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Dr Sephton who was appointed by John Robson in 1971 to teach Physics and subsequently became our first Head of Computing retired at Christmas 2002. Our language assistants, Mile Rollinat and Herr Loffelmann, completed their periods in post in May, and in the summer we lost the services of Mr. Lever who from 1999 taught Mathematics throughout the Senior School. We also said farewell to Mrs. Courtney whose appointment in 1993 had been prompted by the relocation of the Junior School to its present site and the creation of new Introitus classes at 7+ rather than 8+, and Miss Berry who after five years here has secured a post which will enable her to fulfil her ambition of working in Special Needs. We also record our thanks to Mr. Lavan and Mr. Robinson who taught here during maternity leaves and Mr. Evans who provided cover in the PE Department for the second half of the Spring Term.

Mr. Meakin has been promoted to the post of Head of Computing and since February he has been assisted by Mr. Aitken who previously taught at Inverurie Academy, Aberdeen after completing his degree at Robert Gordon University. Mr. Elf has joined the Mathematics department and to the Junior School Common Room we welcome Miss Wheeler who studied at Trinity and All Saints University College, Leeds, Mr. Sheikh who was a pupil here before completing his degree at Saint Martin's College, Lancaster and Mrs. Coward, our first Special Needs Assistant, whose role is to provide support to individual boys who require additional teaching in particular areas of the curriculum.

At GCSE in 2003 93% of all entries by Fifth Formers produced grades A* to C; the average points score per candidate, using 8 for A*, 7 for A and so on, was 60.7. William Webster, James Forsyth and Lance Rane are to be congratulated on securing 10 A* grades and Lance also scored one of the top five marks in Latin GCSE out of over three thousand AQA candidates. At A level

77 Seventh Formers made 246 subject entries, only four of which resulted in failures; the pass rate was therefore 98.4% and just over 60% of all entries produced A and B grades. Christopher Ullathorne and George Hutchinson secured 5 A grades, and Adam Walker 4 A grades at A2 and an A in AS General Studies. Our list of university destinations, like the A level results, makes very pleasant reading, and we can stress that we have seen here no evidence whatsoever of alleged prejudice by universities against independent school candidates. Nearly all university departments simply want to enrol the best students that they can attract and Bury Grammar School candidates will continue to figure prominently in that category.

The CCF has enjoyed an impressively busy and successful year. In addition to its Field Days at Holcombe Moor Training Centre in November and May the contingent was inspected by Colonel Sir David Trippier in March. He reported that he was impressed by all that he saw; he paid tribute both to the leadership of Major Rylance and his fellow officers and the skill, enthusiasm, intelligence and good humour of the cadets. Older cadets also took part in a two day training exercise during the Easter holiday, Adventurous Training in the Whitsun break and the Gallipoli Day Parade held on Sunday 27th April; and some of those in the Fifth and Sixth Forms attended the Land Leadership Course at Nesscliffe near Shrewsbury. The CCF Camp, held at Stanford Training Area in Norfolk, was much enjoyed primarily because of the busy programme and the variety of activities on offer.

The increased involvement of the Girls' School in the CCF is positively welcomed, as indeed are the many other opportunities that exist for co-operation between the two schools. One of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly the joint concert held in the Roger Kay Hall on two consecutive evenings at the end of the Spring Term. We are looking forward to the 2004 concert

which will include a performance of Carmina Burana.

Founders' Day this year was celebrated on Friday 2nd May. The Bishop of Middleton, The Right Reverend Michael Lewis, was the preacher in the Parish Church, Father Paul Cannon of Guardian Angels led the service in the Roger Kay Hall for younger members of the two Senior Schools and Reverend Ian Stamp of St. John, Seedfield officiated at the Boys' Junior School service. That same evening 170 Old Boys gathered for their Annual Dinner and on the following Tuesday 50 Old Boys enjoyed a convivial celebration at the House of Commons in the company of Alistair Burt and David Chaytor.

The official opening of our Learning Resource Centre took place on the morning of Monday 24th February. The Chief Guest was Martin Henfield who regularly presents North West Tonight and the late regional news on BBC1. Other guests included members of the Governing Body and teaching staff, a student from each year group, representatives from the contractors responsible for the building's construction and fitting out, and of course Mr. Peter Skinner, the Designer and Manager of the project, to whom many fitting tributes were paid on the day. The LRC consists of an ICT suite suitable for a whole class to use, a full library service and extensive study space on the upper floor, primarily but not exclusively for the use of A level students. It has already proved of great benefit both to teaching staff and members of the School, and we are most grateful to the Governors for their enthusiastic support for this major improvement in our facilities. We are delighted that the next stage of development has now commenced, namely the relocation of our Art Department in expanded accommodation at the front of school, and we thank the Parents' Association for its splendid efforts in raising money to purchase computer equipment for these new facilities.

Keith Richards

Editorial

The Editor is again grateful to all who have contributed in any way to this year's edition of the Clavian. As ever a few people deserve special mention: Mrs Gregson for the many hours she has spent typing up all of the articles; all the staff involved in running and adjudicating the Clavian Art and Literary Competitions; Mr Toney and Mr Koziura, who have

written the majority of the sporting articles; Mr Ilone and Dr Byrne for their generous willingness to provide photographs; Nigel Reeves, Brian Bartley and the staff at Jarvis Print who over the years have dramatically improved the magazine's printing and presentation and who have once again kindly sponsored the Clavian competition prizes.

Thanks are also extended to Old Boy Richard Atherton, who has forwarded an account of his visit to Bosnia in 2002 to deliver aid following the recent civil war.

DSB



Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hone who were married at Bury Parish Church during the summer holidays.

DEPARTING STAFF

JOHN SEPHTON



John Sephton retired as Head of Computing in December 2002 after spending his entire teaching career of more than thirty-one years at BGS. During his time he has overseen the development of computing in the School.

John had quite a varied life before coming to BGS. A part time job working for a local bookmaker whilst at school and at university provided a deeper understanding of the application of statistics and probability as demonstrated by the net transfer of funds from the punters to the bookmaker. He also spent a year before university working for a chemical company in Widnes.

John's interest in chemistry as well as mathematics and physics persuaded him to study chemical engineering at UMIST where after his degree he also completed an MSc and a PhD. One aspect of John's studies was to assume a much greater significance in the years to come. He studied computer programming as part of his degree. At that time the only other aids to calculation were slide rules and log tables therefore he needed to make extensive use of computers for the solution of

particularly difficult equations during his doctorate.

In 1971 John was appointed by John Robson to teach physics. Then, and for many years after, most of his time was devoted to the subject and he only finally ended his involvement with the Physics Department in 1999. John made a considerable contribution to the teaching of the department and many boys had reason to be grateful for his efforts over the years and the interest in the subject which he developed in them.

Fortunately John also had some time available to teach general studies and he took the chance to use his knowledge of computing and his contacts to introduce some of the boys to the subject. It is not easy now to realise how difficult that was. Computers were large very expensive devices which lived in air conditioned rooms. Schools did not have computers on the premises therefore teaching programming was rare. In the early days John had to send programmes to Manchester University's Computing Department by post and take small numbers of sixth form boys in his car to Salford University after school.

Life became much easier when small personal computers became available. Space was found for about six Commodore Pet computers. These now very primitive machines constituted a revolution in school computing. Gradually things improved further and the Pets were replaced by BBC computers in the room which had been the JCR and which is now part of the Geography Department. PCs followed and another change of location to one of the rooms currently occupied by the Computing Department.

With the improved facilities it became possible to introduce examination courses. At first this was limited to an O level course on

Friday afternoons as an extra for sixth formers who were interested, then came an AS course followed shortly by A level. Finally GCSE was introduced. The use of computers has now spread to many subject areas and computers are widely distributed throughout the School, but for much of his career John's role was central to the development of computing and the use of computers within the School.

For many years John was a form master in the Sixth Form. He was very effective in this role getting on with the job in his own quiet way and maintaining a good relationship with the members of his form without a lot of fuss.

John has many other interests and some of them have been involved in his contribution to life within the School. He has always had a strong interest in the more intellectual games such as chess and go, so it was natural that for many years he ran the Chess Club. He also ran the Chess Team which played competitive matches after school. John is also keen on photography and for many years acted as photographer for School productions so that the Clavian has regularly contained examples of his work.

John is a quiet man, but underneath he is very determined and this has helped to make his contribution to BGS substantial. We are very grateful for all that John has done over the years and we wish him and Sheila a long and very happy retirement.

JB.

SARAH COURTNEY



Sarah Courtney joined the Junior School from Bolton School. She was part of the move of the Junior School from the Senior School to the present buildings in 1993. She was one of the new Introitus class teachers. She quickly found her niche in both teaching the younger boys and also

doing drama with the older boys. After the retirement of Elizabeth Pittam, Sarah took over as Transitus I form teacher and history co-ordinator and took charge of the Library. As the Librarian she helped to computerise and re-stock the Junior School Library. Her love of history helped her to re-write the history scheme of work and buy many artefacts for the boys to enjoy during her lessons. She is a natural teacher and has the boys' best interests at heart. She can be very exacting and sets very high standards in the classroom for herself and for the boys.

She will always be remembered for her contribution to drama in the Junior School. She directed many Christmas productions with the drama club and the end-of-term summer plays and musicals. She will readily admit that sometimes it was

rather fraught before the opening curtain but, as if by magic, the production and the performances of the boys were always excellent and greatly enjoyed by parents, Sarah's attention to detail and her little touches of humour being particularly appreciated.

Sarah has been a willing participant in helping out on the Outdoor Activities trips to Edale and the self-reliant journeys. I am sure she will remember trying to jump rocks at Edale and the journey back from Borrowdale in the blue minibus.

Sarah now wants to spend time with her recently born daughter, Alice, and possibly finish off her psychology degree. She has been a good colleague and friend and we all wish her well for the future.

DJ.C.

CAROLINE BERRY



After attending BGGS and studying at Sheffield Hallam University, Caroline joined the Junior School five years ago as one of the Introitus class teachers. Over the five years

she has not only taught Introitus but all the year groups in various subjects. She took over as the Mathematics co-ordinator and has been instrumental in writing a new scheme of work and arranging in-service training. Caroline has been ready to offer new ideas to colleagues. She is hard-working and very enthusiastic about her teaching and this rubs off onto the boys.

Caroline enjoys the extra-curricular activities and this is an important part of her teaching. She has helped particularly with sign language, reading club and canoe club. Caroline has also been a keen member of staff on the outdoor activities trips for every year group. Her capacity for squeezing into small spaces at Rivington is renowned. She has also helped out on the Wednesday

afternoon outdoor activities where she has proved to be a competent canoeist. She gives of her time freely and the boys benefit from her expertise and knowledge in terms of confidence and fun. I could recall one or two stories but I will not mention them here, except that if you want to ask her about balloons in her car, I'm sure she will be willing to tell you.

I know Caroline wants to specialise in children with special needs and to that end she has secured a place at Manchester to study. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time at BGS and we wish her all the very best and the staff and boys will miss her willingness and that infectious smile.

DJ.C.

JOHN LEVER



John Lever joined the staff at BGS in September 1999, initially on a temporary one year contract, but later on a full contract. Originally from the Bolton area, John was educated at St. Cuthbert's R.C. School before earning a B.Sc. First Class Honours Degree (Maths) at Hull University. He later did his PGCE at Oxford University and was lucky enough (I'm very jealous) to play football at Wembley, thus earning a "Blue".

His early teaching days were spent mainly in the Oxford area and his love of, and skill at, football enabled him to play semi-professionally in the area.

In 1944 he returned to his roots and, apart from a brief expedition to darkest Lincolnshire, has taught in this region ever since.

John will be remembered for his fitness at, dare I say, quite an advanced age. I remember on many occasions passing him in my car as he cycled manfully against the wind and rain along the Bolton-Bury Road on his return home to Bolton. Then, after his move closer to School, I would pass him as he ran home. He regularly challenged colleagues to a game of squash and was happy to join in the resurrected 5-a-side staff kick about.

John ran with enthusiasm,

and no little success, the U12 football team throughout his time here and looked after the boys in 3UA.

John was always very easy to get on with and offered much help, advice and enthusiasm to the Maths Department. He looked after the testing of first and second year boys and was always thorough in all his preparation and reporting.

All the staff, not least the Maths Department, were shocked at his sudden and untimely resignation and regret not having the opportunity to wish him a fond farewell. Whatever John turns his hand to in the future I'm sure will be a success and I hope he will return so that we can thank him properly for his effort, company and friendship while at BGS.

M.J.S.

Obituary

J. M. FARRADAY 1912-2003



Jack Farraday, who served the Schools as Clerk to the Governors from 1955-1985, passed away on October 6th, 2003.

Jack Mansergh Farraday was born in Bury in 1912. In 1928 he joined the firm of Shuttleworth and Howarth, Chartered Accountants in Manchester, which is now part of the international firm Ernst & Young. He qualified as a chartered accountant in 1941, winning several examination prizes on the way. He became an FCA in 1945.

After a short period working in industry and away from Bury, he returned to his home town in 1949,

succeeding, as partner in the firm Horsfield & Smith, Mr T.S. Smith, a former Clerk to the Governors.

He was appointed Clerk to the Governors in 1955. It is remarkable to note that this was a part time position, as he still retained his partnership interests and so continued to practise, as well as being responsible for the financial affairs of the Schools.

His contribution to the Schools during his 30-year tenure as Clerk was outstanding. He worked with three Chairs of Governors, four Headmasters and two Headmistresses and was an integral part of the team

which radically altered the site. Two two-stream schools were crowded into what is now the Girls' School, which was in a poor state of repair. A whole new Boys' School was built and the Girls' School extended and modernised. In all thirty building projects were completed. A series of public appeals linked to his shrewd financial management enabled the Foundation to be transformed.

Jack still maintained a keen interest in the Schools after his retirement. In particular he was passionate about the need to raise funds for bursaries following the end of the assisted places scheme. He was also a life member of the Old Boys, and continued to attend the Founders' Day dinner until recently.

Jack's wife, Elsie, an Old Girl, sadly passed away in 1997. However his service to the community, which had been recognised by the award of the O.B.E. in 1995, continued undimmed. It is unlikely that many people in Bury have striven so hard in so many spheres to benefit humanity. Above all he was a kind and perceptive man, full of common sense and with appreciation of the difficulties of others.

David Harrison



Ben Long, ILG, Winner of the 1st Year Art Competition



William Hazlehurst, ILD, Runner-up in the 1st Year Art Competition.

School Awards 2003



SCHOOL AWARDS 2003

The Oliver Entwistle Memorial Prize for the Captain of the School	C. M. Ullathorne
The Mary Forrester Prize	A. M. Walker
The Cecil Heap Memorial Prize	R. A. Chemick
The Maxwell Barlow C.C.F. Prize	S. J. Douthwaite
The Hodgkiss Library Prize	R. J. Ward
The Warburton Cup for Sport	S. D. Lorenzini
The Marcus Cup for Drama	M. R. Routledge
The Walton Prize for Classical Studies	I. J. Barton
The Bishop Hill Prize for Greek	R. A. Chernick
The W.R. Douglas Prize for Classics	S. A. Swann
The Richard Byrom Prize for Mathematics	A. M. Walker
The Faraday Prize for Mathematics	M. M. Ashrafi
The Henry Webb Memorial Prize for Physics	G. W. Hutchinson
The Faraday Prizes for Physics:	
Seventh Form:	W. A. Tahir
Fifth Form:	L. Raine
Fourth Form:	M. A. Lehan
The Cecil John Turrell Cronshaw Prizes for Chemistry:	
Seventh Form:	M. M. Ashrafi
Fifth Form:	L. Rane
Fourth Form:	D-F. Chan
The H.T. Farrar Prize for Biology	S. M. Desai
The Seymour Prize for English	A. Badr
The Ryan Prize for English	L. Rane
The Sir John Wrigley Prize for History	S. A. Swann
The Dr. Young Prizes for Geography:	
Seventh Form:	S. D. Lorenzini
Fifth Form:	S. P. Ilaughton
The J. L. Norton Prize for French	C. M. Ullathorne
The Mitchell Prize for Geology	R. J. Yeomans
The Mitchell Prize for German	C. J. Young
The Samuel and Elizabeth Lord Prize for Economics	A. I. Tattersall
The R.P Calrow Prize for Politics	G. W. Hutchinson
The Milliken Prize for Business Studies	A. M. Purs low
The Rector's Prize for Religious Knowledge	M. A. Gains
The Peacock Memorial Prize for General Studies	A. Badr
The McDonald Prize for Computing	M. A. Lever
The Taylor Poetry Prize	A. N. L. Aziz
The Old Clavian's Reading Prize	B. M. Bolton
The Faraday Music Prize	S. R. Benger
The Rose-Slaney Music Prize	PC. Reeve
The Faraday Prizes for Outdoor Pursuits	
3LF:	P. J. Collins
3UA:	B. M. Reading
3UC:	M. L. Gwinnutt
3UQ:	M. A. Afzal
The H.H. Openshaw Memorial Verse Speaking Prizes:	
Fifth Form:	R. J. Butler
Fourth Form:	C. R. Stoneman
Third Form:	J. D. Gledhill
Second Form:	R. J. Chew
First Form:	J. L. E. Wolfson
The Atherton Rifle Shooting ('up	R. D. Freeman
The Carrigan Trophy for Creative Writing	J. M. Forsyth
The Christopher Ali Fifth Form Prize	D. R. Roughsedge
The Terry McBride Golf Trophy	T. D. Marsh
The Percy Howarth Music Prizes:	
Vocal (Broken Voice)	D. A. Morgan
Instrumental (Senior - String Instrument)	S. R. Benger
(Senior - Wind Instrument)	I. M. Chew
(Junior - String Instrument)	N. R. Y. T. Swirad
(Junior - Wind Instrument)	D. J. Livesey
(Senior - Brass Instrument)	S. R. C. McVittie-Mathews
(Junior - Brass Instrument)	M. T. Harrison
Piano (Senior)	C. Cromey
(Junior)	N. R. Y. T. Swirad

The Strickland Prizes for C.D.T.:	
Senior:	PR. Barker
Second Form:	J. W. Ainscow
First Form:	O. N. Banks
The Headmaster's Prizes for Art:	
Senior:	D. M. Beales
Junior:	J-P. Kalupa
The R.B. Wilson Prize for Medical Training	M. T. Pickford
The Openshaw Scholarships	G. W. Hutchinson
	C. M. Ullathome
The Mellor Scholarship	A.M. Walker
	A. Badr
Kay Leaving Exhibitions:	M. T. Pickford
	R. J. Yeomans
	C. J. Young

SIXTH FORM SUBJECT PRIZES

Art:	M. J. Boyes	General Studies:	J. M. Chew
Biology:	A.K.Madhavan	Geography:	G. A. Taylor
Business Studies:	A. K. Madhavan	Geology:	M. Geary
Chemistry:	O. F. Ahmad	German:	F. Bacci-Evers
Computing:	R. J. Mitchell	History:	P. H. Davies
Economics:	G. A. Taylor	Latin:	P. M. Coleman
Electronics:	O. Martin	Mathematics:	M. J. Boyes
English:	M. L. Todd	Physics:	A. K. Madhavan
French:	F. Bacci-Evers	Politics:	P. A. Todhunter
Further Mathematics:	P. H. Davies	Religious Studies:	S. E. Kaye

FIFTH FORM G.C.S.E. PRIZES

M.G. Y. B. Ahmad	L. Rane
J. M. Forsyth	A.M. Routledge
M. S. A. Ghobrial	S. J. Sikorski
S. P. I laughton	R. N. Smith
G.C.S.Ip	R. R. Stirzaker
T. W. Keene	M. J. Taylor
D. J. Long	W. J. Webster
D. J. Milnes	

FORM PRIZES

4LJ	M. A. Harmstone	T. J. Filer
4SC	D-F. Chan	M. Patel
4UB	A. J. Cooper	N. J. Holt
4UK	M. J. Hadley	M. A. Lehan
4UU	D. M. Wmbel	P. G. Douthwaite
3LF	N. M. A. K. Abdullatif	R. S.Y.T. Ahmad
3UA	N. E. Crossley	J. P. Spellacy
3UC	M. B. Trafford	C. E. Roberts
31 JQ	J. I). Gledhill	S I. MacDonald
2LD	J.R. I. Okhiria	J. E. L. Taylor
2LG	R. J. Barker	C. M. Bryant
2UD	S.T.K.Mody	M. J. Evenson
2UH	R. J. Chew	R. O. Stanton
1LA	D. A. Howorth	N. R. Y. T. Swirad
1LB	C. A. Facchin	P. J. Massey
1UI	A. W. Salem	B. J. Charles worth
1UR	M. S. A. Ghobrial	A. Y. T. Lau

SCHOOL TROPHIES

The Old Boys' Cup for Spoken English.....	Kay
The West Cup for Music.....	Derby
The Wike Football Cup.....	Kay
The A.L. Hyde Six-a-Side Football Trophy.....	Derby
The Hutchinson Swimming Cup.....	Hulme
The Mark Oakden Swimming Cup.....	Hulme
The Canon Blackburne Cricket Cup.....	Derby
The C.E. Lord Cricket Trophy.....	Derby
The Henry Whitehead Athletics Cup.....	Hulme
The R.P. Calrow Junior Athletics Cup.....	Hulme
The Taylor Relay Cup.....	Hulme
The Douglas Cross-Country Cup.....	Kay
The Foote-Wood Senior Cross-Country Cup.....	Kay
The Cullens Junior Cross-Country Cup.....	Kay
The Parkinson Rugby Cup.....	Howlett
The Mellor Cup for Rifle Shooting.....	Derby
The Bostock Basketball Trophy.....	Hulme
The Millennium Golf Trophy.....	The School

G.C.E. ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS 2003

Seventy-seven seventh form pupils made 246 Advanced Level subject entries. Of these, 72 were Grade A, 76 were Grade B, 56 were Grade C, 30 were Grade D and 8 were Grade E. 98.4% of all A level entries in academic subjects produced pass grades A-E; 60.2% of all entries resulted in A and B grades.

Sixty of the seventy-seven candidates also chose to take General Studies A level; there were 12 grades A, 12 grades B, 17 grades C, 11 grades D and 4 grades E.

* indicates the highest possible grade in a subject.

7LH: J.J. Barton (Geog., Geol., Class. Civ.), D.M. Beales (Art,* Ger.*, Pol.), S.R. Benger (Eng., Hist., Music*), R.A. Chemick (Fr., Greek,* Latin, G.S.), M.A. Gains (Geog., Hist., Rel. St.*), N.B. Hallows (Econ., Class. Civ., Bus. St., G.S.), J. Kahn (Geog., Hist., Pol., G.S.), P.M. Lomax (Fr., Geog., Maths, G.S.), S.D. Lorenzini (Geog.*, Hist., Pol., G.S.), A.R. Orr (Geog., Hist., Rel. St., G.S.), G.E. Snook (Eng., Hist., Bus. St.), A.P. Taylor (Hist., Class. Civ., Rel. St.), S.M. Wood (Geog., Rel. St., Bus. St., G.S.)

7SA: M-H.M. Ashrafi (Chem.*, Maths*, Phy.*), A. Badr (Biol.*, Chem., Eng.*, Phy.*, G.S.*), PS. Chadha (Biol.*, Chem.*, Geog., G.S.), D. Chauhan (Geog., Elect., Comp.), M.J. Gaunt (Art*, Geog.*, Geol., G.S.), B.D. Hallsworth (Biol.*, Chem.*, Hist., Phy., G.S.*), C.R. Humphrey (Biol., Chem., Phy., G.S.*), G.C.J. Maher (Biol., Geog., Bus. St.*, G.S.), R.A.R. McLellan (Chem.*, Maths, Phy., G.S.), T.M. Parsons (Geog., Bus. St., G.S.), R.J. Ward (Geog., Bus. St., G.S.), C.J. Young (Ger.*, Fr., Geog.*, Latin*, G.S.*), S. Zegroul (Fr., Geog., Econ., G.S.)

7SE: M.U. Ashraf (Biol., Chem., Fr., G.S.), G.D. Clough (Biol., Geol., Rel. St.*), S.M. Desai (Biol.*, Chem.*, Phy.*, G.S.), D.M. Dodd (Biol., Geog.*, Econ., G.S.), L.A. Heaher (Biol., Econ., Phy., G.S.), C.M. Johnson (Geog., Phy., Comp., G.S.), A.P. Khadem (Biol., Geog., Rel. St.), Z.A. Khan (Biol., Chem., Comp.), M.J. Lomas (Biol., Geog.*, Geol., G.S.*), M.T. Pickford (Biol.*, Chem.*, Maths, Phy.*, G.S.*), N.N. Prasad (Biol.*, Chem.*, Maths, Phy., G.S.*), D.C. Richards (Fr., Geog., Rel. St., G.S.), W.A. Tahir (Chem.*, Maths*, Phy.*, G.S.), R.J. Yeomans (Biol.*, Chem., Geog.*, Geol.*, G.S.*)

7UF: S.T. Coulton (Maths*, Phy., Elect.*, F.Maths), A.J. Gillott (Fr., Geol., Maths, G.S.), J.D. Harrison (Fr., Maths, Econ., G.S.), T.P. Hazlehurst (Art, Econ., Class. Civ., G.S.), S. Hussain (Chem.*, Maths*, Phy.*, F.Maths, G.S.), G.W. Hutchinson (Hist.*, Maths*, Phy.*, Pol.*, G.S.*), S. Lindsay (Greek, Elect., G.S.), C.M. Ullathome (Ger.*, Fr.*, Geog.*, Maths*, G.S.*), A.D. Walker (Maths*, Phy.*, Elect.*, F.Maths*), A.D. Winkley (Fr., Geog., Maths, G.S.), L.C. Wright (Art, Geog., Comp., G.S.)

7UG: M.A. Carrigan (Eng., Rel. St.*, Pol.*), C.M. Clarke (Eng., Geog.*, Latin), A.L. Druce (Eng., Geog., Rel. St., G.S.), A.M. Jonas (Eng., Geog., Hist., G.S.), M.A. Lever (Eng., Latin, Comp.*, G.S.), D. McWilliam (Eng., Rel. St., Bus. St., G.S.), B.J. Pilling (Ger., Eng., Fr.*, Comp.*, G.S.), B.J.A. Richardson (Eng., Comp., Bus. St.), S.A. Swann (Eng., Hist.*, Greek*, Latin*, G.S.), A.I. Tattersall (Eng., Geog.*, Hist., Econ.*, G.S.*), M.J. Warburton (Eng., Geog., Latin, G.S.), M. Ward (Eng., Bus. St.), P. Yeung (Eng.*, Rel. St.*, Pol., G.S.)

7UW: D.E. Blackston (Geog., Class. Civ., Bus. St., G.S.), S.J. Douthwaite (Ger., Geog.*, Geol., G.S.*), S.H. Fink (Econ., Rel. St., Bus. St.), C.D. George (Geog., Comp., Bus. St., G.S.), J.H. Harris (Class. Civ., Comp., Bus. St.), D.L. Lomax (Geog., Econ., Class. Civ., Bus. St., G.S.), K. Miah (Geog., Comp., Bus. St.), A.M. Purslow (Ger., Fr.*, Bus. St.*, G.S.), A.W. Read (Art, Geog., Class. Civ., G.S.), A.C. Redman (Eng., Geog., Bus. St.), P.C. Reeve (Geog., Music, Geol., G.S.), T.J. Sunderland (Ger., Econ., Bus. St., G.S.), C.M. Taylor (Geog., Econ., Bus. St., G.S.)

G.C.S.E. RESULTS 2003

Eighty-six fifth form pupils made 753 subject entries in 2003 as well as 86 subject entries in 2002.

The overall percentage of entries graded A*-C was 93%. There were 122 Grades A* (14.5%), 241 Grades A (28.7%), 279 Grades B (33.3%), 138 Grades C (16.4%) and 46 Grades D (5.4%).

The following pupils achieved at least six A* to C grades:-

- 5LC: D. Alston, R.J. Butler, C.J. Finlayson, C. Hague, J.D. Hardman, P.J. Hewitt, R.A. Hutchinson, Daniel J. Long, D.J.H. Pyle, M. Reynolds, D.R. Roughsedge, B.P. Rowe, S.J. Sikorski, R.N. Smith, A.R. Tweedale, G.G. Wootton.
- 5LE: C.C. Brock, PD. Cullen, B.J. Cunliffe, A.J. Dakin, C.S. Drake, A.C. Galloway, O.I.L. Hamilton, O.J. Hazlehurst, T. Lau, J.J. Malik, D.J. Milnes, A.J. Pinder, H. Riaz, A.M. Routledge, S.L. Singh, J.S. Umney.
- 5LI: M.G.Y.B. Ahmad, PR. Barker, D.A. Catterall, G.A. Corneille, J.M. Forsyth, B.C.M. Ho, M.A. Hussain, F. Javid, David J. Long, O.J. McGuinness, M.A. Pondor, B.O.W. Powell, A.P. Rigg, L.M. Rowland, M. Shaw, T.D. Southgate, R.R. Stirzaker, A.A. Thomas.
- 5SK: C.J. Cains, B.G.E. Cusack, A.R. Evans, J. Griffiths, G.C.S. Ip, T.W. Keene, D. Kerwin, G.S. Mayfield, A.M. Miniero, L. Rane, M.H. Sadiq, T.H. Sheikh, M.K. Skillin, T.C. Smith, L. Thorley, W.J. Webster, R.B. Williamson, R.K. Wing.
- 5UV: M.S.A. Ghobrial, G.D. Hall, T.J. Harrison, S.P. Houghton, A.T. Hudson, A. Kumar, C.A. Lattimer, M.J. Marshall, A.P. Ridyard, A.K. Sawhney, R.K. Sethi, M.J. Taylor, R. Wilkinson, M.A. Wood.

NON-ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Association Football: Adam Hudson, David Long and Lance Rane played for the Northern Independent Schools FA U16 XI. Simon Gallanders played for the 1119 XI while Steven Swann and Adam Gillott played for the U19 B XI.

Athletics: Mark Allen, Tom Black, Edward Duxbury, George Kirkman and Lance Rane were members of the Bury Schools U16 team. Lance Rane, representing Bury, won the 800m and 1500m in the Greater Manchester Schools Championships.

Oliver Harrison, Marcus Holness, Ciaran McCaughey and Jonathan Sheppard were members of the Bury Schools U14 team in the Greater Manchester Schools Championships with Marcus Holness finishing first in the 400m, Shot Putt and High Jump. Jonathan Sheppard and Marcus Holness were members of the winning Relay team while Marcus also represented Greater Manchester Schools in the Shot Putt at the English Schools Championship. Daniel Edwards-Jones won both the 200m and Long Jump in the Bury Schools Championship. The U15 team won the North West B final while the U13 and U14 teams won their sections in the Bury School Championship.

Badminton: Ross Little, a member of the national elite training squad, won the U13 Junior Grand Finals.

Basketball: The U18 team were North West Division 2 winners while the U16 team won both the Bury Schools League and Cup competitions. The U14 and U15 teams won their respective sections in the Bury Schools League and Cup competitions while both were runners-up in the North West B Division.

Climbing: Martin Watson became National U13 Champion, finished fourth in the National U17 Leading Competition and was selected for the British Junior Climbing Team.

Cricket: Andrew Taylor played for Lancashire U18 and was an England Schools trialist. Steven Cheetham represented the North of England, Lancashire Schools and Bury Schools at U15 level. Liam Nuttall played for Bury Schools U15 XI while Michael Howarth, Nicholas Murphy and Howard Tattersall played for the U13s. David Taylor played for Lancashire Schools U12 XI and the North of England U13s.

Cross-Country: Lance Rane retained his U16 Bury Schools title while he and Daniel Long ran for the Bury Schools U16 team.

Cycling: In the British Schools National Track Cycling Championships Craig Drake came first in the 2000m Pursuit and in the 500m Sprint.

Rugby: David Kenvin and Matt Shaw played for Manchester Schools U16 XV and the Lancashire Schools U16 XV. George Kirkman and George Quin both played for Manchester Schools U15 XV.

Tennis: Andrew Lee was a finalist in the U13s North West Championships and represented Lancashire at U13 level.

OLD BOYS' DISTINCTIONS

A. Aherne (1989 - 1999) has gained a First Class Master of Engineering in Computing (Software Engineering) at Imperial College, London.

D. M. Conn (1976-1983) Supporters' Football Writer of the Year.

S. D. Gaunt (1992 -2000) has gained a First Class Bachelor of Arts in Media, Culture and Society at Birmingham University.

T. G. Hopwood (1995 - 2002) has been awarded an Ash Senior Scholarship and the Wallace Prize at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

G. M. Hudson (1988 - 1998) has gained a First Class Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying and Construction Law at Liverpool University.

S. Jain (1991 - 1999) has gained a First Class Bachelor of Science in Genetics with Industrial Experience at Manchester University.

R.J.A.Porter (1994-2002) has been awarded the Francis Cartwright Scholarship at Manchester University.

L. Wygas (1987 - 1995) has been awarded the Ashbury Scholarship by the Middle Temple.

BRITAIN TO BOSNIA AID RUN

Richard Atherton is an Old Boy of the School who left in 1980 to study Soil Science at Reading University and later Business Studies at Manchester Business School. He now lives in St. Albans. During the summer months of 2002 he was part of a group of Land Rover enthusiasts who went over to Bosnia to deliver aid. Francine Healey, the School's Development Secretary, writes of the vehicle in which he drove: "Having had a very brief journey in Richard's car I think the miracle of this trip is that it got him there and back!! I was far from certain it would make the trek from Tottington to Greenmount." The following is Richard's account of his visit.

Late in May 2002, an old friend, Tim Smith, and I met up with 20 fellow travellers in 10 Land Rovers at Dover docks - an odd assortment of individuals and vehicles but we were to get to know them pretty well over the next 11 days and make some firm friends in the process.

We were taking part in a sponsored aid run to Bosnia in support of the Mines Advisory Group, a charity that originally benefited from the patronage of Diana, Princess of Wales. The objective was to distribute aid in the form of much needed vegetable seeds, radios, torches and other essentials to the returning refugees of northern Bosnia.

Over the next five days we drove across France, Germany and Austria, crossing the Alps in the process (nearly the death of my poor old Range Rover - like its owner, it doesn't like heights!), briefly into Italy and then across the border into Slovenia, staying in Lubjiana where we met up with the Slovenian Land Rover Club who found us accommodation in an old communist holiday camp (hot and cold running cockroaches). They showed us round the city, which is very beautiful, wined and dined us then escorted us over the mountains into Croatia. You could immediately tell the difference - apart from the bullet holes in

various walls, the roads were rougher, the cars older and the people more Slavic - quite a difference from Western Europe. Despite that it's a very beautiful country and (critically) beer is very cheap!

From there we headed for Bosnia across another range of mountains - don't ask me which ones, I was just following the guy in front. Crossing the border was quite an experience. We'd had no trouble with borders up until this point, but the gun-toting guards were very suspicious and studied all our paperwork closely - luckily not too closely as none of us had insurance for Bosnia as it's still considered to be a war zone. Waiting on the other side of the border crossing ready to escort us into the country was a contingent from the Canadian Battle Group along with representatives of the French Army and a British Lieutenant Colonel - also gun-toting but this time with a large tank as well (which was reassuring!). They took us to their base where we serviced the vehicles and handed over some of the seeds, candles, radios and torches we'd brought for the returning refugees.

From there we were on our own, although we'd enlisted the services of an English-speaking aid-worker, whose work was being funded by one of our party - Sir Terence England (a lovely chap and a renowned surgeon, apparently). We'd originally aimed to drive down to Sarajevo, but the British Army wouldn't include us in their SFOR convoys as they "couldn't ensure our safety." So instead we headed for Bosanka Krupa in the north which, after Sarajevo, was one of the worst affected areas during the war.

Despite the conflict having ended in 1997, the signs were all around us. We were taken to some of the areas that had been "ethnically-cleansed", driving through mile-after-mile of abandoned countryside dotted with ghost towns and villages. Shelled, roofless and bullet-riddled houses were everywhere, often with a burnt-out car still on the drive and a

forlorn fridge or bedstead sitting on what was once somebody's front lawn, just the way it was left five or more years ago. No one has been back since - the occupants either dead or too afraid to return. What remains of the houses are usually booby-trapped and what was once fertile agricultural land is mined. In the areas of the heaviest fighting this is obvious with whole tracts of land taped off and marked by the ubiquitous death's-head signs. In more remote areas it's anybody's guess where the mines are - in total there are 15,000 official 'mine fields' in Bosnia - only a third of which have been cleared. But add to this the indiscriminate laying of mines (once an area had been 'cleansed' both the Serbs and Moslems would simply drive a lorry down the road throwing anti-personnel mines onto the verges and into the fields) and you can understand why these areas have been abandoned.

In Bosanska Krupa we were treated to a mayoral reception, which was an experience. All the local dignitaries turned up including a contingent of doctors keen to meet Sir Terence. There was even a film crew there and someone to record the event for local radio - the former looked like the local Mafia, in combat fatigues and black polo necks. After lots of speeches of thanks, which we didn't understand, the locals hit the Jack Daniels so we left them to it and headed for the hills (literally) to carry out the job we had come all this way to complete - distribute our aid to some of the returning refugees high up in the hills.

Over the next couple of days we drove some of the roughest tracks most of us had ever encountered and visited a handful of families in the more remote areas of Northern Bosnia. This was quite a culture shock - the towns are comparatively well-served - they have gas, water and electricity and there's much building work going on. Those in the hills have none of this and are often struggling to make ends meet. There

were a few 'lump in the throat moments' as we handed out our meagre offerings to people who are effectively Europeans but with none of our material benefits. We went into houses whose only contents were a table, a couple of chairs and an ancient stove. Needless to say, much of our camping equipment was also donated to the cause.

After our two days of aid distribution we returned to Bosanska

Krupa making a brief visit to the new orphanage to hand out toys and sweets before a farewell meal with our guides. It was then time to head back to civilisation. One young couple were so moved by their experience that they decided to stay behind for a further month to distribute more aid - a great gesture.

Over the next three days we crossed back into Croatia, drove up the Adriatic coast, crossed the top of

Italy before heading across France for Calais stopping overnight in Dijon for some decent French cuisine.

All in all, quite an adventure. Tim and I raised over £1,000 in donations from family and friends and covered nearly 3,500 miles in eleven days, in the process bringing a little help to a forgotten corner of Eastern Europe - all-in-all quite an adventure!

MUSINGS OF A BLACK PUDDING MAN

BY GORDON LOMAX

Gordon Lomax (2002)

The musing black pudding man of the title is Gordon Lomax himself, native of Radcliffe, eminent BGS Old Boy - he left the School in 1955 - sports fanatic, writer, broadcaster and devotee of that traditional Lancastrian culinary delicacy, the black pudding. He has entertained readers and listeners in both Britain and the USA, where he now spends most of his life, with his witty radio broadcasts and newspaper and magazine columns.

This book is a collection of articles previously published in the aforementioned columns. They cover a diverse range of topics, ranging from the titular black puddings, through football, golf and other sports, to gender relations, lifestyle and the effects of growing old. All subjects are treated with brilliant humour and disarming honesty in ways which constantly entertain and enlighten. There are thought-provoking examinations of the eccentricities of his Bury childhood and days as a BGS pupil, investigations pertaining to the

mysteries of female lingerie and similar matters - his expertise here derived from a childhood spent in his parents' outfitters shop - and philosophical ruminations upon life's many peculiarities and idiosyncrasies, both great and small.

Gordon Lomax is clearly a man who feels strongly and affectionately about his Lancastrian past, but he is not obsessed by it: as he writes at the end of the penultimate article: "I've always looked forward to change ... long live tomorrow's world!" He seems as happy now on the golf courses of Florida and amidst the razzle dazzle of Las Vegas as he once was as a boy on the terraces of Gigg Lane after experiencing his first ever black pudding. The final chapter, "To my executor" is full proof of this. In imagining his own funeral he hopes for the *1812 Overture* rather than "some dreadful hymn"; his sponsored tennis kit rather than a suit; and, instead of hearse and limousines, "something red and fast. Just strap the coffin on the roof and hit the accelerator. Ask the police for special dispensation to have a quick...and I mean quick...burst of speed down my final road."

A copy of *Musings of a Black Pudding Man* is available in the LRC and is now joined by a copy of the recently published *Further Musings of a Black Pudding Man*, kindly donated and signed by Gordon Lomax himself; it can be warmly recommended - the book is great fun and thoroughly enjoyable throughout.

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BURY TIMES, Friday, Sept

Pudding man's amusing musings



● A Bury lad through and through, Black Pudding Man's author, Gordon Lomax, (0180594)

BLACK pudding fan, Shakers supporter and a well-known businessman in Whitefield, there's no-one more loyal to Bury than Gordon Lomax — apart from the fact that he now lives in Florida.

But some is where the heart is they say, and Gordon's northern roots — and humour — feature strongly in his new book, aptly titled "Musings of a Black Pudding Man."

Born in Radcliffe's Healey Maternity Home 82 years ago, Gordon was brought up in Buckle Road, Bury, to be "familiar with women's clothing", as his parents Richard and Elsie ran a ladies outfitters shop.

"I've never had a problem buying women's

icking, that can be read in his new book, which was published in Great Britain last week.

Also featured in the book is his first memory of being introduced to the delicacy of black puddings by his grandfather, former Bury footballer, Jack Lomax.

Gordon said: "What my grandad knew and my parents didn't, was that a BLP (Bury Black Pudding) was full of energy and contained significant levels of protein, iron, phosphorus,

By KAREN SPIREY

THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE AND STUDENT LIBRARIAN ACTIVITIES

This has been another busy and eventful year, not least because it marked the opening of the new Learning Resource Centre. This two-storey, purpose-built building consists of a library, an ICT suite and an extensive study area. The LRC and its information resources were made available to pupils and staff at the onset of the academic year, whilst Old Boy Librarians were invited to an evening buffet and tour on the 9th January, 2003. Those who attended could not help but be impressed by the building. They also enthused about the state-of-the-art learning facilities; some Old Boys even acknowledged that they were superior to those currently provided at their university. Thank you to Mr Peter Skinner, Robert Ward and Phillip Davies, whose assistance helped to make the evening such a success.

The Learning Resource Centre was formally opened on the 24 February, 2003. Martin Henfield, the BBC broadcaster, kindly agreed to unveil the commemorative plaque on the ground floor. The occasion was also attended by the Headmaster, senior staff, the School governors and specially invited guests, which included other masters and some Lower and Upper School Student Librarians. The School's resident artist, Gerry Halpin, has produced a specially commissioned painting to hang in the LRC. He titled the piece *Fragment Series LXV No 4*. This art work was inspired by the unique structure of the building, as the artist explains: "I wanted to incorporate a vertical and horizontal balance which is a prominent design feature of this building. I also wanted the colour, upwardly fusing from yel-



low to red, to add warmth to the light, voluminous space in which it would hang..."

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

On 10th October, a number of Student Librarians and volunteers from the rest of School agreed to represent Bury Grammar School at an inter-school event staged at the Bury Met to celebrate National Poetry Day; coincidentally the theme this year was "Celebration". Our programme got off to a lively start courtesy of Mr. Benger, who composed *Ragbag* specially for the occasion. The piece was performed by Mr. Benger, Mark Harrison, Tom Wilks, Jonathan Gledhill and William Webster. Our school's poetry readers (Richard Stanton, Christopher Stanton, Tom Newton, Bilal Abdullatif, Tom Wilks, Mark Woolfe, Mark Harrison, Jonathan Gledhill, Neil Crossley, Kush Tripathi, Muqim Arshad, Matthew Hadley, Greg Ip, Brent Bolton, Matthew Routledge and Richard Chernick) received a special tribute by the organiser, John Hope, who praised their polished programme. William Webster and Tom Wilks deserve a special mention. Will gave a highly-amusing rendition of *The Wedding at Number 18, Clegg Street*, which was delivered in broad Lancashire dialect. Tom also merits

praise for his mastery of accents. His thick Glaswegian, on a par with Mr. Aitken's, made his interpretation of *Unrelated Incidents* by T. Leonard particularly memorable. Tom also gave a very poignant delivery of J. Asgard's *Half-Caste*. Without doubt the high-spot of National Poetry Day at the Met for BGS participants was meeting Dike, whose performance poetry was so out of the ordinary that he was an instant winner.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day on the 6th March, 2003, Student Librarians decided to carry out a First & Second Year Reading Survey to find out such things as the most popular author and favourite genre. A collaborative effort resulted in a questionnaire being compiled. Matthew Hadley then used his ICT skills to good effect, designing an appropriate format for the questionnaire. Copies were distributed to all First & Second Year pupils with the help of Form Masters. The daunting task of collating the findings from the survey was undertaken by Alex Robinson and Chris Stoneman. Alex was also responsible for translating the findings into eye-catching pie-charts, which were then displayed in School. World Book Day was also promoted by Student Librarians creating another display focused on the authors Geraldine McCaughrean and Malorie Blackman, who had been designated World Book Day authors this year. Many thanks to Richard Stanton, Daniel Wells, Peter Bartlett and Daniel Fielden for all their hard work in putting together a striking display encouraging pupils to make use of their free World Book Day tokens.

SHADOWING THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE 2002

Staff and Sixth Form Student Librarians continue to shadow the UK's most prestigious literary award for adult fiction, the Man Booker Prize. This year's shadowing team were Mr. Hardman, Mr. Dennis, Mrs. Glancy, Jonathan Chew, Matthew Geary and Phillip Davies. The group read and reviewed the short-listed books and made their opinions known in a special Sixth Form Assembly.



Sincere thanks to all participants for their much-appreciated time and effort in helping to promote literature in the Senior School.

CARNEGIE SHADOWING 2003

For the past three years, in the summer term, boys from the first to fourth years have volunteered to participate in the Carnegie Shadowing Group Scheme. (The Carnegie Medal is a coveted literary award for writers of Young Fiction.) This involved each of the participants trying to read and review all of the short-listed books. Their views, and the group's ultimate choice to win the prize, are then e-mailed to the Carnegie website.

It was pleasing to have new recruits Mark Slowey, Joshua Okhiria,

Alexander Benn and Thomas Sherlock join this year, whilst four pupils in the Second Year, Richard Stanton, Daniel Wells, Daniel Fielden and Christopher Stanton, were keen to be involved for the second year running. Three pupils in the Fourth Year, Matthew Hadley, Matthew Bailey and Tom Newton, are Bury Grammar School's veteran Carnegie Shadowers. This is their third participating year and they clearly find reading seven books in six weeks a piece of cake!

Besides valuable help to Mrs. Glancy in helping to promote reading and the Library in School, the Student Librarians continue to make a significant contribution to the efficiency of the School's library service with their

much-appreciated reshelling of books, shelf-tidying and willingness to assist Mrs. Montgomery with stock revision.

Finally I would like to thank Robert Ward for his help and support this year as Principal Student Librarian and also for his long-standing service to Bury Grammar School Library. On behalf of Mrs. Montgomery, Student Librarians and myself, I would like to wish him well for the future. Brent Bolton has accepted the invitation to succeed Robert and we hope that he will have a successful year in his new role as Principal Student Librarian.

S.Gl.

FRAGMENTS, SERIES LXV NO. 4: THE LRC MURAL



When I was first awarded the commission to create a painting to hang in the new Learning Resource Centre, I was both thrilled and daunted: thrilled because I could work on a grand scale (160 cms. sq) and have complete freedom of style, and daunted by the fact that the painting had to complement what is unquestionably a superb contemporary building, designed with architectural vision.

My painting had to make its own unique contribution without in any way compromising or detracting from the overall feel of the building.

Over the last two years, my painting has developed in a new direction as a direct response to my interest in surfaces - natural textured surfaces which are part of old and often, though not always, ruined or decaying buildings. Ancient temples and amphitheatres, churches and cathedrals found throughout the world are examples.

These surfaces of wood or stone, plaster or marble have at some time in the past, been decorated with murals, frescos, painted patterns and mosaics whose present condition is one of deterioration. Left behind now are only fragments of the earlier design: paint flaking off to reveal previous layers of aged colours, cracks in stone walls dividing and isolating new autonomous islands of abstraction and exposures of crude brick and stone where plaster has fallen away. These, for me, are sources of a different kind of beauty.

Of course my paintings are not literal records of what I have seen; they are the result of the thoughts I have had about what I have seen. They are a synthesis of my past experience as a painter and the excitement I feel at discovering a new source of inspiration.

I manipulate acrylic paint, plaster, silver and gold leaf, sometimes even string and torn paper in the process of creating my abstracted images of cracks, decay and the fragmenting of paint. The process might be technically complex but the strength of the work lies in its final simplicity. The paintings do not therefore make any moral, social or psychological statements. They are purely the result of my delight and satisfaction in the process of painting and are a recognition of the fact that hidden beauty can be revealed through the metamorphosis of a

material by the forces of nature.

The paintings are reconstructions of that beauty which afford the viewers an opportunity to recognise and intuitively relate to something of their own visual experience. We have all, at some time, engaged with fragments of the past. These paintings may also in time become fragments themselves.

In this particular painting, titled *Fragments, Series LXV No4*, I wanted to incorporate a vertical and horizontal balance which is a prominent design feature of this building. I also wanted the colour, upwardly fusing from yellow to red, to add warmth to the light, voluminous space in which it would hang, with gold-leaf producing an engaging shimmer which would in turn attract the eye and encourage the viewer to journey over the painting's varied surface. As the natural light changed, or the viewer changed position, the shimmer of reflected light would also change in its intensity and reveal other, previously unnoticed parts of the painting.

Finally, I wanted the painting to engage attention from wherever in the building it was first encountered. Whichever part or fragment was seen would be enough to invite the viewer to come in closer and to enjoy whatever they may find in this painting.

Gerry Halpin



LAKE SIDE



Joshua Okhiria, 3LF, Winner of the 3rd Year Art Competition

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Again it does not seem a year ago that I was compiling notes for *The Clavian*. It has been a busy year — the boys have done a variety of things that they have found both interesting and exciting.

Last September we welcomed Miss Parry as Transitus I Navy class teacher, Mrs. Grundy to teach Introitus music and Mrs. Worsley as our Welfare Assistant. All have settled quickly into the Junior School way of life.

I think that you are fully aware that we offer the boys a broad curriculum that not only encompasses all the academic subjects but also enables them to participate in a wide variety of activities. This we believe gives them life experiences and confidence, which are very important attributes in modern day society.

On the academic side the boys cover all the National Curriculum and we are able to go beyond the statutory guidelines because of the calibre of boy we have in the Junior School. Throughout the year staff have been on many courses to keep up-to-date with the latest issues and ideas. I have to say some of these government initiatives have been good, while others thankfully will not really affect us.

Music in the Junior School is very strong and we held an Open Evening in November in which the boys performed a short concert and parents were able to talk to their sons' music teachers. Form concerts at the end of the spring term were highly entertaining and they clearly showed the progress the boys make in music



over four years. We also had our inaugural spring concert which was very informal and well attended. The choir, wind group, string quartet and the orchestra have been practising throughout the year at lunchtimes and as you have heard the orchestra is doing well under the guidance of Mrs. Grundy. Peter Edwards adjudicated the House Music Competition and the standard of playing was very high indeed; I am pleased that I did not have to choose the winners! Again this year we have had many successes in both the Associated Board and Guildhall examinations; quite a few boys have passed with either merit or distinction. I would like to thank Mr. Hyde, Mr. Bengier, Mrs. Grundy and all the peripatetic staff for their hard work over the year.

The Christmas concert was held on 12th December and a packed house enjoyed traditional and some not so traditional carols and readings. The Christmas parties were held at the end of term and the musical chairs got very competitive in the hall.

Our various collections for charity this year have been very successful and rewarding. We started off with a non-uniform day for Children in Need. In December we had cake sales for the Blue Peter Water Works appeal that raised £286.58. I saw several members of staff munching their way through a lot of cakes; obviously diets went out of the window that week. During the Founders' Day service we had a collection for Bury Hospice which raised £156.57. Finally our big event was the Sponsored Bounce, which raised a marvellous total of £3,430.90. This was split between the National Society for Epilepsy and the NCH Day Centre at the back of school. Debra Collinge collected the cheque and the money is being used for partitioning and floor cover in their day centre. As I told the boys, Debra said, "The money is going to make such a difference." I would like to thank all the parents who helped on the day and provided sponsorship for the boys. I was a little



disappointed that I couldn't persuade any parents to have a go on the bouncy castle.

Our annual visit from the West Midlands Theatre Company took place in February. They performed *Bluebird* and one or two were made budding actors for the afternoon.

Our Book Week was held in March and we took over £950. As you are aware, this helps to promote reading and to buy some new books for the library. During the week poet Ian Bland read his poetry in assemblies and did workshops with each class; responses to the reasons "Why do I have to go to bed?" were enlightening.

This year we had two artists in residence: Tina Foran worked with Introitus, Transitus I and Transitus II doing screen-printing; Gerry Halpin worked with Exitus doing abstract drawings using gold leaf. The boys produced some beautiful work.

Founders' Day was a little bit of a let down for the boys as the police cancelled the parade because it was raining. Our service was led by the Rev. Ian Stamp who spoke to the boys about trees in the forest and the smallest tree being more important than the biggest. He mentioned that one of the bigger trees wanted to be an actor but he was too wooden!

The Outdoor Activity programme started in the autumn term with Transitus II visiting Ambleside to kayak, climb, and gorge walk. I think Samuel Mortimer will always remember the trip as he was stuck on a mooring post quite a long way out in the lake because he had taken Mr. Scourfield's Mars Bar at lunchtime.

In the summer term Introitus did an activity day at Buckley Wells, Transitus I went to Rivington and, along with Miss Berry, rolled down Rivington Pike. They also visited Malham to climb Gordale Scar. Exitus finished off the year with their self-reliant journeys, which on both occasions were a little damp to say the least; but good team work prevailed the majority of the time and they actually camped and cooked well- The Edale residential visit was a great experience for the boys and many of them achieved personal goals during the week. Thanks must go to all the staff, but particularly to Mr. Scourfield for all the organisation and attention to detail which help make all the activities so enjoyable for the boys and staff.

To enrich the curriculum many educational visits have been organised over the year. Zoolab came to school so that the boys could handle all sorts of different insects - this was definitely not my cup of tea. The boys have been to the Manchester Museum of Science, the War Museum, the Film Works, Chester, Hall i' th' Wood and Bury Parish Church. The whole School went on their form trips to Bradford Photographic Museum, Helmsore Textile Museum, Chester Zoo and The Blue Planet. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help.

Our programme of sport is very good and throughout the age groups the boys have the opportunity to represent the School or their House in a variety of different sports. We were expecting a little more this year but in reality, although we did quite well, we really did not reach our true potential. We are the Bury Junior Schools winners for the Swimming League, the 8-a-side Cricket (we enter our Under 10 team in this Under 11 competition, so they did very well indeed), the Athletics and the Boys' Relay. We were runners-up for the Swimming Gala. In the Cross-Country we were runners-up and that was the Schools' best result for at least ten years.

In the Association of Junior Independent Schools we were knocked out in both the football and the cricket. In the Athletics we did

well individually with Robbie Hernandez being first in the high jump, beating his own personal best by 5cm, and Max Beswick third in the long jump. We also entered, for the first time, the North West Prep. Schools Competition where Ben Long came third in the triple jump and Robbie was third in the high jump.

Our House Sporting Competitions have been very keenly contested and as you know we try to include as many boys as possible in each House.

Sports Day was held on a fine afternoon; the boys enjoyed all the events and Derby were the runaway winners.

Swimming Sports were great and noisy as ever. The last relay was the decider and the Radcliffe Cup was shared between Derby and Howlett with 88 points each. This is the first time the trophy has been shared in many years. Joshua Donohue should have a mention for breaking two School records. The Headmistress spoke to one grandparent about the noise and he said it wasn't too bad because he was a little deaf!

I would like to thank all the staff, both in the Junior School and the Senior School, who give up their time so generously for sport and all the extra-curricular activities that are such an integral part of Junior School life.

In the Verse Speaking Competition, which was held towards the end of term, we were entertained all afternoon by the finalists. Every boy had a chance of learning and reciting a poem of his choice.

The Clavian Literary and Art Competition was entitled "War and Peace" and we received many poignant entries in both categories, making it very difficult to judge. In the Art Competition Exitus and Transitus II was won by Ben Long and Transitus I and Introitus by Luke Finlayson. In the Literary Competition Exitus and Transitus II was won by Mitchell Cocker and Transitus I and Introitus by Matthew Hilton.

Prizegiving was a very enjoyable afternoon during which we listened to the verse speaker winners and the individual music winners. Mrs.



Georgiou, the new Headmistress, presented the prizes and spoke to the boys about "Super Heroes" which the boys found very amusing and interesting. Congratulations to all the prizewinners and to Derby House for being Champion House yet again.

I often try to find a quote from the boys. While answering a question on how Mother Theresa got her inspiration, a boy wrote that she got a message from God. A teacher doing adverbs for "It's raining", thinking about "heavily", "hard" or something of that ilk, one boy offered, "It's raining men".

Mr. Robinson, who has been covering Mrs. Courtney's absence, leaves at the end of this term. Mrs. Courtney is also leaving to spend more time with her recently born daughter, Alice. Finally, Miss Berry is leaving because she wants to specialise in Special Needs. We wish them all well for the future and thank them for all their work and friendship during their time at the Junior School.

Exitus boys leave us and as usual it is good to know that nearly all the boys are continuing on into the Senior School. We wish all our leavers every success in the future.

Finally I would like to thank the Governors and the Headmaster for their continued support, the staff for all their enthusiasm and hard work, the boys for being great ambassadors for the School, and finally the parents for their continued support for the School.

David Crouch

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

Introitus Gold

First in Class:	<i>Daniel Hurt</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Samuel Lyth</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>Matthew Howe</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Todd Yearsley</i>
Verse Speaking Prize:	<i>Todd Yearsley</i>

Introitus Orange

First in Class:	<i>Charles Foley</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Jack Baker</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>Mustafa Ansari</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Jordan Smith</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Taylor Pearson</i>

Transitus I Navy

First in Class:	<i>Peter Owen</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Amritanshu Sharma</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>Joshua Mason</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Robbie Stott</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Ben Trethewey</i>

Transitus I Roval

First in Class:	<i>Alexander Trafford</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Mark Howorth</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>Cash Tao</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Joshua Patel</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Stephen Hoyle</i>

Transitus II Emerald

First in Class:	<i>Michael Gaunt</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Jonathan Rigby</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>Ross McAllister</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Neville Mamoowala</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Jonathan Rigby</i>

Transitus II Jade

First in Class:	<i>Aditya Pahade</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Simon Morris</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>Nicholas Street</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Jake Neary</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Marcus Lancashire</i>

Exitus Burgundy

First in Class:	<i>Alexander Bodnarec</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Benjamin Long</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>David Wild</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Max Beswick</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Joseph Donnelly</i> <i>& Benjamin Long</i>

Exitus Scarlet

First in Class:	<i>Nicholas Hobhouse</i>
Second in Class:	<i>Robert Hernandez</i>
Progress Prize:	<i>George Hornby</i>
Commitment Prize:	<i>Edward Turck</i>
Verse Speaking:	<i>Nicholas Hobhouse</i>

Headmaster's Prize for Art:

Benjamin Long and Martin Hagan

Strickland Prize for

Craft: *Edward Dunford*
Junior Music Prize: *Robert Hernandez*

Certificates for Individual Winners:

Brass:	<i>Calum Ellis</i>
Woodwind:	<i>Jonathan Rigby</i>
Percussion:	<i>Daniel Lomax</i>
Voice:	<i>Robert Hernandez</i>
String:	<i>Thomas Barling</i>
Piano:	<i>Ross Thorndyke</i>

R.H. Lye Junior School Science:

Thomas Barling

Clavian Literary Competition:

Mitchell Cocker and Matthew Hilton

Clavian Art Competition:

Luke Finlay son and Benjamin Long

Bury Junior Schools Sports Association

Swimming League:	Winners
Athletics:	Winners
8-a-side Cricket:	Winners
BJSSA Cross-Country:	Runners- up
BJSSA Swimming:	Runners-up

House Competitions

Arthur Price House Athletics Shield:	Derby
Radcliffe A.S.A. House Swimming Cup:	Derby/Howlett
Horsfield and Smith House Cricket Cup:	Howlett
The McDonald House Football Cup:	Derby
House Cross-Country Cup:	Derby
Percy Howarth House Music Cup:	Derby
House Work Cup:	Hulme
Champion House:	Derby



INTELLIGENCE EXHIBITION

Q. How do you affect the pitch of a string?

A. Tighten it, make it longer or buy fatter ones.

As Beethoven became older he became deaf but he still kept composing pieces by putting his ear to the floor whilst playing the piano.

Q. What was Mother Teresa's 'Day of Inspiration'?

A. The day she got a massage from God.

The flute has keys like a clarinet and a flat bottom.

Cowbells are bells off a cow.

Latin American instruments come from household objects, e.g. typewriters and sandpaper.

The Latin American percussion instruments come from the American continents that were originally colonised by the Spanish and Portuguese.

In a drum kit there are two fat pedals for the hi-hat and the toss drum.

Q. What happened in 1666?

A. England won the World Cup.

An electric guitar needs a spectrum to play it.

(About the flute) You blow across the hole that hits the edge on the far part of the instrument.

The flute has no reed for a moth piece.

The clarinet is a cynical shaped instrument.

A guitar has 19 metal frets, 6 nuts, a curly body and a flat bridge.

Operettas are comic operas where they were doing operas from a comic.

An operetta is a sort of choir in which the words are sung.

Q. Why was 19th century Vienna a good place for a musician to work in?

A. It was a rich city with wealthy inhabitants and had L.T.

Strauss had marital difficulties and in 1842 he split up his wife.

In 1830 Strauss' orchestra began to play at the Sperl, a Viennese dance hall and beer garden.

The soundbox of a violin is usually vanished.

We paddled to the other side and played lots of games in the water. After that we got toed back to the other side.

This piece is like a musical sandwich.

People thought that a cure for the plague could be to wear sweat-smelling perfume.

Original: When the British Expeditionary Force arrived in Northern France they were greeted ecstatically.

4th Form Paraphrase: When the British Expeditionary Force arrived in Northern France they were greeted with drugs.

The shofar was used by ancient Jews and is still used in synagogues and is made by a ram's horn.

A report: After missing a number of lessons early in the term I have been pleased with his overall effort.

He fell surreptitiously into the cellar.

Tumultuous silence burst out when the excitement reached its peak.

Then, just at the last minuet, the wind blew from the east allowing the Spanish ships to steer away.

Charlie Parker was the father of the jazz style known as bebop.

Charlie Parker's real genius was how he touched other people and how others spread the culture.

Jazz was a type of lively dance music.

Jazz had begun with black people who were irrigated to America.

Jazz was a mixture of waltz and normal American music.

The jazz musician Duke Ellington was born in 1899 and also in Washington.

Q. Is there any wood in the C.D.T. Department?

Member of staff to Mr. Benger: Are you tone deaf or can you only play the piano from music?

Q. What is the role of carbon monoxide in this reaction?

A. It is the rejuicing agent.

Q. What type of steel is used for making car bodies?

A. Mainless steel.

Fiddling with musical instruments could cause damage.

Jelly Roll Morton was the first great pianist whose real name was Ferdinand Lamotte.

An oboe has a double reed and if you blow it too much it can give you heart disease.

On learning that a theatre group had been booked to present a play about teenage pregnancy, one fourth former commented, "Why are we watching this? We can't get pregnant."

A professional Manchester orchestra is the Manchester Philosophical Orchestra.

Q. How can you remember the names of the notes on the lines and spaces of the musical stave.

A. Easily.

Beethoven was a mysterious character. When he played he needed complete silence.

Beethoven's 9th Symphony is known as the Coral Symphony.

Q. When and where was Beethoven born?

A. Beethoven (as he was commonly known) was born in 1770 in Bonn. Beethoven's music was loud and violet.

Beethoven's dad made him practise all night unless he got whipped.

Quizmaster:

Who was Minihaha's husband?

Captain of School Quiz Team: Lord Hawhaw

Q. What is another commonly used name for carbon?

A. Graffiti.

After Mary's execution the executioner found her pet dog hiding in her pennyfarthing.

Parliament's nickname were 'Roundheads' because of their hard-looking 'skinheads'. The Royalists were nicknamed 'Cavaliers' because they had long posh hair and rode on horses.

The plan of the gunpowder plotters failed because they were spotted at the last minuet.

Henry was determined to divorce Catherine of Arrogant.

Both the guards held large heavy halberds and thick steel helmets with black vices on them.

Q. Why might the mouse population fall?

A. The mice would be caught easily as they are desperate to be eaten by the owls.

Q. Why is the moon covered in craters?

A. Because it has been hit by many craters in the past.

Q. Why might the mouse population fall?

A. If the voles die out there won't be enough for the trees to eat so the trees will eat more mice.

1st Year maths exam:

This shape is a triangular quadrilateral.

This shape is a rhombus with sides of a different length.

2nd Year Religious Studies exam response:

Jesus was crucified because he said that he was the Messiah, which the Romans did not like because they were Catholic.

Apparently, though, they were fascinated by our fluorescent purple safety helmets.

In Bur} there is a Gramar Schooll.

Member of staff:

The chocolate moose met with approval.

Typographical error

In December we had cake sales for the Blue Peter Water Works appeal that raided £286.58.

The Pope was inflammable: he could do no wrong.

A fifth former is expected to behave in a very mature manor.

Pupil: I've put the harp is a percussion instrument.

Teacher: No, it's a string instrument. You pluck the strings.

Pupil: But you sometimes see it played with knockers.

Q. How does the composer create contrasts between the sections?

A. He uses crescendos and innuendos.

At the beginning we hear the thyme played six times.

Pope Alexander VI had at least seven children, leaving his celibacy in pieces.

Some of the answers given to questions in the auditions for the General Knowledge Quiz Team:

Q. Whose face was said to have launched a thousand ships?

A. Margaret Thatcher

Q. What is an Australian wild dog called?

A. A dingbat (this was a 7th form Oxbridge candidate).

Q. Vlad the Impaler became the historical model for which infamous literary character?

A. Asterix the Gaul.



By Michael
Haworth
3UC

Clubs
and
Societies



JUNIOR SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE

Once again Bury hosted one of the two regional heats of this annual quiz competition for pupils in the second year and below. As in previous years an impressive line-up of local independent schools met in fierce but fair competition. Both BGS teams acquitted themselves well. The 'B' team, composed entirely of boys from the Junior School, defeated the Bury Girls' team in the first round before losing to the powerful

Merchant Taylors' Crosby. Nevertheless they did very well and I suspect that the members of that team will become BGS quiz team stalwarts of the future. The 'A' team, captained by Richard Chew, breezed past Withington and then encountered the formidable Manchester Grammar School. They pushed MGS all the way in what was generally agreed to be the match of the tournament, losing eventually by

the very narrow margin of 830-800 points. MGS went on to win the heat and eventually the whole competition, defeating King's School Rochester in the National Final. No-one got as close to them as we did. So near and yet so far... Ah, well there's always next year. Thanks to everyone who took part so enthusiastically.

MJH.

SENIOR SCHOOLS' CHALLENGE

As the apprehensive members of the fellowship were mounted upon their noble steeds by their helpers, foreboding was in the air as the ring-bearer felt its pull - turning him bitter and jealous. As they approached Mordor, the sky above them turned black...

This version of events needs a little retelling. The fellowship are members of the BGS School's Challenge quiz team, their steeds a hired Vauxhall Zafira and helpers members of Mr. Hone's 7th Form History set. For Mordor read Lancaster. The sky darkened because it was late afternoon in late November. I was the ring-bearer (don't ask what the ring was!) and the vice-captain and I weren't bitter, not after losing on the last question last time. Bitter, me ...?

Mr. Hone and I sat in HQ (Room LH) at the very start of the year and, for a change, we had a plan. In fact, by the same time the next week we had both A and B teams lined up. Over the next seven Monday lunchtimes we practised! Some of the answers were not up to scratch. For example:

Q: What is the longest ring road in Britain?

A: M26

but the general standard was quite good, surprisingly.

Regular readers of this article will know from the likes of Messrs Balkind, Ramsden and, more recently, me, that Lancaster are masters of gamesmanship. Our names have been given wrongly, buzzers have broken at vital moments

and unconfirmed rumours of aged contestants with false teeth have all happened before.

Never though has it started before we got there, although we miss the same turning every year. However, with less than a week to go, the competition had been put back from the 5th to 26th of November; either it wasn't dark enough for them yet or there was something else that they were doing under the pretence of Bonfire Night.

When the time did come, however, one of our A juniors, Andrew Aziz, could not take part. The team that climbed into the hire car included Jonathan Chew (C), Michael Boyes, Richard Stirzaker (whom we got in on a technicality - two can play at their game) and Christopher Stoneman. Other than Mr. Hone leaving the gearbox on the M6 exit slip road, the journey was uneventful; we even made that right turn and were there in time for sandwiches.

To try and encourage greater participation (i.e. prevent a BGS v. Lancaster final every year) the old stalwarts of LRGS, QEGS, Arnold and ourselves were all in the top half of the draw, with the Lakes School, St. Bees and Sedburgh joining the better known Clitheroe in the bottom.

Our match against Arnold was close and friendly, with it see-sawing all the way through and our hours of practice helping as we won by just 40 points (four questions). I found out later that they too think that Lancaster use all possible methods to win, so it's not just us.



In what was effectively the final, we played Lancaster RGS in the semis. There was tension and pressure in the air. At the meeting it had been announced that the buzzers were "dodgy". We started slowly, they drew 70 ahead, but like a steam train we came roaring back getting ten consecutive starters to lead by 90. Mr. Hone's study of Sven-Goran Eriksson's psychology had not been in vain. It was then nip and tuck for the last ten minutes. Lancaster, having bounced back, were always just ahead. We got the last starter and would have tied had all the bonuses been won. They weren't and we lost by 40 points. It was however a good, fair contest, the lack of tricks causing a slow start owing to shock.

Next year will be my last attempt to win the thing, and I would like to thank all who took part: Mike Boyes, Richard Stirzaker, Phil Davies, Jonathan Kahn, Andrew Aziz, Chris Stoneman, Noor Abdullatif, Richard Chew and, last but not least, our very own Gandalf, Mr. Hone.

Jonathan Chew

CDT ACTIVITIES



WARGAMING CLUB

This year Wargaming Club has been very popular with the first years. Mr. Richmond has done a good job with teaching the rules to the first years. Warhammer Club is held on Tuesdays. Fantasy was a great hit at the start of the year but since The Lord Of The Rings Warhammer has been released, it is now very popular. There has only been one Warhammer tournament (Fantasy) and unfortunately this started late owing to some first years doing athletics on Tuesdays. This means that the tournament will have to be finished after the exams. Overall Warhammer has been great fun and exciting.

Warhammer 40,000 is a game of tabletop battles between armies of futuristic, fighting machines and hordes of implacable aliens, set in the far distant future. You can fight games between as few or as many models as you wish, from skirmishes involving a handful of determined warriors to truly vast armies with

swarms of tanks and sweeping formations of troops. You can fight in a ruined city or in trenches with avalanches of mud or even in a desert or on an ice planet. You can also send waves of troops through buildings and settlements using flames to clear the way of enemy troops.

Warhammer Fantasy is a game of tabletop battles between hordes of humans or elves, dwarves or aliens. Use your firepower to weaken the enemy then march into them with spears, swords and axes. You can fight battles with as many figures as you want. You could fight on rolling hills or on the barren landscape. You can fight sieges with siege towers or assault the walls with masses of troops. Catapults and cannons are also favourites of many gamers.

Lord of the Rings is a great game. You can collect your models and battle with other people and their models. You can collect your

favourite characters from the film. It has not been out for very long so it has only just been introduced to the Warhammer Club. I only know a few people who have got any models. It has only been popular with first years up till now. The game is quite complicated so I will not go into much detail about the rules. When you attack a model you work out whether or not it is dead by rolling. If a model is attacking and it has a fighting value higher than its opponent it has a better chance of hitting. This game is great and even if you have no models people will gladly lend you some so join the club and have some fun.

*Joseph Dunleavy,
Alex Salem and
Ashley Belton*

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Black Phoenix was our Young Enterprise company for 2003. It was decided at the start of the year that all profits from our company were to be given to charity. After giving our company a name we had to decide upon our products. After much discussion we decided on our product

and began raising share money. After raising money through shares we then proceeded to buy the raw materials, produce and then sell our products.

Our company was relatively successful over the time we were allowed, although we did encounter many setbacks. Should anyone be

planning on participating in Young Enterprise next year I would highly recommend it, as it gives a much greater insight into the business world.

Liam Harper

WATER AID

For our 2003 class assembly, 1UR decided to try and raise money for Water Aid by means of a presentation conceived by Dr. Byrne. Water Aid is a charity set up by the Prince of Wales which aims to provide water to third-world countries by raising money to place wells in villages which are without clean water. (Every 15 seconds a child dies because of lack of water.)

The assembly was based on a story about a girl called Alemitu. This girl longed to go to school like

her brothers, but Alemitu spent six hours a day collecting water. One day a well was built in her village which meant she could go to school because her mum could use the well to collect water.

Our aim was to raise £150 to buy a well. We created posters, researched on the internet and collected spare change outside the dining hall during the day. In assembly we read the story to the school and asked people if they could

donate 50p. The response was fantastic; we raised £211.49.

The money was sent off to Water Aid and we received a letter and certificate thanking us for our contribution.

Hopefully the generosity of the School has been put to good use.

Oliver Banks

MILITARY HISTORY AND WARGAMING SOCIETY

This Society was more of a regular event this year after a few years of rather mercurial existence. In contrast to the Warhammer Club the aim is to recreate historical battles, with the emphasis on trying to give players some idea of the difficulties

faced by the original commanders in discovering enemy whereabouts and intentions and attempting to get their own forces to carry out orders. Most of the games this year were set in the Second World War, but we hope next year to enlarge our scope to cover the

Napoleonic period, the American Civil War and possibly naval battles. The World War II theme will continue however, with a series of games to tie in with the October battlefields tour to Arnhem.

M.J.H.

Art Club

Art Club runs this year as normal on Tuesdays after School and Thursday lunchtimes. It provides the perfect opportunity to finish that mini-masterpiece or catch up on work that really should already be finished.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of artistic ability, so come along if you want to learn about art, sculpture, food, china or if you merely have a passing interest in ducks or monkeys.

Michael Boyes



Pottery Club



Chess Club

The Chess Club met regularly in the Autumn and Spring terms with a large influx of keen first-formers swelling the ranks of players. This year we entered the British Chess Federation Schools' Tournament for the first time. Unfortunately our enthusiastic but inexperienced team were knocked out in the first round by a well-drilled Audenshaw outfit. It is a pity that this competition is not run in the North-West on a league basis, as it is elsewhere in the

country, to give new entrants like ourselves a chance of picking up more experience of competitive play. The main event of the year, however, was our third annual participation in the UK Chess Challenge, reputedly the largest chess competition in the world. Our internal School tournament had a bigger entry than last year and saw some fiercely-contested matches before the remarkable Greg Ip once again emerged undefeated as School

champion. As a result of the School heats several players qualified for the Regional Finals held in Oldham in May. Although a couple of people came close, no-one quite managed to gain four wins out of six in this event and thereby qualify for the National Finals this year. Still everyone seemed to enjoy the experience and we will undoubtedly enter the competition again in 2004.

M.J.H.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

After a slow start this year, Amnesty International has been very active in School. We now have a notice board allowing us to display details of our campaigns and we have been pleased to note the interest our large poster listing basic human rights has generated.

Our most important campaign this year was the vigil of Solidarity and Sorrow for the people of Iraq. Our vigil was on 12th March but similar vigils were held in schools all over the world in the same week. The campaign started with an assembly stating how the situation in Iraq raised complicated human rights issues. Following this, the members of Amnesty held a vigil by a display stand outside the School Hall. During the vigil, members of the School were invited to write postcards to our government, urging them to be aware of the potential human rights involved in any course of action. Our aim was to raise people's awareness that any decision to participate in military action in Iraq was not straightforward. We deplored the facts that Saddam Hussain's regime oppressed many people and that his forces had already killed and tortured so many of his opponents. We recognised also the threat that if he did hold weapons of mass destruction,

his power to harm others would be even greater. Amnesty's concern however was with the risk that military intervention posed to further innocent people and with the chaos they would have to live with following action. The chaos would affect even basic services such as water and electricity.

Throughout our vigil we repeated the statements issued by Amnesty International. These are quoted below:

PLEDGE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ

Today we hold this vigil of "solidarity and sorrow" for the people of Iraq. We do this to reaffirm our commitment to universal human rights and to stand in solidarity with all those who face the destructive impact of war. We demand that all those involved act in accordance with the international laws and human rights standards that they are bound to uphold, in war and in peace.

Two decades of conflict, a brutally oppressive regime, and the imposition of harsh and indiscriminate economic sanctions have resulted in grave violations of the most fundamental human rights of Iraqi civilians. We

reflect in sorrow for these violations. The violations of human rights of the Iraqi people will now be magnified by military action. We demand that the international community, and, in particular, the parties to the conflict, take all measures to protect the lives of civilians. We demand that the human rights of the Iraqi people never again be subjected to abuse and neglect.

Amnesty International does not take a position on the use of the military force but insists that the use of military force must always be a last resort, to be used only when all other peaceful means have failed.

We have been very impressed with the amount of support Amnesty International has received in School and look forward to another successful year. Anyone interested in joining us will be most welcome to do so. My thanks go to all the committee members who have worked so hard this year.

J.M.B.



Martin Watson, 3UC

Excursions



To the Green Fields and Beyond:

BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S VISIT TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF CAMBRAI AND PASSCHENDAELE, OCTOBER 2002.

This was our ninth annual battlefields tour, and the party which assembled on Bridge Road late on the Thursday night contained a large number of veterans of previous jaunts. Several of the older lags had four to five battlefields tours under their belts, so they can't say they didn't know what to expect.

Our outward journey across the Channel went smoothly, both in terms of arrangements and sea conditions, and we arrived in the Belgian city of leper in mid-morning. After a visit to the impressive 'In Flanders Fields' Museum and a spot of lunch we took William Glancy to the grave of his great-uncle, Albert Short, at Bedford House Cemetery, just outside the city. Such personal visits are a vital ingredient of our tours. We also made our obligatory stop at the Hill 62/Sanctuary Wood 'preserved' trenches, where the rain only added to the spooky atmosphere, before going on to our hotel in the town of Langemark. The food at the hotel left a little to be desired, but the rooms were comfortable, the hotel boasted its own bowling alley and an excellent 'frites' wagon was parked outside in the evening.

The tour guide always scans the weather forecasts apprehensively in the days before the trip and the rain on the first afternoon and evening did



David Beales at Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery.

not bode well. Thankfully the skies cleared and Saturday was a beautiful autumn day as we motored south into France to the battlefield of Cambrai. Here in November 1917 the British staged the first massed tank attack in history, aiming to break through the mud and blood of the trenches 'to the green fields beyond'. They managed to push the Germans back several miles before the offensive ran out of steam and the 400 tanks steadily succumbed to enemy fire and mechanical breakdown. At the village of Flesquieres we met the remarkable Phillipe Gorczynski, a local hotelier, World War One enthusiast and Anglophile, who has been responsible for the excavation of

one of the tanks which was knocked out during the battle and later buried by the Germans. It lay forgotten until 1998, when M.Gorczynski and his friends located the site of the vehicle's burial after careful research and dug it out with the help of the British army. We were privileged to see the remains of tank D-51 'Deborah' and hear an expert talk by M. Gorczynski who later took us up to the site of the memorial ('The largest Union Jack in France') which he plans to build on the edge of the village. After lunch in the attractive city of Cambrai, where a wedding service complete with firecrackers was in progress at the town hall, we paid a visit to the remote Rocquigny-Equancourt Cemetery where, by coincidence, both Bury Grammar School boys who died in the Battle of Cambrai are buried. Here, after a short act of remembrance, David Beales sounded the Last Post and wreaths were laid on the graves of Sydney Nuttall and Arthur Houghton.

On Sunday we did not have so far to go, as Langemark is situated in the heart of the Passchendaele battlefield. On 9th October 1917, towards the end of that dreadful campaign, the 66th (East Lancashire) Division launched an attack towards the outskirts of the village of



The youngest members of the party, Jordan Hanna, Tom Price and Carl Graydon laid a special School wreath on the grave of Old Boy Lance Corporal Sydney Nuttall, Coldstream Guards.



Richard Chernick, a Cadet Sergeant in St. John's Ambulance, lays a wreath at the grave of Arthur Houghton, BGS Old Boy and a keen St. John's volunteer before the war.

Passchendaele itself. The Division was composed of Territorial Army units recruited from the cotton towns of Lancashire. We saw the beautiful memorial stained-glass window to the Division in Passchendaele Church which incorporates the coats of arms of Bury, Rochdale, Haslingden and



*'Are we downhearted'?
In the trenches at Sanctuary Wood.*

the other towns from which the soldiers came. We then retraced the exact route of the attack made by 3/5th Lancashire Fusiliers from Bury on that fateful day. As we picked our way along a disused railway cutting we encountered only a small fraction of the mud endured by the Fusiliers as they made their way forward in torrential rain 85 years before, losing 316 men killed, wounded and missing in the process. For his gallantry during this attack BGS Old Boy Captain Frank Bentley was awarded the Military Cross.

After a stop at Bard Cottage Cemetery to visit the grave of Adrian Jonas's great-grandfather we made our way to Poperinge where Talbot House, 'TOC H', the remarkable all-ranks club founded in 1915 by the



RSM Stuart Douthwaite at the Menin Gate, Ieper.

Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton, is preserved as a living museum. After a tour of this remarkable building we used one of the rooms to recreate the Court Martial of Private William Smith, a Fusilier from Pendleton who ran away before the 9th October attack. I had obtained a transcript of Smith's brief trial after which he was condemned to death by firing squad, from the world's leading expert on the 'shot at dawn' cases, Dr Julian Puttkowski. After a re-enactment of the trial by members of the party we paid a sobering visit to Smith's grave in the village of Reningelst, near to the site of his execution. He was one of 346 British soldiers to die in this way during the First World War. By contrast we also visited the nearby memorial to John Lynn, another Fusilier, who won a posthumous Victoria Cross in 1915. His original grave marker is preserved in Bury Parish Church.

On our final evening we once again took part in the famous Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ieper. This year virtually the entire NCO cadre of the CCF, under the command of RSM Stuart Douthwaite, was on parade and they did themselves proud in front of well over a thousand spectators from all over the world. The cascade of flash bulbs as we marched under the gate will live in this author's memory forever. This was the 75th anniversary year of the nightly ceremony and our Belgian friend and member of the Last Post committee Jacky Platteuw specially read out the name of BGS Old Boy Gerald Singleton, killed in the area almost exactly 85 years before. We then laid our wreath with its School-crest centrepiece expertly hand-painted by George Hutchinson, a five tour veteran.

My thanks as always go to Mr. Armsbey who, as on eight previous tours, ensured that the organisational details clicked into place and my colleagues Dr. Byrne and Mr. Christian. The involvement of so many 7th formers on their final tour lent a very special atmosphere to the whole trip, and the organisers were deeply moved by the presents they received on the way back to the hotel from the Menin Gate. Ah well, the



At Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery where two Bury Grammar School Old Boys are buried.

show must go on and next year, God willing, we shall be in Arnhem in Holland for our first ever visit to the 'Bridge Too Far'.

M.J.H



William Glancy at the grave of his great-uncle Albert Short, Bedford House Cemetery, Ieper (inset Private Albert Short, killed in action on 8th April 1917 age 21).

SKI TRIP 2003: TONALE, ITALY

On an unusually bright February day, the party gathered at School and set out on the journey from Bury to Tonale in Italy. 27 hours later, following some rather suspect European driving, we arrived and within seconds the first snowball was thrown.

The village of Tonale is a relatively small skiing resort, recognised as an excellent place for beginners. Our hotel was superb: having recently been refurbished it offered a large dining room with buffet, a games room and some comfortable sitting areas where the party could collapse after each day's skiing. The rooms were of a high quality, despite rather "cosy" showers. There was also a huge underground club, which unfortunately was only discovered on the final day by a few of the older boys, who immediately walked straight back out, having seen Agado being performed by some of the holiday reps.

Yet the great thing about the hotel was that it was just 500 metres from the meeting place for ski school, and just a stone's throw away from Tonale's centre.

Having arrived mid-day, we checked in, took advantage of the buffet, having about three helpings each, and then went to collect our equipment. Few people could actually tell what was being said in the hire shop, and therefore simply adapted the nodding of the head technique and saying "Oui", even

though we were in Italy and not France!

After an exhausting two day's travelling and getting the equipment, the whole party was ready for a good night's sleep, especially since we had to be up for half seven the following morning.

At 7.30 the party woke with high spirits for the day ahead. When we had arrived, the temperature was about -13° centigrade and it was snowing quite heavily, but on the first day of skiing the sun was out and the powdered snow was perfect for both skiing and snowboarding. Despite the huge queue in the basement for skis and snowboards, we were soon at the foot of the mountain, with some outrageous outfits and Mr. Curtis's Great Britain hat, which he claimed to wear "so that he could be seen easily". Skiers and snowboarders were split up, and then there were further divisions based on ability. Yet, by the end of the week the margin was difficult to recognise, as beginners improved tremendously with each run.

The weather stayed fine on the first day, and after a two-hour session in the morning, followed by lunch and a two-hour session in the afternoon, everybody was eagerly anticipating the next day.

This was the basis of a great week's skiing. Each day, new slopes were explored, as we moved higher up the mountain, often getting a fortunate view point of a teacher crashing further down the mountain.



followed by their faultless recovery, pretending that no one had seen, or simply blaming the nearest skier.

Towards the end of the trip, some of the groups even ventured to the other side of the valley to tackle a series of difficult black runs, one of which was on the Presena Glacier. Despite difficult icy conditions, everyone got down unscathed, yet rumours were flying that Mr. Bradley, in his traditional fluorescent colours, had 'wiped out' earlier on the week.

As part of the après ski, evening entertainment was provided each day, such as 'bum-boarding' down the nursery slopes, ice skating and a disco of 70 boys, which proved to be quite unpopular, as you can well imagine. We also watched Man. United defeat Juventus in the Champions' League, much to the dismay of the Italian supporters also watching, who were heavily outnumbered.

However, eight days later the trip drew to a close and to the party's disappointment, it was time to go home, having had a great week in Tonale.

Finally, on behalf of all the boys, I would like to thank Mr. Curtis, Mr. Sherlock, Dr. Byrne, Miss Batey, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Dennis, and, in particular, Mr. Bradley for a thoroughly enjoyable week.

George Taylor



KÖLN AUSTAUSCH

It was a typical, wet, November morning when the 20 boys and girls, along with Mr. Lee and Mrs. Livsey, turned up at an obscene hour of the morning on a Saturday to catch our flight to Dusseldorf from Manchester Airport to take part in one of the oldest exchange programmes in the country: yours truly had managed to lose his ticket in the lounge, and had to retrieve it from the desk after someone handed it in. Then followed an uneventful flight in which the highlight was trying to guess whether the "breakfast" that had been served to us was food or actually a new, undiscovered form of alien life. Tasty.

Within an hour and a half we were at Dusseldorf, and were then ferried to Cologne by some of the parents of the exchange students. Several of us had forgotten that there was no speed limit on Germany's Autobahns, and I nervously watched the needle on the speedometer very quickly reach 250k.p.h.

Soon we were all settled in with our new families for the week and beginning to take our bearings. To help us all get settled in more quickly, the Germans had organised a mini-excursion round Cologne, so that we were able to get a proper look for ourselves what everyday German life is like. There is only so much to be learned from textbooks, none of which had prepared us for the sight of a llama at the U-Bahn station.

We then split up to explore the city centre. Many were amused at the sight of a giant head of our very own Queen, advertising The English Shop, where they sold everything a homesick Englishman could wish for, including Branston Pickle, a delicacy new to Germans. Following this was a night out at the local pool hall, where many of the Germans were put to shame by our abilities, and in some cases, vice versa. Schade!

Sunday was again a very relaxing day. We delved further than on the previous day, as we now knew where we were, and realised that we could actually speak enough German to get us by in most situations.

Monday was our first day in a German school; and also the first sighting of Mr. Lee and Mrs. Livsey, who had disappeared within five minutes of landing. To the local Bierkeller maybe? Some students spent the entire day in an English lesson, with a completely mad English teacher, whilst others went to a music lesson, and completely failed to guess any of the classic TV theme tunes. Following on from this was a tour of the city by one of the school's teachers. He told us all about Cologne's history from its time as a Roman outpost to its involvement in the modern world.

The tour took in some of the most beautiful buildings and architecture that I have ever seen. I suggest that everyone goes and sees Cologne Cathedral, as it is breathtaking in its magnificence and sheer scale. There are also many bridges and medieval buildings that remind you of Germany's Gothic past. This is coupled with modern artists' additions to the city, such as a bronze man on a bench.

Tuesday saw a change of pace. Everyone boarded a coach, and headed off to the Vulkan Museum to learn all we could about the state of Germany's geology. As we only had one geologist with us, this part of the exchange was not the most riveting of experiences, as could be seen on

some students' faces. This was followed by a trip down into the basement, where we were to witness Germany's geology in action, but were actually treated to a game of dodge-the-manic-suicidal-bat.

Soon we were to test our motoring skills on the carting track of the Niirburging, home of the European Grand Prix. Roll over Michael Schumacher, the Brits are coming to take your crown, after successfully annihilating the Germans in their own back yard. Good omens for the upcoming Fussballspiel? We hoped so.

Come Wednesday morning, we realised that the previous night was actually a clever ploy by our hosts to attempt to put us off our game on the big day. Before the match the girls had to play a game of volleyball, a game new to many, especially against a team that had obviously practised for months for this moment. They lost convincingly.

So now it was down to the boys in the football to regain some pride for Bury and to attempt to keep the trophy for another year. Both teams were playing with one girl apiece. The match began well, as the Bury team soon scored an early goal. YES! Thoughts of Michael Owen's hat trick against the Germans sprang to everyone's mind. But disaster soon struck, as the Germans





equalised. Both teams scored again before half time. Spirits for the second half were high, but soon the German's scored again - and again - and again. The Germans won in a reverse of last year's score, 5-2.

Thursday included a visit to Europe's largest brown coal mine.

We were greeted at the quarry with a small presentation and, much to everyone's delight, breakfast. Then followed a tour of the factory and the mine in what appeared to be an American school bus with a set of Land Rover wheels and suspension bolted on the chassis. It looked old, dangerous and ready to fall apart down the often near-vertical slope to the bottom.

Friday was a free day for us to do as we wished, so many went into town to buy some presents and to pay our last respects to the llama. The night soon arrived and so did a bunch of happy German and English students, all descending upon an unsuspecting karaoke bar where we managed to avenge the earlier football defeat by impressing our hosts with our musical talents.

The morning did eventually arrive, and that meant it was time to go. All said their goodbyes, and there was even the odd tear shed in the moment. Chris Moriarty managed to scare everyone by not turning up until the last possible moment. (Funny that he always did the same disappearing trick when it was his round.)

The Cologne exchange is possibly the best thing a student can do at Bury Grammar, and many thanks must go to Mr. Lee and Mrs. Livsey for organising the event, because without them the exchange could not take place. I would advise anyone doing German to take part in the exchange - I promise you, you will have the best time of your life.

Matthew Todd

ROMAN SOLDIER VISIT

To help the second and third years in their study of Romans and the Roman way of life the Classics Department organised a visit for the two years from an authentic, two thousand-year-old Roman soldier just before the Christmas holiday, and throughout one day eight forms listened to his talk and presentation in the Junior Common Room.

'Jefficus' came to Bury Grammar School all the way, or so he would have had us believe, from Hadrian's Wall (although I rather suspect the living conditions there are not quite suitable at the moment). However, he certainly taught us a lot and gave us a lot of fun, with his entertaining and dynamic speaking.

He told us all about his life on Hadrian's Wall, the building of which was ordered by the Emperor Hadrian as a border between England and Scotland, including the lavatorial facilities there (which wouldn't stand a chance with the Public Health Inspector around - thank goodness)

and the onerous duties he was required to perform on the wall.

Jefficus showed us many different forms of weaponry - types of sword, javelin, helmet, slingshot, and dagger. He told us about the building of roads in what the Romans considered to be a very uncivilised Britain and explained how different types of uniform denoted rank amongst other things. He displayed some rather uncomfortable and, in true Roman style, very durable caligae - boots. Jefficus also told us about the difficult path to being accepted as a soldier of the Roman empire.

Our Roman soldier gave several among our number the opportunity to dress up in various types of armour (including breastplate, shield and chainmail) which his comrades and he wore every day. Although I didn't actually try it myself, I am told that it was very heavy and extremely uncomfortable, but then, who said being a soldier was easy? Getting dressed was certainly quite a compli-

cated process back in those days!

At the end of the presentation, we were allowed to ask Jefficus questions about his life and his era, and he answered all these queries with patience, clearness and from a great knowledge of his subject. Genuine Roman soldier or not, he certainly gave us a great time and I would like to offer thanks to the Classics Department from both years for such a fascinating, exciting and unusual experience.

Richard Stanton, 2UH

CHESTER

On an unusually warm March morning the 3rd Year Latinists set off for Chester for the annual exploration of the once Roman Legionary Fortress.

After a relatively uneventful coach journey we arrived at the Grosvenor Museum for an informative talk by a member of the education team.

The museum remained our base for the day as the boys started



their carousel of soldier walk, river lunch and artefact exploration. The Grosvenor houses a spectacular collection of Roman tombstones (preserved because they were used to build Chester's walls), which provide the focus of the boys' work. They studied many of the Latin inscriptions and discovered the nationality and rank of many legionary and auxiliary soldiers and worked out an average age of death. They were also able to write their names in Roman script and practise building Roman aqueducts.

We enjoyed the usual city tour guided by a legionary in his full armour. As well as telling us about the remains in and around the city he gave us an entertaining display of gladiatorial skills in the arena.

The river beckoned for lunch and ice cream, where we could rest our weary legs after our route march around the city. This year the wonderful English spring allowed us

to bask in glorious sunshine, more reminiscent of a summer day than an afternoon in late March.

We were all present and correct at the bus at 2.30 pm and back at BGS in time for the school buses. It was a successful and productive day and thanks for that must go to Mr. Feely and Mrs. Bradley and particularly to the heroic non-classicists Mr. Hone and Mr. Stacey for their stamina and enthusiasm.

J.H.



ARRAN 2002

At 9 am on Sunday 8th September a group of 38 enthusiastic young geographers, together with two intrepid newcomers and two experienced pros, set out on a coach journey from Bury Grammar School, our destination being the Isle of Arran in Scotland. Ahead of us was an eight hour coach and ferry journey before we arrived at our destination for three days of fun, with possibly a bit of work thrown in. Finally at 5 pm we arrived at the Lochranza Field Study Centre and, after a quick tour, it was time for dinner, followed by a run down of the next day's activities. Then it was off to our rooms to unpack and enjoy the free time, followed by a tour of Lochranza Castle where David Beales took the opportunity to give a scare to all those who dared to enter the dungeon.

Day 1 started with an uneventful yet interesting exercise on Longshore Drift at Catacol Beach. In the afternoon, after a brief lunch break, it was on to Glen Easen for a glaciation study on some muddy,

boggy and steep terrain.

After a quick shower and some dinner, it was off to the classroom to write up the day's work.

Day 2 was Rivers Day. This meant being dragged to various places around Arran, standing in freezing cold water and taking measurements. This gave Adrian Redman and David Dodd the opportunity to check the swimming conditions at each site. But the highlight of the day had to be the water fight between David Blackston and Craig Johnson on top of a hill, ending rather abruptly when yours truly received a drenching intended for Craig. Cheers Guys! So after a shower and a change of clothes to dry off, it was back into the classroom and then the evening's entertainments.

Our final morning in Arran was by far the most eventful. It was time to take soil samples at various places up a hill. Conveniently Messrs. Bradley and Bishop chose this year to attempt to venture to the summit. After a few slips and slides

we reached it. After lunch and the final sample it was back to the centre, but not without some spectacular displays of gymnastics: Alex Druce's slide and flying exhibition; Robert Ward's unbelievable skid and dive down a dry hill into a patch of ferns; and, winning first prize, Mr. Cawtherley with his incredible, tree-assisted plummet and double twist.

After all of this it was time to leave. However, the journey back was not without its moments such as the resounding roar on the coach as Bolton defeated Man. Utd. However once again first prize goes to the unfortunate Mr. Cawtherley, who spent 5 minutes celebrating Everton's 1-0 win over Southampton, only to be told the scoreline was the other way around.

In closing I would like to thank Messrs. Bradley, Bishop and Cawtherley and Mrs. Brooks for a thoroughly enjoyable and informative trip, I, for one, will long remember it.

Jonathan Kahn

6th and 7th FORM HISTORY TRIP TO DUBLIN

The History Department was saddened when its popular and successful biennial trip to Paris was rendered obsolete by the changing A-level syllabus. (We no longer study the French Revolution and Napoleon.) Replacements were considered, but Washington DC was rather too far and nobody fancied Berlin in February so Dublin it was, to tie in with the study module 'Britain and Ireland 1798-1921'. And what a good choice it turned out to be with staff and students thoroughly enjoying their jaunt to the Emerald Isle.

As on most School trips the party set out in the middle of the night and underwent a vaguely surreal crossing of the Irish Sea on a largely deserted ferry in the small hours. Arrival at our hotel - in fact an efficiently run youth hostel conveniently situated in the heart of the city - was followed by a hearty breakfast and a walk round the sights of Dublin. Some of the bleary-eyed travellers were perhaps not fully up to absorbing the finer details of the 1916 Easter Rising first thing in the morning, but as the city woke up in the glorious winter sunshine so our spirits revived. We did not linger long outside the shabby headquarters of the IRA and a branch-wielding singing drunk on St. Stephen's Green was perhaps not the ideal



'Avondale' County Wicklow, the country house of the great Irish politician Charles Stewart Parnell.

introduction to Irish culture, but the rest of the Irish people we met throughout the tour were unfailingly courteous and helpful.

The second day saw the historical tour begin in earnest with a visit to the incredibly atmospheric Kilmainham Gaol. Its grim and brooding aspect was briefly lightened by the realisation that this was where the prison scenes of the original *Italian Job* were shot (along with numerous other films). We had a superb guided tour through the fascinating history of the gaol, with many moving moments, including visits to the prison chapel and the scene of the execution by firing squad of the leaders of the 1916 Rising. (One, badly wounded, was shot sitting tied to a chair.) This must be one of the best historical sites we have visited on any of our tours and it is not a joke to say that several students and staff had to be dragged reluctantly from the building after a three hour visit. Following a quick coach tour of the nearby Phoenix Park we went back into the centre of Dublin to see the state rooms of the castle, formerly the headquarters of British rule and now where the Irish President entertains visiting dignitaries. We then walked over to Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells. It is amazing how many people, having seen the excellent exhibition describing how the great treasure was made, simply walk past the book itself which is kept in a dimly-lit display case.

On our third day we ventured south of Dublin to the well-organised and innovative Museum of the 1798

Rebellion at Enniscorthy, County Wexford. After this we had hoped to have lunch in the village of Avoca, the original 'Ballykissangel' but everywhere was closed. For once the meticulous organisation of the tour faltered but we discovered a friendly hostelry at the nearby beauty-spot 'The Meetings of the Waters', where the landlord was magically able to conjure up thirty-six ham and cheese toasties without appearing to move a muscle. Mrs. Glancy also took the opportunity to audition for the role of Assumpta behind the bar. The formal part of our tour was rounded off with a visit to the country home of the great Irish statesman Charles Stewart Parnell where, needless to say, we received a warm welcome and an informative tour.

The weather had deteriorated during our stay, with snow on one evening and the sea grew increasingly choppy as we set out next day from the port of Dublin back to Holyhead. Some of the party looked a tad green around the gills and Mrs. Glancy's lunch nearly slid into Mr. Hone's lap as the ferry encountered one large wave. At one point it looked as if it would be too rough to dock and we faced the prospect of being stranded offshore for several hours. Luckily the skill of the ferry captain overcame this and we berthed successfully in Anglesey despite waves crashing over the breakwater. After that it was a pleasant (and smooth) drive back to School with some happy memories of our time in Ireland.



Mrs Glancy auditions for a role in 'Ballykissangel'

MJH. and Jonathan Chew

CAMBRIDGE 6th FORM LAW CONFERENCE

The Cambridge 6th Form Law Conference has been running every spring for over 20 years, and each year BGS sends two budding lawyers to find out if the law is for them. This year Ashley Beedaysee and I were the fortunate pair. The major advantage of the law conference is that it is impossible to come away without an opinion on the subject. It can either, as happened to one student last year, put you completely off law, or, as happened this year, spur both students on to apply to study it.

This decision is reached through four days of morning lectures, covering everything from tort to the judiciary, and afternoon workshops, when large firms try to woo the available talent with promises of £60,000 a year initial salaries. The evenings are spent either exploring the entertainment Cambridge offers, arguing over Iraq, or watching the ridiculous mock trial featuring men and women in drag!

Owing to the fact that visitors are housed in a college (we stayed in

the duck-filled Emmanuel) and have enough time to explore Cambridge, by the end visitors also have an opinion on the town itself. This makes it a valuable experience for any potential law students and Ashley and I would like to thank the Student Committee in Cambridge and Mr. Richards and Mr. Bishop at BGS for making possible for us this memorable opportunity.

Jonathan Chew

PARIS AND PICARDY

During the School's half term, many boys went to Paris and Picardy for an enjoyable trip.

We arrived at the FIAP Jean Monnet Hotel in Paris at 14:00 on Thursday 22nd May. That night we took a cruise on the Seine on a bateau-mouche. This boat goes through Paris, allowing us to see all the beautiful monuments of the city. That night we enjoyed a disco at the hotel.

The next morning we went up the Eiffel Tower to see the sights of the city from atop France's most famous monument. In the afternoon we visited Versailles with its fantastic artistic treasures and palatial wealth.

We then had free time in the palace grounds, including the chance to go boating.

On Saturday we left Paris to go to Picardy. On the way there we stopped off at Compiègne. This is where the Armistice was signed in 1918 to end World War I. We also visited Amiens Cathedral and had free time in the town.

After our first night in Picardy we went by train from St. Valéry to Le Crotoy and then visited Aqualand in Le Touquet. This is a large water sport facility with fast slides and rapid waves.

On Monday morning we visited an underground town called Naours.

This was used in the war as a hideout from bomb raids. In the afternoon we visited Thiepval. This is a memorial for unidentified soldiers who died on the Somme in World War I. Afterwards we had some free time in Arras.

On our final day we visited a sea centre called Nausicaa in Boulogne and a honey farm at Bouin Plumoison.

It was a very enjoyable and educational trip. We should like to thank Mr. Kendall, Dr. Byrne, Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Ellison for helping make this such a memorable visit.

Christian Famworth

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM AND TELEVISION

I arrived at school at around twenty-to-nine on Tuesday the 10th of June ready to go. Classes 1LA (my class) and 1LB were travelling to Bradford to see the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television. I was very excited.

We set off on the coach just before nine o'clock and after a very hot and stuffy journey we were there. We went straight into the IMAX cinema to watch *Ghosts of the Abyss*. I really enjoyed the first half of the film and the 3D effects were really good and cleverly done. It was about a group of historians and archaeologists who went down into the North Atlantic two and a half miles to see the wrecked remains of

the Titanic. In the second half of the film it was like watching a repeat and it was a bit tedious.

When we came out of the cinema we assembled into our groups and set off to look at the individual galleries. In the Kodak Gallery it told us how photography had progressed from exposing silver salts to sunlight to produce images in the 1900s to present day digital cameras.

In the Wired Worlds section we found out about who invented the Internet and how computer games work. In the animation section it was fun because there were humorous cartoons on TV. The three main forms of animation are cartoon and cel, silhouettes and computer

animation. In the news section we found out what photo-journalism is and about other things which helped news develop.

In the advertising section, I liked it because of the on-running tape of Nike-freestyle adverts. We found out ways of selling products. In the Turn On, Tune In section, we found out who John Logie Baird was - inventor of the television.

My favourite section was the advertising section, but the IMAX movie was not the best and most entertaining part of the trip. Overall, I really enjoyed my day out at the Museum of Film, Photography and Television.

David Taylor, 1LA

LA GOLD

Adam Cheong of the fifth year was selected for the England team which competed in the annual Karate World Championships, held in Las Vegas. This is his account of the event.

Having started karate at the age of 11 I have continued to dedicate much time to training under the guidance of Sensei Gidley, the chief instructor of the England karate team, and in the summer of 2002 I was delighted to hear that, following many months of hard work with the England karate squad, I had been selected as one of the members to compete in the annual world championships which were to be held in Las Vegas in November 2002.

The team travelled together, wearing special tracksuits made for us by our sponsors and these were to be worn for the whole time until after we had competed.

Once we arrived in Vegas we were transported to the Circus Circus Hotel which was the same hotel I had stayed in the previous year when I visited Las Vegas while on holiday. Teams from all over the world had already arrived and were also staying in the same hotel. We retired to bed as soon as our rooms had been allocated since we were all suffering from jet lag. The next day was supposed to be training and preparation for the competition, which began the following day. But since many of us were too tired we decided to have a walk around the strip in Vegas instead. By this time the nerves were beginning to settle in as I realised the scale of the competition I was entering and there was no backing out now. An early night followed because we had to be up early in the morning to get some breakfast and then prepare.



So this was it, the first day of the competition. First was the kata section and this involves performing a sequence of moves in front of six judges who mark you on style, spirit and ability. Competitors were separated into different age groups. There were countries from all over the world present, but the ones which shone out were the Russians and the Polish who resembled an army as they warmed up with great discipline evident.

As my age group of 16-17 years was called up to the area many photographers and spectators were crowded round. This was like nothing I had ever experienced before. Having performed my kata, along with about 20 other competitors, I was delighted to find out I had won this section. My Sensei was also very pleased and shook my hand telling me how proud of me he was; he had always told me he had confidence in me and now he had good reason for it. Other members of the England team won gold and silver medals and we ended the day satisfied with our results for that section.

The next day was the fighting section (kumite) however and many more teams turned up especially to fight - this would prove to be much harder to win than the kata section. In the morning I did not really feel like eating as all I could think about was competing that afternoon. But having walked into the breakfast buffet the smell of bacon and eggs soon made me change my mind and I had a huge breakfast - I would need all the energy I could get after all!

Kumite is semi-contact fighting and involves a fight of two minutes during which points must be scored by clean hits to the body or head, the aim of which is to show control but also to demonstrate that you could have followed through with the technique to cause damage. Hand and foot pads are worn and gum shields are compulsory as many techniques are not controlled and could easily cause damage. There were paramedics surrounding each area.

Later that afternoon, after my group had been called up to the warming-up arena, we were horrified by the number and gravity of injuries that were occurring and one girl was

carried out on a stretcher just before my fight, not a comforting sight! I was called up to fight against an American and won convincingly. Another fight followed against a Swedish boy which was very close but in my opinion he got the better of the decisions and I lost. My next and final fight for 3rd place was against a Russian boy who seemed fearless (I had been hoping not to be matched up against him). Two minutes passed with no points scored. However just before the end of the fight he managed to anticipate my letting my guard down and scored a wazari with a punch to the chin. That won the fight for him and I had to settle for 4th place with which I was very happy since I had thought I would not get anywhere at all in the competition. Again the other members of the team won medals.

So that was it, the competition was over; I had come away with one huge gold medal, some amazing memories and a sore nose and jaw. But with five days left in Vegas we could relax and visit some of the sights, including the Grand Canyon by helicopter. We relaxed by the pool and made friends with lots of the other competitors of my age from all over the world. And the best thing of all - my parents were not present so MacDonalds for breakfast, lunch and dinner was a great way of saving money and eating something nice at the same time. The hotel itself had its own huge theme park and an all-day pass meant continuous roller coaster rides (and a very sick stomach at the end of it!). One of the highlights of the holiday was visiting the Skyline which was a building 100 storeys high with a roller coaster on top, a vertical ride which shot you up in the air at an incredible speed. This was one of the most exhilarating experiences I have ever felt and I can recommend it to anyone visiting Vegas in the near future.

So I can safely say that this trip to Vegas had been one of the most nerve-wrecking but exciting times I have experienced. The World Championships are being held in New York next year but unfortunately I will not be attending since this would interfere with university interviews.

Adam Cheong

6th FORM GEOLOGY FIELD COURSE TO DERBYSHIRE

As we arrived at school we found Mr. Bishop eagerly awaiting us. We knew we were in for a right treat. We set off at 9.30 am in the minibus, accompanied by Mr. Stacey. It was quickly learned that David Morgan's gangster rap was to cause us distress, particularly with his 60 strong CD collection that he had brought with him.

Our first destination was the "Shivering Mountain", Mam Tor, where we came across some stereotypical Americans wearing totally inappropriate hiking clothing, i.e. fur coats and sandals. We studied a rock face containing interbedded sandstones and shales whilst David sat on a barbed wire fence. (Enough said!) Some conveniently aligned stones laid down in recent Holocene times led us to the top of the hill.

That afternoon we went on one of Mr. Bishop's "Geological Rambles" of about 15 miles (actually 2 miles!) along Miller's Dale, marvelling at the rock climbers on Ravenstor and throwing stones at what we thought were rats but were in fact rare and protected water voles.

The first evening we stayed in Castleton Youth Hostel. The evening meal was disappointing, but the breakfast of fruit, cereal and "full

English" made up for it.

The second day took us to Edale where David led us into a "big 'ole" in a fault. Brent enjoyed kicking the black pyritous shale around, whilst Mr. Bishop repeatedly told us it was "rubbish" (in the sense used by an engineering geologist of course).

The rest of us found entertainment by a bit of "shale surfing". Also, despite being misled to a tea shop which was closed about 5 miles (actually 1 mile) out of the way, we enthusiastically searched for the best fossil brachiopod and sole structures. There was a great incentive, though, because Mr. Bishop bribed us with the offer of king size Mars bars for the best specimens. The "best fossil" was won by Matt Geary and the "best sole structure" by Matt Garvey; they have yet to receive their prizes!

During the walks to the geological sites we became used to people staring at us as if we were "rock" stars (a very poor geological joke.) Apparently, though, they were fascinated by our fluorescent purple safety helmets.

That evening we found relative sanctuary at Edale Y.H. Here we discovered that there was not only a pool table, but "Giant Jenga" as well.

We were so good at this that the tower we built almost reached the ceiling of the hostel's common room. It was so high that Mr. Bishop had to stand on the windowledge in front of a £1000 pane of glass to protect it in the case of a "Jenga" brick bouncing and colliding with the window, as the tower eventually fell.

Our last day led us back to Castleton and Treak Cliff Cavern. Matt Geary told us a dubious story about Blue John and his fellow miners "Rude Peter" and "Obscene Murphy". In the mine, we remembered to pat the heads of the "Seven Dwarves" (actually calcitic stalagmites) to allow safe passage through the dark tunnels and caverns. Even though our guide tried to lose us at one stage by turning the lights out, we survived and, after returning to daylight, we boarded the minibus to return to Bury.

Finally I would like to say thank you to Mr. Bishop and Mr. Stacey. It was a great trip. We had a lot of fun, finding geology both enjoyable and interesting.

*Will Westerman,
David Morgan*

HADRIAN'S WALL

On a typically wet day in June Mr. Hone, Mr. Feely and I set off with some intrepid sixth form adventurers to the wild northern regions of the frontier of the ancient Roman Empire: Hadrian's Wall. It would be no exaggeration to say that it is one of the best Roman archaeological sites in Europe outside of Italy itself, so we had plenty of culture to look forward to.

After a four hour journey, much of it shrouded in spray on the motorway, we reached Once Brewed Youth Hostel where we abandoned our minibus. The skies were now not exactly clear but had granted a reprieve from the rain and the air felt mild so we made our way on foot, under the expert guidance of Mr. Hone, to Vindolanda. This site never

fails to impress (some rather tacky reconstructions notwithstanding), as the ambience of the gardens is particularly evocative. They also have on-going excavations, so that there is always some new find to admire in the museum as well as the perpetually awe-inspiring collection of preserved wooden letters.

After some welcome refreshment, we left Vindolanda and walked uphill to the wall (which some of us relished more than others) and then along it back to Once Brewed. The sixth form had done enough research to recognise turrets and milecastles which appear at regular intervals. There was also a stop at Robin Hood's Tree which has become something of a tourist attraction.

The next day took us to Birdoswald. The sun had now arrived, which was very convenient because the best part of the site is the fort, positioned on a spur overlooking a dramatic valley and the river below - a beautiful spot for a picnic. The museum is new and fairly hi-tech - certainly worth a visit for specialist and lay-person alike.

We returned to BGS in somewhat brighter conditions than the previous day, arriving home in warm sunshine and ready for a relaxing weekend. Thanks are due to the sixth form for their excellent behaviour and to Mr. Hone and Mr. Feely for their support and good humour. A good time was had by all.

J.H.

THE EXCITEMENT OF SCIENCE

On Wednesday 25th June we had the opportunity to visit an event organised by the Rotary Club entitled The Excitement of Science which was held at the Faraday Theatre at the Royal Institute in London.

The day started very early with a 4 am wake-up. After driving into Bury, we reached the bus stop, only to find the bus had set off early. So we had to chase it to Whitefield, where it was to make a second stop. We eventually caught up and I eventually managed to get on.

When we finally arrived we were ushered quickly into the Faraday Theatre. After a brief introduction to the theatre and the itinerary, the real excitement began.

The first lecture was a chemical one. This was performed by "The Chemical Terrorist". He demonstrated experiments that would never be allowed in a school lab,

mainly because the roof is too small to cope with the explosions! He first showed how flammable organic material is, simply by lighting it. He moved on to do numerous reactions, many of which we had to plug our ears for. He demonstrated some examples of chemicals that produced light when reacting, and showed what happens when you don't use a Bunsen burner to burn methane, and with that we really felt the shockwave. He moved on to show⁷ us slow chain reactions, and university-sized test tubes. Then came an experiment with liquid oxygen, which he managed to spill on his groin. He used liquid oxygen to release all the energy in a biscuit at once, and then came an experiment with liquid oxygen to release all the energy in a biscuit at once which created a huge explosion which went about 30ft into the air.

Then, after lunch, we moved onto the highlight of the day. We took part in working out the distance between the galaxy M91 and earth, which has never been worked out before. For this we had to search for classical novae in the night skies, which many students had been doing through the internet weeks before. Using these novae, proven scientific equations and maths we were soon able to work this out. After this we had to climb back on the coach for the long drive home, which was to have us back in Bury for 11 pm.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Bury for giving us the opportunity to attend this memorable event.

Alex Robinson and Chris Stoneman

VISIT OF IVAN LEWIS

On Friday 24th January the 6th and 7th form History and Politics students were given the opportunity to listen to a talk by the Labour MP and Education and Skills Junior Minister, Ivan Lewis, and were then able to ask him questions on a range of topics from street crime to the war with Iraq.

The Bury South MP had progressed to be an elected representative after many years working in Prestwich for the Jewish Council for Voluntary Service. In

1997 he won the election for the Bury South constituency. Mr. Lewis was then subjected to a proverbial grilling from Messrs Davies and Hutchinson, which he handled extremely well, expressing his own opinions which tied in with the party line.

The MP expressed his pleasure in seeing that politics is still a salient topic with the youth of today and at the range of views held by the students. In fact, he went on to say in a letter of thanks received:

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to

Bury Grammar School and found the boys' questioning more stretching than some of my Parliamentary colleagues!

A big thank you must go to Mr. Christian and Mr. Hone, whose tireless efforts in making sure that Politics lessons are indeed interactive and stimulating, by allowing students to experience first hand, led to Lewis' visit being a resounding success.

Santosh Rudravajhala

QUESTION TIME

The first Bury Grammar School Question Time took place on Thursday 8th May, 2003 and was ironically reflective of local attitudes to government and politics. Just like recent elections, the scene was set and carefully prepared, the politicians arrived, but the people didn't. What was an excellent version of the late night BBC1 debate show was somewhat marred by the poor attendance from the Bury public.

Nevertheless, the sixty or so that did attend enjoyed a thoroughly good-humoured and informative

evening. History and Politics teacher Andrew "David Dimpleby" Christian hosted the event, with Chris Davies MEP (Liberal Democrats), Gary Titley MEP (Labour), Councillor Roy Walker (Conservatives), and American lecturer Dr. Robert Geyer making up the panellists.

Questions focused predictably on the recent local election results, the BNP, and the crisis in the Middle East. Robert Geyer, a lecturer at Liverpool University, surprised many with his witty criticism of US politics, while the views of the three British

politicians were interesting but not radically different. At the close of the evening the four men took more time out to speak to the public, who were no doubt satisfied to have actively participated in the increasingly distant political process.

Thanks must go naturally to the four politicians for taking the time out of their busy schedules for the event, and to Mr. Christian, who worked tirelessly to ensure a successful evening.

Stephen Kaye

GREECE SPORTS TOUR

Two football teams and a basketball team set off for Greece on Thursday April 3rd, full of anticipation and excitement. Our coach was full to capacity as forty-one pupils, four members of staff and the Toney clan occupied all the seats.

The journey to Heathrow was fairly straightforward - bar a few "Are we nearly there yet?" and "I need the toilet!" 'Woolfey' provided us with the on-bus entertainment, but was ably supported by many boisterous members of the U13 team. The flight to Greece presented no problems for those of us who have flown before!

We arrived at our destination in Glyfada near Athens in the early hours of Friday morning. Some pupils decided to stay awake (the U13s), but most took the opportunity to have a few hours' sleep before our first training session at the Athletic Centre nearby. The footballers trained on astro-turf on the coast of Athens whilst the basketball players trained at an outdoor stadium in warm sunshine. Mr. Cockcroft did his first bit of sun-bathing while he pondered his role as Chief Assistant! We returned to our hotel for our first evening meal. Not a chip or gravy in sight! After some gentle persuading most made an effort to eat some meat, fresh salad and vegetables. The chocolate mousse met with approval! From there we all went bowling in town and we saw our first glimpses of that hidden talent in disguise known as Mr. Cawtherley. For the remainder of the evening the staff and anyone else who was prepared to listen received a ball-by-ball description of his magnificent performance!

On Saturday, we got up early for a half day tour of the city of Athens. The main attraction for our party was a trip to the old Olympic Stadium and the Acropolis. Lee Heaher won the 60 metre dash in the stadium. Mind you his opposition was thin on the ground as the torrential rain meant that most of the softies saw this spectacular sight from the comfort of the coach. The weather did not let up until we were coming down from the Acropolis and

'Longy' did his very best to push hard for 'The Appreciation of Greek Culture' award. The weather picked up in the afternoon and we played our first matches. Two wins for the football teams and a loss for the basketball team was a good start on the playing front. Scott Mody's outrageous back pass for an own goal was the highlight of the day. After-match celebrations were kept to a minimum in Glyfada that night as all teams knew they had games the next day.

Sunday was once again a sunny day and all teams had matches in the afternoon. The U13s were in fine form once again with a very comfortable win. Josh Lee banged in four goals, but 'Woolfey' contributed with two sparklers from about two feet out! The U18s played very well against a tough Glyfada side to draw 1-1. They found the constant diving by their opponents to be a frustrating but accepted part of the game in Greece. The U15 basketball players stepped up a level against one of the top club sides in the area to lose narrowly. Tom Wilks and Daniel Thomas learnt to their cost that Coach Toney was not going to put up with any players 'spitting their dummy' at this level of play. Ollie Barnes and Matthew Trafford dominated the play in this game.

Monday was a rest for all - but not a lie in! We departed at 8.00 am for our coach tour to the Corinth Canal, Mykene and the Greek amphitheatre. Many slept all the way there but without doubt all were

impressed by some of the sights we visited. Simon Gallanders' rendition of 'Just One Cornetto' in the amphitheatre was a genuine treat. The evening entertainment took place in the bowling centre for most and, yes, you guessed it, Mr. Cawtherley treated us all to a superb display of modest bowling. Most people went to bed early mindful of our final fixtures. However, the staff went on corridor patrol as 35 French girls arrived in our hotel for a one-night stay!

On Tuesday we all went for our final training session in the morning. The basketball players cut their session short to eat ice creams instead and the footballers spent most of their time buying replica football shirts. We travelled out of Athens into the mountains to play one of the top private schools in Greece without Mr. Cockcroft and Mrs. Toney, who were shopping and missed the coach. A short taxi ride later reunited them both with the BGS party prior to the matches. Gitona School has nearly 3,500 pupils from 5-19 years old and is a huge campus with very tight security at the gates. The football was played on a very hard and unforgiving all-weather surface, but the big bonus was that they had their own stadium for us to spectate from. Mind you by the time the U18s played the pitch was surrounded by some very partisan Greek pupils chanting the school name non-stop. Mr. Cawtherley's U13s dominated again and the senior side were very unfortunate to draw their last game.



Mr. Richmond's side played well in this match, but player after player suffered injuries and this disrupted the balance of the side in the second half. The basketball team played unbelievably well against a side who appeared to be at least three to four years older. We led at half time, thanks to some fine play from Simon Curtis and Matthew Trafford once again. However at half time our opponents drafted in some extra players - all looked about eighteen years old! Despite falling behind we fought back, thanks to some tremendous outside shooting from Daniel Thomas and Sam Terris-Taylor to lose by one point! That evening we had an awards ceremony

after dinner and presented some serious awards and some joke awards. Steven Wood also presented the staff and my wife with gifts paid for by the players. Everybody had a late curfew that evening and all had a great time in Glyfada!

On our final day we had a nice lie in, followed by a trip to the go-karting centre. Some people were more comfortable at the wheel than others. My daughter crashed after 20 metres! Fabrizio drove like he was part of the Ferrari team, however. Our trip home was relatively uneventful, apart from the fact that our bowling champion left his bag on the coach which dropped us off at the airport. Fortunately, we retrieved his



bag but from that time onwards his group of pupils decided to look after their own passports! The journey to England seemed quick, partly because most slept the whole way back and we got off the coach to what seemed like freezing temperatures at 2.00 am in the morning. Fortunately, it was dark, as many of the players, including my son, were sporting new style hair cuts, courtesy of Ashley Looft and Steven Wood.

Without doubt we all had an excellent time. The pupils played with spirit and were well behaved. Many showed true leadership qualities, which made my job very easy. My thanks must also go to Mr. Richmond, Mr. Cawtherley, Mr. Cockcroft and my wife for their support throughout a tremendous week of sport and entertainment. Roll on the next tour!

P.G.T.



Tour Results

	GAME 1	GAME 2	GAME 3
U13 FOOTBALL	Academy Agios Kosuras — Won 5-1	Academy Agios Kosuras — Won 7-0	Gitonas School — Won 5-0
U18 FOOTBALL	F.C. Peristeri — Won 3-0	F.C. Glyfada — Drew 1-1	Gitonas School — Drew 1-1
U15 BASKETBALL	A.C. Hellinikou — Lost 28-36	A.C. Gerakas — Lost 48-54	Gitonas School — Lost 63-64

MARTIN RAVEN

Martin Raven returned to BGS having been an Old Boy for roughly thirty years. He came to share with members of the sixth and seventh forms memories of his lifetime achievements, career posts and recreational activities - one of which, he told us, was eating olives. Martin's main objective was to discuss possible careers in politics and the civil service. During Martin's illustrious career in the civil service, he has held many posts, some of which have enabled him to work in the Far East, for example in Korea and Mongolia. In addition, he has worked as First

Secretary in North America and Head of Drugs and International Crime Department FCO. He currently holds the position of Director of the British Executive Service Overseas.

Owing to his civil service obligation, he remained non-partisan as he spoke to A level students. This meant that he was unable to comment personally on issues such as his feelings towards the government. He must not voice his opinion on such matters, as this would render the civil service ineffective and corrupt. Students were attempting to cajole some opinions out of him, but any such attempts

were of no avail.

Martin continued to describe the types of career paths open to prospective A level students. He provided an insight into the wider world of politics and what A level students may want to consider when applying to university.

A career in the civil service can undoubtedly be rewarding. It allows you the opportunity to liaise with and advise ministers. If you hold strong, persistent beliefs, however, then perhaps a career as an MP may fit the bill more suitably.

Arron Mendell

Music

and

Drama



Music

Music has once again been an essential part of the academic year and provided cohesion between the boys' and girls' schools. September saw the formation of the new Concert Band, a large, joint boys and girls ensemble, led by Mr. Hyde. The year has seen several stupendous performances by them, starting with their premier appearance at the October Music Open Evening, and



swelling audiences have witnessed their playing of a James Bond Suite, a Glenn Miller collection and several other big band classics. Other School ensembles, including the Choral Society, Senior Orchestra and Dance Orchestra, also made their traditional

appearances at the Open Evening.

This was followed at the end of the first term by our now customary venture to Bury Parish Church for our Christmas Concert. A large audience clearly enjoyed a wide variety of music and participating in the audience singing of carols and traditional Christmas songs, including *The Twelve days of Christmas* and *White Christmas*. The Choral Society boasted an impressive number of newly-recruited trebles and altos whilst the lower voices, though fewer in number, more than held their own. The presence of several members of staff in the Choral Society and other ensembles is greatly appreciated. Another tradition which was continued at the concert was the performance of music written by members of the Lower School and clearly we have several talented composers in our midst; the audience very obviously thought highly of what the boys achieved.

For many the highlight of the year was the joint concert held in the Roger Kay Hall over two consecutive evenings at the end of the Spring Term. This featured three soloists from the schools' seventh form Music



groups. Firstly violinist Zara Benyounes gave a stunning account of Saint-Saëns' *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso* with orchestral accompaniment. Later Philip Reeve, also on the violin, played impressively in Fritz Kreisler's *Praeludium and Allegro*, and this was followed by Simon Benger plumbing



the depths of Brahms' demanding but rewarding 1st Cello Sonata. A joint school orchestra, conducted by Mrs. Stoddard, began the concert with Ralph Vaughan Williams' popular *English Folk Song Suite*, whilst the first half of the programme came to an end with the Concert Band playing a medley entitled the *Magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber* which left the audience in happy and buoyant mood. The second half of the concert was occupied entirely by a performance of the Requiem Mass which Mozart left unfinished at the time of his death, and which has received a variety of completions by later hands. This was a tremendously ambitious undertaking but the results were supremely accomplished. For this the orchestra was joined by an enormous choir of over 100 children and staff from within the schools, whilst the solo parts were sung by the talented Leri Price and Mr. Hyde from within the School, and guests Margaret McDonald and Frank Rammell. Again Mrs. Stoddard conducted. The whole evening showed Bury Grammar music at its best and it is hoped that similar joint instrumental and choral concerts will once again become a regular feature of the musical year.

The boys and girls united once again at the start of the Summer term to provide a choir for the two Founders' Day services at Bury Parish Church. Rehearsal time was limited, but there was nothing limited about the performances, conducted by Mr. Hyde, of his own *Christ's Passion* at the 8 o'clock Communion and John Ireland's *A greater love* at the later main service.

The year's final musical event was the House Music Competition which fittingly was adjudicated by John Edwards who was head of Music at the School until 1997. Unfortunately relatively few senior boys were able to enter, owing to the late date of this year's competition, but there was adequate compensation in the encouraging number of Lower School boys who participated. The standard of playing (and singing) was consistently high and the judging of

many of the sections was incredibly difficult. Perhaps the highlight of the day came, appropriately, in the final section: two seventh year Music pupils, Philip Reeve and Simon Benger, had kindly come back into School for the competition and both played magnificently. In the end it was impossible to separate them and they were awarded equal first place. The overall result of the competition was 1st Derby (120), 2nd Hulme (115), 3rd Kay (96) and 4th Howlett (70). We are extremely grateful to John Edwards for taking on the onerous duties of competition judge and for his many insightful comments upon the boys' performances.

We look forward to next year's programme of events, confident that this year's successes can be matched.

*Simon Benger, Richard Chernick,
D.S.B.*



The Wind in the Willows



The choice of School production this year was quite surprising, yet ultimately rewarding. Instead of a musical, as the two previous years had played host to, the Alan Bennett adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows* was staged.

The plot focuses initially on the lives of the animals of River Bank and how their friendships with one another unfold, especially Mole (Richard Chernick), Rat (Matthew Routledge), Badger (Brent Bolton), Albert the horse (Thomas Wilks) and most importantly of all, of course, Toad (Phillip Hardman).

In the beginning, life is simple until, after a caravan holiday with his friends, ending in an collision with a car, Toad is inspired to purchase a car himself. This leads the stubborn, pompous animal to his eventual downfall and imprisonment, and gives the wicked weasels an opportunity to seize Toad Hall for themselves.

Thus the friends all part and go their separate ways over the winter period (except for the now inseparable Rat and Mole). Some time later, Toad manages, with the help of the Gardener's daughter (Victoria Grabowski), to escape from prison and sets off on an adventure in the Wide World to find his way back to River Bank. With Toad having been reunited with his friends, a plan is hatched to retrieve Toad Hall from the weasels' grasp. A great fight ensues and thankfully Toad and friends are victorious, prompting a lavish party and all to end happily ever after. Toad too is a changed creature - well almost.

The ages of the people involved in this production ranged from first years through to seventh. (Indeed yours truly was the oldest member of the cast.)

This, coupled with the amount of scene-time taken up by the

characters of Toad, Rat, Mole, Badger and Albert, meant that these cast members had separate group rehearsals for themselves and hardly met the other characters (beyond this group) until there were only around two weeks to go until the opening night!

It was Mr. Whittaker who took the reins of this production and directed it with his enviable trademark brilliance, although constantly hampered by our 'in-cast' jokes and changes to what was actually written in the script.

All in all, the play was a great success. The only calamity came on the second night when the front of the boat Rat and Mole sat in collapsed.

Each and every person (too numerous to mention here) performed excellently. Special mention must go to Phillip Hardman who was sensational as Toad - an extremely demanding role.

Thanks must be given to everyone who was involved with the play in any way and especially Mr. Whittaker, who was kind and generous enough to provide us with tea and biscuits for every rehearsal! I look forward to returning to the School in subsequent years to see future productions as successful as this one.

Richard Chernick



The Easter Concert in the Roger Kay Hall



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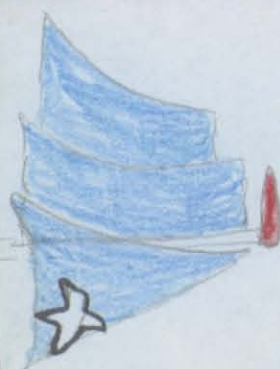
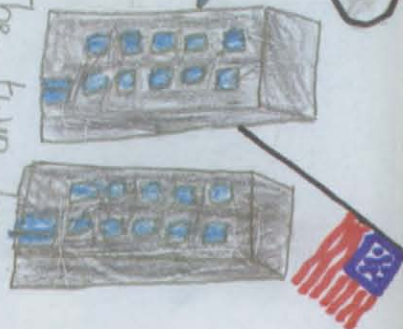


Soldier in 1st World War 1916

Hiroshima - 1945
The Atom bomb



The twin towers
New York
September 2001



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Annual Review



CCF ANNUAL CAMP REPORT 2003

This year's annual CCF camp was held at Wretham Barracks in Norfolk under (for the most part) clear blue skies.

The advance party left, as usual, early on the Friday morning, with the familiar convoy of minibus and four-ton lorry, piloted skilfully, as always by Captain Newton, with the main part of the contingent arriving the following afternoon, after a six-hour journey. After being issued with our kit in the evening, all the cadets settled into the routine of camp life well, with the NAAFI being, as always, the first port of call on the list.

The first four days' activities were organised by the regular army and consisted of three stands each.

The first day's first stand was orienteering. Here the sections were split into groups of three, so that the results could contribute to the intersection competition. The course covered between three and five kilometres, depending on the route taken, and varied greatly. Even the least able teams made a good attempt at the course; however there were a few surprises, with Chindit's all-female team beating the elite male squad by more than fifty points. The next stand, an assault course, was run by the infamous Ghurkhas and

included a five metre scrambling net, twelve foot wall and monkey bars over a stagnant pond, into which many fell. After the usual monotony of the warm-up (in excessive heat), safety brief and walk through, it was onto the competition, which, to our disappointment, was cut short owing to time constraints, although it was thoroughly enjoyable and exhausting. The last stand of the day, following lunch, was kayaking. This was outstanding, giving us the chance to really relax and enjoy ourselves in the amazing weather.

Day two began with a patrolling exercise. We first had our observation skills tested, followed by stalking - approaching unsuspecting officers as closely as possible whilst remaining unseen, using only the natural foliage and our outstanding (!) abilities. Then followed a large and fantastically tiring contingent attack. This involved attacking four successive enemy positions using blank rounds and pyrotechnics, with simulated casualties being taken, to the surprise of some NCOs. This was an excellent experience for all, with many firing the weapons for the first time. We concluded with an ambush drill in the scorching sun. Despite the heat, our drills were amongst the best seen



during the camp, probably owing to the fact that our targets were officers and SNCOs.

Day three saw us in the Operations in Built-Up Areas (OBUA) village. OBUA is basically a term used to describe fighting in urban areas. For us to be permitted access to the purpose-built OBUA facility was an opportunity not to be missed. We began by learning how to defend the village - being educated in the spine-tingling science of wire fence construction. Then followed a tour of a battle-prepared house which was full of dark tunnels and booby traps - a real eye-opener. The second stand of the day was an urban assault course through, amongst other things, a black-out maze and sewer. This was followed by a demonstration from the regular army on how to assault and clear a building correctly, which, for a few, was the highlight of the whole camp, giving us insight into the real working of the army, and an opportunity to see some pretty nifty weapons in action too. The last stand of the day gave us a chance to try out some of the skills we learnt, as we assaulted a building with smoke and supporting fire in a realistic simulation.

Day four was spent on the ranges, firing in three skill areas, giving us the opportunity to develop accuracy, weapon control and fire control orders. This was also visitors' day, with both Mr. Richards and Mrs. Georgiou calling in on us, as well as the commander of two division. That evening we deployed onto our assigned areas for the **overnight**



exercise. In true British style, this was basically the only time in the week **where** the weather was other than perfect. Nevertheless, once we had moved into the harbour area, where we built bashas to sleep in a recce party was deployed to scout an area in which we would later carry out an ambush, once they eventually found it. Later in the evening, under a clear moonlit sky, the contingent moved to occupy the ambush area and set the ambush, which went, as always, extremely well, apart from the unexpected arrival of two Land Rovers, forcing us to move off their track as they passed.

The final full day on camp was spent intensively cleaning the billets, in preparation for the final room inspection. In the evening the year's promotions and prizes were awarded with Minden, initially thought to be an underdog, going on to win.

The journey home on Saturday turned out to be more interesting than ever before. The coach's air conditioning unit died before it even arrived and there were no air vents of any description. The high temperature, which was in excess of thirty degrees centigrade, turned the vehicle into a mobile sauna, with more than the odd cadet removing more than the odd item of clothing in an effort to keep cool. Then, when a new coach met us halfway, some

items of luggage were 'misplaced', during the transfer and left in a service station car park, leading to some even more stressed faces on the coach.

In all, this year's camp was one of the best that I have been on. Despite the contingent's high number of inexperienced cadets, and despite being exhausted for much of the time, we all coped.

On behalf of all the cadets, I would like to thank not only the regular army personnel, but also our own officers, without whom the camp could not be held.

RSM Stephen Heap



ADVENTUROUS TRAINING

It was with feelings of relief that the CCF 6th formers escaped their books and studies and set off for the annual weekend of Adventurous Training in the Lake District. Of course, with the flexible AS timetable, some people had the opportunity to set off early to the Lakes, to be treated to an entertaining walk over the hills, courtesy of the officers.

The rest of the group was to follow on the Friday evening, along with Mr. Crouch and Mr. Scourfield and all the climbing and kayaking equipment that would be needed. Needless to say, the School minibus is feeling its age and it groaned over every hill it came across, with many of the occupants wondering if they would soon have to get out and push the rest of the way to the campsite.

Eventually the minibus reached the campsite, which was already set out for us. Once there, we picked our tents and then received our kit from Major Rylance. We were also introduced to the resident cook and subsequent palace of a tent for the officers and company to eat in, whilst the NCOs had the joy of ration packs in their tents.

Each person was issued with a small garden gnome to look after and care for all weekend. This gnome was to stay with us at all times of the day and night, regardless of what we were doing. This provided lots of entertainment for all, as everyone sought to out-do each other in the naming of their gnomes. Others decided their gnomes were lonely and bought them "friends" in the form of small cuddly toys from the gift shop.

Soon everyone was getting ready for the morning, for which we were told an early start would await us. Alarm clocks were not needed, as a blackbird perched itself right outside our tents at a ridiculous hour of the morning and began to crow unnecessarily loudly, waking us all.

Once awake, we all headed off to the local lake for a lesson in kayaking from Mssrs. Crouch, Scourfield and C/Sgt Pearce. This involved paddling around some small

islands in the middle of the lake, fighting the current, which was trying to sweep us far out, and playing games to test our paddling ability, followed by a chance to practise Eskimo rolls. This involves rolling over in the water and attempting to right yourself using your bodyweight. There were not many successful attempts at this, much to the enjoyment of the watching officers, who had themselves tipped over their canoe. Next came climbing on a brilliant outdoor climbing wall, with some of the cadets rivalling Spiderman in their wall-climbing abilities. Everyone enjoyed this, climbing up and around the centre. Day One down and so far it was a success.

Once back, everyone got together to buy a Frisbee to throw around whilst attempting to copy the moves from the Nike advert of the time. Plans were made for the ascent of Skiddaw the next day.

When the morning came, the sun was shining, and everyone was smiling as we set off. The start went well and we soon reached a small cave in the cliff where people could stop and rest if they needed it. There was a small message book which everyone signed with a brief message for the next hiker.

With the weather staying fair, the hike went well and was over in a few hours' time. Upon arrival at the town we were all treated to tea by the officers before heading back to base camp, with the only casualty so far being RSM Heap's gnome. Soon plans were being made for the ascent of Hellvelyn the next day, whilst others saw fit to join in with the officers in playing yet more Frisbee.

Monday came, and with it a race up an incredibly steep slope, which put everyone in the mood for the climb. This was more arduous than the previous one, being steeper and longer. But everyone did it, enjoying everything until we reached Striding Edge, also known as Dragonback Ridge, a path only a few feet in width, resembling the plates

on the back of a dinosaur. This challenge was relished by all.

Then followed the climb to the top, which commanded breathtaking views over the Lake District. This site also witnessed the burial of Heap's gnome by six people all wearing DPM camouflage, singing *Leaving on a jet plane from Armageddon* and wondering why people were giving them funny looks. Once back at camp, Lt.Col. K. Hill OBE arrived and treated everyone to a meal at the local pub, which was much appreciated by all.

After that we packed up kit into the minibus and set off for School. Of course there had to be one last drama and that was when a farmer, reversing to let us past him, confused his clutch with the accelerator, and instead of stopping, slammed into the side of the minibus.

Many thanks must go to the officers of the CCF for providing cadets with this chance to have a brilliant weekend away in the Lakes. Thanks also to Mr. Crouch and Mr. Scourfield for the kayaking and climbing and to everyone else who helped. All that is left is to wish the new NCOs as good a time as we had this year when they go.

CSM Todd

The
Clavian Art
and
Literary
Competitions



The given themes for this year's competitions were "Brain of Britain" (Senior School Literary), "Outdoor Activities" (Senior School Art) and "War and Peace" (Junior School Literary and Art).

Brain of Britain

Thursday 8th May

As I awoke today I was informed of the news concerning the disaster in the Norwegian fjords. This was an unfortunate accident for Julian Cross, the Prime Minister of this country, but incredibly serendipitous for me in my attempt to depose him. I could just imagine Cross pacing the room at this minute asking himself how Norwegian soldiers placed in the fjords could have given up without repelling the Germans. I could simultaneously imagine Mikael Schneider marching his troops triumphantly around Oslo.

Richard Black (OBE), the former Prime Minister and my former boss, yet again linked Julian Cross with disaster in the same sentence. He has managed to do that every day for the last fortnight except yesterday when he included catastrophe. Richard Black is convinced we are going to lose the war and that we may as well give up now to avoid a second 'great depression' after we have lost.

During the gathering of the war cabinet Julian Cross looked very pale in front of Richard Black and he stuttered and stammered all the way through the meeting. My presentation went very well and several members of the war cabinet congratulated me. I wrote another two thousand words of my book, *A History of the English Speaking People*, in which I am now up to the Shakespearean era.

Friday 9th May

While in the Rolls Royce this morning with Richard Black, going to the daily war cabinet meeting, he openly accused me, myself and I of slowing Britain's progress in the war! This idea entered his head because I had failed to even hint or suggest to Julian Black that he should step down as the Prime Minister of Britain and its Commonwealth due to recent events in Norway concerning the

Germans. I have never heard Richard Black use such good vocabulary and sentence structure as that, which made me even more alarmed. He said that if I did not do it today I would be deceiving the King, country and Commonwealth. While he was criticising virtually every aspect of the last seven years of my life his face was gradually becoming more plum coloured and more of his grey hairs were beginning to stand on end. As I was looking in shock and gasping at further criticisms coming up I saw that I was causing him some distress. I then saw that he was grinding his teeth and clenching his fists; he was also fidgeting in his seat. However, as soon as I thought it was not good to conceal all this anger he struck my briefcase with his watch on his left-hand wrist and I saw my previously spotless briefcase now had a gash in it.

In order not to cause Black further distress I spent the rest of the car journey from Surrey thinking of what to say and how to put it nicely. I waited five minutes until there was a silence in the cabinet room then took the opportunity to ask Julian Cross to resign. He seemed relieved that I had come up with the suggestion (for obvious reasons) and the cabinet voted for who was to be the next Prime Minister and as I have had experience in the two Boer Wars and the Great War they voted for me! It was lucky for me that they voted before my presentation on the Holland situation because it was atrocious. Black commented on it in the Rolls Royce on the journey back to Surrey saying that it was a disaster. He also contradicted what he said before, saying that he was glad that I had left the Liberals because he does not want such shame to be put on the party (me?). At least there is one thing we agree on because I am glad I left the Liberals too. I wrote another two thousand words of *A History of*

the English Speaking People, realising that if I messed up it would be me putting an end to the book. I also finished reading *Great Expectations*.

Sunday 10th May

I was driven to number 10 Downing Street today with my wife, son and two daughters. As we got out of the car a reporter, who was obviously too young to remember the Gallipoli incident, hailed me Brain of Britain. We went inside to be informed that Germany had occupied Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg; perhaps my presentation was as bad as Richard Black had said.

*Andrew Hoyle, 2LD,
Winner of the Second Year Literary
Competition*

In the novels and short stories by Scottish writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Sherlock Holmes, the world's last private consulting detective, practised his profession between 1881 and 1904 whilst living at 221B, Baker Street in London with his friend and colleague Doctor John H. Watson MD, late of the Army Medical Department. Watson would often accompany Holmes on his many excursions to crime scenes, but did not share Holmes' ability to solve mysteries. Often, to Watson's chagrin, Holmes would keep his theories to himself until the mystery was solved. However, Holmes was aware of his companion's value and once said, "It may be that you are not yourself luminous, but you are a conductor of light."

Holmes was far from being the perfect tenant for landlady Mrs. Hudson though, with clients and visitors arriving at all hours of the day, and chemical experiments and

violin playing also trying Mrs. Hudson's patience. Watson accused Holmes of being the "worst tenant in London." Holmes also had a tendency to "keep his cigars in the coal-scuttle, his tobacco in the toe-end of a Persian slipper, and his letters transfixed by a jack-knife in the centre of the wooden mantelpiece."

But what made Holmes truly immortal and memorable to readers up to the current day were his powers of deduction. He was "the most perfect reasoning and observing machine that the world has seen." His knowledge of past criminal literature was remarkable, yet he remained ignorant of many facts, including that the Earth travelled around the sun, since this was of no consequence to his work. He thought of the mind as an area, much like an attic, where space was at a premium and there was no point in filling it with information that was not relevant to your line of work.

Holmes also shied away from the distractions of the opposite sex, because if he was to become emotionally attached to any female client, it could interfere with his work. (Unfortunately, Watson did not share his feeling with Holmes on this matter and often allowed himself to

become swayed by their romantic allure.)

However Holmes was not entirely without feeling. He took an interest in a Miss Irene Adler and always referred to her as "the woman". She even outwitted him in *A Scandal in Bohemia*. Holmes also appreciated classical music and opera, and often played his violin.

Holmes was a regular smoker and a very strong man, just as capable at boxing as with a sword.

During mysteries, he used his incredible powers of observation and deduction to solve the cases. He would first observe everything, no matter how small, and then form a hypothesis. He would then act out whatever the perpetrator had done to prove his theory, as in *The Problem at Thor Bridge*. Often these experiments would put his own life at risk, as in *The Devil's Foot*.

Holmes always approached the cases with a blank mind and taught himself never to trust the obvious. He never made the mistake of reaching a conclusion to the case without examining all the evidence first. He never guessed and believed that once you have eliminated all the impossible, whatever remained, however improbable, must be the truth. He believed that all cases were

solvable, and it just took a trained eye to locate all the facts and evidence, before placing them in an accurate analysis of what had happened. He was able to work out a problem backwards too, as well as forwards.

He had the most amazing analytical mind and would often be able to tell a person's life story from just one look at them. He was also the author of several monographs, the most famous of which was *Upon the Distinction between the Ashes of the Various Tobaccos*.

However, whenever he was not faced with the stimulation of a case, Holmes took drugs to stimulate his mind, for he said his mind "rebels against stagnation". He took either a seven per-cent solution of cocaine or morphine.

All these attributes - his incredible mind, his inner feelings towards music, and his frailties when it came to smoking and drug taking - made Sherlock Holmes a fascinating character to read about and learn about. He is an enigmatic figure, cloaked in mystery, yet it is for his incredible mental powers that he is best known.

Neil Cross ley, 3UA,
Winner of the Third Year Literary
Competition

Michael Fitzpatrick, 1UD



FIREWORKS MEAN MUCH MORE

As I watch the fireworks explode
Across the midnight sky,
I see my life before my eyes,
The bangs of delight,
The falls of sadness,
The sparks of emotion,
The noise of anger,
As people wander around,
Cheering and drinking,
The joy of a family altogether,
Or the sympathy of a lonely man,
Taking hope from the light;
As long as there is light,
There is always hope.

*Andrew Aziz, 4UU,
Winner of the Taylor Poetry Prize*

HOMEWORK

I'm glad I can say
My homework's finished for once.
I did it last night.
I've got it here in this envelope,
But it's not a nice sight.

My dog got hold of it and
Chewed it to pieces.
So now my homework's
In shreds.
And full of
Dog
Saliva.

I know it isn't much
But you can still see
The words.
But please-please-please
Mark it, just
For me.

Richard Etherington

THE OLD HOUSE

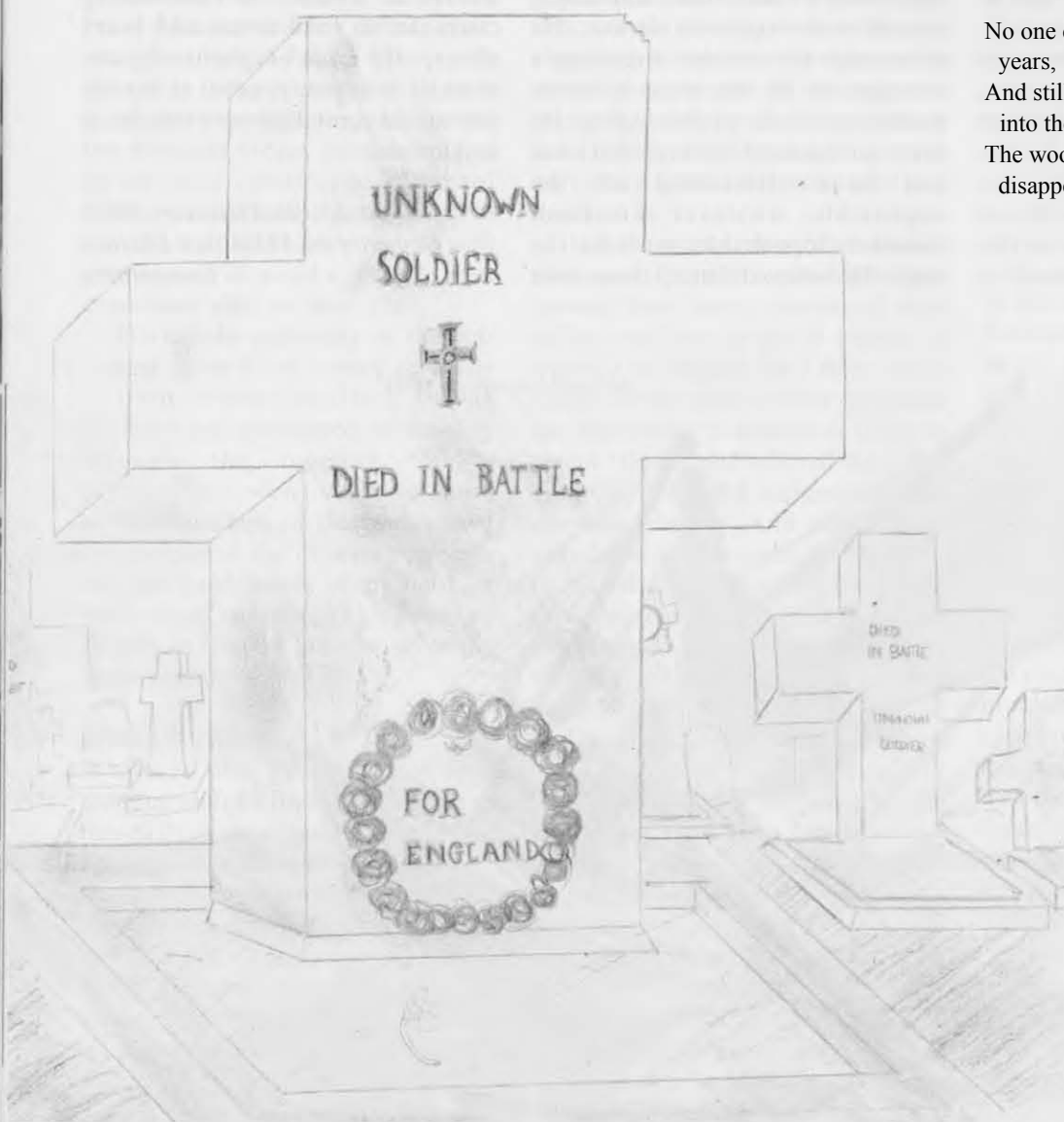
The stones are crumbling, rooms lie
bare,
The walls tell stories of the past.
The stairs are worn and the windows
broken,
Mould growing out of every corner.

The children all bom, grown up and
left,
The parents dead, the house is left
wet to drip.
All the memories of the past stored
within
These four walls.

When the parents grew old, the kids
came to visit
But did nothing about the house
standing there.
It grew worse and worse until the
parents
Gave up the ghost; it then fell into
disrepair.

No one came near it for fifty or so
years,
And still there it stands, crumbling
into the ground,
The wood rotting and the stone
disappearing into dust.

Alexander Benn, 1LB



Martin Hagan, 1LG

A SNAIL IS. . .

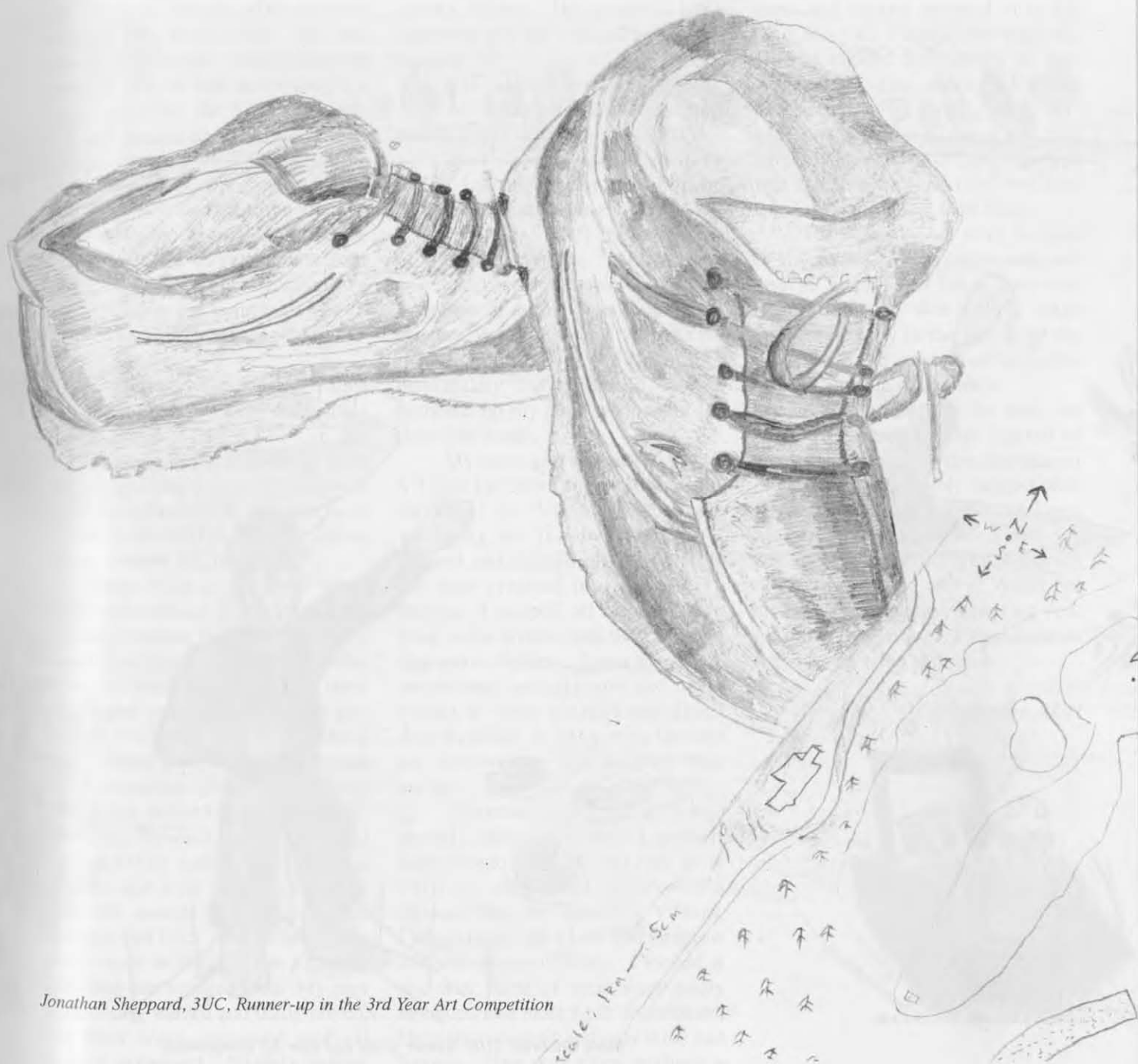
A slug in a shell;
An army man in battle;
A tank on the move;
A muck spreader;
A bomb proof shelter;
A slimy turtle;
A caravan;
An old mini in need of a service.

A THUNDER STORM IS. . .

A siren flash
A fire's roar
A projected moon
The sound of a gun
As quick as Bode Miller
A rough head
A monster in the making
A black dog
An aggressive elephant
A bomb in the middle of the clouds
A flash of death

Tom Bower, IUA

Thomas Sherlock, IUA

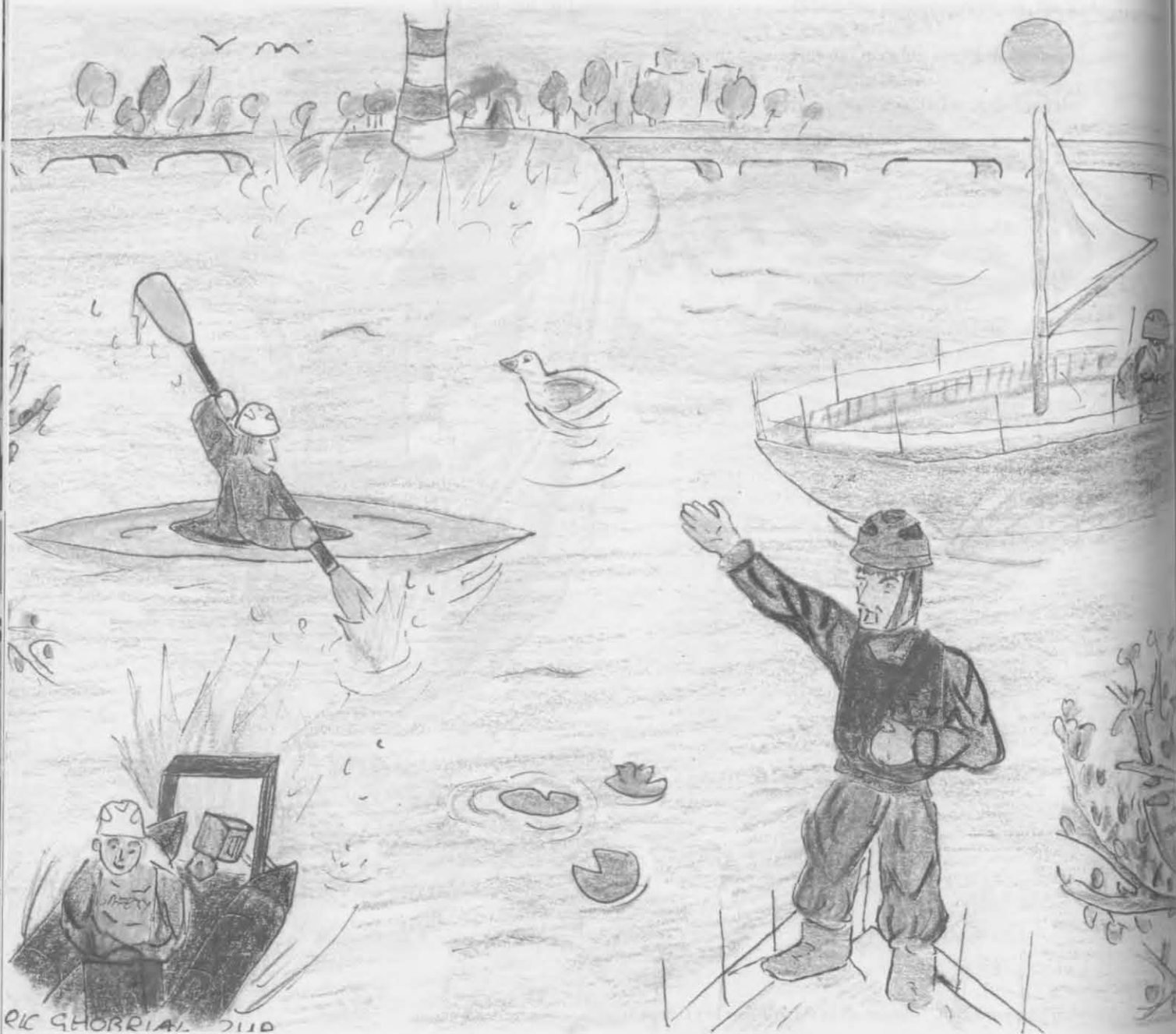


Jonathan Sheppard, 3UC, Runner-up in the 3rd Year Art Competition

THE SUN

She wears a bright orange cloak.
And relaxes all day long,
Smiling down from the vast sky
She feels no shame at day.
But at night she is shy,
And when winter comes she
disappears,
To shine somewhere else,
Far...Far...away.

David Taylor, IUA



Mark Ghobrial, 2 UR, Winner of the 2nd Year Art Competition

Viking Wars

I walked into King Walter's tent. King Walter was what you would call obese. He wore gold, silk and a golden crown that he plundered from a peaceful settlement years back when I wasn't even born. Walter was extremely old and an unfit ruler whose throne was due to his father's brilliance. Walter loved posing for painters and thought he was the most handsome thing on Earth, though some people wondered what he saw in the mirror. Walter had always imagined himself as a great tactician and warrior, but he always used terribly old formations, like the tortoise with circular shields from the Romans, and he had never fought a battle in his life. He lived in a castle and sent people to scout around the forest to hunt down Vikings, but he was persuaded by his deputy that he should convince the town that he could still hunt down Vikings like he used to. So he travelled with four hundred of his men to hunt down Vikings under the command of evil Christopher who wanted to take over the world.

King Walter's castle was called Halt Walls. It was a large wall with a huge barbican and a keep in the middle of the town. The walls were as thick as three tree trunks and were made out of heavy stone. We were on our way to Halt Walls now to defend a major Viking attack.

'Enter,' said a low, gruff voice; it was that of King Walter. I entered his tent. It was full of portraits of himself and the tent was like a robe, it was so beautiful. Even now there were about ten painters painting him and he was in one of his thinking poses. There were two heavily armed guards standing either side of King Walter, one called Luke and the other Edward. Edward was bigger and stronger than Luke, but Luke was quicker and a lot more aggressive. Both the guards held large heavy halberds and thick steel helmets with black visors on them. I was a captain and I had one hundred men. My men were poorly trained and badly armed, but they were mounted and all heavily armoured. Slightly behind

Walter stood a tall, pale-faced man. He was clothed in white and carried a sabre and a longbow. He was called Joshua and was the second most important captain under the rule of Walter. The most powerful captain was called Richard; he was shorter than Joshua and me, but a lot more learned, and had two hundred more men than me.

I walked up to the overweight king and said, 'I have sighted at least four hundred Vikings. They are under the command of a tall, blonde strong Viking. He carries a huge battleaxe and has a huge, heavy iron helmet.'

'Oh, dear,' moaned Walter. 'This isn't very good, Carl; send your men to battle them.'

'But sir, there are too many and...' I pleaded, but was interrupted by the rude, rotund king.

'No buts! Kill them; killum all!' laughed Walter. 'Attack them now and be quick as we are leaving tomorrow at dawn.' You could not at this time imagine the hatred I felt for the fat king as it was a likely possibility that I would die. I gathered up my tired troops and led them into battle.

My men and I charged at the Vikings but little did I know at this moment the Vikings had been watching me for many hours. I stopped and jumped off my horse as my men crashed into the Viking shields. I jumped off my horse and fired some arrows into the crowd of aggressive fighters. I was merely an archer and tactician and had never fought at close quarters and didn't want to either. It was getting late and my arrows were less accurate than normal.

'Retreat!' I shouted as I was rapidly losing men. I myself jumped onto my horse and rode away until my men and I were quite a distance from the oncoming Vikings. I gingerly got out a bow and an arrow and shot down a Viking. I looked at my men; most of them were badly wounded and most were dismounted. Only ten remained and only three had horses. One was even without a

weapon so I gave him my knife. Everyone was sweating and extremely anxious; I could even see some water coming out of one of the soldier's trouser leg. I got out another arrow and killed another Viking. I made a quick count, they had round about two hundred strong. Two throwing axes thudded against a tree and then another axe pierced one of my men's neck. Suddenly a loud trumpet sounded as hundreds of soldiers crashed against the ambushed Vikings; longbows fired at them and cavalry stormed in to kill their foe. All I could hear were the cries of soldiers, the clanking of steel and the whistling arrows. Richard had returned to help. After this glorious victory I found out that Richard helped us of his own free will and that we were only two days from our destination, Halt Walls.

The next day we were in sight of Halt Walls. It was enormously tall and as wide as at least five tree trunks. There was also a huge barbican exactly in the middle of the walls. I could just about see some archers lined up on the walls.

As we got near to the wall, the huge brown drawbridge started to clank as it opened. It thudded against the ground and I nimbly stepped back to avoid being squashed. A large black, iron gate opened and we passed through. There were hundreds of paintings on the wall of Walter but as I looked at one I saw two red, gleaming eyes move. I shuddered as they moved again and again...

Carl Gaydon, 2UH

War and Peace

I wish I didn't have to fight
Every day and every night.
There's blood and gore
And not much more.
I wish I couldn't fight no more.

*Alexander Bodnarec,
Exitus Burgundy*

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The bombs are coming down
The city is behind
The country is in view
At the dark of night you see the
flames
As the planes disappear in the night.

I'm safe in the country
But it makes you think back
When the bombs were coming down.

It doesn't help at day time
At the very light of day
I wish this war would wash itself
away.

The bombs have gone away.

*Matthew Hilton,
Introitus Orange
Winner of the Lower Junior School
Literary Competition*

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"What's wrong with peace? I mean,
war's dangerous, lonely, upsetting and
you can't see your parents."
"And peace is very nice, you can see
your parents every day, there are no
rations and no one gets killed."
"I think we should sit ourselves down,
stay calm and discuss the problem,
and whatever the problem is we will
sort it out and see if the people agree
and if they do not agree they will be
made to, and there's no problem with
that."

*Ben Lawton,
Introitus Gold*

Worry quietly,
Angry about others,
Raids, bombs.

Annoyed with each other.
No war!
Dangerous fighting.

Planes are bad
Empires fighting.
A time without war
Caring about others
Everyone loves each other.

*Nicholas Mabbutt,
Introitus Orange*

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Guns blazing, bullets flying,
Blood spilt, open wounds,
Engines roaring, tyres screeching,
Voices shouting, people screaming,
Missiles flying, buildings crumbling,
Trenches empty, bodies scattered,
Radios cracking, sending warnings,
Soldiers moving, swift reactions,
Weapons reloading, ammunition
firing,
Debris burning, civilians dying,
Children sobbing, mothers wailing,
Evil frightening, no-one winning,
This is war.
Is it necessary?

*Mitchell Cocker,
Exitus Burgundy
Winner of the Upper Junior School
Literary Competition*

Since the dawn of time, there has been
war: the dinosaurs fighting for food;
early man fighting for territory; the
Vikings fighting for wealth; the
medieval knights fighting for land; the
space corps fighting to be on the
moon. In the end, nobody wins. A
dinosaur will die; an early man will be
homeless; the Vikings will lose wealth
and medieval man will have no land;
the space corps will not own the
moon. Why do we have war? In the
end nobody wins. People and animals
will die and they are over the silliest
things: death, destruction, land and
food. Would you not rather have
peace? Dinosaurs having food; early
man having a home; medieval man
having land; Vikings having wealth;
the space corps owning the moon.
Wouldn't you like it where everybody
WINS!

*Simon Morris,
Transitus II Jade*

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I am so weary.
White flag waves in the distance.
I see peaceful light
Washed by pure white innocence,
White doves purifying the dead.

*James Tsim,
Exitus Burgundy*

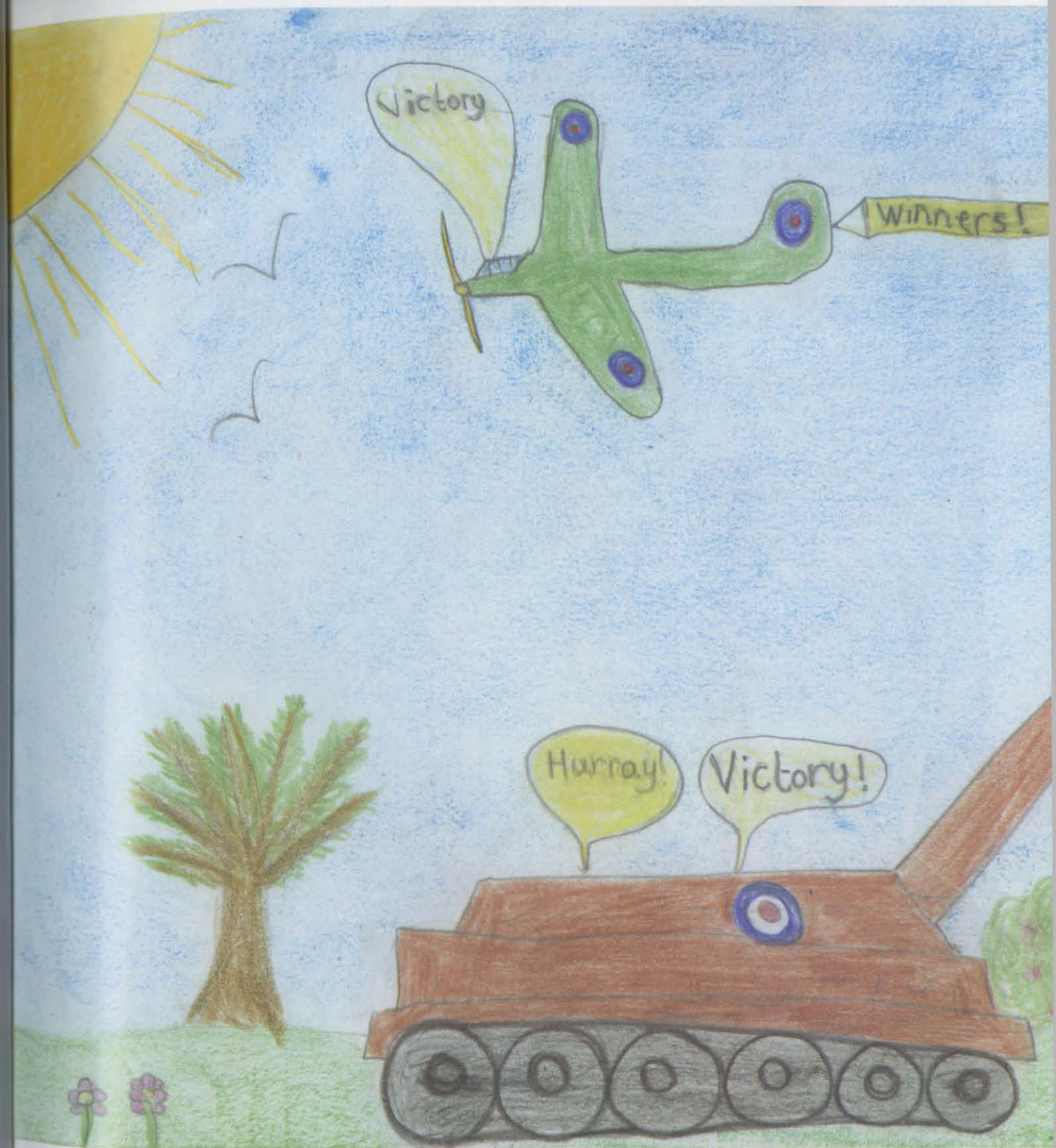


'walking' by
Chris Lees 2UR

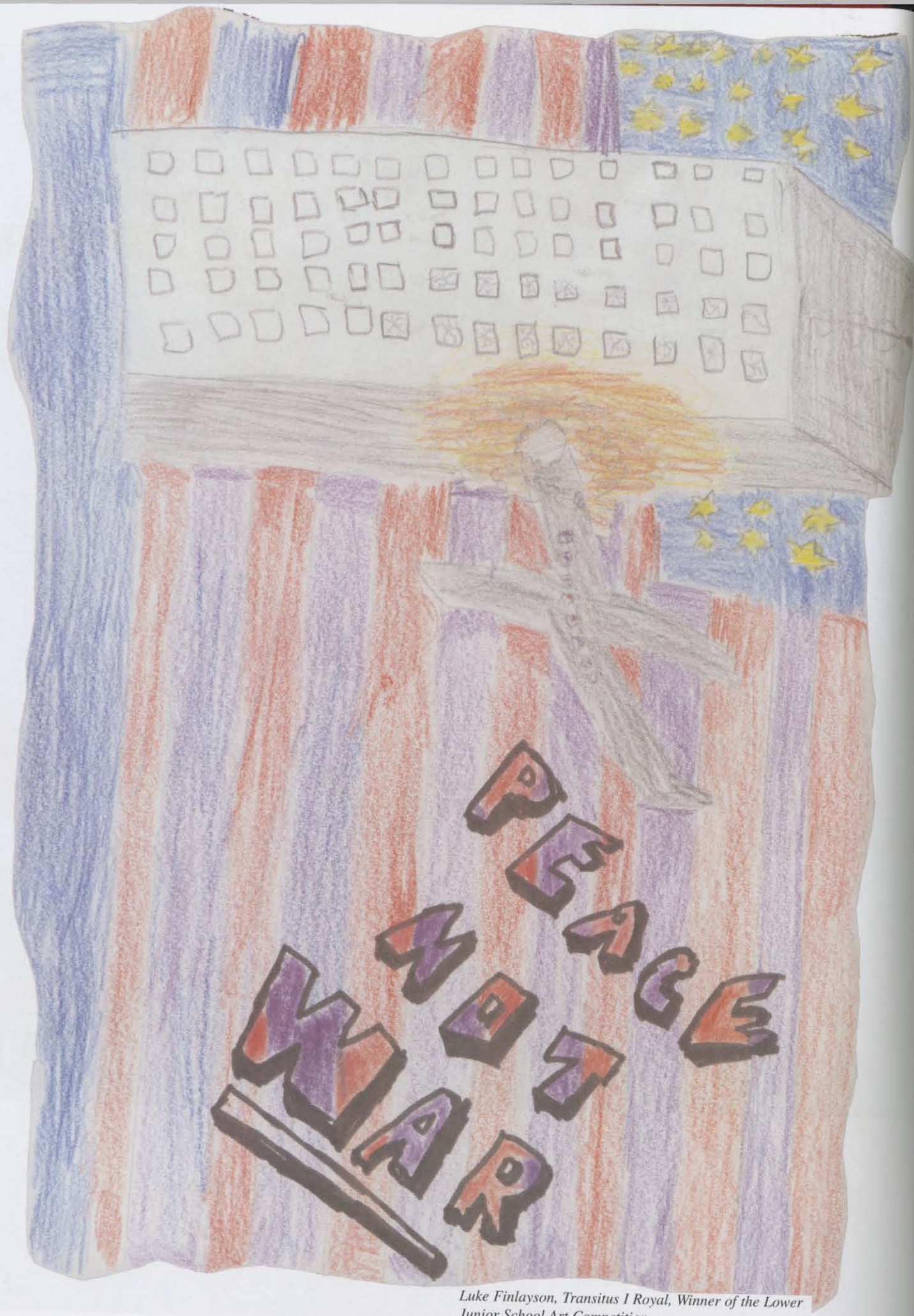
Chris Lees, 2UR, Runner-up
in the 2nd Year Art
Competition.



*Ben Long, Exitus Burgundy, Winner of the
Upper Junior School Art Competition.*



Connor Daly, Introitus Orange



Luke Finlayson, *Transitus I Royal*, Winner of the Lower Junior School Art Competition.

There have been many wars. Not many are for real or important reasons. Some are over racism, some over oil, some over regimes or land. This essay is going to be about different wars, different reasons for war, and how war has changed over the years.

War dates back probably to when animals were first around. OK, maybe the dinosaurs didn't exactly have "wars", but they certainly fought. They wouldn't have had CTuns, though (obviously). They would have fought with whatever weaponry their species had adapted. Some had horns or clubs, others sharp, long teeth or claws. Some had armour to protect themselves.

After the dinosaurs mysteriously became extinct along came man, who ended up making weapons out of stone and wood. They would fight animals for food (or to stop themselves becoming food, as the case may be!), as well as arguing amongst themselves, but I suppose that that's not real war. Here are some real wars.

One example of old time wars were Aztec wars. They were bloody, with no end of deaths. They hardly took any prisoners, and those who were taken were tortured, and became sacrifices to the gods. (They would even sacrifice each other to keep their gods happy. They were a bloody lot the Aztecs.) On to how

the Aztecs fought. They made weapons like spears, clubs with sharp stones sticking out of them, and wore animal skins. Some went a bit O.T.T. and as well as wearing skins on their bodies they would wear the facial hide as a mask! Some wore eagles even (feathers and beaks included). They would simply run out onto a battlefield, swish, swish, swish with a club, kill, kill, kill the opposition. They had no feelings at all. They must have been surprised when they were conquered.

Skipping a few years, onto the Hundred Years War. (It actually went on for 116 years but half that time they weren't actually fighting). The war was between the English Normans and the French. There was no winner really, but it was more like both teams forfeited than stalemate.

There have been many, many more wars since then. I am again going to skip a few centuries and come to one of the most famous wars of all time. World War I. (If you haven't heard of it then where have you been for the past 90 odd years?) The First World War was devastating for many countries. New technology meant advanced destruction and different leaders should mean different and hopefully better tactics. The two main nations fighting against each other were really Germany and Great Britain. The armies of men were massive,

thousands of volunteers joined. People thought the war an adventure. (That was before they started fighting.) The war was not an adventure - it was terrible. Thousands of lives were lost, and hundreds of millions of pounds' worth of damage had been caused. Many countries were left in disarray; they had been bombed, invaded and attacked in many different ways. It would take decades to rebuild. In the end, the Allies won the war. Britain and America were the two main "Big" winners. People said it was over. A treaty had been signed at Versailles, in France, another main ally to Britain and America. People started to regain their countries but, 20 years later, World War II broke out. People had new, more devastating weapons and inventions such as the tank and the U-boat. Adolf Hitler, Germany's leader, was crazy, mad and racist. This is a song that kids used to sing about him:

Whistle while you work
Hitler is a twerp
He is barmy
So's his army
Whistle while you work.

*Reuben Singer,
Exitus Scarlet*



*Ethan Clough,
Exitus Scarlet*

It all started with the best military force in the world booming out that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction that the Iraqis could set off within 45 minutes.

Bush was ready to go to war but he needed an ally and who better to get than the easily 'misled' Tony Blair.

They seemed a perfect partnership, Bush up front and Blair somewhere warm.

It was going quite well for Bush, he had Blair on his side, but no other countries were silly enough to believe a word that Bush was saying.

The Americans went into Baghdad 'clearing out Iraq' and the English went into Basra doing what America wanted them to.

It was quite a hard job for the Americans and English to rebuild Iraq but we at least tried.

The Iraqis had it all - hardly any electricity, hardly any water but Saddam Hussain's regime had been overthrown.

The people of Iraq were complaining that they didn't have any jobs or money.

The Americans made them queue up for hours to get water and to get back their own jobs; some of the police officers worked for free.

Some charities from the UK sent food and water over but people were still without the basics.

As you can guess by now you can see that I don't agree with this war. I think Bush went into this war just to get oil and I think that he used the terrorist attacks as an excuse to attack Iraq.

If they want someone to overthrow why don't they go to Zimbabwe and get rid of Robert Mugabe. You don't hear anything about that.

SHAME ON YOU MR. BUSH,
SHAME ON YOU!

*Steven Eyre,
Exitus Scarlet*

The trench was dank and the atmosphere there was unsettled because next day we were going over the top. There was little to be happy about except when a mortar hit the enemy trench. We had not done anything in the week we had been there.

That night it was hard to sleep because of the constant mortar fire as well as the hard bed and the cold night. I was dozing off when a mortar hit near the trench. I was now wide awake and so was everyone else in my room. We were about to go back to sleep when another German mortar was fired. There was a huge bang and a rumbling and the ceiling began to cave in. People were scrambling out of their beds and running for their lives. I was one of the lucky ones - I escaped.

Next morning at 8 o'clock we were to go over the top. The time was 7.59. I was ready. My only weapon was my rifle. 30 seconds to go; 10 - 5,4,3,2,1. The commander blew his whistle. We went over the top. The sound of machine gun fire was deafening. Our men were dropping like flies. The attack was useless - we were making little progress. No Man's Land was swampy and strewn with barbed wire. As I was climbing over barbed wire I was shot. I felt a searing pain in my arm then I was shot again but this time in the thigh. I dropped to the ground and lay there unconscious.

The next thing I remembered was waking up in the dead of night. The pain was unbearable. I tried to get up. Helplessly I fell to the damp, cold, marshy ground. I began to crawl back to the trench.

As I neared the waterlogged trench I saw a small light, then a second light. I could picture what was going to happen. And then came the third light. BANG! I heard a scream - one light went out, quickly followed by the others. Finally I reached the trench and fell in.

*Alastair McKinnon,
Exitus Scarlet*

*House
Reports
and
Sports*



HOUSE REPORTS

Kay

2002/3 was another successful year for Kay. However the other Houses did put in a much more spirited effort than usual to run Kay close in the prestigious Inter-House Sports Cup. A particular surprise was Derby, normally the weakest House, but this year very competitive in many of the competitions. To be fair, there was no way that Kay could emulate their almost total dominance of last year when it was May before the House registered lower than a second place. Even so, this year was capped with many first places - cross-country, football, senior athletics, tennis and golf. Six trophies to collect, including the Inter-House Sports Cup, is more than satisfactory.

It is not only in sport that Kay has excelled. We must not forget that Kay are the only House that have a rock band, at one time called "The Blizzard of Oz". They have given several short gigs during assemblies in the hall and I thank and commend Adam Cheong, Adam Galloway and Carl Finlayson for their efforts. I look forward to hearing some new tracks next year.

Kay won the cross-country once again. This is very pleasing because it is the event that shows the true strength of a House in that all the boys in the House have to take part and contribute to the result. Kay won the Senior Athletics, which was down to an excellent fifth year squad of Lance Rane, David Kerwin, Matt Shaw, Danny Long and Tom Southgate. However in the Lower School competition, Kay were well beaten by Derby and only four first places were recorded - Matt Travis (First Year 100m.), Ben Charlesworth (First Year 400m.), Marcus Holness (Third Year 400m.) and the First Year 100m. relay. Looking positively, the future is bright with a talented and enthusiastic set of first years.

During the spring term, Kay retained the football trophy, even though the senior team almost managed to throw it away with some kamikaze defending. Surprisingly, and disappointingly for me (being an ex-rugby player), Kay failed to retain their hold on the rugby cup. The

Seniors, captained by Tom Sunderland and packed full of 1st XV players, could not cope with the pace of the new' boys in Howlett and consequently lost the final to them. Again Hulme were far too strong in the swimming, but Kay are getting closer, so maybe next year? Kay was a creditable second overall, thanks mainly to a strong second year side comprising David Page, Robert Freeman, Phillip Collins and Joe Ainscow. Special mention should be made of Joe for his organising of teams and his excellent swimming ability - he swam in three second year races and two third year races.

The weather in the summer term was a great improvement upon last year's, allowing the golf, cricket and tennis competitions to be completed. The win in the golf, held at Lowes Park Golf Club, was very pleasing in that Hulme put out a very strong team, but Stephen Fink, Chris Howarth and Jay McGarvey all played above their handicap in very difficult conditions to secure a memorable victory. In cricket, Kay came second to Derby in every single year group. Steven Lorenzini did well to manufacture a victory for the Seniors in the preliminary round against Hulme. Kay were the fielding side and Steve, the captain, ordered the bowler, Alex Tattersall, to run out the batsman at the non-striking end whilst he attempted to back up for a quick single. Only one run was needed for victory and it was the penultimate ball. Usually in cricket it is deemed "ungentlemanly conduct" to obtain a wicket this way, certainly without a warning first. This did not stop Stephen and Alex who both appealed when Alex removed the bails and the last Hulme batsman was given out to win the game for Kay.

The overall position in the sporting competitions went right to the end and only the last gasp victory in the tennis brought Kay success. The senior team, consisting of Tom Sunderland, Oliver McGuinness, Alasdair Orr and Simon Benger, posted an early victory back in May before going on study leave and the first years continued success, with the

talented Andrew' Lee at the forefront. However the all-important victory was in the second year, played on the final Monday of term. Two main players were missing, but Kay again showed their strength in depth by coming runners-up to Howlett. It was essential that Derby were beaten because at this stage Derby were one point ahead in the Inter-House competition and Kay and Derby were tied in first place in the tennis. However the inexperienced Kay team held their games together under enormous pressure to push Derby into fourth place to secure another victory.

Unfortunately Kay could not field enough musicians to be able to compete on the same terms with Derby and Hulme in the Music Competition. However, well done to all those who did play a musical instrument, in particular Simon Benger (Senior Strings) and Adam Cheong (Senior Percussion) who both won their sections. John Greenwood also did well to come second in the Junior Piano.

On behalf of the House, I would like to thank Steven Lorenzini for his invaluable assistance as House Captain. I would also like to give special thanks to Steven Swann, Danny Lomax, Alex Tattersall and Tom Sunderland for their enthusiastic help and willingness to participate. The outgoing prefects have done an excellent job this year and I look forward to working with the new prefects and seventh formers next year. The in-coming House Captain is Ashley Beedaysee, who I am sure will be a worthy successor to Steven and will make a great contribution to the organisation of the House.

To conclude, I would like to thank the masters that have supported the House and unselfishly given up their own time to help with assemblies and events, in particular Mr. Benger, Mr. Lee and Mr. Johnson. My congratulations go to all for an excellent year and my sincere hope is that next year Kay will experience even greater success.

D.A.B.

Derby

After a dismal 2002 during which only the Derby shooters won gold, it was very heartening to see the "Banana Yellows" finish in overall top position for sport with Kay in 2003.

With Wasim Tahir at the helm our boys turned round Derby fortunes with some notable displays.

Success came for our senior House soccer team, who won the House sixes in some style, playing some exceptional football. In rugby Derby dominated and in cricket it was almost a complete clear sweep as we finished a commanding first again.

Although second in basketball we showed depth and a good degree of skill, and in athletics we just fell short in the relays to end up as close runners-up. David Howorth set a new School record in the U12 800 m.

Howlett

Taking over from Mr. Bradley as Head of Howlett was a daunting job in view of successes of the boys in Howlett last year. Fortunately I have found the majority of the boys produced several successes throughout the year.

One of our best wins was in the House Rugby where both the 2nd year and senior teams won their individual events; this, coupled with creditable results from the other boys, delivered the overall victory.

The agility of Howlett members also led us to a victory in the Badminton Competition; the ability

Our overall position of equal first reflects a great year, although both our golf and swimming have room for improvement. We certainly improved in House music where we were the eventual winners in a monumental and gratifying effort. Congratulations to all boys involved - you did Derby House proud.

As already mentioned, Wasim Tahir, our House Captain, did a diligent job as our leader, supported ably by the other House prefects. Derby House is grateful for their efforts. Assemblies were well supported and a good atmosphere prevailed amongst members.

Matthew Todd took over as our new House Captain and I am confident that he can sail the Derby ship through calm waters to many more triumphs in the new academic year.

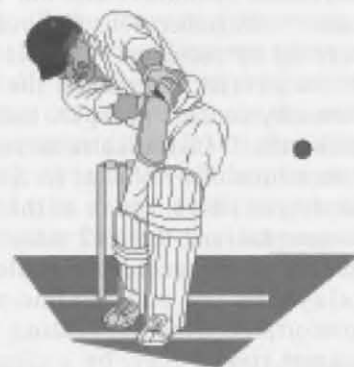
to think and react quickly is obviously a talent that members of Howlett have in abundance. The number of valiant efforts that resulted in second place should also act as encouragement. These include the Rowing, Senior Athletics and Senior Tennis competitions; hopefully next year we can convert these strong results to outright victories.

I must make a special mention of David Morgan who won the Senior Vocal award in the House Music Competition. His courage and determination to compete highlight, for me, the attitude that should be brought to all House competitions. Hopefully next year this generosity, which has been displayed by a majority of boys in Howlett, will help us to improve our Cross-Country and Football results. These are important events because they involve all members of Howlett, so a determination to participate from every boy counts.

I would like to thank Chris Clarke, last year's House Captain, for his hard work in organising teams

My best wishes go out to all those leaving the School and Derby House for pastures new. I do hope that they take with them fond memories of their time in Derby and that they continue to support the House through future generations. Congratulations and good wishes to everybody and remember to wear your Derby badge with pride.

P.K.



and competing for Howlett. I have no doubt that our new House Captain, Matthew Geary, will do an equally good job.

Finally I would like to thank the members of staff who have helped with House Assemblies and have given their encouragement and assistance in House competitions; this has been greatly appreciated. The Heads of the other Houses also need to be thanked for their help and advice. I look forward to the next academic year when the many boys who have contributed to the successes of Howlett this year will get their chance to improve on their performances.

BA.



Hulme

Overall, Hulme House enjoyed a successful year in the various competitions. Traditionally the sporting calendar commences with the House swimming competition. However, this year the Swimming Sports were held in the Spring Term. As is now the custom, Hulme performed extremely well at both Senior and Junior levels, enabling us to retain the Mark Oakden Trophy and the Hutchinson Cup. At an exciting gala there were some outstanding performances from our individual swimmers and our relay teams. Altogether, four new records were set by members of the House: D. Swarsbrick completed the U15 Butterfly in 22.1 secs; D. Lansley broke the U15 Backstroke record with a time of 37.6 secs; N. Swirad set a time of 44.5 secs in the U12 Backstroke; and the U12 relay team created a new record in the Medley Relay. In the end, Hulme were comfortable winners, beating their nearest rivals, Kay, by a clear 60 points. Our thanks go to all those boys w'ho supported the House and enabled the long tradition of Hulme swimming triumphs to continue.

There were some noteworthy performances from our boys in other Inter-House competitions. The Senior football team did extremely well to win their section of the House Football Competition, and the fourth

year rugby players overcame good opposition to win their games in the Rugby Competition.

Once again, we witnessed some excellent performances in the House Basketball Competition. The fourth year and first year basketball sides competed particularly well, ensuring overall victory for the House.

One of the highlights of the sporting year for Hulme was the Inter-House Athletics for Years 1-4 which w'as held on Wednesday, 11th June. Last year, the House succeeded in winning the event for the first time in 40 years. Therefore, it w'as particularly pleasing to see Hulme retain the trophy w'hich they w'on the previous year. There are some extremely talented athletes in Hulme and once again they proved their prowess by tightening their hold on the Calrow Cup. In the individual events, our athletes won seven out of sixteen races. Our thanks go to all members of the House who participated and particular congratulations must go to D. Edwards-Jones, who set new' records in both the third year 100m and 200m events. In addition, the House won the 4x100m Relay Cup after superb runs from the second and fourth year teams.

One event in which Hulme seem to perform particularly well is the Rowing Competition. Following

a monumental effort by Robert Williamson, the House succeeded in retaining last year's trophy.

Away from the sporting field, there w'ere some notable performances in the House Music Competition. J. Findon sang well to win the Junior Vocal section. J. Chew' performed a winning piece in the Senior Woodw'ind section and N. Swirad triumphed in both the Strings and Piano sections. Our particular thanks go to Jonathan Chew for his efficient organisational and motivational skills. The House was just pipped at the post by Derby who won by 5 points, 120 to 115.

On behalf of the House, I would like to record my thanks to Steven M. Wood for his invaluable assistance as House Captain this year. His tireless efforts ensured that competitive teams were organised for every event. I have no doubt that Rhys Rowlands, his sporting successor, will make a positive contribution to the smooth running of the House.

To conclude, I would like to thank all members of Hulme House, both boys and masters, for their unstinting support throughout the year and their participation in the various events. Well done to you all and may we all build on our successes in the coming year.

K.M.C.



SOCCER

First XI

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The 2002-2003 BGS 1st XI season was an excellent one as the statistics reveal. In fact, the figures alone do not begin to convey the fantastic achievements of the team during the campaign. What was noticeable to any onlooker was not just the skill and commitment of the side, but the inseparable spirit of the lads which made the season so special.

The first half term of the season was somewhat disappointing. Injury left Captain Lorenzini and key marksman Wood out of the home defeat to QEGS, with the latter also unavailable crucially for the extra time defeat at Millfield in the Independent Schools' Cup. The opening weeks of the season were a learning curve for the youngsters and the team struggled to find the right balance in order to achieve success. Bury lost the final game of the first half term abysmally to Altrincham; it was the team's lowest point in my opinion. However, the result prompted a tactical reshuffle with the side adopting the simplistic 4-4-2 formation. The results were remarkable: the team lost once in the remaining six months while being unbeaten in two fixtures against National Cup winners Bolton.

There were countless

memorable moments during the season. Lance Rane's crazy celebration after his winner against Crompton House and the reaction to Gallander's fantastic leveller at Hulme were personal favourites of the winter term. The memories were not restricted to Saturdays. Swann's countless impressions will never be forgotten and Mr Aston's pearls of wisdom were the foundation of many jokes in the dressing room. A mention of kicking grandmothers' heads springs to mind. All of which created an incredible bond and never-say-die attitude between the players.

The team was undefeated in 2003, winning nine out of the ten fixtures. The final match of the campaign was a favourite of most players. The remarkable 4-2 victory versus an arrogant but talented QEGS team epitomised the nature of the side. Trailing 2-1 in the second half, the team scored three goals in ten minutes to snatch victory. Gallanders' second free kick was particularly special. Gallanders was the season's topscorer, a marvellous effort for a midfield player. But this was a team performance in a season in which the whole team has performed immensely.

Firstly, as captain I would like to thank all the players for their marvellous efforts and company



during the season. Loofe, Steadman and Gallanders must lead the team next season and bring out the best in the likes of Hudson, Smith, Rane and Long, who all have had excellent debut seasons. I would also like to thank all the leavers with whom I have shared seven fantastic years of football, although it must be stated that this campaign has been the most enjoyable and fruitful of them all. Finally, on behalf of all the players, I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Aston for giving up so much time to help us all improve as players.

Steven Lorenzini



Second XI

P 22 W11 D 1 L 10

Injuries, unavailabilities and players requisitioned for first team duty plagued the season and yet, despite using over 30 players, the second eleven provided a respectable season with a predominantly young side.

Two big wins over Thornleigh 7-2 and Stoneyhurst 10-0 were followed by narrow defeats to St Bede's 0-1 and QEGS Blackburn 0-2. A solid performance saw a good 3-1 win over Habergham High School followed by defeat to Parrswood 0-1. Good wins over St Theodore's 5-0 and Altrincham GS 2-1 were eclipsed by a local derby defeat 2-4 to Bolton

School. St Ambrose were thumped 4-1 and then came a run of heavy defeats: 1-6 to Crompton House, 1-3 to St Margaret's and 1-6 to Manchester GS. Just before the end of term BGS won 4-3 over Parrswood but were humbled 2-6 by Oldham Hulme.

So at the halfway point 15 played, 7 won and 8 lost.

A disappointing performance at St Ambrose saw a 2-4 reversal but a much more promising second half display saw off William Hulme 7-3 on a tricky pitch. The first draw of the season, against King's Chester 2-2 at home, followed. Now BGS hit a run of good form beating Thomleigh

3-1 and St Margaret's 2-0 and then Liverpool College 4-2. A tough match with QEGS Blackburn ended in a 3-1 defeat in the final game of the season.

The team was generally captained by Alec Tattersall and Chris Ullathorne, and Danny Pyle scored lots of goals, making it a memorable season for him.

Overall it was pleasing to see a young side with many unavoidable changes do so well and win more games than they lost.

Well done to all concerned and we all look forward to the new season.

P.K.

Third XI

A mixed season for the 3rd XI ended in an exciting draw with QEGS Blackburn, with Mustafa Rashid and Richard McClean the goal scorers. A promising start to the season had turned into a rapid decline which coincided with the loss of 7th formers Gaz Snook, Sam Zegrou and Nige Hallows.

The remaining players competed well, with Lee Robinson being the star at the heart of defence.

However, after the loss of Ben Pilling, a lack of a permanent keeper caused the team to become destabilised though Santosh Rudravajhala tried valiantly to keep the scores down. Ilassan Riaz's decision to step into the breach certainly paid dividends, allowing Rudravajhala to move outfield, where his distribution loosened the shackles on top scorer Ashley Beedaysee.

Beedaysee's 12 goals made him

a candidate for player of the season, along with Dave Blackstone and Christian Taylor. However, it was Lee Robinson who most caught the eye, with a spectacular 30-yard goal early in the season the least of his achievements. Special thanks must go to Mr. Feely for putting his time and effort into the cause, and for whom premiership management is not far away.

Stephen Kaye

Under 15

This season was going to be the last time our team played together as a whole. Some of us have been playing together since junior school and all of us have played together from the first year. I feel that we have not played to our potential in the first three years of the School, but this season we played like a different team. Mr Richmond got the best out of us, and we gelled as a unit, playing the best football we have done for a long while.

This season did not begin as we might have hoped, in losing two and drawing two of the first four fixtures, but these results did not match our performances. We lost to St Bede's, who were a step above us in all departments, but our loss to Habergham and draws against QEGS and Thornleigh were harsh, as we outplayed them, but could not apply a finishing touch or go without conceding when we needed it most. Some of the squad travelled to the

I.S.F.A six-a-side tournament at Malvern. At first, we did not perform, but by getting through to the quarterfinals we began to step up a gear. We defeated Malvern and drew Millfield in the semis. We went ahead by a free-kick from Alex Lundy, but they pulled level on the stroke of half time. In the second half Tom Black hit a long-range effort onto the bar, which bounced behind the line, but was controversially disallowed. From then on, they pushed forward and got the break through, which sent them into the final.

After Malvern, our form improved, and we went on a streak of 5 wins and a draw, defeating Bolton and drawing against Manchester. This might have been due to a change of formation and positions. We moved to a 3-4-3 from the 4-4-2 we had played for years. Our run was then stopped by two losses to Oldham Hulme in quick succession and then

one to Bolton. The Hulme results were acceptable, but the result against Bolton was unfair. In the first half, I remained on the halfway line and witnessed the best attacking football we have ever played. It was a deflected free kick which gave them a controversial result.

However, we managed to avoid defeat in the last six matches, winning five of them. These victories included battering QEGS 4-0 without our regular goalkeeper, who broke his hand a few days before.

Overall, we played 19 matches: we won 10 of them, lost five and drew four. This was our most successful season and I feel we have all progressed as a team and as individuals. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Richmond for the most enjoyable season we have had together.

Simon Curtis

Under 14

P17 W6 D2 L9

In football they say the results never lie and on paper this could be viewed as a disappointing season for the U14s. However, many of these narrow defeats could so easily have been victories. At the start of the season we sorely lacked a proven goal scorer who could have made the

difference.

We had many memorable games and apart from Thomleigh we were more than a match for every other school. The highlights of the season were our great wins against Bolton School, St Bede's and QEGS. There was a gritty performance at Manchester GS as England legend Bryan Robson watched on. Finally,

there was a great comeback against Hulme Oldham thanks to 5 goals from Matt Trafford.

I had a lot of fun managing an enthusiastic and committed squad and I wish them well for next season.

D.PH.

Under 13

PI7 W6 D4 L7

A steep learning curve can easily describe this season as the side struggled with their form, especially in home fixtures. Notable victories were gained at King's Chester in March with the team romping home

5-2, Ciaran McCaughey grabbing a brace of goals, and two fine victories over Hulme Grammar School.

However, the taste of victories was always interspersed with losses and this was apparent as the two hammerings given to the team by Bolton School, coupled with a disappointing display against QEGS on the final day, summed up an indifferent season.

The noticeable conclusion from the season can be assessed by the excellent victories on the Greece tour

which made the disappointment of before more palatable. The side worked hard throughout the tour, scoring 17 goals in three games as they swept aside our Greek counterparts. It is this note that I would like to finish on and the squad should look forward with confidence for the upcoming Under 14 season.

A.S.C.

Under 12

P19 W6 L13

The U12s' football season has been a roller-coaster of results and performances. A comparison can be made with that of Manchester City's return to the Premiership this season. One week we would play excellent football and win well, while the next, we would perform like a team of strangers - and end up getting hammered.

The highlight of the season was a 3-2 victory over Manchester Grammar School. The most disappointing result was a 2-1 defeat to Bolton, after we had led the game with five minutes to go. One Bury player commented on Bolton's last

minute winner: "Their No.9 caught the ball, rolled it across the box, and it was tapped over the line." Unfortunately the referee did not see the alleged incident, and the old 'enemy' won the game. This was very unfortunate as our worst performance of the season was an 8-0 defeat at Bolton where some first team players were unavailable.

We had good victories over Parrs Wood, Hulme Grammar School Oldham and, the most convincing of all, William Hulme Grammar (6-1 away).

The best team we played this season was QEGS. We were leading 2-1 at one point, but heads dropped when they took the lead, and the end

result was a 7-2 defeat. Losing to QEGS was bearable because we lost to a very good team.

However, in the majority of the games, there was nothing between the teams until Bury went behind and there weren't enough players with fighting qualities to pull the games back.

We need to adopt the running power and fitness of Bolton, the skills of QEGS, and the street-wise ways of a team like St Margaret's of Liverpool (although it breaks my heart to say it!).

We have the skill to be an excellent team, as could be seen towards the end of the season when players were learning the physical aspects of the game, and matching muscle with muscle.

We will be a better team next year having learnt a lot from this season. I am confident that results will improve when, as my dad says, "Naive honesty is replaced with a desire to win and stomach for a battle."

I have thoroughly enjoyed the whole season. I know we are getting stronger and fitter. This, together with our natural ability, will make Bury a force to be reckoned with next season.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Lever and all parents for the support that they have given us throughout the season.

Nicholas Swirad, Captain



Standing: L-R: M. Gallanders, W. Doyle, M. Travis, N. Swirad (Captain), P. Bailey, A. Lee, A. Turner.

Front L-R: T. Ramsbottom, M. Lee, D. Howorth, T. Bower, J. Harrison.

Absent: D. Taylor, B. Charlesworth.

Under 11

Defining moments can arrive at any time in a football season. This one happened when the season was all but over. We had finished with the 11-a-side game back in April with a defeat by Tottington in the Bury League play-offs. It brought to an end a season of under-achievement. Too often we had failed on the big occasion or against the big teams. Although some of our football in early October was superb we could never achieve any true consistency. It was a huge disappointment to lose to St.Mary's, Crosby in the A.J.I.S Cup and after this we never could recapture the sparkling form of the early weeks.

Back to the defining moment - the Bury Schools 5-a-side championships in June; the B team playing the all-conquering Radcliffe County Juniors A team in the final group game. They had won their

previous three games scoring 18 goals and conceding none. We had to win to finish second in the group and qualify for the knockout stage. An impossibility? Yes - I told the boys this, and said do your best, work hard and don't let them humiliate you. What followed epitomised why football is such a great game. For ten minutes the five boys wearing blue shirts were beyond superb. They played with passion, discipline, intelligence and ultimately skill to gain a totally unexpected but thoroughly deserved 2-1 victory. This spirit was carried into the finals evening when the A team met Radcliffe in the quarter-final and only lost to a golden goal in extra time after a titanic struggle.

I hope that the boys involved will be inspired by these moments and will take this inspiration into next season. The older boys will form the

nucleus of a strong finder 12 side in the Senior School and the younger boys will become the cornerstones of what should be an exceptional Under 11 side next season. They should also bear in mind that in five or six years' time many of them will be re-united playing for the School First XI. They should remember what they achieved on these two nights in June 2003 and take that inspiration on with them.

Thanks as ever to all the parents and other relatives who were always there, whatever the weather. Thanks especially to Malachy McElherron for asking, very politely, for Radcliffe to give us a game as the B team went on to beat them.

MB.

RUGBY

SENIOR RUGBY

U18 P14 W7 L6 D1 U17 P5 W3 L2 DO U16 P2 WO L2 DO

Captain: Tom Sunderland

Vice-captain: John Barton

Most Influential Player: Matthew Todd

Most Improved Player: Rick Freeman

Young Player of the Year: Dave Kerwin

Twice as many games were played this season compared with last year. Games were played at three different levels - U18, U17, U16, but overall it was a very successful season. It was more than a 50% season - for me, a significant measure of success. However, just as importantly, I have enjoyed the year - the weather was good (the driest winter for several years and matches did not degenerate into brawls in the mud): the games were good to watch (except for those against Hulme Grammar, which were absolutely dire), and there have been more talking points than usual and some excellent excuses. I will describe a few.

In the first game against Hulme Grammar, we were well in control.

Dave Kerwin had already scored a couple of tries and he was on his way to the try line for another when he realised that Michael Boyes was just outside him. Now, Michael has never scored for the 1st XV and Dave very generously thought that this was his golden opportunity - one metre out, no Hulme player in sight - so Dave passed Michael the ball. Michael did the hard part and caught it and then immediately tripped up, fell and the ball was thrown forward from his grasp for a knock-on. His excuse: "I fell down a rabbit hole."

One of the new recruits into the Sixth Form, Simon Birzgalis, has had an excellent season. He is one of the strongest tacklers in the team and he has prevented many tries from his

position of full-back, the last man in defence. In fact he has probably won us several games, since it is defences that win matches in the long run. I never had any doubt that Simon was going to be a good tackler because he came from a rugby league background. However, he must have wondered what he had let himself in for, playing rugby union at Bury G.S. In his first game, Simon put in try-saving tackle after try-saving tackle, without actually receiving a pass. In his second game, he got sin-binned for "persistent high tackles" (none of them would have been considered "high" in rugby league); in the third game he was yellow carded again for something that he did not do (unfortunately he was the nearest to

the referee at the time); and in the next, he broke his nose.

The team of 2002/3 also has to have had some of the worst hair styles - from Will Read's illegal "No 1", to Nick Fildes' flowing locks. **However**, the prize for the worst haircut (or lack of it) must go to Danny Milnes for the totally out-of-control black growth on his head. Can he actually see where he is going?

On a serious note, the team has had a fairly successful year because, as a group, they have had more commitment, they are fitter, had more understanding of rugby union, and have had a higher level of skill than previous years. This does not mean that the season could not have been even more successful. Some players still let me, and their team-mates, down by making themselves unavailable too regularly. This makes it very difficult to establish cohesion by putting out a settled side week-in and week-out. And all players need to commit themselves to training twice a week.

There have been some great individual performances. Matt Todd

played consistently well and fully deserved to be selected to play for Lancashire U 17s. He even learned to become less greedy and pass the ball by the end of the season! For the first time in several years I had two stand-offs to pick from. Dave Kerwin, who plays No.8 for Lancashire U16s, showed that he had the skills and intelligence (at least "rugby" intelligence) to adapt to a completely new position and James Atkins has a strong boot and can run powerfully from first receiver, as he showed by scoring a wonderful try against Liverpool College. Rick Freeman has made great progress in the essential "link" position of scrum half and he should be an inspiration to younger players as he is a good example of "practice makes possible" through training. Owen Martin looks now to be a useful centre as he has suddenly developed a turn of pace. Matt Geary has been the centre of all things "good" from the forwards because he has a high level of understanding of the game. Nick Fildes and Rhys Rowlands are both very strong runners that can play in the backrow or in the threequarters. I

look forward to working with all these again next season. The fifth years that have made their 1st XV debuts have also done well. Dave Kerwin and Danny Milnes are fully established; Matt Shaw, Chris Brock, Robert Williamson, Tom Southgate, Will Webster, Carl Walczak, Anuj Sawhney and Rick Wing should all be first choices next year.

Finally to the seventh formers: I wish them well in their rugby-playing futures, even if that is for Rochdale! Will Read developed into a very hard-tackling hooker, a position that requires a "hard" player; Alasdair Orr was Mr. Reliability and never let the team down in three years; Rick McLellan was more than a handful at prop; and John Barton scored several memorable individual tries, the one against Arnold being the best that I have seen for many years. And finally my thanks go to Tom Sunderland who never took a backward step in a game and never shirked any responsibilities on or off the pitch. I wish him well in the future.

DAB

Under 15

The first game of the season was against Altrincham, but as this was not until the second Saturday of term we had more time than usual to shake off the summer rustiness. However initial attitudes towards training were not all that they should have been and several team members had to be educated with the notion that training had to have an aim and structure and did not just consist of playing a series of reduced side games. BGS were subsequently beaten by an organised and determined Altrincham side who deserved the 29-0 score.

This setback had a positive effect on training and most players began to take it more seriously. It was clear that BGS needed more cohesion between forwards and backs, a more solid and organised defence as well as a more steely approach and killer instinct. In training work duly began on developing a more confrontational style of play, improving each player's tactical and positional awareness and

developing improved individual and unit skills. Every aspect of the BGS game was much better in the defeat against William Hulme. Even though the opposition had too much pace out wide for our embryonic now-look defence to cope with, BGS outplayed them in the forward exchanges and looked the more complete side.

After much more effort on the training ground the break through came in the hotly contested match against QEGS. A more mature attitude generally was evident throughout most of the team and QEGS could not respond to the firepower BGS brought to bear on them from all parts of the pitch. Even though BGS lost concentration at times, they still restricted QEGS to just two quickly taken 'tap and go' tries while amassing 49 points in reply.

Unfortunately complacency crept in following this victory and although BGS would probably have lost to Rishworth, it should not have

been by the same number of points they put over QEGS the previous week. Rishworth were a competent outfit, probably as good as William Hulme, but they were allowed to win ball at rucks and mauls which should have been ours.

Given the history of previous encounters with West Hill, I am always cautious in the run-up to this fixture, but it was played in the right spirit by both sides and some sparkling play created a good spectacle and an enjoyable game for all participants. In the end BGS were unlucky to be edged out 12-10 by West Hill.

The home match against Bolton was lost by 3 points and it was a cracker. The BGS players ripped into the Bolton defence and the loss had more to do with BGS failing to finish off moves in opposition territory than anything Bolton did. Bolton of course claimed that they were only fielding their second string.

The return match at QEGS was

also a good spectacle and even though a combination of driving rain and over-officious refereeing did their best to spoil the fixture, BGS once again decisively proved their superiority and reduced QEGS to a single try - and a penalty one at that!

Later in the season BGS put on a strong display against an unusually strong Thornleigh side and while BGS scored two tries that were worth actually paying to see, a combination of a dogged performance by the Thornleigh 8, 10 and 13, and a pitch that elsewhere would have had a lifeguard in attendance, saw Thornleigh create a two try advantage which BGS desperately tried to claw back but ultimately unavailingly.

Our usual appeal to St.

Edward's to play a weakened side went, as usual, unheard and BGS were comprehensively outplayed 55-0. By mutual agreement the match only lasted for five minutes of the second half.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the season was the defeat against St. Bede's in November. St. Bede's are always well-drilled; however on the day it was clear that they did not have the physical authority or pace of the BGS side, yet too many of the BGS players were present in body but not spirit. Consequently St. Bede's won the fixture at a canter. Quite rightly many of the BGS team looked shame-faced as they left the pitch.

Without doubt the highlight of

the season was the emergence of the formidable centre partnership between O. Barnes and Duxbury. Both are tremendous athletes and very well-balanced runners, prepared to listen and learn. Barnes' awareness, tackle-breaking running and devastating side step were exquisitely complemented by Duxbury's blistering pace and ruthless finishing. Duxbury in full flight after burners aglow was a sight indeed! My regret is that Duxbury joined too late in the season for the partnership with Barnes to reach its full potential.

H.D.M.

Under 14

The start of year was not the best it could have been. We were disadvantaged by the fact that we only had nine players and therefore had to cancel or borrow the other team's substitutes. However we had a number of new recruits, taking the total up to a new high of nineteen players. Unfortunately this boost of

players did not bring us the results we wanted and many injuries caused more cancellations. This year saw some of our best performances yet, on the whole showing great improvement. Victories may have been short in supply but there was no question about the amount of effort put in by the lads. As Mr. Toney says

- we are the happiest losing team he has ever seen.

Michael Beales (Captain)

Under 13

Captain: R. Watson

The loss of several of the previous year's players engendered some doubt as to our final numbers, but both Mr. Cockcroft and I soon realised that, although small, the squad with which we began the season was highly-motivated and prepared to learn.

As always, it took time for the squad to become a team. Ross Watson, at scrum-half, and his deputy, Robert Freeman, at wing forward, led the side well throughout. Together with Warren Bluer, at full back, Jonathan Sheppard - an extraordinarily powerful number eight - the mobile and able Adam Jones-Bradburn in the second row and the reliable Paul Kumeta at

outside half, they created a stable nucleus, around which gravitated a number of rapidly-improving players.

There were (of course) some defeats, but there were some very encouraging victories. Success created interest, and players began either to join or re-join the squad, among them David Nield, a new-comer who quickly established himself as a back row player of considerable potential.

Individual performances spring to mind - Jonathan Sheppard's outstanding game at St. Edward's; Eddie Chadwick's amazing interception and subsequent try against Woodhey; Joshua Garside at the charge against Thornleigh - but it

is as a team that I shall remember this particular group, and I hope to see it mature into a good First Fifteen in the fullness of time.

P.G.M.

Under 12

P16 W9 L7

Captain: Daniel Thorpe

At a very early stage the whole squad showed enthusiasm for the game and a willingness to learn new skills. By the end of the season the squad had swelled to 38 players!

Early losses at the hands of William Hulme, Rishworth, St. Bede's and Bramhall High School revealed the potential within the squad, but our forward dominance could not be matched by the finishing skills of the backs. However, the turning point in the season took place before Christmas when some new players joined the squad to bolster the

back division and an easy win over Woodhey was followed by an outstanding performance at St. Bede's with an exciting 29-24 win.

In the Spring term we lost narrowly, and controversially, to Bolton, but from this time onwards the side gained new-found confidence to win eight out of their last ten games. Such was the strength in depth within the squad that on most occasions I was able to select and use between five and seven reserves in each match. Several wins were by large margins, but probably the best win was against a very good side from Liverpool College. The A team won 39-31 and although the B team lost 10-52 it was an achievement in

itself to field so many players from one year group.

It would be very wrong of me to pick out the individuals as I could easily list 15 players or more who at one time or another showed genuine ability. Nevertheless, the most consistent players of the season were without doubt Daniel Thorpe, Alex French, Robert Plant, James Brookes, Ben Crossley, Jordan Bluer and Christian Drogan.

With such enthusiasm and ability I eagerly await their progress over the coming seasons and can only hope to have more enjoyable seasons like this one with future BGS sides.

P.G.T



Drew Jones, *Transitus I Royal*

BASKETBALL

Under 19

After a very difficult season last year BGS U19 responded magnificently. The senior players practised regularly and well to produce a very successful season.

The first match of the season saw BGS well beaten by first division champions elect, Holycross, 25-110 (Ullathorne 10). Another defeat to Oldham 23-59 (Lorenzini 9) and a victory over Bacup 64-49 (Ullathorne 20, Hudson 14) ensured a very respectable finish in the first division.

In the second division BGS produced winning basketball. They beat Manchester GS 46-43 (Lorenzini 21, Ullathorne 10) in a close contest, Thornleigh 85-40 (Lorenzini 42), Bacup 79-21 (Lorenzini 29, Terris-Taylor 12), Bury College 71-49 (Ullathorne 19, Lorenzini 19, Swann 14), Blackburn College 71-50 (Lorenzini 34) and Rivington 65-42 (Terris-Taylor 24, Swann 18). The only second division league defeat was 47-60 to Hopwood Hall (Lorenzini 13, Terris-Taylor 12). So BGS proudly finished champions on 19 league points above Blackburn College on 15.

In the National Cup BGS beat

Rivington but defeat to RGS Clitheroe 44-82 meant non-qualification (Lorenzini 17). In the play-off BGS booked their place in the second division semi-final with a comfortable home victory over Rivington 41-29 (Lorenzini 21).

In the new North West League knockout trophy BGS beat Liverpool College 62-24 in round one (Lorenzini 18, Swann 16) but unfortunately went out rather tamely to a useful Oldham College team.

Back in the second division semi-final BGS met Manchester Grammar in an absolute thriller. Initially they led comfortably then fell behind badly. With four minutes left of the fourth quarter BGS still trailed by 10 points. Incredibly they came back to win 69-68 with Chris Ullathorne's do-or-die bank shot. Bacup Grammar awaited BGS in the final.

BGS's effort could do nothing to stop an in-form Bacup Grammar taking the play-off title 37-49 at Thornleigh. The defence was good but an inability to score which ran throughout the team on this particular night was BGS's downfall. Chris

Ullathorne top scored with 15 points and Steven Lorenzini scored 11 points but it simply wasn't enough.

Despite defeat it had been a memorable and exciting season and BGS must be congratulated on their achievements. Steven Swann can be very proud of his team.

P.K.



Under 16

Despite a lack of lunchtime practice, the U16s still had a successful season.

In the National Cup competition a long trip out to Windermere School proved enjoyable and fruitful as BGS won 75-30 (Shaw 17, Finlayson 14). St Peter's were then defeated 62-56 in a very close contest (Hudson 24, Finlayson 12).

Unfortunately these two victories were not enough after a disappointing 48-52 defeat to Avondale (Shaw 18). Only one team

from the group went through and that team was Avondale with three wins.

In the Bury League things were much more straightforward. Wins over Bury Church 62-30 (Hudson 16, Wilkinson 13), Elton High 65-25 (Hudson 16, Wilkinson 14) and Derby High 51-21 (Wilkinson 15, Hudson 12) ensured victory in the U16 league.

Victory in an entertaining Play-Off final over Bury Church 90-45 meant the Bury Schools double was secure. Things were very tight early

in the match with a 10-10 first quarter score. BGS improved dramatically as the game progressed and, thanks to Cunliffe (19), Hudson (19), Wilkinson (15) and Cheetham (13), ended up convincing winners, having played well.

The team will need to attend regular practices next season if they are to endure the strains of senior basketball in the North West League.

P.K.

Under 15

p19 W16 L2 D1

Captain: Alex Lundy

Early season optimism was based on the sheer number of players competing for a place in the team. Frequently during the season I selected 15 players to ensure that as many of the squad as possible remained involved and more importantly to keep the score line down against weaker opposition.

The team suffered only one loss

in the first term against St. Matthew's from Manchester in the North West B final second leg. The first leg was a 62-62 thriller! However, they bounced back from this loss with good wins against a strong side from St. Columba's College and comfortably beat Parrenthorn 95-56 in the Bury Play-Off Final. They also remained unbeaten in the Bury league to win yet another trophy. Their only other loss was against Q.E.G.S Blackburn U/19 in the North West Cup! For once the superior height

and skill provided by the likes of Steven Cheetham, Liam Nuttall, Andrew Cooper, Simon Curtis, Nick Holt and Alex Lundy succumbed to a much older team.

Several members of this squad travelled to Greece at Easter to play three matches against local opposition. Simon Curtis led the side from the front and all 10 players involved will benefit immensely from their experience next season.

P.G.T

Under 14

P11 W9 L2

Captain: Matthew Trafford

The U/14 team took most of the first term to get going mainly because several opponents in the English Schools competition pulled out of scheduled matches. However, they reached the North West Final and played St. Matthew's. Despite the absence of Marcus Holness the whole team played very well to lose by 9 points against a team that went on to

win the National B Final by over 30 points!

By the time the Bury League started the whole squad were beginning to show excellent form. Under Passerelle rules, where all players must play, we dominated all games by very large margins to win the league and the Play-Off Final. Proof of the team's development came in a fixture against Helsby I High School when the U/14 starting five of Matthew Trafford, Daniel Thomas, Marcus Holness, Callum Roberts and

Eddie Brown matched the opposition in a comfortable win. Helsby went on to secure the runners-up spot in the English Schools A Final the following week.

Matthew, Eddie, Daniel, and Joel Waring also went to Greece at Easter and not only held their own against older opposition, but proved a point with some excellent play, especially in the final two games.

P.G.T

Under 13

P14 W11 L3

Captain: Jonathan France

Two back-to-back losses to start the season may have concerned many players. However, the whole squad continued to train regularly and gradually the bad habits began to disappear.

Eleven wins from their

remaining twelve games (the only loss against Siddalmoor U/14 girls) was a testament to the improvement the U/13s made throughout the season. Three District Rally Tournament wins and a huge win against traditionally strong Helsby in their final game of the season provided optimism for next season. The backbone of a strong all-round squad is undoubtedly Ben Daniels,

Jonathan France, Alessio Bacci-Evers, Nick Murphy, David Page and Adam Jones-Bradburn. However, under the 'all must play' rules next season the strength of the whole squad will be the key to any success at local and national level.

P.G.T

Under 12

P7 W4 L2 D1

Captain: Jack Harrison

Most matches took place in the second term against local opposition. Several good wins against Our Lady's and Little Moss revealed the

potential within the squad, but a test of their true commitment will come next season when the level of training steps up to another level and we look to take on stronger opposition from the Wirral.

Jack Harrison was the spark at guard, but he was ably supported by

the strength of Daniel Thorpe, Mark Ghobrial, Matthew Travis and Ben Charlesworth along with the all-round play of Michael Page, Andrew Lee, Chris Beck and David Howorth.

P.G.T

CRICKET

First XI

P9 W5 D2 L2

BGS began with a good victory over St. Bede's in difficult rainy conditions. They bowled Bede's out for 115 (Lorenzini 3-27, Lomax 2-10 and Tattersall 2-12). In reply, thanks mainly to Lorenzini's 53, they reached their rain-reduced target of 101 to record an 8 wicket victory.

In the next fixture St. Ambrose were shifted for just 56 (Riaz 3 for 12, Lomax 2 for 5 and Hudson 2 for 14). BGS lost just 2 wickets recording another 8 wicket victory (Andrew Taylor 26 n.o.).

In the first round of the U17 competition BGS played Audenshaw on a very windy day. Under darkening skies Audenshaw scored 119 for 3 off 20 overs. In reply BGS made 121 for 4 winning by 6 wickets in the 19th over. Excellent batting from George Taylor (37) and Richard Steadman (27) saw them through.

The next match was an all-day encounter with Manchester GS. Put in BGS scored 180 for 7 thanks mainly to 38 from Lillathorne, 24 from Andrew Taylor and a 60 run partnership between the Hazlehursts, Tom scoring 46 and Oliver 22 n.o. It took 60 overs to get this score. Manchester GS never really threatened this total but BGS never threatened to get them all out and so the match petered out into a draw. Riaz (2 for 1) and Lomax (2 for 18) were the pick of the BGS bowlers.

In a 25 over encounter with Ormskirk the visitors scored 98 for 7 as BGS bowled and fielded extremely well. Steve Lorenzini (2 for 11) and Peter Lomax (2 for 19) were the pick of the bowlers in a real team effort. Peter Lomax, with some good hits in his 32, saw BGS crawl home with Richard Steadman on 15 n.o. to record a 6 wicket win.

Against Cawley BGS racked up 171 for 6 (Ben Cunliffe 36 n.o., Chris Ullathorne 27, Oliver Hazlehurst 27). In reply in this 25 over match Cawley scored just 84 for 6. Alec Tattersall (2 for 14) and Peter Lomax (2 for 25) were the pick of the BGS bowling. BGS won by 87 runs. The next round of the U17 Cup saw the end of the road for BGS. Parrswood scored 108 for 5 in 24 overs (Richard Steadman 3 for 17). In reply BGS made a

terrible start and at one stage were 35 for 7. In the end they finished 61 all out, 47 runs short. Only Oliver Hazlehurst (20) and Danny Pyle (19) caused any real problems.

The match with Cheadle Hulme was a real cracker. BGS batted and Chris Ullathorne, with a rapid 54 (5 sixes), saw BGS to 108 for the first wicket. Steve Lorenzini also scored 50 in a huge total of 186 for 6 in 25 overs. Cheadle began just as magnificently with Wilding (55) and Harris, their captain (56). A vital catch by Lomax off Snook's bowling (he took 3 for 16 to remove both openers) proved vital as BGS held their nerve to win by 13 runs. Cheadle finished on 170 for 6.

BGS very bravely put Lancaster in to bat in an all-day timed match. Steven Lorenzini's team did well to bowl them all out for 190. Lee Robinson (3 for 17) was the pick of the bowlers. In response BGS finished 159 for 6 to record a draw which was a great result against an extremely strong Lancaster team.

Against Birkenhead BGS let the opposition off the hook in an overs match. From 103 for 8 Birkenhead mustered 142 all out. The total was too much for BGS after losing Lorenzini for 30. They ended 112 all out. This 30 run loss was the first defeat of the season for the 1st XI.

Another defeat quickly followed in a 40 over match with St. Ambrose. BGS batted and were soon 0-2. Apart from Oliver Hazlehurst (45) everyone else struggled to score runs and BGS were bowled out for just 110 in 39.1 overs. Despite two wickets from Gareth Snook (2 for 36) BGS ended up losing by 8 wickets as St. Ambrose cantered home to 111 for 2 in just 22 overs.

The weather now intervened and the only remaining play took place at Bradford GS where Bradford amassed 228 for 6 (Alec Tattersall 4 for 79) before a monsoon arrived.

An excellent season. Well done to Steven Lorenzini and all his merry men. A great team spirit and some exciting results.

P.K.

STAFF v BOYS CRICKET MATCH

This year saw the revival of the once-traditional Staff v. Boys cricket match. It took place on a fine afternoon on July 8th with the Boys batting first in a 25 overs match.

Their opening partnership was excellent with captain Steven Lorenzini and Chris Ullathorne



putting on 71 for the first wicket. However, the introduction of Messrs. Cockcroft and Hyde to the Staff bowling attack reined in the runs, especially after Ullathorne reached the agreed retirement target of 50, ending with a 6 on 54. This, together with Lorenzini's 27 and useful innings from Tom Hazlehurst (16), Alex Tattersall (18) and George Taylor (21), enabled the Boys to reach a final total of 174 for 7. Mr. Cockcroft ended with the best bowling figures (3 for 10), the other wickets falling to Messrs Benger, Aldred and Toney.

The Staff too began well, Mr. Sherlock and Mr. Bishop accumulating 63 in rapid time. However, once Mr. Bishop had been dismissed for 15 and Mr. Sherlock retired on 58 the innings began to fall apart. Gareth Snook, George Taylor, Steven Wood and Steven Swann each took two wickets during a spell of sustained, accurate bowling and, despite some powerful hitting from Messrs Cockcroft, Toney and Crouch, by the 21st over the Staff found

themselves marooned on 116 for 9. This however brought Mr. Sherlock back to the wicket and he and Mr. Koziura then proceeded to take the fight back. A series of lusty blows

took them to a final total of 164, Mr. Koziura gallantly expiring, stumped on the last ball, for 31. Mr. Sherlock was left on 72 n.o.

The game was played in

excellent spirit and the Boys deserve hearty congratulations both for this and for their splendid performance.

D.SB.

Under 15

This season has not seen our most successful campaign. We tried to reach the Lancashire Schools final, like we did in our U13s season, but in view of our inconsistency and the loss of a few members from last year's squad, it was going to be hard. We drew Dukinfield in the second round, but lost to them in a close match. We could have beaten them on one of our better days.

We have played eight matches this year, winning four and losing

four. We defeated Habergham at the start of the season with two half centuries from Simon Curtis and Steven Cheetham. Our next match was against St. Ambrose where we were defeated heavily, but Faiz Khan managed to fit in a quickfire fifty. We went on to lose our next match against MGS, but got back on track with a comfortable win over Ormskirk. Our next fixture was against Cowley College, which was our most comfortable victory of the

season. Liam Gribben put on a fantastic display, scoring a century, and Tom Wilks followed him with half a century. We won our next match against Cheadle, but we went on to lose our final two matches against Birkenhead and Sandbach.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Aston for taking us this season.

Simon Curtis

Under 14

W4 DO L4

The U14 season got off to a mixed start, with wins against Mt. St. Joseph's and Ormskirk as well as two heavy defeats against MGS and West Hill (Khan 2/6). A superb performance against Ormskirk saw us through. There was good bowling from O. Macaulay (2/21) and Mo Kalid (2/16) and batting from NI.

Taylor (51*).

So a varied start, and that is how the rest of the season continued. We followed with a big win over Cowley College, (Taylor 72, Reading 22*).

We also had another good win against Birkenhead (Reading 43, Macaulay 36), but unfortunately we couldn't keep it up and in the last game of the season we were beaten,

with things to work on for next year as well as things to reflect upon. My thanks goes to Mr. Dennis and Mr. Sherlock for helping us this year. Only some palyers are noted down here but it was a team performance this year.

Michael Taylor (Captain)

Under 13

A mixed season started with home defeats in the first two games. There then followed a very creditable draw at Manchester GS, the highlight of which was an excellent third wicket partnership of 119 runs between the captain Nick Murphy and Ciaran McCaughey. The team noticeably grew in confidence after nearly pulling off a victory against their local rivals and, apart from a disappointing performance at Ripley St. Thomas, showed significant improvements throughout the remainder of the season.

Murphy emerged as the team's leading all-rounder. He displayed a very effective batting technique and developed a very promising opening Partnership with John France. Both batsmen played several crucial innings that contained shots of the highest quality, most notably France's

shots square of the wicket.

Other useful contributions with the bat came from Michael Ilowarth, Robert Leatherbarrow and Marc Woolfe, especially in the Lancashire Schools Cup. Unfortunately, the team had a 'long tail' and came unstuck on too many occasions against teams with a good slow bowler.

The team's bowling certainly improved over the course of the season. Earlier on, games were lost owing to too many wides being bowled but gradually the bowlers developed a better rhythm. Howard Tattersall and Murphy opened the bowling and were the leading wicket-takers, whilst Howarth, Christian Farnworth, and Leatherbarrow all bowled useful spells.

Although some important catches were dropped, the ground

fielding was generally good. Oliver Harrison held several catches whilst the enthusiastic Woolfe performed well as wicketkeeper. As captain Murphy used his bowlers effectively and gradually developed the skill of setting the correct field placings.

The season's highlight was the team's exciting mn in the Lancashire Schools Cup. A narrow two run defeat in the semi-final against Audenshaw H.S. was obviously disappointing but it showed that the team had improved during the course of the season.

Overall, a very enjoyable season with several encouraging performances took place. The whole squad should look forward to making further progress next year.

J.C.R.C.

Under 12

The U12s' cricket season was eventful. There were a lot of highs and a few lows.

The star player of the team, David Taylor, who is currently playing for Lancashire, unfortunately couldn't play in every game. But when he did play, the opposition couldn't keep up with him! David was captain for the games when he was available; when he wasn't playing the captaincy was shared between Will Doyle and Matthew Travis.

There were a few outstanding performances by the team. The bowling in the year was quite exceptional with Bilal Ahmed taking a lot of wickets with his crafty leg-spin. Will Doyle, the opening bowler, took a handful of wickets and in one game his figures w'ere outstanding: 5 overs, 3 maidens, 2 runs for 1 wicket. There were also some good performances from David Taylor, Matthew Travis and John Findon.

The batting was even better.

Jonathan Glover, our wicket keeper, had several good innings, as did Matthew Travis, Jack Harrison and John Findon. David Taylor had some outstanding performances. In one match he made a score of 65 but to follow that up with a century... there's no word for it!

Overall the team won three times and lost four times.

Matthew Travis

GOLF

SCHOOL v OLD CLAVIANS ANNUAL GOLF MATCH

The fourth annual competition took place at a cloudy but dry Walmersley Golf Club on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd July. The course was in superb conditions with the greens as tricky and as difficult to read as ever.

The Old Boys fielded their strongest side in an effort to recapture the Millennium Shield, won convincingly by the boys last year. Steven Swann led a youthful boys' team containing no fewer than six fourth year boys.

As in previous years the Old Clavians got off to a flyer, winning the first match, then halving the second to take a 1 1/2- 1/2 lead. Alas, as in previous years, the School's strength in depth shone through in the middle matches, with the boys winning the next three matches to take an unbeatable 3 1/2 - 1/2 lead. There was some consolation for the Old Boys as they convincingly won

game six. However the boys had retained the shield by the narrowest of margins, 3 1/2 - 2 1/2. There were many fine individual performances with eight of the boys scoring over 30 Stableford points, the highest of which was Tom Marsh (4LJ) with 36 points. Tom, therefore, lifted the Terry McBride Cup. Rob Yates, the Old Clavians' secretary, had the best score for the Old Boys (34 points) and also collected his Terry McBride Trophy. Steven Swann collected the shield on behalf of the School and also thanked Rob Yates and Walmersley Golf Club for their hospitality and a most enjoyable meal.

The event, as ever, was thoroughly enjoyed by all and was a great success. Hopefully one or two of the boys will join the Old Clavians' Golfing Society in later years.

RS. Chris Terris-Taylor and Ashley Loofe played so slowly, their match didn't finish until Sunday afternoon.

M.J.S.



RESULTS

1	Alex Lundy and Tom Marsh lost to Burt Akroyd and Keith Wright	2 and 1
2	Chris Howarth and Ben Jones halved with Dave Hinton and John Spencer	
3	Ashley Loofe and Chris Terris-Taylor beat Harry Driver and Paul Wright	3 and 2
4	Matthew Routledge and Steven Swann beat Mr Sherlock and John Holland	2 and 1
5	Alun Tweedale and Alex Routledge beat Peter Jones and Rob Yates	2 up
6	Daniel Swarsbrick and Tom Wilks lost to Mr Toney and John Keate	4 and 3

TENNIS

This was a disappointing season, not from a lack of desire to play the game by our pupils but mainly because so few fixtures took place. The draw for the Bolton League did not arrive until just before half term which meant that all fixtures had to be scheduled in the last five weeks of the School year. Inevitably, the weather and other commitments forced six cancellations by our opponents and, despite efforts to rearrange matches, none of them took place.

Nevertheless, the I13s got the

season off to a fine start at the Bolton Schools Tournament. Our team included a very promising pairing of Andrew Lee and Andrew Rodgers from the First Form. Jonathan France and Luke Drogan also played well and eventually we lost 4-2 in a very tight final to Bolton School. Our two other fixtures during the season, against Canon Slade and St. Joseph's, revealed much potential in this age group. The depth in the I12 squad looks promising for next season with several players capable of supporting

Lee and Rodgers.

The U15 team won one and lost one of their two fixtures. Mark Allen, Liam Gaffney, Eddie Brown and Zak Patterson played well in both matches against Canon Slade and St. Joseph's.

Large numbers of junior players continue to attend the Wednesday night club which bodes well for the future.

P.G.T

SWIMMING

Team Captains: Adrian Jonas, Christopher Young, Simon Curtis, Daniel Lansley, Adam Jones-Bradburn and Nicholas Swirad.

Early season losses against traditionally strong teams from Bradford Grammar, St. Edward's College and Manchester Grammar revealed some potential, especially from the junior sides.

The U/13 team, led by Adam Jones-Bradburn, held their own, regardless of the opposition and the U/14s, led by Daniel Lansley, also performed very well when at full strength. Successes against Q.E.G.S, Hulme, Turton and St. Ambrose provided the impetus to keep performing at their best regardless of

the quality of opposition we faced from week to week. Many individuals improved as the season progressed and Daniel Swarsbrick, Daniel Lansley, Joe Ainscow, Ross Watson and Nicholas Swirad all set new records at the Swimming Sports in March.

With a similar fixture list next season it is hoped that swimming is given its full support, and with limited opportunities available for training in school time many more dedicated individuals devote more of their spare time to improving their overall performance.

P.G.T



SCHOOL ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS

This was a very successful season for our athletes. As in previous seasons we hosted a number of schools at BGS for triangular matches involving track events only. A narrow loss against Manchester Grammar was followed up with wins in all of the other four home matches. The most pleasing aspect of this season was the introduction of field events to our athletes. Despite our relative inexperience, some individuals and teams performed excellently at competitive level in a range of track and field events.

Numerous individual and team School records fell this season. (All field event records are new marks.) Several athletes are now starting to take the sport more seriously and have joined athletics clubs to improve their level of competition.



UNDER 12

Captain: Matthew Travis

The U12 team made very good progress this season and performed particularly well at the North West Independent Schools Championships. Matthew Travis, Christian Drogan, Ben Charlesworth, Michael Page, David Ho worth, Andrew Rodgers and Sam Ware deserve a special mention for their contribution and performances throughout the season.

UNDER 13

Captain: Oliver Harrison

The U13s continued to show their potential this season. Oliver Harrison, Jonathan Sheppard and Ciaran McCaughey set new School records in track events, but they were well supported by an enthusiastic group of athletes. All three of the pupils mentioned were selected to represent Bury at U14 level this season, and this experience should prove useful next year when they compete in their own age group.

UNDER 14

Captain: Marcus Holness

The U14s made outstanding progress this season. Early on I was very concerned at the lack of commitment in this age group, but somehow as a group they changed their attitude and dominated all their matches after half term, including a win in the Bury Schools Year 8 and 9 competition. Without doubt Daniel Edwards-Jones, who won three gold medals at the Bury School Championships, and Ben Featherstone showed outstanding progress in their events, but the all-round talent of Marcus Holness eclipsed their performances, both on the track and in the field. Marcus won four gold medals at the Bury Schools Championships, but his dramatic improvements in shot putt and 400m, not his favoured event, led to higher honours. Marcus won the Greater Manchester Schools shot putt competition and followed this up with a third place at the Inter-Counties competition the following week. He then achieved the ultimate accolade with his selection to compete at the English Schools in the shot putt at Sheffield in early July.

UNDER 15

Captain: Edward Duxbury

The U15s dominated our home matches throughout this season. They showed strength in depth as well as ability and this ultimately helped them progress in the English Schools Cup. A second place at the



ten team first round match in Wigan qualified them for the North West Region B Final at Morecambe. Poor weather and a late arrival did not help at the start of the day, but they showed genuine grit in a dominant afternoon of athletics to recover and win the final by three points. Edward Duxbury, Mark Allen, George Kirkman and Tom Black all represented Bury at the Greater Manchester Schools championships, but all athletes in this age group deserve praise for their dedication and efforts in a step forward for Bury Grammar athletics this season.

P.G.T



SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

At the end of the 2001-2 season hopes were high that 2002-3 would be a good one with only a few 7th formers leaving and some highly-talented runners moving up from the 6th form. Another false dawn! The situation was not helped by the early departure from the School of one of our most talented runners, Andrew Burgess. However we were left with a core of loyal and reliable athletes: David Beales, Ben Richardson, James Lomax, Ashley Beedaysee and Chris Armstead. James had a 100% attendance record at the season's fixtures with the others not far behind. Welcome new recruits to the team were Ivan Adshead and Steven Heap whose performances steadily improved through the season. An examination of race times makes interesting reading: the older 7th form runners tended to peak rather early in the season (Ben Richardson's fastest time was in the first match, in September) while the 6th formers knocked minutes off their times as

the season progressed. When not playing for School football teams Lance Rane and Daniel Long, two outstanding sportsmen, willingly ran for the School: the two fastest times by BGS runners on the home course around Elton Reservoir were delivered by Lance and Daniel, 21 minutes and 10 seconds and 22 minutes and 44 seconds respectively. A runner from Lancaster RGS, G.Hartley, ran the fastest race this season, 20 minutes 47 seconds.

The quality of our opponents was very high so victories were rather scarce. As usual we travelled far to find worthy opponents - Newcastle-under-Lyme to the south, Lancaster to the north. Lancaster has to be the most interesting and challenging course: past the high security prison, through trainer-devouring bogs and streams, and up lung-bursting fells. The match at Stonyhurst has the "wow factor". Even our world-weary team members come away seriously impressed with this grand, historic

building and the hospitality of our hosts. Arnold School provides a completely different course through the dunes and along the beach at Lytham St. Anne's. A biting wind and blasting sand seemed to have removed several layers of skin during this season's race.

The senior team is always looking for new recruits of all abilities, especially from the new 5th formers. All our matches take place on Wednesday afternoons during games periods. As well as having a laugh with some friends and travelling about the north west you will do yourself a lot of good in improving your fitness. Membership of a School team might also improve the quality of your university or job application.

M.J.C.

INTER-HOUSE SPORT 2002/3 - Overall Results

For each age group the points system is as follows:

Major Competition: 10, 6, 4, and 2
Minor Competition: 5, 3, 2 and 1.



	DERBY	KAY	HOWLETT	HULME
SWIMMING	4th	2nd	3rd	1st
SIX-A-SIDE	1st	3rd	4th	2nd
CROSS-COUNTRY	3rd	1st	4th	2nd
FOOTBALL COMPETITION	2nd	1st	4th	3rd
FOOTBALL B COMPETITION	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd
BASKETBALL	2nd	3rd	3rd	1st
BADMINTON	3rd	2nd	1st	4th
RUGBY	1st	3rd	1st	4th
ROWING	1st	3rd	2nd	4th
CRICKET	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
ATHLETICS	2nd	3rd	4th	1st
TENNIS	2nd	1st	3rd	4th
GOLF	4th	1st	2nd	3rd
OVERALL	Equal 1st (231½)	Equal 1st (231½)	4th (158)	3rd (183)

*Outdoor
Activities
and other Excursions*



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

"We fancy getting some awards and qualifications that we can put on our LICAS forms," was the comment that initiated the autumn term's flurry of activity. The obvious award to aim for was the British Canoe Union Level 2 Kayak Coach, and the challenge was that the main thrust of it needed to be completed before Christmas.

So, for those who hadn't already got their Dr Kildaire (that ages me) badges the first step was a two day First Aid Award. This saw members of the 5th, 6th and 7th forms strewn around the Junior School, generally upside down, sometimes moaning and occasionally pathetic in an attempt to recreate a national disaster, whilst other participants had opportunity to practise their bedside manner and diagnose and treat the various ailments. Mission Accomplished.

The next step was to gain the Three Star Award in kayaking skills. They say a monkey could write Shakespeare if you gave it long enough, so, as suspected, most of the older members of the group passed this element with flying monochrome.

Two down, two to go. The perennial favourite, and one which I must say, despite maintaining a facade to the contrary, I take no personal pleasure in observing is the Canoe Safety Test. Typically this involves swimming in a cold lake for long periods of time, whilst someone thrashes around vigorously trying to reinstall you in your kayak. A major element in securing a successful outcome is maintaining a fixed grin whilst enduring all manner of water torture.

The final remaining step was to complete a two and a half day Coach Training Course in Northumberland. Why Northumberland? Well, the assessors are mean and the waters arctic - character-building stuff. So off we went to Belford and the Outdoor Trust, where food is provided in gargantuan proportions, but it's usually best not to enquire what it is. The highlight had to be watching Matthew Gaunt, who to this point had never successfully completed an eskimo roll, perform a perfectly executed roll whilst simultaneously releasing a tow line under the direction of the assessors. This was followed in the after-

noon by more swimming and rescue whilst being closely observed by an inquisitive Atlantic seal in the harbour at Berwick. The seal was, in all fairness, larger than Sanjay Desai and was of an amorous nature, being only about three meters away from the aforementioned swimming Desai, who promptly demonstrated his breaststroke skill in heading for shore. The instructor's advice of "Whatever you do, don't show⁷ your teeth," was, I'm sure, gratefully received.

The group acquitted themselves admirably and consequently have obtained Level 2 Trainee status. All that remains now is for them to log the requisite number of hours of coaching and to successfully attend an assessment course.

As if that weren't enough, in celebration, the following week, the same group went on to obtain their Four Star Awards on the River Lune in Cumbria.

It all lends weight to the monkey theory I suspect!

D.J.S

PLAS MENAI

I was really looking forward to my trip to Plas Menai, so when I woke up on the 18th September I couldn't get to school fast enough. When I did arrive I had seconds to throw my bag into the Study Room before we climbed on the bus, then we were off.

When we reached Plas Menai Water Sports Centre, we all had to make our way to the central meeting room, named the Rec Room. Here the junior co-ordinator, Arwen, paired us up and sent us to our rooms. Once we were settled we were called back to the Rec Room, with trunks, towel and spare shoes for our first activity. I "as lucky; I had brought the wrong hag with me and had no trunks, but we had rock climbing, the only dry activity. Rock climbing was good but the walls were hard and it hurts your hands after a while.

After this we went to tea, where the food was OK, and later we went to the hill outside and played football.

At 10 pm it was time for bed; after a

great day I couldn't wait for tomorrow.

Beep, beep went my alarm clock at 6.30 am. We had an early start with breakfast at 7.30 am and our first activity at 9.30 am. This time we had 707 sailing. This was great. We were towed out by a powerboat to our yacht where five of us and an instructor climbed on board. I greatly enjoyed this because we sailed all the way up the Menai Straits. On the way back we got stuck on a sandbank and capsized.

After lunch we set off for powerboating. Words cannot describe how much fun driving a 90 hp boat up and down at high speed was. The funniest part was where my room mate fell off at top speed. When we had dried off we went to line up for the evening meal which proved to be a surprise BBQ! It was great with burgers and sausages for everyone. That night we had a huge game of hide-and-seek - with a forest

and 50 kids, what could be better? After that we packed up and went to sleep for the night.

In the morning there were mixed emotions because we all had only one more activity left - after that we were off home. We all went down to breakfast at 8.30 am and were ready to leave at 9.00 am. For my last activity I had Canadian canoeing where we had to put on a full wet suit before waddling down to the sea. There we had to tie two canoes together with wood and string. After about two hours of great fun we made our way back to shore, had a shower and brought our bags to the luggage room. However there was one more surprise - we got to go swimming with water polo and races. What a way to end the best trip in my Senior School life (so far).

David Howorthli, 11A

MY EDALE EXPERIENCE



What is the first thing that you do on any trip? Travel there, and I always find travelling fun. Even if I do have to sit next to dopey old Jonathan Tsim. Well, he's not that bad, really. It's just I sit next to him in class as well, so he reminded me too much of school, (which is a very bad thing!). Anyway, we mostly ignored each other, and watched Harry Potter.

Once we'd arrived at the bottom of the driveway, we had to carry our bags up the hill to the centre, while the teachers took the mini-bus. The building itself was a big old one with large rooms and very high ceilings. Around it there was an abundance of different plants and mini-beasts.

On the first night we were split into groups, dormitories, and went on a night-hike, which I enjoyed, even though it could have been a lot longer. On the first night I couldn't get to sleep for ages, and when I did, I kept waking up again, because I was cold. Finally I closed the window and promptly went to sleep.

The next day we were doing canoeing first, and I felt very nervous because of my swimming capabilities - or rather, lack of them. Once we'd got paired up, it didn't help that I'd got paired up with the person who most wanted to capsize, Khyll Hardman. When I wouldn't let him capsize it he kept vigorously rocking the boat and rowing it into trees, telling me how deep the lake was. But by the middle of the lesson I was really enjoying myself. Then, at the edge of the lake, right at the end, came the best part. The capsize-and-push-everyone-else-into-the-lake bit. Then we went back to the centre to dry off, have lunch and go climbing!

Again I was really nervous about climbing, when really there was nothing to worry about. We climbed up a 30 foot stone cliff. There were two climbing ropes, so the group was split in half, we went on one rope first, then swapped over. On the first one I went on, I didn't get very far because it felt a lot higher than it looked. I only got about half way, because I was going too slowly, and I couldn't find enough hand-holds. But, we had time for a second go on the first rope, and I felt much more confident. I sped up, faster than anyone else in my group, right up to the top. Then came the trickiest part

- coming down. We had to abseil down, which was scary, but worth it. Then we swapped places. We were still on the same rope, but I had to belay someone, which is basically keeping the rope tight, and holding it while your partner abseils down. This turned out to be the most painful experience that I went through at Edale. I belayed Tom Barling, who is not the lightest of people. He lifted me off the ground, and since the harness was so tight, it was actually resting on my rib cage! Not nice. I didn't belay again.

After that we swapped ropes. The second place was higher and steeper, but this time I had no fears. I went right up first time! It felt great!

The next day started with caving. I was really looking forward to it. After we'd been kitted up we found it very difficult to move. We wore a thick woolly leotard-type thing, a heavy water-proof, mud-encrusted leotard type thingy, a really heavy helmet with weighty light and battery. Then we were ready to go in. So, I did. But not very far. I got about ten metres in, but I didn't like it. The dark, the tight corridors, so many people cramped together, and most of all, the danger. I came out - I wasn't the only one. The other boy was Tom Barling, who was claustrophobic. Neither of us went back in, so we sat around talking with a "spare" instructor, Mark.

The next activity was adventure course, which was fun, but short. We had to get everyone to the other side

without touching the floor, using a plank in the gaps. Most of us did it without falling off.

Next was archery. I had done it once before, so I had a slight advantage over most people, but it was really fun. We used proper targets, with white rings, then black, then blue, then red, then yellow. I managed to hit the yellow three times but I missed the target totally twice! I wasn't the only one. Nick Riley didn't manage to hit the target once in 18 shots - but there are six sheep up there with very sore bottoms. (Only joking!)

The next day we were going home, but before that, we had one activity left. For my group, it was abseiling. (I pitied those doing canoeing!) For abseiling, I wasn't nearly as nervous as I'd expected, considering we were abseiling off a 60 foot bridge. When I started really feeling nervous was once I'd got over the safety rail and was leaning back. I really, really wanted to come back up, but because it had rained, the brick bridge was very slippery. And because of that, my feet kept slipping, and because of that, I went all the way down, but it was worth it. It was fun getting to the arch, but much, much better afterwards! You could just let go and feel the wind whistle past your face as you zoomed down. It was brilliant! And then, of course, we went home. That was my Edale Adventure.

Reuben Singer, Exitus Scarlet



LAKESIDE

YMCA Lakeside is situated on the banks of Lake Windermere in the Lake District and offers a great range of activities to take part in; we were all soon to find out what 'perils' lay ahead. We had a bright and breezy start but had to journey on a coach and a minibus. I was on the minibus thankfully as the people on the coach weren't accustomed seemingly to the bumpy, winding roads and a few accidents occurred.

On the first day we met our instructors who all seemed to be pretty cool, especially one New Zealander called Crawford who played basketball for his country. Then the activities began, most of which everyone took part in. One of the best was the zipline which sent you flying over the lake from a slightly wobbly tower 50 feet high. Other activities included rock climbing, abseiling, mountaineering, Canadian canoeing and, the so called *pièce de resistance*, raft-building (although admittedly most didn't stay built for long). As well as all the daytime activities the centre was also alive with evening events such as orienteering, mountain safety talks, teamwork exercises and staying over on an island for a night. (Be warned: leaves are no substitute for Andrex.) The food was bareable and if you were fussy then there was always a tuck bar with a healthy supply of junk food to keep you alive. For some reason this was never mentioned in the occasional phone calls home. Neither was the amount of washing that was being done in fear of a ritual sheep dipping on the return to civilisation.

Overall I think the week was very enjoyable and I would like to thank Mr. Sherlock, Mr. Richmond and Mr. Cryer for coming with us on the trip and keeping us all intact.

Matt Trafford, 3UC



RIVINGTON AND MALHAM

On the 15th of May we went to Rivington. We left school at roughly 9 o'clock in the morning. When we got there it was half past 9. We got out of the coach and Mr. Scourfield sorted us into groups. What we did first was try to find some symbols on the post. On one post we scared Mr. Robson's group. Our hiding place was under some leaves - we jumped out at them. Then we carried on. The next jump out was on Mr. Robson's group again! This time we were hiding in some long grass. When we got past them we were onto the last symbol. Then we got back to the minibus and were first back. Two minutes later Miss Berry's group arrived. Then we waited ten minutes for Mr. Robson's group to come. Then we had our packed lunches which we had brought with us. When we finished lunch we went to the minibus and drove round in circles and parked; it was funny. We got out of the bus and walked up a big hill called Rivington Pike. On the way up we had to pass lots of gates called kissing gates. When we walked through one we had to make a kissing noise. When we were at the middle of the garden we had to jump over a tiny river. At last we got to the top. We were all tired but soon we found the energy to roll down the hill. I was disappointed that we left but it had been a great day after all. On the way back we sang lots of songs and got back at 3.20 pm.

*Mark Howorth,
Transitus I Royal*



We left school at about 9 o'clock and got to Malham at 10 o'clock. It took us an hour to get there. We got off the coach and went to the toilets. Then we carried on walking until we crossed a road and walked onto a bridge with one railing and then after the bridge walked along a path until we got to a gate. Mr Crouch was on the other side. We met up with him and carried on along the path. The staff were Mr. Robson, Mr. Crouch's son, Mr. Crouch and Mr. Scourfield, but we hadn't met up with him yet.

While we were walking along the path there were cows in the grass. We kept going along this path and passed a few⁷ deserted barns until we came to a wood with a sign saying "Janet's Foss". We carried on into the wood and passed a money tree. I tried to get a coin out but it was stuck fast. Everyone tried. We kept going until we came to a waterfall. We looked at it for about a minute. It was fascinating. We carried on and climbed up some very slippery steps. When we got to the top we came to a road. We crossed it and walked for a bit until we came to a gate and went through. Mr. Crouch told us that these cliffs we were walking past were scar cliffs. We met up with Mr. Scourfield and saw a waterfall. We had to climb it. I got to the top and sat down, had a drink and waited for the others to get over the waterfall. When everyone was up we carried on then stopped to have lunch. We carried on walking and walking until we reached a road. We walked down the road for a few miles then came to some steps. We climbed the steps and jumped into a field. Mr. Crouch said, "Last one to the signpost." A few⁷ people were last and they had to smell the teachers' boots. We got a rocky cliff with rocks and deep holes in between them. No one fell in luckily. We kept going, went down some more steps then turned into a waterfall - well not exactly a waterfall, it used to be one. We carried on down a path and reached the bus. We got in the bus and went back to school.

*Daniel Ward,
Transitus I Royal*

Rock climbing at the ready
I spring over tough spots - steady!
Van-driving by teachers, not pupils
It sure makes your heart beat fast.
Narrow gaps and steady climbs,
Ground firm - we're climbing over
Thrashing people in races, but losing
to others.

Obstacle courses are just as hard.
Nobody falling off the top of a cliff.

Moving really fast over cliffs.
At Malham, it's a cool trip.
Legging it up high standards.
Hiking now⁷!
Augggh! Fell off!
Maths is better, but this is cool.

*Sam Hickford,
Transitus I Royal*



TESCO'S OUR SCHOOL AWARDS

So sooner had we recovered from the gruelling feat that was the National Three Peaks Challenge, which had been Sanjay's latest and certainly most successful brainwave, than a member of BGS staff had another inspirational moment and recommended us to Tesco to be nominated for an award at the Tesco Our School Awards. The basis of our nomination was the figure of about £5000 raised for charity by completing the challenge the previous June, an article relating to which appeared in last year's Clavian.

At the time we thought nothing of it. Why would we have a chance of setting anywhere? Nominees are chosen from the whole of the UK! Much to our surprise a number of weeks later, we received a letter from Tesco stating that we were through to the next stage amongst the last few nominees. If we progressed to the next stage there would only be three nominees remaining for our category, 'The Working Together Award' and we would have the chance to travel to London to the award ceremony.

Surprisingly we did get to the last three and had again to prepare for possibly the most gruelling challenge of all, asking Mr. Richards for yet another day off school! Another challenge brushed aside, Michael Ward, Sanjay Desai and myself,

accompanied by Mr. Crouch, headed to London where we met our chauffeur who took us to our accommodation at a luxury Marriott hotel, courtesy of Tesco. You can't complain! After the initial shock of the local price of beer, we were shipped off to the London Aquarium, right in the heart of London, where the function would be held. Here we were met by a luxury meal, Dr Fox, lots of fish and a bloke off TV whom we'd never seen before called Mike Berry.

Unfortunately we were runners-up for the prize. However it had been a thoroughly rewarding experience. We all felt very grateful that we were considered for the award which, in

the end, resulted in our becoming regional winners. This meant a prize of a digital camera for outdoor activities and £100 of Tesco vouchers between the three of us, presented by Mike Berry and several of the Tesco hierarchy.

We did of course celebrate that evening back at the hotel. However when checking out, instead of being met by the predicted horror of paying for the night before, it seemed that Tesco had also very generously paid our bar bill!

Stuart Douthwaite



Michael Ward, Sanjay Desai and Stuart Douthwaite with Foxy from Pop Idol and Mike Berry.

CAMPING NIGHTMARE - THE SELF-RELIANT JOURNEY

We got off the bus,
Ditched our tents with little fuss,
The weather was nippy,
And we went to the chippy.

We jumped into the teachers' lair -
This was my camping nightmare.

We cooked a meal,
It didn't taste of a great deal,
<)n the walk it was tough
AH the people had had enough.

We jumped into the teachers' lair -
This was my camping nightmare.

For two days it was sunny,
For the last it wasn't funny,
The rain poured down,
We started to frown,
That horrible camping nightmare.

We jumped into the teachers' lair -
This was my camping nightmare.

To our delight we drove home,
There at least I wasn't alone.
All in all it wasn't funny,
Next time I think I will stay home
with my mummy.

We jumped into the teachers' lair -
This was my camping nightmare.

*Nathan Beaumont and Richard
Mervin, Exitus Burgundy*

ACTIVITY DAY

Activity Day at Buckley Wells

It really was great fun
Although it was quite windy,
We also had the sun.

First we looked for letters

But we didn't have a hope
'Cos they made us stick together
By holding on a rope.

In teams we faced some challenges -

Minefield was the best:
Using tools to pick things up
Was really quite a test.

The challenge called Group Balance

Had us all tied up in knots.
Arms and legs were everywhere
With heads in funny spots!

We had to build a shelter,

What a funny sight to see;
Poles and rope and tysheet
Wrapped all around a tree.

We also learnt some semaphore

Where sticks spell out a word;
It's useful when you're far away
And voices can't be heard.

For the challenge Precious Load

We'd buckets on a pole.
We didn't have much water left -
Maybe we had a hole!

We had a really great time

And learnt to work in teams.
The moral of the day -
That's not as easy as it seems!

*Jack Baker,
Introitus Orange*



AMBLESIDE

I got dropped off at 8.20 with my suitcase and went inside school to see who else had already arrived. When everyone was there we got onto the minibuses and chose who to sit next to. The journey took about two hours and we went straight to Coniston to do a gorge walk. We were split into four teams and we had to follow the leader up the boulders and some people got wet.

We went back to the minibuses to eat our packed lunches and after that we walked to a tunnel. We had to go through the tunnel in the dark by holding onto the person in front. At the other end of the tunnel there was a big cave called the Cathedral. After that we had a game of cat and mouse in the woods, then went to Ambleside Youth Hostel. We chose who we wanted to share rooms with, then got the keys and some dinner tickets and went to unpack.

After dinner we had half an hour to do whatever we wanted and then we went on a midnight walk. We took the blindfolds off and went back to see where we'd gone. Then we went back to the Youth Hostel and went to bed.

In the morning we had breakfast and went abseiling or canoeing, and then swapped over at lunch time. We canoed on Derwentwater and climbed at Keswick Climing Wall. Then we drove back to Bury. We got back at about 5 o'clock on Friday.

*Adrian Hargreaves,
Transitus II Jade*



THE BEALES FAMILY 3 PEAKS CHALLENGE

All six members of the family - that's Mike, David, Joe, Stephen, Kathie and Tony, plus the two dogs of course - successfully completed the challenge at 5.35 pm on Sunday in a time of 23 hours 10 minutes.

We started the Challenge at 6.25 pm on Saturday and managed to complete Ben Nevis in 4 hours 30 minutes, getting down around 11 pm just as it started to go dark. After a very wet day in Scotland the cloud was still so low in Glen Nevis that just halfway up the mountain we were above the clouds in the evening sunshine, looking down on a sea of clouds below - a wonderful start to the challenge.

The ride in the minibus through the night to Wasdale was pretty uncomfortable, but by 5.30 am, when we arrived, the sun was up and the

sky was blue. The Scafell Pike ascent was gruelling, but we made good time and were rewarded with fantastic views - we could even pick out the colour of the houses on the Isle of Man. We were back down again with a very good time for Scafell Pike of 3 hours 10 minutes, so were back on the road again by 8.45 am.

The fast times on Ben Nevis and Scafell Pike proved to be very necessary, as the sunshine brought out the crowds onto the roads in North Wales and we lost about 40 minutes in traffic jams. The trip to Pen y Pass took 5 hours, so it was about 1.50 pm by the time we started up Snowdon on the Pyg Track. The climb up in the sun was very hot, but fortunately as we got higher the breeze picked up. We were fairly

tired by now, but still made good time up the mountain. The summit came as a bit of a shock with the crowds and the diesel fumes from the train! We came back down by the Miners' Track with plenty of time to spare, so slowed down a bit and let the dogs cool off in the lake. The walk out on the Miners' Track proved to be longer than we thought and our time on Snowdon ended up at 3 hours 45 minutes, giving us a total time of 23 hours 10 minutes.

The Beales family would like to thank all those who helped make our Challenge successful and all the generous people who donated and gave their support.

Michael and Tony Beales

A LEVEL ART VISIT TO SCARBOROUGH

Last year, for the first time, the Art Department organised a trip for the A level set. A post-exam jaunt to Malaga was planned ... but cancelled, and so we headed off to sunny Scarborough!

After an interesting journey - Mr. Burns, pavements are for pedestrians and the minibus is not a sports car - we immediately set off to work. Or at least to hold a sketch pad and look around.

The other days followed a similar pattern of "hard work", occasional breaks - always, but always, used by Oliver Ho for one of his seventeen showers a day - and gastronomical delights in the evening: copious fish and chips and, what else, but a Chinese celebratory meal on the final night of a fun but tiring break.

The highlights? Two: waltzing past the queue to the Magpie Cafe, thanks to the initiative of Nick Filder and Josh Rigby, and of course, Oliver Ho drunk on half a pint of lager.

Michael Boyes



SECOND YEAR CIVIL WAR TRIP

In the Second Year we study the English Civil War, and so the History and Politics Department organised an expedition for the four forms to visit two important places connected to the programme of study, these being the battlefield of Marston Moor and the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds.

We assembled on Bridge Road on a blustery and gloomy day in late March, and after all the head-counts had been done and most of the problems sorted out, we set off on a coach ride of about two hours. The year separated on different coaches, with 2UD and 2UH visiting the Royal Armouries in the morning, and 2LD and 2LG going to Marston Moor.

The Royal Armouries is housed in an impressive building on the waterfront in Leeds, and funded by the Government. It was opened in 1996 as the home for the country's collection of arms and armour. It contains a great number of exhibits relating to warfare and arms use over the centuries, but we were there to visit the Civil War exhibition.

The main area of the exhibition room was filled with both replicas and originals. A statue of a horse and rider from the Civil War period stood in the centre of the room, and other seventeenth century phenomena - uniforms, weapons, pictures, helmets, copies of letters - burst from cases

dotted around the room.

We looked around this briefly and some took photographs, and we were then escorted into a large hall with tiered seating, where we were given a presentation on Civil War weapons and clothing by museum staff. They were very clear, friendly and knowledgeable, and when they had concluded by taking questions we were allowed to try on some of the peculiar clothing they had shown - replicas of clothes Cavaliers, Roundheads and ordinary people would have worn at the time of the war.

Whilst we were there, we also watched a short video about the war, which was followed by lunch at the museum. We then piled back onto the coach at the arrival of the other forms and carried on to Marston Moor, the weather brightening up as we went, but remaining very windy, as we discovered to our misfortune when we got back to the battlefield.

Fortunately, the recent dry weather had ensured that the ground was hard and we could walk on it, and so we stood at the battle monument in the corner of the field, and listened to Mr. Hone as he gave us a short introductory talk on the events leading up to the battle. Next, we walked around the field to be shown areas of importance in the

battle, as the wind blew our information sheets away.

Getting there and returning home without getting stuck in any traffic jams should count as a major achievement, and we would also like to use The Clavian to record our thanks to Mr. Hone, Mr. Christian, Mrs. Glancy, Mr. Cawtherley, Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Cooke for their efforts, preparing and executing the expedition, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

*Richard Stanton and
Carl Gaydon, 2UH*

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Once again it has been a busy year for the Association. We did the usual things such as serving refreshments at School functions such as open evenings, parents' evenings, plays and School concerts. The introduction of mulled wine at the Junior School Christmas Concert seemed to go down very well. We were delighted once again to assist the Old Boys by selling the table wine at their annual Founders' Day Dinner.

Our fundraising has concentrated on reaching the target to purchase the computers for the new Art Department, although we

did take pity on the Junior School and buy them a new snooker table as they were having to play uphill. The annual bedding plant sale proved to be the most profitable ever held (and the wettest). The 100 Club Draw is providing a steady trickle of funds. The Grand Raffle Draw was our most successful fundraising venture, and thanks go to everyone who bought tickets.

Socially we had three events. Firstly in November there was the highly amusing Murder Mystery Evening in the Junior Common Room. Then in March we organised a Scalextric Evening which proved

popular with the youngest members of the School (and their dads). However our main social event was the Cocktail Party, which was a wonderful evening and our thanks go to Richard and Caroline Garside for allowing us to host the event at their house.

So thank you to everyone who has helped and supported over the past year and we look forward to doing it all again in September.

*Jane Lees,
Secretary, Parents' Association*



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