



St. Edward's College

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Peter Mercer, Dai Edwards, John McCarthy, John Miles, Dave Bamber & Terry Duffy retire after

OVER 200 YEARS SERVICE



Mr Dai Edwards joined the College in 1968 originally teaching Economics and later Business Studies. He was responsible at various times for rugby, tennis and the organisation of many skiing trips to Europe and the USA. A great all rounder both in his sporting interests and abilities, Dai now intends devoting even more of his time to his sporting, golf.

Before joining the Maths Department, **Mr John Miles** was a pupil at the College where he excelled in Mathematics under the tutelage of then Head of Maths, Geoff Robinson. He gained a First in the subject at Imperial College and returned to teach Maths for another 35 years. John has also made an outstanding contribution to College sport most particularly in cross country running which he coached for 35 years. In retirement John intends to continue to keep fit and spend more time skiing.

Mr Terry Duffy is retiring from his role as the College Registrar after 33 years service. Terry, who was Cathedral organist for 30 years has a very busy retirement planned – he and his wife, Dr Moya Duffy enjoy travel, music and fine dining particularly in Germany and France. They have just returned from an Autumn break visiting son, Paul, who works for Microsoft Corporation in Seattle.

A former St Mary's pupil, **Mr Peter Mercer** joined the College in 1970 to teach Chemistry and in a career spanning 34 years went on to become Head of Sixth Form, Examinations Officer and latterly Vice Principal. In 1978 he coached the rugby side that won the Rosslyn Park 7s, with colleague Julian McMullen a team member, he will perhaps be best remembered for his love of raising funds for charity through concerts, each time donning his famous blond wig and fishnet tights.

Mr David Bamber retired from the College in July after 35 years service, nine of them as Head of Chemistry. Dave also ran the College chess club for many of those years. His three children, Sarah, Mark and Susan are all Old Edwardians. Dave, a secret rock guitarist, plans to spend more time playing his prized possession, his Fender Stratocaster guitar.

Mr John McCarthy had completed 32 years teaching Mathematics when he retired in July, 28 of them at St Edward's College, latterly as Head of Maths and Senior Teacher. A seasoned cross country and marathon runner, John intends to spend his days getting back to a respectable level of fitness and spending more time on his favourite hobbies, gardening and pub quizzes.



Joe Hena from CAFOD received a cheque in respect of CAFOD Fast Day 2004. The cheque, presented by Thomas Clinton and Lee Evans of the Fair Trade Group, will go towards CAFOD's work in the rehabilitation of child soldiers in Liberia.



Congratulations to the Year 12 Government & Politics Group who, after producing their own version of Question Time, were judged winners and chosen to join three other schools to work on the production of the last in the series of BBC Question Time in London in July 2004.



In March, the pupils presented Br Gordon with a cheque for £7,764.79. The monies raised from the sponsored Edmund Rice Run will go to various children's charities in Sierra Leone.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Preparation for the 2004 Pilgrimage started in September 2003 with many fundraising schemes including a balloon race, football tournament and Valentine's Day carnations.

The Pilgrimage arrived in Lourdes on Easter Sunday afternoon. The day normally started just after seven, working through to early evening with allocated family groups. Mass was celebrated at any time, any place with much singing and dancing. During the week they visited museums and an aquarium and spent a day in Garvanie, a small village at the base of the Pyrenees. The most memorable moments were the torchlight procession (with over 10,000 people), the Merseyside Mass, the Trust Mass (with about 5,000 people) and visits to the Grotto, which were all spiritually fulfilling and thoroughly enjoyable.





The Year 7 Drama Festival this year was ***I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here*** and featured classes depicting **Pollution, War, Fashion, Chemicals in the Sea** and **Cousumerism**. Year 7 pupils and the Year 12 AVCE Performing Arts students worked very hard for three days and the performances on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 July 2004 were very well received.



The Year 12 devised drama piece *Yesterday* recently won First Prize and top marks at the Liverpool Speech and Drama Festival at Liverpool Town Hall. Celebrating Liverpool's history and cultural diversity, the pupils gave a lunchtime fund raising performance in March to raise money for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. Well done to all those involved!



Outstanding Results

Congratulations to the A level Performing Arts students who ALL scored an A in their A level examination this year



Directed by Miss Orrett, Miss Fitzgerald and Miss McCann and produced by Claire Wilson and Ben Fenlon (Year 13), the *Caucasian Chalk Circle* by Bertolt Brecht was this year's Upper School production. It played on 9, 10, 11 March 2004 and was well received by audiences on the three nights.





The presentation of Colours enables the College and the staff to recognise publicly the tremendous contribution made each and every day by College pupils to a range of sporting, community and artistic activities.

This year's Senior Colours Ceremony took place on Monday 28 June and chief guest was Mr Terry Duffy. Terry was a pupil at St. Edward's from 1949-1958. In 1971 he joined the staff on a part-time basis before being appointed Registrar in 1994. We wish him well in his retirement.

Leavers' Concert & Ball



Once again, the Leavers' Concert proved to be a memorable occasion. Members of Year 13 got together to produce a wide variety of music, including songs taught by Miss Louise Ashcroft when the pupils were in Lower School. A slight stumble with the words brought Miss Ashcroft leaping out of the audience and joining in to get the pupils back on line. A wonderful evening enjoyed by all!



Daniel Thompson with Mr & Mrs Thompson



The Year 13 Leavers' Ball took place on July 2 in the College Dining Hall. The hire of a starlit marquee for the disco proved once again to be a huge success.



Winners at the 2003/4 Rugby Awards presentation with Mr Mackenzie and guest speaker Mr Phil Winstanley



Congratulations to the U12 netball A squad who won the City Championship and were also League winners. An excellent result and thoroughly deserved.



Congratulations to our girls' swimming team who qualified for the medley relay in the Nationals and came 9th in the country. Over 200 schools participate in the competition and this is the third year that they have reached the final. Well done girls!

Ryan Beggs has had a very successful year in a number of local and regional galas, performing at a very high level for school and club. In January, he set a new age group record for 200m freestyle at the Liverpool District Gala. He went on to become Lancashire Champion in five different events in March. In the Northern Counties gala in June, Ryan achieved three National qualifying times in 100m, 200m & 400m Freestyle and was the overall 3rd best performer for the competition. Congratulations Ryan and best luck for next season.



Congratulations to **Matthew Smith** (Year 7) who has been awarded a trophy by Liverpool City Council for his valuable contribution to sport. Matthew, who plays as a striker for West Derby County has scored 43 goals and has turned down offers of trials with Tranmere Rovers and Bolton Wanderers in order to stay with his junior league side. Since arriving at the College, Matthew has been impressive on the rugby pitch and has caught the eye of scouts from St Helens RLFC and Waterloo RUFC, but once again has resisted any approaches. Last year Matthew jumped 4.22 metres to win the long jump at the City Championships and won the high jump in the qualifying heats. In his spare time Matthew enjoys Rock Climbing, Hockey and coaching tennis at the Vagabonds Tennis Club.

Year Group reunions have recently become popular, and one of my last functions as Chairman of Governors was to help organise a reunion of my year of Old Edwardians who left forty years ago in 1964. How do you go about making contact with people after such a long passage of time? Well, the answer is by painstaking detective work. Every possible method was used; old school magazines, the *Edwardian*, Friends Reunited, and word passed along around the world, and so slowly a database was built up. It was really quite exciting because I never knew whose e-mail or voice was going to pop up next on the screen or answer machine at home. And so in May we held a dinner for those of us who left SEC in 1964. This was the oldest reunion held so far, and we combined with a 25th anniversary group to have a most enjoyable evening. Twenty of us from all around the world, met to renew friendships with each other and



former members of staff, all fuelled by familiar SEC hospitality. As people arrived we anxiously stood in the foyer hoping that we would recognize each other. Some were immediately recognisable, others less so, but we all shared the common feature of decreasing hair and expanding waistlines. The group included a former government minister, two eminent surgeons, a judge, a distinguished professor of international history, the founder of a translation company in Japan, who had come all the way from Tokyo, and Mr John Miles who is retiring after many years on the staff here.

The evening was a great success. Everybody contacted thought it was a marvellous idea even though only a small number could attend, but all wanted to maintain contact for the future. Friendships were renewed and contacts long since faded were taken up again. We have already established our own website to keep in touch as we plan the next reunion. And so the network extends. The purpose of these reunions is not just to have a good time but to demonstrate that former pupils do have a role to play in the present and future life of the College.

Michael Byrne (Chairman of Governors)

Class of 1979

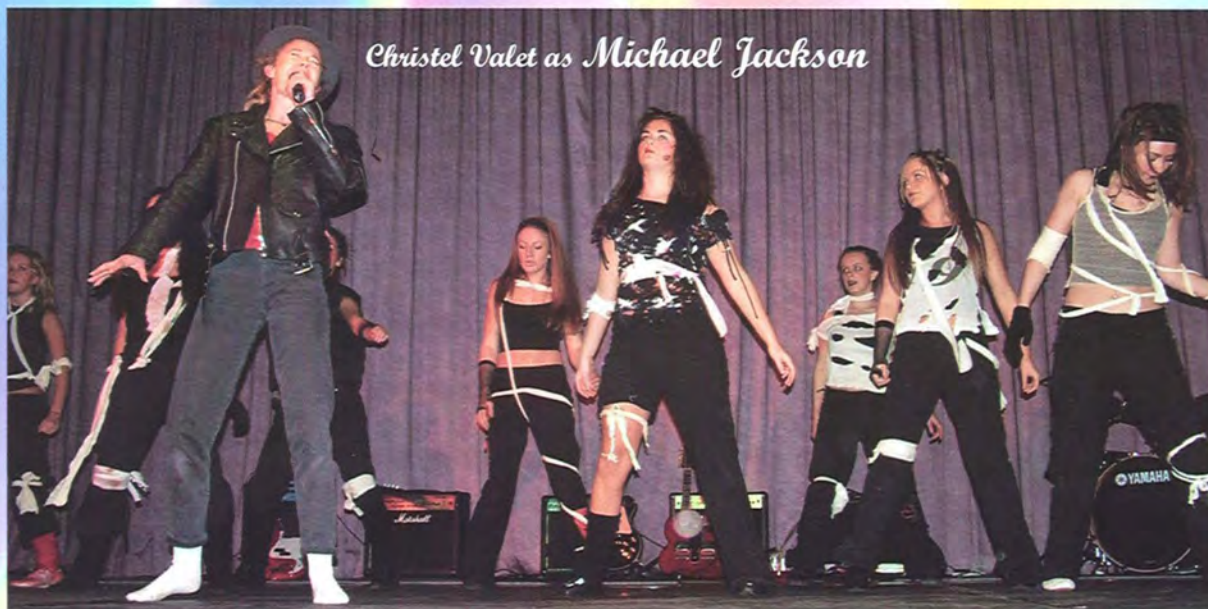


"The humbugs who wrote the Data Protection Act obviously don't understand how enjoyable it can be to meet up with former schoolfriends after twenty five years. Edwardians are made of sterner stuff though! Half remembered details, archive entries, "Friends Reunited", speculative letters, complicated informal networks, and the secret weapon (Nick Manley's mum) combined to help us trace all but a handful of the 130 or so pupils who left St. Edward's in 1979. Spread far and wide, over fifty eventually made it back to the school on the 14th of May and spent the evening (and for some a substantial part of the following morning) reminiscing and catching up with former schoolmates and teachers. Many who couldn't make it on the night sent messages of support, and the few who sadly never made it this far were fondly remembered. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and thanks is due to the College, in particular Terry Duffy for facilitating the event. The general consensus of opinion was definitely ... "we must do this again sometime".

Peter Edge



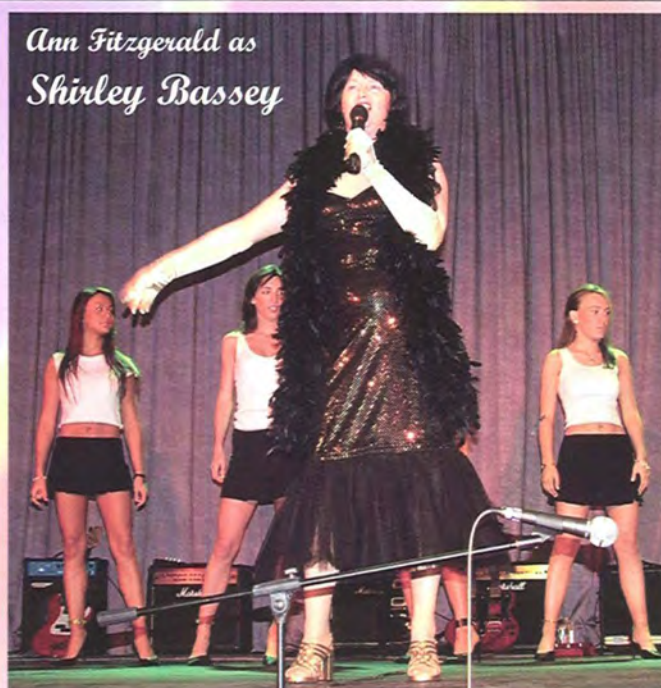
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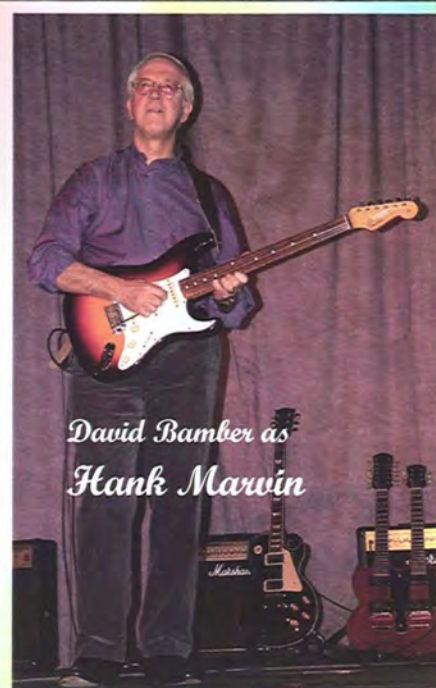
Christel Valet as Michael Jackson



Claire Byrne as Lulu

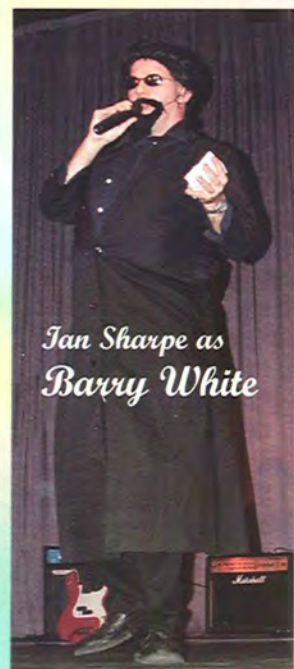


Ann Fitzgerald as Shirley Bassey



David Bamber as Hank Marvin

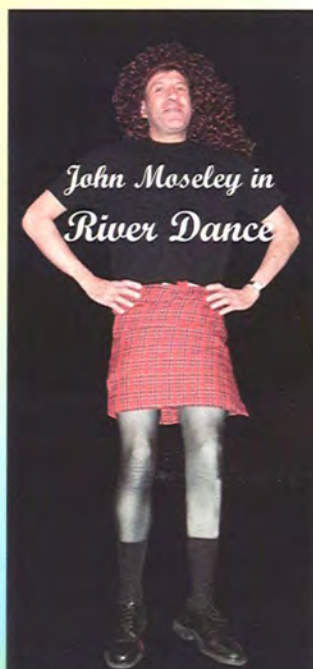
The end of the Trinty Term saw various 'brave' members of staff taking part in their own **Stars in Their Eyes**. Thank you to Mr P Mercer for organising the event and to all the staff who gave terrific performances.



Ian Sharpe as Barry White



Peter Mercer as Eartha Kitt



John Moseley in River Dance



David Mercer & Graham Jon as Blues Brothers

Founders Day 2004

