year 2)



Stover School 1932 - 2002

A service of thanksgiving and rededication for the 70th anniversary of Stover School was held in Exeter Cathedral on Wednesday, June 19th 2002. An estimated 800 people attended including all current pupils and staff, parents, former pupils and invited guests.

The Dean of Exeter, The Very Reverend Keith Jones welcomed the congregation with the service being taken by the School Chaplain, The Reverend Christopher Knott. The Headmaster, Mr Philip Bujak and The Chairman of Governors, The Reverend John Spencer each took a reading.

The following former pupils testified how they had benefited in life from the 'Stover Experience':

Mr Roger Roberts J.P., former pupil, former Chairman of Governors and past parent.

Mrs Julie Fairbrother (née Major), Head of Stover Junior and Preparatory School and former pupil (1972-1976).

Miss Petra Lukacic, former pupil (1990-

1995), Stover School Scholar, currently reading for a Doctor of Philosophy at Linacre College, University of Oxford.

Miss Clare Cooper, former pupil and Head Girl (1991-1998), currently reading for a degree in Sports Science at University College, Chichester.

Prayers of thanksgiving were read by Mrs Charlotte Dyer, Mrs Anne Harrison, Mrs Patricia Parkin, Mrs Melian Kearney, Mrs Margaret Batten, William Sanderson and Emily Simpson (both currently at Stover Junior School) and Rachael Storrs, the Head Girl.

Mrs Sarah Farleigh, Director of Music, was outstanding in the singing of the solo, Vocalise by Rachmaninov. The Chamber Orchestra and the Senior Vocal Group also made significant musical contributions.

Finally, Dr. Penelope Key, O.B.E, the daughter of the School's founder Mrs Joan Key gave an address in which she highlighted her Mother's vision in creating Stover School in 1932.

It was the school's 70th anniversary and there was to be a service at Exeter Cathedral. Miss Gower called me in one break time and told me that I had been chosen to read a prayer during the service. I was so thrilled! My family were very pleased too. Miss Gower gave me my words a few weeks later and I practised at home. The big day was getting nearer and nearer.

On Wednesday it was time. I was very nervous. Everybody reassured me, especially Miss Gower. After lunch, we got into the coach and we were off. When we got to Exeter, I said my prayer to Miss Gower. I found my seat next to William Sanderson, who was also saying a prayer, and Rachel Storrs, the Head Girl. Some photos were taken of us and I had another little practice. Years 4 and 5 came in and we practised the school prayer. The rest of the school arrived and the service began. I listened to lots of different things and I felt proud of the school. There were interesting speakers and I liked Mrs Farleigh's singing. When it was my turn, I felt even more nervous. A couple of teachers spoke and William did well. Then it was me! All I could see was a sea of faces. I kept on looking at my words and I spoke as clearly as I could. The only time I looked up was at the end. I felt very happy. After the service, everyone said well done and Miss Gower gave me a hug. At school the next day, Miss Gower gave me a card. She had helped me a lot and made it special for me. I enjoyed the day very much and will remember it forever.

Emily Simpson (Year 4)



William, Emily and Rachel

A letter written in 1953 by Mrs. Joan Key to the School Community, and published in the School Magazine of that year.

9, The Close,
Salisbury

MY DEAR STOVER GIRLS, PAST AND PRESENT,

A bright Autumn morning 21 years ago! The trees changing colour and wearing the lovely browns and golds that perhaps suit them best of all. The moors a hazy purple in the distance, with the heather well-nigh over, and Stover House solid, massive, welcoming, and rather sad and lonely.

That was the picture that I saw when I came with an "order to view" to find suitable premises to house a small preparatory school.

"A white elephant," they said to me before I came. "A desolate place, too far from the town, and impossible to run".

But as I walked up the portico steps and entered the gracious hall, and then as I opened the door of the Library I found myself saying, "This is it." For my eyes were resting with delight on the lovely view from the Library window, and my heart was singing with David of old: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

Yes, it needed some help and some vision in those early days. How to get there, so far from town? How to light such a place? No main electricity then! Where to build a gymnasium? How to find enough water for the school? And perhaps the most vital question of all - How to get the pupils?

But Stover has ever been and, please God, always will be, a place of Vision, Venture and Vocation.

And so in those early days we prayed that as the work was God's work, He would supply all our needs. For the work of education in its fullest and richest sense, is His, and the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom.

Stover has seen much of life in twenty-one years. Many children have passed through its walls. Much to rejoice us has happened. Grief, too, has had its place. Celebrations, birthdays, dangers even, friendships, successes, failures - all these have played their part. But through it all there stands a great Truth, and this I would leave with you for your reflection.

We hear much of the problems of our generation - the crime amongst the youth of today, the frustration and the restlessness. We read the papers with fear in our hearts, for what will be the end of it all?

"The youth of the country," they say, "is baffled, unsettled and unsatisfied. They have no object, no goal, no Faith. What is the reason?" And the answer is: "Where is their Vocation"? Where is their Vision? For where there is no Vision the people perish."

So we wish for you, girls past and present, a true sense of Vocation, a spirit of adventure, and the Vision of the Truth, the Life, and the Way. This has always been our aim for you, that you may go out from Stover, quite sure of your Vocation in the world, equipped and ready to face all "the fiery darts of the Evil One," and willing to lead your generation to a worthier goal and a better future.

With love to you all, and every blessing.

A. JOAN KEY.

Founder and Headmistress 70 years ago

Stover water babes in the Ardeche

It all started on a long and boring coach journey ... the time ticking by, the uncomfortable smell of cheesy feet and, of course, there's always one person who is sick when travelling. There is always a great sense of anticipation before a holiday and this was no exception, 17 excited girls, one relaxed teacher and one terrified one (that's me) boarded the cross channel ferry on our journey to the South of France. By now we had met up with the other school accompanying us on the trip and with the prospect of one or two boys on the coach there was a sense that much preening was taking place on the part of the year 9's.

How quickly the bad journey fades in your memory, when you arrive at Mimoso. Long stretches of golden sand running down to an invitingly blue sea and girls all running to tents with the hope of getting as far away from me and Mr Topley as possible. With everyone settled in, the usual PGL introductory events took place, much flour was worn and plenty of water flew from a variety of receptacles.

Perhaps the saddest part of our stay here was the weather, although hot and sunny (and who wouldn't want that!) the wind was at its worst and blew us off the water for a day and a half. Still what you can't do on water you can do shopping! It was at this point that Mr Topley and myself found our comfortable chalet was taken over by the year 9 elementary School of hairdressing and much straightening of curly hair and make up was applied.

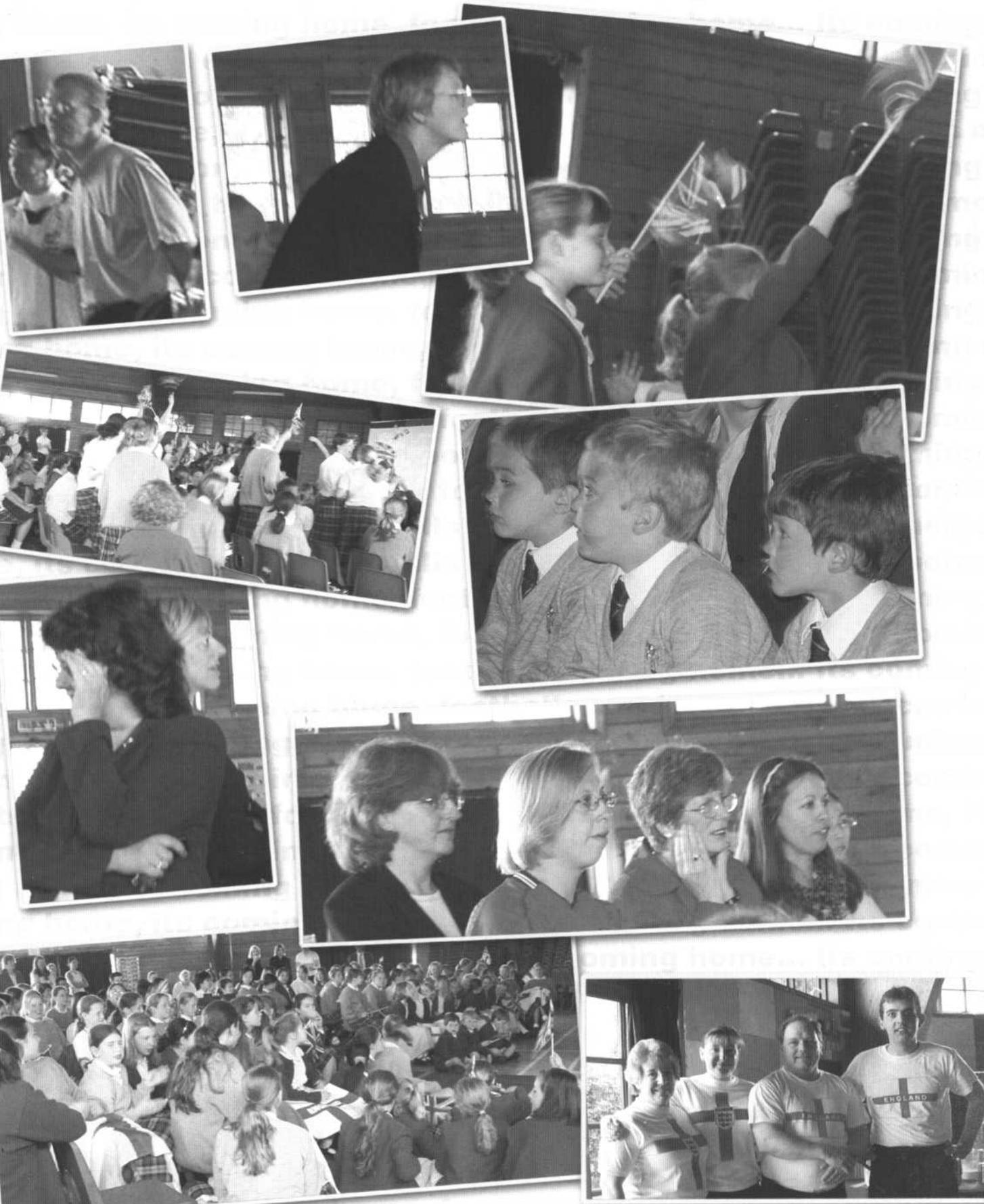
A few days later we were back on the dreaded coach and heading for Segries to make our white water rafting descent of the Ardeche River. With trepidation, we put on helmets, grabbed paddles and headed for the water. Of course, helmets give you helmet-hair and all that hairdressing makes no difference, except of course this was fresh water, so at least your hair didn't stick together, eh girls! It has to be said that it is perhaps the most exciting and adrenaline rushing moment to face a rapid when you have been told "Don't worry about anything, just paddle, the worst thing that can happen is you get even wetter!"

So our trip was a success but here's a few reminders for all those that took part in some of the more unusual aspects of the trip, "The Magic Roundabout" (17 times hurrah!), Shake Your Tail Feather and oh don't forget Jessica, the Ardeche Gorge is circular!

Thanks for a wonderful trip girl, and we'll do it again in two years time!

Mrs A De Montjoie

World Cup 2002 comes to Stover





SOGA

Stover Old Girls Association - 2nd July 2002

COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Miss Patricia Parkin

Deputy Chairman: Miss Rachel Evans

Treasurer: Mrs Kate Reece (Roberts)

Secretary: Mrs Eileen Shillabeer

Members: Miss Elizabeth Anning, Dr Pene Key, OBE, Mrs Hayley (Newbury) Barnard Mrs Sally (Gray) Lean, Mrs Julie (Major) Fairbrother, Mrs. Patricia (McMurtrie) Revell Mrs Helen (Gill) Gray, Mrs Bunty Scott, Mrs Kate (Rowe) Howard, Mrs Margaret Batten Mrs Melian (Pappin) Kearney.

At the AGM on June 15th 2002 - Rosemary (Poynz Roberts) Jones resigned from the Committee due to move from the local area, hopefully planning to retire in a few years. Rosemary, who had been a supportive member for many years including a stint at treasurer, was sent a signed card and a floral tribute. Whilst a number of Committee Members were absent, it was excellent to welcome both ex - Heads Miss Anne Smith and Miss Wendy Lunel back again.

Margaret Batten, was retiring this term after teaching at Stover for many years. Members all agreed she should be asked to join the committee when being presented with a gift of flowers at lunch.

A bequest had been received from a past pupil - Anne Norrington, and it was agreed to present a trophy in her name to be awarded to a recipient from the junior

school. The treasurer confirmed that three benches purchased to present to the school have now arrived.

Database

This was proving very successful and many new members had been contacted.

Association's name

No longer valid due to the presence at Stover of male pupils! Those present agreed on the new name of Stover Portico Association (SPA), this being referred to in the future.

Anniversary Service

Held at Exeter Cathedral, was a mind blowing experience with past pupils of all ages joining with fervour as the second School Hymn was played.

Reunions

Last year's November Reunion in London had proved very popular and a further occasion was being organised for this November. The spring Buffet at Stover had also proved popular and a further evening was planned for 2003.

Atlantic Row

We were thrilled to hear from her twin sister, Hayley, that Deborah (Newbury) Veal, had successfully completed her first single row across the Atlantic, her subsequent MBE being announced the morning of our meeting!

Julie (Major) Fairbrother a former pupil and current Committee Member, was congratulated on her recent appointment a Head of the Junior School at Clock House.

Friends

Past Ann (Brooke) Birkhimer 1938/48 - seeks news of Anne Tuson and Judith Ryle. Address - 136, W Bronx Road, Sandpoint, Idaho, 83864, U.S.A.

Personal News

Full details will be included in the new SPA Spotlight, due out in the autumn.

With best wishes to you all,
Eileen Shillabeer. Secretary SPA.

During the summer of 2000, Lindsey White who left Stover in 1999, spent five months in Borneo as part of 'Project Borneo'. She writes:

Dear All

It may have been almost five months ago now that I left Borneo, but I can still remember the phenomenal experience to every last detail, and feel I will do for the rest of my life.

The four-week journey around Brunei and Sabah consisted of amazing jungle experiences and cultural life. We took part in various community work within the Model Ecological Sustainable Community of Tourism (MESCOT), a small village called Batu Puti located beside the Yinabatan River. Due to the impact of the last El Nino much of the surrounding forests were badly affected. We took part in various clearing projects and planting of new native tree species, to try and help in the rejuvenation of this most beautiful part of the world. We all stayed with traditional families and learnt about the way of life and religion. The local people were fantastic and very friendly, so we were all very sad to move on to the next part of our expedition.

An Orang Utan at the Sepilok rehabilitation centre, Borneo



We had a couple of sightings of wild orang-utan along the way, which almost brought a tear to my eye. This species is severely endangered and luckily this fact has become recognised by the local people before it is too late, so it was good to see work being done to conserve them. We also had the chance to visit Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre which works hard to rescue Orangutans from plantations and people who capture them illegally for the pet trade, and then gradually introduce them back into the wild.

Towards the end of our stay we had the chance to attempt the climb of Mount Kinabalu, of which I can happily say I succeeded in! The view was amazing and at 4095m it felt as though I was standing on the top of the world. To finish off what was an unforgettable experience we had a chance to do some tropical diving. Those that had never done it before (which pretty much included everyone) trained for their PADI Open Water Scuba Diving qualification. It has to be the best location to learn, with water at 300 degree Celsius and tropical fish surrounding you what

more could you ask for.

As my time there was so good, and because I never start a sentence without saying 'When I was in Borneo...' Hannah has asked me if I would like to help her with this year's expedition, by leading one of the groups.

Last year many school groups took part. Students from Stowe (Buckinghamshire), Brynston (Dorset), St Bede's (Hertfordshire), Ripon (Yorkshire) and students from University of Newcastle, and Bath all took part. Such trips are all to do with determination and the indirect work we take part in helps the local communities to rejuvenate the forests of Sabah, which in turn increases the natural habitat for the array of species present there.

On a more personal note, my parents have recently purchased a home down in Launceston (Cornwall), so from now on, when I crave some motherly attention, I will be taking that horrid journey from one end of the country to the next! As I will be closer to Stover I will definitely find time to come and visit you all.



A large stag beetle! The photo does not justify its size

Yours sincerely
Lindsey

Phyllis Dence Memorial Concert



Sensational Soprano, Terrific Tenor, and Brilliant Baritone Stun Stover School!

Last Friday night the three famous opera singers from Convent Garden visited Stover School for Girls to appear as part of this year's Phyllis Dence Memorial Concert. What a fantastic performance it was. There was non stop singing with dances done by the extremely talented girls. It started at 6pm and there were three and half-hours of continuous entertainment. Every year group from the 'tiny tots' to the 'sensible sixth formers' performed at least three items. Some were funny, some were serious, some were downright fabulous but they were all energetic and entertaining. There's no argument about it, though there was one outstanding star; the conductor, the teacher, the choreographer, the motivator, the incomparable Mrs Farleigh did it all. She could not have done this totally on her own; she needed some help from her collaborator Mrs de Montjoie.

The professional singers took a day off to help each Stover house with rehearsing

their house songs. These were all taken from the Beatles' albums. At the end of the day there could only be one winner. It was Victoria House with 'Can't Buy Me Love' and 'Yesterday'. The whole school rounded this off by singing 'Imagine' all together in unison. This was chosen as a reflection on the last six months, since the bombing of the Twin Towers in New York.

Sally Mathews, the soprano, sang a mixture of comical songs. Sally was extremely pretty, had a lovely voice, a sense of humour and the talent to stun many.

Alfred Boe, the tenor, was a laugh a minute. He seemed to get the most interesting songs and seemed to be the favourite of the ITV camera crew, which had come to interview the three famous singers. He could sing in many different ways such as dramatically, amusingly, seriously, in duets as well as on his own. He will always be remembered at Stover.

Quentin Hayes, the baritone, coached the winning house to victory. As well as



singing, he played the banjo and performed a sort of cabaret, which amused the audience greatly. He turned out to be much nicer looking than his programme photograph.

Of course the singers all got a gift at the end as well as an ear-splitting round of applause. I think I heard some cries of "Encore" but to our great disappointment, there was only one given. We had hoped the evening would never end!

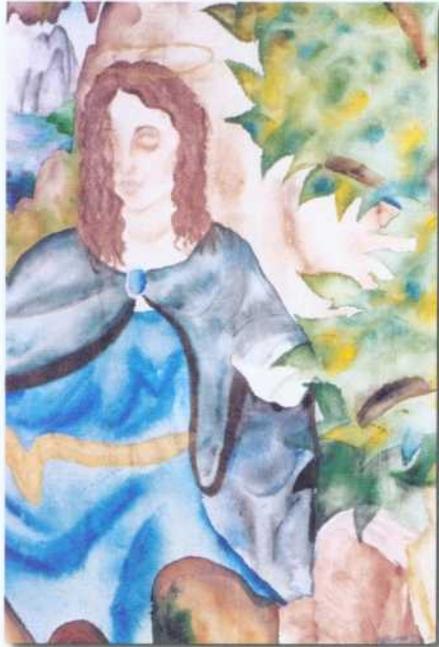
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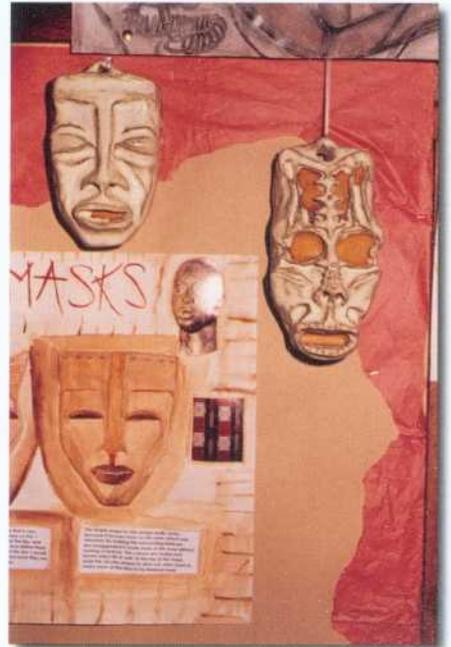
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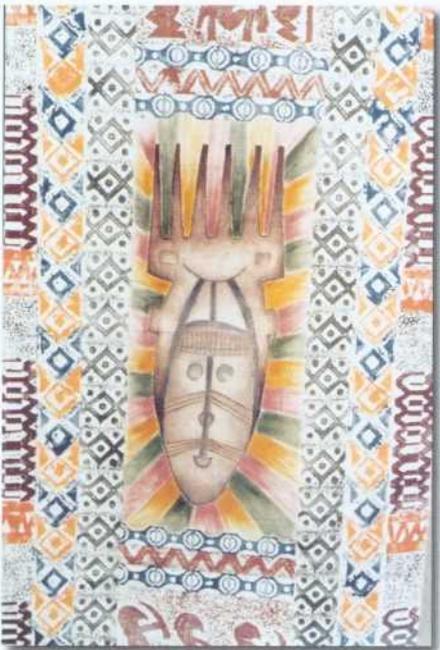
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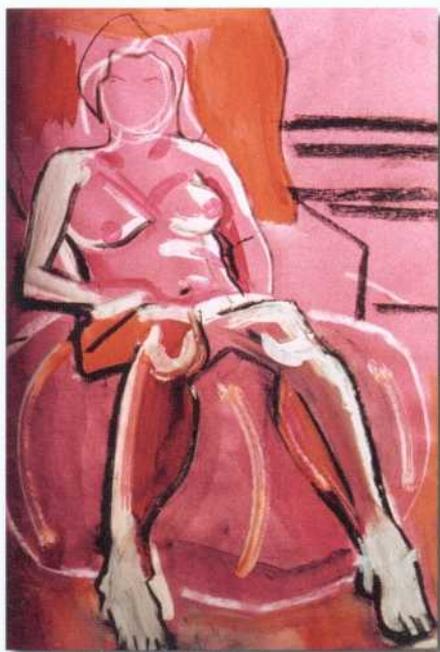
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Leana Beesley (A2)



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House Tag Rugby Finals

July 2002 Victoria vs Mary, Winners: Victoria



Sports Reports

Tennis Report - Summer 2002

The 2002 season saw much activity on our tennis courts. Under the guidance of Jackie Hough, our registered professional coach, over a third of the school enjoyed tennis lessons. It has again proved to be an immensely popular sport despite the joys of rounders and athletics. All six courts were in constant use this term.

In the HSBC LTA Tournament, both the Under 13 and the Under 11 girls teams fought hard and played some great matches against tough competition.

Under 11 squad

Imogen Middleton
Megan Holmes
Charlotte Pool
Vicky Stark
Amy Wyatt-Haines (Reserve)

Under 13 squad

Joey Chu
Rosie Perry
Sarah Bagley
Alex Garfield
Ceri Lloyd (Reserve)
Hermione Williams-Copp (Reserve)
Chloe Collins (Reserve)

Charlotte Pool and Vicky Stark represented the school in the Under 11 HSBC Tournament. Well-done.

In the senior Aberdare Cup, Rachel Storrs and Natasha Oats played with enthusiasm. Daisy Perry and Jordan Salmon represented the school in both the Aberdare Cup and the Under 15 team. Natasha Corner and Tessa Wigram played for the first time in the Under 15 teams, gaining experience and having a lot of fun against other schools.

The Inter House matches were very close this year, especially the Juniors, just six games between Vicky and Mary, Vicky being the winners.

School Tournament Results

Junior Singles Cup
Winner Alex Garfield; Runner Up Joey Chu
Senior Singles Cup
Winner Daisy Perry; Runner Up Natasha Corner

Inter House Results

Junior
1st Vicky - 6 sets, 60 games
2nd Mary - 6 sets, 54 games
3rd Lizzie - 6 sets, 50 games

Intermediate

1st Mary - 7 sets, 52 games
2nd Vicky - 4 sets, 43 games
3rd Lizzie - 4 sets, 39 games

Overall

1st Mary - 13 sets, 106 games
2nd Vicky - 10 sets, 103 games
3rd Lizzie - 10 sets, 89 games

Inter House Winners

Junior Doubles Winners - Amy Wyatt-Haines and Anna Taylor
Intermediate Doubles Winners - Amy Burridge and Cathy Stark

Tennis Colours

Awarded to Daisy Perry and Natasha Corner

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This year saw the first boys grace our tennis courts. Timmy Simpson (aged 5) joined the girls group for one term but was soon followed by Samuel Wyatt-Haines, Callum Meek and William Sanderson. Soon the first all boys group was formed - hopefully with some budding 'Henmans' in the making!

Inter-House Gymnastics and Dance Competition (Amy Wyatt-Haines)

Every year Stover has a Gym and Dance competition. It takes place in the Jubilee Hall at Stover. Not all the girls participate in the event, only the girls who are good at gym and dance or who want to experience being in the competition. In the first half there is a competition and after the interval girls do many of different displays.

In the competition there are five events: The Sports Acro Pair (when two girls from the same house do a routine including balances in their performance); a Dance routine (four girls dance to music from a song of their choice); Modern Rhythmic group (two girls perform with hoops or ribbons); and a Sports Acro Group (similar to the Sports Acro Pair but with four people). Finally there is a Vault section where four girls have two goes in which to perform something on the vault.

Everybody had been practising for about three weeks. On the Monday of the competition, we practised all day. It took a long time trying to make up the routines but after a lot of practising and a bit of

help from Miss Goodall and Mrs Craven our routines were looking excellent.

At the end of the competition, Mrs Craven announced the winners of each event and the house who won. The event results were:

Sports Acro Pair - Elizabeth
Dance - Victoria
Modern Rhythmic Group - Mary
Vault - Mary and Elizabeth (joint 1st)

Just before the winning house was announced, Mrs Craven presented the award for Best Performance of the Day to Elizabeth House's Sports Acro Pair.

The overall house who had the most points and who won the cup was ELIZABETH HOUSE!!! The Elizabeth House captain went up to the front to collect the trophy and all of Elizabeth House shouted and cheered because they were so pleased with the result.

Everybody had enjoyed taking part and had fun putting the routines together and performing them on the day. None of us can wait until next year's competition!

Silver Medal for Judo



Kimberley Fairbrother in Year 9 is a judo junior brown belt. She recently competed in the South West of England Judo Tournament in Kingsbridge. Against very competitive opposition, Kimberley did exceptionally well and came away the eventual winner of the Silver Medal in her age and weight category. Kimberley aims to gain her black belt soon.

Sports Reports

Under 12s Hockey

- Lauren Higgin (Captain)

It was a beautiful sunny day on when we played against Plymouth College. It was our first match of the season and Plymouth were strong. Tabi was playing brilliantly as RF (Right Forward). We did not have our whole team playing. Plymouth scored two goals against us in the first half and one against us in the second half leaving the score 3-0 to them.

Our next match was against St Margaret's (more commonly referred to as "St Maggot's") which we won 1-0 with Summer's excellent play scoring for us. Again not all the team played.

Our next three matches against Kelly, Trinity and Teigh were all cancelled so our next match was on 7th November against St Joseph's which we won 4-0 with Ceri, Summer, Lauren and Jasmine all scoring one goal each and with Tammy and Hermione playing very well indeed.

We lost our last match against KEVICS 2-1 to them, with Jasmine scoring the goal on our team and Jo playing excellently. Despite all the terrible weather and cancellations, the team put together some strong performances and look to strengthen their prominent position next year.

Under 14s Hockey

- Kathryn Hendy (Captain)

This season the U14 hockey team has played extremely well, winning the majority of their games. The team pulled together and worked well together. This year's team consisted of Tess Wigram, Tash Corner, Sophie Ashby, Hannah MacDonald, Michelle Spinks-Wright, Cathy Stark, Emma Logie-Smith, Charlotte Hayes, Emilie Leonard and myself. This team seems promising for the future and we hope to keep up the good play. Well done everyone!

Under 16s Hockey

- Harriet Hamilton (Captain)

Yet again the Under 16 hockey team charged through the season playing with great enthusiasm and unceasing commitment. We had a fantastic season winning most of our matches spectacularly, although KEVICS and Kingsbridge Community College seemed just out of our grasp.

We took on the Area Competition and through solid determination and pure skill beat many strong opponents, finally gaining a well-earned third place! We

returned home extremely proud of our achievement.

The team gave an outstanding performance this year, and with just a little improvement shall go where no team has ever gone before!!

Under 12s Netball

- Ceri Lloyd (Captain)

This season the Under 12s consisted of Centre Summer Ferguson, Wing Attack Lauren Higgin / Jasmine Holmes, Wing Defence Rose Ashby, Goal Defence Hermione W.C., Goal Keeper Jennifer Pomeroy / Kirsty Watkins, Goal Attack Ceri Lloyd, Goal Shoot Kendelle Cooke / Tabi Cottrell.

We had an excellent season, we won all of our matches apart from one in the Area Tournament against South Dartmoor 6-3. In the Area Tournament we came 2nd overall. Our teachers put together a very strong team this year and everyone played well. Well done!

Under 13s Netball

- Christina Warn (Captain)

We have had an excellent team in netball and have won nearly all our matches. I think that one result everyone was pleased about was the match against Trinity where we won 12 - 7. We went to play them thinking we would be easily beaten; however we came home with an excellent result. Unfortunately, when we played Kingsbridge, we lost badly. I think we lost because our coach, Miss Goodall, was not there to give us a boost of encouragement like she normally does. Also the Kingsbridge girls were quite a lot bigger than us! The only other match we lost was the one against St. Margaret's and that was our first match of the term. Throughout the term there have been a few matches cancelled due to bad weather, none of us were at all happy about this!

Every other match was such fun and the whole team put 100% effort in to make it work. We also had a netball tournament this term, which was really enjoyable too. We played from about 10 o'clock to about 4 o'clock and played around eight or nine matches. Although we managed to get onto the final, we sadly lost to Kingsbridge. They are such a strong team and we were all extremely tired, as we had been playing match after match. I thought that was a brilliant achievement to be able to get as far as we did.

I would like to thank all the players for working so hard this term and am proud to be the captain of such a wonderful team. On behalf of everyone I would like to say an enormous thank you to Miss Goodall and Mrs Craven for helping us all to be so successful.

Under 14s Netball

- Tash Corner (Captain)

It has been an encouraging season for the under 14 netball team this year, winning four out of five matches, only losing once to Kelly Collage, when playing without a full team. The team has for a second year been participating in the Plymouth League Netball Tournament at Marjons, on Monday nights, and although we got off to a slow start, with the help from Miss Goodall and Mrs Craven our game soon picked up. The under 14s were the schools most successful team, and we will hopefully go to improve our performances next year as the under 15s.

Under 16s Netball

- Sarah Byrnes (Captain)

After a term of playing hockey the netball season was met with a mixed range of views, although we soon got back into the swing of netball playing, more determined than ever before! We won all but one of our matches. This one proved to be a little tricky with half the team missing due to exams, we had a long and tiring drive down to Bude to play on a court the size of a five pence piece. It goes by the saying "a bad workman always blames his tools"! We would like to thank all those Year 10s who helped to make up that team. Although the result was a little down heartening!

Under 18s Rugby

- Camilla Smallwood (Captain)

Despite the struggle to sustain a team due to the lack of numbers, there has been a high level of commitment throughout the season. Although no matches were played, this season was a chance to develop skills so that, when we return next year, we should be unbeatable! Training has been fun, and (aided by the predictably atrocious rainy winter) all are now well trained in slide tries! Hopefully the forthcoming season will allow the up and coming under 16s to shine and as the new season kicks off with our first match all we can hope for is that the training paid off. We have always been a strong team and let's keep it that.



Inter-House Swimming Gala - Kate Thompson

On Wednesday 10th July the fight to claim the swimming cup began. Last year (to Miss Evans' delight) Victoria House held the cup. Many competitive swimmers swam their fastest, creating a splash and scoring points. At the presentation Mrs Briddock gave everyone their medals and cups, which put a smile on many faces.

When Mr Brown announced the final results, to everyone's astonishment Lizzy and Vicky House had come joint first, much to Mr Dunbar's disappointment! Better luck next year.

Inter-House Cross-Country - Lauren Higgin

The Inter House Cross Country was held last December. It was a wet, cold, miserable day but a lot of people joined in the fun of running through the wet mud. It was a long 16 minute run and the last part of the run was up Torture Hill which speaks for itself! The event results were:

- First - Lauren Higgin, Lizzie House Yr. 7
- Second - Tabi Cotereil, Lizzie House Yr. 7
- Third - Lucy Norman, Lizzie House Yr. 7
- Fourth - Hannah Bennet, Mary House Yr. 6

All in all, it was a brilliant day for Lizzie House.



AND THE WINNERS WERE...

Swimming: 1st Vicky and Lizzie (joint)
2nd Mary

Sports Day 1st Vicky
2nd Lizzy
3rd Mary

Rugby 1st Vicky
2nd Lizzy
3rd Mary

Hockey 1st Lizzy
2nd Mary
3rd Vicky

Netball 1st Mary
2nd Lizzy
3rd Vicky

Rounders Sadly cancelled

Tennis 1st Mary
2nd Vicky
3rd Lizzy

Senior School

Swimming Gala July 2002



Devon Youth Games

Athletics

- Emma Wyatt - Haines (Year 8)

On the 22nd June 2002, I went to the Devon Youth games at Plymouth. The Devon Youth Games is a competition between the regions in Devon in many different sports. I was competing in the Athletics and my team was Teignbridge.

On Saturday morning, I had to wake up, put on my vibrant orange t-shirt and go to Forde House to catch the coach (along with my team-mates) to Plymouth Argyle for the opening ceremony. When we arrived at Plymouth, all of the other teams were there and waiting on the field outside the stadium. When everyone was present, we paraded into the stadium and walked all the way around the edge of the football pitch. There was a band playing and cheerleaders dancing around with their coloured pom - poms. The football mascots were there, greeting everyone. Once everyone was seated in the stadium, we were welcomed to Plymouth and there was lots of cheering and a huge Mexican wave rippled through the stadium. Sharon Davis then began the competition and all of the different contestants went to their relevant sports centres.

The Athletics was being held at Brickfields, along with the Tag - Rugby. After warming - up the events started. Everyone was having their face painted in team colours. Teignbridge stood out in Orange! We had all been to a lot of practices so we were all ready for the events. My first event was the shot. Later on, I moved to the high jump, then the 100m sprint and finally the relay. This was the highlight of the day! Everyone was evolved and there was a buzz of team spirit in the air. I was running third so I had to collect the baton and then pass it on safely. It was very nerve racking because if I dropped it I was certainly going to lose. We had a good start and the pace was kept up the whole way round. Everyone was screaming the encouragement and the noise was deafening! My changeover went smoothly and the baton wasn't dropped once! I felt so charged with exhilaration! Our main opponents were Plymouth. In the end we came about second which the team were delighted with.

Once we had finished all of the events we all sat down, ready for presentations. The organisers said their word of thanks and then sports people of the area came and presented the awards. To present the athletics award there was English schools champion for long jump. He was from

Plymouth and had competed in the Devon Youth Games a couple of years before.

When it came to the year 8 and below results, everyone was nervous. We would only receive a medal if we came first, second or third. The tension was mounting and as the results were read out, starting with the eighth and working upwards. When we found out that we hadn't come last we all breathed a sigh of relief! After all the hard work we had put in and waking up early just to compete coming last wasn't a good thought. As they worked through, we got more and more excited as our team hadn't been called. When the third place was announced everyone fell silent, waiting for the result. We hadn't come third! The tension was electric, we could come second!

"And in second place...Teignbridge!"

A brilliant day, a brilliant result. Everyone was ecstatic as they went back for the closing ceremony at the Argyle football ground. And guess who won overall.....TEIGNBRIDGE!!!

Hockey

- Hannah Walsh (Year 8)

It was a Saturday in June, morning of the DML, Devon Youth Games. The opening ceremony was held at Home Park (Argyle's home ground). All ten Devon districts paraded around the stadium to the beat of the band. Then we piled onto coaches to take us to the various sports venues around the city.

All hockey, netball and football players were spending the day at Marjon. We probably had the best facilities, as there was a café, inflatable assault course and Royal Marine climbing wall near the pitches, which everyone tried out during some of the longer waits between matches.

Our Teignbridge team consisted of two Stover girls - Chloe Martin (Goalie) and myself (left half) plus the five girls from other local schools. We had on our very distinctive orange t-shirts worn with a red skirt! We won all four of our first matches, which took us to the top of our age group. We then beat Plymouth 1 - 0!! In the semi - final, we lost by 3 - 0 to East Devon conceding only three goals throughout the day due to our excellent goalie and solid defence. I had a really enjoyable time and the sportsmanship was fantastic! We received our Silver medals with pride but next year, we will be back to beat East Devon and become the champions!!!

Netball

- Helen Bryant (Year 8)

On Friday the 24th of May, eight other Stover girls and myself went to try out for a place in the Netball squad in Ashburton for the Devon Youth Games. We were against thirty three other girls to try and get one of the ten places available.

On Friday we went along for the first training session. To start off with we did some basic exercises in-groups and some team skills. Then Karen, one of our instructors, put us into teams. We then played three to four games each, rotating team positions. At the end of this training session we were all told to come back next week.

The following week, we did the same skills but this time, the instructors were looking for every little fault. After the skills, we played some more games but at the end of them seventeen of us had to leave. At this point two of our girls sadly had to go.

Another week passed and the training became even harder as there was a limit as to how many people they could have in each squad. Six people had to leave including one Stover girl.

The squad was made of ten girls, four of whom were from Stover!

They were:

- Emily Etridge
- Alex Garfield
- Christina Warn
- Helen Bryant.

The next week was a basic training session to get us ready for the Devon Youth Games the next day. Karen brought some older players so we could practise our stretching skills.

On Saturday we were picked up at Ford House at 7: 45am and we travelled up to Plymouth in a coach with the hockey players. When we arrived all the teams from all the parts of Devon paraded around the football stadium with our mascot in front. Then we were all driven off to different areas of Plymouth to play our matches.

Our netball team did fantastically well, winning all but one of our nine matches! This meant that we won over all in netball and we all got medals which made me feel very proud. One of the highlights of the day was meeting Helen Palmer who signed our t-shirts!!!

We drove back to Plymouth Argyle football ground, where all the overall winners of the Youth Games was appointed. Our team had won and we all celebrated with the other groups before we were loaded back onto the buses and driven home.

For me, it was one of my favourite sporting experiences! I will definitely be trying out for the teams next year to again hold our champion position!!

Sports Day

Luck was on our side for yet another year running with the weather turning out to be super. Sports day was underway. In the long distance races, each house had their share of success. The mums and dads formed excellent cheerleaders and without doubt made people run faster. Many records were broken for both field and track events. As the last event ended, the skies opened. Mr Dunbar and the PA system were soaked by rain. We all retreated to Jubilee Hall for a sumptuous cream tea and the awards ceremony. The overall result were:
First – Victoria
Second – Elizabeth
Third – Mary

A great day was had by all.



Barbados Sports Tour 2002

At 2.30 am we arrived at school, bleary eyed but excited. Suitcases were fully packed...in some cases, and as the bus journey began no one could hold back the chatter. After surviving the coach and plane journey we landed in Barbados.

What was first presumed to be heat from the plane was then discovered to be the actual temperature and we realised we had left cold England behind. However, in true tradition, nothing ran smoothly... Tasha's suitcase quickly lost itself and the bus journey proved to be more than hazardous with its many burst tyres and dirt tracks. After settling into our apartments in our groups of four we spent the afternoon trying out the pool and finding the shops. Games were started up round the pool and we quickly relaxed into bajan life. Before we knew it our first netball match was upon us and after sighting the opposition we were slightly apprehensive and with reason as we found ourselves swiftly beaten and facing a long bus journey back to the apartments. On Day 3 we made our first trip to the beach and we were certainly not disappointed by the stretching white sand and clear blue sea. In between exercising our sunbathing skills many of us took to jet skiing and doughnuting providing a great laugh for the spectators. Later that day after getting rid of all the sand we embarked on our next netball match against the Barbados under 11 national team. Easy !!!..... Or so we thought!! However the on the journey home our spirits were lifted by keen renditions of Grease songs in what became known as the "Grease Bus". Hockey matches although much closer were also a lot harder than we expected. The first match, the team were shrouded in rain and despite all their efforts lost marginally.

On Day 5 we took taxis to Bridgetown where after buying plenty of authentic jewellery we ended up at the boatyard, a beach club, perfect for working on the tan and improving our watersports skills. The netball match that evening followed the usual pattern but the bus journey home

was once again eventful as the door refused to open providing many nervous laughs. Before we knew it the end of the first week was marked with the regular Sunday night karaoke and without any encouragement most of us took part. However we soon wished we hadn't as we were promptly upstaged by Mrs Craven. Day 8 then arrived and along with it our first win in the School's Summerfest. After the somewhat interesting opening ceremony involving singing and dancing, the match got underway and with some amazing saves by Milly and a great goal by Lisa, the game was over and the score 3:0. The following day there was more singing, but this time of the "Happy Birthday" variety for Becky and Miss Goodall's birthdays, which we celebrated by going out for pizzas or super size pizzas in the case of the teachers! With regular trips to the beach and a few final hockey matches, the second week drew to a close and it was time for us to get some final glimpses of the island. First came the island tour, where we were shown to the Northern tip of the island, where sharks are to be found, taken for a flying fish lunch and to one of the best beaches on the West coast. With the waves strong many people decided to hire out body boards resulting in the first call out of the doctor, as Milly proceeded to be floored by the waves, leaving her with concussion! However, the next day we turned out in full force and despite the injuries the climax of our tour was the catamaran cruise. Here we snorkelled over shipwrecks watching great shoals of brightly coloured fish and swam alongside turtles and was what we all agreed as a memorable was to end a great tour.



School Trips 2002



My visit to Stover Country Park

by Tabitha Cottrell - 7B

When we went to Stover Country Park last November, the weather was wet and quite cold but we still had a great time. We walked down to the park from school and were met by a ranger, Peter Barges. He took us around the park and told us all about the surroundings. As we walked through the park, we were

told about different plants and habitats.

The trees towered over us to form a tunnel and the leaves fell to form a floor. As the ranger talked, I jotted down notes, as we were to do a project about by our visit. The part I found most interesting was going to the coniferous ecosystem which was dark and gloomy with no colourful leaves, just pine needles. I also loved the colour of the beech leaves - yellows, oranges and browns.

The broad-leaved ecosystems seemed more like a jungle with all the green plants low and high. There was one particular foreign tree called a Wellingtonia, which was gigantic. Five people had to hold hands to form a ring around the tree.

The last ecosystem we went to was the heathland. We only went to the small part of it which had heather bushes everywhere. We then played some games. I really enjoyed playing the Food Web. We all stood in a circle and were given a tag, which had a plant or animal on it. I was a fungus! The Ranger had a big ball of string and we made a web with it. It was great fun!

It was time to go back to lessons now. We walked back to school and left the Ranger half way with a big thank-you.

Stover Country Park

by Hermione Williams-Copp - 7B

Last November all of Year 7 went on a trip to Stover Country Park. On the way down we met the Ranger, Peter Barges. The park is perfectly kept and is the proud home to a small selection of foreign trees. The Wellingtonia was particularly interesting and has a huge circumference.

The class were about to understand what hard-core mud, puddles, rocks and hidden holes really meant. It was interesting and fun though.

We saw strong and alien like fungi, weird and wonderful ecosystems and we learnt about many more. Rhododendrons growing so fast that they spun out of control. Why do mice live high in trees? Why nothing was on the litter tray in the coniferous ecosystem? Why nightjars, adders and the Pearl Bordered Fritillary Butterfly need heathland to survive? We also learnt much about the science behind nature.

First of all we visited the cool ecosystem. Here was a clear canopy and nothing anywhere else - disaster! Not for us but for the animals - no food for herbivores and therefore little for carnivores either. The only wildlife here are birds in the canopy because there are no predators to seek their young. Conifers do not lose their leaves each season - they are known as evergreens (if you had not guessed). Deciduous trees are quite different. They lose their leaves. Plants in this ecosystem are full of lush leaves, friendly ferns and funky fungi. Animals also flourish.

In the heathland, as well as the animals, there are three main types of heather, Bell, Ling and Cross Leaved. Fungi and all other bits 'n' pieces in the soil are lush because of the nice nutrients in the soil.

Overall we had a lovely day. THANKS PETER!

Year Six Trip to the Royal Albert Museum, Exeter

Amy Wyatt-Haines

On Wednesday 26th June, Year Six went to the Royal Albert Museum. We went to have a look around the Roman section, because for half of the year we have been studying the Romans in History lessons. Mr Barter and Mrs Smith took us on our trip.

Once we arrived, we met the lady who was to spend the day with us. Her name was Carol. She took us up into a room where we were going to talk about the Romans.

In the room there was a model of a Roman kitchen with a slave cooking. When I first entered I was shocked, as I thought the slave was real!! We sat down and Carol started talking about the Romans and the people back in the old days.

We played a game where we took on the role of an archaeologist and had to guess the Roman materials. We first used pots and then animal bones, guessing which animal the bone had come from and whereabouts it was in the body. One of the bones we had to guess was an elephant tooth. It was simply huge!! None of us had any idea what it could possibly be, it was a mystery! The bone was so enormous that when I held it it was as if I was holding my own mum in my arms! It was incredibly difficult to imagine how on earth the elephants could keep such gigantic teeth in their mouths!

We then had a look around the kitchen. There was a quern in the kitchen and we were allowed to have a go on it. A quern is made up of two stones on top of each other and grain is put in the middle. To turn the grain into flour you have to turn the top stone around. It was hard work! The stones were heavy and the handle was disobedient and kept popping out!

We asked questions about the Roman kitchen, before making our way downstairs. The tools and weapons used by people in the Iron Age were simply fascinating, as was the wattle and daub hut on display. Carol talked to us in a room full of Roman artefacts about the Roman Army. There was a legion of about six thousand men on the wall!! I was allowed to try on the armour worn by Roman soldiers; it was so heavy! I don't know how the soldiers could carry all that weight on their backs, let alone having to walk for miles and miles!!

We had a lovely picnic in the park after our day in the museum. All of us had a brilliant day out and learnt a great deal about the Romans and their army.

School Trips 2002

Totnes Castle

On Wednesday 14th November, Year 7 went to Totnes Castle accompanied by Miss King, Miss Young and Mrs de Montjoie. We met up at approximately 2.15 p.m. at the Portico and boarded the coach. It took about twenty minutes to get to Totnes and we were dropped off outside the train station. From there we climbed up to the Castle.

We stood on the outside of the pallisade and looked down at the town around us. After writing a bit about what we could see, we all charged down the hill we were standing on. It was hard work trying to get back up as the hill was steep.

After climbing back up the hill, we went into the Bailey. The Norman followers of the Lord would have lived here. Later we climbed the stairs up the Motte. Built on top of the Motte is a shell keep with one room and two flights of stairs leading to the keep outer walls. The room was dark and smelly – apparently it was used as a toilet hundreds of years ago. From the very top of Totnes Castle, we enjoyed outstanding views across the town and countryside.



Totnes Motte and Bailey

GCSE History visit to the Imperial War Museum, London. September 25th 2001

It was a very early start as we all waited for the coach – at 5a.m. on a chilly Tuesday morning. The boarders (who had the least early start!) clutched their pillows miserably. Do NOT attempt to communicate with Chloe Bartlett in the morning! We waited for the coach and waited and waited..... and waited! After two phone calls the coach arrived (half and hour late. Miss King in a stress? Of course not!) We think the drivers had only just got out of bed themselves! They certainly looked like it!

The journey went well and we arrived in a rather quiet London half an hour early. By this time it was very sunny.

We spent the whole day in the museum. There were loads of displays from World War One to the very moving Holocaust Exhibition. This exhibition was powerful and very thought provoking.

The journey back to school was smooth and without trouble. It was a long day but we all enjoyed ourselves. It was worth the trip.

AS Geography Field Trip to Rora Woods, Liverton

Standing in a damp wood all day may not sound much like fun but when you are discovering the hidden world of the soil under the expert tuition of Phil Robson, son-in-law, to Mrs Elce, time passes very quickly.

Year 12 Geographers, Mrs Smith, Mrs Elce and Petra

(the collie dog) were there to study podsols and brown earths. Petra spent the day losing sticks because she never watches where they land. The girls found it a valuable session and afterwards made comments like "the penny has dropped" and " I understand soils now".

My French Experience

Stephanie Kent Year 8

On Saturday 9th March 2002 I woke up very early as I was going on the French Exchange. I felt excited but nervous as this was my first trip abroad without my family. Although some of my close friends were coming too, I knew I might be home sick. I arrived at school in good time for the coach. Our bags were loaded and we sorted out our seats. Lots of parents lined Stover's drive and hands waved excitedly as off we went.

The journey was long but fun and we chatted and listened to our walkmans. On the ferry we watched a film which took our minds off the fact that the sea was rough and that some people were not coping well!

Once we had arrived at St Jeans School in Vire everyone was very tired but pleased to meet their pen-friends. My pen-friend Clemence gave me a great welcome and her parents made me feel comfortable straight away. Their house was really grand and I had a lovely spacious bedroom with an en-suite bathroom.

After a fun weekend I was looking forward to meeting my friends and sharing our experiences!

Our week in France varied from visiting Clemence's school to major trips like going to the Bayeux Tapestry which was beautiful, and a day in Paris which meant getting up very early but was well worth it! The Eiffel Tower was amazing. I also enjoyed shopping for presents and was relieved when I didn't get lost!

Other trips included visiting Mont St Michel, the D-Day Landings museum at Arromanches, and the Bell Making Foundry. I now know a bit more about how bells are made, and have a small bell from the Foundry on my mantelpiece at home.

I enjoyed most of the French food, especially the chocolate!

I came home laden with gifts from my French family and souvenirs for my own family. My mind was full of happy memories of a brilliant trip. I also had Clemence's return visit in May to look forward to. I couldn't have had a kinder and more generous family! Like England the weather wasn't great but it didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm! What a great experience!

School Trips 2002



Year 10 Geography Trip to Wales

Zoë Swift, Chloe Bartlett and Amy Cardale

We travelled up to Abergavenny, Wales on the 26th June for our geography field trip. Mrs Smith and Mrs Kearney piled us into two minibuses with our luggage and we were on our way.

When we reached Wales we stopped in a tiny town called Blaenavon to eat lunch, then studied the town. After desperately searching for the town centre, Jordan asked a local woman and she told us "this is it"! After leaving Blaenavon we went to "Big Pit", a 300 ft mineshaft. After a lot of

'girly' screaming on the way down the shaft by an unstable looking lift, we walked through the dusty tunnels. We were made to turn out our small helmet lights and we were plunged into total darkness. We experienced how it would have been for a 5-year-old child working in the mines many years ago.

After many people hitting their heads on the shaft roof, seeing how the machines worked and where the horses were kept, we returned to the lifts where Mrs Smith had a dishy, young (!!) 62-year-old chatting her up saying he would have "stayed at school longer if his teachers were as pretty as her"!!! After a lot of laughter we carried on to our accommodation. From the outside it looked like a young offenders' home We

had two hours until dinner and enjoyed wasting our time by watching TV, playing pool and checking out the boys from Cardiff High School! That evening we had lessons until 9 o'clock (sigh!) and met Howard, who would be teaching us the next day. Thankfully they let us watch Big Brother!

The next day we went out to four parts of the Afon Llwyd River. We did various tests for pH, O₂ levels and water temperature. We caught and identified all sorts of water animals including Chloroperlidae, Ephemeroptera and the Hydromatridae (otherwise known as bugs!). Stef thought it would be a good idea to sit us in an ant nest, until she screamed at the 30 ants crawling over her. That evening we had a three hour long lesson! Then we all got told off for going into each others' rooms or talking too much when we were supposed to be going to bed!

The next day we headed home (after yet another lesson!) and stopped at an open cast coal mine, where we had the bumpiest ride of our lives and saw some **huge** machinery. We even got to see explosive charges go off.

We finally arrived back at school, after a very amusing journey, tired but happy. All in all it had been an interesting trip (apart from the work!). It was brilliant and we learnt some valuable and highly useful information, such as how to tell our perliades from our perlodidae! Thank you Mrs Smith and Mrs Kearney!



School Trips 2002



Schools challenge
Trophy at HMS Raleigh
June 2002



French Exchange 2002

French Exchange 2002

On the 9th March a group of Stover and Wolborough pupils, accompanied by Miss Evans, Mrs Elce and Mrs Burgess, set off for an exchange with our partner school St Jean-Eudes in Vire, Normandy. Here is the itinerary of the trip, together with some extracts from pupils' diaries, which give a flavour of our visit.

Saturday 9th March

Meet at Stover 8.30am.
9am Leave by coach to Portsmouth.
13.15 Ferry from Portsmouth.
18.00 Arrive at Cherbourg.
21.00 Arrive at Vire. Short introduction and the pupils depart with host families.

My Dad set our alarm clock accidentally one hour early, so I woke up at 5am. On the coach: I feel sick. On the boat: We are all writing our diaries, eating chips. The crossing was very rough and windy. Many people began to be sick. YUCK! On arrival: We went into this big room with all our pen friends holding banners. Finally my name got called out and I was really nervous. The first thing I noticed about my pen friend was her red, spiky hair.

Sunday 10th March

With host families all day.
'En Famille.' We ate breakfast. It was quite different from ours. When I finished my cereal we had leftover milk in our bowls, so they put it in the microwave and made hot chocolate. They do not eat with a plate! I had to kiss about fifty relatives four times each. I don't think my family speaks any English. All I can remember is 'oui' or 'non'!

Monday 11th March

Between 8am and 9am arrive at College St Jean-Eudes.
Tour of school.
Lesson observation.
Lunch in school canteen.
Basketball match.
17.00 Go home with exchange partner.

I woke up at 6am. In school: We played games and asked each other questions;

us in French and our pen pals in English. Our pen friends did some plays for us. We were in a Biology lesson and I couldn't understand anything: We watched a video on reproduction. I don't understand it in English let alone in French! Lunch: I had some very sloppy mashed potato and some sausage type meat in a courgette. Next we played basketball against the French. It was really great fun.

Tuesday 12th March

8am Leave from School.
9.30am Visit the Bayeux Tapestry. Picnic on beach at Arromanches.
13.45 Visit to D-Day landing museum (one hour). Return via Caen. Shops/Cafes.
17.00 Reception at the town hall, including a party from Texas.
18.30 Go home with exchange partner.

I woke up at 6am. We went to visit the Bayeux Tapestry, which represented the conquest of England by William, Duke of Normandy. It was very beautiful, interesting and cleverly made. It was amazing. D-Day museum: We saw two short films about what happened. It was sad. Mayor's reception: Jenny got locked in the loos.

Wednesday 13th March

Day in Paris.
5.30am Leave from school. Visit to Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, and Le Centre Pompidou.
21.00 Return to school.

I got up incredibly early at 6am. We went to Paris. I had a brilliant day! We went up the Eiffel Tower. The view was absolutely beautiful. Miss Evans warned us about dodgy characters- we were soon surrounded by people trying to sell us plastic Eiffel Towers. We had a picnic and the weather was like summer. Notre Dame was really enormous. The Pompidou Centre was weird with the plumbing on the outside. The shopping was brill.

Thursday 14th March

8am Leave from school. Joint visits with group from Texas.
9am Visit bell making foundry: Villedieu-les-Poeles.
10.15am Visit copper workshop: Atelier du

Cuivres on Rue General Thard.
Lunch time picnic at Le Mont St Michel.
Afternoon exploring Le Mont St Michel.

I woke up at 6am. Villedieu : We visited a bell foundry. Copper Works : We saw two people making a very posh bath. Le Mont St Michel : We went to Le Mont St Michel. We went to the top- the tide comes in 'as fast as galloping horses' they say. Shopping: In the supermarket we went totally mad with our shopping trolley.

Friday 15th March

5am Meet at school.
5.15am Leave to catch 8am ferry from Cherbourg
13.15 Arrive at Portsmouth.
16.00 Arrive at Stover approx.

I woke up at 3am. Clemence and her parents kissed me! On the ferry: I am in the girls' loos. This is where my friends and I don't feel sick...

It is an experience I will never forget! Daisy nearly died as I gave her some of the Vire sausage. I told her it was the insides of pigs- I thought it was quite nice.

So you can see that our pupils have had quite an interesting experience as well as well as learning French. We eagerly anticipate a further exchange next year and would also like to thank Madame Beradette Danet, her pupils, their families and teachers for their fantastic welcome, kindness and generosity. Many thanks also to Mrs Elce and Mrs Burgess for their help and encouragement.

Miss E. P. Evans
Diary extracts by Years 7 & 8

Year 8 Field Trip to Riverford Farm

On Wednesday July 3rd, Year 8 went on a geography trip to study farming. We visited two contrasting farms near Totnes – Riverford Organic Vegetable Farm and Blakemore Dairy Farm (run by 'old' friends of the school the Annings – Alberta is also a school governor). Many thanks to Guy Watson, John and Alberta Anning, Mrs Kearney, Miss Nuttall and Mr Brown for making the day such a success.

Year 8 describe the day:

When we went to Riverford we saw how their vegetables were grown. We were able to pick yummy strawberries, cucumbers, tomatoes and spicy basil leaves. Finally Mr. Watson let us pick some lettuces which we had to wash, not because they had been sprayed with chemicals, but because they had greenfly on them. The fun bit was when we got to travel to another part of the farm in a trailer.

At the Annings' farm we walked inside the barn and saw some Friesian cows and bullocks but the best part was the calves – they were so sweet and two had only been born the previous evening. They were very small and had long, thin, spindly legs, which could hardly support their frail bodies. One calf came up and sucked your fingers – you could feel their gums. The others weren't as bold though and cowered in the corner but we managed to coax one out which eventually let us stroke it. The farmer then showed us how silage is made and we were able to feed the cows with crushed wheat. We then went up on the ridge to see exactly where Blakemore is – the view was amazing. At the end Mrs Anning kindly gave us drinks and chocolate bars before we drove back to Stove after a very enjoyable day.

Emily Livesey and Natalie Lees



RIVERFORD
FARM SHOP

Junior School 2001-2002



Reception children singing at the Harvest Festival.

Harvest Festival 11th October 2001

Today at the Harvest Festival we all brought in some harvest produce. We took them over to the Jubilee Hall. Laura came onto the stage and introduced our first hymn which was 'Autumn days'. When it was my class's turn it was a bit nerve wracking but not as scary as I thought it was going to be. I thought that all the other classes were very good. When we had done the songs the Reverend Knott came and gave a speech. To finish our Harvest Festival service we sang the school hymn.

Isabelle Hayes class 4

Fancy Dress Competition Book Week- October 2001

During Book Week we had a fancy dress competition. We were allowed to dress up as our favourite character from a book. In class 1 Tilly won. She was a member of the Saddle Club. Then class 2 was on and my sister was Sabrina the Teenage Witch. Jemima won dressed up as Jemima Puddle



Miss Pannell and Junior School children dress up as their favourite book characters.

Duck. I dressed up as The Worst Witch. In the afternoon we went on a walk around the senior school classrooms. It was really good fun.

Sophie Bates Class 4.

Bonfire Night and Barn Dance 2nd November 2001

On Friday 2nd November we had our Bonfire and Barn Dance and it was brilliant. First we had the fire works. There were Catherine Wheels and Screamers and the ones which go up and bang with different colours shooting out of them. Some people brought sparklers but I bought a glow in the dark ring. Next to the fire works was the bonfire and ashes were coming out of it. Then came the Barn Dance and it was great. There was a band and one man was telling us what to do. It was great fun.

Eleanor Bujak Class 4



Mr Stevens with his new class of key stage 2 boys.



Mr Stevens with his new class of key stage 2 boys.

January 2002

A busy and exciting term for the Junior School as we welcomed two new members of staff, Mr Richard Stevens and Mrs Linda Smail for the opening of our boys department.

Our Jungle Day March 17th 2002

We put our hats on over our eyes so that we couldn't see. We followed the rope course. We went on a treasure hunt. We had to find the red cards. When we got back we went into the Raptor cage and found some chocolate!

Benjamin Steer age 4

English Speaking Board March 2002

When we did the English Speaking Board examinations we were split into groups. Our examiner was called Mrs Evans. She was very friendly. We had to do a poem, read a chapter from a book and talk for 2 minutes about one of our hobbies. My poem was called "The Tale of Penelope Knox". I choose this because it is very funny. I choose to read from the book "George's Marvellous Medicine" My talk was all about Stage Coach. When I did my exam I was quite confident but a little bit nervous at the same time. I really enjoyed ESB and I can't wait to do it again next year.

Isabelle Hayes Class 4

School Trips

Kents Cavern

When we went to Kents Cavern a man told us about these teeth like a hyena and a bear's teeth. Then he took us into a door. The door took us into the cave. Inside the cave it was like an adventure. It was gloomy and freezing and wet. There were stalagmites and stalactites. The caveman had to rub two pieces of flint together to make a spark. Then they had a fire.

Samuel Wyatt- Haines age 6



Year 1 boys and girls visit the caves in Torquay.

Junior School 2001-2002



Class 5 trip to Morwellham Quay.

Teignbridge Chatter Box

On May 12th we went on a consultation event which was held at the Miniture Pony Centre in Mortonhampstead. It was also held in many different locations and organised by Teignbridge Council. We were asked to write about things we like and dislike about the area around Stover School. The thing I like most about my school is the greenery and the thing I dislike is the traffic outside the school entrance. Next we had to discuss the three main points that we wanted to change. Our first point was the traffic. We also discussed restoring the Stover Canal and about the amount of houses being built on the countryside.

After this we went to see the ponies. We fed the fish, which were Rainbow Trout then we went into the pony field. Next we went onto the farm and saw a Pot Bellied Pig, two donkeys, a baby goat and a pregnant Guinea Pig. When it was time to make our way back we passed a horse called Gulliver. Soon it was time to return to school. It was a very enjoyable day out.
Grace Blower 5P

Wembury Beach

We went to look in the rock pools. We saw some Limpets and Sea Snails. We did some drawings of a Seagull and a Crab lying in it's shell. We went to the Marine Centre.
Matthew Holyoak age 4



Class 3 had a wet day for their pond dipping trip to Bovey Traccy.



Emily Morris rock pooling on her trip to Wembury Beach.

Prickly Ball Farm

On June 18th we went to Prickly Ball Farm to visit the Hedgehogs. A lady spoke to us about how Hedgehogs in the wild are becoming extinct mainly because of humans. Humans are putting down slug pellets which are very poisonous. Some people do not check their compost piles before setting fire to them which is also killing off many Hedgehogs.

We went to see the hedgehog hospital and saw some poorly Hedgehogs. I really enjoyed the day and I learnt a lot too. My favourite part was when we met Heather the Hedgehog and stoked her because she was really gentle.

Alicia Caunter Class 4



Class 4 and 5 enjoyed their trip to the Science Museum in Bristol.



Special pieces of work

Stover Grounds

Yellow flowers blowing in the breeze,
Wild bushes growing,
A feast for bees,
Big wide fields for playing in,
Huge trees for climbing on.
Large fields for sports day,
A peaceful jungle for a walk in May.
Verity Langley 5W

Firework Poem

Fire shoots off the fireworks,
It lights up the starry sky.
Ripping and cracking noises are heard.
Everyone down below watches
While Catherine wheels spin
Over peoples eyes
Red, orange purple
Kite like things
Sailing in the sky.
Emily Simpson Class 4

Down in the sea

Dolphins,
Seahorses,
Playing crabs too.
Down in the sea,
Is where we like to be

Octupusses,
Pufferfish,
And Angle Fish too.
Down in the sea,
Is where we like to be.
Sean Large age 5

Gemini FM coming to Stover

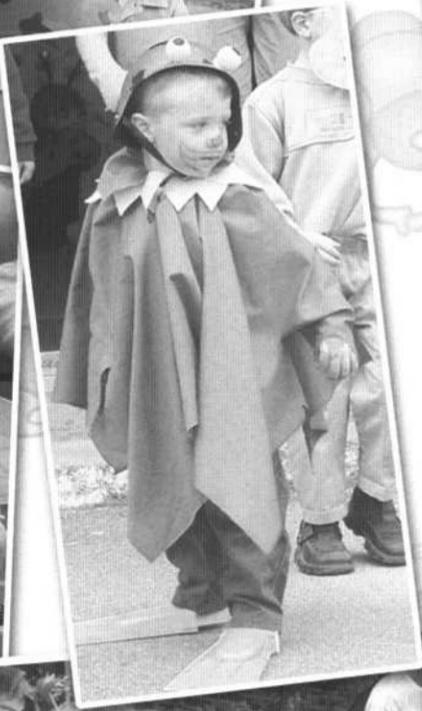
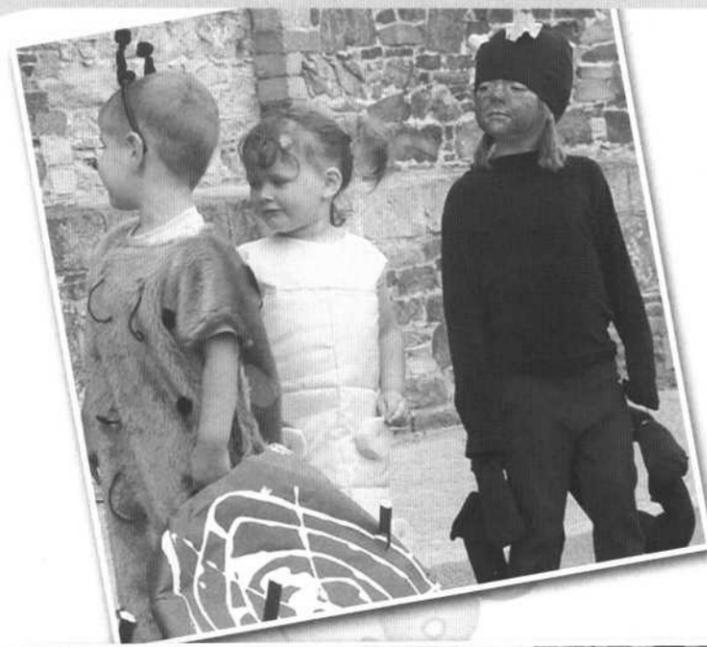
On Wednesday 9th January I was waiting for Gemini FM to call me at home. John White said to me, 'is this Corinne, do you live in Chudleigh, do you go to Stover School, have you been waiting for Black Thunder to come to your house?' I could not believe that I was really going to be taken to school in Black Thunder. I was really excited and I was shaking. Colin Leslie took me to school. My mum recorded me on the radio so I could take it to school. When I got to school everyone was waiting in the court yard for me. We had to shout bye bye as loud as we could. My mum recorded that as well. I had a brilliant day.

Corinne Goble Class 4

Corinne Goble and Anna Fry arrive at school in Black Thunder.

First Steps

Ugly Bug Ball June 2002



Junior School Sporting Events



Felicity Guest being awarded the shield and medal for being part of the winning team in the Newton Abbot Netball League.

Year 4 Netball Team

We started the season only having played netball games in our year groups. We had never played in a real match before. We soon realised that playing in a competition made us use all the skills that we had learnt in our lessons and we were very glad that we had had excellent teaching from Mrs Price and Miss Goodall.

Our first match was against Bradley Barton and we were thrilled that we won 10-2. Our success encouraged us and we went on to win another 3 matches against Blackpool 4-3, Highweek 8-2 and Highweek again 9-1. We were excited when we realised that we had won the Newton Abbot Netball League. We were awarded a large shield and a medal each. We have all caught the netball bug now and will remember this season forever!

Emily Simpson Class 4

Our toughest match was against Blackpool because they play almost every day. The first time we played them we were without our key players. We enjoyed playing against Chudleigh because they were friendly opponents.

Our match results:

Chudleigh 6-1 (win)

Bradley Barton 2-1 (lost)

Decoy 7-3 (win)

Blackpool 16-2 (lost)

We were pleased with all our results. We didn't mind losing, after all it isn't the winning but the taking part that counts. Overall we came third.

Imogen Middleton and Hannah Bennett Year 6

Sports day

Saturday June 15th

On Saturday June 16th it was Sports day. There were lots of races to watch. There was flat races, a distance race, a relay and an obstacle race. There were also other events which included long jump and throwing.

Sports day was special this year, not because of the scores or the races, but because it was the first time that we had boys taking part. This made me happy because my brother Timmy could join in with me and it made it feel like a real family day. Some of the boys races were really funny, especially the obstacle race which was very imaginative. One of the things they had to do was carry water in a pan from one bucket to another. The team with the most water in their bucket won.

In the flat race I was against quite a lot of fast people. I do not usually like running but I tried hard and it worked. I came third! This also happened for Mary House (my team). They usually come last but this year they were second which was great.

The final races of the day were the mums' and dads' relay and flat race. My mum and dad took part in both. My mummy does not really like running but she decided to join in.

We were just going home when cheers filled the silence. We realised that there was another celebration. England had beaten Denmark in the world cup! I thought that this was nothing compared with Mary House coming second!

Emily Simpson class 4



5 race.

Year 5 and 6 Netball Team

We took part in the Newton Abbot Netball League matches. We enjoyed all of the matches because we love playing netball. We all took turns at being captain.

The team was:

GK Indianna Carlino/ Hannah Partridge

GD Hannah Bennett

WD Chloe Flain/ Lucy Theobald

WA Megan Holmes

C Amy Wyatt- Haines

GA Grace Blower

GS Imogen Middleton



Year 4 Netball team.

Junior School Sporting Events



1st, 2nd and 3rd. Maddie Leckie, Harriet Dorrington and Emily Channon at the end of the race.



The boys take part in their obstacle race



Lucy Theobald at the finish of the girls distance race.



Nursery children wait to take part in their races.

Nursery Sports day

Friday June 14th

On Friday 14th June Nursery Sports day took place. All the children had different house colours, blue for Mary, red for Elizabeth and purple for Victoria. The flat race was first. Everybody took part and I think that they did really well. The dressing up race was next, everyone looked really funny. Then it was the bat and bean bag race. Next came the teddy bear relay. All the children had to run carrying a teddy bear. At the end there was a sisters and brothers race and then finally the mums and dads had a go. The afternoon was really good and everybody made a big effort.

Felicity Guest class 4



Year 2 ra

Our Overnight Camp

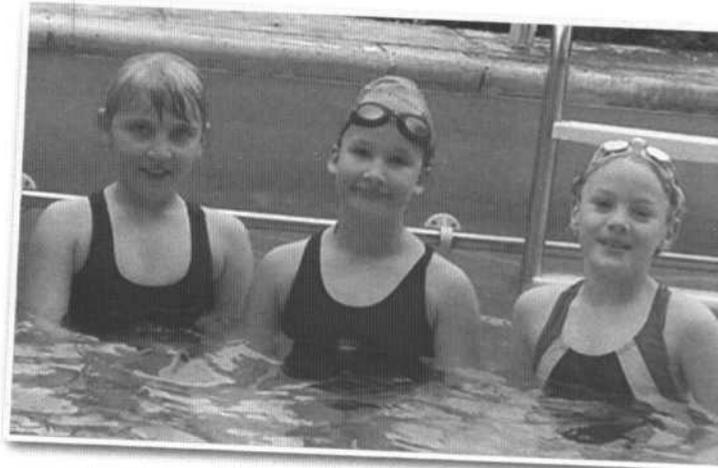
Friday July 8th

On Friday July 8th we had our over night camp for years 3 and 4. After school we had a play then we got changed. We were told who we were to share a tent with. I shared with Milly, Felicity and Sophie. We put our things in the tent and played until it was time for our barbeque. After that we went to the terraces and were allowed to roll down the hill. After that we had a camp fire and had some hot chocolate. When it got dark enough we went on a walk. I didn't really think it was scary. Finally it was time for bed. In the morning we had our breakfast and tidied up all our things. Soon it was time to go home.

Alicia Thew class 4

Junior School

'Swimming Gala' July 2002



Year 3 Finalists



Year 4 Finalists



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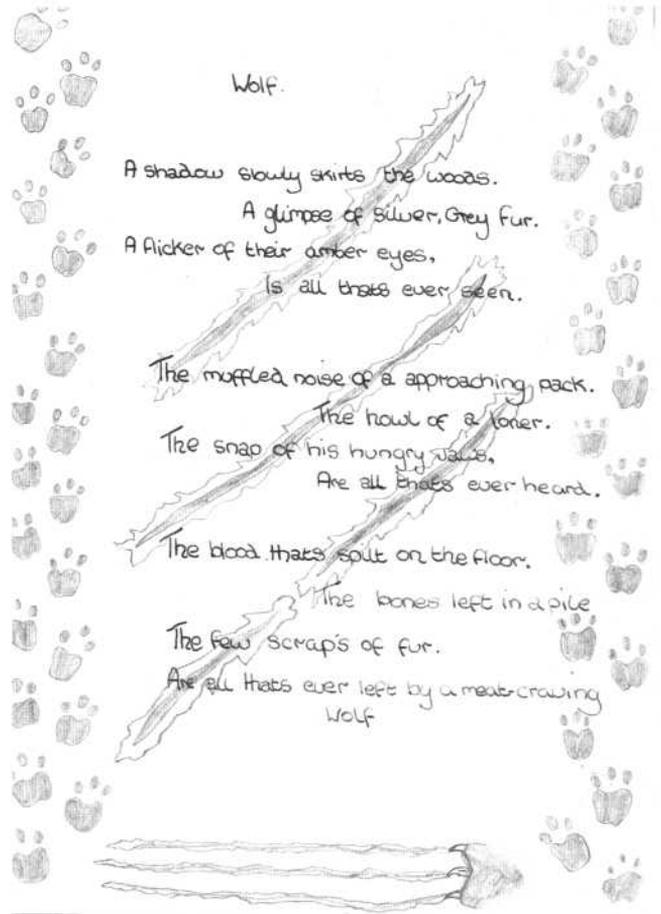
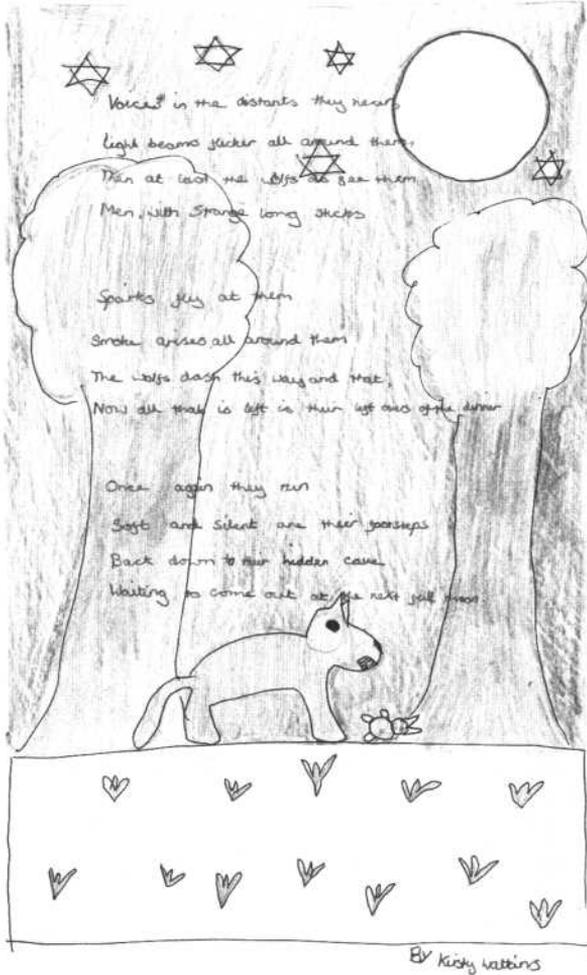




Year 5 Finalists



Poetry



AN HYSTERICAL HISTORICAL CLERIH EW

by Imogen Middleton (6M)

Henry Tudor
 Grew ruder and ruder;
 When two of his wives cried out 'PAX!'
 He chopped off their heads with a bloody axe.

SEASONAL HAIKUS

by members of 6M

February morn:
 A weak sun shines on the mud;
 A mild day ahead.

April afternoon:
 Clouds sculling on a blue sea;
 Sailing towards summer.

Warm July evening:
 Roses drooping velvet heads;
 Snoozing under hats.

Chill November dawn:
 Sharp wind from the eastern coast
 Cuts, slices my face.



The Wolf

The grey wolf sits under the darkness,
Waiting for a helpless rodent to creep by.
He waits, he pounces; it's all too late,
The fretting creatures in a state.

Still not satisfied, he waits again,
Thinking of food in his selfish brain.
All the creatures in the wood,
Avoid the wolf, they know they should.

Impatiently he returns to his den,
To find a place to pounce again.
In his dark and gloomy lair,
He grooms his dirty mangy hair.



The wolf slithers out like a snake,
To take a drink from the murky lake,
He turns around and wails like hell,
The sound no creature could ever tell.

He returns to his dingy forbidden den,
To find a place to pounce again.
In his dark and gloomy lair,
He grooms his dirty mangy hair.

By
Tamara
Simpson -
Sayers



THE EAGLE

King of the skies, streamlined and slender,
Observing the world from a windy throne.
Invincible, voracious, yet strangely so skilled,
Intimidating, merciless, a killer alone.
Primitive, no need to fight for survival,
He lives as a spy to his powerless prey,
His evil eyes narrowed to every manoeuvre,
His brow heavy hooded, a mysterious grey.
Barbaric, pillaging, a symbol of death,
Ravaging, untrammelled, savage, uncouth.
Yet he soars and he swoops and he glides on the currents,
Cutting through the air like a royal sword.
Then pouncing so powerfully like a Harrier Jump Jet,
A stealth jet, he spies on his vulnerable prey.
His beak half open and his claws clutching,
And he caws in triumph, this king of the skies.

Anna Taylor

The Stover Poetry Competition

The standard of entries for this popular competition proved as high as ever. The panel of eminent judges comprising Mrs Middleton plus several governors certainly had difficult decisions to make, as there were many 'Treasures' to behold them. The results were:

Senior School

Winner - Rebecca McMaster
Runner up - Jessica Wass

Junior School

Winner - Emily Simpson
Runner up - Ryasia Chambers

Autumn, like a drifting sea of gold - By Rebecca McMaster

Autumn, like a drifting sea of gold or amber,
Embedded with rubies and emeralds,
Like eyes watching,
Watching for the North Wind,
The wind that brings
The cold silver of winter
The silver winter marbled with rivers of
sapphire.
But soon buds of pearl and stars of gold
Push the winter away,
Like the advance guard
Soon reinforcements arrive.
An army that conquers the world,
Pushing the silver back to the fringes of
existence.
Regiments of ruby, emerald and sapphire,
A cavalry of jade and opal,
The officers of amethyst.
They parade the world until autumn,
Like a drifting sea of gold,
Or amber..

Treasures - By Jessica Wass

Crystal for the clean sparkling windows
through which I see the world;
Sapphire for the blue shimmering sea
shining in the sunlight;
Emerald for the green luscious grass
swaying in the gentle breeze;
Ruby for the field of red poppies reminding
me of people who fought for free
Pearl for the glistening white snow falling
from the winter sky,
Amethyst for the purple heather covering
the moors,
Gold for the colour of the leaves on which I
walk on autumn days
Silver for the flash of lightning piercing the
sky on stormy nights.
These are the Jewels of nature, treasures
closest to my heart

Treasure in a Little Boy's Pockets - By Emily Simpson

How can you ever understand
That what you are holding in your hand
Is treasure of the most precious kind
That you could ever hope to find

A pebble and a piece of string
a toffee wrapper, a coke can ring.
A piece of ancient chewing gum, a bug
inside a box,
a piece of red brick, an old holey sock.
A lump of mud, a large rubber band,
a core of a rotten apple and Barbie's broken
hand!

A square plastic tag I found on the shop
floor
Mum said "What do you want that for?
A dirty piece of broken plastic."
but as soon as I saw it, I knew it was
fantastic.

When we got home I went to my room
the plastic tag grew big just like a balloon.
When it was the size of a space ship I got
inside
and it took me on the most amazing ride.

We sailed to Mars and landed there.
I made friends with aliens and went to their
lair.
The aliens studied my plastic tag balloon
they thought it was brill and wanted one
too.

Home time came all too soon,
I climbed back in my plastic tag balloon.
I sailed past galaxies and thousands of stars,
and looked back with excitement to distant
Mars.

I could hear mum shouting "Where are
you?"
And then in amazement "What am I to do?"
as she spied in my bedroom the plastic tag
balloon,
she said "Good gracious! Whatever is that?"
I said "The plastic tag I found on the shop
mat."
She shouted aloud "That piece of waste?
that I tag I said to leave in its place?"

Whatever did you bring that for?
I told you to leave it on the shop floor"
I shrugged my shoulders and with a twinkle
in my eye
I told her why.
"You see" I said, "you didn't understand
that what you are holding in your hand was
treasure of the most precious kind
that you could ever hope to find."

So listen parents one and all
This is very important, you should make it a
rule.
Little boys take great pleasure
In things that you don't think are treasure.

God's Treasures - By Ryasia Chambers

Butterfly,
Bee,
You,
Me,
God's treasures.

Elephant,
Flea
You,
Me,
God's treasures.

Earth,
Sky,
You,
And I,
God's treasures.

Flower,
Sea,
You,
Me,
God's Treasures.

Boys,
Girls
Not diamonds,
Or pearls
God's Treasures

The Peasants' Revolt - By Jennifer Pomeroy 7B

The Peasants were revolting in 1381,
Their king was hard and ruthless
They weren't having any fun.

He put up all their taxes
Their money he was taking,
He took their sheep and cattle
And all that they'd been making.

Wat Tyler and his pals
Decided to revolt.
They went to see King Richard
And asked to call a halt

But King Richard wasn't happy
Brought his fist down with a BANG!
He told them all to go away
And then sent them all to hang.



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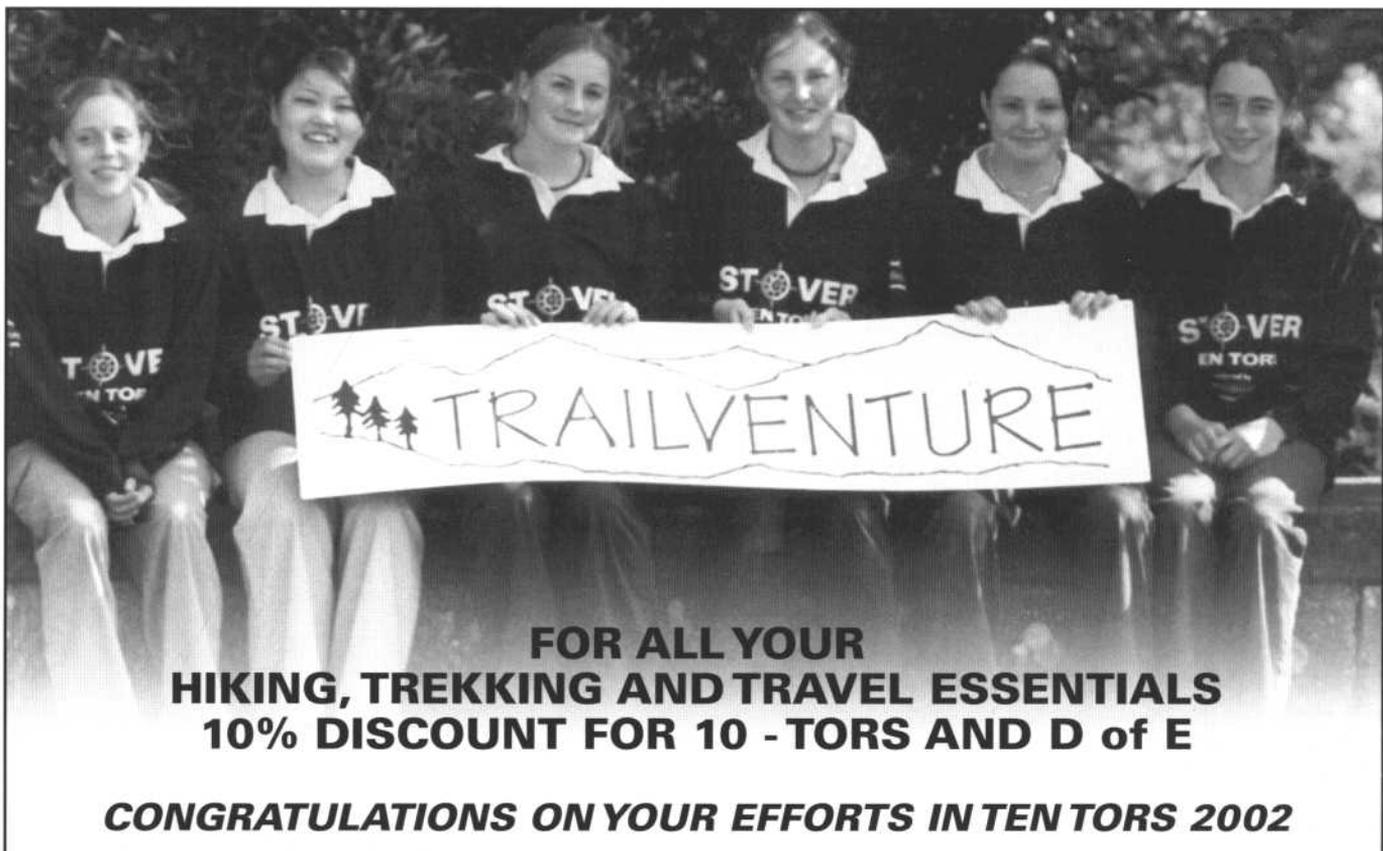
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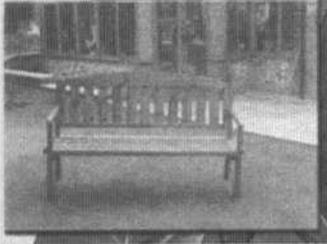
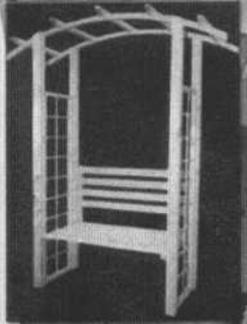
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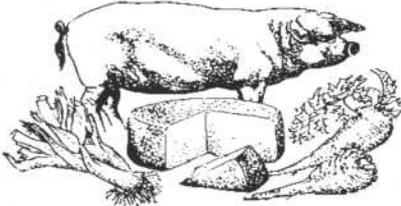
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