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## ST. EDWARD'S GETS GRANT MAINTAINED STATUS

As from 1st September 1997, St. Edward's College will cease to be an independent school and will become grant maintained. This is only the senior school and not Runnymede which will remain a Christian Brothers' school. So what will this change mean?

It means that the College is entering the state system of education, but will not be funded by the local authority, but directly by the Department for Education and Environment (DfEE). Although subject to national criteria it still remains the local governors' responsibility to ensure the running of the school in accordance with its established character and ethos.

Admission will not be by examination but by reference to an established set of criteria, and without reference to parental income. It is important that access to the education and ethos of St. Edward's should not be restricted to children of affluent parents. This is fundamental to the identity of the College and may

be seen as a fulfilment of the mission of Monsignor James Nugent who founded the original Catholic Institute, the forerunner of St. Edward's, and Blesses Edmund Rice, whose vision of Catholic education for all was praised by the Holy Father at his beatification ceremony in Rome last year.

The change in status will draw us closer into our local education community and the Archdiocese. It makes sense that as the Christian Brothers are withdrawing, we should seek to further these links.

We are a community of governors, staff, parents and pupils, each playing their part in realising the vision for the future. Inevitably, there will be changes, reorganisation, and challenges but these will be positive steps to maintain the standards and identity of the College in accordance with present day requirements so as to realise the vision of Edmund Rice and James Nugent which will be achieved by each person in our community playing their part.

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*Michael Byrne  
Chairman of Governors.*

# Staff Welcomes

## Miss Rachel Fox

joined St. Edward's in September 1996 having taught History and Politics for five years in Bath and London. Miss Fox holds a BA (Hons) in Modern History from Somerville College, Oxford and will be taking over the role of Head of Year 8 from September. She is currently studying for a PGCE with the Open University. Her interests include contemporary fiction, travel and ballet.



## Mr John Tedford

joined the staff of St Edward's in September as Head of Middle School. His formative years were spent mainly in South America but he returned to the UK to read Geography at Liverpool University. His first teaching post at Dundee High School was followed by a move south of the border in order to gain experience of the English education system. Prior to taking up his present post, Mr Tedford was Head of Geography at the Grange School in Cheshire. He is married and has one daughter, Amanda, aged eight.



## Mr Frank Loveder

was appointed in January 1997 to the post of Deputy Head, following the retirement last July of Mr Tony Edwards.



Mr Loveder was educated at Wimbledon College and Christ's College Cambridge where he studied Natural Science Tripos. After completing a PGCE at Cambridge he worked for 14 years at Dulwich College, in South London where he taught Chemistry. He was appointed in 1988 as Head of Chemistry at the King's School, Worcester.

Mr Loveder's interests include outdoor pursuits and diving. He has led parties to many European destinations and has taken part in three expeditions to the Himalayas.

## Mme Christel Valet

started her teaching career at St. Edward's last September. Mme Valet is a native of Paris who attended the University Paris 8 (St. Denis) where she studied English and American Literature and obtained her first degree in 1993. She became a French assistant in Liverpool and although it took her months to understand the accent she found the city so friendly that she decided she wanted to teach here. She gained her PGCE in June 1996 and has become St Edward's brightest French asset!



## Mr Mervyn Cousins

was appointed Director of the Cathedral Music in February this year and reports that he is enjoying his job immensely. Mr Cousins read Music at The Royal Holloway College in London where he held the College Organ Scholarship. In 1987 he was appointed as Assistant Director of Music at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Suffolk and became Director of Music in 1993. The Bury St Edmunds choir recorded 3 CDs and appeared on television seven times under his direction.

## Ms Stephanie Maguire

has been at St. Edward's for almost a year, working primarily for Mrs Young the Deputy Head. Before that, she worked for the Regional Director of the Housing Corporation in Merseyside and as a Personnel Officer - both extremely busy roles.



However, contrary to the popular opinion of a School Secretary - working at St. Edward's is just as demanding and thoroughly enjoyable!! She has a small daughter who takes up most of her spare time and is currently busy decorating her new home.

## Mr Dominic Mackenzie

also joined the full time teaching staff at St. Edward's in September. He attended Manchester University and gained a degree in Government and Social Policy in 1995. He has previously worked at Downside School where he coached rugby and in 1996 travelled to New Zealand where he taught at Kelston Boys High School in West Auckland. Mr Mackenzie is currently a Year 8 form teacher and is responsible for Year 8 rugby and cricket teams.



## Mrs Nicola Mackenzie

joined the staff at St Edward's to teach Mathematics in September 1996. Mrs Mackenzie is no stranger to St Edward's, having benefited from the Sixth Form experience as a pupil (1986 - 1988). Mrs Mackenzie is a graduate of Sheffield University and is following in the family tradition of teaching - her father is Mr Gerard Haimes. She qualified as a teacher of Mathematics in 1994 at Edge Hill College and taught for two years at Archbishop Beck High School before joining the staff of St. Edward's.



# Welcome New Additions to SEC Governing Body

## Lord David Alton

was formerly the Liberal Democrat MP for Mossley Hill and has had a 25 year political career, 18 of which have been spent in Parliament. His roots however are in education. Lord Alton initially trained and worked in Special Education before being elected in the 1979 General Election as Liberal member for Edge Hill and the youngest MP. He has also served as elected member for Liverpool City Council, Merseyside County Council and Liverpool Education Committee. He has held a number of party posts which reflect his interests in Home Affairs, Northern Ireland, Overseas Aid and the environment. He was Liberal Chief Whip and parliamentary aide to David Steel. In 1987 he introduced The Abortion Bill to limit late abortions, which received the highest second reading vote of any Private Members Bill. He has also founded the Movement for Christian Democracy, a national All Party, Non-Denominational Group to promote Judaeo-Christian values in British politics. Lord Alton is married with three children. He has a wide variety of interests, enjoys gardening, writing and reading and is currently restoring an 1837 property in Liverpool. He has travelled extensively on lecture tours to the USA, Russia and Europe.



## Ms Hilary Rowland

is currently Chief Executive of the Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust. She was previously Chief Executive of the North Mersey Community Trust and has worked with Mersey Regional Health Authority and as a Social Worker with Liverpool Social Services. Ms Rowland graduated in Biochemistry and Genetics and subsequently obtained an MA in Social Work. She has travelled quite extensively and is the mother of Tom, aged eight.



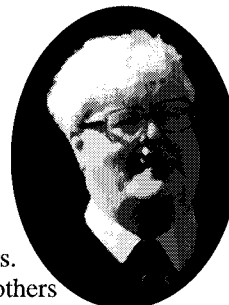
## Eileen Quinn BA

FCA is a graduate of Manchester University who, with long experience in chartered accountancy started her own Business Consultancy in 1994. In addition to lecturing she acts as an account/adviser with a particular specialism in legal practices. In 1995 she was elected as a main committee member of the local Society of Chartered Accountants and in 1997 takes office as President of the Liverpool Students Association. She is also a member of the Finance Committee of Childwall Golf Club. In 1996 she was admitted as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. She is proud of the fact that her children are fourth generation Edwardians and that her uncle, John Loftus retired from the school in 1995 after forty years as pupil and teacher.



## Brother Joseph O'Sullivan

is currently a member of the Province Leadership Team of the English Province of Christian Brothers. He joined the Brothers from St Mary's College Crosby in 1945. In a lengthy teaching career which started with his graduation from Bristol University with a BA in Geography, he has held posts in a number of schools around the UK and been Headmaster at St. Joseph's College, Ledsham and Gibraltar Grammar School.

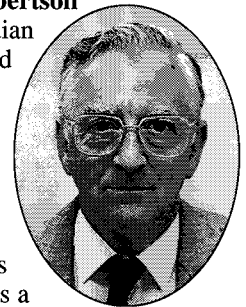


**Father Peter Hannah** was a pupil at St. Edward's in the 1960's, leaving to study for a degree in Nutrition at London University. He qualified as a teacher at Liverpool Notre Dame, Mount Pleasant and worked in a comprehensive school in Skelmersdale for five years before studying for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1985 and first served as an assistant priest in Sacred Heart Parish, Wigan. For the last eight years he has been Chaplain at

Liverpool Hope University College and has supplied a priestly ministry within SEC from time to time. He now welcomes the opportunity as a Governor to serve the College community as a small way of repaying the debt of gratitude for all that the College has given him since his days as a pupil.

## Dr Anthony Gilbertson

is an Old Edwardian who first qualified in Medicine at Liverpool University Medical School. He trained as an anaesthetics specialist after his first three years as a doctor and completed his training in the RAF after being called up. He became a consultant in anaesthesia, director of the Intensive Care Unit firstly at Sefton General and then the Royal Liverpool Hospital and is currently a clinical teacher at the University. He is a member of the Council of the Royal Society of Medicine in London, Chairman of the Medical Research Ethical Committee in Liverpool and trustee of the Trust Fund. Sadly his wife and one of his children have died but he has four grown up off-spring who treat him very badly, dragging him along vertiginous cliff paths and up mountains.



## Paul Falconer

is also an Old Edwardian (1971 - 1978) and former captain of the first XV rugby. He graduated from Sheffield University School of Architecture in 1984 and entered private practice in Liverpool. He is currently partner in a national architectural practice active throughout the UK, particularly in the field of Urban Regeneration. Paul, 36, is married with three children to Liz. Two children currently attend SEC Junior School. Paul is Trustee of the Jonathan Falconer Charitable Trust.



# Staff Farewells

September will see a very different RE Department with the departure last Christmas of **Mrs Mary Foster** and this summer of **Mr Patrick Duffy**. Mary moved closer to home taking up a post at Upton Convent School on the Wirral and from next September will be back on familiar territory as Head of Y9. Her professionalism and support are Upton's gain. We wish her well after a good stint at St. Edward's where she established EPR, was one of the first Heads of Year and gave valuable time to the RE Department.

September will also see Mr Duffy in new surroundings – Liverpool College where he will be organising RE. It will end a long association with St. Edward's which began when he was a pupil. His appointment in 1991 to the RE Department saw him switching roles from pupil to teacher though his interests in rugby and athletics and the technical side of drama have remained. His enthusiasm for the Bible and especially the Dead Sea Scrolls will no doubt continue at Liverpool College. We'll miss his tidy desk and mobile phone too! Good luck and thanks to Patrick and Mary!

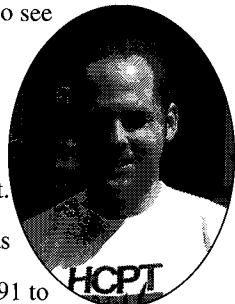
**M.W. Brooks.**

**Mr Richard Young** left St Edward's at Easter '97 to take up a new post in Bradford. He started at St Edward's in 1989 and quickly established the Business Studies Department. His teaching was always thorough, well organised and stimulating and his pupils and colleagues will remember him for his thoughtfulness and conscientiousness. He also made a full contribution to SEC's sporting successes, taking rugby and cricket teams throughout his career at the College. His commitment and generosity of personal time will not be forgotten. His quiet and considerate approach will be missed, but we wish him every success in his new life at Bradford.

**D. Edwards.**

**Mr Ged Haines** became number two in the Physics Department in 1986 after spending many years at De La Salle before becoming head of department in 1993. The seamless transitions overseen by Mr Haines occurred with the minimum of fuss and maximum efficiency, with his many hours of behind-the-scenes hard work not lost on the rest of us.

We take this opportunity to thank him for his guidance, technical excellence and ever present good humour. We wish



him and his wife, Vivienne every good wish and happiness for a long and happy retirement. No doubt he will enjoy Saturday morning lie-ins, now that he will no longer need to prise Y9 pupils out of the woodwork to wade, knee-deep through mud baths. He can give leisurely thought instead to another thrashing of JTMcC on the green baize! Thanks, Ged.

**J. M. McMullen**

**Miss Katherine Baldock** joined the English Department in 1994 and quickly proved a tremendous asset, not only as a gifted and committed class teacher at all levels but in a wide range of extra curricular activities. The respect and affection which all her pupils have held her in speaks for itself, but she will be equally missed for her involvement in: Senior Drama, co-directing four major plays in three years, Public Speaking and Debating, where she had no small part in the tremendous success both locally and nationally which the College has enjoyed; a wide range of sports' activities, including girls' hockey and rounders, and boys' cricket and organising a wide range of theatre visits. Her absolute commitment to the College, her colleagues and her pupils has been outstanding. We shall miss her sorely, but wish her every success in her new post and all her future career.

**D. Crisp**

We also say goodbye to **Mr Paul Stanley**, our one year gap student, who achieved A Level success in 1996 and deferred a place to read Law at Sheffield University in order to gain some experience in the world of work. In the twelve months since Paul has been a member of staff instead of a pupil, he has proved himself to be an efficient member of the administration team as well as being an invaluable asset to the coaching of rugby in lower school. He has been a friendly and helpful presence to staff, pupils and visitors. His sunshine sense of fashion and his sunshine smile will be missed but he takes our good wishes with him as he starts leisurely life as a student.

**M. Nolan**

**Steven Wilkinson** was welcomed as a full time member of staff in 1991, having previously attended St Edward's as a pupil, going on to study French and Italian at Leeds University and to take a part time PGCE at Keele University. His thorough and cheerful approach to various rugby and cricket



teams will be sorely missed, not to mention his enthusiastic organisation of several Lower School French trips and Exchange visits as well as his work as Eucharistic Minister at daily services in the chapel. He is moving to Pennsylvania with his wife, Marilyn and baby, Abigail and all at SEC wish them well for their future.

**Mr John Gresty** joined the staff of St. Edward's in 1969, an excellent classicist with Latin and Greek, at a time when all pupils in years 8 and 9 studied Latin and about half in years 10 and 11 as well as a number doing A' level. I was privileged to work with him and share his expertise and enthusiasm for his subject which is to this day undiminished. In sports he has always played an active role being involved in rugby where he has coached and refereed at all levels for many years, renowned for his demanding high standards of sportsmanship and safety in the game. More recently he has helped with swimming and life-saving. He has competed in the Edmund Rice run since its inception and usually finished ahead of all the staff entrants.

He is also a fine guitarist, equally at home with classical Spanish, folk, popular and liturgical music. John has given a great deal to St. Edward's over his 27 years here and will best be remembered for his kindness and friendliness and his willingness to help anyone at any time. We wish him well in the future and extend our best wishes to Kath, his wife and their children Jenny, James and Stephen.

**F. N. Mars**

History was made in September 1993 when a new member of staff moved into one of the Deputy Heads' offices. Why? because this was the first woman Deputy Head of St. Edward's. **Mrs Pat Young** came to the College from her previous post at Sacred Heart High School, Crosby, just one year after the appointment of the first non-Christian Brother Headmaster, John Waszek. Together they have become a formidable management partnership. Pat has been a singularly fine role model for the girls: always smartly dressed, efficient, yet with time to spare for pupils and staff alike with a problem to share. Her laughter was often heard as she lightened over-serious discussion. Mrs Young has been a member of the English Department and responsible for the curriculum. Timetabling and academic matters have been put on a much more professional basis and Head of Departments' meetings have been chaired in a business-like way. The St. Edwards' community will greatly miss Pat but is proud that she will be making history again as the first non-religious Headmistress of Upton Hall Convent School, Birkenhead. She takes with her our love and good wishes.



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# EVENTS & CHALLENGES



Peter Lyon, Isobel Wood, Megan Agnew,  
Philip Anderson, Holly Roberts,  
Andrea Walsh, Ryan Crimmins

"Je pointe ou je tire!"

## *Le Club Français*

In the French Club, we do many varied activities. These include Boules, Scrabble and others such as crosswords and miming games. We have also written a small magazine called 'La baguette fraiche' - copies available if you ask Miss Valet. This was very successful.

At the end of each half term, we watch a french video which summarises what we have learned. I find this very useful for revision purposes.

The French Club for me has gone over most of the work that I had forgotten from Years Seven and Eight. It is surprising what you forget over two years. For others it is useful because it goes over recent work that they are doing.

The French Club is very much enjoyed by all who attend.

Bravo les jeunes!

Peter Lyon 9S

## 1997 GCSE DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY COURSEWORK

*"Examples of exceptionally high quality work"*

That was the comment of the MEG moderator who recently marked a sample of this year's coursework. Several candidates attained A\* grades. Michael Dudley was awarded full marks (105/105) for his device which aids the opening of medicine bottles by arthritic people. Mark Simpson's electronic cycle alarm attained 95, Stuart Carter's rugby ball storage device, 93 and Philip Williams' apparent wind indicator for sailing dinghies, 97. Well done to all candidates, let's hope the exam results allow you to achieve the grade you want.

## C.E.P. REPORT (YEAR 12)

It was with some trepidation that we commenced the Curriculum Enrichment Programme, a new venture for us in partnership with Liverpool University designed to develop breadth and transferable skills such as team working, problem solving and communication into post 16 study.

However as the groups evolved and the weeks progressed, the teams, each guided by a staff facilitator, undertook their chosen projects with drive and enthusiasm. Research, discussion, writing and word processing IT skills resulted in a series of well designed reports on topics such as diverse of fashion, school uniform, teenage magazines and the world of drugs and music.

K. McNeece. Y12

## The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

This year has seen some notable achievements in national mathematics competitions. Pride of place must go to Chris Collins in Year 12 who was a prizewinner in Round 1 of the British Mathematical Olympiad. The top 100 in this competition qualified for Round 2 and Chris was placed 35th in this, narrowly missing selection for the training camp to pick the U.K. team to compete in the International Olympiad to be held in Argentina later this year. Damian Murphy had the highest score in the Senior Mathematical Challenge and gold certificates were also won by Chris Collins, Lee Farrington and Peter Cowell. Stephen Farrington and Chris Humphreys also performed with credit in Round 1 of the British Mathematical Olympiad.

The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge produced a bumper harvest of certificate winners with 17 candidates awarded gold certificates as follows. In Year 11 Michael Dudley, Philip O'Neill, Dennis Reid, Andrew Robinson, Mark Simpson, Joseph Godfrey, Nina Farquharson, Brian Noon and Neil Stanley. In Year 10 Francis Nelson, Nicholas Daley, Alexandra Smith, Victoria Peters and Andrew Power. In Year 9 Ritwik Kejriwal and Paul Lannigan were awarded gold certificates which won them an invitation, along with Vicki Maguire, to compete in the European Kangaroo. Ritwik was placed 130th in the country with Paul coming in the first 250-excellent achievements. Michael Dudley was presented with

W.H.Smith's tokens. This represents a tremendous achievement for a Year 11 pupil competing against A-Level candidates. Francis Nelson and Ritwik Kejriwal have been invited to compete in the International Intermediate Invitational Mathematics Challenge to take place shortly.

J.T.McCarthy

## World Issues Group (W.I.G.)

The World Issues Group is a small group of people that meet Monday lunchtimes at 1.30 in the R.E. Room. The group look at certain topics where justice is being ignored and so are peoples rights. The group was started in September and has so far covered two major topics in great detail and also a few other smaller issues. The group wrote letters to British Aerospace and to 'Seeds of Hope' to gather information on the killings that took place in East Timor using British Aeroplanes.

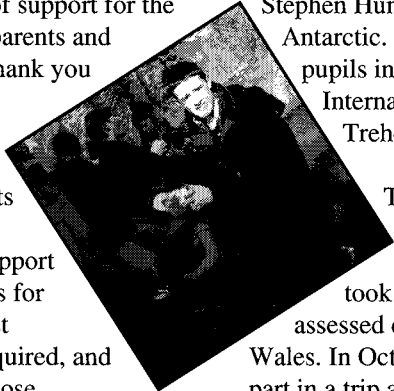
The group looked at the plight of Baby Milk Action against 'Nestlé'. They wrote to us telling about how Nestlé provided free powdered milk to mothers with new born babies in poor developing countries. This may seem kind on the surface but it was just a cruel scheme to make money. The free milk was only available for the first few months after the baby was born, afterwards the mothers had to pay for the milk as the baby is reliant on the powdered milk and cannot be breast fed by the mother. The world issues group aims to find out if an injustice is being done and do everything to correct it. If you are interested why don't you come along?

# Duke of Edinburgh



## Trinity Term 1997

This year has continued to see a tremendous degree of support for the award from pupils, parents and staff alike. A great thank you to pupils who have shown commitment and enthusiasm for the award, the parents who have acted as chauffeurs, moral support and financial backers for the array of specialist equipment that is required, and the staff, without whose voluntary input the award would not be able to run.



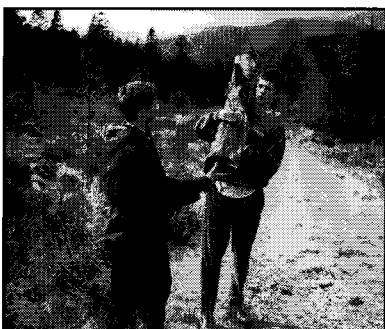
The Climbing Club lunchtime sessions were, this year, supplemented by a trip to Cliff's Barn. The photographs show a few of the climbers and staff involved. We hope to run a number of trips to local crags during the Trinity Term that will allow the climbers to test themselves in a variety of climbing situations.

The Canoeing Club that uses the school pool has a number of paddlers who will, hopefully, be taking their British Canoe Union "Star Test" in the near future. The scope of the Canoe Club is due to be extended if the embryonic plan to purchase some Canadian canoes comes into fruition. This will enable adventurous explorations to be made that will involve canoeing and trekking.



This year we have run two Red First Aid Courses and some twenty five pupils have passed an examination at the end of the course. Many thanks to Margaret & Les for their instruction and for Ms V Poole who organises the courses in the North West.

My thanks go to Amy Manthorpe from Raleigh International who came to talk to Year 13 pupils in November. A number



of pupils, hopefully, will follow in the footsteps of former pupils such as Stephen Hunt who went to the Antarctic. Any other Sixth Form pupils interested in 'Raleigh International' should see Mr Treherne.

There have been a number of trips this year. In September Y11 & 12 took part in their Bronze assessed expedition in North Wales. In October the Y10 group took part in a trip at Rivington Pike and in November the Gold group; Sandra Duncan, Susan Johnson, Patricia Minogue, Kelly Gallagher, Matthew Gilmore, Anthony Wright, Nikeel Shah, Dominic Buckley and Simon Fraser spent a cold weekend in a 'barn' on Anglezarke moor.

In 1997 a Bronze Trip went to North Wales. The aforementioned Gold group stayed at the Brother's retreat centre in Capel Curig in March and took part in a testing weekend of micro-navigation, night orienteering, problem solving and group work activities. An example of the 'rope course' can be seen in the enclosed photographs. A special mention goes to these brave (or foolhardy) souls who 'bivvied' out on Saturday night and also to Sandra Duncan who had to go straight from the trip to take a dancing exam (which she passed).

During the Easter holiday several pupils and staff braved the waters of the River Tryweryn in North Wales in a very wet White Water Rafting trip. For one Damian Marshall it was slightly wetter than it was for anyone else. Unfortunately we were unable to capture the moment on film.

Year 10 pupils are taking part in a trip to the Lake District in April and Years 12 & 13 pupils will be taking part in an extended, and testing expedition, to the North East Lakes where they can put the lessons they have learnt

on their practice trips to good use.

We must not forget that the award also encapsulates service to the community, physical activity & skill sections. Many of our pupils organise and show a good deal of commitment to these aspects of their award and it is this initiative and personal maturity that we week to encourage.

AJ Treherne.



## YEAR 8 FUND RAISING

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Year 8 for their enthusiasm and generosity in collecting monies for good causes.

Daniel Mahley (8S) raised £52 with a sponsored silence; Jade Ainsworth (8S) raised £40 with a sponsored aerobics. Kerry Ware, Aimee Crosby and Ellen Jones (8M) organised a sponsored hockey match against Year 8 boys, raising £46, 8H doing similar with sponsored netball.

Mrs Cappano and 8M raised over £70 with cake sales, Year 8 collected £75 in the whisky bottle and Stuart Henderson (8H) raised £25 with another sponsored silence. Plans are being made for a clothes show.

Monies raised have gone to Alder Hey Hospital, Zoe's Place and to Comic relief.

# EVENTS & CHALLENGES

## MOCK GENERAL ELECTION MAY 1997

Nine candidates, four ballot boxes, nine hundred voters and just one day to get it all done. For me, all in all it was quite an experience. I started out trying to be the Referendum Party candidate, lost, designed a poster for the Conservatives, was asked to be the SDLP's campaign manager, refused, drew the ballot paper, helped register voters, and then helped to count the votes.

Whether the candidates won or lost, this was democracy SEC style, where the Natural Law Party, complete with authentic Indian meditation robe, was on a par with the Labour Party, (*you've seen the rest now vote for the best*), and the SDLP and Plaid Cymru fielded candidates in Liverpool, a point both their representatives laboured to explain.

As for the campaign itself, the Referendum Party got off to a good start, with posters up on the first monday back. With no appearance yet from the two main parties, the Socialists launched a newspaper, and carried the messages of their leader, Red George. Plaid Cymru's colourful offering appeared around the school, (*Don't Welsh on the Welsh*), whilst the Natural Law Party entered a new phrase in to the vocabulary of the school – "*Only a New Seed Can Yield a New Fruit*"

When Thursday 1 May finally dawned, with campaigning banned from the College Hall, the school decided. Over 636 people voted, 74% of the school, probably a better turn out than the real election. And my vote? Well, in the end, it is a secret ballot.

At 4.00pm with just one ballot box still open, the count began. The Natural Law Party lagged behind the Labour Party and Plaid Cymru, and the Liberal Democrats made an impressive showing. Then the polls closed – the moment of truth had arrived. The results were: Labour 153, Natural Law Party 154.

That would have been that, if it hadn't been for one Labour vote lying forlorn on the floor of the counting room. Had it been counted or not? A recount was demanded. Natural Law 154, Labour 156!

## CHIEF SCOUT AWARD

My decision not to join the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, was influenced by my desire to gain the chief scout award (Highest award in scouting). This involved trying a new adventurous activity (White water rafting, I recommend it to all), going on a three day/two night camp, covering a minimum of thirty miles and interviewing a local sports personality. I will always remember the night of the England match against Italy. Two friends and I were sitting by a fire (which we had by untraditional methods!) on an exposed hill listening to the match. It was a very windy night in the February half terms and as Zola gleefully slipped the ball past the poor Spurs' goalkeeper, a huge gust of wind roared past us. We were busy thinking of names for Zola when we looked up to see our tent flying down the field. I also gained my bronze medallion for

life saving as a step towards the Chief scout award. The chief scout award is the equivalent of the Duke of Edinburgh silver award and apparently, only one in a hundred attain it.

Scouting has given me many laughs and I've made a lot of friends. My Scout troop are like a football club in many ways. We meet, we do the award work and then we play football. Indeed I have played at scouts with a Liverpool and England U16 footballer. I have met people from Texas and Amsterdam through scouting and I have visited Austria and a variety of places. I would recommend it to any one though I'm sure most of my friends found more comfortable surroundings to follow the England-Italy world qualifying match.

Francis M. Brooks 11D

## RAIN HOLDS OFF FOR EDMUND RICE RUN!

Ominous rain clouds hung darkly over Croxteth Park for the 10K Edmund Rice Run on Thursday afternoon 8 May but they did nothing to deter over 600 pupils, staff and parents from taking part in this annual event which raises money through sponsorship for the work of the Christian Brothers in West Africa.



EDMUND RICE SPONSORED RUN  
ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE  
CROXTETH PARK - THURS 8TH MAY 1997  
Mr John Waszek (The Head)  
Mr Mcarthy overtaking Adam Cloherty, Stephen Farrington and Yussef Bictash (all Y13)

So popular is the formerly known Makeni Run each year that a 5k walk has been introduced for the less seriously sporty who just enjoy the afternoon with a brisk walk around the park. Notable among the walkers were some of the lady members of staff but what were Miss Atkins, Miss Hutchinson and Miss McGlory up to?

Were they hog-tied or hide bound or practising their "Jake the Peg" routine for the Y7 Drama Festival?

First across the finish line for the 10k was Peter Walsh (Y12) in 34mins 57 secs, followed by Danny Melia (Y10) and Simon Fraser (Y12). Mr Vincent Osbaldeston

was the first member of staff to show the young ones how it's really done, followed by Mr Gresty whose reputation in this event is legendary. Well done to all competitors!



# EVENTS & CHALLENGES

## DAVID'S TITLE "MAKES HIS DAY"

Former pupil, David Pinnington, who gained A Level success last year, is basking in the glow of a new title. David has become all Lancashire 1997 Champion in match pistol shooting. David, whose mum, Mrs Pinnington teaches in the Junior School, has also just been selected to represent Great Britain. David has been shooting since he was sixteen, which is a relatively short space of time in which to have risen to such success. Mrs Pinnington is hoping that David will be selected for the Commonwealth Games in 1998 and who knows? The Olympics in Sydney is only another couple of years away.

M. Nolan

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International is a group concerned with the human rights of others, which in some countries does not exist. As a group we write and send letters of support and hope to those all over the world who are being ill-treated and tortured. World wide children and adults are the innocent victims of severe brutality. As the fortunate people living in a country where human rights are respected, we should at least look towards helping those who have no rights and who are wrongly treated. It's not fair to agree and simply sit back and watch. If you care about others and believe that what is happening in certain countries is wrong, then make an effort to join the year 12 pupils, who have now formed a new committee, every Friday at 1.30 pm in the CDT Block. So if you are in Years 10-13, come and join us in our crusade for human rights.

Lorraine Frost,  
Michelle Flynn Year 12

## FORMER HEAD GOES EVEN HIGHER

Former Head of St. Edward's, Br. Dominic Sassi, who for the past six years has been Provincial of the English Province, has now risen to higher things.

At a General Chapter held last year in South Africa, Br. Sassi was elected as one of the leadership team of the Congregation. As a result of this "elevation", he will spend much of his time over the next six years visiting the Brothers in thirteen Provinces and four Regions, scattered over the five continents.

There is no truth in the rumour that he was recently spotted at Headingly-or was it the Oval?

Br. Grice



## Bishops Court - The C.I. Sandfield Park

### IT'S NOT JUST A CAR PARK!

Bishops Court is the Headquarters of the:

#### **C.I. Edwardian Association**

C.I. are the initials for *Catholic Institute*, the forerunner of St. Edward's College in Liverpool.

The C.I. is the Club for FORMER PUPILS. It is the Headquarters for the Old Cathinians Football Club and St. Edward's Old Boys Rugby Club. Old Cathinians F.C., founded in 1908, is one of the oldest and most respected football clubs in the Merseyside area. Four sides take the field every week in the Zingari Alliance and Liverpool Old Boys League. The Club is open everyday of the year except Christmas Day and Good Friday. All former pupils are welcome to join: parents of current pupils or past pupils are also welcome.

Bishops Court is the former home of the Bishops of Liverpool and was bought by former pupils after the 39-45 war and dedicated as a memorial to Old Boys who lost their lives in both the 14-18 and 39-45 wars.

All former pupils - It is your Club!

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# Functions & Celebrations

## Annual Prize Giving Returns to the Philharmonic

The College Annual Prize Giving ceremony was held this year at a packed Philharmonic Hall on Sunday 2 March. The guest speaker, Mr Terry Leahy, chief executive of Tesco plc and an Old Edwardian (1967-74) made the presentations to pupils who ranged from Junior School Y5 to A Leavers from 1996.

The ceremony opened traditionally with a welcome by the Chairman of Governors, Mr Michael Byrne followed by the Headmaster's report before the musical programme and distribution of prizes took place.

In his address, Mr Leahy spoke of his own time at St Edward's and the value he placed on the excellence of its teaching. He believed that his experiences in the classroom and on the rugby field prepared him well for the tough world of retailing where team work and keeping ahead of the



Philharmonic Hall March 1997  
Guest speaker OE Terry Leahy (2nd right) flanked by Mr J. Waszek, Mr Byrne, Dr. M. Duffy and Mr P. Sweeney

competition were essential for success. The vote of thanks to Mr Leahy was given by Head Girl, Elizabeth Fitzgerald and was seconded by Head Boy, Michael Passey. The musical programme, directed by Mr John Moseley, had an American theme this year and included works by Sousa, and Bernstein with some

traditional spirituals sung by the Choral Society and the Junior School Choir, directed by Mr David Barclay. The ceremony concluded with the Cup Awards to Y13 Leavers and the carrying away of armfuls of trophies notably by John Furlong and Peter Gregory.

## COLOURS DAY 8 MAY 1997



Guest speaker Denise Maloney with HM Mr Waszek and Y9 Pupils Kate Anderson and Peter Murray

The Colours' Day Ceremony was held on 8 May in the College Hall this year, with former pupil, Denise Mahoney (OE 1984-86) distributing the awards.

Colours are representative honours given by the College to pupils in recognition of their dedication, commitment and skill in a range of sports and extra-curricular activities. Last year set a precedent for awards when the commendation was added to reward pupils who had not necessarily

participated for six or seven years in an activity but who had nevertheless demonstrated commitment over a sustained period. Colours Awards are discretionary and the Headmaster, in his address to pupils from Y11 - Y13 said that we should accept them with humility.

In her address to the audience, Denise Mahoney applauded the co-educational change to the College since she was a pupil. She said it was a tough environment to excel in, because it attracted the best. Miss Mahoney, a researcher for the BBC on programmes such as Watchdog and Panorama, said that her current project concerned the evidence for "girl power". Initially, she said, she thought girl power did not exist, but two things recently had caused her to change her mind; firstly the number of women MPs in Tony Blair's new administration and secondly the number of awards that she had distributed to girls at our Colours ceremony.

The ceremony concluded with refreshments in the Dining Hall.

## Sportsman's Dinner

This dinner is now established as a popular fund raising event which produces funds to be spent on improving the sports' facilities for the pupils at St. Edward's. This year a record turnout of almost 200 guests enjoyed a happy evening at which the Scotland and British Lions rugby player Gordon Brown and sports impersonator Kevin Connelly were the speakers. Gordon is a veritable giant of a man and in his Scots kilt and sporran he towered over the tallest of our 1st XV players who were there to look after our guests. Kevin Connelly had his audience wiping tears of laughter from their eyes with his realistic impressions of ever so many sports commentators and sports personalities. Altogether over £2,000 was raised.



Here's to next year!

# Functions & Celebrations



GCSE Certificate Evening  
Guest Speaker Dr. A Gilbertson (centre) Flanked by Mr J Waszek, Mr J Moran, Mrs P Young  
Head Girl E. Fitzgerald and Head Boy M. Passey

## GCSE Certificate Evening

Dr. Anthony Gilbertson was this year's guest of honour at the GCSE Certificate Evening which took place in the College Hall in October 1996. Dr. Gilbertson said, as he distributed the certificates that he felt sure that

standards in achievement had improved since he was a boy at the College. Dr. Gilbertson, who has recently joined the College Board of Governors, is a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Liverpool Hospital and

lecturer in anaesthetics at Liverpool University.

The current Y12 pupils who were receiving their certificates packed the College Hall with their proud families. The Headmaster in his address to the audience said that this year's GCSE results were the best ever that the College had produced. It was a tribute to the hard work, not just of the pupils but to the staff and the parents for their commitment and support.

The musical programme, conducted by Mr John Moseley, included solo performances by Jon Barton Y13 on violin and Harry Percy Y13 on glockenspiel. The vote of thanks to Dr Gilbertson was given by Head Girl, Elizabeth Fitzgerald and seconded by Michael Passey, Head Boy. The ceremony concluded with refreshments in the Dining Hall.

## Can You Help

The department of Design and Technology requires help in finding A' level students work placements for only one or two days in local manufacturing companies. A' level candidates must complete a 5000 word assignment on how a manufacturing company operates and to do this effectively a work placement is essential. If you can offer any help or assistance in arranging such placements then please do not hesitate to contact me!

*Mr B Sprague, Head of Design & Technology*  
Tel: 0151-228 3376 ext: 159

## It's a Material World!

Design & Technology is dependent upon a rich supply of materials if it is to deliver a worthy and challenging curriculum. The design and manufacture of products requires a great range of materials to be stocked, all of which become ever more expensive at a time when school funding is being reduced. The department will always be happy to accept kind donations of the following materials:-

Softwoods Steel Sections Acrylic Sheet Screws Hardwoods  
Sheet Metal Cardboard Rivets Plywoods Wood Glue  
Brass & Aluminium Electronic Components Paint & Varnish  
MDF Nuts & Bolts Colour Printer Ink Cartridges

Or perhaps your company can supply some of these materials cheaper than our current suppliers. If so please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# Music & Drama

## HIGHAM TWINS AND CHORISTERS 'MERSEY GLORY'

Anthony and James Higham (Y7) together with the Cathedral Choristers were enjoying their fifteen minutes of fame on Pentecost Sunday, after being selected to take centre stage during BBC 1's Songs of Praise programme, "Mersey Glory", live from Goodison Park.

The event which was organised with the

co-operation of Everton Football Club and which was host to a congregation of 35,000, invited choirs of 5,800 children from schools all over the Merseyside area to participate. Anthony and James entered the second round of auditions after Mervyn Cousins, director of the Cathedral music, was contacted by Robert Prizeman, musical director of

the BBC and invited our choristers to audition. Says Mervyn Cousins, "When Anthony and James were selected to sing 'Benedictus' by Edward Gregson, the rest of the choristers were delighted for them and gave them tremendous support and backing, it was a real team effort. They have since been interviewed for local television, radio and BBC's Blue Peter, which was both exciting and reflected the quality of their performance."

M. Cousins

### MUSIC REPORT

I have heard it said that there is no rest for the wicked – a proverb which Mr Moseley surely had at the forefront of his mind when he constructed the mammoth 1996-1997 music season for his musicians. By this rationale, he must surely equate his orchestra to a den of thieves and murderers, and as patrons of the orchestra will know, he's not that far from the truth.

The season itself has been one of diversity.

The repertoire was either full of ingenuity or the sure sign of a diseased mind. It ranged from Elizabethan Serenades right through to the delightful intensity of Copland's Railroad Ballad,

"John Henry".

The music season began in late October with a concert that centred upon the works of Haydn and R.R. Bennett – a strange combination to say the least. Despite the recurring ill health of some members of the orchestra, a problem which reached its crisis point at the last concert when combined with rugby tours and music auditions, the spirit of the orchestra stayed strong and the concert was a resounding success. The orchestra must be congratulated for their professionalism in playing next to an orchestra of such repute as that associated with the Cathedral, and making such a polished performance of the whole occasion, both musically and in the way that they conducted themselves. They showed little of the anxiety which had been felt only days before – an anxiety which left Mr Moseley awake at nights, no doubt.

Perhaps Mr Moseley's anxiety was not

just about his concert but for his reputation. After performing two concerts in the space of one week, we deduced that either Mr Moseley himself or the Music Department had a bad financial year. Always willing to help a person in need, the orchestra began to work in earnest on their next concert in late November.

Once again the orchestra was smitten with a run of bad health which led to an item being withdrawn from the programme of music written by the German Romantics. Most notable effort of the evening goes to Elizabeth Fitzgerald with an exemplary performance of Weber's "Hungarian Rondo". A surprisingly female-orientated concert went down well with audience further heightened by the fact that the male representative (mentioning no names) managed to produce songs without words OR music - no mean feat by any stretch of the imagination.

After such a hard schedule, Father Christmas in the form of Mr Moseley granted the orchestra a well earned Christmas break. However, with the return of school began the start of a new regime in the Moseley dynasty, and the orchestra was forced to redouble their efforts in accordance with this.

Early February saw the chamber orchestra and chamber choir celebrate the many talents of the Italians with a programme ranging from Palestrina's "O Bone Jesu" to Morricone's "The Mission". This concert also gave the first hint of an amazing talent hidden amongst our throng – that of our very own Iain Jones who arranged Morricone's work so well! An inspiring performance by the Early Music Group worked well with the undoubted vocal ability of Anthony

Graham who brought a tear to the eye of many a patron that evening.

Some members of the orchestra began to doubt our conductor's sanity as he led us once more to another concert – this time the ritual of College Prize Day. A great mixture of American Modern music served to alleviate the muscle fatigue of having to sit still for two hours. A particularly impressive performance of Bernstein's "West Side Story" really demonstrated the musical ability of this College with the two orchestras working in conjunction with the two choirs. Well done everyone. Particular praise must go to Mr Moseley's heart-rending rendition of "I Feel Pretty". I'm sure it is a memory that will stay with the orchestra for some time.

With the end of the music season in sight the orchestra strengthened their flagging will to prepare for a concert in March, a concert which marked the arrival of dangerous competition to all composers out there – Iain Macleod Jones! His epic work "La Leyenda di Quinlla y Pasha" was written especially for our orchestra and pushed their musical ability (and tolerance) to the limit. It was without doubt the highlight of a superb evening's music, perhaps only surpassed by the effort of a depleted percussion section who more than made up for the absence of their leader with their high spirits. So now, with but one concert left in July, "Atlantic Crossing" – Mr Moseley can finally start looking forward to a long summer holiday along with the rest of his orchestra, and his first full night of sleep in a year!

*James Pearson Elizabeth Fitzgerald  
Iain RM Jones Jon Barton*

# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

SEC Drama Society put on a production of Wilde's famous comedy, on the evenings of January 22-24 1997 in the College Hall. The cast had all been involved in the successful production of "An Inspector Calls" the previous March, as reported in the last issue of The Edwardian, and were no strangers to "the boards", but they truly excelled themselves in an exhilarating and vivacious production, which brought enthusiastic applause, and many plaudits of congratulations from all three audiences.

The "refined diction" necessary for the characters – and in deed the humour – of the play was invariably maintained – not a trace of a "scouse" (or even a St Helens) accent surfaced in any performance – and the pace was perfectly judged, so that the wit and stature which laces Wilde's lines so sharply clearly communicated, even with those members of the audience left familiar with the play.

Brendan Casey's Jack Worthing and Antony Foy's Algy Moncrieff were Edwardian dilettantes and "men about

town" as to the manner born – and any resemblance to Fry and Laurie was surely purely incidental! James Pearson



and Stephen Parker were butlers of a calibre and perfection which would have had Anthony Hopkins looking over his shoulder had they been known to the casting director to "The Remains of the Day". Claire Black and Trish Minogue were elegant, charming, alternately refined and impassioned exactly as required in the roles of Cecily and Gwendolen while Liz Fitzgerald's Lady Bracknell was a tour de force, nothing daunted by all the famous interpretations of the role,

combining all the necessary formidability with an archness too often missed, but clearly indicated in Wilde's text (she was also the right age) for Lady Bracknell as a society Lady in her late 40's or thereabouts – the past is usually made much too old!

The cast was completed by perfectly judged and tremendously amusing performances by Clare Dahill and Philip Gilbertson in their character parts as Miss Prism and Dr. Chasuble. The whole production was carried off with a zest, exuberance and above all a professionalism which well deserved all the praise it received. Thanks – as ever – to Mr Hitchen, Mr Duffy and their equally professional stage crew, for all they contributed on the technical and back stage side to another splendid SEDS production – and thanks again to a tremendously talented and committed cast who were simply a joy to work with.

Don Crisp  
Kate Baldock

## LADY BRACKNELL REFLECTS ON THE EXPERIENCE

"I can resist everything except temptation"

After the lights went down on the production of "An Inspector Calls", it seemed that the remainder of my existence at SEC would be a round of unruffled monotony and undiluted work, a life of relentless effort and preparation for the notorious A Levels which would determine the future and permit me "to be or not to be".

Then temptation struck!

The directors (still on a high and not really knowing what to do with a sudden influx of free time) cast off any disinclination for renewed contact with the cast and contended with the reflection that "practice makes perfect". Thus SEDS, "The Importance of Being Earnest" was launched.

"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes" was the universal thought as realisation dawned that time was running out. Major deviations

from Wilde's version were not uncommon during rehearsals. We all pretty much new the tale, thus saw no problem until the directors (harassed, over burdened, their thespian appreciations affronted by youthful inventions) insisted that the words be learnt ("all of them!")

Remembering Chasuble's lines, so pertinent in our present circumstances, we called for some charity for "none of us are perfect". However, by the opening night we were, for our memories excelled themselves.

"A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal."

The numerous congratulations on our achievement were, of course, fatal to the ego. We had enjoyed a marvellous experience and revelled in the aftermath for "there is only one thing worse than being talked about and that is *not* being talked about".

Reality then struck! The show was over. A levels loomed. The simple truth now was the necessity to promise

that work would be our priority and good results our sole ambition. Bare in mind, however, that "the truth is rarely pure and never simple".

Elizabeth Fitzgerald 13/5

### CONGRATULATIONS Y10 & Y11 PUBLIC SPEAKING TEAM!

Rachel Stalker, Matthew Taylor and Alex Smith on Saturday 15 March WON the regional North West final of the English Speaking Union 1997 Public Speaking Competition for Schools, at Queen's School, Chester.

Alex was also given a separate award for the best individual performance in the entire final.

Don Crisp  
Kate Baldock

# SCHOOL TRIPS & Exchange Visits

## HISTORY TRIP TO THE BATTLEFIELDS

This years Year 10 History Trip was a great success, with 44 pupils and 5 staff members travelling to Belgium to see the landmarks of WWI.

After an early start from school, we arrived at the Youth Hostel, being greeted by our friendly host, Johan, as we settled in for our five day stay. The Hostel proved to be well situated, within easy reach of a fair and a 'local' bowling alley (well, it was a 40 minute walk away) - although all too often, the teachers seemed to provide the best entertainment!

Despite the fun and games, however, there was a more serious element to the trip. Activities during the day included visiting war memorials and cemeteries (one particularly moving visit involving looking for the graves of Old Edwardian war veterans; we found 15 in total); looking at preserved trenches (the more adventurous ones of us wading through them and getting filthy in the process), and requesting a memorial wreath to be laid for our Old Edwardians. We even took a trip to France (being impressed with Mr Mackenzie's vocal talents over the coach mic en-route!), where we visited Newfoundland Park - the site of a WWI battle, now a cemetery for allied soldiers. The 'Danger Tree' in no-man's land (any soldier reaching it would neither return nor carry on) was a poignant and emotional reminder to us all of the extent of death in the War. In addition to this, we saw La Boisselle, the largest piece of bomb damage on earth, visited Bruges (where we took a canal trip through the beautiful city), and attended the moving 'Last Post Ceremony' at Menin Gate.

By the end of the week, everyone was sorry to leave (although Johan assured us we were welcome to return). Nonetheless, it was a wonderful experience, and one we will never forget.

Alexandra Smith, Year 10



Y10 History Trip - Group Photo



Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge



Easter Spanish Trip - The Staff  
(Mr Mars centre)



Easter '97 Spanish Intercambio - Group Photo

## INTERCAMBIO, MOTRIL: 1997

### Quince Dias Muy Especiales

Before we set off from the school car park (on a crisp Sunday morning in March), Mr Mars stressed to the entire group the true purpose of the Exchange: "The point is to improve your spoken Spanish and extend your vocabulary". And so we did; by the end of the two weeks, everyone knew the two most important phrases any Spanish student needs to know:

"Lo siento, he olvidado la palabra espanola.."

("Sorry, I've forgotten the Spanish word for..")

and

"A que hora salimos?"

("What time are we going out?")

This is not to say that the trip was one long party with the Spanish in one corner of the cafe/bar drinking coffee, and the English in another corner drinking...lemonade; of course not. Almost everybody entered into the spirit of the Exchange with gusto, as was reflected in the number of tears shed and addresses swapped on the last day.

The educational aspect of the Exchange, comprising the few days in school, the visit to the Town Hall and the excursions to Granada and the Costa Tropical provided both cultural and general entertainment; memories of the Alhambra include the beautiful patios and gardens as well as the ludicrous sombreros bought by certain pupils (names have been omitted to protect the guilty). The Costa Tropical was equally memorable for its five minute thunder storm and the eventful half hour in the village of Albulon (we climbed a VERY steep hill to God's house, but He wasn't in and the door was locked, and on descending and driving off in the coach, we forgot two girls, leaving them stranded in the market for half an hour after we left). In all, the Exchange could be described as "memorable in its forgetfulness", with everything from passports to people being forgotten at various stages. However, everyone who went will definitely remember it, as I have put in the title, as "A very special fortnight". Our thanks go to Mr Mars and Margaret, and to the Spanish teachers and Spanish families for making it so.

Emma Bennett, 12-2

# SCHOOL TRIPS & Exchange Visits

## SKI TRIP TO BOSTON, USA FEBRUARY 1997

We got off the plane to a "Twin Peaks" type landscape and the misty, snowy-tree lined lanes of New Hampshire. The great outdoors was where we were!

The motel was comfortable, warm and welcome. Homely and well-equipped with a swimming pool, games room, jacuzzi and sauna, the staff couldn't do enough for us and we enjoyed transatlantic hospitality and quality of service for the duration of our stay. Activities in the evening included "tubing" - tobogganing down a run on an inner tube, games nights with another school - stuffing marshmallows into mouths while trying to say "chubby bunnies" and compete with the opposing team being one of the more memorable moments. Miss Qurrey had trouble bidding farewell to the chairlift and Miss Hutchinson and Mr Edwards enjoyed taking a group snowboarding. The cinema and the mall were two other important American cultural events we participated in and the snow at both Bretton Woods and Loon Mountain was perfect.

Full American breakfast in the morning, ski school till lunch. Meet up for some "scran" and then back to the piste with the teachers. Four o'clock was home time, "chill out" before the evening meal and the next activity. Despite the long journey, a fantastic week was had by all on the holiday of a lifetime.

**Natalie Taylor, Aimée Crosby,  
Gaynor Hughes, Kerry Ware and  
Rebecca Welsh**

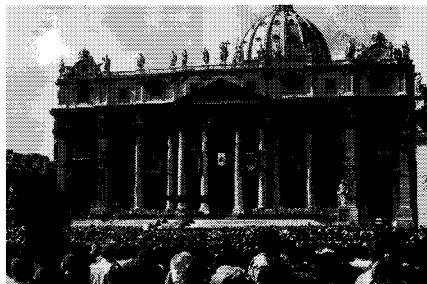


*On the Piste - Pupils enjoying the sun and snow on the ski-ing trip to Boston, USA*

## ROME 1996 - BEATIFICATION OF EDMUND RICE

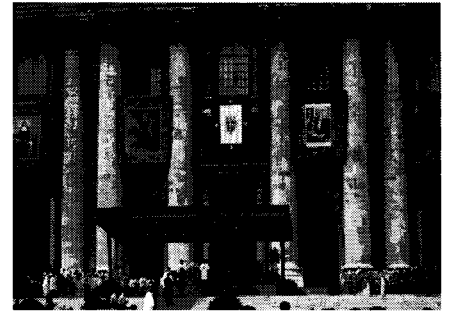
What would you do if suddenly, out of the blue, someone asked you if you wanted to go to Rome - four days in the romantic, historic and beautiful centre of culture? You can, no doubt, imagine why we sacrificed a few days of valuable tuition to represent our school along with the Chairman of Governors, Mr Michael Byrne accompanied by his wife at the Beatification of Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers. We felt it was nothing less than our duty.

After a long, strenuous coach journey and flight we arrived at the Pensionato San Paolo, opposite the great Basilica of St. Paul outside-the-walls. What sacrifices we were prepared to make in the name of duty!



*St. Peter's, Rome  
The Beatification of Edmund Rice 1996*

We acquainted ourselves with the area and our fellow pilgrims as we admired a little of Rome at night. The next day we got down to business with mass at St. Paul's Basilica, with Bishop Grey presiding. This was followed by a coach tour of Rome via the other three principal basilicae; St. John's, St. Mary Major and, of course, the largest cathedral in the world, St. Peter's. Unfortunately, we did not have time to go into St. Peter's that would have to wait until another day. That afternoon, there was a pilgrims' gathering at the Audience Hall in the Vatican, which was a festival of music, plus reflections on the life of Edmund Rice. That evening we were kindly invited to "wine and dine" with Mr Byrne, the Chairman of Governors. The Italian cuisine was as good as we had been warned!



*Pope John Paul II and concelebrants at the Beatification of Edmund Rice Ceremony, St. Peter's, Rome*

The following day, Sunday, was the day of the Beatification ceremony. His Holiness the Pope presided over the two and a half hour marathon in St. Peter's square on an absolutely glorious warm and sunny day. It was an experience not to be forgotten, as was our whirlwind tour of the Vatican museum that followed, culminating in a breathtaking visit to the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo was some painter and decorator! That evening we sought out an authentic Italian pizzeria. After a delicious meal, Pizza Hut has become a mere tacky imitation of the real thing. Mass the following day was just as memorable. Cardinal Cahill Daley, led the first mass of Blessed Edmund Rice at the papal altar in St. Peter's. There are not really words that describe how impressive the mother church of the Catholic faith is. It was a privilege to be one of the few specially invited to celebrate mass in the magnificent cathedral of all cathedrals, even if the only way in was to be carrying your quasi-fluorescent, lime green, 100% nylon, Beatification bag and wearing the matching scarf that came with it! That afternoon we 'sight-saw' as much as possible, visiting the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Palazzo Venezia, the Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. We finished the day eating take-out pizza at the Trevi Fountain. Hopefully three extremely small denomination lira coins should be enough to ensure a return visit as the fountain promises.

**E. Fitzgerald and P. Gilbertson Y13**

# SCHOOL TRIPS

## Exchange Visits

### YEAR 7 FRENCH TRIP

In May eighty excited Y7 pupils took part this year in the five day trip to Fougères in Brittany accompanied by ten SEC staff and a courier. By the time we caught the ferry the five day supply of crisps, pop and chocolate had been exhausted. We were met in Fougères by Mme Valet's mother after travelling via Paris and spotting the Eiffel Tower, the Sacré Coeur and the new football stadium for the 1998 World Cup. The first day involved a town trail and questionnaire in French with an evening Megaquiz, won by the "flower power people". Vitré and Rennes, the capital of Brittany were visited on Wednesday with a Y7 Blind Date Show to follow. Nobody had previously noticed how Miss Atkins bore a striking resemblance to our Cilla! One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the remarkable Mont St. Michel including a puzzling sound and light show only bettered by the final night's Talent Show,



*Y7 Girls and Miss Preston - carrying the sacrificial roast in the kitchens of Mont St. Michel*

won by the Spice Boys. A poem by Liz Leyland was read to a spell bound audience.

A very early start on the return journey home and a ridiculous decision by the ferry operators to only let one of the buses on board meant that we got back to Sandfield Park later than expected. Staff commented positively on the willingness of pupils to throw themselves in to the French language by asking passers-by questions, though it may take another trip to understand the answers and to further allay some pupils' fears of croissants by total immersion therapy. Same time next year?

**I. L. Hughes**



*Y7 French Trip - The Blues Brothers (alias Mr Hughes and Mr Wilkinson) at Mont St. Michel*

### SCHOOL TRIP

Pouring down and pitch black  
Giant rucksack on my back  
Goodbye dear I'll miss you so  
You will be good love, won't you  
though?  
Listen for an hour or two  
To what I should and shouldn't do,  
Do this, do that  
Don't forget sun cream and hat,  
Suitcase full, stretched to the limit,  
Goodness knows what mum's put in it.  
She's packed enough for ever and a day,  
It's only a week I'm going away,  
Soggy sandwiches, more than a few,  
You don't need only teeth  
to chew,  
Let me on the coach at last,  
Hurry driver, move fast,  
Tears are flooding down  
mum's cheeks  
I've been dreading goodbyes  
for weeks and weeks,  
So long as the food is really  
nice,  
I'm headed for a week  
of paradise.

**by Liz Leyland 7C**

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- ◆ Hockey & 11-a-side Football (Winter Season)



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26 August

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Miss Clare Critchley at the College (0151-228 3376)



# News of Old Edwardians

## Make a note in your diary now

### OLD EDWARDIANS' WEEKEND

Friday 10 October

#### Old Edwardians' Annual Dinner

7.00 Tours round College; 8.00 Dinner College Dining Hall

Sunday 12 October

#### THE ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE COMMUNITY MASS

11.00 Metropolitan Cathedral

For those requiring accommodation nearby, *the Stag & Rainbow Beefeater Travel Inn* is within walking distance of the College: - 0151 228 4724

**Peter Anthony Chambers** - OE (1960's) Brigadier PA Chambers promoted to Senior Army Member, Royal College of Defence Studies, in the rank of Major General.

**Mr Rodney Irving** - OE (1949 - 51; 53 - 61) and a former member of staff (i/c Rugby) was appointed Head of St. Cuthbert's Community Comprehensive in January 1997.

**Frank Ford** - OE (1939 - 45) has recently taken his BA Hons in Divinity from the Pontifical University of Maynooth after following the Maryvale course for five years.

**Mrs Edith Byrne**, wife of OE Bernard Byrne (1926-29) and mother of Mike (1953-59) and Christopher (1955-67) died earlier this year. Please remember her in your prayers.

Many thanks to **Cyril Gaskin** OE (1927-37) for news of **Tony Morris** OE (1930-36) who has started an aromatherapy clinic with his wife Barbara at their home in Stapleton. Cyril sadly sends us news also of his brother **Dennis Gaskin** OE (1935-46) who died in September 1966 at his home in Warrington. Please remember him in your prayers.

**John McEnery**, former pupil of the Catholic Institute, was 100 years old on 21 March 1997. A card of congratulations from the Headmaster, staff and pupils was sent to him at the Convent of Mercy, in Colwyn Bay.

**Patrick McCarthy** OE (1924-33) writes to ask if there are any pre-war OEs who completed nine years at SEC as he did, moving from the Prep into the senior school. Perhaps some contemporaries would like to respond?

**Philip Bramwell** will be pleased to hear from contemporaries. He is living a life of genteel retirement after a lifetime in Catholic education in London, Essex and Kent. He joined the 149th RHA at Hoylake in 1939 and switched to the RAF in 1941 as a pilot in Coastal and Transport Commands - so Br. McNamara's ("Snowy") Maths came in useful after all!

**Leslie McLoughlin** OE (1945-52) attended the OE's dinner in October '96 and also the College mass at the Cathedral. Leslie has previously presented books written by him in Arabian Studies and brought with him another valuable book to augment our library's section in foreign and historical studies.

**Stephen Wallace** (1982-89) is continuing to develop his singing career as a counter-tenor. He sings the role of Edward on a CD of Thomas Arne's Alfred, Arne's English Opera. This was released by the BBC as a disc with its Music Magazine. Stephen's singing displayed a great beauty of line and phrase and we expect him to go far.

**Jonathan Kenny** (1973-80) another counter-tenor who is some years older than Stephen Wallace now lives in Antwerp and has become known throughout Europe and in America. He has recently been singing in France, with performances of the Messiah, and singing the title role in Mozart's Amadigi in New York. Other appearances have taken him to Portugal and Germany. Jonathan gave a memorable lunchtime concert at the College last year.

**Kevin Beckett** (1986-93) yet another counter-tenor is also spreading his vocal wings. Kevin is due to be married this summer.

**Damon Simmons** (1977-89) a doctor has finished his house jobs at the Lourdes Hospital and is getting married later this year.

**Anthony Colvin** (1981-88) is pursuing a career in the RAF. His father recently called in to the school to give us this news.

**John Chambers** (1964-75) a chartered engineer has been working in Aberdeenshire but is returning to Merseyside this year. He has enrolled his two sons Joseph and Kieran as pupils at the College. The tradition of the College of educating generations from the same family continues. Does anyone claim a record in this regard? Please let us know.

**Andrew Gunn** (1986-88) a Music Scholarship holder is now playing cello with the Festival Ballet Orchestra based in Birmingham.

**Jane Rogers** (1985-88) another Scholarship winner, forges ahead with her career as a baroque viola player and is to live in Birmingham.

### KEVIN McCARTEN - new Boy Wonder at Sainsbury's!

**Kevin McCarten SEC (1964 - 75)** at 39 has become the UK marketing director of Sainsbury's. With an MA in engineering from Jesus College, Cambridge, and an MBA from IMEDE Business School in Switzerland, Kevin has wide experience in the retail industry. He had previously worked for Proctor & Gamble, Superdrug and Woolworth's before he was poached by Sainsbury's in 1996.

He proudly describes his political leanings as socialist based on a working class Liverpool upbringing. "I'm a devout Catholic and don't like anyone being dismissive of God." Of his meteoric rise to executive management he says he is far beyond where he expected to be at age 39 but contemporaries predict he has further to go up the Sainsbury's ladder.



Kevin McCarten SEC (1964 - 75)

# News of Old Edwardians

## Unforgettable Zimbabwe

**OE Sean Redmond sends this report about a part-SEC sponsored expedition to Zimbabwe:**

Raleigh International is a British based youth development charity that takes people aged 17-25 on ten-week expeditions to countries all over the world. It also encourages venturers in carrying out a large amount of community and conservation work both before and after expeditions.

85 venturers and several staff flew out to Harare in June 29th arriving at 6.30am, Zimbabwe time. After a week-long induction period when we were taught radio communications, navigation techniques and other essentials like campcraft and volleyball, we were despatched to our various project sites.

For the first phase I was on a dam building project, in the Binga district in the north west of Zimbabwe. The people living in this district are traditionally fishermen, who used to live on the banks of the Zambezi River, however when Lake Kariba was created by the government in the 1950s, they were re-located here to land that is officially designated unsuitable for agriculture.

The project was funded by SCF and the local community had been working on it for a number of months. We were to assist the community in what for them is a vital project.

I learnt a lot about the Tonga culture at Binga, this included a visit to a wake that lasted solidly for three nights and days.

On phase two I was involved in a very detailed survey of traditional building techniques and the lives of the Zimbabwean people. This involved measuring homesteads and talking at length to the people to get an accurate picture of what life is really like for them. The work was collated by two researchers from DeMontfort University on behalf of the Zimbabwean National Museum in Harare.

Phase three was my adventure phase and involved kayaking along the length of Lake Kariba an activity that, apart from Raleigh International has only been completed by the SAS. This was amazing, the lake and the islands are absolutely teeming with wildlife, everything from hippo to zebra, elephant to crocodile. There, days were spent paddling up to 27km a day whilst the evenings were spent watching the game the fabulous sunsets sitting on the beach of a desert island; truly a magical place.

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## CAN YOU NETWORK?

About 100 pupils now leave St. Edward's each year. Although in the early years after the school had moved to Sandfield Park the numbers would have been fewer, something towards 5,000 have passed through. Many have entirely lost contact with the school. No doubt there are some who have decided that they don't wish to keep in touch, but I think there must be many who through no-one's fault, are cut off from what is happening at Sandfield Park.

Pupils records have been computerised since 1994 but before that time all the records were kept in a massive alphabetical card file. From the file it is possible only to withdraw cards by surname. Many of the addresses are out of date and there is no point in going to the expense of mailing to addresses over a few years old. Since 1994 this problem doesn't exist provided that we have been notified of any change of address.

Additionally we have a mailing list for *The Edwardian* of about 400 names and another list for the annual Old Edwardians' dinner. This contains about 600 names, some of which are duplicates of the database and Edwardian mailing list.

I am anxious to renew contacts with OEs who have lost touch. Last year the College established a basic website on the Internet and since then we have had e-mails from South Africa, America, New Zealand as well as from many places in Britain. This has offered another way for OEs to make contact. The names of these contacts has been added to the mailing list.

I want to invite OEs who are in touch to engage in a little networking and to help put their OE friends and contacts back in touch. This can be done on a small or bigger scale:

some OEs may be able to let me have half a dozen names and addresses. Perhaps others can engage on a bigger scale and endeavour to reach out to trace their classmates. I have drawn up a list of my own from my teaching record books and I am trying to make contact with a selection of OEs from the years since I began teaching at the school in 1971. My list is not exhaustive and there must be more of you out there who could help. Please give me a call if you are willing to help in any way.

I shall be delighted to receive single or multiple addresses from any source.

**Please will YOU help:**

**Please write to me at the College,**

**Tel: 0151-228 3376**

**Fax: 0151-252 0219**

**E-mail:**

**admin@st\_edwards.lpool.sch.uk**

**Terence Duffy**

## St. Edward's Old Boys Rugby Club

### PLAYERS REQUIRED URGENTLY



ALL AGES - ALL SIZES  
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Recent school leavers. 16 years upwards.  
This years leavers particularly. At University?  
Play before you go away.  
Play during your holidays - Xmas and Easter.

- Matches are played home and away for 4 sides each Saturday
  - 18 League Matches each season
  - We play at the school
  - We use the school facilities
  - Tuesday and Thursday Training 7.00 - 9.00pm
- Courtesy of the Headmaster*

The route to the top is through Junior Rugby.  
Ted Rudd (E) and Mike Slemen (E) started with the OB's.

Anybody interested contact:

**NICK NELSON 0151-526 5063**

# News of Old Edwardians

## E-mail

Since the college has had a page on the Internet, e-mail messages have been received from:

**John Lyons** (1975-82) who is working at the laboratory in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

**Denis Quayle** (1961-68), now in Cape Town.

**Dr Michael Gradwell** (1979-86) who is working at the National Institute for Medical Research in London.

**Len Kehoe** (1959-77) who lives in Gloucester, Massachusetts, USA.

**Leo Kelly** (1952-59) who has worked in Canada but is now married and living in Auckland New Zealand where he is a JP. His son is a lawyer there. Leo asks about the whereabouts of **Ian Bryson, Rusty McDermott, Andy Darwin,**

**John Butchard, Michael Judge, Eddie Jones, Lawrence Mooney, Edward Swanick, John Williams,**

**Peter Townsend and Michael Stephens.** Can anyone help with some news? (I have been able to help with Eddie Jones' and John Butchard's whereabouts TD) Leo claimed to have received 103 strokes of the strap in his first term....!

**Kevin Carter** (1959-70) whose brother followed him six years later, has written from America.

**Peter McArdle** (1953-58) who is living in West Haven, Connecticut, USA. He asks about **Paul Deane, Peter Kelly, Jimmy Aldridge, Dave Farnham, Christy Ledden.**

**Nigel Ashton** (1977-84) who is studying at John Moores University.

**Claire Jones** (1988-90) who is studying English at Glasgow University.

Also **Phil Barry** in Golsboro, North Carolina whose brother **Stephen** was OE (1944-49)

Keep them coming in.

It has been suggested that we should have a page on the Web for alumni to contact one another and this is being investigated.

**Rugby:** The Old Boys are currently in 4th position in South Lancs/Cheshire One Courage League.

In particular the forwards have excelled and the work of the club captain deserves thanks.

**Brian Swanick** is currently in charge of rugby at Leicester and sends his regards.

We now run a Veterans side featuring many stalwarts of the game. Thanks to **Paul Falconer** for organising and milking these fellas of their money.

It was good to see our students home over Christmas.

**Rob Geraghty, Mark Dahill, Danny McKay and Colin Campbell** were all available along with **Spencer Williamson, Ben Blackwell and Jason Homan,** who has returned from Widnes RUFC.

**Peter Stephenson, Michael Passey and Stephen Conley** of the College's current side also made their debut for the Old Boys and are most welcome.

### Players required!

Do you know anyone who would be interested in resuming a long forgotten career? If so, get them down to training on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the College. Names and telephone numbers to **Des Tierney** please. Recent and future school leavers should think about their approach to playing after leaving school. They could be gaining important league competition experience playing for the Old Boys.

### The CIEA

The CIEA headquarters is the Rugby Club HQ and is open to all former pupils (including parents). It is not just a turn around point for cars during school time. Extensive refurbishment will be followed by a June re-opening night.

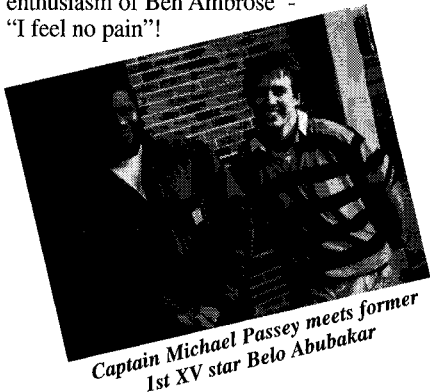
SEC OLD BOYS RUFC

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## RUGBY SENIOR SQUAD 15-A-SIDE

This was a season that inspired, with players capable of inspirational performances. This was a team led by charismatic individuals; Michael Passey and Simon Worsley. This was the 1996-97 season.

The side that faced Manchester GS early last September included four under-16's players. John Harris and James Wallace were the props. They had never played prop before- pas de problème. I had seen these players in action in France. There was no doubting their courage and talent. Again there was a Stanley in the back line - Paul's Pex Hill perfectionist brother, Neil, with Craig Griffies as a superb broken field attacker. These boys were not in fact thrown in at the deep end, having been part of the pre-season training, but they were set in a framework of men of steel- the big match players of the Sixth Form - Michael Passey, James Cashman, Adam Cloherly, Michael Fitzsimon and Tom Blackwell along with the players of pace and individual skill who can turn the game in a moment - Simon Worsley, Martin McGeough, Peter Stephenson and Iain Jones. And who can ignore the work and enthusiasm of Ben Ambrose - "I feel no pain"!



*Captain Michael Passey meets former 1st XV star Belo Abubakar*

The run of matches up to Christmas saw only two defeats from twelve matches, including two victories over Manchester GS, one of which was in the National Daily Mail Cup. An afternoon to savour for a former West Park person was the 48 - 7 destruction of a niggly Cowley side at Hard Lane. I wonder if my ancestor William Tunstall born in 1828 and buried just on the far side of the wall at Hard Lane could see the systematic punching of Peter Stephenson who by Christmas had scored 19 tries?

Second in the try scoring with 6 was James Cashman whose intelligence, explosive play were key reasons for our success.

Injuries did make selection more difficult as the season went on; Michael Fitzsimon, John Harris, Neil Stanley and Craig Griffies all suffered but consider the replacements - Jude Garvey, Michael Sanchez, James McQuade, Anthony Wright and Andrew Kelly who were prepared to give



*Rugby 1st XV players pictured before the Arnold Victory*

everything. Stephen Conley was also required on occasion to play hooker - and what a revelation! The season would also have been a lot duller without the Fiji international, Yussef Bictash and the player with the biggest smile and the most fragile wrist in the College, Peter Gee. Thank you to all those squad members - they should never forget their time together.

In the period after Christmas, disappointingly frost prevented another victory over St. Ambrose, Wirral, Merchant Taylor's and King's Macclesfield. All these away matches proved themselves narrowly superior yet all could have been beaten if chances had been taken.

Saving champagne rugby till the last, to retain intact their unbeaten record at home, St. Edward's 1st XV produced a performance to gladden the hearts of all their supporters. Arnold could not cope with the "big hits" which were resulting in tasty turnovers for those with an appetite for counter attack like Big Tom and Sizzling Si. This mouthwatering feast of SEC rugby created a wonderful end to the season - including a crushing defeat for an Argentinian touring side whose beef was distinctly inferior to the British variety!

Thank you to all the supporters: the Pasesys, the Ambroses, the Cashmans, the Worsleys, the Kellys, the Stanleys, the Jones, the Wallaces, the Griffies, the Stephensons, the Harris' and the Blackwells to name but a few clans. Your kindness and consideration will always remain with me. Life was good. We lived it together.

Played 16 Won 10 Drawn 1 Lost 5

**J. G. Campbell.**

## SENIOR SQUAD 7 - A - SIDE *Top Flight Success for St. Edward's*

When Mr Young took the school to the Birkenhead School 7's there was a feeling that although possession would be no problem with Tom Blackwell in the line out and Mike Passey hooking, there might be an overall lack of decisive pace. At Birkenhead, on points scored, SEC did

not proceed beyond the group stage, having lost to Wirral as a result of resting key players. The key factor was some lack of concentration over conversions.

The following Sunday at Ampleforth promised to be the real test of the ability of the squad in the context of top teams in the North of England. The sequence of group games was perhaps the most difficult we have ever faced in any competition - Ampleforth, Mount St. Mary's and then Newcastle RGS. The prospect was simple - we had to win against the home side in the first match with the crowd baying for our blood. The players of St Edward's, led by Mike Passey and Simon Worsley, rose tremendously to the challenge

St. Edward's won the group with key victories against Ampleforth 24 - 7, and Mount St. Mary's 21 - 19. After a semi-final against Ampleforth second team which was far from easy, St. Edward's faced Mount St. Mary's once more in the final. Despite conceding two early scores St. Edward's won 28 - 19, and gained a trophy they had never before secured.

Mr Cashman's state of health during the semi-final indicated the tense, competitive nature of the conflicts. However, all supporters were well rewarded by the efforts of the squad: **Mike Passey, James Cashman, Simon Worsley, Tom Blackwell, Ian Jones, Peter Stephenson, James McQuade, Neil Stanley, Martin McGeough and John Harris.**

A second string squad reached the Plate final at Stoneyhurst thus resting the above players. They too are worthy of congratulation - notably **Anthony Wright and Michael Sanchez.**

Rosslin Park and Oxford, the national benchmarks for 7's success beckoned. At Rosslin the group games included two severe tests against Welsh opposition Cardiff and Llanelli. Aggressive defence had been the keynote of the Ampleforth performances and this continued as Neil Stanley and James Cashman decisively broke the confidence of the Welsh ball handlers. Simon Worsley's precise kick offs allied to Tom Blackwell's big match drives provided ball and yardage. St. Edward's has never believed that 7's is a "pretty, pretty" game. The terrier spirit has always been allied to pace and creativity. Peter Stephenson, Martin McGeough and James McQuade were all usually incisive, unorthodox and extremely positive on the ball.

Having won all the four group matches, scoring an average of 34 points a game, SEC went into the last sixteen to defeat Coopers Coburn from London fairly comfortably 26 - 10.

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In the quarter final matches Durham and St. Joseph's Ipswich looked very useful but SEC opponents, Campion were physically too strong. We went down 21-15. The tournament was won by John Fisher who had more pace than any of the other sides seen that day.

John Fisher were our first opponents at Oxford later that same week. Despite a valiant effort helped by support from the following parents: Passeys, Stanleys and Cashmans, a result of 19-12 showed a close game but we were always struggling to contain their key players. The other group games were all won comfortably. The most memorable was against Welsh opposition once more, 33-0. The initial loss meant however that further progress in the competition was not possible.

A final word of thanks to captain, Michael Passey, who played all game every game at Ampleforth, Rosslyn Park and Oxford - he should not be sheepish about his talents or his achievements this season: his inner self, a reflection of his good parents, has inspired me throughout the season. Thank you.

**J. G. Campbell**

## UNDER 15'S RUGBY

After a disappointing opening match against Manchester GS the best moment of the season came when we beat Birkenhead 17-15.

In the early minutes of the first half, Paul Sweeney, scrum half, scored. It was a blow to the opposition and gave our team the confidence and realisation that success was around the corner. We had beaten a traditionally superior Birkenhead side through a mixture of determination and ability.

One of the surprises of the season was when we beat St Anselm's. We not only won but we were very disciplined throughout. Even the spirited Dean Ware tried to calm the ill-disciplined opposition.

The biggest disappointment of the season was the defeat at the hands of St. Bede's. Our pre-match attitude was one of over confidence to play a team that had never beaten us. We were astounded at this defeat, which highlighted how attitude and determination can be match winners or losers in this case.

Four players were outstanding during the season for different reasons. Steven Lewis had some superb games although this was only his first competitive rugby season. Nick Daley contributed as full back consistently with a determined presence on the field. Dean Ware, who has showed tremendous commitment for four long years, played with gritty determination this season and finally Simon Stockton deserves credit for his commitment to the team effort. Next season there will be first and second team places available and a good future is guaranteed for players such as Mike Roberts, Peter Sunderland and Simon Riley who all have much potential for the first

or second teams.

Mr Beeley would like to commend and congratulate Terence McLoughlin for his outstanding contributions throughout the season as both player and captain and on his selection for the Lancashire County side.

**T. McLoughlin/S. Beeley**

## UNDER 14'S RUGBY

Overall it was a difficult season. The team played twelve matches losing nine and winning three. However this series of results did not in any way reflect a lack of enthusiasm or willingness.

Excellent victories were recorded against Bolton School, Liverpool College and St. Bede's College. In all three games in which our boys maximised their undoubted potential. Against Merchant Taylors a very close game was had, with either side capable and deserving of victory. In the end a last minute score enabled the opposition to leave with a win under their belt. However, our boys had given it their all and were justifiably proud of their effort.

Perhaps inconsistency has been our biggest enemy this season however, the team has always been able to look toward Sean McIlrow and Ian Kerr for their incisive runs, the raw aggression of Mark Callan when on form, and the dependable work of Chris Snape, Paul Loughlin, Peter Murray and Ugo Nwosun. Furthermore, the brave, crunching tackles put in by Anthony Barrett and Stefan Trebicki were a joy to behold. We must not forget the sterling effort of Oliver Cashman - small in stature but well equipped in courage. Mention must of course be also made of Patrick Markey and Simon Tabb, both indispensable team players.

David Harris, our captain, displayed much courage and solid leadership throughout the season, willing his team to give that little bit more. He led by example and was often seen powering his way over the try line with several opponents clinging to him as he grounded the ball to score.

From the coaching point of view, Mr Paul Stanley deserves a big thank you. Throughout he cajoled and praised the players, always concerned that each member gives of his best. We will all miss his valuable contributions as he starts life at Sheffield University in September.

**J. D. Tedford**

## UNDER 13'S RUGBY

Commitment to training and a large squad have contributed to an improved season for the Under 13's. Whilst individual ability has emerged, this season has relied heavily upon teamwork in its search for success.

The season began slowly with a series of early defeats although we played well and should have beaten Rydal, St. Bede's and

Manchester GS. A victory against St Anselm's College allowed us to open our account followed with further victories against Bolton College, Liverpool College and a draw against St Mary's. The fixtures became harder after Christmas and consequently, the good run ended. We did, however, compete strongly against well organised teams from Merchant Taylor's and King's Macclesfield. The fifteen a-side season was completed with another comfortable win against Liverpool College.

We competed in 7's competitions at Birkenhead School, Rydal, Woodhouse Grove and the Christian Brothers 7's at St Mary's College. We reached the quarter final at Birkenhead and in beating St Anselm's, St. Ambrose and St. Mary's won the Christian Brothers' competition.

The whole squad has shown great commitment and enthusiasm and all players have developed both in terms of individual skills and the ability to "think on their feet". Next season, with a similar attitude, these attributes will continue to develop which will hopefully be reflected in improved results. The season was concluded with the following players being awarded Easter eggs: Matthew Davies (Most Committed Player), Paul Simmons (Most Improved Player) and Liam Currie (Player of the Year). Next season they will receive the hardest training sessions yet experienced and the reward will be on the pitch and in their minds and hearts.

**D. Mackenzie**

## UNDER 12'S RUGBY

Undoubtedly this is the most successful Year 7 team of recent years. They are a gifted and hard working group of boys who have a bright future ahead of them.

Highlights of the season included a stirring performance against the giants of Lancaster GS, the routing of Bolton GS the first victory of Arnold School for many a year, and hard fought draws against Kings, Macclesfield and Wirral GS.

All team members put in tremendous performances on occasions during the season, such as Matthew Saunders, Andrew Iro and Paul Lloyd. However, special mention must go to those players who gave everything on a week to week basis. Scrum half, Stephen Harcombe always gave good service and never missed a tackle; captain James Lynskey played through the pain barrier on many an occasion and always led from the front. Mark Jacobson in the centre, just got better and better. In my view and in that of many of the parents who supported the team, the player who was head and shoulders above the opposition was prop, Paul McGovern. It was a pleasure to watch such an inexperienced player take apart opposite numbers week in, week out.

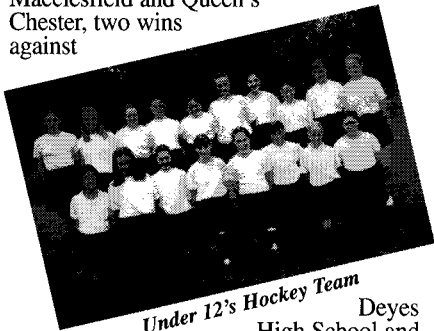
Thank you all for the effort made.

**J. J. McMullen**

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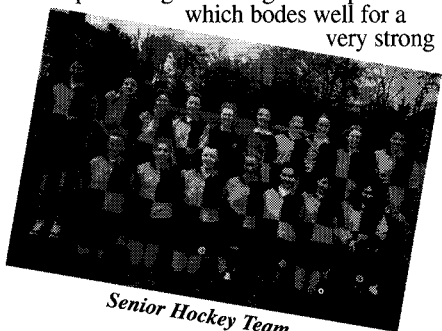
## HOCKEY

**Under 12's:** The under 12 squad have had an exceptional year. Enthusiasm and dedication never faltered throughout the season and the squad (many of whom had never held a hockey stick before September!) has shown great improvement throughout the year. Both A and B teams were unbeaten in Liverpool, and this season was the first to see fixtures against tougher opposition from further afield in which they achieved some excellent results - a win and a draw against both King's Macclesfield and Queen's Chester, two wins against



*Under 12's Hockey Team* Deyes High School and

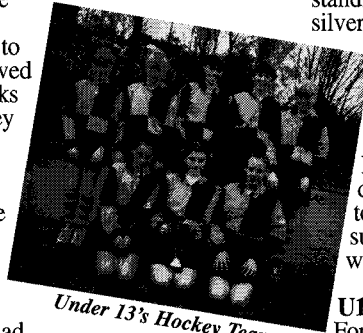
the only defeat of the season against Kirkham Grammar (the B team played an outstanding match to hold their B team to a 0 - 0 draw). So, on to the Liverpool Schools Tournament. The A team won this cup for the fourth year running and for the first time the B team were runners up (fine performances saw both teams unbeaten on the day - the A team winning all their matches (bar a 0 - 0 draw with the B team) and ending up with a superb 37 out of a possible maximum 40 points, and without conceding a goal. It was also the first year of the Liverpool Schools League and the U 12's team excelled and have set a real precedent for years to come - the A team won the League without dropping a single point, and the B team came second too, to coin a phrase we've 'done the double' this year! Finally the Jean Torrence Memorial Tournament at Arnold School, Blackpool. This competition took place on the first Saturday of the Easter Holidays, with a squad of nine players competing against some of the most impressive teams from around the Country. The standard was very high indeed and the team played exceptionally well, holding their own against some very tough competition and narrowly missing qualification for the quarter - finals coming a creditable 3rd in their group with the top two qualifying. The squad has great strength in depth which bodes well for a very strong



*Senior Hockey Team*

11-a-side team in Year 8 (competition for places will be very high). Congratulations to all players involved and special thanks to Miss V. Qurrey for all her help this season.

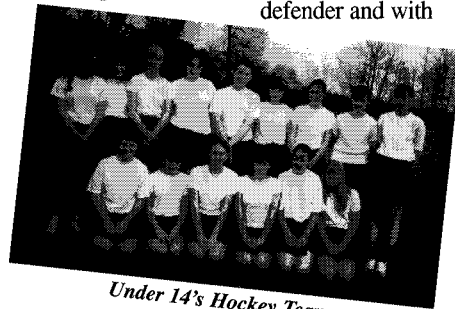
**Under 13's:** The under 13's displayed a good attitude to hockey this season. The squad had trained and played with commitment and enthusiasm. They thoroughly deserve their good results in 7's, 8's and 11's. They have only suffered one defeat all season. Their determination and motivation paid off as they retained the City Championships which they also won last year.



*Under 13's Hockey Team*

G. Atkins

**Under 14's:** The under 14 team managed to get their only really poor performance of the season out of the way early. Distressed by a gross pitch and distracted by an unfamiliar referee, they struggled to find their form and slumped to an unfortunate defeat. Brooding on misfortune however, is not a natural characteristic of the resolutely frivolous under 14's and the remainder of the season saw several sterling performances in which they demonstrated a tough and gritty determination not to be overcome by teams usually considerably bigger and taller, if not more skillful. Playing in a different formation allowed forward, Catherine Monaghan, to find her real niche as a



*Under 14's Hockey Team*

defender and with centre forward Claire Handley heading a fast and nippy attack they began to find their form as a team, playing some extremely attractive hockey. By the end of the season, several key players were facing challenges from those demonstrating marked improvement, and the position of left-half became split between the steady Joanne Williams and the ever improving Lucy Farquharson. Anna North also showed phenomenal improvement holding her own on the left wing very ably while "super-sub" Katie Anderson's commitment and consistency must be commended. In the City Championships, held in the Arctic Circle of Wyncote, initial panic at the brevity of matches gave way to excellent play, with Melissa Newnes and Michelle Culshaw outstanding. The team eventually finished as runners-up by the

narrowest of margins, just one goal standing between them and a very nice silver cup.

Congratulations must go to unflappable Claire Conway and Colette "small circles" Noble for their success in getting into the Liverpool City team - a well deserved honour. Commiserations to top defender Hannah Kirkham, who succumbed to tonsillitis during the week of the trials.

### U14 Squad 1996-97

Forwards: M Culshaw, C Handley, C Conway (captain) and A North

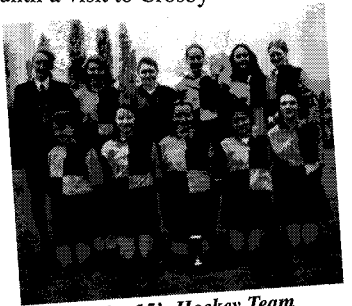
Halves: C Noble, M Newnes, L Farquharson, J Williams and K Anderson

Defenders: H Kirkham, C Monaghan, G Gelling, C Feely, L Catalan, K Hogg and G Melia.

K. C. Baldock

**Under 15's:** The season started with a promise of tougher opposition this year with fixtures against King's Macclesfield and Queen's Chester. The under 15's were undefeated throughout their school career so stronger opposition was a daunting prospect.

One of our first matches was against King's and a pre-match team talk concentrated on telling the team to play their best and not worry if they lost. At half-time the team were down 1-0, but their determination not to face defeat saw the match end with a 2-1 victory for SEC. The season progressed in much the same way until a visit to Crosby to play St Mary's when they were defeated 2-1. The team bounced back and our final two matches were against



*Under 15's Hockey Team*

Kirkham and Arnold on two consecutive Saturday's and both away. Even with support from the under 12's waiting to play their game, we suffered crushing defeat although the resolve of the team remained unflinching as we moved on to the Arnold game. We were somewhat apprehensive at the prospect of a second defeat in as many Saturdays but after a well fought match the final result was a 1-1 draw.

It is difficult to identify individual achievement for special mention but Rachel Kiely and Janine Newnes played outstanding hockey all season. As this team moves up we can look forward to very strong and determined 2nd, and 1st XI teams over the next couple of years.

Well done to all players.

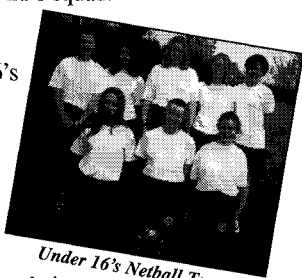
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# S P O R T S

## NETBALL 1996-97

**Seniors:** A rather disappointing season for the first Senior Netball Team at SEC. Some players showed dedication and produced a good performance in the County Preliminary Round, which left the team finishing 3rd in their group on the other hand lack of commitment from several competent players was somewhat discouraging. Hopefully next season will prove more rewarding. Well done to newcomer Christine Leighton who was chosen to represent the County and to Denise Short who was chosen for the County under 21's squad.

**Under 16's:** The Under 16's completed another successful season. They have grown in confidence having added some pattern to their play. This resulted in an outstanding performance at the County Preliminary Rounds when all 9 matches resulted in victories and the girls qualified as Liverpool's top team. They finished fourth in the finals. The under 16's won the Liverpool City Championships. Congratulations! A special well done to Victoria Newnes who was chosen to represent the County.



*Under 16's Netball Team*



*Under 15's Netball Team*

**Under 15's:** Another tremendous season for the Under 15's. Virtually all of the squad members were

chosen to represent Liverpool at the Youth Games at the end of last year and have continued to go from strength to strength. They should now look forward to the Schoolgirl County Trials in October. The under 15's also won the Liverpool City Championships. Well done!

**Under 14's:** An extremely pleasing season for the Under 14's. The girls have shown great enthusiasm and have worked hard in training which has resulted in more victories. More match practice proved vital to improvement. Hoping that the progress continues.



*Under 14's Netball Team*

The under 14's were also Liverpool City Champions. Well done!

**Under 13's:** A tremendous season! The under 13 girls maintained their virtually unbeaten run and have only lost one game this season. An extraordinary achievement from a very talented team. The under 13's also gained the Liverpool City Champions title. Well done!



*Under 13's Netball Team*

**Under 12's:** After a slow start, the under 12's soon got into the winning habit. The girls have shown great enthusiasm and will hopefully continue to make progress next season. The girls are joint under 12 Liverpool City Champions. Keep up the good work!



*Under 12's Netball Team*

**NB:** Without the dedication of staff in charge of teams, none of this would be possible. Therefore a special thank you goes to Miss Fell, Miss Hutchinson, Miss Fox and Miss Atkins for all their hard work this season.

**Mrs J. Capano**

PS: A final huge thank you to Mrs Capano for her work co-ordinating netball as she takes maternity leave this term. All the girls and the staff would like to wish her well and hope that she is delivered safely of her new baby.

## CRICKET

### First XI Cricket Tour 1996

The First XI cricket Tour to Essex was led by Miss Clare Fell and Mr Dai Edwards in July last year. The first fixture saw the team journey to Leyton, North London for a narrow victory against the home side spurred on by performances from David Brooks and Christian Murt.

While Mr Edwards showed them how to play tennis between fixtures, the boys moved on to the county ground at Valentine Park, Ilford, to play a side of Essex under 16 boys. Their batting was spectacular and the target of 283 seemed unreachable but Peter Stephenson, man of the match, gave it a good go with a personal best of 76 runs. Christian Murt held the other end, scoring 20 runs in three hours' play.

The following day saw an evening match in Kent in which Mr Edward's outstanding batsmanship was much in evidence. The team was victorious once again and in need of a good day's rest.

After a relaxing day off at the seaside at Clacton on Saturday, Sunday was spent in Chelmsford watching Graham Gooch and his teammates play the Glamorgan side. A thoroughly enjoyable day concluded with the lads meeting Nasser Hussain and Keith Fletcher. There followed a tough match on Monday against the local Sixth Form College. Paul Stanley bowled well and Christian Murt, once again, performed well with the bat. Dominic Carter was man of the match for a superb display of aggressive batting. The victory belonged to the opposition but our last night in a wonderful Chinese restaurant went some way to console the players.



*The Team prepared for the First match*

The final game at Colchester RGS had the potential to be the best game of the tour but fatigue was beginning to show with our team all out for 66 we resigned ourselves to defeat though Paul Stanley showed amazing determination taking two wickets. The tour was a successful venture which has spawned forthcoming tours to Somerset and Barbados. With many thanks to Mr Dai Edwards and Miss Y Levington for all their help.

**C. Fell**

## SWIMMING REPORT 1996-97

This has been a fairly eventful season but there is still an underlying problem in that the number of fixtures does not allow for much consistency. The dominating status also of SEC swimming is lacking a certain previous zest that it had when we would destroy every team that took the plunge against us while we finished the season runaway winners of the now extinct Liverpool City Championships.

The Y7 boys have shown that they can emulate the attitudes of their elders with hard work and determination against some very strong opposition. Woods has shown that he can captain a team with efficiency and responsibility. Swift and Knowles added to the teams' success with a number of great performances.

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The Y8's were captained by the extremely talented Paul Davies and went from strength to strength with Clint and Burke's performances being invaluable to the team's status. Roberts has been chosen as my outstanding swimmer this season - he has come on in leaps and bounds and is reaping the rewards of constant hard work. The team has also benefited from the work of Markey and Macklin.

Y9 have been resilient throughout the season with Gray being superb in the water. Anthony Barrett led by example and Wilson showed great potential with his win in the breast stroke at Bury. Glasby played a key role in the relays.

The Y10's have again showed the natural skill and determination that has shown them to be one of the best squads in SEC's swimming history. They remained unbeaten yet again and have won most of their races, many finishing both first and second. The team consisted of Thompson (captain), Melia, McLoughlin, Sweeney and Roberts.

Finally the senior team found their form in the latter half of the season. They lacked the experience of other teams, consisting as it did of mainly Y11 swimmers. Dennis Reid has had a very successful season and has a great future in prospect, while Stephen Pearce is pushing his way into the first team. Y12's Shah and Renton both showed superb breast stroke skills. The Y13's have also played key roles in the team. Mike Passey and Mike Fitzsimon have kept the team laughing while Ben Ambrose had a bad start to the season, regaining form as the season progressed with his victory in the butterfly at Blue Coat.

My outstanding swimmer of the year has to be Jude Garvey, with his performances at Bury and Blue Coat. Jude proves the point - "the future is orange"!

Finally, on behalf of the whole team, many thanks to Mr Morgan and Mr Brooks for their hard work and dedication. We wish them luck for the future.

## CHESS

Congratulations to Ryan Crimmins, Year 7, who was top scorer in St Edward's in the UK Chess Challenge Competition. Ryan won all but one of his seven games and received the winner's trophy; Other students received badges and other awards. This is the first time we have entered the competition and about twenty Year 7 boys and girls took part, playing one match each week for seven weeks. Our pupils were among 24,000 children in 726 schools who took part this year. The competition is sponsored by Kasparov Chess Computers and helped to raise money for save the Children Fund.

## CROSS COUNTRY REPORT



*The first winners of the St. Edward's College 10 mile challenge*

The cross country teams have enjoyed a reasonably successful season. Our major competition is the Merseyside League and three of our five teams managed to win at least one League fixture. A good team spirit and enthusiasm for training characterised the junior teams throughout the season. They won the first two Merseyside League fixtures at Clarke Gardens and Sherdley Park. A Slightly weakened team in the two final fixtures denied them further victories, but they finished as overall champions - the first time since 1985 that St. Edwards have been champions in this age group. The team finished a fine 3rd in the Marple Hall Relays and were also 3rd in two local Cup races. The season ended with the Northern Schools Championships at Heaton Park, Manchester - here the U12's finished 8th, a position they certainly have the potential to improve upon in future seasons. Chris Gough proved an excellent captain, finishing in the first five in all four League fixtures and 6th in the Northern School Championships. He was well supported by Raymond Warham, Michael McCarthy, Adam McCarthy, Peter Swift and Luke Carter.

The U13's achieved 4th position overall in the Merseyside League and also a creditable 4th in the Wirral A.C. Cup meeting at Arrow Park. John Daley ran in every fixture and received good support from Chris Penketh, Paul Macklin, Alex Florensa and Paul Davis.

The U14's had a reasonably good season. They scored a surprise victory in the third Merseyside League fixture at Calderstones Park, but had to settle for 3rd place overall in the League. They also achieved a creditable 12th position in the Northern Schools Championships. Stephen O'Donoghue enjoyed a successful season, and there were consistent contributions from Terence Wignall, Daniel Blair and Liam Poland. However, their efforts would have been to no avail without the other members of the squad who trained regularly, Patrick Bush, Kevin Wilson and Jonathon Fogg. Each of these was our fifth counter at least once.

Our U15's competed mostly with our fifth-year runners in U16 races, but had four early season races with the U14's. They achieved a creditable 3rd place in the Wirral A.C. Cup Race and progressed comfortably to the Regional Final of the T.S.B. Cup, where they finished 8th. Michael Bate enjoyed a very successful season, winning the final Merseyside League fixture at Arrow Park and finishing 3rd in the Northern Schools Championships. He was also chosen to represent Merseyside in the English Schools Championships in Newark. Daniel Melia also had a fine season - he was the individual winner of the Wirral A.C. Cup Race and the T.S.B. Regional Final in Milnthorpe, and only missed being chosen from Merseyside because of injury. Alan Walsh provided good support, and John Slavin, Stephen Bridger and Andrew McLindon proved reliable team members. The U16 team were adversely affected by injury - they finished 2nd in the Merseyside League Race at Sherdley Park with a full - strength team, but no better than 4th in the other three League fixtures. In the circumstances, their 3rd place overall was a creditable achievement. The team also secured 5th place in the Marple Hall Relay. Francis Brooks was our most successful fifth-year runner, with captain Michael Dudley, Michael Hogg and James Prendergast lending useful support. The seniors started the season in great style, winning the First League Race at Clarke Gardens and finishing 3rd in the Marple Hall Relay in the following week. They

finished second in the three remaining League races to secure 2nd place overall in the League, and also achieved 2nd position in two local Cup races. The team produced an excellent performance in the King Henry VIII 6 x 2 mile Relay at Coventry, finishing 10th of the 41 teams competing. They were in the lead at the end of each of the first two legs and were still strongly in contention during the next two legs. Peter Walsh had an outstanding season, finishing in the first five in all of the League races and producing the 3rd fastest individual time at Marple Hall and the 6th fastest time at Coventry. He was also selected for the Merseyside team at Newark. Neil Blackhurst, Simon Fraser, Matthew Gilmore, Kevin Renton and Chris Ventre all made valuable contributions to the success the team enjoyed.



*Captain Chris Gough with the Merseyside U12 trophy*



*The start of the Booth Cup Race at Wavertree*