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St Edward's Royal Visitor Duchess Opens Sports Complex



Head Girl, Clare Britton presents a posy on the Duchess' arrival.

St. Edward's College was honoured on Thursday 18 April by the visit of HRH the Duchess of Kent who came to officially open the Judge John Morgan Sports Complex.

The Duchess, a Catholic, kindly accepted the invitation made after her visit to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral last year. Amid tight security and a well rehearsed schedule organised by SEC Registrar Mr Terence Duffy and the Merseyside Lieutenancy Office, the Royal party flanked by police outriders arrived at 11.10 am. The Duchess was welcomed by Headmaster John Waszek who presented the Chairman of Governors, Michael Byrne, Brother Francis Hall, the Vice Provincial and the Head Girl, Clare Britton, who presented a posy.

Chief guest was His Honour Judge John Morgan, St Edward's

former Chairman of Governors after whom the Sports Complex has been named.

The Duchess was her usual charming and interested self. She first of all met the excited Nursery children, who delighted her. From there the Duchess went to the Sports Complex where Judge Morgan and Mr Edwards and Mrs Young, the Deputy Heads, were presented. In the swimming pool she

watched Junior School children having a swimming lesson as well as Year 11 practising life saving. A stop at the netball court came next before the walk out to the new Astroturf where both hockey and tennis were going on. The return walk passed by Junior School rounders, athletics and rugby training before the party entered the Sports Hall to see Sixth Formers using the climbing wall. The Duchess then unveiled the plaque (afterwards fixed in the Sports Complex foyer) and signed the Visitors Book.

A short walk to the Bryson Hall followed where Colonel Graeme Bryson (another former Chairman of Governors) was presented as well as Bishop Malone and Mr Sweeney. The party took their seats and were entertained by the Girls' Choir and the Cathedral Choristers.

At the end of the music, Graham Ion, Head Boy, presented our visitor with tapes of the Cathedral Choir and a photograph showing Sixth Formers and members of staff who had accompanied a party of children to Lourdes under the auspices of the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. The Duchess, a Patron of the HCPT, showed great interest in this trip and asked to meet anyone who had taken part. She met both students and members of staff before leaving for her next engagement at Alder Hey Children's Hospital just over one hour after arriving at the College.

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Unveiling the Plaque -
'The Judge John Morgan Sports Complex'



Staff Farewells



The End of the Line

Mr Tony Edwards

spent his early years at a Kirkby Comprehensive teaching boys more likely to go on to become World Boxing Champions than to reach the higher levels of academia. He arrived at St Edward's in 1963 to teach Biology. At that time, Biology was only taught to a small number of boys in the Sixth Form - scientists who couldn't do Maths! However, his knowledge, enthusiasm and popular style of teaching soon recruited students with the potential to reach the highest level in the fields of medicine, veterinary science, dentistry and allied professions, scientific research and teaching.



Tony, of course a former pupil of St Edward's was a talented sportsman gaining his colours in Athletics, Rugby and Cricket. At University he played soccer but later returned to rugby, playing for Sefton Rugby Club for many a year. Like many players in his level of rugby he only retired when his boots fell to bits and he wondered whether it would be cost effective buying a new pair if he wasn't going to go on playing long enough to wear them out! He has taken many rugby and cricket teams in his time at St Edward's and only a few years ago he and Brother Sassi were a formidable duo taking the first year cricket team.

Since 1976 Tony has been Deputy Headmaster, amongst other things, responsible for keeping the pupils of the College on the straight and narrow. Patrolling the corridors, the voice of authority would be heard 'Laddie.....' (did he really call the girls

'Lassie?') However, the mundane disciplinary action and the supervision of detention were only the superficial face of a man who spent a large amount of time working behind the scenes for the benefit of many students who may one day realise how much they owe to him.

This concern for others has always been an important part of Tony's life. It is well known that he has been an active member of Amnesty International for many years and now that Tony Edwards is to retire, it will not be to relax or tend his garden but to meet the new challenges that his strong Catholic faith demands. We wish him well.

M. Stephenson

Mr Geoff Robinson, who retired in July as Head of Maths, will long be remembered

for the sheer dedication and professionalism he brought to his many and varied activities. His association with the College, as a pupil and teacher, stretches back more than 50 years. As a keen sportsman himself, he coached the U15 rugby team with great success for many seasons and, more recently, was in charge of badminton, a sport he still enjoys, for a time. The Philatelic Society had flourished for many years under his expert guidance, and he was instrumental in the formation of the Bridge Club. In its heyday, the Club entered teams in the Merseyside Bridge League (an adult competition) and national school competitions.



No school can function without a timetable. For most of his career, Geoff was the guiding force behind the production of the College

timetable, which became ever more complex in response to changing educational needs and the expansion in pupil numbers at the College.

However, it is as a teacher of Mathematics that Geoff will be best remembered. His contribution to the Maths Department was immense. He was an inspiring and gifted teacher, always challenging his pupils to look beyond the obvious and to think for themselves, and insistent on the highest standards. He encouraged his pupils to participate in local and national Mathematics competitions and rejoiced in the many successes they achieved. Literally thousands of his pupils have cause to remember him with affection and gratitude.

As a colleague, he was invariably helpful and a fount of common-sense advice. He has a keen sense of humour - many of his pupils and colleagues will be quick to acknowledge that after being on the receiving end! - and could always see the humorous side when problems arose. We offer Geoff and Eileen our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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For 25 years **Mrs Cath Hickey**, School Secretary and for the last year,

Headmaster's Secretary has been the voice at the end of the telephone for many parents. A good listener, tactful and sympathetic she has offered reassurance to parents, staff and pupils.



Together with Breda Usher, who retired last year, Cath was involved in all the administrative tasks including,



Staff Farewells



Open Night, Prize Giving, the St Edward's Day Mass and the Entrance Examination. A succession of Headmasters Brothers Ryan, Chincotta, Gillespie and Sassi and our present Headmaster Mr J E Waszek have all benefitted from Cath's kind, unassuming manner. Our computerised administration has enhanced efficiency with regards to paperwork and filing but Cath will be a hard act to follow when it comes to knowledge of the people and traditions associated with the College.

Go to Cath with a problem and having listened carefully she will say 'I'll light my lamp' a reference to the votive lamp in front of the statue of Mary which has pride of place in her office.

We wish Cath and her husband, Ben, a long and happy retirement. They will be able to make full use of their caravan retreat in North Wales.

However, this is not really the end of the line because Cath's grandson and granddaughter follow in their father's footsteps as pupils of St Edward's.

In July this year **Mr Anthony Layng** retired from teaching, having been a valued member of the College staff for ten years.



Anthony was a true Christian, always cheerful but never loud, a listener rather than a talker, one of those quiet people who never complain and always ready to put himself out to help another. His colleagues in the Physics Department

appreciated his wide experience, both as a teacher and as an examiner, and were always glad to hear his views, whether at formal meetings or as part of a friendly chat in the Prep. Room. He was a good professional, extremely methodical, very conscientious and always willing to try new methods, or even new subjects, to fit in with the ever-changing demands of the curriculum.

Unfortunately for the Department, Anthony's conscientiousness was no doubt at least partly responsible for his doctor advising him to retire a few years early. But our loss is his family's gain and we sincerely hope that Anthony will enjoy a long, healthy and happy retirement with his loved ones.

G F Haimes

Mr Bob Webster joined the College in the summer of 1989 as a technician in the CDT department.



At this time the department was in its infancy and had only just occupied its new premises on the ground floor of the Design Centre. Imagine, if you will, rooms and workshops where machines lay in the middle waiting to be connected, had tools and supplies piled high onto several benches because no racks or cupboards had been built, and a store room three feet thick on the floor with consumable materials. This was the scene that greeted Bob on his first day, and to rub salt into the wound I told him that forty GCSE pupils were about to start

for the first time in two weeks. I shall never forget his reply to me, 'What do you want me to do in the second week?' In those early days Bob was a magician at getting things working and organised and in his spare time he started the very first departmental club in electronics. In 1991 he was appointed a full member of the teaching staff where his knowledge of electronics and his ability to captivate the pupils is well known. I for one will miss his valuable contribution to the success of this department and his support to me. May I wish him on behalf of all the staff a healthy and happy retirement.

S J Quarmby

Mr John Brennan arrived in September 1990 after 9 years at Bluecoat School. His reputation was based on sound academic teaching and firm discipline.



Over his six year period at St Edward's, he transformed the History Department introducing Modern World History at GCSE and Modern European and the United States at Advanced Level.

His sixth formers and colleagues will remember him as a genuine human being with considerable wit. Au fait with recent educational developments and with excellent man-management skills, he was a real asset to the Staff Common Room.

Though some will remember his sartorial elegance, we will remember the man.

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The Edmund Rice Run



In May each year we hold our Edmund Rice Fun Run and Walk. The sponsored event has been held for the past seven years (formally named Makeni Run) as a means of raising funds for the Christian Brothers' Schools in West Africa. Over the years the event has raised several thousand pounds and has gone to improving facilities and resources in Schools. We are twinned with St Edward's School in Sierra Leone and this year we hope to purchase items of equipment for them.

Senior school pupils run or walk around the course in Croxteth Park of either 5 or 10 kilometres. The Junior

School pupils walk within the grounds of the College, a maximum of 4 circuits each of 1 kilometre.

The event is open to all. Parents and friends of the College have entered the Fun Run/Walk every year. In fact, walking is more than encouraged, for many of the 'runners' it is an essential part. Pupils and staff show great commitment in both participating and organising resulting in a most enjoyable day for the school.

This year, first pupil over the line was Robert Pope in 33 minutes. First parent over the line was Mr Renton (Kevin Year 12) who came 3rd. First member of staff over the line was Mr John Gresty who was 8th.



Amnesty International

An Amnesty International group was established by Year 12 students, chaired by Steven Crellin, and affiliated to British Amnesty this year. Amnesty International was first established in 1961 to work for human rights and justice worldwide. It attempts to pressurise governments, leaders and officials to recognise human rights violations in their own countries and deal with them and provide justice.

The growth of the school group is still in its infancy, but we have tried to establish a pattern from our meetings. Our work this year has involved letter writing campaigns to pressurise leaders and activists in countries such as Bosnia, Rwanda and China. These are countries where human rights have been disregarded and where dreadful atrocities have been committed by individuals and governments. Response has been poor from these countries and people such as Dr Karadjic and General Kjladic have even proved elusive to the authorities.

An assembly delivered to Years 12 and 13 about human rights proved to be thought provoking and controversial, but highlighted the fact that we often take our rights for granted. This is not the case for millions of men, women and children in every continent who live in daily fear.

A recent 'Cluedo' fund raising event raised over £50 to help the Amnesty cause. It is our hope to extend the activities of Amnesty to years 10 and 11 in the next few years and in doing so help many who depend on our collective letter writing for solace and justice.

The work of Steven Crellin and others in Year 12 have helped to launch the Amnesty group successfully this year, and we hope that their achievements will be the basis for the growth of a St Edward's Amnesty group in the years to come.

G. Gordon

'St Edward's Gets Netted'

24 May saw St Edward's College appear on the World Wide Web. Mr Sprague created and published a three page web site for the College. Internet gurus can visit the site at <http://users.aol.com/steddiess>

WORK EXPERIENCE

We endeavour to offer each pupil in Year 11 two weeks work experience after the GCSE examinations at the end of June. Unfortunately, we do not have enough quality placements to offer, especially with professions such as medicine, law, accountancy etc. Increasingly, admissions tutors at Universities are demanding that applicants have completed a period of work experience, and in some cases will not consider a pupil without work experience whatever his/her grades. If you could offer a pupil one, or two weeks work experience in 1997, we would be most grateful if you could contact the college. Any offers or enquires can be made to Miss Cooper or Mr Gordon.

A 'W.I.S.E.' Choice

The Engineering Council runs the Women Into Science and Engineering (W.I.S.E.) Campaign to promote engineering as a suitable career among girls and women.

The WISE Vehicle Programme is one of the initiatives run on behalf of the Engineering Council by the Nottingham Trent University. Each year the technology bus visits Hillside School, Breeze Hill, Bootle and this year saw girls from Year 9 participate in the programme.



Year 9 girls on the W.I.S.E. Technology bus

WISE had provided for this occasion, a motor coach in the form of a learning centre, fitted out with various technical activities ranging from Electronics to Pneumatic Control and also some Computer Aided Design. The girls could take turns in small groups at trying these activities to see if they suited their interests.

Upon arrival at Hillside, we were warmly welcomed by Mr Evans, Head of CDT at the school. He gave a brief introduction to the scheme and then showed a video of the aims of the WISE organisation. The girls then proceeded to try the activities in turn. These included a drawing which was computer generated, a number of electronic tasks ranging from a light operated switch to a disco active lighting system, and also some air-controlled door opening devices and lifting apparatus.

The girls enjoyed the day and felt it was both educational and interesting. A vote of thanks was given to the organisers from both WISE and Hillside High for providing such an insight into technology. It is likely that the motor display coach will return next year.

R J Webster

Quiz Night

in aid of Lourdes Pilgrimage

On Friday 26 January this year a Quiz Night in Aid of the Lourdes Pilgrimage took place in the College dining hall. The event was extremely well supported by both parents and staff with over 100 people attending and, by the end of the evening a staggering £568 had been raised.

It was a very enjoyable evening and a resounding success - the spirit of the event being exemplified by the winners, the Woollybacks (from Widnes - where else!) re-donating their prize money - a gesture which was much appreciated.

On behalf of myself and Patrick Duffy I would like to express my gratitude to everybody who helped out on the evening, not least the Sixth Formers who gave up their Friday night to cajole everyone out of their hard earned cash, but particularly I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Gilbertson for organising the Quiz itself - it was such a success I'm afraid they might have landed themselves a job for life!



Once again, thank you to all those who attended and gave so generously and we hope to see you, and others, again next year.

Sue Giles

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SUMMER FAIR '96

The Parents' Association held its Summer Fair on Sunday 19 May and despite the uncertain weather, the Fair attracted a large Crowd.

There were plenty of attractions on offer with Craft stalls, fairground rides, bouncy castles, face painting and if that didn't lighten your pocket there was the usual mix of games of luck and skill involving ducks, balls, bottles and cuddly toys.

The first prize in the raffle of £200 cash was won by Mrs Metcalf, a Runnymede parent.

After a very long and hectic day, when the pennies were counted the Fair raised over £1000 which is to be added to other money raised by the Parents' Association and used by the College in a number of ways.

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Duke of Edinburgh

In the final month of last summer's term we saw the Gold Expedition ably led by last year's Head Boy, David Lambert, cover nearly sixty miles in four days. Their assessor praised them highly saying that they were, perhaps, the best group he had ever assessed. Certainly this accolade will be hard to follow.

Early in September our last Silver Group took part in their assessed expedition in the Lake District. The members of the group, Graham Ion, Krystina Lithgow-Smith, Mark Ramsdale, Robert Pope, Paul Prayle and Michael Youds proved themselves to be a very worthy quintet, completing their mileage in an extremely proficient and cheerful manner.

Year 10, as anticipated, were keen to join the scheme when it was introduced to them. Some seventy students 'signed up' and started to attend the weekly meetings. A number 'fell by the wayside', unable to sustain the commitment that is required. Yet, by the time we were ready to have our first camp we were pleased to see some 22 participants eager to test those skills they had learnt in the safety of the classroom.

The practice Expedition was, for this group then, a first taste of the wilderness of North Wales.

The group were extremely pleasant and enthusiastic throughout their trip and, perhaps most noticeable, nearly every participant came and thanked the members of staff. A gesture that did not go unnoticed.

As is our policy Year 11 is a period of time when we do not, actively, engaged the participants as they have the demands of coursework and examination preparation upon their time. There are quite a number of students who attend the Climbing Club sessions and, perhaps, notable amongst these are Matthew Gilmore and Paul Homan who are not only good climbers but also raised some money through a sponsored climb.

Canoeing club attracts a faithful group of paddlers; David Pinnington, Peter Gregory, Iain Jones, Michael Youds and Paul Prayle amongst them. There are a number of students from year 10 and 11 who may, if they continue to progress, not only become fine canoeists but will be names that will appear in this report in subsequent years.



This year we decided to enrol sixth form students into the Gold Level. In November last year a few hardy souls, such as Patricia Minogue, Kelly Gallagher, Ramona Hedge and Ruth Wallace took refuge in a stone barn in Ogwen Valley for a weekend of training and earlier this year they returned to North Wales to the relative luxury of Siobod, a Christian Brothers centre near Capel Curig. Here the cooking talents of Year 12 students, such as Peter Templeton, Jonathan Feeney and Daniel Bunstone were put to the test as they prepared gourmet meals for their group.

It was also this trip that saw the trials for the school Luge team by Peter Armitage, Iain Jones, James Britten and Mark Ramsdale. Elsewhere, while this group was practising its ice-braking technique, Michael Youds and Paul Prayle were practising ice-breaking of another sort. They were with the young women from Plessington High School who will be joining them on their assessed expedition in July. While this trip is taking place in the summer the remainder of the group will be taking part in a six-day training expedition.

Although the scheme is best known for its outdoor adventure there are many other aspects of the award that take place during the year and involve many staff giving up their time to assist individuals. My thanks, as always, go to those who help in any way.

AJ Treherne

Passover

March 18 saw the celebration for the fourth year of the Passover for Christians. As usual we held it in the dining room and just under fifty people turned up in friendship or family groups. Although the Jewish Passover gave us our Mass there are not too many similarities! The atmosphere begins a little similarly but soon changes from fairly formal to that of a party - and that's right. It is a celebration of the Jewish history and particularly the night of freedom when the angel of death *passed over* Egypt killing the first born and finally persuading Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free.

Our celebration of the Passover is basically a meal spread over two hours. It begins with song, a little stiffly especially as it is unaccompanied. As the wine takes hold, tongues loosen and laughter takes over. The history of the event, peppered with toasts, precedes the meal which is usually a chicken salad followed by fruit salad - with more red wine! Then there is the washing up!

It is an enjoyable occasion well worth sampling. So look out for it next Lent and don't miss it!

Michael W Brooks

CAFOD FAMILY FAST

These two days are now well established in St Edward's diary and are well supported. The idea of course is to show solidarity with the starving of the world by giving up our usual lunch for a Cafod Lunch. This stretches to a bowl of soup with a roll and an apple.

We are now raising over £400 per lunch - held just after Ash Wednesday and in October.

Congratulations to all who make the effort. A number of people in the Third World are better off for our small sacrifices. We hope to add 'events' to future Cafod Lunches, prayer vigil and even a 24 hour fast in College. Then to really highlight the injustice of the food distribution we are trying to work out how to include a small number of people who 'win' a raffle for a super lunch eaten whilst and in the midst of the rest of us on our meagre meal. Any other suggestions?

MICHAEL W BROOKS

ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP Congratulations - Matthew Wong

This year seven students were nominated by their teacher to sit the Arkwright Scholarship examination. This was the highest number ever. I congratulate all those who took part. Two of the seven students, Matthew Wong and Leanne Olsen were successful at being selected for interview at Trent College. This in itself is no mean feat as 370 candidates (of the highest calibre) from all over the country submitted examination scripts where only 50 would be selected for interview. The interviews lasted for two days during the Easter Holidays and Matthew and Leanne both gave creditable performances, however, it was disappointment for Leanne who worked extremely hard and gave her best but I must congratulate Matthew who was awarded a two year Scholarship from the trust.

The Arkwright Scholarship is a national scheme which seeks to promote the study of design and technology throughout the United Kingdom. Its scholarships are very competitive and are extremely prestigious with wide ranging opportunities for the scholar. The Arkwright Scholarship Trust administers the Scheme and follows the progress of all its Scholars from the start of their 'A' Levels until they finish their university course.

During this period the Scholars are invited to a 'club meeting' biannually and will take part in conferences and exhibitions used to promote the scheme to industry. There may also be the possibility of work experience with the individual company sponsoring the Scholar.

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Netball

Junior School Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in the Catholic Schools Cup and League. Although the team were knocked out in the early rounds of the cup and the league, this did not deter their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the netball season!

During the Inaugural Christian Brothers Netball Tournament held at St Mary's in February, Laura Tipping was chosen as Best Player of our squad. Well Done Laura and well done the team!

P. Brophy

Girls Hockey

A big well done to all the girls who participated in hockey. A brave turn out on cold Friday evenings after school. All the girls played with enthusiasm and commitment. The AJIS Tournament at Kirkham Grammar was a great success, resulting in a 3rd and 5th place in the tournament groups.

B. O'Keefe

Rounders

At the time of writing the junior School Rounders Team is still in its infancy - learning skills, positions, rules and working as a team. They have however, already taken part in the AJIS Rounders Tournament held at the Arnold School, Blackpool. It was an enjoyable but long day out. They were competing against schools from various parts of the North West.

They played 5 games and won 3 on the day. An excellent start to the rounders season. They have entered the Liverpool Catholic Schools Cup and League and will also be playing against other independent schools and Christian Brothers Schools.

Good Luck Girls!

Swimming Club

The Junior School runs two very popular and successful swimming clubs, which cater for the differing needs and abilities of the children in the Junior School.

The Monday night club is designed for children wanting to swim competitively and train for the team. Due to the hard work and commitment of the children the team has seen victories against Liverpool College, Merchant Taylors and St Ambrose. They are currently training hard for the City Championships and the Liverpool Catholic Schools Championships.

The Wednesday night club caters for non-swimmers and children wanting to gain swimming awards. This is a popular night for the younger swimmers in the school who get the chance to experience a variety of fun water activities.

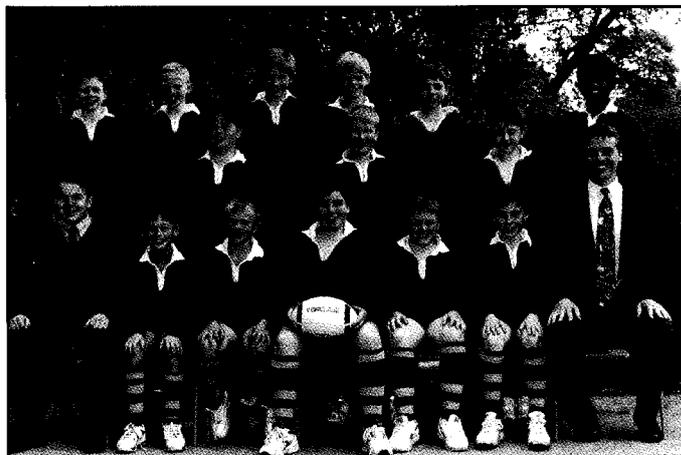
Many of the children who began as non-swimmers in September are now eager to move to Monday nights and swim competitively for the school!

A big 'thank-you' must go to two of our parents who help out every week.

Rugby Renaissance

The 95-96 Rugby season for the Junior school has been an incredibly successful one.

The boys put in hours of tough practice and training and obviously reaped the rewards. By the end of the season the rugby team even had a travelling fan club



Back Row: James Watts, Blake Riley, Mark Jacobson, Nicholas Manning, Edward Knowles, Tony Pramanik

Middle Row: Thomas Quinn, Mark Lewis, Andrew Snodden

Front Row: Mr Nolan, James Gallagher, Luke Crowder, Ian Price (capt.), Kevin Adderley, Matthew Saunders (v. capt.), Mr Goulbourn

(i.e. Mr Saunders and Mrs Crowder!) Throughout the year the boys were tremendous ambassadors for the school and their commitment was a credit to them. One of the most notable moments of the season was the winning of the Inaugural Christian Brothers Junior Rugby Cup. The team were defeated only in their final match - but the statistics speak for themselves:

Points for 328 Points Against 82

Well done boys for a terrific season.

Cross Country

Cross country running remains the choice of the hardy few who venture out to train and compete in races throughout the winter months of the Advent and Lent Terms. A core group of about 30 boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in League races in the Liverpool District Catholic Schools Association (LDCSA) and its consequent Championship races held at Wavertree Athletics Centre. Teams travelled to Altrincham for the annual Christian Brothers' event and to Cheadle Hulme for the AJIS (Association Junior Independent School) event with its 450 competitors taking on a long and demanding course.

The boys and girls enjoyed some successes:

L.D.C.S.A. Championship Races:

Under 10 Girls team 3rd place (Small schools' category)

Under 10 Boys team 3rd place (Intermediate schools')

Under 11 Girls team 2nd place (Small schools')

Laura Pursall (Year 5) achieved 8th place overall in the Champion of Champions (LDCSA) race, giving her 1st place in the small schools' category, whilst Nicola Young (Year 5) took 2nd place in the same category. Daniel Thompson (Year 5) achieved 3rd place (intermediate schools' category) at the same race event. In the Christian Brothers' races the Girls team took the Merit Award for the second year in succession.

Thanks must be offered to the dedicated group of parents who supported at each event and to Miss O'Keefe and Miss Marriot for their ever smiling assistance with the teams.

V. Osbaldeston

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Nursery

The Nursery children enjoyed a pleasant outing to the theatre on Friday 17 May. The event 'Playdays' - a popular BBC Children's show avidly watched daily by our children. The characters on screen came to life on the stage. The general opinion of the children? 'It was great!'

P. Wilkinson

Music, Poetry, Lights, Action!

The Junior School held their second concert of the year on Thursday 14 February in the Bryson Hall. It was an enjoyable evening with a variety of performers entertaining a large audience. The orchestra played for the first time in public and made a promising start. Daniel Rathbone and David King sang solos and Year 6 pupil James Higham and James Gallagher sang a duet. Individual instrumentalists included Hannah Brooks (cello), Philip Jones (piano) and Lauren Waszek (flute).

The School Choir gave a lively performance, beginning and ending the concert. We followed our usual tradition of interspersing poetry with music. The Speech Choir recited clearly and confidently. Individual poetry readings included Rachel Doran, Michael Hale, Elizabeth Leyland, Rebecca Patterson and Sneha Shah.

Jane Britten

Success in Speech

Our Speech Choir attended the Speech + Drama Festival at St George's Hall on Tuesday 19 March. They are an enthusiastic, talented team, and were delighted to win first prize with a distinction. They were praised for their excellent choral work and natural rhythm.

The Junior School also entered individual pupils into the Festival - Rebecca Patterson of Year 3 achieved a distinction. Both Elizabeth Leyland and Michael Hale performed well. Michael entered for the first time and came 6th.

Jane Britten

Bible Reading Trophy

Elizabeth Leyland also entered the Bible Reading Section. She was awarded first place, receiving a distinction and the Eileen Mulhearne Memorial Trophy.

Jane Britten

Good Shepherd

For those parents of Junior School children the Good Shepherd collection in the past meant hours of baking cakes and biscuits to be sold at sales in school. This has been a wonderful way of raising money for the Nugent Care Society to help fund its vital work.

This year, however, our topic in RE during Lent Term was going to be self-giving. What would be better than asking the children to do something extra, give something up, do without - all to help others, and not to receive materially, anything in return.

We thought money raised would be lower but our children as usual shone. They did extra jobs at home, gave up pocket money and all to help others. The Junior School raised a wonderful £838.00.

Thank you

Year Six Activity Week - April 1996 -

Deepest Shropshire To The Manor Born

Well what an adventure Year six boys and girls had at 'Manor Adventure' outdoor pursuits centre in April.

The centre, based around a rambling mansion in rural Shropshire, provided a whole range of adventurous activities including climbing, abseiling, canoeing, archery, orienteering and the highlight of the week for many, the zip-wire.



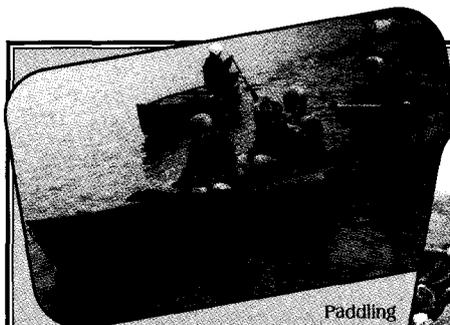
Pupils try the tyre test

action

The emphasis was on excitement, fun and attempting physical and mental challenges previously not encountered. Safety, of course, was paramount, but the activities allowed the children to discover strengths and weaknesses in group and individual situations.

Even the poor weather, rain (and sleet), wind and low temperatures couldn't dampen the children's enthusiasm and all activities were tackled by highly motivated (and often muddy) smiling youngsters.

J. Marriot



Paddling towards their Manor Adventure!



Mr Osbaldeston & pupils take a break on a stamina testing hike

COLOURS DAY

The highest honour that the College can reward a student for their commitment and endeavour to a particular activity over a number of years is the award of Full Colours and Half Colours. However, it has long been recognised that students lower down the school and those who have given a substantial commitment for a particular season also need to be rewarded. It is for this purpose that 'Commendation Certificates' and Junior Colours have been introduced this year. This year's Colours Ceremony had many

changes to the traditional programme of previous years. Not only have new awards been included but the traditional speeches given by various staff members were replaced with an elaborate programme which contained a detailed report on each activity and included the names of students receiving each award. It is hoped that this programme will serve as a memento especially to those students who will leave us this year. Presenting the awards at the Senior Colours Ceremony was Howard

Bolton, a former pupil of St Edward's College and newly appointed Detective Inspector of Crosby CID. Mr Bolton who is a former Great Britain athlete holds the Senior 100m and 200m records for the College. In presenting Colours, Mr Bolton spoke of the ability each of us has to achieve success in sport, music or in academic endeavours with commitment and determination. Our thanks go to Mr Bolton for officiating at the ceremony and to Mr Simon Quarmby and Mr Simon Morgan who were responsible for its organisation.

Captain's Cup Awards were made to Robert Pope Year 13 for Athletics, Dominic Carter Year 13 for Cricket, Peter Silcock Year 13 for Cross Country and John Lee Year 13 for swimming. Ben Ambrose Year 12 was awarded the swimmer of the Year Cup and Full Colours were awarded to the following
YEAR 13:

- ATHLETICS:**
A Evans, D Grace, R Pope, P Silcock, P Stanley
- BASKETBALL:**
J Vancheri, S Williamson
- CRICKET:**
D Carter, P Stanley
- CROSS COUNTRY:**
R Pope, B Renton and P Silcock
- DUKE OF EDINBURGH:**
P Prayle and M Youds

- MUSIC:**
J Brannan, A Doddridge, G. Ion, D Morgan, P Prayle, M Ramsdale and S Shepherd
- RUGBY:**
C Campbell, A Evans, G Ion, A Short, P Stanley and S Williamson
- SWIMMING:**
G Ion, J Lee and J Ross

TOTAL AWARDS		
Commendation awards	=	475
Junior Colours	=	53
Half Colours	=	53
Full Colours	=	30
Commendation		
	Junior	Senior
	324	151

National Youth Music Theatre

Lisa Dalton in Form 9 Sefton has been invited to join the company of the NYMT's production of Buggy Malone at the Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy, Fife and George Square Theatre, Edinburgh during the Festival in August 1996. Lisa was selected from 2500 young people who attended NYMT national auditions. The NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE is a registered charity and is committed to working at a level of excellence with young people. Participants work in an amateur capacity, learning along side professional music and artistic directors, choreographers and production staff.

Lisa said of the audition

"The audition lasted 12 hours, up and down to different musicals, auditioning for 4 parts. I was eventually told 6 weeks later, that I had been successful in the Buggy Malone Musical. I now hope to go from strength to strength in theatre and television work as I love to sing, act and dance".

Lisa Dalton 9 Sefton

PRIZE GIVING

The annual Prize Giving, held for the second time at the Metropolitan Cathedral, took place on a chilly Monday evening in March. The warmth of the audience's response to an inspiring musical programme, The Royal Connection, soon drove away the chill. The music of composers including Purcell, Clarke and Elgar, and the Junior Choir singing a song attributed to Richard I and another to Henry VIII provided a suitable mood for celebrating achievements of pupils past and present.

It was good to see so many former pupils down from University to collect their 'A' Level Certificates and Awards. The reception in the Crypt afterwards enabled those who had left St Edward's last July to exchange stories of University life and catch up with College news.

The evening saw a new cup being awarded for the first time. The Judge Morgan Cup for Cathedral Head Chorister, which was presented to the College this year by Judge John Morgan, was

awarded to Matthew Buckley. This cup joins the many handsome cups and trophies which the College is proud to be able to award to pupils each year.

Every year a group of pupils whose achievements are outstanding leave the Prize Giving ceremony with an arm full of cups and trophies; this year was no exception. The former Head Boy, David Lambert, now reading Geography at Cambridge University, carried away four Grade A Advanced Level Certificates together with five glittering trophies.

Regrettably, recollections of a happy evening are now tinged with sadness as the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Michael Black, who presented the prizes and made the address, has since died. His obvious delight in addressing pupils of his old school was clear and he concluded his speech with amusing anecdotes of his school days. The warmth of his regard for St Edward's and the young people of the City of Liverpool will be sadly missed. Mrs P Young

THE CLASS OF 1996 LEAVERS' SOCIAL

On Friday 28th June the Y13 Leavers' Social took place for pupils, parents and staff in the College Dining Hall. It was preceded by Mass in the College Hall celebrated by Father Peter Hannah, himself an old boy of the College.

The Thanksgiving Mass included an unsentimental yet very touching homily by retiring Deputy Head, Mr Tony Edwards, who recalled wryly some of the year group's more outstanding moments in their St Edward's career.



Headmaster John Waszek, Head Girl Clare Britton, Deputy Tony Edwards, Head Boy Graham Ion, Deputy Mrs Patricia Young

The social, rather more formal than in previous years, gave the pupils a chance to strut their sophisticated style with black ties and chic dresses in elegant evidence. Poised and mature young men and women they remained, until they took their party to the C.I. where the good times rolled until 5 a.m.

GCSE Certificate Evening Snowed Off

Professor Christina Lyon was guest speaker at the Year 11 GCSE Certificate Evening which took place in the College Hall on 16 March.

The presentation was originally planned for 7 February when an unexpected bout of Arctic weather left Liverpool under a heavy fall of snow. St Edward's, like many other Liverpool schools, was closed for two days.

Professor Lyon, who flew in that evening from a Law conference in France, spoke entertainingly of her own rise to become the youngest lady professor to take a Chair in Law in the country. She had originally planned to practise law but realised quickly that her calling was in teaching.

She distributed GCSE Certificates to all Year 11 pupils from the previous academic year who were accompanied by their proud parents.

A musical programme was conducted by Mr John Moseley, with solo performances by Elizabeth Fitzgerald (Y12) on bassoon, Alan Doddridge (Y13) on piano, and Paul Prayle (Y13) on flute. The musical entertainment was completed by a roof raising performance by the Y13 rock band The Bitter Pills.

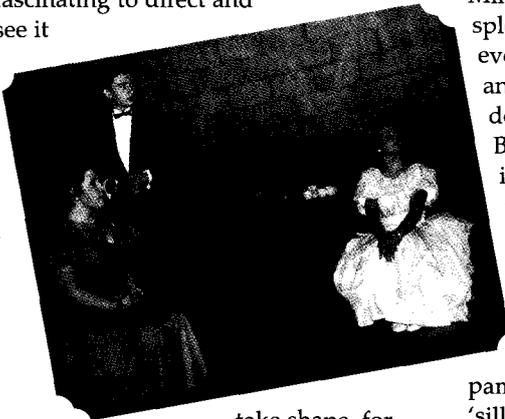
The evening concluded with refreshments in the Dining Hall.

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Drama Society

'An Inspector Calls'

This year's St Edward's Drama Society production was the twentieth century classic 'An Inspector Calls', by J B Priestly, which ran from 5-8 March, at 7.30 each evening, in the Ley Hall. The play has a small cast - six main characters, plus a 'maid' with two small 'walk-ons' but out of the audition stage emerged an unusual response to this factor - two entirely distinct casts, each performing for two nights. This made it fascinating to direct and see it



take shape, for what emerged were two quite different versions of each character and two distinctly different overall performances, yet both of which worked splendidly, as the warm response and appreciation of each night's audience more than endorsed!

The play is set in the household of Mr Arthur Burling, a 'self-made man', played by Joby Owens as a impenitent 'scouser', but now complacently sure of his own success and status, and as a rather 'smoother' character, yet still prone to make social 'gaffs',



as played by Philip Gilbertson - with a hither to unexpected 'St Helen's' accent (which suggested to some a hidden past as a rugby coach!) Both, however, admirably conveyed Burling's self-centred, pompous arrogance, and how it was increasingly deflated and finally shattered, as the evening wore

on! Mrs Burling, from a much more secure social background than her husband, was splendidly 'frosty' and self opinionated in the interpretation offered by Elizabeth Fitzgerald (forever 'Morticia' after her make-up was applied) a little more 'homely' but fulsomely self-satisfied and complacent, as conveyed by Clare Dahill.

Their daughter, Sheila, was played by Claire Black and Patricia Minougue, both of whom splendidly conveyed the sense of an eventually nice person, whose spoilt and at times selfish nature had to be dealt with as the plot progressed. Both performances showed real 'fire' in the appropriate places, but again there were distinct differences in two equally powerful and convincing interpretations. Eric, the Burlings' son, whose underlying 'better nature' again has to emerge, like Sheila's from the effects of his

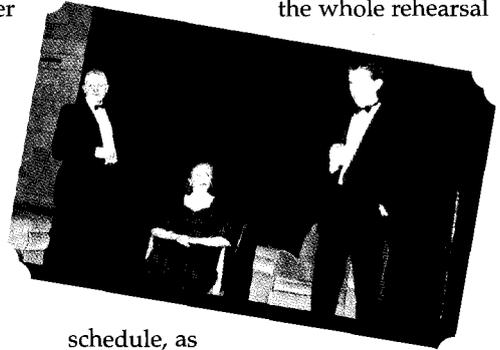
pampered upbringing, was delightfully 'silly ass' in Richard Jones's performance (shades of Bertie Wooster!), rather more hesitant and showing an underlying vulnerability, as played by James Pearson - but both were suspiciously convincing in conveying Eric's growing drunkenness, as time wore on!

Gerald Croft, Sheila's fiancé and a 'great catch' was elegant, debonair, likeable and finally 'shallow', in Anthony Foy's interpretation, while Stephen Parker made him more self congratulatory and supercilious from the beginning, building to the awareness of his real nature - but again, both worked remarkably well.

The cast was completed by the enigmatic 'Inspector Goole', whose investigation gradually reveals the truth about each of the characters, punctuating their complacent self-images and showing them in their true colours - from which only Sheila and Eric truly 'learn' anything. Brendan Casey was a waspish, eccentric and finally impassioned Inspector, while Joseph Campbell was more laconic, insinuating and 'cool' - almost 'Bogart meets the Inspector'! Again both performances were entirely convincing and professional!

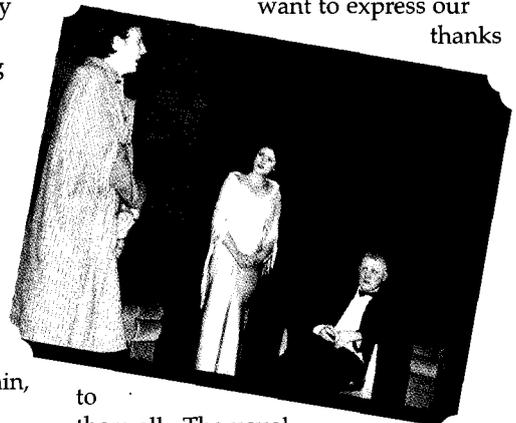
Each evening, the 'non-performing cast'

were fully involved, serving in a variety of 'back-stage' and 'front of house' roles, so that the whole team worked as a closely-knit company throughout the whole rehearsal



schedule, as well as the week of the play itself. Every one of them was a pleasure to work with, not only for the massive talent they showed and the entirely professional standard they achieved, but for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment all through the long and demanding process which leads to a production of the quality.

Many staff made tremendous contributions in so many ways - make-up, costume, publicity and ticket sales, front-of-house organisation - and we want to express our thanks



to them all. The usual superb technical standards were maintained by Mr Patrick Duffy (sound) and Mr Charles Hitchen (lighting, set design and construction, and all over technical director). The production was directed by Miss Kate Baldock and Mr Don Crisp.

Perhaps the final endorsement of the success of the play was the sense of disappointment felt by the whole company when it was all over - so much so, that we have already begun work in the next production, with the same company - 'The Importance of Being Earnest', to be performed next January - details to follow!!

KCB, DC



Public Speaking

St Edward's College pupils proved yet again that they are unequalled in the art of arguing. The team of Emma Bennett, Rachel Stalker and Matthew Taylor swept the board in February at the Liverpool and Merseyside final of the English Speaking Union School Public Speaking competition. Not only did they fight off strong opposition from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn, The Bluecoat School and Ormskirk Grammar to take the team trophy for the second year in succession but Matthew Taylor was awarded best speaker and Emma Bennett best questioner. The talkative trio proceeded to the regional final on Chester on the 16 March.

K C Baldock

An Inspector Called

'Never in my 25 years of teaching have I worked with a cast as dire as this; it's not even wooden, it's plastic'

The words still ring in our ears, even this long after Miss Baldock sat, stifling giggles, on her toadstool, during Mr Crisp's annual 'release of negativity'. Things were not looking good for us; two weeks to production and Misses Black and Dahill had still to grasp act three! St Edward's Drama Society's reputation was in our hands - it was surely up the proverbial creek without a paddle.

The early rehearsals had led us into a false sense of security - there was fun, frolics and laughter for all, and it was downhill from then on in. We gonged our 'G's and dropped our 'H's just once too often for Mr Crisp's (by now) fragile sanity. He was a man on the edge, failure meant thespian obscurity, success.... where might it lead?

We were having fun though, as fits of laughter and major deviations from the text were commonplace. Miss Baldock, Mr Crisp's co-director-cum-producer in crime, and our own dear prompter, tried to keep us on the straight and narrow. However, she did find our renditions of the play more stimulating than Priestly's original, yet unnerving in her harassed role as prompter (especially when Sheila decided to go to bed half way through act two).

With two weeks to go, it suddenly dawned on us that books could not be used in the night, time was running out, fun turned to fear. We all said, 'It'll be all right on the night' but faith was dwindling. Book concealing became a perfected art, the Inspector's notebook became a haven for those niggling lines Brendan and Joe couldn't remember, our lip reading became so impressive that Philip and Joby

could wax in Birling's longer speeches but Liz, in her role as Edna, could still not remember her six paltry lines.

Dress rehearsals were dire, Don was desperate, drama was definitely doomed. When the lights went up on opening night there was no turning back. Mr Crisp was a gibbering wreck in the corner of the balcony, letter of resignation prepared (after all, it's better to resign than be sacked!) and Miss Baldock flicked, back and forth, through the text, wondering which page we would skip next.

The adrenaline surged through the veins and the lines flowed freely (some evenings the majority were correct). We should have more faith in that proverb, everything was better than all right on the night and a really great time was had by all the cast. We all enjoyed the whole experience immensely.

Arthur and Sybil Birling

A Review of Tyke Tyler

The play 'The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler' began at the auditions. Each actor had to be put into a group and were given a scene from the play to act out. I was Mrs Sommers, and my friend Kate was Tyke. Once we had done that we had to improvise a classroom scene. We had to wait a few days for the results.

I was really shocked when Miss Fitzgerald said that I was Tyke Tyler, I was really happy, but I knew it would be hard work from then onwards.

We had three rehearsals a week, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. At first everyone was a bit uptight, but after a while everyone became relaxed and got into their parts more. The more we worked together, the better friends we became, which meant we had more. However, rehearsals weren't always fun they were all very hard work, by the end of the week I was exhausted.

After 36 rehearsals, the time had come to perform in front of an audience. The

opening night finally arrived, and backstage the atmosphere was tense, but the whole cast pulled together and supported each other. The 'baggy trousers' music, our cue, it was time for our first performance.....

The play went brilliantly, on every night everyone had lots of fun, we all enjoyed ourselves and I can't wait for the next production!

**Kathryn Bebb, 7 Hope -
Playing the part of 'Tyke Tyler'**

Exchange Visits

History Trip

13-17 April 1996

During the Easter break, Mr Crisp, Mr Beely, Miss McGlory and I had the pleasure of taking 36 Year 10 pupil to the Battlefields of World War One. We were based in Kortrijk (near Ypres), Belgium.



In the middle of No Man's Land - usually by this point the soldiers would have died, hence "Danger Tree"

As a core element of the History GCSE the pupil had studied the First World War - staff too, self confident in their knowledge of the period, yet nothing could have prepared us for the sights of the Ypres Salient and Somme region. The carnage, destruction, futility and wasted life affected everyone on the trip, typified by the tears shed at the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate.

The pupils were able to experience the original trenches - Mr Crisp was braver than some and dirtied his feet cursing through

the sludge (Memories of an Owen poem sprang to mind!), whilst others, namely Nicola O'Donoghue and Vikki Nemnes wore plastic bags on their feet instead! We also investigated the tunnels dug at Vinny ridge behind the Canadian Lines; bunkers which Tom Heaven and Jamie McCarthy decided they would try and squeeze into!; mine craters one



Brian Noon, Mr Crisp & Humayan Baig inspect a preserved original trench in Sanctuary Wood near Ypres



Nicola O'Donoghue (year 10) tries out the reconstruction of a trench sleeping quarters

of which Philip Dean had a sinking experience in!; as well as seeing much original memorabilia of the period. One of the most poignant times was in the gargabsan Tyne Cot Cemetery, the memorial for over 100,000 young men killed at the first Battle of Ypres in the 'War to End all Wars'.

It was a hardworking trip, but of course, we managed to find time for some fun! The fair was in town and staff & pupils alike enjoyed the festivities of the Easter celebrations. The girls, however, learnt an important lesson that short-skirts and fun-fair rides are not really the best combination! The final afternoon was spent in the beautiful city of Bruges - a canal boat trip with the sun beating down completed a very memorable week.

Many thank once again to Mr Crisp, Miss McGlory and Mr Beely for all their hard work and dedication. Until next year.....?

Miss V. T. Qurrey



The History Trip Group Photo

SIXTH FORM LEADERSHIP COURSE - JULY '96



Claustrophobia, vertigo, a good soaking. Are you looking for a personal challenge? You could do worse than try the high ropes, the cave maze or raft building at The Manor in Shropshire where 22 sixth formers with Mrs Nolan and Mr Crisp confronted their fears and tried to overcome them.

The 3 day trip was organised with leadership in mind - and Ben Ambrose quickly led the way out of his canoe and into the freezing River Teme followed by Elizabeth Fitzgerald and Claire Black (5 times) who repeatedly fell out of their canoes.

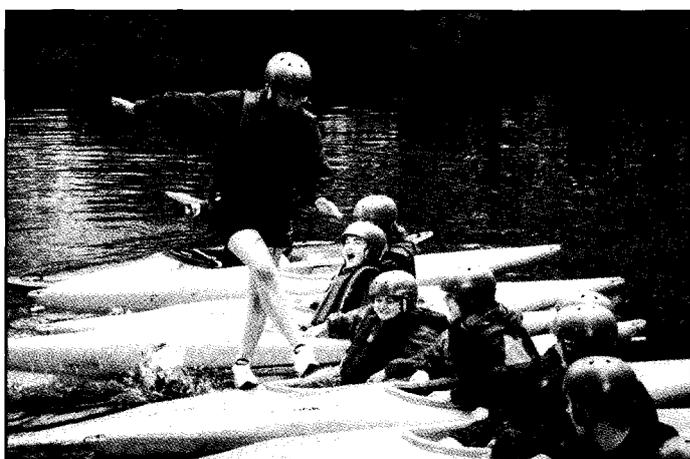
A variety of team efforts, initiative exercises, film directing talent and good humour was

developed during our stay but most of all the will to succeed both as individuals and while working in groups was mightily in evidence.

Many thanks to a svelte and daring Don Crisp, co-organiser and a source of great encouragement when I dangled, dry-mouthed, a mother of three who should know better, 40 feet in the air and in need of a stiff drink.

Special praise must go to Emma Waldron (13/5), who abseiled, canoed, caved and high wired in abject terror initially but overcame her fears in determination and triumph.

M. Nolan



On the weekend of 1 March 1996 we went to the annual 'S.P.U.C. Youth Conference' at the Hayes Conference Centre in Derby. The Merseyside group, consisting of seven members from schools around the region, got together in order to get to know one another.

Eventually, when other groups had arrived, some from as far away as Northern Ireland, we assembled in the 'small conference room' to a wonderful welcome. The purpose of the weekend was explained and we all settled down to watch a slide presentation on the reality of abortion. The scenes we saw were sometimes grotesque but always moving and I found myself believing in a cause which had before passed my attention. The

S.P.U.C. **CONFERENCE** **WEEKEND** **1996**

Stephen Logan

weekend progressed with a series of lectures and discussions, the burden of our new-found realisation softened by coffee and tea-breaks, at which we could talk on a more personal level with other group members or our new found friends.

For those who don't know S.P.U.C. stands for: 'The Society for The

Protection of Unborn Children'.

Those who originally applied to go had some worries. Someone said it would be a big Catholic event were we would be lectured on morals, in fact it was nothing of the sort. The only problem members of S.P.U.C. have is with abortion; the unlawful killing of a human life. Nothing was rammed down our throats, we just listened to a group of people who felt strongly about a good cause.

For those who are interested there will be an INTERNATIONAL student conference in Edinburgh this September and S.P.U.C. officials will be willing to help with costs as much as they can. I hope to see you there!

& School Trips

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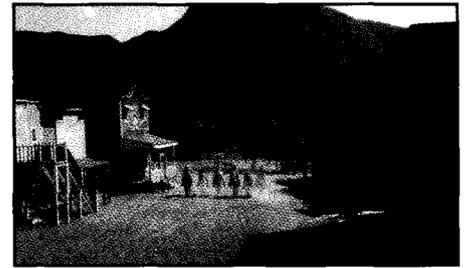
After a 1 hour coach journey from Malaga, we finally arrived in the centre of Motril a little before midnight where we were warmly greeted by our Spanish friends and their families.

After a good nights sleep, the following afternoon, we went to a reception at the Town Hall, where we met the Mayor who gave us a fascinating talk about Motril. During the rest of our stay most of our afternoons were spent in the cafés of Motril, on the beach or in the park playing football and basketball. Some of us even attempted to introduce our Spaniards to the game of Rugby, but, however, they were not too keen on the physical contact included. On Saturday evening, after being soundly beaten at football, we made an enjoyable trip to a disco on the beach.

INTERCAMBIO '96

During our stay, we were privileged to witness the spectacular processions of the Holy Week celebrations, and who could forget the pounding drums at four o'clock in the morning as yet another procession passed beneath the windows?

We also made two organised trips providing us with two contrasting experiences of Andalusia. Our first visit was to Granada and the Alhambra. The Alhambra is an awe-inspiring insight into the unquestionable beauty of Moorish architecture in the heart of Andalusia and, despite the torrential rain, this proved to be an unforgettable experience for all. A visit to McDonald's in the city of Granada followed which brought us back to modern day reality. The second organised trip was in total contrast to the first. After a few hours spent walking around the beautiful cosmopolitan city of Almeria with its pavement cafés and exclusive yacht club, we headed off into the Andalusian Desert, to the Mini-Hollywood



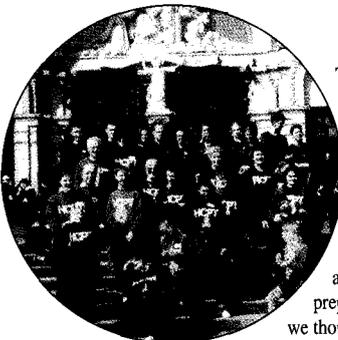
film set where Westerns were once made. This time it was 'The Good, The Bad, and Mr Mars', who was in his element practising his Clint Eastwood impersonations.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the exchange was the 'Convivercia' or Get Together, which took place in a beach-bar where the sangria flowed freely (for some) and the food was plentiful and delicious.

The last three days of our stay were spent in a Spanish School which gave a fascinating insight into another system of education and perhaps made us appreciate our own a little more.

We need to thank the families and the teachers, especially Mr Mars, who made the Intercambio so enjoyable.

Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust Lourdes 1996



The funds had been raised, the sweaters purchased, Sainsbury's had been graced with our custom and so we were prepared (or so we thought) for our momentous pilgrimage to

the Holy Shrine of Lourdes. The spirit was undoubtedly willing but faith, especially in Mr Duffy's driving, had diminished by the time we reached the M6. (Miss Giles was a better driver!) A lifetime later, we arrived at the hotel in a dishevelled state. Tired and hungry we headed straight for the dining room, we wished we hadn't. Indeed, the precedent was set, a strict adherence to fasting and abstinence was to be followed (until we found McDonalds!).

Saturday was orientation day, as we attempted to find our bearings. That evening we went to Pius X underground car park (Basilica) to attend the Easter Vigil. Two and a half hours and six languages later we escaped to sample, for the first time, Lourdes culture - i.e. the after working hours entertainment.

The next day, our freedom disappeared as Group 182 from Upminster, Essex, descended upon us. These children were the reason why we had come, we began to wonder exactly what we had let ourselves in for. Evening came, morning came.... the priest came. We hoped that Fr. Andrew could do something with the French baguettes and fish, to compensate for the hotel food, sadly not. He was, however, more successful with his version of the water into wine trick - you never had an empty glass when you were out

with Fr. Andrew!

The two groups became one and it is an understatement to say that a great time was had by all, children and helpers alike. We visited the important sites with them, the Basilica, the grotto and the baths. Being with them added a whole new dimension to the enchantment and mystery of Lourdes. The Trust Mass of 'Songs of Praise' fame, at the Church of Saint Bernadette, was probably one of the best and most uplifting masses that any of us had ever taken part in. It was full of fun. We sang all the best songs and hymns, 'Rise and Shine' being a group favourite, and it was an opportunity to try and get our faces on television.

The highlight of the working week was the day trip to Gavarnie. The glorious weather and the backdrop of snow capped mountains made a beautiful setting. The sun was hot and sunburn was rife, on the other hand, the river was cold, ice cold, as many of us found out. The children had the time of their lives which gave us all an extra boost and helped us to enjoy ourselves even more.

The week went all too quickly and none of us wanted it to end. Our last night was spent at the grotto. The quiet stillness that reigns during the night and the sound of the River Gave flowing gently in the background gives an atmosphere that is so amazing, it is indescribable. We reflected on the past week and the satisfaction that we had



all gained, as individuals and as a group. We remembered just how much the children had benefitted from their holiday and we realised that that was our motivation. All

good things come to an end and it was these final images of Lourdes that we took home with us. There is always next year and we all want to go back.

Post Script

Between October 1995 and March 1996 the Lourdes group worked to raise funds for their pilgrimage. My thanks to all who helped.

There is always a worry that when you get to Lourdes there will be problems, I had no need to worry. This was my eighteenth pilgrimage and it was probably the best. I cannot thank the group enough for what they did during Easter week. The bonds that were formed will last and I will never forget the silence and the emotion of our nights in the grotto. Lourdes is not the usual school trip, but then again these are not the usual school students. My thanks to Sue Giles who gave so much to this project, for her support and strength which she gave to all of us will not be forgotten.

So now to next Easter and if anyone would like to contribute to our fund raising, please contact ourselves at the College.

Patrick G Duffy

DUFTON RETREAT

It was at the end of a cold December week that the second Retreat for Year 11 was to take place. December 8th saw fourteen students along with Mrs Foster, Miss Qurrey, Mr Brooks and Mr Murray setting off in the two school minibuses at lunchtime for the long trek northwards to the foothills of the Pennines. It didn't go quite like that since one of the minibuses needed a lot of coaxing! Eventually the party was off through the murk.

Last year Cockermouth and a converted water-mill had been the destination. This year with a larger number it was to be the more spacious Dufton Youth Hostel. We eventually arrived more or less on time, in the early evening and allocated the rooms before tucking into the meal provided under the Rent-a-hostel scheme.

What memories do I have of the weekend? Well the food didn't quite live upto expectations. At Cockermouth we had done the cooking and the washing up but this year had decided it was more work than it was worth. So no huge shop and no sweating over the hot stove - just the washing up! Beefburgers and Hot-pot didn't go down too well - ask Mr Murray for his views and stand well back! The breakfasts weren't bad and the packed lunches were fine but not the evening meals.

The log fire lovingly coaxed into a roar by Mrs Foster is another memory. It was great to have on Saturday evening too after our walk into the hills and it was good for the staff to relax around.



Staff & Year 11 pupils at snowbound Dufton

The walk up High Cup Nick - well almost we couldn't quite complete it - was another memory. The snow on the top was deep. The wind was strong. It was cold. The views were superb, especially as we descended.

Then there were the people. All contributed to the weekend in their various ways and all took everything in their stride with only a few grumbles here and there. We had impromptu singing, early morning training runs, late night jubilation and a fashion parade as far as the walk went - from sublime to the ridiculous! The winner for fashion and endurance must be the young lady who chose a mini-skirt and knee high boots.

It was a time for retreat. It did give us all a chance to reflect. We did learn from each other. The prayer services and reflections helped us all. The scenery was superb and the stillness so peaceful. Dufton again?

Michael W Brooks

Le Touquet - Easter '96

The French trip took place at the start of the Easter holidays when Year 7 and 8 pupils went with Miss Clooney, Mr Beeley, Miss Fell and Mr Wilkinson to Le Touquet in Northern France.

On the morning of the trip we met at school at 5.15am. We drove down to Dover, stopping twice on the way. We caught the ferry to Calais and drove to our hotel in Le Touquet. Our bus driver was called Maurice and remained with us throughout the trip.

The first morning we were up bright and early for a breakfast that consisted of bread, jam and hot chocolate. That day we travelled to Boulogne. We stopped for dinner at the Sea-Life Centre

On our third day we visited a small bakery and made our own croissants. Next we went back to Boulogne and went to some shops around the castle's walls. Later that day we split up and some people went to the beach for a game of football and the others went shopping.



On our last night we had a quiz and karaoke. The funniest rendition had to be 'Parklife' as those who went on the trip will tell you!

The morning we left we all had to make sure that we hadn't left anything behind (apart from the room keys which one person managed to pack in her make-up bag - don't ask us how!). On our way to the ferry we stopped off at a market.

We avoided mal de mer and were entertained by Miss Fell on the coach home.

Hannah Kirkham & Katie Anderson Year 8M

St Edward's Skiing Trip Vollaire - 29 March 1996 - 5 April 1996

Snow-plough! Slalom! Ski-goggles, hats, sun-cream, boots, gloves, ski-poles and skis afoot, St Edward's College hit the slopes in style.

Coloured togs, laughter and brave young faces took their chances on the Green, Blue, Red and Black Runs of Vollaire, venturing out from their snug hotel, nestling in the valley of the French Alps, to pit their wits on the pistes.

Michael Roberts and David Dunne were among the most experienced ski-ers apart from Mr Edwards, Mr Jonathan Power, Miss Hutchinson, Messers Miles and Hitchen and the ubiquitous Mr Sprague.



Miss Qurrey, Mrs Crimmins, Mr Gresty and Miss Fitzgerald were all absolute beginners to the wry amusement of some of their more experienced younger counterparts, and the consolation of others in a similar situation.

Francis Eades and Stephen Rimmer made great first-time skiers who had gained confidence in their snowy skills by the end of the holiday. Elizabeth Prendergast also made great progress. Amy Regan, Kevin

McNeece and Danielle Allport cheered the company along with their perky attitude as did Kevin Young and Kathryn Hogg with their helpful behaviour, and a general feeling of camaraderie and bonhomie prevailed, punctuated by Kevin Peters' birthday on 1 April.

Most people gained a previously unknown skill or polished up their expertise with two-hours of ski-school daily and the food in the evening was varied and ample. Open-air ice-skating, ten-pin bowling, a quiz night and to top it all 'bum-boarding' providing the evening's entertainment. Hurling at breakneck speed down an invariable steep, snow slope on the equivalent of a frisbee or 'bum-board' providing the most unusual sporting pursuit of the holiday.

Challenging, breathtaking and at times (seemingly) death defying, a great trip was had by all.

A. Fitzgerald

& School Trips



--- PHILIP DUFFY ---

Philip Duffy's resignation from his post as Master of the Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral because of continued ill health came as something of a shock.

Philip's connection with the Cathedral goes back a long way - to his schooldays at St. Edward's. He joined the school as a Runnymede pupil in 1950 and whilst a Sixth Former ten years later he joined the newly formed men's choir which sang at Sunday services in the Crypt of the Cathedral. After studies at the Royal Manchester College of Music and London University, he returned to Liverpool and in 1966, six months before the opening of the Cathedral, took over as Master of the Music.

The new Cathedral was opened in 1967 and since then, Philip Duffy, assisted for many years by his organist brother, Terry, established and built up an international reputation second to none, for the liturgical music that enhances the many services. Besides the services of the normal liturgical year, these also include the Mass when Pope John Paul visited the Cathedral in 1982, the Hillsborough Requiem, countless televised *Songs of Praise* and *Choral*

Evensongs on Radio 3. In 1973 Phillip joined the staff at St. Edwards when the College became the Cathedral Choir School and he has continued teaching at the school until he became unwell in January of this year.

Philip has written much liturgical music, some of which has been translated into French, Swedish, Italian, Dutch and Afrikaans and performed in those countries. He has produced many recordings with the Cathedral Choir and contributed articles to many learned periodicals. For 10 years he presented classical music programmes on Radio City. He has directed church music

courses throughout this country and in Ireland and Hungary. Pope John Paul awarded Philip a *Knighthood of St. Gregory* for his considerable



contributions to church music and the Archbishop of Canterbury presented him with an *Honorary Fellowship of the Guild of Church Musicians*. Philip served on both diocesan and national church music committees, was a member of the National Pastoral Congress Committee, a consultant to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, a Director of the Royal School of Church Music, and the only Catholic member of the *Archbishops of Canterbury's and York's Commission on Church Music*.

We wish Philip a speedy return to health and every success in the future.



The telephone rings. The caller, charming but persistent wonders if - 'and it's for a very good cause' - we might provide a short concert - 'nothing elaborate, whatever can be managed, though it would be nice if some instruments could play.' I hesitate. The caller continues 'and if you could give us something appropriate, and lively. Perhaps pieces that people will know.' I ask for the date. 'Oh, didn't I mention that it is next week?' My spirits sink. We want to help, but it is not long since the Chamber Choir and Orchestra gave the concert 'A Celebration of England' (13 February) and since over 100 musicians from Years 7-13 took part in the first Edmund Rice Music Festival (1 and 2 March). My main concern, however, is that the proposed event, is only a day before we are due to perform at a reception hosted by The Duke of Westminster at Eaton Hall (12 March). Nevertheless, it is a good cause: the opening of the Education Wing at Alder Hey Hospital (11 March) and it is near to home. With a certain amount of re-arrangement, an early rehearsal and the co-operation of long-suffering staff, we are able to go. Visiting doctors and administrators from all over the country were very complimentary, as were the guests at Eaton Hall the following day. This event was organised by Mr Peter Brereton. All we had to do was turn-up and play - and in a comfortable ante-room where we met the Duke, eat and drink.

It was not possible to take all the chamber orchestra, but the whole school orchestra, choral society and Year seven had the space to perform at Prize Day (25 March) which was held in the Metropolitan Cathedral. A month later the Girls Choir and the boys of the Cathedral Choir sang for the Duchess of Kent, herself a skilled musician and a member of the Bach Choir. On the 9 May the Choral Society and School Orchestra were 'on stage' again, this time in 'Music from the Movies'. Younger players had their

concert on 22 May when the Second Orchestra, Wind Band and a array of excellent soloists played in the Ley Hall. Shortly after this Miss Dienes left the department to spend more time at the Cathedral. She has made a very positive contribution to the school and her links with us will continue through her work with the Cathedral Choir.

After a six week break for exams, the Chamber Choir and Orchestra gave the final concert of the year 'The Weimar Years'. For me this is always the most poignant occasion because, with it, we say goodbye to those Year 13 musicians who have given so much to the school at the highest level. They are: Alan Doddridge, Helen Doyle, Justin Moorhead, Krystyna Lithgow Smith, David Morgan, Paul Prayle, Mark Ramsdale, Stuart Shephard, Dominic Smith and Patricia Spinks. They take with them our thanks and best wishes for the future.

J. Moseley

**Preview
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Sullivan, Vaughan, Williams,
Copland, Irving, Berlin

Solos and Ensembles



WORDS OF WISDOM

Chaplain Nick Murray offers us this reflection

On Eagle's Wings

'Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, they will mount up with wings like eagles' (Isaiah 40:31)

I think that it's very significant that Isaiah chose eagles in this passage. He doesn't say that they will mount up with wings like sparrows, or humming birds or green-fly, or anything else that becomes air born in a frantic beating of wings. No, he chooses eagles.

I like eagles. I have done ever since I was a child; and I suppose it's because I like them that I have learned a little about them over the years. So I'd like to mention one or two things about them which might suggest a reason why Isaiah chose them. First of all, eagles can see a rabbit from two miles away. That is truly amazing vision. And secondly there is something about the way eagles fly. They don't beat wildly like some other creatures do, they wait for the wind, spread their majestic wings, and step of cliffs to fly. Indeed were it not for the wind or for updraughts of warm air, some eagles couldn't fly at all. Their bodies would be too heavy. So they depend upon the wind, and the wind, as Jesus said 'blows where it wills'.

Now interestingly enough the word for wind in Hebrew, the language of Isaiah, is 'Ruach', and it means not only wind, but also breath and spirit. So those who wait upon the lord, wait like eagles to ride the breath of God.

Steve McQueen, the film star, used to fly light aircraft, and he told the story that when flying at twenty thousand feet or so, he looked to his left, where to his amazement he saw what appeared to be eagles asleep; their wings outstretched and motionless. On his return he mentioned this to the local air traffic people at the airport, and was told that this was not an uncommon occurrence. It seems that what happens is that the thermals, in that part of the world are particularly strong, and lift eagles to great heights, where the air is very cold, and the moisture in their feathers freezes. So for a time they are unable to move their wings freely and control their own flight. They must wait until the frost on their wings makes them heavy enough, and this brings them down to lower, warmer levels, where once again they can fly.

I want to suggest that we too must be like eagles. We must be people who see things that others can't. We must look at people and see the good in them that may not be easy to see. Like the eagles we must be people of great vision and insight, and like eagles we need to have faith; to trust the wind, the Ruach, the Spirit of God. We must be prepared to go where he wills, even when that is not where we might choose to go.

If we are men and women of faith, then there will be times when we find ourselves in situations which we cannot control, where we must trust in God. And that takes courage. Eagles step of cliffs, they take the risk, and the first time they do that, they don't know that they can fly, they trust and believe that they can.

Perhaps Isaiah, all those years ago, was trying to tell us something about the belief, trust and courage we would need, if we were to be people who wait upon the lord. And I believe his words are as meaningful today as they ever were. Maybe our world today has great need of people who will trust enough to spread their wings and ride the breath of God.

IN MEMORIAM BARRY CUNNINGHAM

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Barry Cunningham (St Edward's 1971-78). He came to St Edward's from Our Lady of Assumption with a growing reputation as a sportsman and scholar. He represented the school throughout at cricket and rugby and was 1st XV Rugby Captain and 1st XI Cricket Captain as well as being Head Boy. He gained 11 grade A 'O' Levels and 3 Grade A 'A' Levels and 1 B. In 1978 he won a place at Cambridge to study medicine but after 1 term returned to Liverpool University to continue his studies. He won the Thomas A Jerry Prize 1980 and the Augusta Lipkin Prize and also the Faculty of Medicine Undergraduate Scholarship in 1981. He then inter collated and got his B.Sc in 1982. In his third year of medicine he had a nervous breakdown and was unable to continue with his career. Barry was an outstanding person, who throughout his illness and his many admissions to hospital always remained kind and considerate, always helping less fortunate people than himself. He was loved and respected by all who came in contact with him. He will be remembered with love and affection by everyone who knew him.

Maureen Cunningham

'Past, Present and Future'

*Past was a summer, beautifully bright
Present is cold, cruel, Winter almost continually dark night
Past was a promise, of good things to come
Now, its just dreams of what might have become*

*Future's unknown, one only can guess
And hope things will improve. 'You'll get out of this mess?'
Future let's hope it's and new living Spring
Things can't be worse than Winter can bring*

*And then Spring leads to Summer
The warmth returns once more
No longer finding yourself on the floor
Hope is the answer
And maybe even Prayer!
Just keep on living and never despair*

Barry Cunningham



IN MEMORIAM COUNCILLOR MICHAEL BLACK

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of a famous old boy of St Edward's, councillor Michael Black.

Michael attended the college during the 1930's and after serving in the armed forces embarked on an illustrious career in local government which culminated in his becoming Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

He was a frequent and very welcome visitor to the College and retained an active involvement in school affairs despite a busy schedule of public engagements.

One of his most significant engagements at SEC was in September of last year when he officially opened the refurbished dining hall and unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion. When he toured the school that day his first request was to see the roll of honour in the chapel. He was much moved to see the names of Old Edwardians who died serving in World Wars I and II. He met many of the children that day and particularly enjoyed being cross questioned by junior children concerning the gold content of his chain of office.

Shortly after he asked SEC to help raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal by holding a sponsored silence in which all our pupils took part. The proceeds went to (Roy Castle Hope Appeal). In March again he agreed to act as principal speaker at the College Prize Giving which took place at the Metropolitan Cathedral, when he reminded us that Liverpool had two great footballing sides.....Liverpool and Liverpool Reserves!

His last public engagement at SEC was during the visit of HRH the Duchess of Kent at the end of April.

It was with real heartfelt sadness therefore that we heard of his passing on the evening of Thursday 2nd May. He will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike and our condolences go to Sheila his widow.

IN MEMORIAM

Councillor Michael Black (SEC 1936-1940) Died 1996. RIP.

Francis Joseph Carey (SEC 34-39) Died on 4th March 1996. RIP.

William Derbyshire (SEC 31-36) Died aged 76 on 27th October 1995. RIP.

Barry Cunningham (SEC 71-78) Died aged 36 in 1996. RIP.

NEWS OF OLD EDWARDIANS

Catherine Green (SEC 84-86) has graduated from the Central School of Speech & Drama. She has done much work for Radio 4 for 'Poetry Please' and has participated in several plays on the London fringe including 'Erasmus Momyanus'. She works under the Equity name Catherine Harvey.

Anthony Tyrell (SEC 79-86) has recently gained promotion to Finance Manager of Cynamid GB Ltd in Gosport, Hants. He gained a B.Sc in Banking and Finance from Ulster University in 1988 and his ACMA qualification in 1991.

Dominic Moran (SEC 81-88) has been awarded a fellowship in Spanish at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Anthony Hardman has been spending the last 6 months at the John Newcombe Tennis Academy in San Antonio, Texas. Having won the IBM ATP Tour World Grassroots Challenge against competitors from seven other countries, Anthony's original week's visit was converted into a six month internship.

Leslie McLoughlin (SEC 45-52) Since leaving St Edward's, Leslie has gained degrees in History, Linguistics and Arabic. He has lived almost continuously in the Arabic world from 1961, and became Principal Instructor at the Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies (MECAS) in the Lebanon for 8 years until 1975. The author of a number of books on Arabic, and a history of MECAS entitled "A Nest of Spies?", he has now returned to England and is living in Devon.

Kevin Beckett (SEC 86-93), is conductor at the Royal College of Music. A Radio 3 Programme 'The Finishing Touch' broadcast on 8 June focused on his work with a choir of college students rehearsing Herbert Howell's 'Take Him, Earth For Cherishing'.

Out of Hours Kids Club are delighted to announce that their Junior School Kids Club at Runnymede is now open for children from 3-12 plus in fact the whole of **EARLY YEARS KIDS CLUB** is open from the end of the school day until 6pm.

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Keep in Touch

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

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

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

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Under 13's

There is a lot of potential in the Under 13 Cricket squad. They have two very talented fast bowlers - Darrin Ambage is the current number one, combining pace with accuracy and running through Liverpool College's top order batsmen to set up St Edward's first win of the season. Daniel Walker is also an excellent prospect and is developing genuine pace as an extravagant slower ball. Captain Simon Tabb has already scored 32 runs and taken 7 wickets in our two games this season and Anthony Barrett has done well with the bat. There are a lot of able squad members pushing for places in this team and their patience and enthusiasm is vital in the development of a good group of players. At the moment the team just lacks a bit of aggression, both in its fielding, with fielders too far from the bat when Liverpool College were on the defensive, and in its batting which allowed the accurate Calderstones bowlers to dictate the tempo of the season's first game and win the match.

Steve Wilkinson

1st XI

The 1st XI made an early start to the season with 4 days of pre-season training over the Easter holidays. Various techniques including video analysis were used to identify key areas for improvement. Peter Stephenson and Peter Templeton both benefited substantially from this and have made an excellent start to the season. Due to bad weather and the FA Cup Final! the team have only played 2 games to date. The first was away at Ormskirk Grammar and the second away at Cowley. The opening game at Ormskirk saw some excellent batting with the openers, Cashman and Stephenson finally realising their potential. They were supported well by Templeton and Carter and with a score of over 10 for 5 set a difficult target for

CRICKET

Ormskirk. Ormskirk were batting well until Paul Stanley took the Captaincy to heart and emphatically removed their opening batsman. The rest followed pretty soon and the 1st XI had their first victory under their belt.

With enthusiasm under way, the next game showed a distinct lack of confidence in the batting. David Ackerley was looking good until a "body line" ball sent him to Alder Hey and the rest quickly followed. It didn't take Cowley long to knock off the 57 runs needed for victory but Paul Stanley did however take the spectacular wicket of their much accomplished opener.

With plenty of fixtures after the exams and the forthcoming tour of Essex, the 1st XI should enjoy a happy and profitable season providing they can believe in themselves and develop their self confidence in order to fulfil their full potential.

U15 Cricket

If there was an award for Team of the Year, then the under 15 cricketers would undoubtedly be the winners. Unbeaten this season, they have shown team spirit, dedication, enthusiasm in the face of remarkable difficulties (does anyone out there really know how to get St Ambrose?) and above all sportsmanship and the moments of individual inspiration and personal brilliance which make them simply, so good.

They opened the season in superb style, beating St Mary's College by 141 runs in a twenty-over match. Craig Griffies carried his bat for an unsurpassed 95, while Stuart Carter, Ben Blundell, Jonathan Haslam, Mark Kelly and Anthony Graham divided the wickets between them. Sharp and assertive fielding was shown throughout, particularly from Michael Goodwin, while an unusual intimidatory tactic from the very vocal Neil Stanley, keeping

wicket, puzzled St Mary's batsmen. As they walked despondent from the crease, they were heard to ask each other 'Did their wicket keeper sing to you as well?'

St Francis Xavier's were the next to fall, with Gerard Archer and Neil Stanley contributing two-thirds of St Edward's 87 runs between them, while Tom Heaven, inspired by spending the weekend at Edgbaston, took four wickets. Successful supporting bowling came from Craig Griffies, Mark Kelly and Anthony Graham, and St Edward's won by 46 runs. Conditions were perfect for the match against St Ambrose, and Factor 20 was much in evidence (for children and delicate skin). After an unreasonably long journey (directions given by a Polish lady who offered to travel with the team to ensure they arrived safely), Craig Griffies hit an astounding 83, while James Cassidy arrived at the crease only to run Jude Garvey out on the final ball of the innings. They took the field covered in sun-cream, looking like eleven multi-coloured versions of Shane Warne. Mark Simpson did a sterling job keeping wicket, while Neil Stanley and Mark Kelly, in storming form, took three wickets each, both taking two in two balls. Classy bowling from Craig Griffies and Tom Heaven ensured the only St Edward's victory of the day.

While the involvement of the whole squad ensured strength and depth throughout the season, particular mention must be made of the contribution of the captain of the team. The consistency and reliability of Craig Griffies' batting and the versatile talents of Neil Stanley, along with the ability of both to encourage and inspire, has been an integral factor in promoting the positive and determined attitude of the team, whom I hope have continued success in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank Jonathan Power for his help with matches and Paul Stanley, Mr D Crisp and Mr S Beeley for their support and involvement throughout the season. Thank you all.

C. Fell

The Under 12 girls have been committed to hockey and have shown a great deal of improvement throughout the year. Despite playing very few matches, the girls' enthusiasm has continued, resulting in their winning all the matches which did take place. They also gave a very good account of themselves at Arnold School's Centenary Tournament, where a high standard of hockey was played. The team took the City Championship in style, winning every game and scoring over fifty goals in the process. A B-team was also entered in this tournament; they finished third which was an excellent achievement.

The Under 13's have continued to play with enthusiasm. They completed the season successfully, winning every match played. The City Championship was more disappointing however, as they finished third, with the B-team finishing seventh.

For a third successive season, the U14's have won all their matches, and retained the City Championship. I look forward to seeing this squad progress next season and beyond. Well done!!

The Under 15's have maintained a high standard of hockey this season. They have adapted to, and enjoy playing on the astroturf surface, which has helped their hockey skills develop. They have suffered only one defeat. A 1-0 loss at Merchant Taylor's, which, not significantly, has been their only

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match on grass. Unfortunately, their chance of retaining the City Championship for the fourth successive season was spoilt by the weather in March; it was postponed and then never rearranged.

They did compete in the Merseyside Championship however, a 0-0 draw with Archbishop Blanch, and their subsequent reluctance to play extra time meant that we shared the trophy. Several members of this squad have joined clubs this season - this has undoubtedly helped them improve both technically and tactically, which has obvious benefits both for them as players and for the school team. Hopefully this will continue next season. Keep enjoying it!!

The U16's have had a very inconsistent season; their results work out exactly half won, half lost; a statistic which Miss Wilson puts down to lack of astroturf fitness. Their City Championship was a victim of the poor weather and was never rearranged, so unfortunately it was a bit of a flat end to the season. This team will form some of next year's 1st XI, so with a little more hard work and determination I am sure their results will improve.

In the last edition of The Edwardian was a report on the visit of Genazzano High School from Melbourne - a touring side who were beaten 2-1 by a

combination of St Edward's U15 and U16s. In March a second touring side called in on their way back to Ireland; Wallace High School from Lisburn brought an extremely talented 1st XI. To say we were a little out of our depth is an understatement!! The St Edward's team gave their all, but at the end of the day we were beaten by a much older and more experienced team. Never mind girls - we'll beat them next time!!

Representative Honours

Liverpool:

Elizabeth Cashman (U14) Sandra Duncan (U16)

Liverpool & Merseyside:

Rachel Kiely (U14) Janine Newness (U14)
Rachel Lennan (U14) Clare Rose (U16)

National Centre of Excellence:

Rachel Kiely

Thank You

On behalf of myself and the pupils, thanks to the staff who are involved with hockey; Miss Wilson, Miss Baldock, Miss Atkins, Miss Giles, Miss Qurrey and Miss Preston. Without the time and dedication given by these staff, none of this would be possible. Thanks also to all the pupils who have participated and made hockey at St Edward's so enjoyable this season.

L Hutchinson

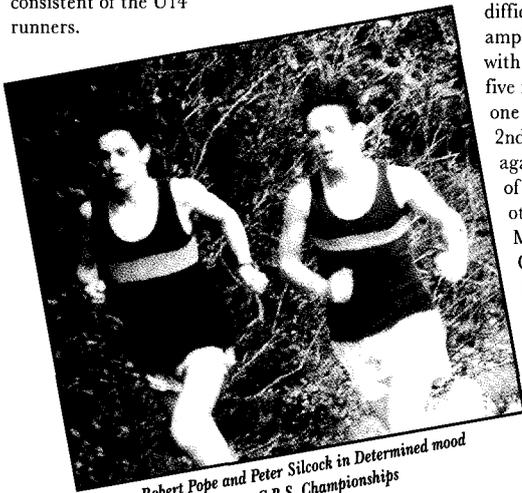
S P E R T S

CROSS COUNTRY

It has been a season of contrasting fortunes for our Cross Country teams. The junior teams, both boys and girls, have found it difficult to raise a full team, especially when their squads have been affected by injury and illness. The Seniors boys' team, on the other hand has been our most successful since 1985.

Our girls' teams have faced very stiff competition locally. After a disappointing start the U12 team recovered to finish 9th overall in the Merseyside League and an encouraging 6th in the Liverpool Harriers meeting at Wavertree. Rachel Kelly enjoyed a successful season, finishing as first counter in most races, and she received good support from Maria Barrett, Joanne Jackson, Ellen Jones, Victoria Bridger, Helen Gough and Emma Danials.

The U13 and U14 Girls generally competed together - their combined team finished in 8th place in the Merseyside League and a very creditable 4th in the Liverpool Harriers meeting. Melissa Newnes and Kathryn Hogg ran consistently well throughout the season, with notable contributions from Collette Noble, Joanne Williams and Lucy Farquharson. Elizabeth Cashman was the most consistent of the U14 runners.



Robert Pope and Peter Silcock in Determined mood in the C.B.S. Championships

The U12 Boys' team were hampered by having only a very small squad to call upon. Eighteen boys ran in the opening League fixture and Clarke Gardens in September, but the number dwindled rapidly, and it was a struggle to raise a team for most of the season. The team did well to finish in 6th place in the Merseyside league. John Daley proved an enthusiastic captain, while Chris Penketh was usually first counter. Alex Florensa and Anthony Birchara provided the only regular support, although a number of others produced reasonable performances on occasional appearances.

The U13's achieved 5th position overall in the Merseyside League and also a creditable 4th in the Wirral A.C. Cup meeting at Arrow Park. Stephen O'Donoghue had a very consistent season, finishing as first counter in every race in which he ran. Adam Holland was usually second counter before Christmas - unfortunately, he was unable to run during the Lent term. There were good performances also from Kevin Wilson, Terence Wignall and Daniel Blair.



Winter conditions in Nocturnum

The U14's had a reasonably good season. The difficulties of raising a team in this age-group were amply demonstrated in the Merseyside League, with only two schools managing to finish a team of five runners in all four fixtures. St Edward's were one of those two, so the team were rewarded with 2nd place overall in the League. Michael Bate again enjoyed a successful season, winning one of the league fixtures and finishing 2nd in the other three. He was chosen to represent Merseyside in the English Schools Championships at Weymouth, where he finished as Merseyside's second counter. Alan Walsh and Danny Melia also achieved League positions inside the top ten, while John Slavin and Stephen Bridger proved reliable team members.

Our U15's competed mostly with our fifth-year runners in U16 races,



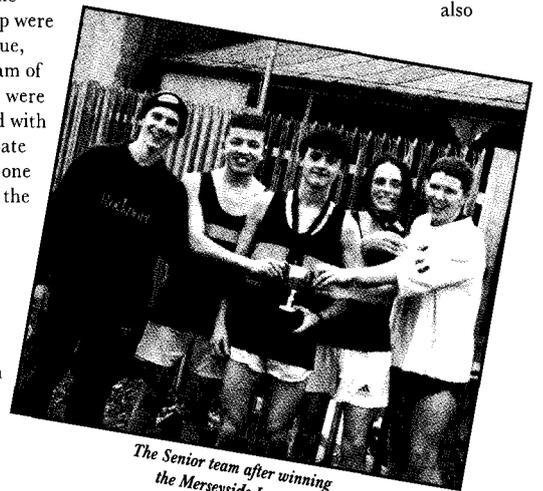
The start of the U12 (girls') League Championship at Fazakerley

but had three early season races with the U14's. They achieved 4th place in the Wirral A.C. meeting and 5th in the Liverpool Harriers meeting, but failed to progress beyond the first round of the TSB Cup. Francis Brooks was troubled by injury for most of the season and was unable to recapture his early-season form. Some really determined running came

from Michael Dudley, James Prendergast, Michael Hogg and Paul Bray.

The U16 team had a good start to the season, finishing a very convincing 2nd in the opening Merseyside League fixture. However, the team were badly affected by injuries for most of the season - it was a very weak team indeed which ran in the final League race at Arrow Park, so 3rd place overall in the League was no mean achievement. Peter Walsh had a very good season and was most unlucky to miss selection for Merseyside at Weymouth. Kevin Renton deserves special mention for his consistent efforts in training - and some fine racing - and there were some excellent performances also from Simon Fraser, Matthew Gilmore and Chris Ventre.

The Seniors enjoyed an excellent season. Peter Silcock and Robert Pope both finished in the top five positions in all four of the Merseyside League races - that provided a platform which enabled the team to win all four fixtures, sometimes excitingly and by narrow margins, for a well-deserved overall win. Victories were also



The Senior team after winning the Merseyside League

achieved in the Nicholson Trophy Race at Arrow Park and the Spangster Cup Race at Wavertree, with Bryan Renton and Peter Walsh completing the four counters on both occasions. Further afield, there were three very good performances - the team finished 3rd in the Marple Hall Relay, 5th in the Stonyhurst Invitation Race and 10th in the King Henry VIII Relay. There were 42 schools from as far away as Coleraine and Glasgow competing in the King Henry VIII Relay at Coventry, providing competition of the highest standard, and a place in the top 10 is a real achievement. The team's trophy collection was completed in April with victory in the CBS Championships in Birkenhead. Peter Silcock led by example as captain - he was also chosen for the Merseyside team at Weymouth after achieving an excellent 2nd place in Merseyside Schools Championships in Knowsley. Robert Pope also enjoyed an outstanding season, while Bryan Renton was usually third counter. Good support was provided by Neil Blackhurst, Stephen Cranny, Lee Rowlands and Peter Gregory.

J. F. Miles

S P O R T S

Rugby 1st XV



Full colours were presented this year to six pupils:

Colin Campbell (Prop)
 Anthony Evans (Captain and full back)
 Graham Ion (back five)
 Alex Short (back five)
 Paul Stanley (centre)
 Spencer Williams (centre)

Congratulations to these players on their dedication over the years and especially at Senior level in the College.



1st XV Squad

With the turbulence in the game as a whole, hopefully the School element will see stability and common sense. However, the recent court case involving a society referee being sued for negligence indicates the changing context in which the College operates. There has even been some talk of leagues at school level. I personally would not see this as progress. Matches against rivals such as St Anselm's, St Mary's and Birkenhead, for example are quite competitive enough without adding 'League points' to the Saturday morning agenda. It is essential to retain a fundamental educational approach in School's Rugby, not only in skills and organisation but in attitudes and discipline.

Before Christmas the pre-season training, including the visit to Rugby School, had been the platform for our successes against Lytham, Birkenhead, St Bede's, Liverpool College and St Mary's. Disappointing performances against Rydal and Hutton saw the 1st XV lose to inferior opposition. Poor contact skills and decision making errors were far too prevalent. After Christmas only two matches were played before the long period of bad weather in late January and early February. Both matches were won.

S.E.C. 22 points St Ambrose 10 points
 S.E.C. 22 points Wirral G.S. 18 points

This was an excellent start to the New Year and put the side in the right focus for the last few games of the season, but of course the weather interfered and left only the 7's competitions in March.

RUGBY

Perhaps the best performance at 15-a-side was the away win at St Ambrose. After work examinations in early December and the Christmas break it is always difficult to regain fitness, focus and organisation. Much credit should go to Paul Stanley and Spencer Williamson since Paul went to scrum half, with Simon Worsley playing Under 16's North of England, and this left much of the centre field responsibility with Spencer. St Ambrose were expecting their first win at Senior level in

many years after their pack had rampaged their way over the packs of Manchester Arnold and King's Macclesfield. Yet St Edward's forwards were in uncompromising mood - particular mention must be given to the Upper Sixth forwards Ben Blackwell, Colin Campbell, Graham Ion and Simon Leong. Tries that day came from Oke Akopogheneta, Tom Blackwell, Carl Mba and Paul Stanley with one conversion by Dominic Carter. Well done!

At 7-a-side the season's tournaments were dominated by Stoneyhurst who won every competition they entered - including Rosslyn



Senior 7's Squad

Park and Oxford. Our best achievement was reaching the last eight at Oxford which keeps us in the frame at National level. The most memorable match was the greatest comeback



French visitors with their hosts

in Rugby history until Bobby Goulding started dropping 'bombs' around the Bradford full-back! Playing against Dowside we were 22 points to nil at half time. In the second half, which of course was seven minutes, we scored 26 points without reply to win. *Incroyable???* It was a privilege to be present to see the sacrifice and effort of those players, some of whom like Ben Blackwell and Dominic Carter were 'carrying' injuries.

I ask the younger players at the College to lift their eyes in admiration for these young men and ask them to tread the same path of commitment and teamwork, of camaraderie and joie de jouer.

English Beef Too Tough For The French

No! This isn't yet another one of those newspaper articles reminding us that Continentals are barley civilised and fail to appreciate the superiority of all things English. Our friends and colleagues from Gascony visited us at Easter to play rugby against St Edward's and Waterloo. The level was 'Minimes' - a mixture U13's/14's/15's.

The establishment of links with Gascony in the south-central region of France has been one of the priorities of recent years. We now have ties not only with clubs such as Bagnère-de-Bigorre, Tarbes and Trie-sur-Baise but also with Collège Pyrénées, a specialist rugby school. A key contact-person has been Michel Perey, PE master at Collège Pyrénées and coach of the 'Junior' side (U19's) at Tarbes Rugby School.

Various visits were arranged for the pupils and staff during their week's stay with St Edward's families including an opportunity to watch Everton train, a call at Liverpool's Club Shop, the Albert Dock and Southports contrasting delights.

Unfortunately we failed to manage an interview with Eric Cantona which was what they really wanted more than anything else.

Of course it is true that St Edward's College won the rugby match with a fine back row performance from 'Beefy' Harris, 'Bull' Carter and 'Ox' Wallace, yet the whole educational experience is what was important.

Playing rugby is a means to an end and not an end in itself. We discover ourselves and develop friendships that can last a lifetime. JGC

'Le Crunch - Part Deux'

St Edward's College Versus Le Collège Pyrénées

We awaited the arrival of the French boys in a slightly unenthusiastic manner. Many were tired (after just returning from the ski-ing trip the same afternoon) the news that our visitors were to be an hour late was not well received.

S P O R T S

RUGBY CONTINUED

When the boys arrived the lads who went to Gascony last year were slightly (to say the least) surprised as how their team had seemingly grown about a foot and put on an extra twelve stones each! It was then that our cries of certain victory were muted to more of a whisper.

The training session was interesting, I think, to all involved. For the first part we trained with the French coaches. This training focused on handling skills and getting to the breakdown quickly. It showed how the French style of rugby, the willingness to run the ball, is practised at the early age of fourteen and fifteen. The second part of the session introduced Mr Campbell putting us through our paces, showing the French the typical English forward-orientated style of rugby, revolving around quick first and second home ball and allowing the back to break with the occurrence of back rowers supporting them, ready for a quick pass or be first to the breakdown. Through the training session both teams learnt a lot about each other's game, and seeing how each other's differing training schemes could be incorporated into their own. In their match against Waterloo, the French narrowly lost against an older team 5-0 and beat a younger side substantially.

Matchday arrived and many of our team had mixed feelings about what the outcome would be. We were going to play three 'halves' of twenty minutes each, two of which involved a full strength team and a third with the bigger boys from each side taken off and replaced with younger boys. There were commendable performances by Andrew Power and David Harris in the front row and Terence McLoughlin in the second row all playing with a higher age group and coping very well. In



René et Michel - les entraîneurs de rugby

the third 'half' with the bigger boys from both sides coming off, gaps opened up more easily and the ball was won more quickly. Our attack was too much for the French defence, we again won comfortably.

In the end the results of the matches were unimportant. It was the manner in which they were played and quality of the day and the friendships we had made. Both parties of players enjoyed their week and the rugby and I feel that it would be good for both schools to hold this as a regular fixture each year, both for the rugby and as a cultural experience for later on in life.

John Harris - Year 10

Rugby - Under 13's

It is to be hoped that the St Edward's Under 13 team have learnt about teamwork and the importance of playing to their strengths. Their best period of the season came in the weeks before Christmas when they put together a run of four performances of a far superior quality to anything that came before or after. The first two games were played against teams with whom we were closely

matched and committed effort resulted in a narrow win against Caldby and a narrow defeat against Kirkham.

The team then travelled to St Mary's for a fixture they were expected to win. They did so easily, winning by 60 points to nil including a hat-trick of tries from Chris Roper and two each for Simon Tabb, Mark Grimes and Sean McIlrow. Most pleasing was the continued teamwork and commitment even though the result was never in doubt. St Mary's, although physically inferior, were determined in their tackling and the tries all had to be earned. The last game before Christmas was perhaps the best performance as, despite conceding five tries in 20 minutes against a very strong Hutton side, the boys battled back as a team and scored a try of their own whilst conceding no further points.

Apart from this period, performance was fragmented with opponents often being gifted with early tries before St Edward's started playing. There are strong runners in the pack, particularly Sean McIlrow and David Harris, two players with a strong loathing for defeat. Peter Murray leads by example in his tackling and mobility around the pitch. Leading try scorers were the skilful Simon Tabb and the versatile, strong running Mark Grimes. Mark is a central figure and it is to be hoped that he recovers fully from the broken leg suffered against St Ambrose.

Barret, Callan and Loughlin were all consistent and determined performers in the pack, Quinn and Trebicki performed bravely in the full-back role and Markey, Newberry and Cashman were enthusiastic and hard-working throughout the season and Kerr and Roper both show promise on the wing.

The boys performed creditably in sevens rugby. It is to be hoped that they can develop their co-ordination as a team in future seasons.



Five-A-Side Final Just out of Reach

The 1996 Northern Division Choir Schools five-a-side tournament took place in Lincoln on Wednesday 6 March. I was asked to take the Liverpool Choir Team which was picked from a squad of seven. Ben Leslie, Kevin Higgot, Patrick McAuley, James Gallagher,

Luke Martin, Ben Wilson and Julian Guidera.

Mr J Campbell kindly offered to drive the minibus and at 8am we were on our way. We arrived at Lincoln a little late and then made our way to Lincoln City FC where the tournament was to be played. The excitement of the players was all too evident as we approached a rather smart looking stadium complete with new cantilever stand. The squad's expectations were somewhat shattered when

FOOTBALL

we realised the tournament would take place in an old sports hall adjacent to the ground opposed to the ground itself. It will be difficult to forget Mr Campbell's comments on arrival 'what, we've come all this way to play soccer in an old shed?'

The tournament started with Liverpool playing Ripon. An early Ripon goal was equalised by Patrick McAuley to give us a well earned draw. The second match against Southwell was a bit of a disaster with us losing by the only goal of the game. The chances of qualifying to the semi final knockout stage looked doubtful. However, our third game gave us hope as we played with passion and determination to beat Edinburgh 2-0 with Kevin Higgot and Patrick McAuley the scorers and Ben Leslie keeping a magnificent clean sheet. We now had a chance of qualification, but a piece of inspiration from Ben Wilson saw him clinch a place in the semi final

for us.

We had qualified for the semi final as joint group winners which meant a penalty shoot out against Ripon to decide who went through as group champions, if we lost we would play a very strong and unbeaten Durham. Ben Leslie in goal became the hero of the hour, saving two penalties to see Liverpool into the semi final!

A hard fought game against the home side, Lincoln, was eventually lost 1-0 to a hotly disputed goal. 'He was well inside the area, ref' came the cry from our players as the remonstrated with the referee who awarded a goal from a shot within the goal area. A harsh 1-0 defeat ended the tournament for Liverpool and the pain and heartache associated with beaten semi finalist became all too evident!

In all the Liverpool team played well, fought hard and were undoubtedly unlucky not to make the final. Still, there is always next year!!!!

Mr B Sprague