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## Arkwright Scholarship



Mark Ramsdale

My first encounter with the Arkwright Scholarship began in the classroom when my form teacher, Mr Quarmby, Head of the Design Centre, placed a poster at the back of the room. Soon after, more posters began to appear and I decided to enter - it could do no harm to try.

An application required a written letter to state my interest in becoming an Arkwright Scholar, and if accepted, I would sit the scholarship examination. The examination itself was similar to GCSE Technology. However, it differed in one significant way; whereas at GCSE a brief is stated a month before the examination, and the time up to the examination is for preparation, the Arkwright Exam had no preparation, and the first time I was to see the paper was on the actual morning of the exam. No simple task!

The question I decided to answer is as follows:

"A very large restaurant in Las Vegas with more than 500 tables prides itself on the romantic atmosphere which it creates for its diners. An important component of the intimate atmosphere is that the majority of the illumination is supplied by two real candles on each table. The candles are quite large (300 mm high and 40mm in diameter) and will last for at least 5 dining sessions before the short ends have to be discarded. The restaurant is concerned at the labour cost connected with lighting 1000 candles and is on the lookout for a remotely controlled candle lighter, ideally combined with a candle extinguisher. The idea is that as the customers report to the reception desk to claim their pre-booked table, the receptionist can light the candles by remote control and can extinguish them as they pay their bill.

Design a system which will do this. If this requires a special candle holder, this is quite all right as long as the mechanism does not detract from the atmosphere. You are allowed some form of connection between the reception desk and the table."

My final solution can be operated by means of a simple switch, or any other possible type of trigger, for example an infra-red beam or by radio signal. When operated, the lighting device moves from below the table until it finds the top of the candle, using light sensors. At the top, if no heat is detected (i.e. the candle is not lit); Natural Gas from a reservoir supplying all the candles is forced out of a small hole, at high pressure. It is ignited with a small spark, using the same principal that may light a ring. This is left on until a sufficient

time has passed, so there is no doubt that the candle is lit. The solution then moves back to its original position below the table. To extinguish the candle, the device is again switched on. However, when reaching the top of the candle a heat sensor triggers Carbon Dioxide to be expelled through the same hole as the Natural Gas. The two gases will not mix due to the fact Carbon Dioxide is "heavier" than air, and Natural Gas is "lighter" than air. This results in the flame being extinguished and the solution is ready to begin its cycle again.

The questions were set by Professor Heinz Wolff, whom teachers and former pupils will remember as the master of ceremonies in the television programme "The Great Egg Race", he also intended to be one of the interviewing panellists for anyone who reached the interview stage. Unfortunately, he was showing Princess Anne around Loughborough on the day so could not sit on the panel!

I was one of the lucky few who managed to pass the examination and I was invited to the next stage of the scheme, an interview at Loughborough University, with complimentary train fare from Sir Bob Reid, Chairman of British Rail.

My interview went well, I was asked questions about my design by members of the interviewing panel which included Doctors of Engineering, the Chairman of Esso and Design and Technology teachers. I was also quizzed about my GCSE project, a bike alarm that relied on movement for its operation.

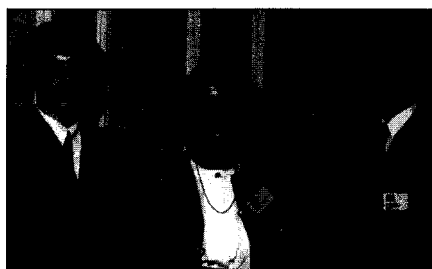
A week later whilst sitting in a maths class I was told that I had received a scholarship and that I would be sent a letter with details about the award ceremony later that year.

The award ceremony was held in the Lloyd Register Building, London, and was presented by Mr. P.C.K. O'Farral, chairman of Lloyd's registrar. Before the ceremony there was opportunity for the sponsors to meet the scholarship winners and generally talk about their achievements and plans for the future. The following day, the 26 Arkwright Scholarship winners' names were published in 'The Times' newspaper along with those sponsoring the winners.

This year sees the inaugural annual meeting of The "Arkwright Club" in which winners past and present, with my year being the youngest, meet and discuss current projects and life in general.

I am pleased I responded to that poster and decided to give it a try!

Mark Ramsdale



Mark Ramsdale, Judith Dunworth & Andrew Lillie

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# Headmaster's Address

*Prize Day*  
*3 April 1995*

**Mr Chairman, High Sheriff,  
Reverend Fathers, Brothers, Ladies  
and Gentlemen, Pupils of St  
Edward's College.**

Each day of the school year the College crest is worn by over 1060 pupils. Some 376 wear this crest on their black blazers, 647 on their purple blazers and now 39 3 year olds in the College Nursery wear the crest on their jogging suits. The College motto which accompanies the crest is taken from Psalm 27. I am quite sure that Edmund Rice, Founder of the Christian Brothers would approve that a Christian Brother College should have chosen its motto from the Old Testament. On the fly leaf of his own bible, Edmund Rice had written his 9 favourite passages from the bible and 7 of these 9 were from the Old Testament. Our motto comes from the final verse of that Psalm: there are, of course, a good many translations into English but there are two that I particularly like. The first of these comes from the Gideon Bible. Each year, all first year pupils in the Senior School are presented with a bible by the Gideons: indeed, the Gideons are so kind that they also donate over 100 bibles to us to be despatched to West Africa to support the Brothers in their missionary work in Sierra Leone and Liberia. The Gideon Bible translates our motto as "be strong and take heart". However, my favourite translation is from the King James version where we are exhorted to "be of good courage". Indeed, if I read the final verse it puts the motto somewhat into context "Wait on the lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart, wait, I say, on the Lord." What better advice could a Headmaster give to the pupils in his charge than to be of good courage and have faith in the Lord.

This evening we are here to celebrate the achievements of all our young people, some of whom will be fortunate to receive prizes, but we should be quite firm in our knowledge and understanding that in recognising the achievements of the few, we recognise the achievements of the many.

It is particularly appropriate that we have with us this evening a large number of pupils who left St Edward's College in 1994 and who have come, many from quite a distance, to be with us. Indeed, the College is blessed by having so many talented individuals.

But the question that we have to ask is, for what purpose have we received our talents? So many of our talents can be used for good or bad. This year, 1995, is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War which claimed many millions of souls. Is there any doubting the perverse and twisted way in which talented men and women turned their ability not to the service of others, but to torture, kill and maim. This evil end continues to cause death and destruction and suffering through the action of talented men and women. In places such as Rwanda and Bosnia and Sierra Leone. Surely, none of our children have been given these talents by God to be used in this way. No, our talents only have meaning in service.

At St Edward's we place a high emphasis on academic rigour and on the experience of many extra curricular activities be they musical, drama, sporting or of some other form. I pay tribute to all the teaching and support staff because without their dedication this would be impossible. But, if all these things are not underpinned by the spiritual life of the College, then they can have little meaning.

During the course of the year, one of our out of school uniform days, so much loved by pupils, and for parents something of an imposition as their children query whether they should wear this or that, was to raise funds for one of our pupils who left in the recent past but who is using his talents in the service of others. Robert Greenland was Head Boy of St Edward's College in 1991 and gained a degree in Business Management and French at Leeds University in 1994. He is now working in Ecuador with the Liverpool Archdiocese Missionary Project, particularly assisting young people. Indeed, so great has been Robert's contribution that the local people have communicated directly with me to tell me what a fine place St Edward's College must be that we should have, as one of our former pupils, an individual as special as Robert.

Let me be absolutely clear that this mission of service remains at the very heart of everything that we do: indeed, even our nursery children took part in the Edmund Rice Run and Walk last May and at the age of three have already been exposed to the crucial notion that their talents can be used to assist others, even if the talent is simply one of walking around the College grounds.

As the Chairman has already explained, the changes in our Prize Day which have been necessary this year have also meant that my normal report has had to be much curtailed. In 1994 we introduced the system whereby Governors received most detailed annual reports regarding all aspects of College life. This Autumn I intend that all College parents will receive a report of the College's activities during the present academic year and hence, it is not possible for me to speak at greater length about the achievements of both the few and the many.

However, it would be remiss of me to fail to mention 3 members of staff who have left St Edward's at the end of the last academic year.

Mr Stan Clarke officially retired as a member of staff after many years, and his reputation as a swimming coach amongst other schools remains formidable. I am pleased that he continues to help us on a part time basis and since his grandchild is also a member of our nursery, then he remains a part of our community.

Miss Rita Gray left St Edward's for the Middle East. Rita had been at St Edward's for 4 years but her contribution particularly in the sphere of debating and public speaking and, more recently, as Deputy Head of the Sixth Form, was considerable: I am sure a good many individual pupils will miss the caring and thoughtful assistance that she always gave.

Mr Reg Graff retired from St Edward's having taught IT for just over 4 years and having had a heavy involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Shortly after leaving Reg had successful open heart surgery and we wish him continued good health.

Earlier, I expressed my gratitude to the members of the teaching and support staff. I feel it right and fair to thank the Governors for the assistance that I have received from them. The last few years have seen considerable change between the role of the Central and Local Governing Bodies and this has added a considerable burden to the Local Governing Body and especially the Chairman of Governors. I am sure that I will at some future Prize Day be able to express in more detail my thanks to Judge John Morgan but since this is the last formal occasion at which he will preside, I wish to offer my considerable gratitude to him for all that he has done for me and for all that he has done for the College. He has presided over probably some of the most significant developments in the history of St Edward's.

Ladies and gentlemen, I began my report with a reflection on the school's motto, I wish to confirm that St Edward's continues to be of good courage and have faith in the Lord.

# Duke of Edinburgh Report 1995



Gortex jacket, walking boots and silk pyjamas!

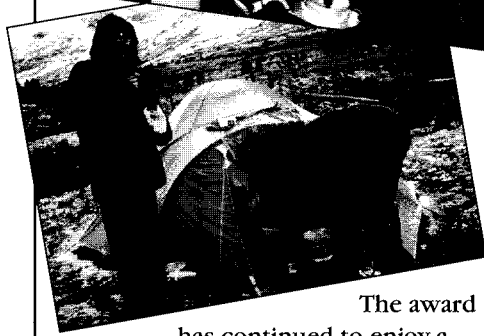
The Silver group took part in their practice expedition last month and are, at present, preparing for their assessed expedition. This group of lower sixth students, some of whom only joined the award in September, acquitted themselves well and were extremely cheerful throughout the weekend.



The Gold group spent a pleasant night in a barn on the Carneddys in North Wales in November and followed this evening by a rather wet and long walk through the hills. One pupil, having thought that he had escaped from receiving his maths homework was somewhat dismayed to discover that he was presented with the work during his walk, just after he had fallen in a stream.



Next year we will be offering a direct entry into the Gold level of the award for suitable candidates and this may mean that a pupil can gain their Gold award before they leave St Edward's.



The award has continued to enjoy a good deal of popularity this year. We have seen the first mixed Bronze group pass through the various stages of their training leading up to their assessed expedition earlier this month. This was particularly notable for a number of reasons including the threat of a formal complaint by one participant because it was wet, cold and the group were lost, other memories include the rucksack that was filled with a variety of food from the shelves of Marks and Spencers, including half a chicken! But the prize for the most unusual 'first' goes for the new style sported by one award member, a

Some of our former pupils have continued their thirst for adventure in different parts of the world in the last year, Tony Waddington spent Easter climbing in Chamonix (when he wasn't cycling up Skafell Pike), Alex Prayle was trekking in Nepal and Stephen Hunt was involved with Operation Raleigh in the Antarctic.

Paul Prayle and Graham Ion who have already made valuable contributions. Michael Youds and Paul Prayle have assisted admirably with the canoeing club.

I would like to thank those members of staff who give so freely and generously their time to assist in making the award work successfully, because without their voluntary efforts no one would be able to participate.

The award is about far more than just the expedition and a look at the participants' Record Books shows the wide range of activities that our pupils become involved in, developing both their own skills and helping the community.

Half colours were awarded to Antony Gregory, Paul Mullins, Michael Youds, Paul Prayle

*A Treherne*

I would like to thank our award secretaries, Antony Gregory and Paul Mullins for their assistance over the last year and also our new secretaries,



# West Africa the latest!



It is our first sad duty to chronicle the death of Br James Vincent Crease. He died on November 8 1994 in Freetown, Sierra Leone. His decision to become a missionary so late in life (when he was 75) amazed and inspired many of us. The way he took to Africa and Africa took him to heart is well expressed in Br Eddie Johnbull's tribute.

"Few Europeans have died in Sierra Leone. Among those who died here, few were actually buried in the country. Of those who have been laid to rest here, few were given African (Sierra Leonean) burial rites.

Vincent is one of the few Europeans who was buried with Sierra Leonean traditional rites of burial.

This was the wish of the Christian Brothers in West Africa. It was done as a sign of inculturating the life and spirit of the Christian Brothers in Africa.

For me as an African Brother it was the end and the beginning. The end because it was the final act that convinces me of the utter dedication of our expatriate Brothers to Africa and the African. The beginning because it marked the establishment of an even greater bond between us ... a seed for the new Region had been planted."

While referring to the new Region, which was set up last year, it may be of interest to note that the new Regional Superior of the Brothers in West Africa is Br W.L. Gillespie, another pupil and later Headmaster of St Edward's. His predecessor Br A.I. Chincotta is now in South Africa, exploring the possibility of setting up a new community of Brothers either in Botswana, Namibia or Swaziland.

Meanwhile the situation in both Liberia

and Sierra Leone has deteriorated seriously since my last bulletin. Liberia is under the control (?) of five or six warlords, with Charles Taylor, who initiated the civil war about five years ago, threatening once more to move on Monrovia, the capital. There is now hardly any missionary activity outside of the Monrovia area. Both of the Brothers' missions in Gbargna and Yekepa have been overrun and looted. Many of the people of these areas are now either in Guinea or in Côte d'Ivoire. Three of the Brothers are now in Danané, Côte d'Ivoire with the Liberian refugees.

Conditions in Sierra Leone, though very serious, are not quite so bad. A rebellion by the self-styled Revolutionary Front (RUF) has brought banditry and chaos to the people for the last four years. To quote from a letter from Br Kerrigan in Bo...

"At 8.00 am on Christmas Eve the first incident took place. Gondama Displaced Camp for 50 000 displaced people, seven miles from Bo was attacked and the small mud/thatch huts went on fire. Some people panicked and were drowned in the river trying to escape. The only escape route was into Bo which was already bulging at the seams from having accepted tens of thousands of displaced. Yet to Bo the sad march began - for some of these people it was their fourth exodus. A number of schools were offered to them as temporary shelters including one school beside our house here. Here thousands of people must cook, bathe, toilet and do their laundry with almost complete absence of privacy. Ordinary houses often had fifty people in them. In Bo this Christmas there was always 'room in the inn.'"

The Brothers are still holding out in Bo

where, too, the Brothers from Blama have been forced to find refuge, in New London some four miles away, in Makeni and in Yengema. Only Freetown, the capital, appears to be almost unaffected by the upheaval.

## The England Connection

There is a growing number of people in England who have an interest in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire through the Brothers' work in these countries. Efforts are going on at the moment to 'twin' Christian Brother schools in England with Christian Brother schools and projects in West Africa. This involves going beyond the very valuable fund-raising which occurs faithfully every year. The aim is to set up a two way exchange of information. Part of this process involves a visit by some staff from Christian Brothers schools in England to West Africa. This visit was scheduled for February 1995 but has had to be postponed because of the worsening security situation in Sierra Leone. The first visit will almost certainly be to Côte d'Ivoire as it is the only stable country of the three for the foreseeable future.

All funds collected for West Africa go directly to the people in need via the Regional bursar. The particular projects needing money at the moment are:-

- 1) the rehabilitation of child soldiers in Sierra Leone (directed by Brother Eddie Johnbull)
- 2) in-service teacher training workshops in Danané, Côte d'Ivoire, for Liberian refugee teachers (directed by Brother Gerry Ryan)
- 3) Gara (cloth) dyeing project, New Street Tailoring Institute, Bo, Sierra Leone (directed by Brother James Bangura)
- 4) purchase of basic teaching materials (books, pens, chalk etc) for the schools in Gondama Displaced Camp, Bo, Sierra

Thank you to everyone who has already been involved in fund raising for West Africa over the years e.g. the Makeni or Edmund Rice Run and Walk.

Br H.A. Grice

## For the Displaced People of Sierra Leone and Liberia

Lord, we have been forced to leave our homes and now we don't know where to go. We are strangers in our own land with little rice, no roof and no future.

But you come to find us, giving us fresh courage. You who were displaced have become an exile with us. Bring peace to our troubled land and hope that we will return home one day.

# Fund Raising



Pictured are Colette Noble, Mark Callan, Claire Feely, Andrew McLean and Miss R Edwards with the cheque for the Dermatomyositis and Polymyositis Support Group.

In the Advent term the First Years participated in a sponsored swim. They raised an excellent total of £1299.18 which went to the Dermatomyositis and Polymyositis Support Group (these are related illnesses which affect the body muscles and connective tissues of the body) and the St Edward's Trust Fund. First Years have also been active in the Readathon, washing cars for the Blue Peter Well Water Appeal, cake stalls for LAMP and fancy dress netball matches for Comic Relief.

*R Edwards*

## College Trust Fund

Since the last issue of "The Edwardian" we have held our Annual Ball and have had the benefit of a high profile campaign week in October.

The Annual Ball was as usual highly successful thanks to the wonderful support the parents and friends of the College continue to offer. The event was held in November at the Gladstone Hotel, Liverpool and attended by some 200 guests. The raffle prize list was extensive and of the high quality befitting the event. We raised £2000.

During October the Headmaster held an 'Edwardian Week'. This comprised of fund raising events and writing to all parents asking for their support by way of covenants. With the help of members of staff and the pupils themselves, some £2500 will be passed to the Trust. The retiring collection at the Cathedral following the College mass realised £400.

I would like to offer our sincere thanks to the Headmaster, members of staff and pupils for the efforts on our behalf. To those of you who have not yet returned your covenant form, please do so without delay. Any sum from as little as £1 per month - hopefully not too much to ask.



Pictured is Mr Brian McDonald receiving a cheque from Lucy Parry.

We continue to support pupils by way of bursaries and scholarships, this year providing almost £22000. This is proving a heavy commitment and we urgently require your further help. This can take several forms; financial of course, but additionally we are seeking people who could assist with the raising of covenants by offering a couple of hours each month. This would entail visiting homes to complete the necessary form filling associated with covenants. Attending the monthly meetings would not be necessary although all are welcome. These are held on the first Thursday of the month at 8.00 pm in St Clare's. For further information please telephone me on 280 8343 or contact the school.

*Brian J McDonald  
Chairman*

## Can You Guess Which One is the New Minibus?

The purchase of a brand new LDV 400 Series 17 seater minibus with diagonal and lap belts and head restraints means the College now has two top class vehicles with safety as the top priority. The new minibus will arrive in September.

As for the other minibus - that was donated to the school by Mr T J Brennan in the 1960's - how times have changed.

*J Campbell*



# From the Junior School

## Sacramental Programmes

**This year the children in the Junior School received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. We have made the decision to celebrate these Sacraments together in Year 3, because we feel the children are more mature and are therefore ready to make their own personal commitment. It is a wonderful time for the children. During the week of the 27th March 44 children with the guidance of Fr. Peter from St Paul's either received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or a special blessing. Parents and families, on this day were an important part of the children's celebration.**

During the month of June, 43 children celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist at St Paul's church. The children and their families have been in contact with their own parishes and some have become closely involved in the Parish Sacramental Preparation. The children's parish community is of vital importance as they grow in their faith. This involves the whole family and of course there is a special school party for everyone. As we are not part of one particular parish, we as a school have developed an idea of Prayer

Sponsors in the school. Each of our communicants had one or two children from Year 6 who prayed for them. The close links are extended to friendship on the yard, around the school and whenever children are in need of an older child to chat to. This of course is of value to our Year 6 children as well as our communicants, as they are developing a sense of responsibility as they care for others.

We ask you to remember these children in your prayers.

*Mrs P Brophy*

## Speech Choir

**The Junior School Speech Choir have had a successful year, taking part in two festivals. They received a Merit Certificate for their performance in the Liverpool and District Catholic Schools' Festival.**

**At the end of March, they attended the Liverpool Festival of Speech and Drama at St George's Hall. They produced a very lively, clear performance and were awarded high marks giving them a Distinction and Second Place.**

*Mrs J Britten*

## Girls Football

After only our first session in League Football the girls reached the semi-final of the A.R.T. knock-out Cup. The game was very exciting and the girls played with real courage and determination. After extra time the game went to penalties and unfortunately we lost 4-2.

Girls football is a popular activity in the Junior School and it is all to the girls credit that they have done so well this season. Three girls, Natalie Taylor, Rachel Kelly and Kerry Ware were chosen to represent the school in city trials and attended 2 sessions at Picton Sports Centre. From 72 entries, selection was difficult, but Kerry Ware was one of the lucky ones and represented the city in future fixtures. Well done to all three girls.

*Miss B O'Keefe*

## Netball

Year 6 girls have proven themselves to be skilled and hard working this year. We entered the LCS Cup and League Competitions. Last term the team played in the final of the cup against St Paul's and have also played in the league semi final against St William of York.

On a regular basis nearly all Year 5 and Year 6 girls practice in their own time and enjoy the challenge and skills of the game.

*Mrs P Brophy*

## Rounders

As we looked to the beginning of the rounders season, we hoped to be as successful as last year. For the first time in the history of St Edward's we entered a girls rounders team into the L.C.S. competition. After a lot of hard work by the girls we reached the final and played against St Michael's RC Junior School. After an exciting game we were the winners. A good start to another new venture for St Edward's.

*Mrs P Brophy*

## Rugby



Rugby and St Edward's go hand in hand, the two are inextricably linked. In recent years, however, results at primary level had been rather discouraging for the boys concerned, despite their efforts. This season, however, rugby has experienced a revival and most of the thanks for that must go to the application, skills and hardwork of Mr Nolan, with both Years 5 and 6. Well done sir!

### Year 6

The first month of the Advent term saw the Year 6 boys put in many hours of tough training. Their enthusiasm and hard work paid dividends in the first match of the season - a comprehensive victory over St Anselm's.

Dynamic performances continued, with every member of the squad playing their part. Although results in two Liverpool Tournaments did not do the boys justice, a tour to Scotland proved to be an outstanding finale to the season. St Edward's finishing

runners-up in the High School of Glasgow Tournament - a terrific performance.

A successful year for the Year 6 boys, epitomised by hard work and commitment. They have been a credit to themselves and the school, playing the game in the true spirit of rugby football. Well done!

### Year 5

To the credit of the boys, Year 5 have performed superbly this year, beginning with an excellent display against St Anselm's and finishing with a series of results in the Liverpool College Tournament which really highlighted the potential the team has. The boys reached the semi finals, with two victories against strong opposition and were then very narrowly beaten in a close fought encounter against St Anselm's. I am sure the boys are eagerly anticipating the start of the 1995/96 season and we are sure that success awaits them.

*Mr D Goulbourne*

## Boys' Football

Despite considerable effort from both Year 5 and Year 6 'Technical Directors of Football' (or rather in spite of them!), the boys were unsuccessful in the gathering of silverware. Nevertheless, the boys deserve a good deal of praise for their attitude and application toward the game. Towards the end of the season, there were encouraging signs from Year 5 with greatly improved results against both St Paul's and St Margaret Mary's. Year 6 never really did themselves justice, although, at times, the Manager was left wondering how a team could play so well and try so hard without reward.

Well done boys and thanks for all your efforts!

*Mr D Goulbourne*

## Athletics

The athletics season is always eagerly awaited at the Junior School. This one more than most after the success of the previous year. There was much to cheer during the initial meeting of the season at Wavertree, the Catholic School Championships. All Years began very well, with success throughout the age ranges. There was a good deal more to come, not least of which occurred during the Independent Schools' meeting for girls early in June. The girls acquitted themselves extremely well, with notable performances from Year 6.

The success continued during the Christian Brothers' meeting at St Joseph's, Stoke; an event which is always very competitive and one in which we like to do well. The school came away with great credit.

Throughout the season, the children have worked hard, trained well and gained considerable praise for both their performances and their conduct. Particular mention must go to both Julie Simpson and Gayner Hughes for their consistently high standard of performance and qualification for the City Championships.

Congratulations on another fine season and thanks to all involved for their hard work and application in all areas.

*Mr D Goulbourne*



# Chemistry News

The Chemistry Department was fortunate in having the assistance of Dr Katya Vines for ten weeks from last April.

Dr Vines studied chemistry at Liverpool University where she also went on to take her PhD. During the past year she has been doing post doctoral research in Spain, at the University of Barcelona.

While with us at St Edward's, Dr Vines assisted with practical lessons for 6th form students in chemistry and biology and also took a number of A level students for individual and class tutorial sessions in chemistry. She also found time to become well involved in the extra curricular life of the school.

In August, Dr Vines takes up a research and tutorial post at Oxford University. We wish her well for the future.

*D T Bamber*

## Sponsored Fast

On Friday 10 February, many of the pupils in the 2nd Year took part in the World Vision 24 Hour Fast. They battled with their cravings for food and raised £694.21.

Congratulations to all who took part, sponsors and fasters alike. Special congratulations to those who raised outstanding amounts of over £60, namely Rachel Lennon (2 Hope) and David Moore (2 Domingo).

Well done!

*V Qurrey*

## Businessmen

*— Can You Help? —*

In September 1995, Lower 6th Business Studies pupils will be embarking on a new Cambridge Modular Business Studies A – level course.

This requires them to undertake a research assignment and submit a 4000 to 5000 word project. The Department is looking to expand its school-industry links and we hope you may be able to accommodate pupils.

The business problem should be negotiated between teachers, the candidate and the organisation and must be such that the candidate can produce an assignment which is investigative rather than merely descriptive. Your organisation can be big or small, profit making or non profit making (such as a charity or club).

If you can help or know anyone who may be bale to assist in this practical approach to their understanding of business, please contact Mr R Young or Mr D Edwards at the school on 0151-228 3376.

*R Young*

We had to meet at midnight, not the most favourable time I can assure you. Things got worse when we saw the coach, the 'pink mobile', however, it definitely looked better at night! ...and off we went. Things did not get much better - when we arrived at Dover we caught a glimpse of a ferry sailing off over the horizon - unfortunately it was our ferry! I realised then that we were in for a long journey.

What seemed like hours later we found ourselves approaching Moulins and rumours on the bus were rife - did the French really eat their meat rare? The words

quickly. By the time we arrived at Moulins/Yzeure we were all tired but still keen to search frantically for clues as to where we were staying. The Lycée Jean Monnet was a sight for sore eyes when, at last 'uncle' Billy pulled the pink-mobile in through the school gates.

We were introduced to our 'correspondants' and threw caution to the wind as we said goodbye to all contact with English speaking people until the next day. Meeting the French family that you are to spend the next week with has one unusual effect - all knowledge of the French language disappears from your mind. On that first night, sleep was a peaceful haven.

One thing that you immediately notice about the French is that they get up earlier in the morning, too early for my liking. The Lycée is once more a welcome sight as there are going to be other English speaking people there, friends, acquaintances and teachers. Most of us were lucky enough to have correspondants in the same class and we even had the privilege of missing a French test to attend an English lesson.

We were officially welcomed by the Headmaster and in the spirit of the entente

## A Chat with Friends

On a cold October morning last year a group of four very apprehensive young men from 6th Form set off on their way to St Joseph's Home for Ladies, Woolton. However, on arriving there, all their apprehensions were quashed.

At this first meeting, we were introduced to a completely different way of life, which none of us had any prior knowledge of. We encountered some very interesting individuals of differing ages and capabilities. It must be said that our conversation topics were running thin by the end of our fourth visit to St Joe's, yet as our friendships developed with the ladies, we began to relax and stopped muttering on about the weather! After the initial tentative weeks, we were accepted by the ladies and they actually started to look forward to our chats, as we did.

Whilst at St Joe's, it could be said that we experienced some kind of 'awakening'. We realised that people in homes for the elderly were not just old fogies who were good for nothing, but actual human beings, who enjoy all

cordiale, we all got a free Lycée badge. Later in the day the amount the French smoke was highlighted by a visit to the 'Café de Libertie' which became known in English circles as the 'Café de Lung Cancer' much to Miss Fitzgerald's amusement.

## French Exchange

Many interesting and amusing stories were told during our stay. One member of the party thought that Seafood Pizza was a traditional

French delicacy as it was the only thing he was served for dinner for four nights in a row. Another fact noticed by a few was the apparent ease with which the sanitary facilities blocked. However enough of the nasties!

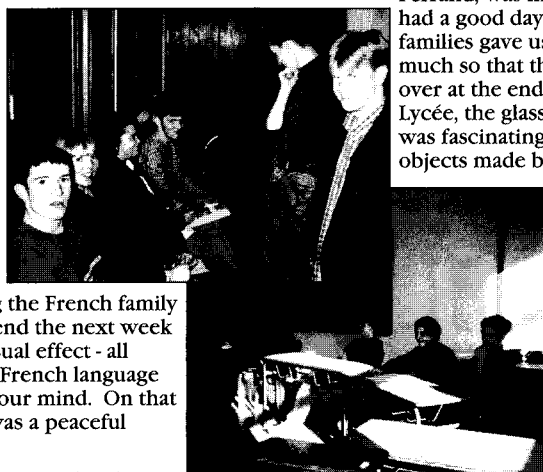
All in all, most seemed to enjoy the exchange. The trip to 'Volvic' and the capital of the département, Clermont-

Ferrand, was interesting and we had a good day out. Our French families gave us plenty to eat, so much so that there was a lot left over at the end of the day. At the Lycée, the glass making workshop was fascinating and the beautiful objects made by the pupils were amazing. Also, it was informative to go to the English lessons and to see how they learned our language. As the days grew on, the stilted French became more fluent and many discovered how much more laid

back the French are compared to the conservative British.

Home is where the heart is, and at the end of our stay we waved goodbye to our new French friends and made for Paris. We conducted a whistle stop tour of the French capital and the pink mobile turned a few heads on the Champs-Elysées. The sun finally set on our French escapade as the 'Pride of Calais', with us on board, sailed for British shores.

*Philip Gilbertson - Form 5S*





# News of Old Edwardians

**Christopher McIver** graduated BVSc from Bristol and has begun work at a practice in North Wales.

**John Glover** gained a 1st class honours degree in Physics from Imperial College, London.

**Michelle Rigby** who was at the College 1988-1990 graduated from University College London with a BA (Hons) II.i in English Literature.

**David Coombes** graduated with a first class BSc in Physics with Theoretical Physics from the University of Birmingham.

**Celia Allmand** graduated from the University of Sheffield with MB ChB

**Scott Doyle** graduated with BSc in Geography from the University of Sheffield

**Christopher Hollies** graduated from the University of Sheffield with BSc (Hons) II.ii in Physics.

**Robert Laird** graduated with BSc (Hons) II.i in Physiology and Pharmacology from the University of Sheffield.

**Liam Holmes** graduated from the University of Sheffield with BA (Hons) III in Business Studies.

**Daniel Mellon** graduated with BSc (Hons) II.i in Anatomy and Cell Biology from the University of Sheffield.

**Catherine Saunders** graduated from the University of Sheffield with BSc II.ii in Biochemistry.

**Stephen Wallace** appeared in the English Touring Opera's production of 'Orpheus and Eurydice' at Sadlers Wells Theatre in London on 2 March 1995. Of his performance 'The Independent' newspaper commented "The counter tenor Stephen Wallace gave a powerful performance in a terrifying role."

**Michael Mwanje**, recently wrote that he is currently completing his internship as a medical doctor in Kampala, Uganda. He also informed us that Jude Mugerwa, another former pupil, is in his third year at Medical School.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

*Just a potted biography as promised:*

*I attended St Edward's from 1970-1977, and then I studied Geography at Oxford University (1977-1980), and then journalism at Preston Polytechnic. I joined Radio Merseyside as reporter in 1983 and became news editor in 1988. I then worked for BBC Radio 4's "Today" programme as a reporter and producer in 1990, and became BBC Radio Local Government Correspondent in January 1991. In this capacity I was a frequent contributor to programmes like "Today", "The World at One" and "PM".*

*Eighteen months ago I decided to return home to work for the BBC in Manchester. I can now be seen reporting for BBC's "North West Tonight" programme, and contributing to local radio in the North West of England.*

*Whilst at St Edward's I did receive cross-country colours, after seven long years of finishing at the tail of the field in all weathers. "Seven years hard labour" I call it!*

*With best wishes*

**Liam Fogarty**

Mr Fogarty presented colours at last year's Colours Day.

Dear Editor,

*My parents drew to my attention the fact that a Reunion was held at the College for the Old Boys who finished in the years 1969-71. Although, unfortunately, I had prior commitments on that day in Nottingham.*

*I left St Edward's College in 1969 for Liverpool University, where I obtained BA (Hons) in Geography. From there, I graduated with an MA (Contemporary European Studies) from the University of Reading and thence to University College London, where I was awarded a PhD in Geography in 1979. Since that time, I have spent much of my professional career as a senior researcher/manager in both here and in Ireland. On returning to the North-West in 1989, I have been Director at the Equal Opportunities Commission, which is based in Manchester.*

*Even though I was not able to take part in the celebrations on the day, I thought a few biographical details might help in building up a profile of the leaving class of 1968-69.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Dr. Peter C. Humphreys**

Dear Editor,

*On behalf of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, I would like to thank Staff, Parents and Pupils of St Edward's College for their generosity over the last year.*

*You raised almost £2000 - through a Non-Uniform Day, and a Gilbert & Sullivan Concert, performed by the Bentley Operatic Society. We will*

## In Memoriam

**John McQuaid**  
(1943-1947)  
who died in July 1994

**Stephen Whelan**  
(1965-1976)  
who sadly died of cancer in  
September 1994

**James Coventry**  
(1921-1926)  
died aged 84 on 25th February 1995.  
Mr Coventry was the father of John  
Coventry (1959-1966).

*May they rest in peace*

*hopefully be holding another Musical Evening on 10th March 1995, presented by Dr Mario Dvorak.*

*I would like to say a special 'thank you' to Mrs Stella Goodwin, for hosting a coffee morning for the last 3 years, this year raising £279.29.*

*Yours sincerely,*

**Maureen McColl**  
Hon Secretary  
Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund

Dear Editor,

*On this warm Spring evening in Israel I am compelled to write to you to tell you a little about the adventures of my 'year out'.*

*I have been on this kibbutz for a few months now and I can honestly say I am having the time of my life. In the past few weeks I have done so many things that I would never have dreamed of. After leaving St Edward's I knew that I needed to get away for a while.*

*There is so much time here and the weather is so hot (48 degrees) you can't do much but relax and do a lot of thinking.*

*So far I have swam in 3 seas: the Mediterranean, the Dead and the Red, all in 3 weeks. I have climbed Mount Massada at sunrise which was an amazing experience. I've been night swimming in the Red Sea whilst enjoying a midnight barbecue on the shores, it was so good. However I was a little unnerved the next day when I saw a shark and some real dolphins.*

*Life on the kibbutz is very different, but certainly an education. I've met lots of nice people and I have learnt*

# Letters to the Editor ...continued

*how to drive a tractor and a fork lift truck - that should come in useful back home! Rising at 5.30 am was pretty tough at first but now I quite enjoy it and besides I've now mastered the art of sleeping in a grapefruit tree!*

*I was a little wary about travelling out here alone and my friends all told me how brave I was, but now I'm here I realise that this is not a huge step in my life but simply a shuffle.*

*I've realised a lot since I have been here and I have two regrets, one, that I didn't learn another language, and two, that I did not take history at 13. Here in Israel, history is an everyday part of the culture, and I have found that I am missing some very basic facts! It's quite sad really but don't worry because it is on the agenda when I return. I'm planning to visit Jerusalem soon and I know I have so much to learn about this land. I've been reading every guide book in sight and hounding the kibbutzicks for information. I'm getting there! I have also quite recently visited a Holocaust museum and I honestly believe that it visiting it was an essential but painful experience. I feel embarrassed to admit that I was unaware of so much of the horrendous atrocities that took place, it was very upsetting. There are actually two people who live here who actually survived a death camp, I find it very hard to comprehend it all, maybe with time and education I will learn more.*

*When I'm not reflecting my time is usually spent by the pool in the sun, and in the evenings all the volunteers sit around chatting and we sometimes have a camp fire. It is so nice to just sit in a warm wind looking up at the stars knowing that there is nothing to worry about.*

*If anyone in 6th form is thinking of taking a year off or they don't know what to do, then tell them from me that this is a fantastic experience. I believe it was essential for me before I went to university. It's just a little time off really, it's not a holiday but it's not a tough job either. It's such a good opportunity to step back and get the lot into perspective!*

*On that note I shall sign off.*

*Yours sincerely,  
Jennifer Jones  
(1992-1994)*



Dear Editor,

*Just a note to let your readers know what I'm doing at the moment. I studied at St Edward's from 1984-1991 and then went on to study French and Spanish at Leeds University. For my year abroad, I didn't fancy just going to a university in Spain, and as Fr. Gerry Proctor, Parish Priest of St Margaret Mary's, had been in Latin America for a few years, I asked if he knew of anything I could do there. Soon we'd sorted a 12 month work placement with the youth organisation SENDA JUVENIL, in Ecuador.*

*Soon afterwards, the Archbishop of Liverpool agreed to support me by naming me as a LAMP lay missionary, only the second time the Archdiocese has sent out a lay person to Latin America. I arrived in August and it's gone really well - SENDA is an excellent organisation. We're principally involved in running 2 month courses for people aged 18-23 in computers, accountancy, commercial Spanish and English. The students, who all come from poor backgrounds, also take a personal formation course, which deals with issues such as family, machismo, sexuality and rights in the workplace. There's a tangible Christian element behind it all, and being a completely lay organisation we're free to present a progressive Christianity which many people find attractive.*

*I've been teaching English up to now, and at the moment I'm preparing myself to teach computers and typing! Also, as I improve in the language I can participate more in the personal formation classes.*

*SENDA struggles to find financial support in the developed world, and it's frustrating that the only factor preventing us from expanding more is finance. Although set up in 1986, they only began running the Centre for Capacitation a year ago, and it's been a great success. We'd obviously be delighted if you felt you could support*

**Robert Greenland with most of the team (including volunteers) at the campsite, November 1994**

*us in our work. Any donation would be welcome but obviously it'd be great to support something substantial. I'll give you an idea of the costs. To support a student with a scholarship for a two month course would be £112, a computer £480, or a salary for one of the eight workers £2000 p.a. Obviously this is a fair sum, but between 40 people it works out at a pound a week.*

*We'd be very grateful for any support and we could sort out photos, pen pictures etc. Also, two of the team will come to Europe in March, primarily to visit funding agencies. Obviously they would take this opportunity to thank personally any group which has given them considerable support.*

*I'll give you the account details below - if you do deposit something either let me or Fr. Gerry Proctor know so we know who to thank. Also, drop either of us a line if you'd like to know more - I've written a couple of newsletters since I arrived.*

Thanks

**Robert Greenland**

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# Memorial Boards

Older members of the CI Edwardian Association will remember the War memorial Boards in the entrance hall at Bishops Court, detailing the names of the young men who were pupils at the CI and St Edward's College who lost their lives in active service during the two World Wars. Unfortunately, during the extensive redecoration of Bishops Court, in the early 1980's, the War Memorial Boards were badly damaged and so the Association was unable to return them to their original place. Fortunately, the Chairman had the presence of mind to take a note of the names before the boards were taken down and various other records existed to enable the list to be recreated and updated.

A short while ago the Association decided that it was high time that the War Memorial Boards were recreated and we felt that a more suitable place for their display would be in the school chapel. With the help of the information displayed in the side chapel at St Philip Neri and the assistance of Terry Duffy and Robin McGhie, the Association is very pleased to have been able to commission new War Memorial Boards which were presented to the College at

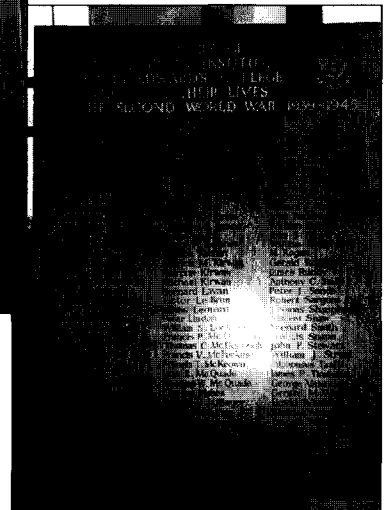
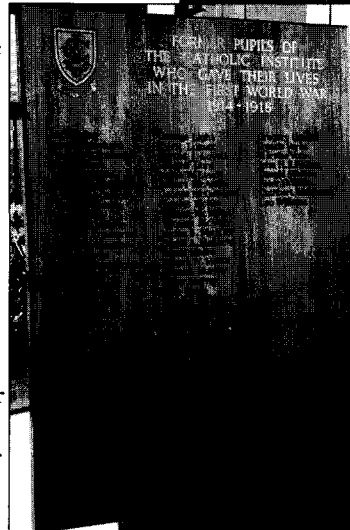
the last Old Edwardians Dinner. The Boards were blessed and dedicated in the school chapel on 6th November at a special mass for deceased members of the Edwardian family. An old boy of the College, Monsignor Peter Cookson, celebrated the mass, which was attended by around fifty past and present members of the St Edward's community.

The Memorial Boards now form a lasting tribute to the lives of the men who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. They are not a glorification of war but a celebration of the individuals' own glorification with God in the Resurrection. They are, therefore, a constant reminder of our own salvation.

It is intended that the mass for deceased members of the St Edward's community will, once again, become a regular event which, next year, is scheduled for Friday 3rd November at 8 pm in the school chapel when it is hoped as many people as possible will be able to attend.



*pictured are the Memorial Boards and the Memorial Boards with members of the Association, Judge Morgan, Monsignor Cookson and the Headmaster.*



## 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, which this year takes place on 13 October. The same afternoon the College is open to OEs and their families from 13.30-16.30. No special notice is required, but it does help if those wishing to visit can let us know in advance so that we can lay on refreshments. Why not come and see how much you can remember? You probably don't recall any girls in the school (or only a few in the 6th form) and now we have towards 400 and a total roll of over 1,000 pupils. You may have been here before completion of some or even all of the recent building programme like the Music School, the new upper floor on the Sixth Form building, the Design Centre with its fascinating technology, our Nursery (and its 3 year old pupils) and the new Information Technology suite to mention just some. This year when we remembered VE day, we were proud to receive from the CIEA new Memorial Boards for the chapel which bear the names of those former pupils who died in the two wars. But there's even more to see next term: the new Sports Complex with its rebuilt swimming pool, new changing rooms, the floodlit Astroturf and new netball court, the extended dining room.... Come and see for yourself!

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. For instance, very shortly we're likely to admit the first pupil whose parents were both pupils of the College.

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.

This year pupils who left the College about 1970 are celebrating the 25th anniversary of that event with a dinner at the school in July. This is a new trend which we think other generations may wish to copy.

We look forward to hearing from you and perhaps welcoming you to the College before too long.



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

Forename & surname .....

Address ..... Postcode .....

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# Intercambio Easter 1995



**My journey to the sands and sun of Spain began with a two hour drive to Manchester Airport. I arrived almost an hour late to be greeted by all 29 of my travelling companions, 7 of whom were from Upton Convent on the Wirral.**

An uneventful flight took us to Malaga where we met our Spanish friends and partners from Motril. A one and a half hour coach journey along the coast road plunged us into the beauty of Spain with the Mediterranean sparkling on our right and lofty sierras to our left. We eventually reached our destination on the Costa Tropical and went off with our Spanish families.

After a good night's sleep, our first day consisted of a visit to our partners' schools. There were two Spanish

schools involved in the exchange: El Instituto Francisco Javier de Burgos and El Instituto Julio Rodriguez. We were welcomed by the respective Headmasters and shown around the



schools. In the Instituto Julio Rodriguez the visit ended with chocolate y churros in the library. Later



on in the day we were received at the Town Hall and some pupils, including myself, were interviewed by a news presenter from the local television. (We all featured twice on the local TV news during our stay).

The majority of our time in Motril was spent getting to know the town, the people and each other with emphasis on the Spanish spoken element in everything we did (we could all get grade A's in cafe and bar talk!) and after a few days what had once been seen as an arduous exercise in class, became much more enjoyable and easier to do much to the delight of Mr Mars, Miss Cooper and Miss Howard who had the unenviable task of watching over us during our stay.

The exchange was not all cafes and chit





I felt that the highlight of the exchange was the Convivencia in the nearby resort of Torrenueva where we all got together, pupils and parents, for a huge barbecue followed by an hour on the beach and a sing song with Antonio Fernandez, one of their teachers, playing the guitar.

We showed our appreciation for the 'cultural enrichments' which Mr Mars had brought to us by repaying him with a taste of 'disco culture' one night and had him up on the dance floor dancing to 'Saturday Night Fever'. This just went to show that he was game for a laugh like ourselves and his enthusiasm was a fine

example of what was, in my opinion, one of the main aims of the exchange - forming friendships.

The following St Edward's students took part in the Intercambio this year:

**Form 4**

- Carla Furlong
- Eleanor Harte
- Katherine Cottier
- Marion Riley
- Denise Short
- Claire Beckwith
- Lorraine Frost
- Leanne Murphy

**Form 5**

- Stuart Wright
- Michael Passey
- Peter Gee

**Form 6**

- Stephen Logan
- David Ackerley
- Alan Roberts
- Alan Doddridge
- John Lee
- Graham Ion
- Jerome Woodley
- Michael Myers

**Form 7**

- Mark O'Connor
- Glen Anderson
- Gregory Hunt

Alan Roberts

chat, there were organised trips and occasional visits to the beach.

The first of these trips was the now traditional visit to the Alhambra Palace in Granada, which is one of the finest examples of Moorish art and architecture today and stands as a symbol of the unique Andalusian culture. After the visit to the Palace and the magnificent gardens of the Generalife nearby, a good few hours were spent exploring the city of Granada on our own.

The other organised trip was to the caves in Nerja, followed by a visit to the nearby resort of Almuñécar which allowed time on the beach and a walk around a sanctuary of exotic birds with the amusing name of 'Loro Sexi' (Sexi was the original name given to the town by the Romans).

Although a few days in school followed



# "Journey's End"



*'early stages'*

*planning it out in the Drama Room*

A recent production by St Edward's Drama Society was "Journey's End" by R.C. Sherriff. The play is set in an officer's dug-out in the trenches during World War One. Sherriff served through the war as a junior officer himself, so that the play is an authentic and moving portrayal of the effects of the War on the young men involved in it.

"Journey's End" makes many demands upon the company producing it, both upon the actors themselves and in the technical effects so essential to the play's success. Once again S.E.D.S. owes a vast debt to Mr Hitchen, for the ingenious design and superb construction of a magnificent set, providing an authentic and atmospheric look and 'feel', which played no small part in the success of the production. Mr Hitchen was also responsible for the skilful and effective lighting, and Mr P Duffy for the magnificent sound effects - the final bombardment actually brought gasps and screams from some in the audience - which were so vital to this particular play.

The cast - most of whom had never acted before - acquitted themselves superbly in a most



*'getting to grips' with it still in the Drama Room but costume begins to creep in*



demanding, tense and claustrophobic piece of drama. Mark Bamber's performance as Stanhope, the young company commander on the verge of alcoholism after the strain of 3 years in the trenches, was electric! In a moving and powerful portrayal of a man just keeping himself from 'falling apart', yet haunted by his own self-disgust, he brought out all the nuances of the complex character. Dominic Minghella as Osborne, his second-in-command, the 'older man', steady, self-effacing and compassionate, on whom Stanhope so deeply relies, was equally impressive. Solid, avuncular, splendidly and appropriately 'understated' in his most moving dialogue, he fully deserved the comment of one member of the audience - "You really believed he was fifteen years older than the others."

Equal honours to all other members of the cast. Luke O'Hanlon as Raleigh, the keen but naive eighteen year old, fresh to the front, who has known Stanhope at school and must now come to terms with what the War has done to his 'boy-hood hero,' splendidly conveyed the eager enthusiasm of his arrival, the disillusionment of his dawning awareness and the pathos of his futile death. John Parker as Trotter, the officer risen from the ranks, and Gregory Hunt as Mason, the officers' soldier-servant, gave equally authentic performances,



and provided much

of the quirky humour which marks the more relaxed moments of the play, but also provides a form of escapism from the strain. Gary Reynolds as Hibbert, the officer who simply cannot cope with the pressures and

fears, brought out the character's vulnerability and anguish, and his confrontation with Stanhope was tant to breaking-point. Splendid and well judged 'cameos' from David Lambert as 'CSM', Richard Comish as 'the Colonel' and Michael McLindon as the cynical and lackadaisical Hardy, whom Stanhope's company relieves, and later as a bewildered young

German prisoner-of-war.

The whole cast showed tremendous commitment and dedication throughout the whole rehearsal process and their final performances paid ample tribute to this, more than conveying the play's moving statement about the pathos, futility and sheer waste of war!

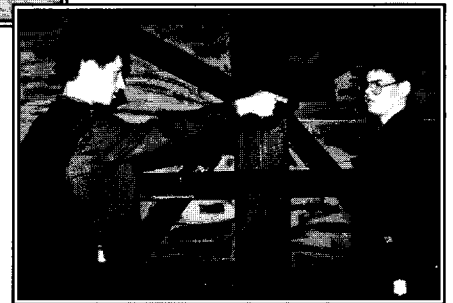
Finally, equally worthy of mention are those who worked so hard and effectively in the vital 'backstage' roles, notably Gareth Hughes, Helen Templeton and Li Yee Ho and of course Miss Fitzgerald, for all that she put into the production as co-

director and A.S.M.

Perhaps the last word, and one which I believe sums up what the company truly achieved,



*later stages of rehearsal 'getting there'*



should go to one member of the audience, a regular theatre-goer, who said to me "I always enjoy SEDS productions, because it's not like going to a 'school play' but like an evening at the professional theatre."

"Journey's End" was worthy of such comment!

*D. Crisp*



*'just before performance' the company in relaxed mood*

# Shakespeare at St Edward's



The summer 1995 production by St Edward's Drama Society was "Macbeth". To produce Shakespeare is one of the greatest theatrical challenges, and from the very beginning the concern was that we would not present a 'typical school Shakespeare', but a powerful piece of theatre that would hold its audience and hopefully have a

genuine freshness about it. Work on the play began back in November 1994, with cast and production crew working tremendously hard in a schedule which became increasingly demanding, but I believe all who saw the production - which ran for four nights, from 16th - 19th May, each night to a 'full house' in the Ley Hall - will agree that the end result was a triumph!

A splendid cast was led by Lee Humphries as a genuinely formidable Macbeth, who dominated the play and the stage in the right way (but never in the wrong way, because he always played for the company - this was no bravura performance, but a mature,



perceptive and powerful interpretation.) Lady Macbeth was played by Catherine Kelly and Helen Doyle, each taking the



role for two nights, while playing the 'waiting gentlewoman' on the alternate two. Both brought the necessary combination of fire and vulnerability to the role and the exchanges with Macbeth were genuinely electric. While the play is very much dominated by these 2 parts, all the cast were quite magnificent, convincing and entirely professional in their own parts, most of them doubling 2 or even 3 roles, in the tradition of 'rep'. Stephen Logan was a triumphantly disreputable drunken porter, Robert Pope brought the normally rather 'wooden' role of Malcolm to genuine life and made him a convincing foil for Macbeth, David Coulter, Adam Farquharson, Alan Dodderidge were very much convincing as Thanes of Scotland and John Furlong as Banquo, Mark Ramsdale as Macduff and David Morgan as Duncan were all superb in their roles. Krystyna Lithgow-Smith, Natalie Green and Kate Kiely allowed themselves to be transformed into veritable hags on powerful performances as the 'Three Weird Sisters.'

"Macbeth" also depends very much on the quality of its special effects, and we are fortunate indeed to have the talents of Mr Hitchen, in set design, construction and lighting, Mr Patrick Duffy in sound effects and reproduction, and our gifted colleagues in the Art department, Mrs Freeney, Mr Linnett, Mr Critchley and Mr Jason Carr, who made the magnificent cauldron and 'evil throne' which were so much part of the effects conveyed. I hope all who saw the play will agree that



the effects achieved were genuinely remarkable - much superior to many of the professional productions that I have seen over the years!!

So many others, students and staff were involved either front or back stage and this was genuinely a 'company production' in every respect. Special thanks must go to Miss

Fitzgerald, after all the effort she put into the splendid Lower School production of "Our Day Out" in so many ways before and during the 'run'. The direction team of Miss Baldock, Mr Hitchen and Mr Crisp would like to express their thanks and congratulations to all who were involved with them in what was a truly memorable "Macbeth".

One final word - the production was mounted, in part, in aid of the now well known scheme to 'Rebuild Shakespeare's Globe Theatre' in London. As a result, and including generous sponsorship from Mr Leonard Lawrance of Leonard Lawrance Educational Marketing Services, we were able to send £500 to 'Globe Link'. All in all, Shakespeare is evidently 'alive and well' at St Edward's College!

*D Crisp.*



# Cathedral News

## New Organ Scholar

In October 1994 Ivan Linford of Peterborough was appointed Organ Scholar of the Metropolitan Cathedral for the next two years, in succession to Simon Leach, whose scholarship ended last summer.

Mr Linford was formally Organ Scholar of Huddersfield Parish Church and was also a student at Huddersfield University, where he obtained an honours degree in music. Whilst at Liverpool he will continue studying at Huddersfield on a part-time basis, aiming for a Master's degree in Organ Performance.

Mr Linford has already given recitals at Wakefield, Bradford, Peterborough and Gloucester Cathedrals. At the Metropolitan Cathedral he will work with the Master of the Music, Philip Duffy, and the Cathedral Organist, Katherine Dienes.

## Honour for Master of the Music

In recognition of his work in Church Music for more than 25 years, Philip Duffy, Master of the Music at the Metropolitan Cathedral was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Guild of Church Musicians. The award was presented to him by the Archbishop of Canterbury (the

Most Reverend George Carey) at a special ceremony at Lambeth Palace.

Philip Duffy was offered the post at the Cathedral just eight months before it was consecrated and opened. Since then he has been responsible for building up the music tradition of the Cathedral. He has directed and lectured at many courses on music and liturgy and he is often in demand as a composer of liturgical music. His music has been sung all over the UK, and in America, Australia, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy and Africa. He has been the conductor of the Cathedral Orchestra since it was founded over 10 years ago and he has led the Cathedral Choir on tours of Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Luxembourg and Italy.

At the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury Philip was a member of the Archbishops' Commission on Church Music 1988-1992 and in 1980 Pope John Paul II appointed him a Knight of the Order of St Gregory the Great in recognition of his work.

## Winners

At the recent Summer Fayre the following won the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Association Prizes:

Miss Cameron guessed the Doll's Birthday correctly - 26th May  
Mrs Redden won the Drinkers' Dozen

## The Opening of the New IT Room

Pictured is Professor Philip Love, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, opening the new Information Technology Room at the College.



# Ladies Luncheon

Just a brief note to remind you that we are now taking bookings for our 8th Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon. This will be held on Friday 24th November at the Everton 300 Club. The tickets will be £15 each and, as always, tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please use the attached booking form, or, alternatively, ring Lorraine Hearity on 428 5885 for further details.

## Ladies Christmas Luncheon Friday 24th November

Number of tickets required .....

Cheque enclosed ..... (tickets £15 each)

Cheques made payable to:

*St Edward's College*

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# Music

It has been the usual busy scene in the Music School. There were concerts on 18th October and 17th November. A choir of some 250 pupils was assembled for the St Edward's Day mass at the Cathedral which also included the Brass Ensemble. Of all the groups involved, the hardest worked has been the Chamber Choir. They had ten days to prepare an Advent Service for broadcast on Radio Merseyside and Nicholas Mulroy (Form 7/5) not much longer to write a carol for them to premiere. Mr Terence Duffy directed and Mr Crisp assisted members of Form 7 in the readings which were interspersed between the music. On the final day of last term the choir sang at the funeral of Mr Rod Jones before leading the school in the annual carol service. I was much impressed with their professionalism in handling such disparate events within the space of two hours.

Earlier in December I went to Manchester to hear Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conduct, prior to recording 'Chat Moss' which he had written last March for the Chamber Orchestra. Over supper he asked about the school and clearly remembered his visit with pleasure. The CD was released in March.

The following term was also just as busy. There was the usual concert for Prize Day and two other major performances: The 'Baltic Fringe' which was held on 16 February and 'Belle Epoch' which was held on 16 March.

Summer term saw the following two productions: 'Solos and Ensembles' which was held in the Ley Hall on Wednesday 3 May

'A Parisian Evening' which was held in the Ley Hall on Thursday 6 July

After a successful and varied season, 1995-1996 will include a similarly wide ranging selection of music. Here are the highlights:

Tuesday 17th October 7.30 pm Ley Hall  
'Bach and The Beatles'  
Soloists, Chamber Choir and Orchestra

Thursday 16th November 7.30 pm  
College Hall  
'Music from Russia' featuring the music of Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov,  
Soloists, School Orchestra

Thursday 15th February 7.30 pm Ley Hall  
'A Celebration of England' featuring the music of Sullivan, Vaughan Williams  
Soloists, Chamber Choir and Orchestra

Thursday 14th March 7.30 pm College Hall  
'Music from the Movies' 'There's no business like showbusiness' and other favourites  
Soloists, Choral Society and School Orchestra

Monday 25th March Prize Day  
Metropolitan Cathedral  
'The Royal Connection' featuring music from Henry VIII and Elgar  
Choral Society, School Orchestra and Junior School Choir

Wednesday 1st May 7.30 pm Ley Hall  
'Solos and Ensembles'  
Soloists, Wind Band and Second Orchestra

Thursday 4th July 7.30 pm Ley Hall  
'The Weimar Years' featuring music from Kreisler, Kurt Weill and Cabaret Songs  
Soloists, Chamber Choir and Orchestra

J S Moseley



# Personal Development Programme

This programme has at its heart the desire to place students in situations that will allow the individuals to reflect on their role as a leader and as a member of a group.

The three day camp took place at a location near Llanberis and used the local environment for a range of activities; including archery, problem solving, climbing, raft building, jetty jumping and walking. In fact it seems remarkable that such a number of challenges were encompassed within the short time.

All the participants showed themselves to be of excellent character, taking part in activities with enthusiasm and many overcoming obstacles that lay in their way.

This was a pilot scheme and certainly on the strength of our 'guinea pigs', we shall be looking at ways of developing this valuable aspect of education where our young men and women may learn to shoulder responsibility for both themselves and others.

We would like to thank those students who made the trip such a success: Clare Britten, Andhita Choudhury, Adam Farquharson, Peter Silcock, Peter Gregory, Philip Gilbertson, Stephen Parker, James Britten, Christopher Caldwell, Robert Pope and Daniel Kirwan.

*C Clift & A Treherne*



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# Netball

## Under 14's



Under 14 team - City Netball Champions 1995

The sense of team spirit which has long been a major factor in the success of the Under 14's was apparent once again this season. Captained by Vikki Newnes, the team, which comprised Michelle Frost, Lindsay Carroll, Nina Farquharson, Mandy Bryan, Emma Hinnigan, Nicola O'Donoghue and Eve Leather, have continued to train and play with enthusiasm and enjoyment. They have achieved some good results and retained the City Championship after a nail biting extra-time victory over St Julie's in the final. The team reached the county finals in March, and after almost single handedly clearing the courts of snow, played well to finish 4th.

Congratulations to all players for another successful and enjoyable season.

## Under 13's



Under 13 team - City Netball Champions 1995

Once again, the Under 13's have played and trained with great enthusiasm. They have shown great improvement this season, not only in their skills but in the tactical awareness of the game. Rachael Kiely, Emma Wilcox, Jenny O'Brien, Julie Makin, Janine Newnes, Elizabeth Cashman, Louise Bromley, Rachel Lennon and Rachel Eades have proved to be an able squad of players, who have achieved some excellent results. They were City Champions for the 2nd successive year and were the only St Edward's team to beat Birkenhead High School, a very good result when you consider that Birkenhead's senior team were this year's National Champions.

Congratulations and thanks to all players and to Miss Atkins for a successful season.

## Under 15's

Captained by Denise Short, the Under 15's have continued the high standard of netball which they have set for themselves in previous seasons. Lorraine Frost, Kim Ware and Leanne Olsen have proved to be a sound defensive team, whilst Leanne Lloyd, Leanne Murphy, Sally Carney and Judith Turner have combined with Denise to be an effective attacking force. The team have achieved some good results and have beaten some strong opposition. They were extremely unfortunate to be beaten in the semi-final of this year's City Championship after playing well in the qualifying games.

My thanks to all players and to Mrs Leighton for their hard work this season.

## Under 12's

Claire Conway, Michelle Peers, Jenny Quinn, Joanne Williams, Melissa Newnes, Colette Noble, Gillian Gelling, Nicola Bryan and Katie Stanborough made up the Under 12 netball squad who have worked very hard this year. Despite the fact that victories have been thin on the ground, the Under 12's have remained keen and have shown improvement throughout the season. Their results have gradually got better, and they gave a good account of themselves in the City Championships where they finished third in their group.

Thanks to the girls for their enthusiasm and to Miss Howard for her patience and hard work this year.

Miss I Hutchinson

# Hockey

## Under 15's

The Under 15's have continued to display a good attitude to hockey this season. They have trained and played with enthusiasm and have achieved some good results throughout the year. They have beaten some strong teams and played well in the end of season city tournament where they finished second for the second successive season.

Thanks to Miss Wilson for her hard work and enthusiasm this season.

## Under 14's

The Under 14's have completed their third consecutive unbeaten season, and indeed this year they have won every game, conceding only one goal in the process. This is an excellent achievement by anyone's standards and one which is thoroughly deserved. The team have been keen to train and have approached everything with their usual enthusiasm and energy. As well as winning all their friendly matches, they beat all other contenders in the Liverpool tournament quite convincingly to become City Champions, also for the 3rd consecutive season.

Congratulations and thanks to all players and to Miss Baldock for yet another excellent season.

## Under 13's

Once again the Under 13's have completed an enjoyable and successful season. They have trained hard throughout the year and have continued to play good hockey. For the second successive year they have won every match, scoring 42 goals and conceding only 5. Their commitment and enthusiasm paid off as they retained the City Championship which they also won last year.

Congratulations to all players for a successful and enjoyable season.

## Under 12's

The fact that many schools do not play hockey until second year results in their being a distinct shortage of fixtures for first years. Despite this the Under 12's

have made a promising start to their hockey careers; they have trained hard and picked up the difficult skills of hockey fairly quickly. They have performed well in the matches they have played, winning some and losing others. Their season culminated with victory in the City Championships, a trophy which they worked hard for and thoroughly deserved.

Well done to all players and thanks to Miss Qurrey and Miss Giles for a good year.

L Hutchinson



Under 12 team - City Champions 1995



Under 13 team - City Champions 1995



Under 14 team - City Champions 1995

# Cricket Report 1995

A big thank you to Messrs. Pennington, Wilkinson, Edwards and Young for all the time and effort they provided in running the teams in what was a difficult season; to all the boys who trained regularly; to Kevin and Robert for preparing the wickets and to the parents who as always were unselfish in their support.

As in previous years there were many fine individual performances, but it must be said that for the College as a whole, it was a disappointing season.

One factor was the pre-season training or lack of it. 75% of matches ended in defeat before half term, compared to 40% after it. Next year nine outdoor grass nets are to be constructed and boys should ensure that they are used frequently in the half term prior to the season.

*JJ McMullen*

## 1st XI Cricket

The season was noted more for its lack of cricket and constraints on ambition than anything else.

Robert Geraghty skippered the side astutely and his professional approach earned the respect of his side. John McLachlan proved a reliable opener and wicket keeper, and Mark Dahill as ever provided the spectacular entertainment with bat, scoring 63 against Ormskirk GS. The growing skill, confidence and maturity of all rounders Stanley and Hewitt was evident, and Carter's wise head and emerging ability as a key bowler was praise worthy. Gilbertson and Mulroy did not have the best of seasons personally, but have contributed much to St Edward's cricket over the years.

Record:

Played 3 Won 0 Lost 3

Half Colours were awarded to Mark Dahill, Nicholas Mulroy, Dominic Carter and Paul Stanley, and Full Colours to Robert Geraghty, John McLachlan and Carl Gilbertson.

*R Young*

## Under 15 Cricket

The Under 15's had a mixed season - losing 4 matches and winning 3. They were not helped by their own short comings. Too many bad deliveries, wide balls and byes were conceded and wickets were given away cheaply.

The team was always enthusiastic, well motivated and pleasant, with excellent examples set by Simon Fraser (the captain), Stephen Bailey, Martin McGeough, Nikheel Shah, Aman Kumar, Chris Stockton, Simon Worsley, Stephen Melia and Anthony Wright.

Record:

Played 7 Won 3 Lost 4

*D Edwards*

## Under 14 Cricket

Despite good batting from captain Craig Griffies and Michael Goodwin the side lost their first match, but quickly bounced back to defeat a strong Mosslands side. Ben Blundell and Jonathan Haslam both bowled well and Neil Stanley scored an unbeaten fifty. He completed it by hitting a six out of the ground!

Another fifty from Stanley could not stave off defeats at Bluecoat and Cowley, but fortunes changed after half term. Four wickets from a buoyant Jude Garvey almost brought victory against St Margaret's, and after a defeat at SFX, wins against St Mary's and King David's followed. James Cassidy and Stuart Carter played with determination, Craig Griffies scored an unbeatable 66, and Tom Heaven finished with figures 6 for 6, including a hat trick with the last three balls of the innings. Neil Stanley scored 75 not out as St Edward's achieved victory against an undefeated St Anselm's side and victory over Archbishop Beck took

them to the final of the Liverpool Knockout Cup.

Record:

Played 11 Won 5 Lost 6

*S R Wilkinson*

## Under 13 Cricket

The Under 13's played some very good cricket on occasions this year. In all matches they competed well. Many members of the squad have improved, in particular Philip Larkin as an opening batsman and Ravi Singh as a strike bowler. The fielding was adequate, but more emphasis must be placed on creating catching chances.

Record:

Played 11 Won 2 Lost 8

*AJ Pennington*

## Under 12 Cricket

If medals were awarded for enthusiasm the first year team would have swept the board! In years to come they will prove to be a formidable outfit.

The season got off to a poor start - only one of the first four matches resulted in victory, that being against SFX in conditions which were not even fit for rugby! However, both Oliver Cashman and Simon Tabb gave early notice of the batting talent which they possessed. Four straight victories then followed - against St Margaret's, St Mary's Crosby, Mosslands and St Anselm's, even though the side seemed set on snatching defeat from the jaws of victory on a couple of occasions!

Several players were worthy of particular mention. Chris Roper proved to be both a fiery opening bowler and an attacking batsman, Peter Daintith and Mark Callan both turned matches with aggressive 'knocks', Daniel Walker's bowling just got better and better, Stephen Quinn showed grit and determination with the bat and behind the stumps, and Simon Tabb proved to be an unselfish and astute captain.

The season ended disappointingly with a defeat against SFX in the Liverpool Knockout semi final.

Record:

Played 10 Won 6 Lost 4

*JJ McMullen*

# Cross Country

The Cross Country club enjoyed mixed fortunes, with results suffering when teams have been depleted through illness and injury. There have been some very encouraging performances - St Edward's were the most improved school at the Marple Hall Relay meeting. However, there have also been some setbacks. This season, for the first time, four teams were entered for the T.S.B. Cup - junior and inter boys' and girls' teams - and it was a considerable disappointment that none of our teams progressed beyond the first round of the competition.

Our Under 12 girls' team produced a very fine performance in the Liverpool Harriers' Cup meeting to finish in 2nd place. They also finished a very respectable 7th in the Merseyside League, in which 19 schools took part. Colette Noble, Kathryn Hogg and Melissa Newnes have run consistently well throughout the season, with good support from Katie Stanborough, Joanne Williams, Vicky Dempsey, Jenny Flanagan and Lucy Farquharson.



The Under 13 and Under 14 girls' teams have generally competed together - their combined team finished 8th in the Merseyside League and a creditable 4th in the Liverpool Harriers' Cup meeting. Helen Clint and Janine Newnes have been our most successful second year runners, supported by Elizabeth Cashman and Jenny Peers. Lucy Blackhurst has usually been first counter among the third year girls, with valuable support from Kelly Giblin, Vikki Newnes, Rebecca Ackerley and Karen Lau.



The Under 12 boys' team has found competition quite stiff, but they improved from 14th in the first Merseyside League fixture to 9th in the second and 7th in the third. They also finished a respectable 7th in the Liverpool Harriers' Cup meeting.

Stephen O'Donoghue achieved the second fastest lap at the Marple Hall relay meeting and has been first counter in every race he has been able to run in, and he has received good support from Adam Holland, Terry Wignall, Paul Taylor and Liam Poland.

The Under 13's have enjoyed a reasonably satisfactory season to date, though suffering on occasions when their relatively small squad has been depleted by illness. They finished a creditable 8th in the Marple Hall Relays and 4th and 6th in local cup races, and occupy 5th place in the Merseyside League after three fixtures. Michael Bate has had an outstanding season, winning nearly all of his races - including the two League races he has been able to run. He has received consistent support from Danny Melia, Alan Walsh, Andrew McLindon, Stephen Bridger, John Slavin and Francis Nelson.

Although every member of the Under 14 squad can claim to have had one or two good runs, the only consistent winners so far this season have been the various viruses to which we have all fallen victim at one time or other. The notable exception has been Francis Brooks, who has been able to train regularly and earnestly and has thereby improved to the extent that he is usually expected to be the team's first counter. Michael Dudley has shown all the commitment and

determination that could be expected of a captain, sometimes running when not fully fit and generally being an excellent example to the rest of the squad. After an indifferent start to the season Neil Renton, Matthew Ireland and Michael McGrath have enjoyed reasonable health this term, have trained more enthusiastically, sometimes in rather discouraging weather conditions and become better runners as a result. However, to counter this Michael Hogg and James Prendergast fell victims to the bugs, just when James had established himself as the regular third counter. Fortunately, James Reynolds has



been consistent throughout the season and is one of the squad's most reliable runners. James Riley did well early on but seemed to have been affected more than most by bad weather and testing courses.

A combined Under 15/Under 14 team

finished 4th in the Wirral A.C Cup races and 3rd in the Liverpool Harriers' Cup meeting. This season the fourth year runners have made a tremendous contribution to the success of the Under 16 team, which finished an excellent 4th in the Marple Hall Relay and is lying in 2nd position in the Merseyside League after three of the four fixtures. Simon Fraser has enjoyed a very successful season, finishing 2nd and 6th in the first two League races. Peter Walsh continues to set an outstanding example in training and was 5th in the second League race, while Matthew Gilmore ran superbly in atrocious conditions to finish 4th in the third League race at Wirral Grammar School. Ian O'Brien, Chris Ventre and Kevin Renton have given good support. Our most successful fifth year runner has been Neil Blackhurst - he finished 9th in the third League race - and Stephen Cranny and Stephen Parkinson have also made noteworthy contributions.



The Senior team has enjoyed a reasonably successful season,

despite their small squad often being depleted by injury. They finished 2nd in each of the first two Merseyside League fixtures and 3rd in two local Cup races. The team also gained valuable experience running in the Stonyhurst Invitation Race and in the King Henry VIII Relay at Coventry - unfortunately, with a considerably depleted team on both occasions. Robert Pope has run well when he has been free of injury, finishing 6th and 4th in two of the League races, while Peter Silcock has run consistently well, finishing 12th, 7th and 6th in the first three League races. James O'Shaughnessy, Bryan Renton, Steven McKenna, Barry Pierce and Neil McAlan have all provided valuable support at different times.

Finally, congratulations to those who have achieved representative honours. Michael Bate, Simon Fraser and Peter Silcock travelled to Dublin to run for Merseyside against Dublin in October. All three of them were also chosen to represent Liverpool in the Merseyside Schools Championships, along with Francis Brooks, Michael Dudley, Peter Walsh, Matthew Gilmore and Robert Pope.

J. F. Miles

# Rugby Tour to Gascony

## Easter 1995



**Trie sur Baise - the Mayor making a presentation to Mr Campbell with the President of the Rugby Club Jean-Jacques Baisi in the background**

The St Edward's College link with Gascony is now established after the successful visit by a squad of predominantly Under 14's with a handful of very talented Under 13's.

A planning visit to secure initial contacts was made in 1994 by Mr Campbell and Mr Carter. The three key contacts are College Pyrenées, a specialist rugby college, and the rugby clubs of Tarbes and Trie sur Baise. The region is in the far centre-south of France immediately to the north of the Pyrenees. It has a stunning mixture of landscapes, traditions of independence, hospitality and hard fast rugby. The climate is transitional between Mediterranean and Atlantic types. It is, in short, a magical place. Moreover it is accessible since the flights to Lourdes from Manchester airport use Tarbes airport: breakfast in Lancashire, déjeuner in Gascony!!

You will have heard of rugby clubs like Dax, Agen, Toulouse, Pau, Bayonne, Biarritz - these are all within two hours drive of Tarbes.



**After the match against College Pyrenées, featuring in the background Mr Carter, Mr Campbell, Michel Perez - PE teacher at the College, and the President of Semeac Rugby Club**



**Mark Kelly avec la bouche ouverte - comme d'habitude!**

The youth rugby in France is usually organised in the clubs - the levels being:  
Juniors: over 18 years of age  
Cadets: 15 - 17 years of age  
Minimes: 12 - 14 years of age  
Benjamins: 9 - 11 years of age

Exceptionally, College Pyrenées is a specialist rugby school under the guidance of coach Michel Perez (who is also responsible for Tarbes Juniors).

The 21 pupils from St Edward's flew from Manchester to Tarbes and stayed with French families for a week at Easter. They were accompanied by a group of adults as well as the two coaches. The adults included Mr & Mrs Stanley, and Mr & Mrs Blundell - we thus had every important expertise possible - from medical to culinary!

To say the hospitality was 'incroyable' is merely using a word to describe something very precious and memorable. If you want the details you will simply have to come on the next tour with us!

The College 'Minimes' squad played three games all resulting in victory. Despite the fast, furious nature of the rugby there were no injuries, though lots of water and Isostar were required to replenish lost fluid, particularly the last game at the Semeac stadium on the outskirts of Tarbes. Key players were the stand-off inside centre combination of Griffies and Stanley, the back row of Harris, Carter and Goodwin and Sanchez at full back. Of course everyone had to 'stick with it' and at Trie it required a super 60 m try from Simon Riley to ensure a win. Perhaps the best score was Robinson's try against College Pyrenées which had a couple of good drives notably from Sunderland and a blind side break.

Photographs and articles in the local press followed these matches, but more exotically the interest of French television. Interviews, filming at the College Pyrenées and then, incredible! the second game was filmed - indeed the kick off time was brought forward to fit in with television news schedules. (Rupert Murdoch eat your heart out!)

The leadership of captain Stuart Carter and other core players on the field was matched by the behaviour of all players off the field. Everywhere we went the purple blazers brought incredulous stares from the locals. The team earned increasing respect and admiration, representing the College and English rugby. It was a privilege to be there, to be part of the first of many tours to the region.

*J G Campbell*

# Rugby in Gascony

## A Pupil's View

It was a very successful tour - both for the rugby and the behaviour of the pupils. We arrived in Tarbes for a week and everybody was nervous on the first day. But once we met our host families we began to feel more content.

The rugby the following day erased all our nervousness as we swept to victory against Trie-sur-Baise. The previous day's 'jet lag' disappeared as the skilful backs and powerful forwards showed Trie how to play proper rugby!

On Sunday we had a well earned rest with our French 'familles'. The following day we visited Lourdes and prayed that our initial success would continue. Next stop was a gruelling training session before we headed back to Tarbes. Tuesday saw us back to school - not St Edward's, but College Pyrenees and we had a small taste of life as an étudiant français. The afternoon brought with it a rugby match against the College. As we were leaving the changing rooms we felt dwarfed by some of their players, but fortunately our prayers from the day before were answered and we were victorious.

Wednesday was spent in the mountains - and the hills were alive with the sound of St Edward's rugby team enjoying the perfect weather and the breathtaking scenery of the Pyrenees. The following morning we went back to school with our new French friends only to face them on the rugby pitch in the afternoon. Once again a hard game followed and once again St Edward's were the winners.

After the game the celebrations began with everybody enjoying themselves on their last night. The following day we all met up at Tarbes airport to say au revoir to all the French families.

It was a great rugby tour in which we experienced life around the Pyrenees. All the players enjoyed the French hospitality and we all agreed that we would love to go back again (Mr Campbell please note!)

*Stuart Carter - Captain*

## Under 14's Rugby

Excellent attendance at pre-season training and a good attitude made for vital early wins, which further boosted confidence. Heroic defence and the will to win, gave us an edge to our game. The defeats by Birkenhead, Lancaster and Calday were superbly competitive matches in which all our players deserve the highest praise for their efforts. The squad learned much from their victory against Rydal. The self discipline needed to choose the correct options when ahead and play quality rugby until the final whistle was reflected in our biggest wins against St Anselm's and St Mary's. A very pleasing aspect to our play has been our defence. There have been four clean sheets and only against Loughborough and Liverpool College did we have our weaknesses exposed before Christmas.

Neil Stanley proved a match winner and Stuart Carter, a captain who leads by example. Craig Griffies emerged as a commanding player of real ability which further

Played 12	Won 6
<b>Victories</b>	
Manchester GS	15-7
Lytham	15-12
Rydal	31-0
St Anselm's	43-0
St Mary's	50-0
Hutton	27-0

### Draws

St Ambrose	12-12
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Points For 212

strengthened our mid-field. Michael Goodwin, John Harris and Michael Sanchez also deserved man of the match awards. Much work was still required in the second half of the season if both coach and players are to feel satisfied of a job well done, but the squad had shown a good attitude to training and a real spirit in trying their best for each other.

After Christmas, without Carter (holiday) and Goodwin (injury) and Sanchez (illness) we competed extremely well against a far bigger St Ambrose side and secured a creditable draw. Again, illness and injury struck, which included Stanley and Harris and we were overpowered by the best

ability at stand-off - his kicking game especially indicating considerable promise. Outside, Christopher Roper and Simon Tabb grew in confidence and Patrick McAuley finished superbly at times. Patrick Bush, Leo Kellgren and Adam Newberry were all reliable in defence.

There was tremendous pressure for front-row places alongside the work-horse, hooker Paul Loughlin. Mark Callan, Patrick Markey, David Harris and Sean McIlrow all had good games.

The two Christophers, Snape and Roberts, were ever present in the

Drawn 1	Lost 9
<b>Defeats</b>	
Birkenhead	12-0
St Bede's	10-5
Lancaster GS	12-0
Loughborough	37-14
Calday	5-0
Liverpool College	28-0
King's Macclesfield	46-0
Arnold	15-0
Mount St Mary's	27-0

Points Against 223

opposition of the season in King's Macclesfield. The final game against Mount St Mary's saw us lose, but with honour. The side played extremely well and worked for each other until the final whistle. An attitude to be proud of.

The following achieved Liverpool Schools Representative Honours - Blundell, Carter, Garvey, Griffies, Haslam, Harris, Sanchez, Stanley.

The Under 14's also reached the semi finals in the Rydal 7's this year - well done!

At Easter the side went on tour to Gascony - but that's another story!

*R Young*

## Under 12's Rugby

As one would expect, the Under 12's exhibited great enthusiasm in both matches and training. Sometimes upwards of 25 boys trained, including many who were only 'on the fringes'. Parental support, on Saturday mornings, was extremely pleasing, even though the season was not that successful.

Peter Daintith showed natural

second row, and in the back row the captain Peter Murray, Mark Grimes and Anthony Barrett were ever dependable.

The forwards were tremendous throughout the season, rucking and mauling superbly. However, the fact that only three victories were achieved meant that not everyone was playing with the desire to win. Ten man rugby is tedious and boring, but possession given to the backs will quickly be discontinued if in future years they spurn so much hard fought ball.

*JJ McMullen*

# Under 15's Rugby

## Wins

31-10 (H) v Manchester Grammar schi  
 32-19 (H) v KES Lytham  
 17-15 (H) v Rydal  
 19-7 (H) v Merchant Taylors  
 33-27 (A) v St Bede's  
 14-12 (A) v St Mary's  
 31-17 (H) v Liverpool College  
 12-10 (A) v Arnold

## Defeats

24-32 (H) v Birkenhead  
 0-27 (H) v Lancaster Grammar School  
 7-29 (A) v St Anselm's  
 7-26 (A) v Calday Grammar School  
 5-10 (H) v De la Salle  
 7-46 (A) v Hutton Grammar School  
 5-36 (H) v Mount St Mary's

## Draw

5-5 (A) v St Ambrose

## Try Scorers

Worsley 12	Hesketh 4
Borg-Olivier 1	McGeough 11
Wright 2	Blackwell 1
McQuade 8	Holgate 1
Evans 1	

# Sevens Tournaments

## Ampleforth

v Newcastle	19-0
v Mount St Mary's	7-19
v Ampleforth II	12-12
v St Peter's	19-12
v Durham	5-32

## Christian Brothers

v St Anselm's	12-5
v St Mary's B	31-0
Final v St Mary's A	21-5

## Try Scorers

Worsley 5	McQuade 3
Dwyer 2	Fraser 1
McGeough 4	Hesketh 3
Kelly 1	Blackwell 1

The under 15 rugby team had a satisfactory season. There were notable victories against Merchant Taylors and away at Arnold, but also a disappointing period in the run up to Christmas which included defeats against modest St Anselm's and Calday teams. Simon Worsley was a good leader and his injury causing him to miss the St Anselm's game heralded a loss in form. Before half term there was an excellent win against Merchant Taylors in which the opposition were gradually worn down and St Edward's became very stronger. Stephen Bailey had an excellent game at full back and Worsley and Martin McGeough scored in the last ten minutes. The team also performed very bravely against Birkenhead, Simon Worsley scoring twice from the number 8 position. Martin McGeough's record of a try every game came to an end in a frustrating game against Lancaster. The arrival of Andrew Holgate was a bonus and his performance against St Mary's was instrumental in ending a run of defeats. After Christmas there were many cancellations but an excellent win was achieved at Arnold in the mud and teeming rain. The best defensive performance of the season in the first half limited a strong opposition to two tries - Andrew Kelly being outstanding in his tackling. Tom Blackwell and Martin McGeough led the second half charge, James McQuade scoring the winning try.

The season ended well with a victory in the Christian Brothers Sevens Tournament. Tim Dwyer twinkled through the opposition, scoring the opening try in the final - second half tries from McGeough and McQuade secured victory. Anthony Wright, as throughout the season, was a reliable presence at the heart of everything the team did.

*S Wilkinson*

# Under 13's Rugby

Manchester GS	home	5-24	lost
Lytham	home	7-10	lost
Birkenhead	away	5-30	lost
St Bede's	away	20-0	won
Lancaster GS	home	0-50	lost
Liverpool College	home	17-5	won
St Anselm's	home	5-7	lost
Calday Grange	away	5-25	lost
St Mary's	home	27-5	won
Hutton GS	away	5-24	lost
St Ambrose	away	12-39	lost
Liverpool College	away	5-27	lost
King's School Macclesfield	away	5-12	lost
Arnold School	away	10-25	lost

Played 14    Won 3    Drawn 0    Lost 11  
 Points For 128    Points Against 283

The Under 13's did not win many of their matches this season but the improvement in their play was been very noticeable indeed. Against Manchester Grammar School we did not play well and lost 5-24. In our next match at home to Lytham we played with better technique, let in two early scores, fought back bravely and lost 7-10 when putting the opposition under a lot of pressure at the end of the match. At Birkenhead School we took the lead but were easily beaten in the end by a very competent side. Our win at St Bede's Manchester was a result of intensive drilling in the basics of the game, for we rucked and mauled to great effect and our backs ran directly at the opposition gaining 40 to 50 metres at a time.

At this stage of the season the forwards were beginning to be depleted by injuries but those coming into the team did not let us down. There was a pattern beginning to be formed to our play and, with a little more thought on everybody's part, the right option was being taken more often than not. To come up against a strong powerful Lancaster Grammar School at this point was demoralising. We matched them 50-50 in possessions, lines out and scrums but were no match for their strong runners - eventually losing 0-

50. In this match we played our best rugby, working as a team, supporting one another and recycling the ball. We can play much worse than this and still win!! The first term saw an improvement in the play of the Under 13's with better technique being shown.

In the second term we played three matches and although well beaten at St Ambrose we competed well at King's School Macclesfield to be narrowly beaten. In our final match at Arnold School Blackpool we had the pleasure of Kevin Young, making his first representative appearance, running up the middle, shrugging off tacklers and scoring the try of the season - from inside his own half of the field. This surely provides encouragement for the whole squad for next year.

In both sevens tournaments we failed to progress beyond our own group.

Well played everyone for representing St Edward's in our fine tradition!

*A J Pennington*

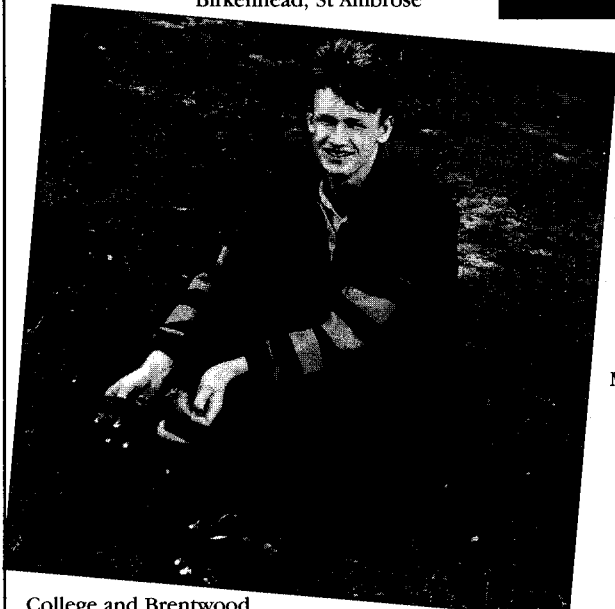
The Seniors at both 1st and 2nd XV levels had another successful season. The 1st XV won 13 out of 17 matches. Wins have been registered against Birkenhead School, Liverpool College, St Mary's College Crosby, St Bede's College Manchester, Calday Grange Grammar School, Manchester Grammar School, Hutton Grammar School, King Edward VII School Lytham, Sir John Deane's College Northwich, St Anselm's College Birkenhead, St Ambrose

# Senior Squad Rugby

*1st XV, 2nd XV, U16's*

have lots of potential in the backs with Mike Passey and Adam Cloherty the pick of the forwards.

The best performance of the season was kept to the last against a powerful touring side from Canada - Brentwood College, Vancouver Island. Only those pupils who hosted the Canadians were eligible. They certainly rose to the occasion. The half back pairing of Carter and Cashman and the centre



**Robert Geraghty -  
2nd XV Captain**



**Mark Dahill and John  
McLachlan - Captain  
and Vice Captain of  
the  
1st XV**

College and Brentwood College. The defeats were inflicted by Lancaster Grammar School, Bradford Grammar School, King's School Macclesfield and Mount St Mary's.

The importance of pre-season training was vital to create the context of this success. Rugby Union requires a high level of skill and fitness plus qualities of concentration, awareness and decision making. Without adequate preparation the Senior Squad would not be able to compete with the best. Congratulations must go to the core of Upper Sixth players - Mark Dahill, John McLachlan, Danny Riley, Lee Grace, David Lambert, Jamie McCann, Jonathan Power and Michael Sunderland. In previous years these players experienced little success but their maturity, leadership and commitment has ensured la gloire was theirs to enjoy.

Thank you also to the younger quality backs whose flair and defensive qualities are well known - Anthony Evans, Paul Stanley, Spencer Williamson and Matthew Morris.

Even so, without the dogged fighting spirit of the younger forwards all this would have counted for little. The 30 stones of meat provided by Ben Blackwell and Colin Campbell gave the pack real solidity. Alex Short, Graham Ion, John Vancheri, Leon Cloherty and Michael Fitzsimmons have responded in tremendous fashion to the calls made upon them.

It was without doubt a privilege to see the pack in action against Bradford Grammar School; to see the backs contrive everything imaginable against Lancaster. Even when we lost (twice) Tennyson would have gaped in awe and been lost for words (...into the valley of the Lune?)

The Second XV led by Robert Geraghty and coached by Mr P Carter lost 5 and won 9 matches. This is a very young side with many Under 16's. With results like 36 points to 6 against Manchester Grammar School it is very promising for the future of the 1st XV. James Cashman, Peter Stephenson and Carl Mba

combination of Stanley and Dahill was ultimately too skillful and pacy for the Canadians. Up front it was the usual gritty story with Danny Riley and John McLachlan making the big hits and Ben Blackwell and Colin Campbell refusing to be intimidated by the Canadian forwards.

The Under 16's after wins against Wirral GS, St Bede's College, Manchester GS and St Mary's College, Crosby reached the final of the Liverpool St Helens Floodlit Trophy only to be narrowly defeated by Stonyhurst. This was essentially a SEC XV with the pick of the Under 15's - Worsley, Wright, Dwyer and Hesketh.

*J G Campbell*

**St Edward's College Senior Squad  
with Brentwood College Canadian  
Touring side**

