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## Change of Chairman of Governors

HH Judge John Morgan, retiring Chairman (right)

Judge Morgan retired at the end of July as Chairman of Governors. He joined Runnymede as a war-time pupil and now leaves the College 54 years later, although as a Trustee of the Trust Fund committee, he



Mr Michael Byrne, new Chairman

Mr Byrne is himself a barrister, Crown Court Recorder and an Old Edwardian. Of Judge Morgan he says that his assiduous example and devotion to all things Edwardian serves as a lesson to all those who strive for the

is not severing all links. His two sons, Matthew and Benedict were pupils and are now furthering their careers in law and engineering. Mrs Rosalie Morgan has been a staunch support during the time that the Judge was a Governor. During his 9 years as Chairman of Governors, John Morgan saw great changes: co-education, the opening of the Design Centre and Nursery, the appointment of a Lay Headmaster and the recent massive building programme.

Judge Morgan pays tribute to his collaboration with three Headmasters - Brother Sassi, Mr Tony Edwards who was acting Headmaster for twelve months and Mr John Waszek. He describes the job of Head as 'a task which requires a unique combination both of management and academic skills and the art of dealing successfully with young people in the various stages of their development'. There have also been three Headteachers of the Junior School: Brother Grice, Mr Christopher Exley and now Mr Philip Sweeney and the school itself has grown enormously from just four

classes to 13, including the Nursery. Further tributes were made to his fellow governors and the academic and support staff of the College, the Parents' Association and to the Trust Fund. Only Dr Robert Wynne survives as one of the Governors from the time that Judge Morgan joined the Governing Body under the chairmanship of Professor Basil Whalley. A wide range of professional, business and academic expertise and experience is now represented under the chairmanship of Mr Michael Byrne, and his Deputy, Dr Moya Duffy.

As a music lover, Judge Morgan held the link between the school and Cathedral close to his heart. A former Chairman of Governors, Colonel Paddy Bryson drew up the deed which formally set up the relationship between College and Cathedral. The College is one of only two Catholic members of the Choir Schools' Association. The Headmaster is Vice President of the Association. Elder son Matthew Morgan was a chorister and the Judge a former Chairman of the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Association.

highest quality both in education and life in general at the College.

Of his own new role as Chairman of Governors, Mr Byrne says that working closely with the Headmaster discussing all aspects of College life from immediate decision-making to long term policy planning is challenging and stimulating, taking into account the many political issues in the field of education to which the College must respond.

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This Year's production by  
**St. Edward's Drama Society**

will be

## "An Inspector Calls"

by J.B. Priestley

4 performances, on the evenings of  
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of March at 7.30pm  
in the Ley Hall

(More details in due course)

# Advent Term

## Building Work

The work that commenced with the rebuilding of the swimming pool in March is nearly complete. There has been an extensive building programme which has provided upgraded facilities in the Sports Complex; a new Dining Hall which has doubled in size, a floodlit Astroturf pitch and netball court, a resurfaced Main Drive, and new facilities in the Junior School former conservatory classroom. There are some final works such as final floor coverings in the changing rooms and Dining Hall which had to await the concrete fully drying out. Some exterior planting is also due to be carried out when the winter is over. Recently security gates have been erected at strategic points and these, together with the visitors' security pass system have made the College a more secure place. The General Office has also been altered and new reprographic and finishing machines are now installed, making photocopying and other printing work much faster. The Drama Room was opened in December by the Vice Chancellor of Liverpool University and the former Electronics Room in the Design Centre has been re-equipped as a secondary computer suite.



*The new dining room taking shape as work gets underway*

## Remembrance Day

As Remembrance Day occurred during this past term, we were visited by Mr Thomas Cunningham who addressed Upper School Assembly. I'm sure that everyone at some stage has admitted to losing concentration during an assembly, yet I am also certain that nobody did during Mr Cunningham's address. He told us a true story about a ship, a cemetery and a man. The ship was HMS Bedfordshire, a former trawler, like

nineteen others it was commissioned by the Royal Navy in 1942, converted into an anti-submarine vessel and sent to the United States to protect merchant ships sailing up the American coast to join convoys to Europe from German U-boat attacks. On patrol one evening, HMS Bedfordshire was torpedoed and sunk by U558. There were no survivors. The bodies of one officer and three ratings were washed ashore on a sparsely populated island off the coast of North Carolina. Through charity

and help from the US Navy, the islanders built a proper cemetery and during a military ceremony, the bodies of the men were buried in what is now a small corner of a foreign field that is forever England. The officer lying in that cemetery was Mr Cunningham's father, an Old Edwardian, who gave his life so that we could live in freedom. This meaningful story certainly added a new and moving dimension to Remembrance Day and what it represents.

Philip Gilbertson, 12-4.

## News of Old Edwardians

### TERENCE LEAHY SEC 1967 - 1974

Terence Leahy has recently been appointed Chief Executive of Tesco at the age of 39. Terry originally went to UMIST to study Engineering and is a former parishioner of Our Lady of Assumption, Gateacre.

### KEVIN McCARTEN SEC 1968 - 1975

Kevin McCarten has recently been appointed Marketing Director for J. Sainsbury PLC. Kevin is a Cambridge graduate and is also a former parishioner of Our Lady of Assumption, Gateacre.

### COLIN B HICKEY ACIB SEC 1969 - 1974

Colin has been appointed Manager of the Midland Bank, Aigburth Road, together with a sub-branch also on Aigburth Road.

### STEPHEN SHUTTLEWORTH SEC 1981 - 1988

Stephen has been appointed Senior Process Research & Development Chemist at Chiroscience Limited, a Cambridge based pharmaceutical company after gaining a BSc in Chemistry from Liverpool University in 1991 and going on to be awarded a PhD in synthetic organic chemistry.

## IN MEMORIAM

### AUBREY YATES SEC 1936 - 1943

Professor of Psychology at the University of Western Australia, died in Wales on 14th September 1995, aged 69.

## Mass for Deceased Old Edwardians

This Mass was held on Friday 3rd November in the Chapel with refreshments after at Bishop's Court.

## Mass of All Saints Day

The whole school gathered in the Sports Hall on November 1st for this Mass which was celebrated by Father Peter Hannah.

# Round-Up

## Open Evening

Open Evening held on 11th October was a resounding success for the College with over 1000 visitors on the night and applications for the Year Seven examination up by 25% on last year.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

The 1995 Christmas Fair, organised by the College Parents' Association, took place in the newly-extended hall on Sunday 19th November during the afternoon and was attended by about 1,000 people. It offered a wide selection of attractions, including the usual stalls selling various goods, games for all ages, entertainment's and refreshments. Of particular interest to our younger visitors were Father Christmas, Mr. Blobby, Punch and Judy, a fancy-dress parade and a dance display. Finally no fund-raising event is complete without the usual selection of raffles.

A wonderful spirit was in evidence throughout the afternoon with the consequent benefits for many sectors of the College. As well as general fund-raising, there was also a strong effort

mounted by the organisers of the Lourdes Pilgrimage for handicapped children. The co-operation between members of staff, pupils, volunteer parents, the Cathedral Choir Association as well as the College Parents' Association enabled the event to run smoothly and bodes well for future endeavours.

Credit must also be given to the College teaching, admin and support staffs for their help and patience during the run-up to the event.

Finally our thanks to all the families who attended on the day for their generosity. Please watch out for information regarding future events and support them if you can. Remember everything is done for the benefit of our children both materially and spiritually to preserve the community that is St. Edward's.

Parents' Association Committee Members  
Peter Wood, Marie Swift, Jim Prayle, Chairman

### RAFFLE WINNERS:

Television - Mrs Rutherford;  
Bike - Mrs O'Donnell

## St. Edward's lead the Cathedral Christmas Carol Service



The Metropolitan Cathedral provided a suitably awe-inspiring setting for the Christmas Carol Service and the re-telling of the story of the Nativity by the College. Both pupils and staff took part, from Year Five Juniors as the smallest sheep, through peasantry, pages and heavenly

host of Year Seven and Eight, to Sixth Form and staff as kings, Romans and priests.

A thoroughly Medieval atmosphere was created by the throng of cheering peasants, enhanced by the angelic voices of the choristers. The costumes,



music and the whole celebration of Christmas was appreciated by nearly ten thousand children from the Archdiocese of Liverpool during 5 - 7th December. Thanks to all those involved.

*K.C. Baldock*



# Runnymede

## Year 5

### Environmental Studies Trip

This year our Year 5 children spent four days on the Wirral at the Barnston Dale Centre. The children were accompanied by class teacher Miss Lewington and Miss O'Keffe, student teacher Mr. P. Robinson and Mr. Sweeney.

A varied programme of activities kept the children busy each day and the staff at Barnston Dale looked after everyone with super food (curry, chips, pizzas, salad, porridge, etc. and much help and kindness).

Day One saw the children doing Initiative Tests with varying degrees of success and failure. The first evening was spent preparing for the *pond dipping* and beach walk activities of the second day. Not many people slept the first night!!!

Tuesday morning saw the children pond dipping at Thurstaston Country Park. The excitement generated by this activity would lead one to believe that the children of today have little opportunity to study 'wild life.' In the afternoon the 'scavenger hunt' on the beach turned up many interesting objects and again the enthusiasm of the children was pleasing. The session finished with an ice cream on West Kirby front! Back at Barnston the evening was taken up with a Quiz. Everyone slept that night!!

On Wednesday after another heavy breakfast the party set off for Chester. A very busy day included a boat trip on the Dee and an open-top bus trip around the city. In the afternoon after a visit to the Grovenor Museum the children were escorted around the city by a 'Roman Centurion.' Back at Barnston the day was rounded off with a bonfire and fireworks. (No problems sleeping)

The final morning was spent on a Nature Hunt in the beautiful Barnston Dale. After lunch the children returned to school tired but happy - staff exhausted - Mr Sweeney is showing his age!!!



## Nursery Nativity Story

Children from the Nursery School performed their version of the Christmas Story to their parents in The Bryson Hall on Thursday 7th December. The performance, prepared by Nursery Teaching Staff

Mrs Wilkinson, Miss Bardin, Mrs Jones and Mrs Osborne, played to a packed house and delighted parents as children sang a variety of hymns and carols to end their show.

## New Soccer Strip for Junior School

**Runnymede Football Squad are the proud owners of a brand new soccer strip in the College Colours of Yellow and Blue. The kit is a generous gift from Mr. C. Saunders, father of Matthew in Year 6. The kit will be worn for the first time next term and who knows it could bring about a change of fortunes for our young footballers who have struggled of late.**

**Many thanks  
Mr. Saunders**

# Lord Mayor's Visit

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Black, visited the College in September. He was supposed to spend 20 minutes in the Junior School but obviously enjoyed himself so much stayed for well over the allocated time. He especially enjoyed himself in the Nursery.

As a result of his visit he invited Year 5 and Year 6 to visit him in the Town Hall on the 30th November.



*Councillor Michael Black pictured with Ryan Crimmins and Natalie Quinn*

The children had a lovely time and were shown around the Town Hall.

They even had the opportunity to put questions to the Lord Mayor in

the Council Chamber. A special word of thanks to Mr Binns, the guide at the Town Hall for his patience and kindness.

## Junior School

### Sports

RUGBY has become a re-energised activity as a result of hard work by staff and pupils.

### Football

Year 5 have done outstandingly well.

### Music

The Guitar Club is a lunchtime activity in which pupils learn songs from all over the world, including pop and traditional songs. A concert was recently given to parents and friends.

The Junior School Choir gave a concert in October

in the Bryson Hall. Music performed included The Coconut Man and Jonah Man Jazz. The Guitar Group trained by Mrs Britten performed for the first time with great confidence.

The tradition for Poetry recitation continued with Elizabeth Leyland and

Sneha Shah speaking with clarity and expression.

Individual instrumentalists included Matthew Saunders, Lauren Waszek, Anthony Higham, Leanne Beesley and Andrew Dickinson.

*Runnymede Guitar Club who recently gave a concert to parents and friends.*







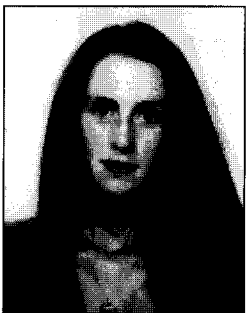
# Staff Welcomes



## Welcome to new staff

**Miss Katherine Dienes**, Organist and Assistant Master of the Music at the Cathedral has joined the Music Department on a part-time basis. Born in New Zealand, she studied for a degree in Modern Languages and a BMus at Victoria University, Wellington. She became Organ Scholar at the Cathedral there before coming to England and being appointed Organ Scholar at Winchester Cathedral. She has studied choral training and is now responsible for the new College Girls' Choir which recently gave its first performance. In addition to her work at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Miss Dienes is Organist to the University of Liverpool and organ tutor to its Music Department. Her hobbies are languages, travel, reading and swimming.

**Miss Clare Fell** was educated at Holy Family High School. Crosby until 1990 when she began a three year degree in Chemistry with PE and Sports Science at Loughborough University. Whilst at Loughborough Clare was fortunate enough to represent the University at volleyball, athletics, cricket and badminton. She went on to captain the badminton and cricket teams, and play for the Great Britain Universities cricket side. Clare remained at Loughborough for a fourth year to study for a post graduate certificate in education and in her very spare free time she acted as Financial Officer to the University Athletic Union.



**Miss Caroline Preston** is a newly qualified teacher of Maths and Physics, whose talents also extend to IT teaching. She has many hobbies which include playing lacrosse and

tennis, and is currently learning how to play hockey, along with the Year 7 team, with whom she takes the warming up session. Caroline graduated from Liverpool University with a first class

honours degree in combined Physics and Mathematics and is enjoying teaching these subjects at St. Edward's. She says, *"Working with such friendly staff is a tremendous help when you are new to teaching, and getting lovely desserts at lunch time from the canteen also helps keep you going"*.

**Mr Stuart Beeley**, having graduated from Birmingham University in 1992 with a degree in French, spent the following three years teaching at St. Bede's College in Manchester. He came to St. Edward's in September of this year to teach French and to assist with the coaching of rugby and prior to his move, Mr Beeley had already forged strong links with the city of Liverpool, as a member of the Waterloo Rugby Club in Blundellsands. Mr Beeley would like to clarify one particular, contentious issue: his appointment, contrary to popular opinion, was not in response to a demand by the Equal Opportunities Commission that more Manchester United fans ought to be working in Liverpool!

**Mr Nick Murray** was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College in Liverpool and then entered a career in commerce and the civil service. After obtaining his degree he underwent further training and worked for several years in counselling and psychotherapy before joining the staff at St. Edward's in September of this year.

**Mrs Moureen Nolan** was appointed in September as the new Head of Sixth Form and teacher of English. Mrs Nolan graduated from Liverpool University in 1978 with BEd Hons. She has been teaching 17 years, the last five of which have been as Head of Sixth Form at St. Joseph's High School in Widnes where she was also a Senior Teacher and Teacher Governor. She is married with 3 children, two of whom are new pupils at St. Edward's this term. Her strongest impression of St. Edward's is its family atmosphere and emphasis on good manners and hardwork.

Of the Sixth Form she says, 'The Sixth Form should be a role model for the rest of the school. Girls should be making just as big an impact on the character and life of this Sixth Form as the boys.

I look forward to the time when there will be sufficient girls of our own to do that.'

**Mr John Glover** joined the College in June 95 having been a Senior Executive and Support Manager with the very large Royal Naval Reserve Unit in Liverpool. He had previously run his own business and before that had a career in the Royal Navy. He has recently retired from the Royal Naval Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander and as the National Head of the Logistics Branch responsible for the training and careers of some 350 reservists. He is married with two young daughters and lives in Chester.

**Mrs Margaret Wilson** joined the Administration staff of the College in September 1995 as School Secretary to replace Mrs Hickey who has become Secretary to the Headmaster. Mrs Wilson had previously worked on a temporary basis to assist in the Admin Dept when particular projects required extra secretarial assistance. Her post entails servicing the needs of Mrs Young, Deputy Head (curriculum) and Heads of Depts, as well as many other areas. Mrs Wilson who previously worked in banking has two children who are pupils at the College.

When in January 1995 Gardner Merchants, the College caterers, were awarded the contract for cleaning, **Mrs Anne Hayden** was appointed to the new position as College Housekeeper. Married with two grown up sons, Mrs Hayden has worked at St. Edward's for 14 years on the cleaning staff. Her hobbies are reading, swimming and walking. The job as Housekeeper is a new and challenging one and has entailed learning about the latest cleaning materials, machines and methods. It also includes stock taking and bookkeeping. After 11 months of hard work, the vast improvements in the standard of cleaning are visible to all and the team of 17 cleaners led by Mrs Hayden are to be congratulated on their efforts. Let's hope that the pupils take pride in the appearance of the College and play their part in maintaining these standards.



# Staff Farewells



## and farewell to

**Mr Frank Bate** retired in July having been at SEC as pupil and teacher for some 45 years. FE as he was universally known, taught Chemistry; he was Head of Dept until taking up the post as Examinations Officer and Senior Teacher. A keen sportsman, he represented the College in rugby and went on to play for the Old Boys RUFU for some years. Whilst on the staff he coached rugby and kept extremely fit by running and swimming.

As a teacher and colleague he is unlikely to be forgotten. His style of teaching was lively and his lessons interesting and demanding. He always found a novel way to explain or demonstrate an idea. He made his students think for themselves and many have reason to be grateful to him.

Life in the staffroom (or Dept) was never dull when FE was around - he was interested in everything and usually had a stimulating or provocative opinion to proffer. We wish him well in his retirement. DTB

For the many pupils, brothers and teachers who have come into contact with **Mr John Loftus** during his long and distinguished career, his retirement in July brought a touch of sadness into the end of term celebrations. John's association with the College, including his time as a pupil, spans half a century and it is impossible for those of us who have not yet reached double figures to appreciate fully the beneficial influence he has had on the spiritual, social and economic welfare of literally thousands of pupils. Nevertheless, one would not need to know John for very long to be impressed by his sense of duty, his Christian beliefs and his thorough dedication. Nothing was allowed to impede the progress of his pupils or stand in the way of their success; nothing was left to chance. But his scrupulous attention to detail did not make him inhuman. On the contrary, it arose from his sincere concern for the welfare of those in his care.

John's popularity with pupils, parents and staff derived from their respect for his expertise and their appreciation of his professionalism but, above all, from the simple fact that his sense of humour and his genuine interest in people made him good company. He will be fondly remembered. GH

**Mrs Mary Hemingway** joined St Edward's in August 1985 as Administrative Clerk, responsible for salaries and wages, fees for Assisted Places and Government returns and left in August 1995. Mary has two children, a son and daughter, and two grandsons and she enjoys walking her two dogs and goes dancing often.

It is not a final farewell to Mary as yet, she has returned on a part-time basis to help out the bursar's department as her successor had to leave through the illness of his wife. CH

**Mrs Breda Usher** joined St Edward's in April 1968 and left in August 1995 after twenty seven years loyal service both to the College and to the Christian Brothers.

She has seen some changes over the years since Br P E Ryan employed her as the Secretary. The Admin Department at that time consisted of the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary and the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Carrick, who was responsible for paying the salaries and wages; it was all done in the Secretaries' Office without any outside help whatsoever.

Breda intends to enjoy her well-earned retirement. Her children are scattered all over the globe. She has a son in South Africa to where she is jetting off at the end of November for three months, along with her husband. Another son is in America and a son and daughter at each end of this country. CH

At the end of August 1995, **Mr Tony Walsh** retired from St. Edward's College - the third retirement in his working life. After 6 years in the army during World War II, in which he served in an anti-aircraft battery in

France, he took his first 'retirement' and started the main job of his life in the Liverpool Docks. With the decline of the Port of Liverpool, he again retired and came to work at St. Edward's College as a gardener in 1980 and later he transferred to the PE Department and became a sports complex worker. He was never late, never absent and was of immense help to the PE Department. He has taken-up another part-time job, and in wishing him farewell, we wish him success and health and happiness in the years to come. AG

## Keep in Touch

Many Old Edwardians like to keep in touch with what is happening at the College and with all the recent changes, it is quite hard to keep abreast of what is happening. Some OEs visit the College from time to time. OEs are always welcome. More OEs have been taking advantage of the Open Afternoon which precedes the Annual OE Dinner.

The other way of keeping in touch, especially if you live at a distance is to join the *Friends of St Edward's College* and thus receive regular copies the *'The Edwardian'*. This bulletin of up-to-date news is normally published twice a year and contains news not only of college events but items to do with our extended community and in particular, news of OEs.

Just fill in the form and we'll do the rest. If you know of any other OEs who might like to hear from us, then please let us have their names and addresses for our mailing list or pass this notice on to them.

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Please put my name on the mail list for *The Edwardian*

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# Music News

## Music - Alive and Beating!

*John Moseley Head of Music offers a tongue in cheek reflection on the work of the Music Department in the Advent Term.*

There is never time for dipping toes in the water at the beginning of the school year. We plunge straight into rehearsals for the various concerts and services to be given before Christmas.

### **Mass for St. Edward's Day**

While the Choral Society might have experienced problems coping with the acoustics of the Metropolitan Cathedral, these were nothing to those experienced by the conductor. With a choir of some 300 people it's impossible to keep everyone within sight. You hope that while you are looking at one group, the students are watching the beat. The problem for the trumpeters lay in controlling sheer terror at playing in front of 2000 people who will know if a mistake has been made.

### **Concert: Bach and The Beatles**

Alan Doddridge experienced the unusual phenomenon of playing a melting harpsichord during this concert when the temperatures in the Ley Hall caused the instrument to repeatedly go out of tune. While Alan grappled with this problem, the rest of us wondered whether Judge Morgan would sing the encore which was to be the highlight of the event to mark his retirement. He had no knowledge of this impromptu request but joined in with great spirit to the delight of the audience.

### **Battle of the Bands**

Two Sixth Form Bands competed in front of a huge pupil audience and were judged by a panel of staff and Sixth Form pupils. The Bitter Pills who won the event were very professional and the whole event was much enjoyed by everyone.

### **Concert: Music from Russia**

A lethal virus raged amongst performers and the conductor the night of the Music from Russia concert but all struggled on to give an excellent performance to a large and appreciative audience. The Girls Choir under Katherine Dienes made their debut in Stravinsky.

### **Schools Carol Service**

Only one rehearsal for this mammoth event made us sigh with relief that the musicians are all good sight readers. The trumpeters doubled as Roman soldiers and with 300 pupils in the production, I was glad I was only doing the music!

### **Conclusion:**

It is sometimes fraught and nerve wracking and often the best laid plans can go awry because of viral illness or instruments being temperamental but any school that can do so much in one term, more than many would do in a year, is doing alright. Thank you musicians. You're the best!

## CHOIR PARENTS SCOOP PRIZES

Music Festivals are said to be amateur events, but really the standards have been climbing higher and higher. Star performances at Liverpool and Crosby Festivals by Choir Parents - Lesley Smith, David and Maria Guidera stunned adjudicators into dishing out twenty four -1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes as well

as a hand full of silver. The talented trio have been spotted by famous agents but unfortunately they've had to turn down offers for stage and screen performances (tee hee!) due to their commitments to the choir. Of course, if you know anyone from E.M.I., they are open to offers!!

Their musical repertoire ranges from light opera to folk songs, from Lieder to Gilbert and Sullivan. All three took part in the 'Sing again for Joy' Concert on Friday 16th June 1995 at Crosby Civic Hall to raise money for the Choir's Tour of Hungary.

*Graeme Smith, Ashley Guidera*



# Music News

## CHOIR NEWS

Three Choristers did exceptionally well in the Associated Board Music Examinations last term.

JAMES HIGHAM gained a distinction in both Grade 1 'Cello and Grade 3 Singing; GRAEME SMITH gained a merit in Grade 5 Singing and KEVIN HIGGOTT gained a distinction in Grade 5 Singing.

JON BARTON (Organist's Assistant) gained a merit at Grade 7 Violin, and NICHOLAS MULROY, whom many will remember as Head Chorister a few years ago, gained a distinction at Grade 8 Oboe.

IAIN JONES, who looks after the probationers, gained a Grade 7 Piano and a Grade 5 Cello; STEPHEN JEFFERY (Ex-Chorister) gained a Grade 5 Piano and a distinction in Grade 5 Theory.

Congratulations to all.

Following the report in the last issue of *Choral Whispers* that the advent of identical twins JAMES and ANTHONY HIGHAM as Choristers was a 'first' for the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir, the twins were given large-scale, full-colour treatment with their photograph on the front page of the Catholic Herald of 3rd March, and also in the Liverpool Echo.

## COMINGS & GOINGS

Six boys have been offered places in the Choir as probationers. They are: ANDREW DICKINSON, from St. Bartholomew's Primary School, Rainhill; EDWARD FEERY, from St. Anne's Primary School, Huyton; PHILIP JONES, from St. Paul's Primary School, West Derby; JAMES McTOAL, Holy Family Primary School, Cronton; and MICHAEL ROCK and ALEXANDER TRAVASKIS, both already pupils of St. Edward's College. Twenty boys from thirteen schools entered for the voice trials last March. Congratulations to this special six, and their families.

Two familiar faces have reappeared in the Choir, only this time in the ranks of the Gentlemen rather than the Choristers. MATTHEW WHITFIELD and MICHAEL TAYLOR, both recent Head Choristers, have re-joined as altos.

JAMIE CULSHAW has left the Choir as a treble, as his voice is breaking, but his cheerful grin is still to be seen in the regions of the Sacristy corridor, mainly in the Music Library, where he is acting as junior helper.

Farewells have been said to RYAN HERRITY, the deputy Head Chorister, as his voice has broken and he has recently left the Choir. The new Deputy Head Chorister is KEVIN HIGGOTT, who has our congratulations and best wishes.

## Forthcoming Musical Events

### A CELEBRATION OF ENGLAND

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 1996

Ley Hall

Music and Poetry illustrating various aspects of English life and culture including works by:

JEREMIAH CLARKE, SULLIVAN

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, BRITTEN

THE BEATLES

Stuart Shepherd *trumpet*

Paul Prayle *flute*

Elizabeth Fitzgerald *bassoon*

Alan Doddridge *piano*

Chamber Choir *directed by Terence Duffy*

Chamber Orchestra *conducted by John Moseley*

### THE ROYAL CONNECTION

MONDAY 25 MARCH 1996 at 7.15

Metropolitan Cathedral

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING CONCERT

CLARKE - *The Prince of Denmark's March*

PURCELL - *Fairest Isle* from 'King Arthur'

ARNE - *Rule Britannia*

RICHARD I - *Truly no captive*

attr HENRY VIII - *Greensleeves*

MENDELSSOHN - *I would that my love*

TRADITIONAL - *The fall of Paris*

ELGAR - *Land of Hope and Glory*

Stuart Shepherd *trumpet*

Junior School Choir *directed by Paul Booth*

School Orchestra and Choral Society

*conducted by John Moseley*

## Events & Challenges



# Duke of Advent

In September a group of Year 13 pupils took part in their Silver Assessed Expedition in the Lake District. They successfully passed this and a number have progressed to the next level of the award. The members of the group were: Graham Ion, Krystina Lithgow-Smith, Mark Ramsdale, Paul Prayle, Robert Pope and Michael Youds.

Members of the Bronze group have also been in action this term. They took part in a walk in the area surrounding

Rivington Pike, in Lancashire. They showed that in the few weeks that they had been attending weekly meetings they had acquired some of the basic mapwork skills that will be so vital in their expeditions later this, academic, year.

We have decided to offer direct entry to the Gold level of the scheme to Year 12 and 13 members this year and have a group of seventeen students taking part. They have been on their first training

## Help the Aged – Sponsored Workout

In November Mrs V. Gibson came to speak to Year Seven about the work of Help the Aged. On the following two Fridays, Year Seven along with some of their teachers enjoyed a sponsored workout in the school gym which raised over £800. Congratulations to all involved.

*R.A. Edwards*



# Edinburgh

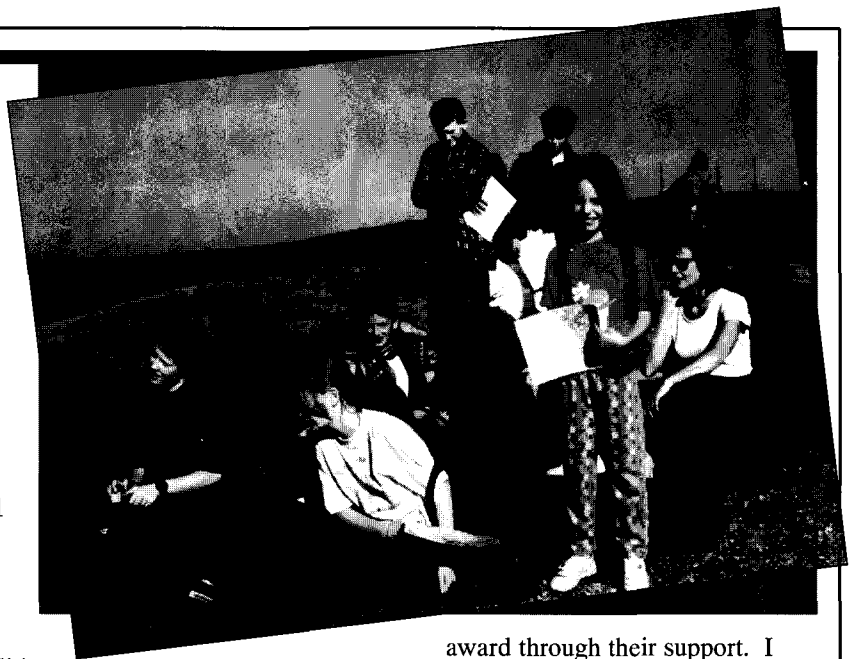
## Term 1995

weekend in Snowdonia were they were housed in an Alpine style bunkhouse. They undertook a variety of navigation training exercises that sought to hone their skills to the level demanded by the Gold Award. Our recent Gold Expeditions have received much praise from their assessors not only for their ability but also their positive attitude.

In December 'Classic Adventures', a firm specialising in overseas adventures, will be coming to give a presentation to

Years 11 and 12 with a view to running an expedition in the summer of 1997.

My thanks, as always, goes to those who assist with the scheme in whatever capacity, be it as trainers or assessors and to those parents who enable their sons and daughters to take part in the



award through their support. I would also like to thank the Parents' Association for the gift of £375 that will go towards buying expedition rucksacks.

*A. J. Treherne*

## Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust Lourdes Pilgrimage 1996

During Easter week of 1996 a group of Sixth Form pupils will be joining the HCPT's 25th anniversary pilgrimage to Lourdes. The group will be travelling as an 'associate' group and will be assigned duties by the Trust in the care of groups of mentally and physically handicapped children. Their role will be not only of a practical nature but they will befriend the children and allow them to have a once in a lifetime holiday.

As the pupils will be working during their holiday we felt it would be unfair to ask them to pay their own costs. With this in mind we have started our fund raising

activities with the second **St. Edward's Great Balloon Race**. The idea was that people were encouraged to sponsor a balloon for £1 and all the balloons were released on December 13. Liverpool Goalkeeper, David James was our special guest who released the balloons. Attached to each balloon was a card, which when found, should be posted back to the College by the finder. The balloon that travels the furthest by January 8 1996 wins a prize - simple really! We hope to raise over £1000 in this venture. The total we need is



something in the region of £5000 by March 1996. Various events will be taking place in the New Year. If anyone would like details of these, the HCPT group can be contacted, at the College. If any interested parties would like to help sponsor our trip then please contact Mr Patrick Duffy at the College.

It is hoped that Easter 1996 will see the first of many St. Edward's Pilgrimages to Lourdes as a part of HCPT.  
*Patrick G Duffy*

## Work Experience

The College is appealing to former pupils who can help

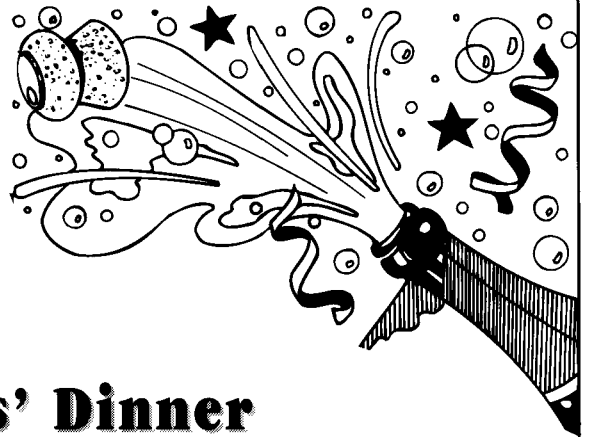
provide work experience placements for our Year 11 (5th Year) pupils for one week in June or July. If you can help we would be most grateful to hear from you.

Work experience is a valuable opportunity to gain an insight into the world of work but quality work placements in professional fields are very difficult to find. It would be of enormous help to

our Y11 pupils if parents with professional contacts would help us out in this regard.

Please contact Mr G Gordon at the College.

# Functions and Celebrations



## Trust Fund Dinner

The Trust Fund Dinner and Dance took place this year in the Gladstone Hotel on Friday 11th November. There was a good attendance and parents, teachers and guests enjoyed an excellent meal with live music afterwards. A raffle was organised for a number of lovely prizes which had been donated and this together with a short elimination bingo, brought in over £2000 for the fund. Sincere thanks to all those who helped to organise the event and to Brian McDonald who acted as M.C. on the night.

*F.N. Mars.*

## The Ladies' Luncheon

24th November 1995

This popular annual event was another 'sell out'. Over 200 ladies lunched at the Alex Young Suite at Everton Football Club and heard the Reverend Joyce Clarke speak about her journey to the Anglican Priesthood. Not the Vicar of Dibley but a curate in Prestbury, she inspired and delighted her audience. The event, organised by Mrs Lorraine Herrity and her committee is expected to raise about £2000 for the College.

## New Parents' Dinner

A New Parents' dinner was held in the newly built Dining Room for the parents of Year 7 and new Sixth Form pupils on Friday 29th September. It was a great success and tribute was paid to the prefects who served the meal.

## Old Edwardian's Dinner

The Old Edwardian's Dinner was held on the feast of St. Edward, Friday 13th October, in the Dining Hall. It was well attended and enjoyed by all, some of whom came to look around the school earlier in the afternoon.

### Edmund Rice

The founder of the Christian Brothers will be beatified by Pope John Paul in October, 1996 and the Provincial of the English Congregation of Christian Brothers will

be leading a party from England.

A four day pilgrimage is proposed and the cost of the trip will be between £350 and £400 with an option to extend the trip to seven days.

## Deep Down at the Globe

Lee Humphreys and Helen Doyle accompanied by Mr Don Crisp represented the College at the burial of time capsules containing memorabilia of the College on the site of the new Globe Theatre in London, built on the site of Shakespeare's original Globe. St Edward's raised £500 towards the building of the new Globe through its production of Macbeth last May.

## Lord Mayor Opens Dining Room

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Michael Black, returned to his alma mater to open the recently completed extension to the Dining Hall. He unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion and paid a visit to the Chapel to view the War Memorial Boards. Before having lunch with the Headmaster, senior members of staff and Head Boy and Head Girl Graham Ion and Clare Britton, the Lord Mayor spent time in the Junior School where he was shown round by Junior School Head Boy and Girl, Ryan Crimmins and Natalie Quinn.

## A successful week for speakers

Teams representing St Edward's in two important public speaking competitions enjoyed success on consecutive nights in November. On Wednesday, 22 November, a team drawn from Years 10 and 11 won their heat of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition for Schools, beating opposition which included Liverpool College and Belvedere School. The team consisting of Emma Bennett, Rachel Stalker and Matthew Taylor now appear in the Merseyside branch final on February 5 this year. Last year's team won this final, went on to win in the North-West regional final and appeared in the National final in London and we wish the current team the same success.

Then on the next evening, a Sixth Form debating team of Elizabeth Fitzgerald and Brendan Casey won their round of the ESU/Observer Mace Debating Competition, again defeating among others, Belvedere, Birkenhead School and St Anselm's. They now proceed to the next round and we wish them success, too.

# SPORTS NEWS

## Hockey Reports

### Under 12

The under 12 girls are committed to hockey and have shown remarkable signs of improvement. They are enjoying the astroturf and becoming skilful players. The girls are being helped enormously by two year ten girls, Nicola O'Donoghue and Emma Hinnigan who assist with training on a weekly basis as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Any matches arranged so far have been cancelled by the opposition which has been very frustrating for the girls, but their big day should be in January!!

Keep up the good work!

*V. Qurrey & C. Preston*

### Under 13

The under 13s are very enthusiastic and committed to their hockey.

They have had a very successful season so far, having won every match in both seven and eleven-a-side. The wins have been against West Kirby Grammar, Merchant Taylor's, St. Mary's College and Broughton Hall. Claire Conway, Colette Noble, and Catherine Monaghan have had a particularly good term.

*G. Atkins & S. Giles*

### Under 14

The Year 9 hockey team has won all its matches this season and will be attempting to retain the City Championships next term. There is a great deal of talent within the squad although at times the level of motivation is erratic. Mention must be made of Rachael Kiely, a captain who has led by example on and off the pitch, and of the enthusiastic performances of Janine Newnes, Rachel Lennon and Elizabeth Cashman.

Thanks to all the Year 9 squad for their involvement and support.

*K. Baldock*

### Under 15

The under 15s have maintained a high standard of hockey this season. They have

adapted to, and enjoy playing on the astroturf surface, which has helped their hockey skills develop. They have suffered only one defeat, a 1-0 loss to Merchant Taylor's, which, not insignificantly, has been their only match on grass. All their other matches have been won, with only one other goal being conceded in the process. As a result, Rebecca Atkins in goal, and Deanne Stretton, Janie McCarthy, and Jackie Tilley have been sound, if not over busy in defence. Captain Mandy Bryan, together with Vikki Newnes, Laura Hatton, Emma Hinnigan and Nicola O'Donoghue have formed an excellent midfield link, with Nina Farquharson and Lucy Blackhurst playing wide to supply crosses from which Lindsay Carroll has scored many of the goals. Louise Loughlin and Jill Connolly have also played a part in the team's success.

A good start to the season - long may it continue!!

*L. Hutchinson*

### Under 16

The under 16s have not had too successful a season so far, losing most matches played on astroturf, but there has been some success. The problem is a lack of astroturf fitness - we play too slow a game for the speed of the surface.

Despite this, the players have given their all and special mention must be made of

Michelle Witter who has done an excellent job in all of the positions she has played this season.

Concentrating on fitness level after Christmas should hopefully improve the results so that the second half of the season is more successful than the first.

In representative trials Sandra Duncan and Claire Rose were both selected for Liverpool, and Claire went on to be selected for Merseyside. Congratulations to both players.

*K. Wilson*

### Visit of Genazzano F.C.J. College

In September 1995, touring side Genazzano F.C.J. College from Melbourne, Australia visited Great Britain. They played several of the large independent girls' schools in the South of England and called at St. Edward's en route to Ireland. When they arrived in Liverpool they had beaten all their opposition on tour to date and appeared confident of extending their winning run. However, a combined Under 15 and Under 16 team were determined to thwart them. Some excellent hockey and goals from Sally Carney and Susan Johnson resulted in a 2-1 win for St. Edward's.

Congratulations to all squad members for an excellent victory.

*L. Hutchinson & K. Wilson*



# SPORT NEWS

## Netball Reports

### Under 12

The under 12 girls are extremely enthusiastic and have worked well in all training sessions. They have already learnt the importance of teamwork and fair play.

They have only had one match which was against St. Mary's. Unfortunately the A-team lost 11-3 and the B-team lost 4-3. However with continued effort they will gain success.

Thanks to Vikki Newnes and Lindsay Carroll who have been helping coach the under 12s this year.

*G. Atkins*

### Under 13

Realising they needed to spend a substantial amount of time improving and developing their basic skills, the Under 13 netball team adopted a 'back to basics' approach. As a result they have made a successful start to the season.

Although they lost their first three games (all very narrowly!), they have since begun to win. The lack of goals scored by opposing teams demonstrates the strength the team has in defence. If they are able to develop their attacking skills, namely passing the ball to a member of their own team, they should enjoy more success in the future.

*C. Fell*

### Under 14

The under 14 netball team have won all their matches so far this year. At the National Schools Tournament at Wirral Grammar in November, the team got off to a slow start but eventually began to play some excellent netball. They were winners of their group and were eventually defeated 8-5 by Wirral Grammar themselves. An excellent effort - well done.

The squad comprises Rachael Kiely, Janine Newnes, Louise Bromley, Emma Wilcox, Jennie O'Brien, Julie Makin, Rachel Lennon, Elizabeth Cashman and Sarah McKay.

*J. Howard*

### Under 15

The under 15s have continued to play good netball. They are progressing well both technically and tactically, and have been rewarded for their hard work with some good results. The quality of opposition has been increased this season, but the team have still won their matches. Particularly pleasing results have been against Birkenhead High School and Upton Hall Convent, both girls' schools with excellent netball reputations. Captain Vikki Newnes has played in a variety of positions this season, as has Nicola O'Donoghue. Backed up by Eve Leather and Nina Farquharherson, Michelle

Frost and Lindsay Carroll have been in excellent shooting form, whilst Mandy Bryan and Emma Hinningan have continued to defend with determination.

Congratulations to all players for a good start to the season.

*L. Hutchinson*

### Under 16

The under 16s have maintained a high standard of netball this season. They have been unfortunate in some of their results, being defeated by the odd goal at Upton Hall Convent and at Birkenhead High School, after playing extremely well. They gave an excellent account of themselves at the recent National Schools Tournament where a combination of heavy rain and consequently curly hair did not help their cause!!

Captain Denise Short has continued to play at a high level, as has Leanne Lloyd. Judith Turner has been consistent in her shooting with Leanne Murphy and Sally Carney supporting the attack well. Lorraine Frost, Kim Ware and Leanne Olsen have defended well, all in all adding up to a competent team.

Congratulations to all players for a good start to the season.

*L. Hutchinson*

## Cross Country



The opening weeks of the season have already produced their share of ups and downs for the Cross Country Club - our Seniors look like being our most successful team for many years, while all four of our teams in the TSB Cup were eliminated in the first round.

The first girls' Merseyside League fixture at Calderstones Park saw teams below full strength not doing themselves justice. Both Junior and Inter girls' teams finished outside the top three in the TSB Cup. More encouraging were the performances in the Liverpool Harriers meeting in Wavertree, with the U12s 6th and the U14s 4th.

Maria Barrett, Rachel Kelly, Joanne Jackson, Ellen Jones, Victoria Bridger and Helen Gough show promise for the U12s, while Collette Noble, Kathryn Hogg and Melissa Newnes have been our most successful U13s.

The U12s boys teams has a nucleus of keen runners in Chris Penketh, John Daley, Robert Kelly and Alex Florensa. They finished a respectable 6th in the opening Merseyside league fixture at Clarke Gardens and were 5th in the Liverpool Harriers meeting.

The U13s finished 5th in the opening League fixture and 4th in the Wirral A.C. meeting. Stephen O'Donoghue has been first counter in every race so far. The other members of the team need to get closer to him for them to enjoy greater success - the team could only finish 6th in the first round of the TSB Cup.

Michael Bate and Alan Walsh have produced some very good performances for the U14s - they finished 2nd and 7th respectively in the league Race, where the team finished a very respectable 3rd.

A combined U15/U14 team finished 4th in the

Wirral A.C. Cup race at Arrowe Park, 5th in the Liverpool Harriers meeting and 6th in the TSB Cup. Francis Brooks has been hampered by injury so far, but there has been some determined running from Michael Dudley, James Prendergast and Michael Hogg.

The U16s began the season well, finishing 2nd in the League fixture. A depleted team still finished a respectable 10th in the Marple Hall Relay meeting. Peter Walsh, Simon Fraser, Matthew Gilmore, Chris Ventre and Kevin Renton have all produced some excellent performances.

Our Senior boys team won the opening league Race and were a very good 3rd in the Relay at Marple Hall before the end of September. A combined Senior/U16 team were then victorious in two Cup races - at the Wirral A.C. and Liverpool H. meetings - our last win in these two events was in 1985. Peter Silcock has proved an inspirational captain, with Robert Pope also producing some excellent performances. Bryan Renton, Neil Blackhurst and Stephen Cranny have provided good support.

*J F Miles*



# SPORT NEWS

## Rugby Reports

### Back to the Beginning



Pre-season training in August had an especially fine focus at the end of that month with the mouth-watering prospect of a visit to Rugby School, courtesy of Mr Waszek, Headmaster of the College. The Senior Squad had three days training at Rugby School with full access to all the facilities - including an excellent swimming pool with its own 'Baywatch-type' lifeguards.

For more traditionally minded people like myself and Paul Carter there was the privilege of being the first to use 'the Close', Webb Ellis' famous run for glory, ball in hand, in the new professional era. St. Edward's College players were given 10p each that day, but of course their attitudes are in any case professional. There was the opportunity to spend time at the Rugby School Museum, 'an historian's dream' since a British Prime Minister and a French Prime Minister were (INCROYABLE!) former pupils of Rugby School. A two hour guided tour took us in to the nooks and crannies of the school; everyone was impressed. The Chapel, the classrooms, the courtyards were places Hardy-esque in quality - one could sense the people, the boys, the masters who had lived out their lives in such an environment. Later a visit to the town, and in particular the Gilbert Museum of rugby football, provoked a spending spree. I could not resist the opportunity to purchase balls destined for the Latvian Rugby Federation.

All in all one could not but feel part of something special in those three days. Special because of the renewed commitment and determination of St. Edward's rugby players. But also special in the sense of being part of the rugby fraternity entering a new and exciting phase.

*J. G. Campbell*

### U15s

Having inherited a small yet extremely enthusiastic squad of players back in September, I would confess to having had mixed-feelings regarding the prospects for the U15 rugby team. However, my fears were allayed following the

opening game against a very talented Manchester Grammar School side. Despite suffering a defeat at the hands of this older and considerably larger team, the St. Edward's players showed tremendous spirit and commitment, which led me to believe things boded well for the rest of the season.

Indeed there has been a marked improvement both individually and collectively over the course of this term. We have been helped along the way by the likes of Peter Buckton, the Waterloo captain and Merseyside Youth development Officer, but the success and development of the players is ultimately attributable to their own enthusiasm and dedication to training.

There have been a number of very pleasing results, including the reversal of several of last year's defeats and a number of outstanding individual performances. However, it would be wrong of me to single out anyone in particular as the strength of the players is now undoubtedly their ability to play as a team.

I confidently predict further success for the U15 rugby squad this season, our first goal being to go undefeated this half term. Our record as the time of going to print is as follows: played 10, won 6, lost 4.

*Stuart Beeley*

### U13s

The U13s suffered from a slow start to the season. Losing fly-half Peter Daintith left a difficult gap to fill. Mark Grimes was moved out from the pack to centre. This strengthened the backs - his individual effort against Lytham came close to stealing a win - but the forwards took a few games to find their feet. They did so to good effect against St. Bede's, who were comfortably beaten. The team improved still further at Lancaster. Lancaster's outstanding backs won the game but St. Edward's spent most of the second half in their opponents' 22, Chris Snape performing superbly in the lineout. The St. Anselm's game was disappointingly lost in the first quarter. St. Edward's scored four tries in the second half, Simon Tabb taking his tally to six for the season. Peter Murray has captained well, Mark Callan has exerted an ever increasing influence in the pack and Oliver Cashman and Adam Newberry are developing into a determined half-back pairing. These factors combined to good effect against Caldby whom Mark Grimes, forced back to flanker through injuries, scored twice to achieve notable victory.

*S R Wilkinson*

### 1st XV Squad

Injury disruptions have prevented a coherent start to the season. In August prospective hooker (and hard tackler) Leon Cloherty sustained a back injury. His replacement Mike Passey, too, sustained ligament/tenon damage. His replacement Simon Leong was also injured. The photograph is testimony of Jamie McQuade's 1st XV experience as 4th choice hooker!



Only three members of the pack, Colin Campbell, Graham Ion and James Cashman have played every game for every minute without sustaining significant injury (nice one lads!) In the backs only Simon Worsley has the same distinction. The list of injuries is long and disheartening. Even so, to date there have been 4 wins and 4 losses. Spectacular wins against Liverpool College and King Edward's, Lytham, have to be put against disappointing losses to clearly inferior sides - Rydal and St. Anselm's. St. Bede's and Birkenhead were beaten in a fairly routine manner and we ran Manchester GS and Lancaster GS close in honourable fashion.

The key strike points are Anthony Evans, captain at full back and Oke Apogheneta in the wing. Defensively the centres are Spencer Williamson and Paul Stanley superb but perhaps lacking in that subtle of attack that made Mike Gibson so admired in his play for Ireland. Dominic Carter is the Shane Cooper of the backline with lots more to come from Simon Worsley at scrum half. Carl Mba, Ian Jones and Peter Stephenson have shared, as Lower Sixth should, the role of "the other winger" with lots of heart.

Graham Ion's fitness is a model for the other forwards. We rely on the Blackwells, Tom and Ben, for line out possession and aggressive, inspiring runs. But who can doubt the quality of Mike Passey and Adam Cloherty in the back row, the intelligence and co-ordination of Cashman or the contact control of Campbell? Simon Leong, pleasingly, has shown fitness and strong tackling. Fitzsimon enjoys tackling but that's Widnes - always perfectionists.

Once more this season I am convinced that our rugby players are becoming more civilised. Other staff have convinced me that this is (1066 and all that!) 'a good thing'

*J. G. C.*

# SPORTS NEWS

## *Pupil Julie Scoops BBC Radio Honour*

The efforts of 15 year student Julie Hyman so impressed judges of a BBC radio competition that they won her a trophy and £250 for her club, Liverpool Harriers.

Julie, who lives in Widnes

and attends St. Edward's College, Liverpool, was judged BBC/GMR and BNFL Sports Achiever of the Year.

She is the European Catholic International Student Games high jump champion, but her commitment to team competition, representing her school in a host of sports, gave her the edge.

## *Life Saving*

Congratulations to Susan Johnson and Niheel Shah on achieving top marks in their Bronze Medallion Life Saving exam. Each pupil received a framed certificate from the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society to mark their achievement.

Michael Ellis also received a merit award for an excellent performance in the same exam.

S.R. Morgan

## *Athletics*

*Liverpool City Athletic Championships Boys Winners*  
Back Row M. Tattersall, M. McGeough, E. O'Shaugressy, Ian O'Brian, Peter Walsh, Mr. Morgan.  
Front Row A.D. Scala, T. Blackwell, S. Fraser, A. Kimmar, S. Riley



Last summer, two St. Edward's pupils represented Great Britain in the European Catholic Schools Games in Budapest, Hungary. Julie Hyman won the U17 high jump, with a height of 1.70m, Simon Fraser finished second in the U17 800m. Both athletes represent Liverpool Harriers and both are ranked nationally in the top three in their age group. An excellent achievement!

In the city individual championships there were a number of champions from St. Edward's in Years 7 to 10. Michael Tattersall, Martin McGeough, Edward O'Shaughnessy, Ian O'Brien, Peter Walsh, Anthony Di Scala, Tom Blackwell, Simon Fraser,

Aman Keimar and Simon Riley were all winners in the boys championships.

Julie Hyman, Lucy Blackhurst, Susan Johnson, Leanne Lloyd and Michelle Flynn gained first places in the City Girls Athletic Championships.

Our athletes also participated in the North West Independent Schools Girls Athletic Championships with a good deal of success Rachel Kiely, Louise Bromley, Jane Newberry, Julie Makin, Sara Burns

and Rachel Eades were all winners.

In team competition, one U15 boys team progressed to the North West Final of the TSB English Schools Cup. The team finished 3rd in this competition and missed out by 7 points on qualification to the National Final, for the top 12 teams in the country.

Congratulations to all those athletes who participated for the school last term. I look forward to seeing your efforts next summer.

S.R. Marya

## *Boys Swimming*

In June, a number of the boys and girls swimming teams took part in the North West Finals of the English Schools Team Championships at Ormskirk. The U13 boys team comprising Philip Thompson, Michael Roberts, Terence McLoughlin, Simon Riley and Paul Sweeney performed very well in the medley relay. Their time placed them 13th in the country, just one place away from appearing in the National Final. Well done.

Philip Thompson recently took part in the English Schools' Individual Championships and placed a very creditable 6th in the 100m breast stroke final.

In friendly matches, the boys squad won all their

matches with the Year 8 and 10 teams doing particularly well in races. Chima Ojukwu, Ben Ambrose, Kevin Davies, Dennis Reid, Philip Thompson, Michael Roberts, Daniel Melia and Terence McLoughlin all performed to a very high standard.

To date, this term, the boys have won 3 of their 4 matches. A weakened squad were beaten by a strong Bulecoat squad in a well contested gala.

All swimmers should look forward to the English Schools Championships in June and be prepared to train hard.