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The Headmaster talking to stiltwalker Steve White at the Casino Royale evening organised by 4th and 5th form students.



WELCOME

A few words from the Headmaster

This year's magazine front cover shows a wonderful photograph of the scene at Old Harry Rocks; a beautiful day in stark contrast to this summer's weather. It is symbolic of what we do well, often in an understated way at Rendcomb: that is to teach and to inspire the young. In many ways, this photograph is representative of this excellent magazine as a whole: a visual montage of the successful academic year 2006-2007.

So many events have been captured on camera, re-enforced by the written word. On the sports field, on the stage, in the house, in the woodland classroom, on a visit - every picture tells us a story and Martin Watson and I are hugely proud of our pupils, supported by our excellent staff, who have contributed to this publication by their outstanding commitment to all that is on offer at Rendcomb both in the Junior and Senior school.

This impressive publication is the final product of some excellent teamwork: articles written by the pupils themselves, reviews carried out by the staff and a plethora of photographs supplied from a variety of sources at Rendcomb.

Anne Haas has worked tirelessly this summer editing the Junior section and Liese Holden, has not only edited the senior section, she has also worked closely with our designer David Riera to create a publication which does justice to our pupils' diverse efforts.

If you are already associated with Rendcomb, I hope that you enjoy reading about our school; if you are new to Rendcomb or would like to find out more, believe me, this comprehensive publication only scratches the surface of what we are about. You really need to visit us to experience the essence of what cannot be captured on camera.

Enjoy your reading and enjoy the photography!

Gerry Holden
Headmaster



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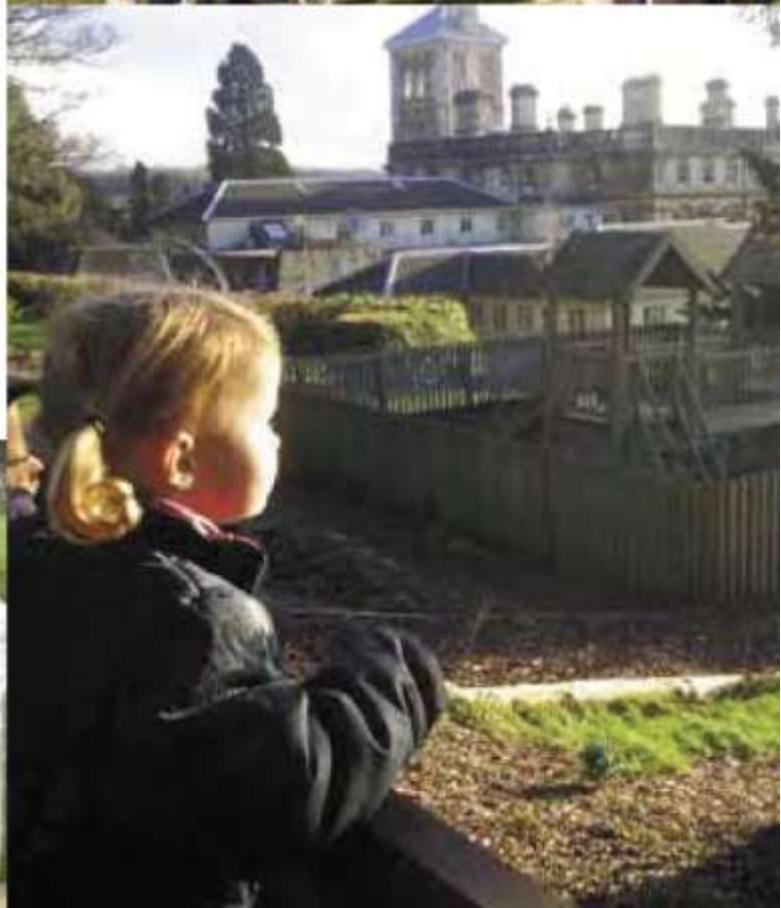
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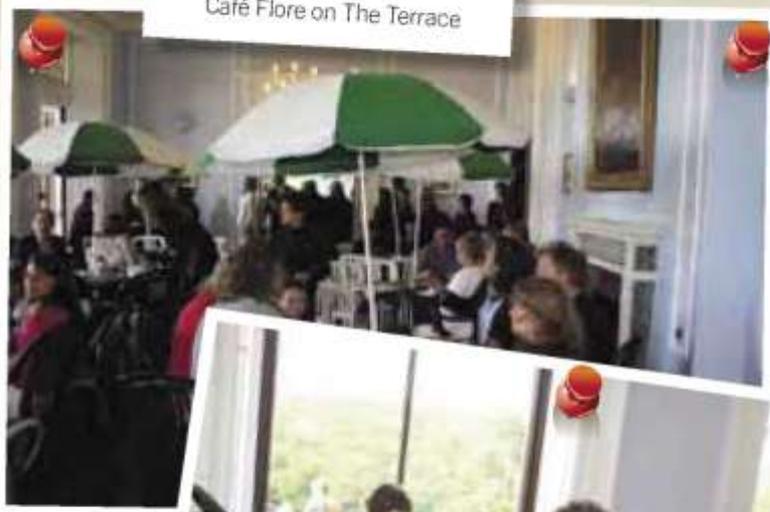
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FOUNDER'S DAY 2007

8.15am
Café Flore on The Terrace



9.30-10.45am
Tennis Masterclass with Ian Reid
CCA Performance Coach LTA
on the main tennis courts



8.15 10.30am
The College Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz and
String Group and Senior Music Students present
a mixed programme in the Reading Room

8.15-10.30 am
History of Rendcomb display in the Library



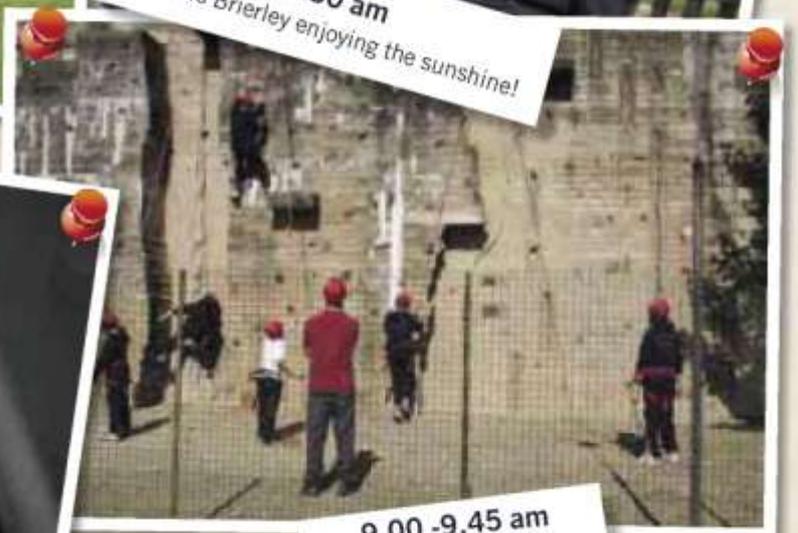
8.30-10.00am
Seven-a-Side Football Tournament
on the Estate Garden



10.30 am
Mr & Mrs Brierley enjoying the sunshine!



8.15-10.30 am
Sixth Form Art Exhibition



9.00 -9.45 am
Climbing Wall Activity

FOUNDER'S DAY 2007 excerpts



Gerry Holden
Headmaster

"In a recent governors' strategy seminar we discussed the qualities we hoped Rendcomb pupils would need to flourish in twenty years time and we realised that in the end, the Founder's phrase that the only aristocracy, the only pedigree if you

prefer, is of brains and character, will still be as relevant in 2027 as it was in 1927. In a world where the pace of technological change seems frenetic, where i-pods threaten to replace eye contact, and Bebo has certainly replaced Beano, it is wonderfully re-assuring to note that the basic tenets of a Rendcomb education remain largely relevant to our students at the start of the twenty-first century....."

".... As several of you have heard me say before, it is the human story behind these exam results that constitute the real educational achievement of our young people. How can these league tables, these cut'n'keep guides, possibly measure the real value added, the progress of a pupil, who for example, was not known for his industrious efforts, who was a bit of a jack the lad, and who suffered an enormous personal setback when his father died in his GCSE year... and who went on to secure some very impressive results because that what his dad would have wanted! Brains and character indeed, as the Founder observed all those years ago"



Toby Harris
Deputy Head of College

"My time at Rendcomb started just two years ago when I joined the college in the Sixth Form, after spending five great years at Kingshill School in Cirencester. Coming from a school of 1,000 to 350 pupils was a culture shock to say the least and it took

me some time to settle in. As the headmaster reminded me a few weeks ago, I was extremely quiet when I first came to Rendcomb, but now you cannot shut me up. As well as having to speak in front of a couple of people today I've sung, (or rather shouted) in the rock concert and taken part in many other public speaking events over the past 2 years, showing my growing self-confidence, and I simply do not think this would have been possible without the experience I have gained this year from being a prefect... "

... "A common cliché used by many teachers is 'time flies when you're having fun' - my time here has been fun and has flown by. Every time I hear that phrase I will be reminded of my time spent here".



Carra Williams
Deputy Head of College

"I arrived here 6 years ago as a little girl from Warminster Prep School and I am now leaving as a young lady courtesy of Rendcomb College. If I were to offer two pieces of advice to anyone making a similar journey, it would be to grasp every chance that you are lucky enough to receive, whether it be trying out for a county sport, learning a new instrument, auditioning for a school play or even diving into the depths of a foreign jungle! And then finally to appreciate the fact that you were given that opportunity in the first place. "



Martin Watson
Junior School Headmaster

"During the past year the Junior School has enjoyed considerable success on many fronts-academic, musical, artistically as well as on the stage and the games field, where we have up-graded our fixture list without diminishing our success rate.

Pride of place must go to the Under 11 rugby team who won all their matches enjoying fine wins over Prior Park, Hatherop and King's Gloucester and to the pop lacrosse team who have qualified for the National Finals next month. However, perhaps our greatest development this year has been in broadening our pupils' awareness, interest and involvement in our environment.

Being recognised as a silver Eco-School was a proud moment and currently we are working with the Wilderness centre with a view to achieving "Forest School" status. The Woodland Classroom project increasingly offers and plays a key role in the curriculum of all age groups and the formation of the "Eco-council" for J2-6 pupils has given them a direct influence in determining future policy. Education is changing and the whole school strives to constantly improve, keeping abreast of current initiatives without sacrificing our high standards or affecting the Rendcomb ethos. On the subject of change in 2005 the Otters presented this portrait of me. (Photo 1) Last summer I received this one! (Photo 2) With change that rapid I am not really looking forward to this year's version!



Guest Speaker

"We were pleased to welcome Dame Janet Trotter as a guest speaker. She was Head of the University of Gloucestershire for 20 years and stepped down from her role as Principal and Vice Chancellor in 2006." Sir Michael Angus, Chairman of Governors



Clarissa Luxton *Head Girl Junior School*

"... nor have the developments in the Junior School been exclusively outdoors, for instance there are Spanish and German culture and games clubs where the children learn about life in these countries, as well as the French language lessons for all children in Reception to J6.

"Je suis arrivé à l'école en 2006 et j'ai énormément eu le plaisir d'être accueillie à Rendcomb et j'ai fait beaucoup d'amis avec les professeurs ainsi qu'avec les enfants. J'apprécie en particulier les environnements merveilleux et les occasions passionnantes que j'ai trouvés ici."



James Mudge *Head Boy Junior School*

"My next assignment was as a member of the Eco-Team. The Junior School Eco-Team is comprised of selected pupils and staff. We quite simply meet regularly and try and come up with new ways to help the environment in the way we operate in

the school - such as the provision of compost bins. At Rendcomb I have become very interested in environmental matters. I took an Assembly last term and told everyone about the effects of climate change and how we could prevent it. My assembly included a quiz and a word search for people to take home. I gave a small environmentally friendly prize for the winner."



Amanda Graham *Head of College*

"When people think of their time at Rendcomb, they probably think of it as being 5 or 7 years depending on how long they have been at the college. Very few people can say that their whole life has been at Rendcomb. Living in the village for 18 and a half years, I am one of those very few people.

At the beginning of the year, I asked the pupils in assembly to try something new, inspired by a conversation I had with Richard Wills, a governor, last summer. Some pupils may have ignored my suggestion, some laughed, but hopefully some of you took my suggestion on board and tried something new.

I asked this because if I had not tried new things during my time at Rendcomb I probably wouldn't have got as much enjoyment out of it as I have."



Amanda aged 3 months



The Headmaster Concludes

"As we have heard this morning, in all of the speeches, including Dame Janet Trotter's excellent address, education is one of the greatest gifts we have; and we should never take it for granted. In the words of that great African leader, Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". And that is why teaching children is so important and why continuing to be Rendcomb's headmaster is such a privilege."

BURSAR'S REPORT



Pete Cairns



Paul Cairns



John Jones



Shaun Stancombe



It was no surprise to me that when the blood wagon took me away to Cheltenham General's Hospital Intensive Care Unit last November, that the A-Team should spring into action.

I was in Hospital for a month and have been recovering for the last 5 months, and it is good to be back; despite one member of the Support Staff saying to me "Welcome back, but good lord Bursar, you look old!"

The A-Team, in case you did not know, is Carol Endersby (Bursar's Secretary), Susie Watkins (Finance Manager), Mark Naylor (Commercial Manager), and Paul Cairns (Works Manager).

That is not to say that all the non-teaching staff did not rally around, because they did, and I am very grateful to them. Coming back after all this time away, has reminded me that we have a tremendous bunch of people in the support staff at Rendcomb, and I thank them all for their hard work, good humour and gritty determination to see the job done.



Take the Sisters - Julie Pritchard, Judy Hunt, and Rachel Jardine. An immense amount of help and good advice comes out of the Medical Centre, and so many of our pupils and staff receive great kindness and expert advice from them.

Have you ever seen the Works Staff carrying out a Project? Well, their ability to refurbish, repair, bash down, and rebuild is legendary. Paul Cairns,

Peter Cairns, John Jones, Mathew Hodgson, Harry Evans, and Shaun Stancombe do so much for all of us that it is impossible to cover every task: flower beds and pots, lawns and wickets,

rugby fields and hockey pitches, rubbish collection and recycling, firework displays, minibus driving, moving furniture, making props for our wonderful performances, being called out in the middle of the night in emergencies, digging out drains etc etc. here is to the Wild Bunch!



Derek, a keen Manchester United supporter, celebrated his 65th birthday this year

Our Lab Techs support the pupils and staff in a myriad of ways; Derek Coombes, Bill Ballinger, and Jo Bond ensure that the Science practicals go well (if not with an occasional bang) and that all the admin tasks required in the Stable Block are carried out. We are fortunate to have such a group capable of multi tasking in this age of specialism.

Our administrative support staff of Christine Johnson (Headmaster's PA), Ann Slark (Admissions Registrar), Dawn Freegard (Headmaster of Junior School's Secretary), Sue Thomson (Accounts Office),

Diana Baker and Anne Stockford (Reception), make a huge difference to all our lives in so many ways.

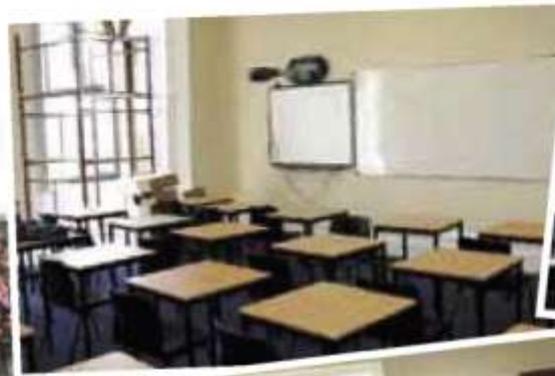
We are very fortunate to have them and I would like to take this chance to thank them for all they do for me, but more importantly for Rendcomb College.

Mark Naylor has written elsewhere about the Cleaning, Catering and Laundry Staff, but I would like to pay tribute to them all for their hard work and dedication in making Rendcomb a better place.

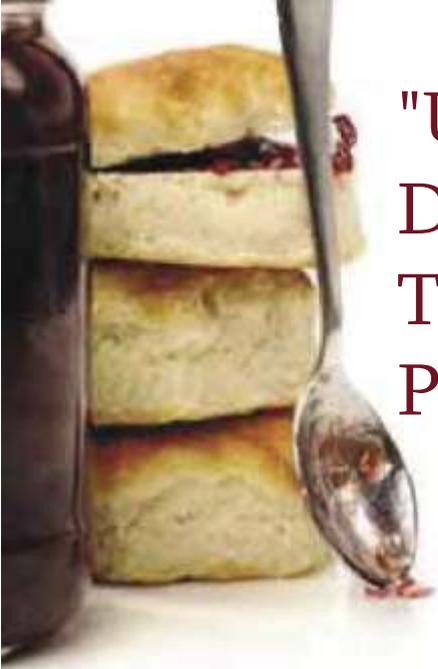
There were times when I felt that my illness would prevent me from working again, but the hundreds of kind words and messages of support Suzie and I have received from so many Governors, pupils, staff, parents and parishioners have sustained us during a particularly horrible time in our lives. Thank you to you all, and a huge "Well Done" to the A Team and all their supporters.

Jeremy Grey

Summer 2007 refurbishments



"UPSTAIRS AND DOWN STAIRS IN THE MAID'S PARLOUR"



Behind the scenes the activity has been fast, frantic and fantastic over the past 12 months since the Butler last put quill to parchment, lifted the lid on the strawberry conserve and removed the potted meats from the epicure cupboard.



Pearl Smith arrived in September to join Janice's Domestic Team and look after the Sixth Form Day Pupils now ensconced in the old university style self sufficiency flat, which is now relocated to a house in the village, complete with large garden & fruit trees.



I am yet to see the sixth formers fully embrace the experience and mow the lawns or dead head the flowers, so maybe when they leave to undertake their degrees they should consider a flat without a garden for their student accommodation! In the kitchen there have been poachers at work again tempting and tantalising the staff away from the luxurious hot, humid, wet environment to work behind the desk at reception. This time it was Ann "Blakey" Stockford who fell for the lure of

a life in the spotlight under Saul's watchful eye and we all wish her well in her new post. It was not easy to find a replacement for "Blakey" from the cast of thousands (well six), but we did and welcome Marianne Fordyce to the kitchen team. After breaking her arm whilst trying to pirouette around the dishwasher, we hope there will not be a reoccurrence and Marianne has a long and happy stay with us.

In the Boarding Houses the staff have been toiling away looking after the new showers in Lawn, using the new steam cleaning machines or trying to keep up with Amanda and Rachel with what will change, evolve and take on a fluffy finish in Godman and Old Rec. In Stable the boys are becoming more fashion conscious and the amounts of laundry increase daily for Mary Cairns "Wonder Woman" to battle with. I still do not know how she copes with the ever increasing quantities. Park House has been bulging at the seams with students who have kept Carol, Rhona and "Jewels" well and truly occupied.

What has been happening at The College when the students are away?

Josie, Sally, Liz and Sarah have been busy buffing and polishing, ready for the assortment of external commercial and charity events we have hosted. Cirencester Choral Society, Cirencester Citizens Advice Bureau, Purton Theatre Group back again, the British Legion, Nadfas, Farm Africa, Cotswold Care Hospice, assorted local Cricket Clubs and another successful Cancer Cobalt Fair raising in excess of £14K for the Cheltenham Linton House Appeal. Miss Tait from the Junior School, and Angela and Neil Ferreira held their wedding reception here as did several other brides (and OR's). Other highlights include: a concert by The Harpist Royal, captivating the audience with her electric harp, then after a long relaxing Sunday Lunch, the Soroptimists enjoyed a fascinating talk from Barbara Pollard, better known as The Naked Gardener from The Abbey Gardens in Malmesbury. If her enthusiasm is matched by the quality of the garden restoration, then The Abbey Gardens is a must for a visit; oh yes, just check first if it is a "Clothes Optional Day" first!



Head Chef Mark Robbins and his team have been supporting a variety of events including National Apple Day with some 30 different varieties to be tasted by the students, Fair Trade Week, with support from some of our local suppliers and

the geography department, and a selection of Balls, Bashes and events for the students and parents. At the beginning of the year a Fruit Smoothie Machine was introduced as an addition to the evening meal and as a Sunday treat and Mark also continues to source as many local products as he can.

There is one farewell in the Kitchen to Stephen Lee who has been with us for two years he is off to join the Police Force and we all wish him well. Stephen will be replaced by Richard Wannell who is joining us from working at RAF Innsworth and we wish him a long and happy time with us.

Time to go, the jam has reached setting point and Mrs Bridges wants to bottle it.

Mr M Naylor, Commercial Operations Manager

CHAPEL REFLECTIONS

In the Diocese of Gloucester's magazine 'Inspires', the Diocesan Director of Education wrote, "True learning is not just about hearing and remembering information, it is about being transformed in some way by that information. When Jesus taught the crowds he was not looking for good exam performances, but for changed lives through a relationship with God."

So is that possible here in Rendcomb? Once a week in our assembly there is an opportunity to present something of the truth of God in a way which connects with Infant, Junior and Senior school pupils. Using role-plays, visual aids and humour, bible stories and topical issues have been explored from a Christian perspective often accompanied by laughter, especially in the Junior School. Pupils there have regularly been involved, as have those in the Old Rectory and Godman House who have each taken an assembly.

On Sundays for the boarders there have been a variety of guest speakers including Rev. Pete Sainsbury, Chaplain to the University of Gloucestershire; Mrs. Debra Legge, Diocesan Secondary Schools' Adviser; Rev. John Caperon, Director of the Bloxham Project; Venerable Hedley Ringrose, Archdeacon of Cheltenham; Rev. Katie McClure; and Mr. Martin Parkes, Youth Coordinator for Christian Aid.

Special services have included Remembrance Sunday, at which we welcomed the North Cerney and Duntisbourne branch of the Royal British Legion and the Rev. Curwen Rawlinson, former Assistant Chaplain General, as our guest speaker; the Advent Carol Service; and the end of term Carol Service at St. John The Baptist,

During the year we have also supported the following charities -The Thomas Charles Trust, helping young people with profound and multiple disabilities; The Children's Society; and the Cotswold Care Hospice.

My thanks as always go to Mr. Andrew Gunning, the Director of Music; Mr. James McKelvey, Assistant Director of Music; and the choir - and to those who have decorated the church so beautifully throughout the year.

As Chaplain to the College and Vicar of St. Peter's Church my hope is that our pupils will indeed be transformed by what they hear and experience in Chapel and so discover what "true learning" is all about.

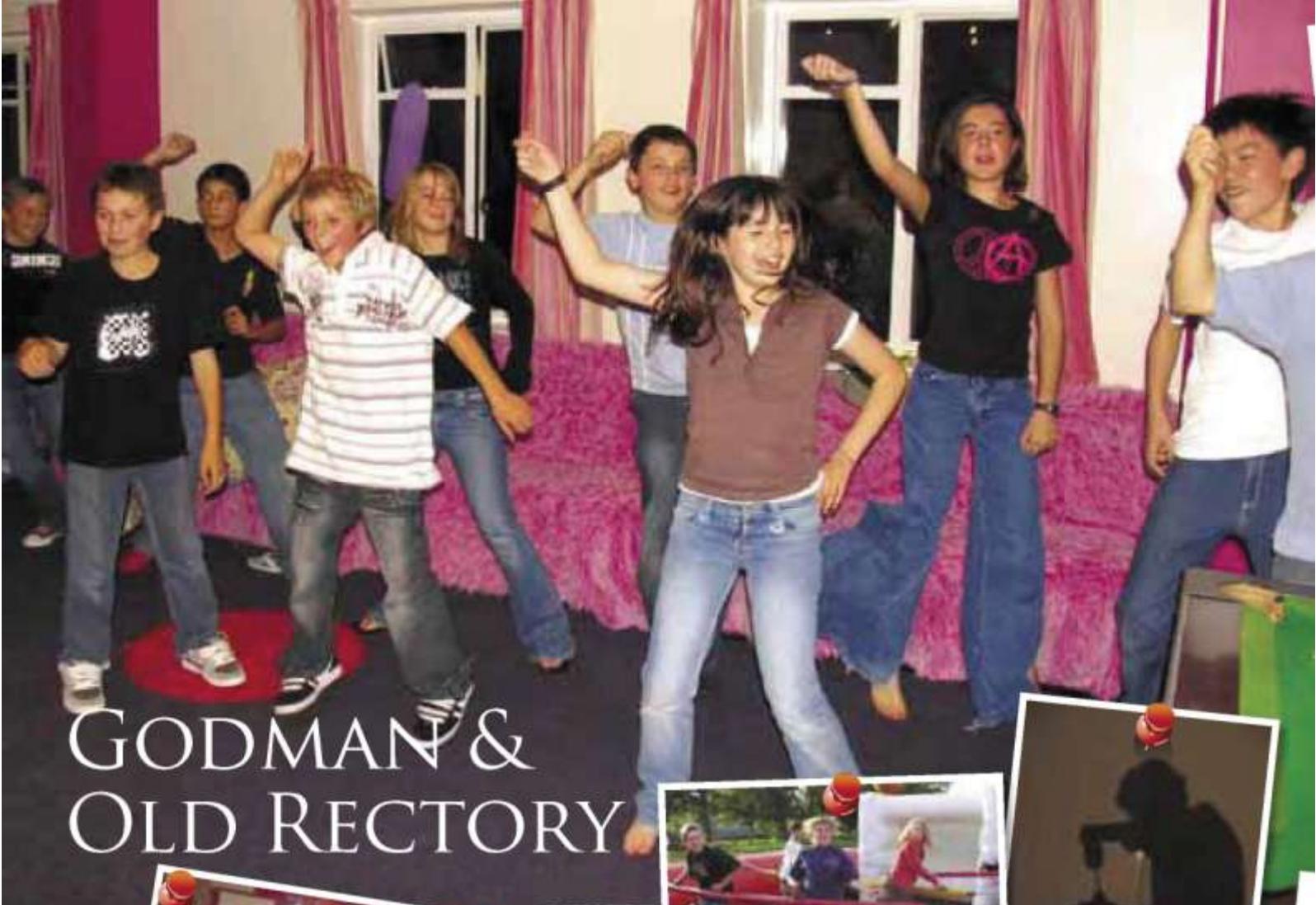
Rev Charles Jefferson



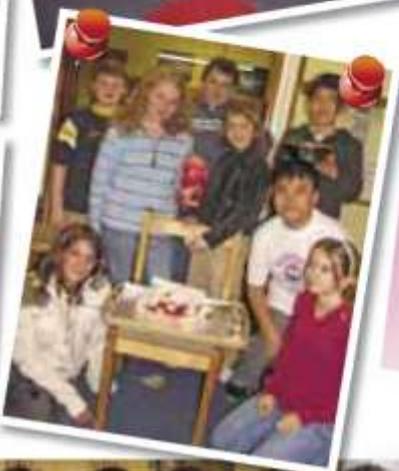
Visiting preacher Katie McClure joins pupils for supper

Harvest Festival





GODMAN & OLD RECTORY



FRIDAY NIGHT CHALLENGES

Anything could happen on a Friday night in Godman or Old Rec when there was a Friday Night Challenge on.

This year the students were set the group tasks of performing a Pantomime, Line Dancing, a Shadow Play and a Bin-Bag Fashion Show. They have made Nativity Scenes out of sweets, made as many words as they could from a tin of Alphabetti Spaghetti, competed in an Inflatable Fun Challenge on the top pitches and joined in a swimming challenge, despite the lack of sun. I wonder what challenges will come their way next year?

Mrs A Brealy





THE BUDDY QUIZ

The Buddies got into teams and it began... The questions were hard and the teams competitive but in the end there could only be one winner. The questions were asked in

categories; Current Affairs, Geography, Maths, Sport, Music and Connections. The winners were: Sophie Popper, Jolyon Dunn, Aimée Schofield and Alex Jordan, who won a big box of chocolates each! Big thanks to Mr. Jennings, Mr Vuolo and Mrs Dodd for organising it.

By Hannah Clift, Emma Lavender & Katie Owen.



THE NEW LOOK GAMES ROOM

During the Christmas holidays the Old Rec Games Room experienced an extreme face-lift. Our thanks must go to Mr Charles Price and Mr Chris Fry for making this possible and giving of their time. Mrs Price also came along to help the Brealys with the interior decorating of the room by painting it bright pink and blue. The boys have done a great job of looking after their new room and often the 6th Form are seen in there playing pool or table football with their buddies.



CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

Thirty five cyclists set off on this year's 22 mile charity cycle ride around 7 stunning churches and endless big hills.

In addition to the pupils, there were several dads who chided their kids with "it's not a race", before racing ahead of the field themselves or observing when left behind "it's not about coming first!" The cyclists were very ably marshalled by Mrs Benson, Mrs Foulkes, Mr & Mrs Thomas with 'Pepsi' (Mr Jennings stepped into the breach when necessary). The peloton was looked after in the support vehicle by Mrs Brealy, Edward and Eleanor.

The Seven Tuns at Chedworth proved a welcome oasis after the long hill into Chedworth but this was improved upon by the refreshments back at the Old Rectory so wonderfully served up by Mrs Frowen, Mrs Price, Mrs Hall, Old Rectory prefect Carra Williams, Head of College Amanda Graham and Mrs Graham. "Today served as a wonderful way to bring children and parents together in order to have fun whilst taking on a challenge; a sense of collective ambition got us all through it and we have raised £729.75 to help preserve our religious landscape".

Mr A Brealy & Thomas Benson

FIRST FORM GET DOWN AND DIRTY IN SHROPSHIRE!



This year the brand new First Form set off on the fabulous and muddy Adventure Weekend in Shropshire! We slept in dormitories, allowing us to learn more about each other and to help us to settle in. During the weekend we did so many activities including: the high ropes course, where people conquered their fear of heights. In raft building all of us got wet either by falling in the lake or by the thunderous rain, (even Mrs Brealy and the Headmaster's twin brother got wet!) We also did some rock climbing, a muddy assault course, and even an underground maze. Some of us did survival in pitch black darkness and much, much more.

Everyone was determined to succeed at all the activities and by the end of the weekend everyone had made new friends. When we came back there were many smiling faces waiting to welcome us home.

By Katie Owen and Emma Lavender



GODMAN & OLD REC 60's FANCY DRESS PARTY

In the New Year Godman and the Old Rec got together for their annual fancy dress party, the theme this year was the 1960s. We danced to some groovy tunes. Tristan Stevens and Harmony Andrews were the winners of the best dressed and won some chocolate. We had a great time and the food was delicious, especially as we had a chocolate fountain.



COFFEE AFTERNOONS

Coffee Afternoons in Old Rec and Godman were enjoyed by both parents and students.



GODREC HALLOWEEN PARTY

Things that go thud in the night!

The most unusual experience of your life! The witches and warlocks certainly came out to play that night. Over 8 skeletons took the room by storm as well as an odd Hawaiian and scary clown. Mr. and Mrs. Brealy came as a terrifying duo (with wigs, of course) and Mrs. Fielding finally showed us her real teeth!

Milly Williams won the best dressed girl coming as a cardboard dog called "K-9" from Doctor Who and Tristan Stevens won best dressed boy coming as a werewolf with face paint and fake blood. Best girl dancer was Tara Elsen and Alex Kentfield won best boy dancer. Kat Daly won best limbo dancer and startled everyone with her flexibility.

By Katie Owen, Emma Lavender & Hannah Clift



Best dressed

House Prefects

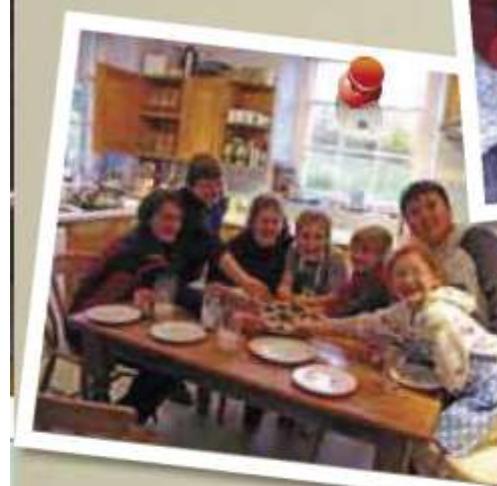
THE GODREC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas spirit was ignited, crackers were pulled and some well thought out sketches and dances were performed to an eagerly awaiting crowd at the annual GodRec Christmas party. The Dead Parrot Sketch made an appearance and Mr Holden and Mr Brealy were coerced to join in a sketch, which they did with great gusto. Great fun was had by all.



WEEKEND FUN

At the weekends the boarders in Godman and Old Rec have lots of opportunities to take part in many different activities both off campus and making full use of our beautiful grounds, such as; shopping, cinema trips, swimming, croquet on the Old Rec lawn, baking, playing board games, ice hockey matches, archery, golf, tennis, fishing, sewing, cycling and arts and crafts.



LAWN HOUSE

I had rather taken for granted that, when it's time for me to reflect on what's been going on in Lawn House over the last twelve months, blue skies and hot sunshine are the order of the day... not so this year, oh no.

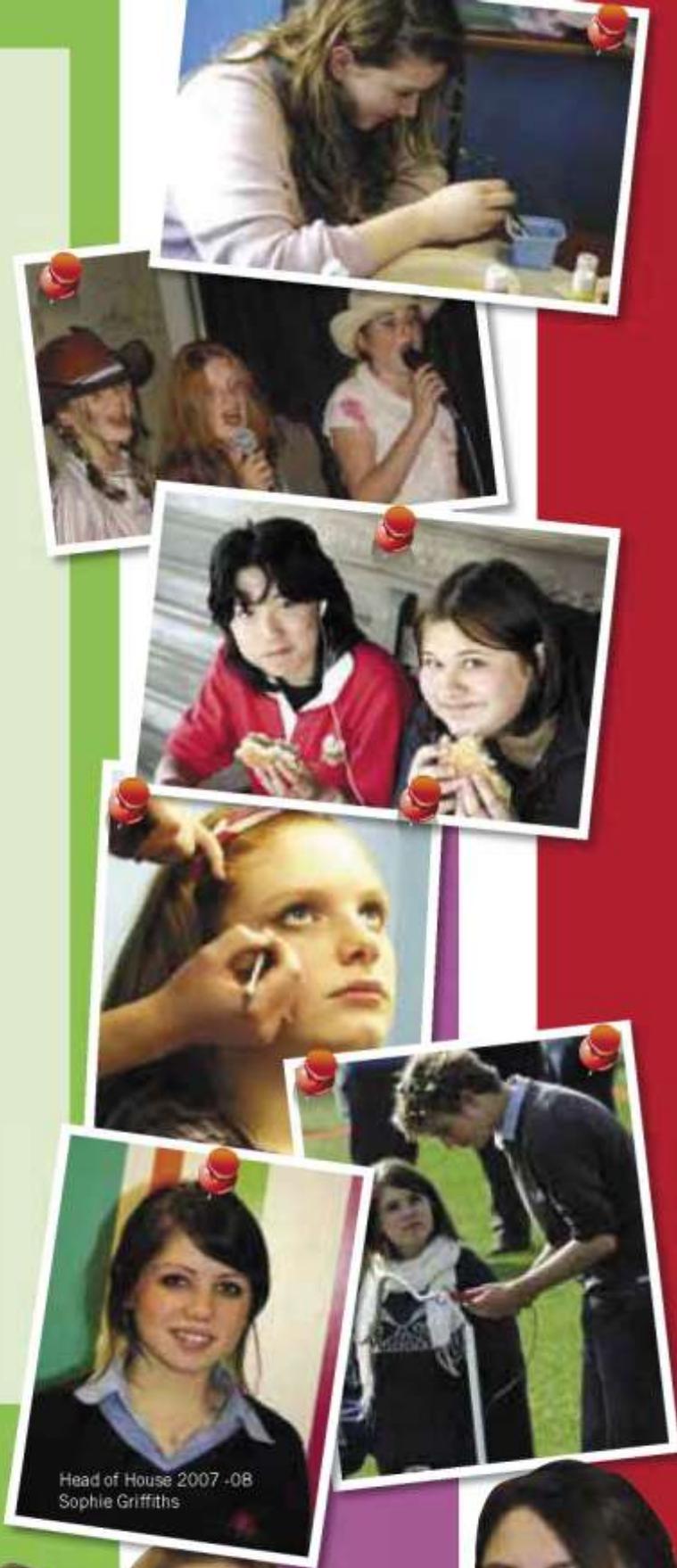
The usual end-of-term weather has given way, this year, to wind, rain, and flat grey skies; as some fifth-formers remarked to me on the day of their last exam, it's all a bit of an anti-climax. But then again it's been a great year, and so perhaps it was always going to be a somewhat difficult act to follow.

Indeed, the year began on an exceptionally colourful note with the opening of the revamped Lawn House Common-Room. Give us turquoise walls and bright colours, the girls said, with barcode stripes and lots of mirrors... quite a brief, but the incredibly patient and hardworking Rendcomb maintenance team came up trumps and the room looks fantastic. And that wasn't the only huge project they achieved - we now have state-of-the-art showers in all of the House's bathrooms; so a huge thank-you to Paul Cairns and his team for everything they do for us.

In the dark days of winter, the common-room came into its own as an appropriately bright and colourful venue for a makeover party, complete with our own expert consultant for the evening. And of course the Lawn-House girls have taken part in all sorts of other events, from a karaoke evening complete with fancy-dress and the Dance Challenge, to concerts, swimming-pool parties, barbecues, Inflatable-Fun Friday, a variety of trips including an ice-skating trip, a trip to an ice-hockey match, and even a skiing trip... well, I shall let the pictures speak for themselves.

In the meantime, there is just one thing left to do, and that is to record mine and the girls' thanks for all the hard work and forbearance of the Lawn-House domestic team: four more patient and calm people I cannot imagine. So, Yvonne, Mary, Dawn and Leslie, thank you so much - we really couldn't manage without you!

Mrs V Hayward



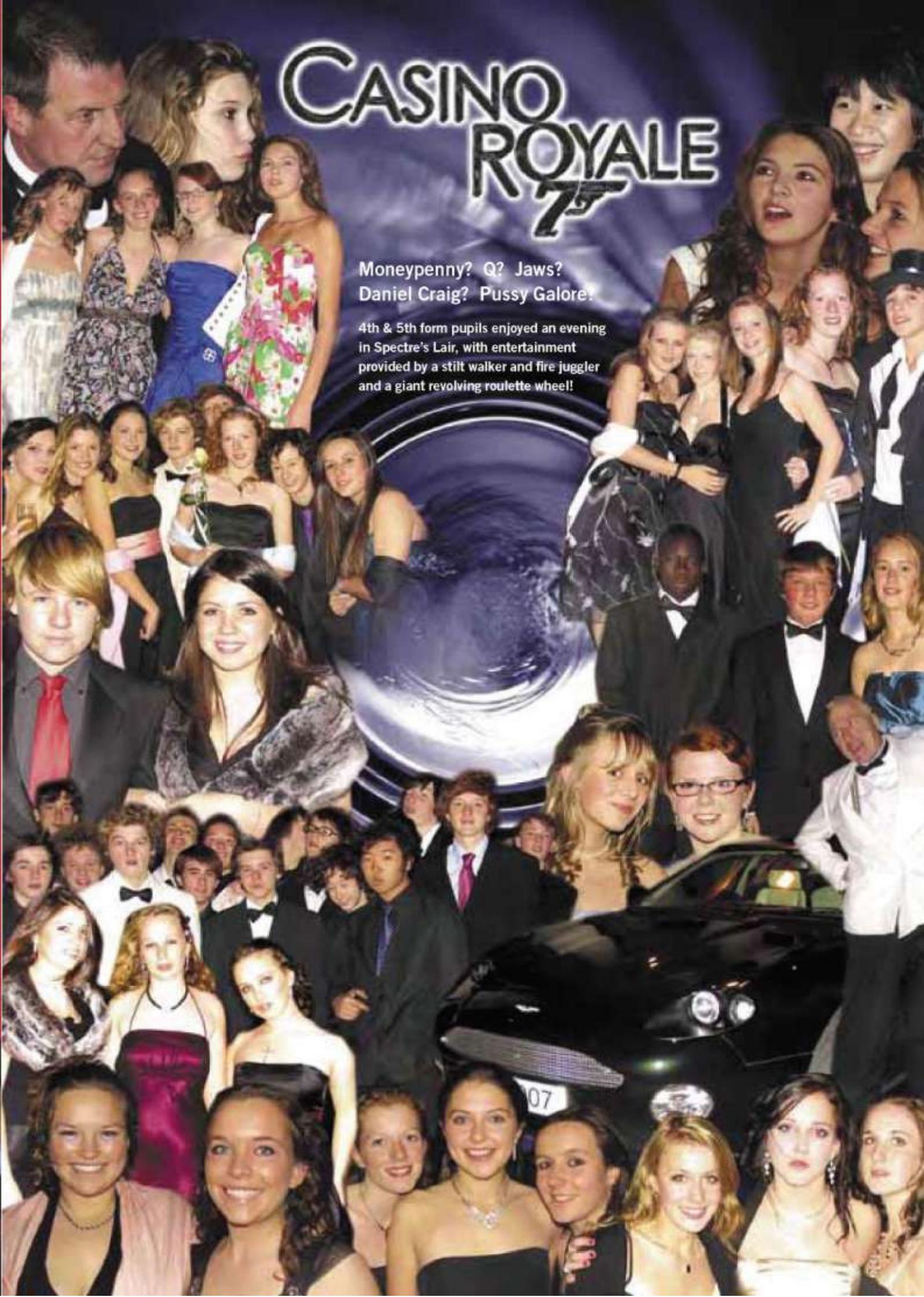
Head of House 2007 -08
Sophie Griffiths



CASINO ROYALE

Money Penny? Q? Jaws?
Daniel Craig? Pussy Galore!

4th & 5th form pupils enjoyed an evening
in Spectre's Lair, with entertainment
provided by a stilt walker and fire juggler
and a giant revolving roulette wheel!



STABLE HOUSE

The end of another school year and a long list of achievements across the full range of Rendcomb activities.

The long Winter term saw us combine work and pleasure with considerable enthusiasm. On the academic front and in the worlds of music, theatre and games, we have had a high profile, whether it be in a major or minor individual contribution. This term, several boys took part in the College production of "Aladdin" and deserve special congratulation. The outstanding games' player of the year is Andrew Forshaw, who has been a "triple blue", representing senior 1st. teams over all three terms. He will be greatly missed.

Our best wishes go to all the leavers, whether they are moving across the field to Park House or seeking pastures new. I would especially like to thank the prefects and Rhys Thomas, my Head of House for their support over the year.

Facilities were enhanced over the year and we now enjoy refurbished showers and changing rooms and top floor. Our thanks and appreciation go to Mr. Paul Cairns and his fine team for their hard work.

Thanks, too, go to Mrs. Mary Cairns and all the supporting staff who look after us on a daily basis. We know that we could not survive without them.

As ever, my gratitude goes to my tutorial team who are so steadfast in helping me run the House, to all the parents and, above all, to the boys, whose friendliness, zeal and sheer appetite for life are a constant source of amazement to me. As they all stood to make a presentation to, and to applaud, the retiring Mr. Morgan, in our penultimate House callover, I realised just what a privilege it is to be a Housemaster.

I wish everyone a restful, meaningful and well deserved holiday.

Mr B L North



"THE ROSCARS"

Something that Rendcomb had never encountered before. . . . something akin to throwing it's theatrical prowess into the deep end of the pool and hoping it will not plummet to the bottom - The Rendcomb College Film Festival. With the "Day of the Tuckids" winning best film, a rather eccentric film with a "James Bond" theme and some extremely dangerous stunts executed by Harry Frost and Tom Wise; all the films amazed and entertained the judges. The judges were particularly entertained by a film featuring Amy Bladon as a crazed psychopathic nanny and the 6B girls put together a "romantic" film with a twist starring Konstantin Herms striking it lucky and getting the "lovely" lady at the end! A new initiative for Rendcomb, everyone worked as a team, ably supported on the technical side by Alex Jordan and Darrell Hayward.



The Boogie Woogles... We Like Short Shorts... Idiots with cream... Flow...

DANCE CHALLENGE

Students are encouraged to form groups of no more than eight people and show off their dancing talent. With just 25 minutes to prepare a 5 minute performance it is a great chance for them to learn the skills of improvisation and teamwork. They have to think of very cool group names and this year was no exception. The 6B group, "We Like Short Shorts" were victorious with their creative and humorous dance routine based on household chores. Judges were Mrs Dodd, Amanda Graham and the Headmaster. It was a great fun for both dancers and audience.



Then We Went Dancing... Buzz...
The Monk... Simone Zone...
The Young Wrecks



THEATRE SPORTS

It was a dark and stormy night, as the wind howled and the rain lashed against the side of the Dulverton Hall.

Inside, the gathered crowd fell silent. The waiters entered the hall, dishing food out to the judges. Then the Umbrella Corp and a locomotive!, closely followed by a selection of hip hop all-stars and finally, a group of "Idiots!" These were the groups for the annual Theatre Sports competition, and what a competition it was! First came the impromptu round, with the groups being given a random game to 'perform' such as preparing a cup of tea to the tune of a well known song.

This led to some badly tweaked, but hilariously funny renditions of classic songs, such as 'I Wanna Be Your Lover' by the Spice Girls!

The winners were announced as 'Warning Idiots!' whose team comprised Alex Holden, James Hill, Ellie Whittles, Lewis Taylor and Holly Phelps.

It was a great success, with the audience participation as immense as ever. Special thanks must go to Miss Mills and Mr Jennings for giving up their free time to act as compères, Mr Mrs Dodd and Amanda Graham for being ever-wary judges and finally, to the teams, who sacrificed their social status and a relaxing evening to be laughed at, but more importantly, to be laughed with...



Amadeus

BY PETER SHAFFER





Harry Frost
as Antonio Salieri



The Reading Room was the setting for this year's senior school play, Peter Shaffer's Amadeus

A controversial play which explores the conflict and rivalry between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri. Harry Frost's breathtaking portrayal of the tortured Salieri was a "tour de force". The cast worked extremely hard to deliver the quirky mixture in this play of formal courtly life and domestic scenes. Sophie Arkle enjoyed her cameo role as the great songbird Katherina Cavalieri. The bitchy Venticella, played by Tessa Couch and Harriet Lockett, successfully portrayed Vienna as a city of slander and gossip. Steven Brown, Ed Brierley and Tom Wise were believable courtiers torn between admiration and scorn for Mozart. James Hill and Emily Slark were a convincing Royal couple, complete with a large family. Emily Apps was the "Ta very much" Constanze who loved and lost so believably. Alex Holden brought his musical skills to the fore to play so effectively the irritating yet vastly talented Mozart, developing

the immaturity and fecklessness of his character in the first act to a tortured soul haunted by the ghost of his father, prior to his dramatic death at the end of act two.

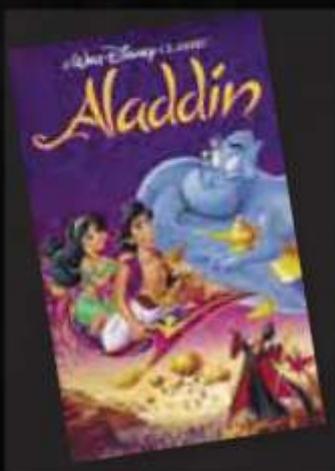
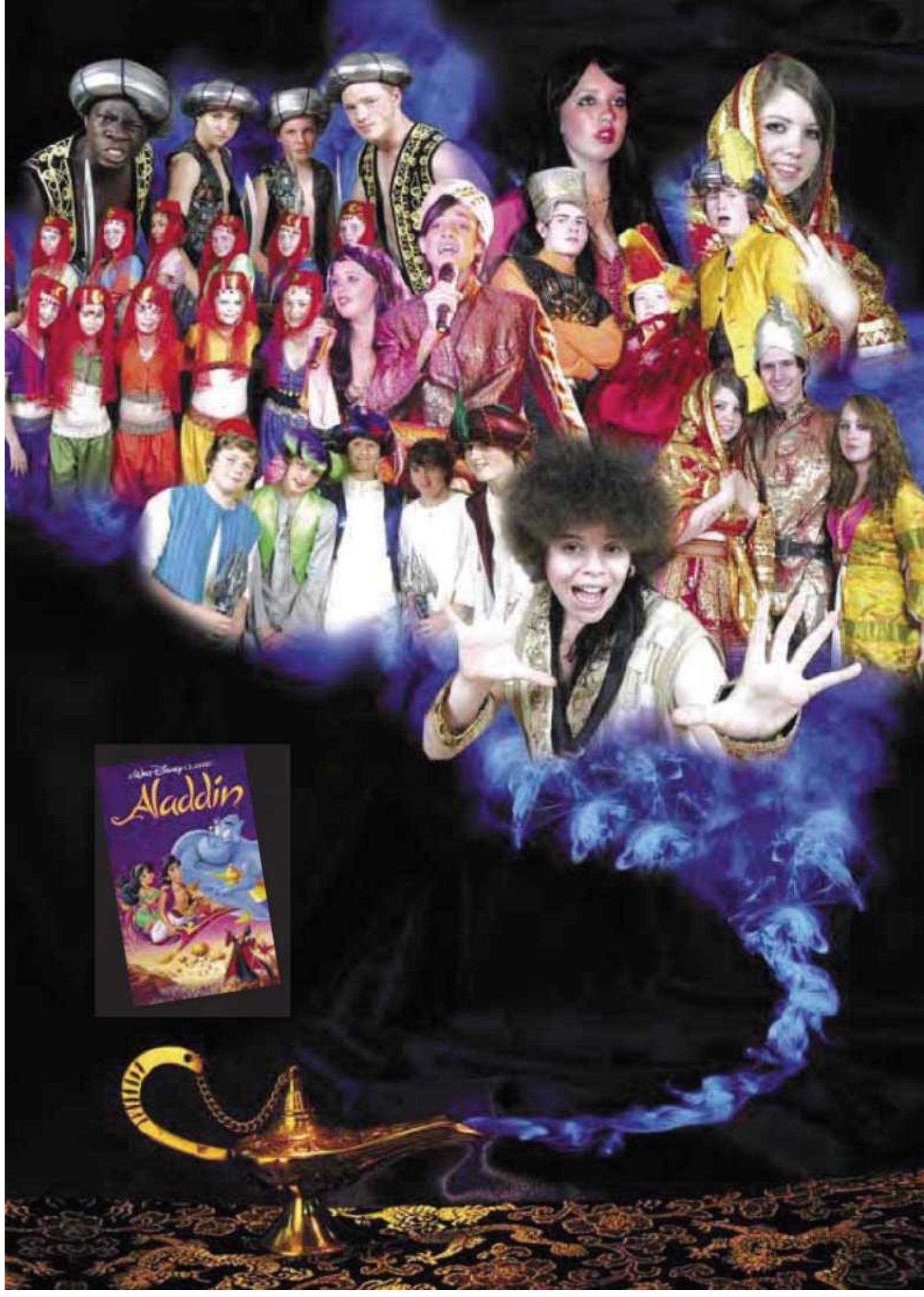
Harry Frost was quite frankly masterful in learning such a huge quantity of lines but also in presenting, so believably, the character of Antonio Salieri, a man both fascinated and repelled by the phenomenon of Mozart. On stage for the whole play, he led the audience from the present to the past, relating the growth of his jealousy of Mozart's prodigious talent and his desire to bring about his ultimate death. Harry understood the subtlety required for this

role but also the need to dominate the stage and communicate with the audience throughout.

The audience rose to a full standing ovation on the final night, a tribute to the strength of performances given by the whole cast, supported so ably by a huge amount of backstage support.

Mrs D Dodd







ALADDIN

A magic carpet ride to the mystical city of Agrabah

Walt Disney's musical Aladdin, was the Lower School musical production this year. Every show should allow new talent to blossom and Rachel Barnes gave a captivating performance opening (and closing) the show as the little Disney girl, whose favourite story came alive after wishing on a star. Alistair Sinfield was the quirky, comic parrot Iago, who proved to be a worthy sidekick to Trehane Taylor's angry, evil Jafar and Will Humphrey Gaskin became a zany, wise-cracking Genie.

Sophie Griffiths looked dazzling in her gold and red sari, Alex Jones was a thoughtful,

sensitive Sultan and the three modern day narrators, Amy Bladon, Tallulah Dyer and Katya Edwards, guided us through the story with aplomb. Ed Slark was the punch-drunk Razoul, fearful of his master's wrath. Ruby Stone played the lead role of Princess Jasmine with focus and energy throughout. Lewis Taylor as Aladdin was chased, kicked, grabbed and shoved into a large basket but was eventually triumphant.

The promise he showed as Cookie last year has certainly developed as he carried the lead role expertly. Wonderful costumes, make-up, lighting and set

the atmosphere of sultry Arabian nights and the leading actors were supported by a colourful and lively cast of actors, singers and dancers.

Many staff and pupils are involved in staging such a major production but special mention must go to Sister Pritchard for another stunning set of vibrant costumes, Miss Mills for her considerable contribution to this production and the fabulous Mr McKelvey who musically directed so sympathetically.

Mrs D Dodd

MUSIC



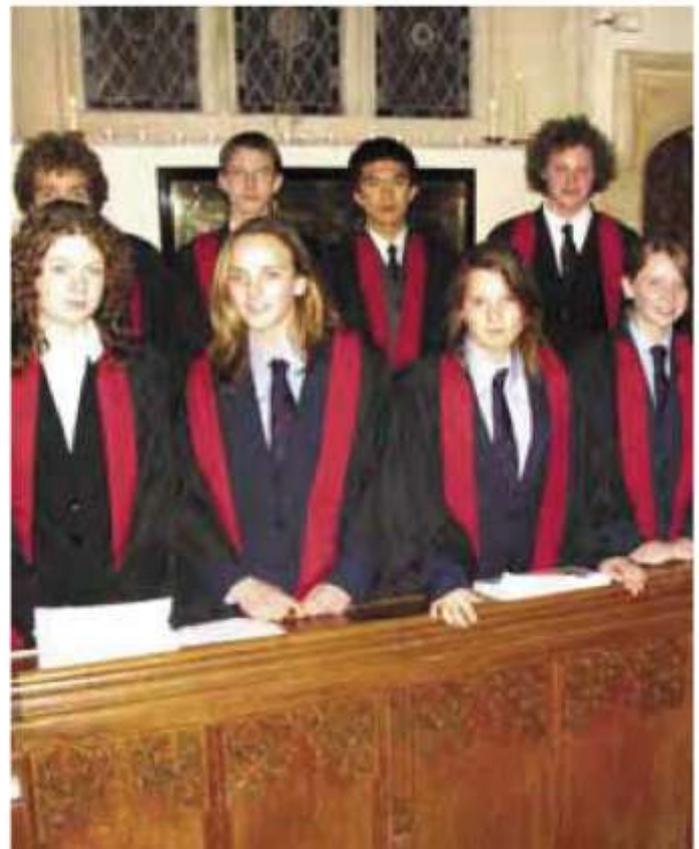
HANDEL'S MESSIAH



Rendcomb College Choir and Choral Society, plus soloists, performed Handel's Messiah in Cirencester Parish Church on Friday 24th March 2006

An audience of three hundred enjoyed listening to an outstanding performance of this wonderful masterpiece which contains some of the most uplifting and well known choral anthems, most notably, "The Hallelujah Chorus". The pupils were joined by four soloists, Tracy Hansford (Soprano), Eric Tebbett (Tenor), Phillip Colls (Alto) and James McKelvey (Bass).

Our Chamber Choir, with a number of new recruits, has worked very hard this year. They sang for a morning service in Chedworth Church, sang some carols for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Cirencester and set the scene beautifully for our Advent Carol Service in Rendcomb Church, with a number of pupils giving solo performances. They were also joined by the rest of the College Choir for our Remembrance Sunday Service and end of term Carol Service.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT FULL REFURBISHMENT

Over the summer, the Music department had a full refurbishment of all its facilities and the result is simply stunning. The building has been transformed as indeed has the teaching & learning environment. This provides a fitting backdrop to what is a wonderfully busy and vibrant department as will be seen in the record of the year. Music, of all genres and disciplines, is one of the great art forms which provides so much enjoyment for people of all backgrounds on all kinds of levels.

CHYP CONCERT

Current and past Rendcomb students took part in the Chyp Concert in Cirencester to raise money for Cirencester Housing for Young People. Pupils involved were Richard Collins, Mark Gunner, John Newton and Oliver Richards. They all did brilliantly, helping to raise over £1,600 for the charity.



JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band, under Mr McKelvey's leadership with a number of new members, also performed at the Informal Concert and then again on the following evening preceding the Fireworks. Founder's Day also saw this ensemble in full swing entertaining visitors in the Reading Room as they enjoyed coffee and croissants in Café Flore



Rebecca Cooke, William Foulkes, Tom Benson, Koake Kurnat, James Foulkes, Luke Witts

CONCERTS

The department has also held a series of informal concerts showcasing groups of students at various points in the musical year.

There have been a large number of performers and a vast audience of parents, staff and pupil supporters - a very positive and hopefully confidence building exercise for pupils of all abilities and ages. The Lunchtime Concert in Cirencester Parish Church in June, enjoyed by a score of parents, friends and damp shoppers, was a great success. A lady from Preston in Lancashire who attended the concert felt "I enjoyed every minute of it. It was great to see some of your children prepared to practise and come out and perform in public. I thought Tom Benson's rendition of The Owls excellent, as was James Foulkes performance of the Reger Toccata and Fugue. I hope all the children will be inspired to carry on practising and performing.

Best wishes to you for your clear and warm encouragement of the young people. Thank you very much for an unexpected and very pleasant experience"



OPERA

As part of the Music Department's Opera Enrichment 'mission' A Level & GCSE musicians have enjoyed listening to operas on a regular basis, and in particular to the mammoth "Ring Cycle" by Wagner. A trip was also organised to the Bristol Hippodrome to experience a live opera performed by the Welsh National Opera.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS..

RENDCOMB ROCK CONCERT 2007

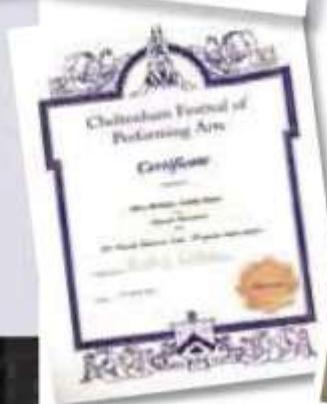
“It was the Rendcomb Rock family at its best” writes ex-Pink Floyd star, Headmaster, Gerry Holden. “Great music; loud enough to deafen our newcomers in the village shop but also sufficient style, skills and musicality were demonstrated to impress Ian Taylor, OR and former recording agent of AC/DC, Mick Jagger et al.

“There had to be winners with the trophy being awarded to the sixth form band “The Rubying Stones”. The judges were particularly impressed with the lead vocals of 4th form pupil Ruby Stone. Not to be outdone, the staff band rose to the occasion; Charlie Brierley (equipped with shades), guitar teachers Paul Cordell and Philip Dunn and on keyboards, the Director of Music, Mr Gunning. There was excellent parental support and a sterling effort from Mrs Fielding and Millie Williams who organised refreshments. They sold the Headmaster not one but two orange flavoured chocolate biscuits but Mrs Holden doesn't need to know that as he was on a Lenten diet. A tremendous effort in organizing the evening was made by Laura Brown, Fiona Trumper and Astrid Law, who designed the poster. In all, £350 was raised for the Cotswold Breakthrough Breast Cancer charity.



EXAM SUCCESS

Excellent results have been achieved in this year's public music examinations. Most notable are Jolyon Dunn's achievement of a staggering 140 marks in his Grade 1 & 2 Bassoon exams, Alex Holden attaining Grade 8 singing with distinction and James Foulkes double achievement of Grade 8 organ (with distinction) and piano.



Emily Apps and Alex Holden at Cheltenham Festival



CHELTENHAM COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL

Many Rendcomb pupils took part in the Cheltenham Competitive Festival.

The Chamber Choir were unlucky not to win their category, with no faults cited by the judges on either piece - characteristic and stylish singing in both the Lacrimosa from Mozart's Requiem and, in stark contrast, Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody. Individual performers took part in solo and ensemble categories - namely, Alex Holden, Emily Apps and Sinead Brennan. Well done to all who took part, irrespective of place.

STARS FROM THE EAST

The Stars From The East concert featured outstanding performances from our Oriental students complete with elaborate apparel, food, drink and the Reading Room bedecked with flags and Oriental emblems. Many pupils performing in this concert had only begun learning an instrument in September and this was a major achievement to be performing in public 7 months on. Of particular note in this circumstance were Chinami Ajiro for her wonderful euphonium playing and Karin Kanazawa on bass guitar.



Koake Kumai



JOHN RUTTER'S "MASS OF THE CHILDREN"

Student soloists Alex Holden (Bass), Emily Apps (Soprano), Sinead Brennan (Alto) and Amanda Graham (Soprano) had the daunting prospect of performing to a large audience in Cirencester Parish Church and rising to the challenge, they demonstrated professionalism and sheer determination. The Choir were joined by almost 50 Junior School pupils from Year 3 upwards.

For the first half of the evening the audience were enchanted by solo piano performances by Sabrina Lu and Joanne Maxted. Charlotte Cox and Amy Bladon also performed wonderful clarinet solos. A great evening which raised £350 for Comic Relief.

SUMMER CONCERT

Karl Jenkins' Adiemus was the major production of the summer term and this formed the second half of the Leavers' Concert on the eve of Founders' Day. The Chamber Choir were accompanied by a white-knuckle-riding percussion session of instrumental teachers terrified of quintuple time signatures - aren't we all!

The first half of the concert comprised stylish and characterful performances of great works by Charlotte Cox, Alex Holden, Wilfred Leung, Sabrina Lu, Jo Maxted, and the String Group. A great event for many, including those who left the concert now knowing where the music for the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society advert comes from.



THE CHAMBER CHOIR SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

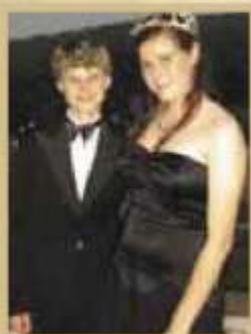


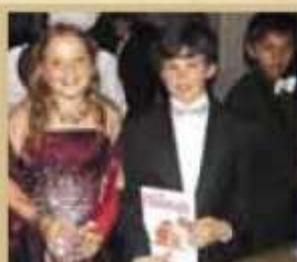
Mediaeval Ball



A Mediaeval theme was chosen for this year's Lower School Charity Ball. Jesters, stilt walkers, jugglers, roving minstrels, knights in armour and serving maids graced the corridors of the College for an evening while the guests partook of a scrumptious banquet in the baronial Dufverton Hall, followed by entertainment and dancing to "ye olde mediaeval disco"!!

An impressive sum of £2,800 was raised for charity thanks to the generosity and support of the pupils and their parents.





LOWER SCHOOL

Lords Meade College

On the eve of my departure to Lords Meade College in Uganda I have been reading the article on Fine Art written by their Head of Art, Mr. Juma Ouma. In my opinion he says it all and with real passion - what more could one say and I look forward to meeting him and all the Lords Meade pupils on July 10th. I'll keep you all posted.

Sophie Blackwell Head of Art and Design



Fine Art

As already implied the ultimate aim of this college is to produce a complete and rounded person. How then does Fine Art contribute to this goal? We believe that its most important contribution lies in making the student realise that he must

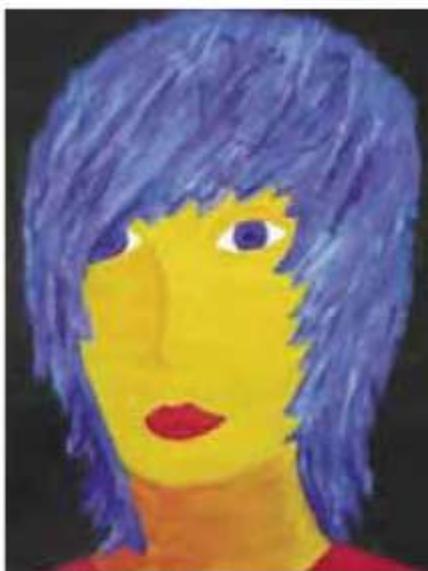
- Observe keenly and react vividly
- Develop memory and imagination
- Exercise judgement and discrimination
- Express ideas courageously and logically
- Construct with power and with vision



GCSE 4TH FORM



GCSE 5TH FORM



LOWER SIXTH



A love of beauty

It is envisaged that a student that has acquired these abilities through active classroom practice will be equipped to confront the opportunities that present themselves after this college education, and will regard them as a challenge, for he has a foundation for independent judgement that will serve him well, curiosity, imagination and inventiveness can be aroused, provided that the student has a lively and sincere interest in adding these qualities to his native equipment. A true appreciation of form, of colour and design can be developed if he is allowed to play an active part in his own education process.

A love of beauty cannot be engendered in him solely by exposing him to culture, but must come through personal experience and understanding of the qualities that he himself has struggled to attain. It is our task to develop good taste and spirited honest production of things suited to daily living.

If we arouse interest in all branches of 'doing' (vocational skills) we shall finally develop a group of citizens who are able to make independent evaluation of the contributions of the present and the past.

UPPER SIXTH

Resourceful and Imaginative

In the first 18 months of teaching art in this college without an art room and many instructional materials, I discovered that to realise the aims of the art course it needed an art teacher of courage and vision; a teacher who is resourceful and imaginative. In brief a teacher who has the type of qualities he desires to find in his students; is willing to step off the platform to take part in-group exercises.

The teacher should be willing and anxious to strip art of all its busy work, and fatty accumulation and 'Arty' irrelevancies and mysterious hocus pocus; to take it out of fancy aprons and gloves and put it into overalls to do the spade work necessary for building a better, finer and more loveable world.

Finally, I appeal to my readers to note that all artwork can be understood in one way or another. Unfortunately, we are inclined to ridicule the things we do not understand. Haven't we all heard at some exhibition; 'why even a four year old could do that!' In the sample exhibition that we have made let us reserve our judgement about the things we do not understand, of the things that these up coming Artists have created solely for their personal satisfaction until we have a background knowledge with which to accept or reject them.

Mr Juma Ouma In-charge Fine Art





DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

The pupils lit up the DT department with the bike lights they made at the beginning of the year.

They managed to master the art of soldering and then programmed their lights to flash in whatever sequence they liked. One pupil even managed to create a program based on the Morse code.

The second years designed and manufactured some very professional-looking acrylic clocks, based on works of their favourite artists. The clocks were colourful, imaginative and very well finished, partially thanks to the laser cutter we are lucky enough to own in the department.

The first years have no excuse for forgetting to clean their teeth as they manufactured toothbrush holders. They used a combination of hand tools and the laser cutter. The finished articles were very impressive and the first years were very proud of their results.

Using an array of feathers, beads, pipe cleaners, cardboard tubes and paper cones, combined with a lot of imagination and fun, the third years finished the final term creating some very inventive 'wobbly toys'. There was an educational reason behind this madness (the toys looked raving mad by the time they were finished): we were exploring different ways of creating and storing energy, from wind power to solar panels. The toys we made were battery powered and the pupils used motors and off set discs to make them wobble.

The department has been a hive of creative activity all year and this is just a selection of the projects the pupils have tackled. I have been really impressed with the imagination and determination that many of the students have displayed and I think some of them were surprised at what they could achieve. I can't wait to see what the pupils produce next!!

Mrs B Hughes



COME TO THE CIRCUS

Juggling, stilt-walking, riding crazy bikes ... these were just some of the fun circus skills activities which pupils from Airthrie School, St John's on the Hill, Ferndale School, and Rendcomb College tried to master during the course of the day.

Professional entertainers Thomas Trilby and Steve Kaos led a hands-on and participative circus skills workshop where pupils had a go at juggling, unicycling, stilt walking, diabolo, plate spinning, mini bikes and much more, with varying degrees of success. In addition to circus skills, there was the opportunity to play human table football, ride "Crazy Bikes", which never go in a straight line and other challenging activities!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD EXPEDITIONS

The Tibetans call Mount Everest "Chomolonga" which means Mother Goddess of the World. Traditionally they would not venture high into the mountains for fear of upsetting the mountain gods. But on the last weekend of the Summer Term, seventeen 6B students laughed in the face of the mountain gods.

But the gods struck back with a vengeance and threw all they had at the brave challengers. For three days the battle raged and eventually the mountain gods were victorious and the unbelievers were forced to retreat. A brave attempt which will surely leave them stronger, wiser and hopefully drier for the next time, when they will tackle this hostile environment for real.

How different this was from their induction into this alien world earlier in the year. A pleasant stroll through the gently rolling hills of Mid-Wales; campsites with proper toilets and even showers; the need for regular application of sun cream and the replenishment of water supplies their only concern.

So, what have they learned. Respect for the mountains, the importance of preparation, listening to and following the advice proffered. But there were triumphs. The Red Group of Richard Collins, Charlie Stutchbury, Jack Roach, Laurie Wilcox and Mark Gunner conquered the North Face of Pen y Fan (2,907m) in blizzard conditions. James Hill fell into a bog not once but twice, and Harriet Lockett managed to apply full make up in torrential rain.

What am I talking about. Only those who have come face to face with the adversity will really understand the significance of their achievement. The Black Mountains await you.

Mr C Vuolo



WHEN THE SNOW CAME

In February it snowed and everybody was happy! The school was closed and everyone was laughing and running riot!

You could find people sledging with the lunch trays and building snowmen everywhere! In the afternoon there was a competition to see which house could make the best snow model! The house that won was Godman house with their green and pink snow turtle! Those who didn't board that night were probably at home doing exactly the same thing or wishing they were here in school!!!

What a fabulous day, can we have that again next year please!

Emma Lavender, Katie Owen & Hannah Clift



The Old Rep Boys have a perfect day in the snow



It's a family affair for Stable and Lawn



Park House went for the Big, Bold and Beautiful



The Godman Girls took on a Caribbean theme and acquired a new pet - a snow turtle



Lawn girls go glam with their own snow-woman



Chefs Mark and Steve braved the elements to get to college and cook for the pupils



BEHIND BARS: OBSERVING THE ANIMALS, AND OBSERVING THE CRIMINALS.

6B psychology students had a varied trip to Bristol in June.

The morning was spent having an excellent lecture about animal learning - oh yes, we were shown a live tarantula - followed by a chance to try scientific observation of animals.

This was much harder than we thought - was that penguin intentionally 'hugging' its friend, or was that gesture a mere 'flipper stretch'? And even Mrs Harford and Mrs Houghton had a tough time observing the 'cup lifting' behaviour of 2 members of species homo sapiens in the Coffee Shop.

The afternoon turned out to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience as most of the group watched a murder trial from the Public Gallery of one of the Crown Courts. We were there to see what the difficulties might be for a jury to arrive at a correct verdict. The Home Office pathologist calmly and clearly described to the jury the injuries caused to a woman - measurements and severity of each wound - all 146 of the knife wounds, caused by four kitchen knives all left broken and bent by the force used. Apart from some who had had enough, most of us sat mesmerized for an hour and a half, having to leave as the pathologist described the cuts to the wrist that showed an attempt to saw her hand off. This case made the local and national newspapers the next day indicating how unusual and extreme this crime was. Phew, what an afternoon.

Mrs G Harford

Luke Leseter-Powell, being a monkey.

Carroll Cheung, Astrid Law, and Tessa Couch who visited the Junior School in December to carry out a simple Piagetian task with the pupils in Miss Hunter's Reception Class.



Sean Edwards, Luke Lester-Powell, and Randal Pakeman observing two examples of homo sapiens (me and Mrs Houghton) eating in the café!



THE NERVE-RACKING MATHS CHALLENGE

'Why do we have to do this?' was a call to arms often heard on Thursday morning.

For it was the great day at last, where minds would be twisted, imagination stretched, dexterity tested, and dreams of being the next Albert Einstein dashed against the rocks. The Junior Maths Challenge!

The Junior Maths Challenge is set up by the U KMT in association with The University of Leeds, to test maths knowledge. The questions require mathematical know-how, agile thinking and concentration to solve. After the fifteenth question, you start to lose marks for wrong answers.

This academic year we had 70 pupils in total take the three different Mathematical challenges. Well done to all those that were awarded certificates, but a special mention must go to the following pupils who all received Gold certificates...

Thomas Benson & Mrs C Forshaw



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Senior Challenge:

Sabrina Lu (best in School) and Wilfred Leung

Intermediate Challenge:

James Foulkes (best in School) and Eleanor Whittles

Junior Challenge:

Jun Kim, Chris Couch and Hal Jones (best in school)

DRAMA TOUR 2007

Resplendent in eye-catching purple shirts, the Rendcomb Luvvies intrepidly ventured forth on this year's Drama Tour: three days in London absorbing the smell of the greasepaint, three days of weeping and melodrama and above all, three days of excessive Luvvieness.

The train from Kemble deposited us in central London and off to the hotel on the Strand; first show, 'STOMP' or '900 ways to get a noise out of a dustbin'. The students seemed to enjoy it but I was left to ponder what the Bard would have made of it. Lots of pizzas and assorted e-numbers were consumed and shopping in Covent Garden seemed rather alluring to all. Second day: two workshops: one on a song from 'Les Mis' the other involving stage-fighting; very scary as the students learnt how to beat the hell out of each other 'metaphorically' and how to collapse in a convincing heap! 'Les Mis' in the evening and James Hill and Tom Wise chasing down the star of the show for a hug afterwards; very worrying!

Final day, 'theatre-hunt' and street theatre; 'Stomp' style, the London Dungeons and finally 'Spamalot'; as silly as the title might suggest.

Return to Kemble, tired and emotional; the end of another glorious 'Drama Tour'!

Well done, as ever, to the students for getting in the spirit of it all and of course to Mrs Dodd for running the show as a military operation.

Mr P Jennings

INTERNET SAFETY SESSION

On the 19th April



Childnet visited the College to talk about the risks of the internet.

As the majority of us regularly use MSN Messenger, search engines or our own Myspace / Bebo account, we were surprised to learn how much we were putting ourselves at risk.

After an interesting talk on how to stay safe, we were split into small groups and given a scenario to role play.

The performances were extremely entertaining, and proved to be very helpful knowing how to deal with certain situations.

We all greatly benefited from the visit and will now all definitely surf safely.

By Ruby Stone



General Hobbins with Katie Fieldy, Aimee Schofield and Joe Scott

FIVE STAR US GENERAL VISITS RENDCOMB COLLEGE

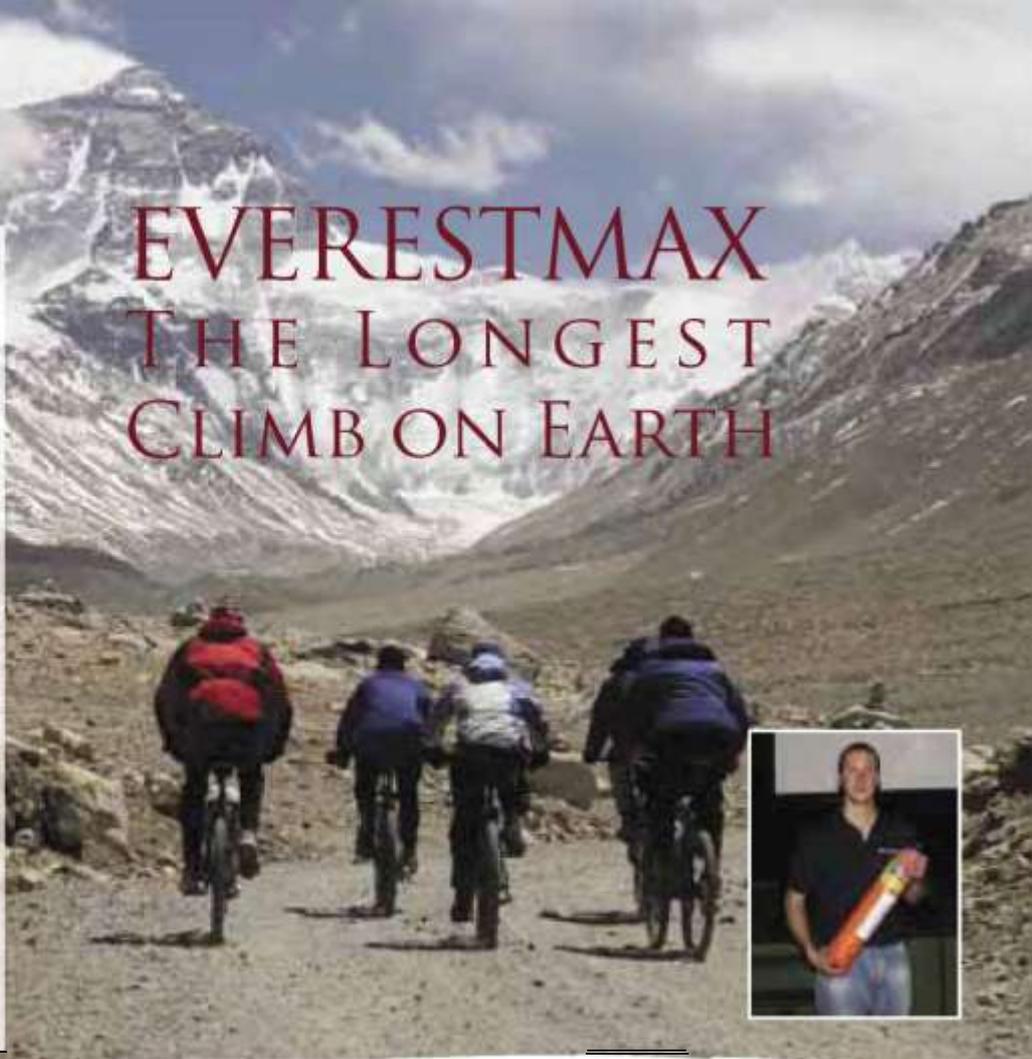
General Tom Hobbins, Commander United States Air Forces in Europe visited Rendcomb to see at first hand the school that many of the children of personnel stationed at RAF Fairford will be joining. Following a tour of the school and discussion about the issues involving attending US students, General Hobbins "coined" the 3 student guides as a token of appreciation. "Coining" is a military tradition dating back to WWI and is considered a great honour.

EVERESTMAX THE LONGEST CLIMB ON EARTH

Jamie Rouan came to talk to students at Rendcomb College about his personal experiences as a member of the Everestmax expedition, the first team to complete the longest climb on earth from the shores of the Dead Sea to the summit of Everest.

The journey from the lowest point on Earth to the highest was the last great overland challenge on the Earth's surface covering a distance of about 5,000 miles. His story of the trials and tribulations of his journey was absolutely fascinating and pupils were really eager to question him about his experiences.

Jamie worked at Rendcomb during his University holidays to save the money to enable him to undertake this expedition.



A DAY WITH THE ARMY RECRUITMENT TEAM



The army is not something commonly associated with a group of 15 year old school girls, but this term, the 4th form broke this stereotype when they travelled to the Severn Bridge to spend a day with the Army Recruitment team.

The 4th form boys had attended a similar course earlier in the year. There was moaning and groaning on our long journey, as rolling around in mud on such a miserable day was not exactly appealing to anyone. Nobody really knew what to expect and we were not exactly enthusiastic.

That all changed when our group were shown the camouflage outfits that we would be wearing for "the patrol" and machine guns (there were a few disheartened faces when we discovered they were fake). We spent time hiding in bushes (aided with some camouflage paint and twigs) leaping out at each other, capturing the weakest people and having so much fun.

We thought the day could not get much better, until we were taught how to make grown men cry, fix bridges blown apart by enemy bombs and work as a team. The day ended with tug-of-war, where a group of Rendcomb girls proved themselves to be the strongest, even against the soldiers. It was a great day. We learnt so much and had loads of fun, so much so that we want to do the week long course also offered. Thank you Miss Harries for organising it!

4th Form Girls

GERMAN EXCHANGE

VISIT NOVEMBER '07

The week after October half term the GCSE German students played host to their German exchange partners whom they had visited last Easter in Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, south of Bonn.

The German students stayed for a week in which they encountered many aspects of British life. They took part in various activities at Rendcomb, including scone-baking, cricket, lacrosse and clay pigeon shooting. Some 4th form girls (including ourselves) planned a trip to London at the weekend. The German students thoroughly enjoyed the London Eye, a walk around Harrods and they even saw the guards outside Buckingham Palace play the James Bond theme tune. Their stay coincided with the annual Rendcomb bonfire night, where the sky was fantastically lit up with hundreds of fireworks, whilst we all munched on numerous hotdogs. This was a totally new experience for the German students because Bonfire night is not celebrated in Germany.

We all had a really good time. It was a shame it could not have lasted longer. Next Easter the 3rd and 4th form German students hope to visit their school again in Germany and they will be back to visit us again this autumn.

By Amy Bladon and Jenny Sweeting



STRATFORD PILGRIMAGE

The English Department made its annual pilgrimage to Stratford with the third form.

Fascinating biographical and historical information was duly noted down by the enthusiastic students as they researched for their brilliant projects. We learnt how Shakespeare's father made the gloves he sold so soft (not, pleasant, ask a third former!) and we learnt where the phrase 'sleep tight' comes from. We visited the church of the Holy Trinity, where Shakespeare is buried and we strolled along the banks of the Avon.

Another tremendous day, with immaculately behaved students and sunshine as well! Long live the Bard!

Mr P Jennings



Visit to
Central
American
High
School at
Daws Hill
Airbase



FIVE GO SKIING... WITH 32 RENDCOMB PUPILS

This years' Ski Trip, organised by Mr Stutchbury,
once again went to Zweisimmen, Switzerland.



GEOGRAPHY 2006-2007... WHAT HAVE THE STUDENTS BEEN DOING?

This year Rendcomb students have studied a vast range of geographical topics, from glaciation in upper 6th, to the inequality of unfair trade at a global scale in 3rd form, to the

Here is an insight into the geographical phenomena experienced by each year group in the classroom, locally within Rendcomb College and on geography trips further a field...

Form 1



Cheddar Gorge

From Mr Brealy's classroom to the caves at Cheddar Gorge, the 1st form experienced limestone features first-hand as well as Cheddar cheese made in Cheddar

Weathering processes

Mr Brealy taught physical geography concepts to 1st form around the College grounds... 'Geography is all around us! '...

Microclimate Study

2nd form students enquired into the varying wind speeds, wind directions and temperatures that exist around the College grounds...



Dorset Coast

From Miss Franklin's classroom to the Dorset Coast the 2nd form exhaled at the amazing coastal landforms of Old Harry and Lulworth Cove...

Form 2



Form 3



Fair Trade Week... Change Today... Choose Fairtrade!

All 3rd form students were dedicated and involved in preparing materials and promoting Fair Trade at Rendcomb College between 5th - 9th March... well done!

Form 4

GCSE Fieldwork

From urban geography in Cirencester to fluvial processes on the River Churn to slope processes on Leckhampton Hill in Cheltenham.

The 4th form got stuck into their fieldwork for their GCSE coursework...



Form 5



Studying for Geography GCSE...

Hard work, but enjoyment and fun were all evident in the Geography Department as the 5th form prepared themselves for their exams... well done!

Form 6B

Pembrokeshire Coast Fieldtrip

What a trip... 5 days, 4 nights, 11 AS students, Miss Franklin and Mr Cairns driving the minibus. The students were oozing with physical geography 24 hours a day... and they still wanted to stay longer and to study more...



Cardiff Bay & Cheltenham Fieldtrips

... so Mr Brealy took 6B students to see some human geography in action in Cardiff and Cheltenham!



Snowdonia

Form 6A

The Famous Geographical Five embarked on a residential trip to study glacial landforms in Snowdonia with King's Gloucester in preparation for their A2 physical examination.



SCIENCE

Rendcomb pupils reach for the stars....!

Pupils were taken on a voyage of discovery when the Space Odyssey Planetarium visited the school. Using a state of the art inflatable dome and with the very latest multi-media technology, the show is dedicated to inspiring children of all ages with a life-long love of astronomy and science. Simon Ould, the presenter, took pupils from both the Junior School and the Senior School on a warp speed ride through the galaxy. Head of Science, Mr Carlo Vuolo said "The children were spellbound during their time in the dome and will certainly take a greater interest in looking at the sky at night".



IT'S NOW FUN

...the sixth form visited the Pitts Rivers Natural History Museum where Phil Ellis had a close encounter with a snow leopard



FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE



Mrs Gibson, Head of Chemistry, took the 1st Year pupils to the ChemLabS Polymer Workshop at the Cheltenham Festival of Science. Of particular interest was the multi-coloured slime!

TELESCOPE

The Parent's Association at the College purchased an astronomical telescope for use in the science department and pupils recently enjoyed using it to look at the spectacular lunar eclipse. The telescope has been appropriately named the Neil Harvard Telescope. Neil, a keen astronomer leaves the Physics Department this year.



BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO SNOWDONIA

6A went on a snowy field trip to Snowdonia where Ben Crane spent some time talking to a tree whilst Jade and Charlotte went fishing in the river!



Ben talking to a tree?



SHOOTING

TOP THREE POSITION FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS



The Rendcomb College Shooting Squad have again punched above their weight at the 2007 British Schools' Shooting Championships.

Rendcomb entered an A & B team consisting of pupils from the 4th to 6th form. Both teams shot superbly and as ever Rendcomb ranked highly overall. In the A team were Charlie Stutchbury, Richard Pass, Matthew and Alex Hook myself and Rosie Freeth, who proved herself highly competent in the shoots leading up to the Nationals. Charlie Stutchbury took High Gun on the A course, closely followed by Matt Hook. Captain of the B team, Ben Crane, attained High gun on the B course and the presence of three 4th formers, ensure the Rendcomb squad will remain strong in years to come.

Mr Stutchbury and Charlie took second place in the father/son competition on the A course, losing out on the top spot by one

clay continuing Rendcomb's tremendous record of being placed in the top three positions for the past six years.

George Finlay, Matt Hook, Ben Crane and myself have represented the College since 2002 and would like to thank Mr Stutchbury for making it possible for us to shoot at Rendcomb. I personally hope shooting will continue for many years to come.

Max Webb-Dickin 6A - Captain 'A' Team 2005-7

Max has been an inspirational captain for the last 3 years, always coaching new youngsters and encouraging more pupils to shoot. Both shooting teams thank him for his contribution. It is a shame he never quite got High Gun (as Ben did this year!).

Ben Crane - Captain 'B' Team 2007

Charity Clay Shoot

Mr Stutchbury also organized a Charity Clay Shoot to raise funds for Children with Leukaemia. The event was well supported by parents and pupils and over £200 was raised for the charity.



GOLF

Once again teams were entered for the Gloucestershire Schools' Golf Championship and the British Heart Foundation Junior Golf Championship in which the team of Alex Holden, Phil Ellis and Toby Harris reached the regional final. Achieving 5th position out of 28 teams, they just failed to qualify for the national final at the Belfry! With thanks also to Ben Crane for brightening up everyone's day at Tewkesbury Park!





THE MAHARAJA'S BALL

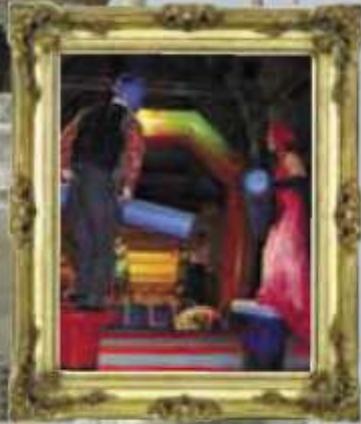
In Book IV of the Encyclopaedic Book of Knowledge, we are told that Shah Jehan built the Taj Mahal of white marble for his favourite wife Mumtaz Mahal, after she described it in a dream.

We are told that the architect, having been drugged by a travelling mystic, worked day and night until he had planned every stone and facing. And then collapsed. On the sunny afternoon of the 17th of March various representatives of the Sixth Form Ball committee, under the influence of nothing but their own fervour, set out to decorate our beloved Victorian edifice in a manner determined by a dream. Ten chaired and minuted dreams, to be precise,

at regular intervals previous to the day. They worked tirelessly with broom and ladder; imitation flower and exotic ornament, their only solace the grandeur of that which they had been tasked to create. And then collapsed.

At about half past seven that evening, the Ball began. Had Mumtaz Mahal died that very afternoon, no tomb in this hemisphere would be as fitting as the transformed College. Ten foot high banners billowed in a convenient wind. The entrance hall was a twilight of tea-lights. A floral Head of English distributed the 141 sold tickets to their owners. Double doors proudly ajar, Saul's Hall was a pavilion, peopled with philosophers who sat on myriad fringed cushions and partook of marshmallows. Saul himself sat enthroned amid offerings and swathes of cloth, holding his own as

an idolatrous shrine despite his mere two arms. A red carpet through to Clock Hall, scattered with rose petals, comforted the feet of those for whom shoes were somehow 'cheating'. Drinks were served. The stairs were given over to plant and tiger, one furry, the other green. Just as Shah Jehan, imprisoned by his warring sons in his dotage, could only stare wistfully through a window at his beloved Taj, so those of us too young to buy drinks eyed the bar. Had we turned around, of course, we would have been confronted by a full-wall depiction of the white monument itself on an authentic painted canvas. In front of this was erected a casino (endowed generously by the Bank of Fun) at which was played vingt-et-un; called that by sophisticates, pontoon by people who want to make it sound like a child's game and blackjack by people who know that there's a cocktail named after it.



As the guests seated themselves for dinner, the evening took on a more British Raj-like atmosphere. After an Anglican grace, the meal began amid the verdant centrepieces and bone china; tentatively for some, out of concern for their costume deposits. Preceded by starters, assorted, the chicken was tender, the rice white and snowy and the vegetable curry elegantly spiced. Dessert was a jungle's-worth of fruit salad, in a bowl. Wine and beer flowed like the Indus. The food was kept beautifully simple, deeply satisfying and, best of all, on the plate. Prizes for costumes had been promised and, it could be said, deservedly won.

A disco ensued.

The Dulverton was devoted, also, to entertainment. One possible criticism of the evening could be found in what was

billed as "The Bouncy Taj Mahal". While its success was unqualified, any Indian architectural historian worth his tamarind would recognise, to his horror, not the fluted minarets and marble domes of the Taj, but the ramparts and matriculations of a fifteenth century European castle. The anachronism was compounded by the fact that, rather than igneous granite, the castle was yellow. And red. A criminal piece of false advertising, as anyone would agree.

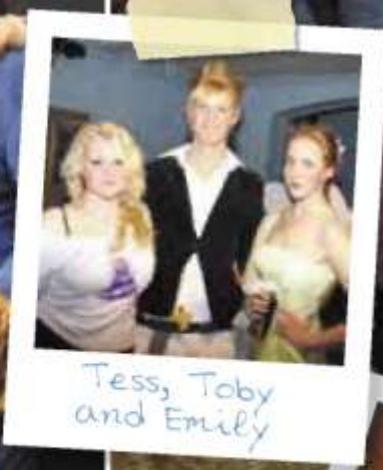
Derived, no doubt, from an ancient Mogul training drill, patrons of a second inflatable were required to knock one another off plastic pedestals with foam bars. Not since the 1800's were such fierce duals fought on Rendcomb soil. To put it still more enigmatically: cranes are used in construction; also demolition.

However it is reported, no account of this event could fail to appreciate the enormous effort put into its organisation, presentation and overarching success. We are particularly indebted to Mr. Marsden and the ball committee for their creative and executive zeal and ability, to the Art

Department (Mrs. Blackwell, Ms Roffe and Ms. Hockley), to the Parents' Association for ensuring we did not want for funds and, perhaps most of all, Mr. Naylor and his staff for a superb meal and service. Portraits, photographs and daguerreotypes, expertly composed and exposed by Mr. Min Lee (among others), will be made available to those who want them.

Harry Frost

THEMED EVENTS



Tess, Toby and Emily

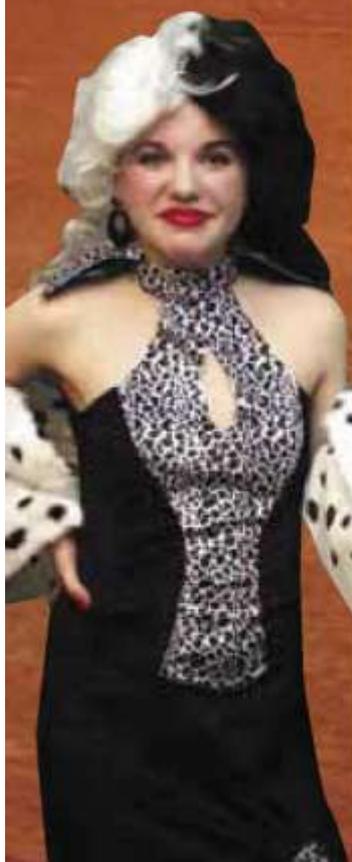


Laurie Wilcox

The Sixth form club, situated in the Green room under main college, is usually a calm atmospheric place where the sixth form can relax, play pool, listen to music and take advantage of a break from the pressures of school work and sixth form life.

This calm is sometimes shattered when various artisans in the sixth form let their imagination have full flight with themes such as "Disney", "Down on the Farm" and a Burns Night, with the rare annual appearance of the lesser spotted haggist! The opportunity to dress up in fantastical outfits is embraced by most members of the Sixth Form, and all have been great fun, although Toby Harris immersing his whole head in a bucket of water and nearly drowning whilst apple bobbing, was a particular highlight for some.

The Bar Committee responsible for cleaning up have also made a note not to use numerous straw bales for future events! Thanks in particular to Richard Whittles, who has been a regular visitor to the party shop in Cirencester throughout the year.



Buddy BBQ

The First Form and 6th Form Buddies met up for a BBQ at the Headmaster's house and the entertainment included sketches and dancing.



DAVID BAKER

David Baker joins us as Deputy Headmaster, with his family, from Sutton Valence School where he was Head of Mathematics for the past six years.



He was also Housemaster of one of the boys' boarding houses and Head of Boarding for the last four years. During his time in these positions he developed the IT in teaching mathematics and purpose built accommodation, which according to his previous Headmaster included the largest Mathematics Office in the world!

On the boarding side he saw the school through a CSCI inspection and helped implement many of the recommendations. The particular focus was in ensuring the appropriate paperwork was in place and developing a more coordinated extracurricular programme for the boarders.

Outside the classroom he was heavily involved in the boys sport running the 2nd teams in both rugby and cricket.

If this was not enough he was a county rugby referee, although boarding commitments did prevent him from refereeing as often as he would have liked.

Prior to Sutton Valence he spent three years as Head of Mathematics at Seaford College, where again he oversaw the department move into new accommodation. Before this he spent twelve years at Dauntsey's School. During this time he worked in the Junior Boarding House and then, with his wife Penny, in the senior Girls Boarding House. He also ran the cricket at Dauntsey's for nine years and organised the first major tour to another continent. For the last three years there he was Housemaster of a senior boys day house.

With this wealth of experience he should bring a different perspective to Rendcomb and will, no doubt, help to ensure that the College continues to thrive.



David, Penny with his daughters Frances and Sally and Barney the dog



GOING, GO7NG GONE...

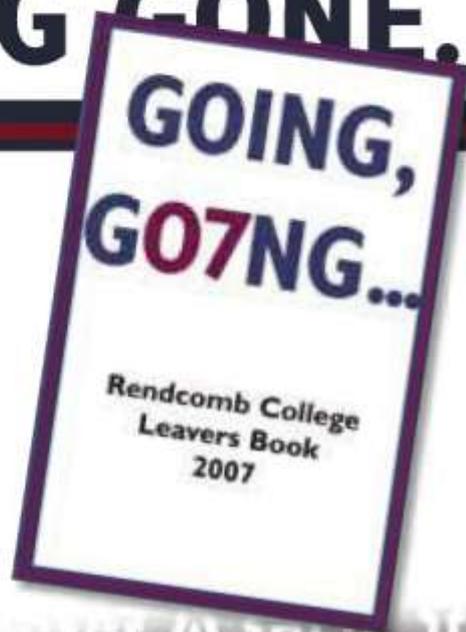
LEAVERS' SERVICE

The traditional leavers' service is held in the parish church and is attended by pupils, staff and parents.

This year's address was given by the Headmaster who spoke of the three ages of Rendcomb; The Age of Innocence - which roughly follows your journey from 1st to 3rd year; The Age of Stroppiness: 4th and 5th form; The Coming of Age - the sixth form. He concluded by thanking the parents "for entrusting your children to us, for the support you have given us and the sacrifices you have made to send your children here", and the pupils "for enriching our lives, in the classroom, on the sports field, on the stage, in the houses and yes - even in the sixth form bar. You are a remarkably strong year group and we hope that you will come back and visit us - not too soon however - and let us know how the next stage of your journey works out".

And as a final piece of advice quoted the well known comedian and philosopher John Cleese,

"Don't let passing your exams interfere with your education".



CHARLIE





LEAVERS' DINNER

“The Anglo Saxon Chronicle” represents 660 years of Anglo Germanic history, but it has taken just seven years for 6A leavers to reach this point”

This was the start of Harry Frost’s address at the Leavers’ Dinner and he continued to entertain the guests with his extensive knowledge of ancient history, weaving stories about his memories of friends in his year group into a tapestry of historical figures from long ago. One such character was Raegnald, who won the city of York in 923 after a two year siege where, unlike Matthew Hook, it never occurred to him to simply ask “Open the Doors”. He finished by quoting General Carton de Wiart, who when addressing a French soldier caught stealing tinned bacon in the Norwegian Campaign proclaimed “Take it now, for it shall not come again” Well, we have, and it won’t. But, finally I’d like to say that, after seven years, we are our founder’s dream and if there is anything in the world to be proud of, it’s that”

Bobby Morgan, leaving after 17 years as Deputy Headmaster, replied to this speech with an equal amount of wit and repartee for which he received a standing ovation and a tasteful yellow Leavers’ sweatshirt!



Pimms Party at Headmaster's House prior to leavers' dinner

FUN AND GAMES IN THE AFTERNOON





Like sister and brother we wave to each other

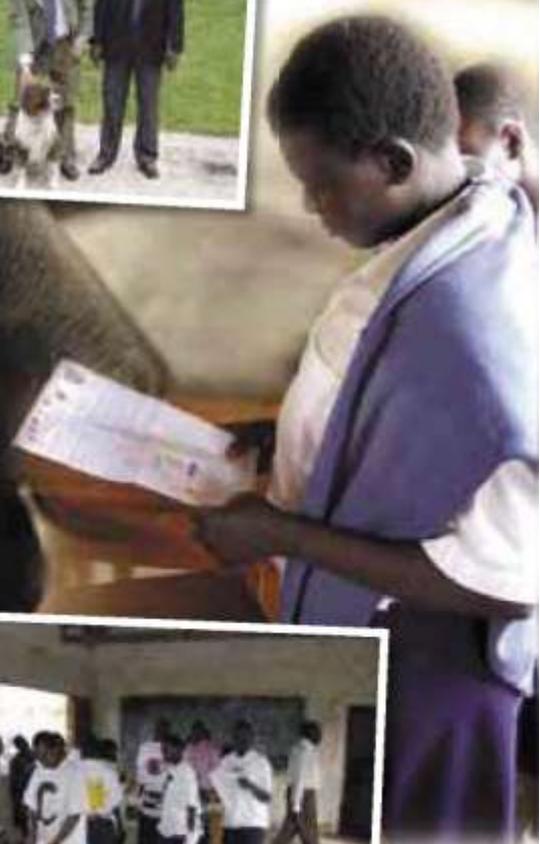
T-shirts are universal carriers of messages

So...we, in the Art Department, decided to make contact with pupils at Lords Meade College through a message of greeting printed onto a 50 person line-up of t-shirts, each one having been designed individually and sent with an accompanying letter and photo of the maker.

The LMVC students took a lucky dip and then responded with their own message (in Lugandan), designs and letters to send back to the Rendcomb pupils. A lot of fun was had, the Rendcomb t-shirts were hugely appreciated in Uganda and a vital link was made.

Maybe, who knows, some of those 3rd form pupils could be the first Rendcombians to visit our sister school in 2009. Meanwhile, I hope that some pen friendships can get going, and that these teenagers from two such different parts of the world will get to know a little more about each other.

Mrs S Blackwell



RIDING



Rory Gilling
on Mr Pink.



Georgie Freeth on
Ready to Rumble

Polo is now firmly established as a popular activity each week at Inglesham Polo Club and combines horsemanship, ball skills, spatial awareness and the ability to play as a team.

Polo is a game that appeals to horsey, sporty all-rounders, both boys and girls, and overnight, a riveting collection of new terms entered our vocabulary: chukkas, divots, hooking a stick and riding off! Mike Hobday, a leading figure in the world of polo, came along and demonstrated how to play polo without horses. To the bemusement of onlookers, a group of pupils swung shortened polo sticks with gay abandon on the estate garden. Thanks must go to Mrs Elly Salter who has encouraged and supported me in the venture. Before long we hope to have a Rendcomb polo team up and running.

A large group of riders also have lessons at Talland School of Equitation, now established in brand new facilities, and on Sunday 1st July we took part in a small dressage and show jumping competition against pupils from Farmers School and Cheltenham Ladies College, in what at times was unseasonal torrential rain. Despite this, we delighted to receive rosettes for achieving both first and second place.

Individual riders continue to excel in the sport outside school and particular mention must be made of Sinead Brennan and her horse Kings Vanguard, who now compete at Intermediate level. Rory Gilling also continues to represent the school on his horse Mr Pink, seen in action here at Stonar Junior One Day Event, where he was 9th in his section. Olivia Holder in the 1st Form, also made her debut appearance for the school at Stonar One Day Event Championships on Hoagey Moses, achieving the best dressage score of the day in her section. Fourth year pupil Georgie Freeth, was successful in reaching the national qualifier in The UK Riders "Ride and Relax" Challenge on her horse Ready to Rumble.



Olivia Holder on
Hoagey Moses



1st XV

There were no easy games this season - most were hard fought and took the team to its limits - the outstanding team performances of the season were a four point victory over Sir Thomas Rich's and a convincing win over Rougemont.

With the departure of some highly experienced players from last year's team, this was always going to be a difficult and challenging season. With the squad consisting of a group of fifth formers, who made the challenging transition from U15 to 1st XV, one that takes real character and courage - Alex Tennant-Bell was outstanding in this respect but well done to all who participated.

The squad also consisted of a core of 6B players -outstanding amongst them were Phil Ellis, Luke Lester-Powell and Richard Collins. Special mention must be made of Jonny Barks who leaves Rendcomb for Australia - he has made an outstanding contribution to Rendcomb sport over the years, we will miss him and we wish him well.

Finally, our 6A team members Richard Whittles, Ben Crane and Toby Harris who all stepped up and played their part - as did Harry Frost until injury cut short his season. Leadership was provided by captain Max Webb-Dickin and vice-captain Alex Holden, both playing in their third season of 1st XV rugby.

They might think that this season has been their least successful but I do not believe



this - it is easy to lead a side when success is coming easily but much harder when you have to play to your limits in every match. There were no easy victories this season - but, week in week out, win or lose, these two, supported by the senior players, provided outstanding leadership, leading by example with absolute commitment to the cause - I thank them both for their support this season.

Mr M Slark



2nd XV

This was a very positive season for the 2nd XV with much good rugby played resulting in 2 wins and 2 draws. The set pieces of the line out and scrum were solid and well executed and tackling was of a much superior nature than in recent seasons. When the ball was moved quickly wide we were dangerous with the backs always threatening to score tries, although at times we did lack players with the innate requirements in the key positions of 9, 10 and 12

Well done to Randal Pakeman for all his work in running the team, results were gained by a team effort, not by relying on one or two outstanding players and well done to everyone who took part.

Mr H Marsden

U15 XV

A season which started with so much promise, finished with disappointment. Eleven matches played but only one victory. The bare statistics do not tell the whole story and several matches were closely fought.

The true story of the season is one of courage, commitment and determination on the field, undermined by a lack of consistency and discipline. The team showed their best in the final two games and it is these games the players should remember when they move on to senior rugby next year. A defeat by one point against Kingham Hill and a valiant effort against King's Gloucester, produced the most exciting rugby played all season.

On a positive note a number of players deserve mention for their performances on the pitch. Consistent kicking from hand and for goal has been the key feature of Ieuan Clement's game. We saw strong running from Sam Rahman, Chris Harrington and Philip Elsen, crunching tackles from Ed Thomason, Rory Gilling, Sean Ellis and Joe Johnson. Solid scrummaging from the front row of Will Trim, Tom Claxton and Will Humphrey-Gaskin and the counter-attacking of full back James Brittain.

These players will make a great contribution to senior rugby, indeed the success and survival of rugby at Rendcomb depends greatly on them.

Ed Thomason





U14XV

This was a winning season for the U14's. What the side lacked in terms of size and bulk, they more than made up for with skill and enthusiasm. Throughout the season we saw the handling skills develop and many excellent team tries scored as a result. This, supported by some excellent place kicking, gave us large scores in some of the games. The only time we really came under pressure was when faced by physically bigger and stronger teams who generally ground out results, rather than playing exciting rugby.

The front row of Tristram Ireland, Harvey Rich and Tom Pearson were excellent in the scrum and could often dominate bigger players. Ben Hodder and Oliver Brady were a solid second row and Henry Brittain, James Brogden and Declan Mulhall were dynamic in loose play with some strong first up tackles and excellent distribution.



The backs were all skilful runners. Tom Dally and Michael Crickmore were an effective hinge distributing the ball well from all phases. James Bell and Alex Bishop, our two most dynamic runners, scored the vast majority of the tries and Alex Newman was rock solid at full back. They were ably supported on the wings by Zento Takahashi and Masaki Nishi who quickly learnt the basics of the game and contributed well. Masaki also proved an able back up prop when needed! Michael Crickmore and James Bell shared the place kicking duties and both had a very good success rate.

No team can do without capable substitutes and Sam Dally, Matt Hook, Tom Molloy and Musa Dura all helped out on occasions.

Mr N Ferreira & Mr M Ford



U13A XV

This has been a very tough season, but the squad has learned a great deal from the experiences and, with 12 out of the 19 man squad being in the First Form this has certainly been a 'building' year in many respects.

Henry Frowen was the consummate captain, showing great determination and very good technique at Number 8. ON Greenaway was certainly been one of the most improved players over the season offering so much in terms of good lineout ball and scything runs from the rucks. Chris Couch has developed into a tenacious flanker who supported the three-quarters very well. Charlie Round has been a very influential flanker.

In the backs Hal Jones has been a colossus, combining great pace with strength; Despite injuries, Shaun Overthrow showed a rapid rise in his determination to tackle at full back and finally, Miles Metcalfe proved himself to be a utility forward from the subs bench.



All the performances from the First Formers were immense - more to hear from them after next season, which will no doubt prove to be a very positive one.

Thanks must go to every member of the squad for showing great grit and determination against some very big teams and it was a testimony that, in the great Rendcomb tradition, their heads

Mr A Brealy & Mr P Jennings



U13B XV

This term the 'Killer Bs' have had several fixtures. The weather was our ally, and it stopped raining every time we headed up to the pitch.

The B's have had a strong side, with Thomas Benson leading from hooker with two solid and sturdy props in Ben Wong and Jack Mason. Max Harrop governed the backs skilfully at fly half and Elliott Finn stood firm as No. 8.

They had a rocky start, with a 34-0 loss. It became clear that there was room for improvement and from this point everyone threw themselves into the fray. Even Alistair Sinfield, or 'Mighty Mouse', the tiniest rugby player in the team, brought several boys to their knees. In fact, he was soon given to the A's. With skills honed to a greater degree, they set off for their next match. Jack Pethick, who was stung by a wasp before the first match, was ready to take the kick-offs, and Josh Thomas to do the penalties. They had a challenging struggle against Cheltenham College, with some changes to the team. Ben Wong also left us for the A Squad, bringing Will Foulkes to prop instead. The B's have shown a promising start to Rendcomb rugby.

GIRLS' HOCKEY



1st XI

The 1st XI have played ten matches this term, winning four, drawing two and losing four. Not a bad season, especially combined with the hugely successful tour to Barbados in the summer holidays, but with a little more luck it could have been a very good one. Goals proved a little elusive at vital times despite the number of chances created, but overall the team played some excellent hockey and competed hard in every match. Wins were recorded over Pangbourne, Bristol Cathedral School, Tudor Hall and most satisfyingly in the final match, Wycliffe College, the last one a superb, gutsy performance in a very tough, physical match.

All of the team had their moments and where we had looked weak initially in defence, having lost key players from last year, the individuals played better and better as a unit and marking and tackling improved. In central defence or midfield Aimeé Schofield had an outstanding season and behind her Tessa Couch kept goal very effectively, helped by some expert individual coaching



from Miss Ferebee. Kirki Matthew won the award for best player of the year with her talented contribution, again in defence or midfield, while up front Katy Ruddy when on song was a devastating attacker. Rachel Watson and Sophie Humphries skilfully fulfilled their promise of previous years and Katy Schofield came into the side for four matches when not required elsewhere and performed remarkably well though still only a third-former. At the heart of most



of Rendcomb's 1st XI hockey for the last three years has been Carra Williams and once again, this year as captain, she has been immense in all aspects of the game. There was a brief spell when the goalscoring touch seemed to have deserted her but it was firmly back in place for the successful run at the end of the season. I am extremely grateful for all that she has done for Rendcomb's hockey throughout her time here.

Mr H Morgan

2nd XI

The statistics do not reflect how the girls actually played and they grew in stature and matured beyond recognition throughout the season. The majority of the games were lost in the dying minutes and this not only brought on frustration but it made them even more determined to try harder and give 100% in all practices and matches.

The most noticeable achievements were from Captain, Sophie Arkle. Sophie grew in confidence with every game and was an extremely good captain both on and off the field. Other players deserving mention are Elena Zodiates for her sheer determination and terrier-like defending, ably backed up by Rudi McKay. Rosie Freeth played extremely well in all matches

Megan Dally showed great versatility playing virtually every position on the field, and April Edwards and Beth Sampson displayed great attacking skills. Ellie Whittles was an outstanding goalkeeper whose impressive skills saved many a goal. This team was a joy to coach

Mrs K Hughes

U15 XI

This was predicted to be a tough season following on from the drought of wins in the last two seasons, yet this U15 side was prepared to go off script and were rewarded with a winning season, losing just two of their matches!

The first win came in the first attempt with a close yet critical victory over St Mary's Caine on a rather interesting grass pitch. The theme was now set for this side to believe they can produce very competitive hockey and beat sides with both skill and gritty determination. After this came a draw against Kings Gloucester and a loss at Bloxham against a very skillful and effective team. At this point the team lifted the level of play to greater heights, winning 4 more matches including a 5 - 0 victory against CLC! So what of the players? Natasha Heffron in goal has grown to become most effective, so well supported by Sophie Griffiths, Alice Hackett, Laura Graham, Jenny Sweeting, Tallulah Dyer and the newcomer to the game Ruby Stone, who all gelled to form a first class defence. In midfield, the big guns of Captain Rosie Barks and Hannah Richards really played the key role of link, with skill and effective play a key element in the team's success. The forwards of Emily Tennant- Bell,



Sophie Southerden, Charlotte Jones and Emily Jones were prepared to chase down any ball and frighten the opposition! Thanks must also go to the wonderful trio of Georgina Freeth, Imogen Melborn-Hubbard and Katy Schofield for their contributions towards this excellent season.

Mr J Stutchbury

U14 XI

The under 14's had an outstanding season. Their determination on the pitch led to some great wins against Pangbourne, St. Edwards, Kings Gloucester and Bloxham. A special mention must go to Katy Schofield for gaining County Honours and for helping East Glos Hockey Club win the National Tournament. Also to Charlotte Clements for being such a reliable Goalkeeper, especially in the Pangbourne match. This team can only go from strength to strength so roll up season 2007.

Miss S Bell



U13 XI

We always look forward to the start of the Winter Term because we love the hockey season. Many of us have played together for several years now and we really gel as a team. Our hockey coach, Miss Pausewang, invented a new system which helped us to score more goals. This new tactic along with our never failing enthusiasm meant that we won many of our matches. Our defence, with Charlotte Stedman in goal assisted by Milly Williams, Kat Daly, Ella Roach and Harmony Andrews, deflected many a ball which was soon sent up forward by Holly Phelps, Tara Elsen and Vicky Walker. This left it to Megan Mulhall, Miriam Barks and Andrea Haas to convert this team effort into as many winning goals as possible. We had a good season and look forward to matching or improving on this year's achievements next season.

Andrea Haas

U12 XI

This was the first time many of the Under 12's had played Hockey. Despite this, their enthusiasm to learn new skills was outstanding and by the end of term they had progressed enormously. I look forward to this developing further next year. Congratulations Girls-you were a pleasure to coach.

Miss S Bell



1st XI girls in action



Miriam Barks and Andrea Haas



very effectively by Harley Phelps (when he wasn't abducted by the 1sts!). The midfield (Ross Sampson, Richard Whittles, Mark Richardson - also on loan from the 1sts and Charlie Stutchbury) grew a great deal in confidence and they helped set up a multitude of chances which were taken on by a duo consisting of either Dominic Stevens, Harry Homan-Green or, back permitting, Tom Wise.

Mention must also be made of Alex Humphrey-Gaskin, Richard Ashton and Joe Scott who spent the season see-sawing between the 1sts and 2nds - the side certainly gained a great deal when he took to the pitch.

Overall, a passionate and hard-fought campaign and my thanks go to Harley and Henry for captaining as well as to Mr Ferreira for helping them to gel as a team.

Mr A Brealy

1st XI

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
15	8	2	5	49	34

A winning season for this year's 1st XI team which had a lot of potential, and a breadth of ability with all but three being in the 6th form. Overall, you cannot do anything but have admiration for their commitment and collective ambition - as shown against the Old Rendcombian (8-2), Malvern (5- 1), Abingdon (2-1), St. Edward's (6-0), Pangbourne (1-1) and Pate's (3-3). The loss of Johnny Barkes to Australia after a few fixtures and Basti Gebauer to injury in the first match of the season, led to complex reshuffling of the team's structure.

The foundation for any team comes from the depth of the defence and the back four (made up of Phil Ellis, Paul Taylor, Max Webb-Dickin and Richard Collins) certainly showed great resolve, so often quickly turning defence into attack. The ultimate individual effort came from young Richard Collins, who single-handedly took the ball from his own 25, beat 4 players and scored! The general for the defence is always the man between the posts and Luke Lester-Powell certainly gave a very good account of himself with some excellent reaction saves.

The midfield four of Alex Holden, Andrew Forshaw, Randal Pakeman and Basti Gebauer spread defences and gave very good ball distribution as well as improving marking as the season progressed. Up front saw Toby Harris' pace and Ben Crane's stick work skills combine very effectively to score many goals. Mark Richardson, Harley Phelps and Joe Scott gave the team that flexibility and showed that they could more than cope with this high level of hockey.

My thanks go to Mandy Ferebee who has done so much to bring on the defence in terms of their confidence to move the ball around the back. Returning to Alex Holden: he has captained the squad with authority and led by example in terms of both his work rate and skill level - the 1st XI owes him a huge debt of gratitude for his application, sense of proportion and man- management skills as well. The drag flick is getting there as well!

Mr A Brealy



2nd XI

The 2nds had a good season with highlights including victories away at Pangbourne, against Bournside and Abingdon.

The goal was guarded well by Jonathan Newton or Dominic Stevens. The obdurate defence, consisting of Henry Evans, George Finlay and Charlie Kiggins



3rd XI

A report on Her Majesty's 3rd XI. Ten matches played against everyone from pink-robed Abingdon to spandex-swathed King's Gloucester. Thankfully the Horse Guards restored Steven Brown to his rightful place in our ranks and followed him, helpfully, with Richard Aston, who ran about more than anybody else and should, thus, be very proud. Frequent goal-scorers included, in alphabetical order, Richard Ashton James Beck, Steven Brown, James Hill, Min Lee, Michael Lockhart and Ken Xu. Also Ed Brierley, with his signature one touch volley working impressively nearly every time. Our goalkeeper, Alex Tennant Bell, put himself successfully in front of the ball on innumerable occasions finding it necessary, from time to time, to leap spiritedly on the opposition, causing scenes of carnage in the D. As philosophers, the 3rd's recognise that "hockey" and "a good laugh" are not mutually exclusive. Endless thanks must go to our patiently expert coach, Mr Ferreira and to Mr Brealy for whipping up our opposition. God Save the Queen.

Harry Frost



U15A XI

This has proved to be a season of magnificent improvement by all the players of this talented squad. The season did not start with the best of results with a narrow loss to Kings' Gloucester, yet within the week the team secured the first win against a determined St Edwards side and this set the theme for the winning season. For any team to be successful there needs to be a balanced mix of talent and determination on the field of battle, and Captain Chris Harrington was supported so well by the two Vice Captains, James Brittain and Ieuan Clements who has matured into a very effective Keeper. There were two notable victories over Wycliffe College (5. 0) and Dean Close (3. 0) with a flurry of goals from Tom Geerah and Captain Harrington. The defence of Sean Ellis, Philip Elsen, Ed Thomason and Sam Rahman proved superb in stopping attacking players and they became a major factor in the teams success. The attacking players of Alex Hook, Rory Gilling, Rory Clarke, William Trim and Jack Medus proved a real handful for most of our opposition and the goal tally of 21 reflects this. In conclusion this has evolved into a most successful season with 6 wins, 3 losses, 12 goals against and 21 goals for and I would like to thank all those who played for this fine team, the U15 XI OF 2007.

Mr J Stutchbury



U15B XI

A good term's hockey for the U15B side who achieved a winning season. There have been notable contributions to the side from captain Tom Claxton, goalie Leo Wong (particularly of note were his daredevil runs from the goal line - not always successful!) Alex Jones has been solid on the left wing; as has Jack Medus on the right and Chris Cooke in partnership with Tom Claxton in the centre; strikers Joe Johnson, James

Foulkes and Trehane Taylor have made considerable efforts on the opposition's goal; meanwhile a solid back four of Ali Read, Will Humphrey-Gaskin, Tom Hopes with Will Parker have given many strikers a hard time in the Rendcomb half.

Well done to all those who played, in the team or not, and for the great efforts of many who, week in, week out, pushed themselves to achieve as much as possible from the sessions.

Mr J McKelvey



U14A & B XI

It is a considerable achievement that the school was able to field A and B XIs simultaneously. We were fortunate to have two good goalkeepers in James Bell and Ben Hodder.

For the A team the real workers in the middle of the pitch were Michael Crickmore, who proved to be a competent captain and prolific scorer of goals, Harvey Rich, Tom Dally, who achieved a hat trick against St Edward's, and Tom Margesson. In defence, Matthew Beck was the most solid and mobile but Henry Brittain and James Brogden improved enormously during the season. Tom Pearson and Sam Dally were always resolute in their actions in the circle.



In attack Declan Mulhall was a real terrier and showed real talent down the left, whilst Alex Newman became more and more effective as his stick skills improved. The stalwarts of the B XI, Alex Bishop, Ben Hodder in goal, Ed Slark, Tom Molloy, Masaki Nishi and Tristan Ireland were ably supported by the rest of the third year.

U14A Mr C Wood

U14B Mr D Essenhigh



U13A XI

A tough season in which a very young team - mostly from the First Form, played against boys who were older, bigger and more skilful and who had been playing hockey for much longer. However there were some glimpses of promise for the future; Henry Frowen showed tenacity and the ability to cover the ground in defence and Sean Overthrow, Alex Kentfield, Max Harrop, Will Scott and Edwin Price all showed good skill on the ball in attack. Morale remained reasonably high; as a group they all trained hard in the practices and they never gave up in the matches.

Mr H Morgan



U13B XI

This team has been a delight to coach and they stuck to the task in hand throughout the season. The side's most notable result was the 3-2 victory over King's Gloucester when they showed great resolve. Thanks must go to Tom Benson for captaining the side so well.

U13C XI

The most noticeable thing about the boys that made up Rendcomb College's first ever U13 C Hockey Team is that whatever they have lacked in skills, they certainly made up for in enthusiasm and determination. Until the very last game of the season they remained an unbeaten side - having drawn their other match 1 - 1! This was against Cheltenham College Junior School 5th XI who were indeed evenly matched, with both sides valiantly defending their Ds but rarely able to get close enough to shoot - at least not with accuracy. Ben Wong happened to be in the right place at the right time and our only goal of the season was scored.

Well done to Charlie Round on his captaincy. Most improved player and 'Man of the Match' goes to Miles Metcalfe who will be a really demon keeper one day.

Mr C Brierley

Carra Williams



LACROSSE

1st XII

The high point of this lacrosse season was winning the South West Small Schools Tournament, hosted by Rendcomb. In the National finals we were pleased to achieve 9th position out of 37 schools. Overall the season was very successful, with the team notching up 7 victories, 2 draws, and 9 losses. Particular mention must be made of Carra Williams for her strong attacking playing and commitment to the team and of Aimeé Schofield for her excellent leadership of the defence.

Sophie Arkle, Tessa Couch, Aimeé Schofield, Jazz Barkses and Rachel Watson were all successful in being picked for the U19 Gloucestershire County Squad. Congratulations to Tessa Couch for her selection to trial for the West of England U19 squad and for her selection of School Lacrosse Captain for the next season.

Congratulations to Jazz Barkses for being selected to represent Scotland in the Home Internationals at U19.



2nd XII

This team had a good learning season and continued to improve throughout the term. The record does not reflect the determination and perseverance of the team. Special mention must be made of Sian Clift for stepping up and playing in the goal this year, and also of Helen Chen who played a key role in midfield and Rudi McKay who was the anchor of the defence.

Miss J Pausewang

U15 XII

This team went from strength to strength this season and despite having to play against teams who had already been playing lacrosse for the previous term, they never gave up. Team spirit was paramount in every match and morale was always high. These assets are more valuable than wins on a score sheet.

In combination with the U14 team, members of this team played in a national U15 tournament against some of the best schools in the country.

Special mention must go to Hannah Richards, Emily Jones and Natasha Heffron for excellent play all season and for representing the school at the National Small Schools Finals.

Miss S Bell & Miss C Franklin

U14XII

This team needs to be congratulated on their third winning season with victories in all of their eight games. The biggest accolade were the wins against Cheltenham Ladies College by 6 goals to 5 and Westonbirt by 10-2 and 6. 0. Special mention must be made of Katy Schofield's impressive dominance of the midfield, Beth Timmins as a fearless goalie, Megan Mulhall in

attack and Holly Phelps for her strong role in defence.

Congratulations to Beth Timmins, Katie Schofield and Megan Mulhall for their selection on to the U15 Gloucestershire County Team.

A special mention to Holly Phelps, Andrea Hass, Megan Mulhall for representing the school at the National Small schools Finals.

Mrs K Hughes & Mrs V Hayward



U13 & U12 XII

These teams improved dramatically during the course of the term with more than half the squad picking up a lacrosse stick for the first time in January. Not only have they succeeded on the field, but they have developed a keen awareness and knowledge of the tactics of the game. There were many close contests this year with games being won or lost by just one goal. Special mention must go to Delia Rich for playing brilliantly in the centre position, Milly Williams and Alana Carpenter for being fierce in the goal, Kat Daly for the goal scoring and Tara Elsen for her excellent midfield play.

Miss J Pausewang & Mrs K Hughes



Katy Schofield



Okaalley Mensah



Thanks to
1st XI1 Captain
Jade Harrison



ROUNDERS

1st

This was a very young side with over half of the squad comprising of 5th formers. However, this brought a lot of energy to the team and with ever strengthening skills, the 1st's managed to win every match comfortably. Most improved player must go to the most comically valued member of the team - Sophie Arkle.

Miss S Bell

U15

This term the under 15's have had a tempestuous season, with precipitation taking over most Wednesdays and Saturdays. However, this did not create doom and gloom throughout the 4th form as we worked hard together concentrating on our teamwork and discovering that we could actually play rounders. This was apparent when we played Wycliffe on an afternoon of glorious sunshine and drew.

Miss S Bell



U14

An eventful U14 rounders season The vagaries of the British weather and our amazing reputation with other schools, we only played four matches. However, in those four matches our reputation pulled through and we won three games and lost one. With talented batting from Katy Schofield, Georgina Freeth, and Imogen Meborn-Hubbard many rounders were had. On the other hand, we cannot forget the brilliant fielding from Koake Kumai, Kate Dally, Abigail Whittles as well as Emily Heron. Michelle Andrews has shown vast potential and has adapted well to the new sport since coming from America. It was a pleasure coaching these girls this term and many thanks should go to the parents who have supported them as well as the staff.



U13

The U13 girls have had a cracking summer term in rounders. The girls have been led by team captain, Andrea Haas who was the team bowler. They started off with a victory over Pangbourne College, winning 12-10. A close match throughout, but the girls pushed ahead in the last innings. This fabulous display of enthusiasm, team work and motivation was further shown against King's Gloucester where we won 12-11. What a match... the adrenaline was running high and the team gelled together right to the last, winning rounder. Well done girls. Megan Mulhall must be congratulated for being elected 'player of the match' on four occasions this season, chosen by the opposition teams.

Miss C Franklin

U12

A mixed season of results, but there were some very good individual performances. Olivia Round managed to rise to the "Chocolate Bar Challenge" in the first match and actually scored an impressive 6 Rounders.

The fielding was very much a team effort with some fantastic catches being made. Aaliyah Andrews made an amazing start for someone who had never played, or even seen, the game before! She had very good reactions as the balls came whistling towards her.

Our bowler had a splendid season - until she fractured her arm, that is! - and certainly showed her commitment by practising outside school.

Although I have mentioned a couple of people by name, I do not underestimate the contributions made by the rest of the team. It has been an enjoyable season and I hope the team flourishes next year.



IAN REIDS PROFESSIONAL TENNIS COACH

I am delighted to be asked to coach the players at Rendcomb College and look forward to helping establish the school as strong contenders in the many inter school leagues and matches in the near future.

Having coached players varying in standard from absolute beginners to national standard over many years, and having been excited by the terrific potential and enthusiasm of the players I've met so far, I have every confidence that we will soon meet our objective. As a qualified LTA CCA Performance Coach with a strong playing background I feel confident that it will soon be 'mission accomplished'



1st

The 1st Tennis squad have been a pleasure to coach. Their enthusiasm for the game is admirable and this has given the younger girls something to aspire to. Despite coming 2nd in most of their matches they have always shown great skill and sportsmanship. Well done girls.

U14

This is the first term that the girls have played competitive tennis and I am so very proud of their achievements. The girls have worked extremely hard to learn all the techniques and tactics involved in the game. This determination has enabled them to achieve some great results in some very close fought matches. Well done.

Miss S Bell



TENNIS



U13

On the tennis court there have been some spectacular moments, especially considering this was the first competitive season for the U13 girls. We lost against St Edwards 3 sets to 2. Against CLC Holly Phelps and Delia Rich gained a victory in their second set, winning 6-4, but unfortunately the CLC girls won overall. Megan Mulhall, Andrea Haas and Pippa Mace and Tara Elsen also played well this season.

Well done on a fantastic season girls. You were a pleasure to coach.

Miss C Franklin

WIMBLEDON TRIP 2007

The day of the Wimbledon trip was set. Tuesday 3rd July.

Play had been interrupted due to bad weather since the start of the tournament, but it did not deter us from travelling to SW19 to witness the stars of the game. We were fortunate to get seats on Court no 2 and with the organisers playing catch up, we were bound to see some big names.

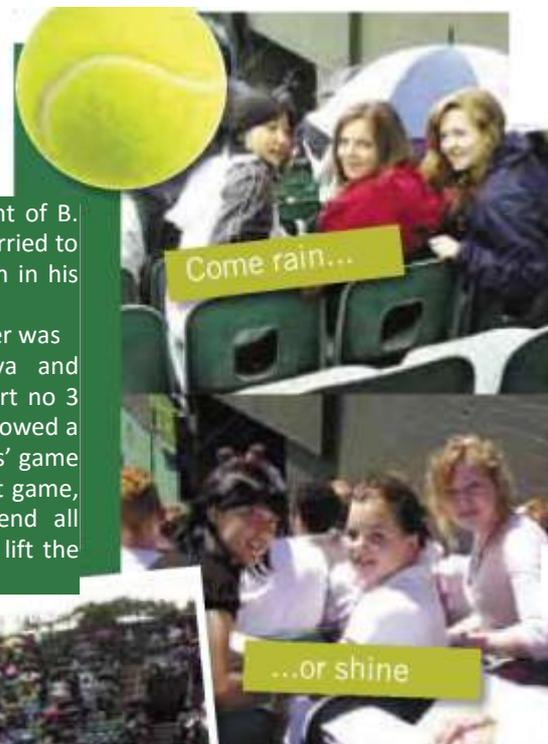
As we took our seats, we were greeted by Martina Navratilova descending from the commentary box, fighting off autograph hunters with as much gusto as she does against opponents still to this day. Inevitably rain halted the Petrova / Ivanovic game at a crucial point in the final set so we found shelter, and a trip to the cafe and gift shop ensued.

We were all very excited by the sight of B. Becker on the board on court 8 so hurried to catch a glimpse of the hero in action in his 40th year.

Alas, a younger and less blonde Becker was playing. We heard that Sharapova and Venus Williams were playing on court no 3 so hurried back to our seats which allowed a good view of this game and the Mens' game between Djokovic and Kiefer. A great game, interrupted again by a storm to end all storms. Not even Cliff Richard could lift the spirits of the crowd after

this occasion, so we headed for the bus, and home.

Miss S Bell



CRICKET



1st XI1
Captain
Toby Harris



1st XI

This season has been a steep learning curve for many of the players in the 1st XI. With only four Upper Sixth players this year, the team was lacking experience and this played to our disadvantage throughout the season. This year was the first coached by Mr Ferreira, and many of the 1st players benefited from his excellent instruction throughout the year. Although the results from the season are not as good as previous years, the improvements from many players were outstanding and the great teamwork that was shown, was a real credit to all that took part in the 1st XI cricket this year. There were some excellent batting performance from Toby Harris who scored a half Century in the match against Deacons and Alex Holden who made 80 against Bristol Cathedral School. Leading bowlers were Paul Taylor, Andy Forshaw and James Beck.

Toby Harris Captain

U15

The current U15 cohort is a very keen and athletic group, positive in their manner and highly competitive in spirit. The season began badly, with two defeats, including a humiliating rout at the hands of a far superior Abingdon team. It is to the great credit of the U15s that this debacle merely strengthened their resolve and they went on to two splendid victories against Cokethorpe and Kingham Hill. To rise from the ashes is a reflection of their depth of character, which we must neither overlook nor underestimate in our more critical moments.

Edward Thomason has skippered the side with wisdom, and excellent tactical awareness. He is also a first class batsman, able to play a wide range of shots, to remain at the crease and to build an innings. The other outstanding all rounder is Christopher Harrington, who has made runs and taken wickets. However, as I have said, the real overall driving force in this year group is their fighting spirit and unwillingness to give up the cause. Philipp Ortner and Kenny Childre had never played cricket before and have learnt so much.

Mr B L North

U14

The season saw good wins against Bristol Cathedral School, Leighton Park and Kingham Hill showing the potential of this team. Good batting from Tom Dally and Alex Newman has been a pleasure to watch and Harvey Rich, Alex Newman, Michael Crickmore and James Bell have shared the main weight of the bowling.

Cricket, more than any other game, is a team game, you need the players in the field who bat number eight, coming in when the day is lost and you need the players who stand in the field and do nothing for an hour until that moment when the catch flies to them and it sticks or it drops, these are the unsung tern players and I thank them for their commitment this term.

Mr P Jennings



A season in which the great English summer had the last word – with nearly every fixture completed in April and May, we thought global warming to be a good thing – but, with scarcely a ball bowled in June and July, we have been forced to reconsider this view



U13A

This was a very young team with 8 players from the 1st form, and three from the 2nd form. We competed very well against schools of equal size but were beaten by the bigger schools selecting all their players from U13 level.

Alex Kentfield was the highest and most consistent run scorer with 164 runs, followed by Will Scott with 127 runs. The U13's captain Shaun Overthrow was the most improved player of the season, making the third highest amount of runs and taking 9 wickets, the second most wickets by an individual. With a tally of 10 wickets, Alex Kentfield was the most successful bowler, with Edwin Price taking third highest amount of wickets. Ben Smith was the most improved bowler, delivering good pace from someone playing cricket for the first time.

I look forward to next year where most of the team will be older and have more confidence. It will be their second year with me and we will start beating the bigger schools which will be great for the boys and Rendcomb College.

Mr N Ferrerira



U13B

Over the course of the season the team have only played three matches, but this is a young side with the majority being eligible to play in this age group again next year.

Skills have been learnt and on occasions shown. We were sadly outclassed by a very good Abingdon side. The two games against King's Gloucester were much better, with some excellent bowling and fielding leading us to the brink of victory. Unfortunately, they were unable to get the runs to clinch the win.

Tristan Stevens and Jolyon Dunn captained the side. Jack Pethick bowled consistently and obtained the best bowling figures. Jun Jung and Troy Caselli were both new to the game, but did well behind the stumps. Luke Witts and Max Harrop bowled well and provide a platform to build on in the future.

Well done to all those who made catches, were selected or made runs with the bat. Your time will come!

Mr H Marsden





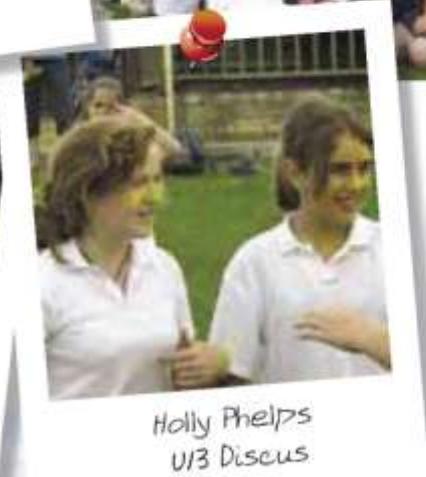
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U12 Relay



Benjamin Smith
U12 300m



Alexander Newman
800 m U14



Holly Phelps
U13 Discus



Joe Johnson
U15 Discus and Shot Putt

Sophie Southerden
U15 400m

Kim Jung
U12 Long Jump

SPORTS DAY

The courageous call was made to go ahead with sports day, despite ominous weather forecasts, by Mr. Vuolo, and what a good decision that was. A great afternoon of athletics was had by all. The result could not have been closer. A draw between Redgrave and Radcliffe.



Finn Brennan
Shot put



Kenny Childre
Discus





Radcliffe
U12/U13 Relay



Alexander Kentfield
800m & High Jump U12



Hal Jones
U13 discus



Chris Harrington
U15 Long & High Jump



Andrea Haas
U13 200m

Imogen Meborn-Hubbard
U14 400m and High Jump

Olivia Round
U12 High Jump

FUNDRAISING

Over £6,400 has been raised this year for charity. Charities supported include Cancer Research, Child in Brazil, Cotswold Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Great Ormond Street Hospital and our sister school, Lords Meade College in Uganda.

Pupils, parents and staff have cycled, baked cakes, performed in musical events, dressed in pink and organised bring and buy sales. We thank them for all their efforts in support of these worthwhile causes.

Mrs L Holden



MR BOBBY MORGAN

DEPUTY HEADMASTER

1990-2007



Bobby Morgan retired this year after 17 years as Deputy Headmaster. Many speeches were made about Bobby which cannot be replicated here, but here are some excerpts: -

Bobby - the Deputy Headmaster

"In his 17 years as Deputy Head, Bobby has been a tower of strength. Bobby has performed this role with skill, discretion and humanity. Calm efficiency was the hallmark of all he did".
Martin Graham Head of History

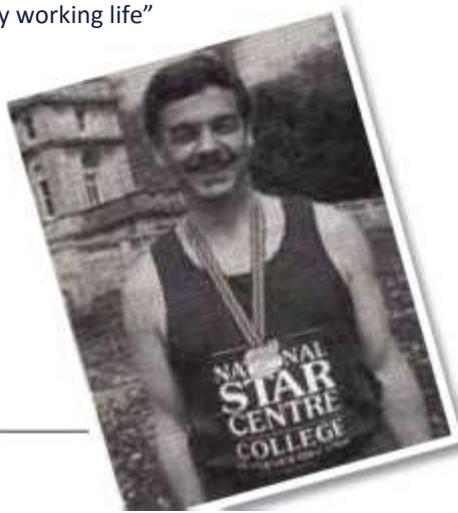
"Bobby is a man of the highest integrity, has always made the correct moral decisions, and has always put the interests of the college, particularly the pupils, before self-importance or self-aggrandisement. Like John, I have valued his wise counsel, his absolute loyalty and his witty, mischievous sense of humour"

Gerry Holden Headmaster

"When I knew I had to help the governors appoint a deputy head, I knew exactly what I wanted someone hopeless at sport, lazy, inefficient, terrible with people and without a sense of humour.

Only this way would I shine out by contrast. As you know, we got it completely wrong and Rendcomb has immeasurably benefited from our mistake... I feel privileged and fortunate to have known this family; I am proud that I helped bring them to Rendcomb. I worked with Bobby for nine years and I think they were the happiest years of my working life"

John Tolputt
(previous Headmaster)



Bobby - the friend and colleague

"Bobby was a true schoolmaster in the old fashioned sense of the word. If anyone had a problem, they could go to Bobby and get sound, sensible advice on how to handle or take action. What was equally important, was his sense of proportion and the knack of knowing when something is not the crisis that initially it might have seemed. Bobby, for your wisdom, friendship and ability to see through to the essential nature of things, many thanks indeed".

Martin Graham Head of History

Bobby & Esther

"And then of course there are Bobby, Esther and their family and the wider community of Rendcomb. As churchwarden, Bobby served the parish of St Peter's with great skill. An important area of village life serving under three successive vicars. Similarly, Esther has been an impressive organiser in her own right at the heart of village events, arranging the flower rota for the church, organising the carol singing and much more. Both Bobby and Esther have been very generous hosts and supporters of village matters with Bobby acting as vital link between the college and the village

Thanks to all the Morgan family for allowing us as to take so much of Bobby's time and also for your unequivocal support for the parish and the village".

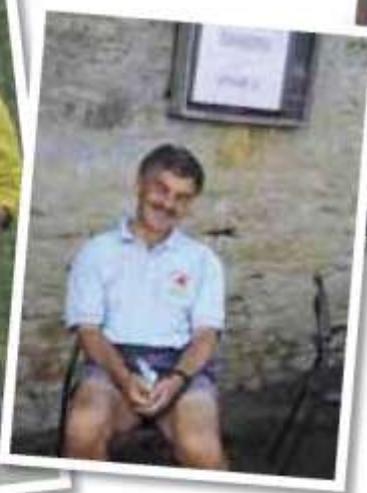
Gerry Holden Headmaster



Bobby - the hockey coach

"Bobby's outstanding hockey credentials as a Hertfordshire and England International came before him and generations of Rendcombians have benefited from the expertise and know-how of the man in the trademark yellow anorak. Come rain, come shine, Bobby has been there coaching teams to success, contributing to overseas hockey tours, most recently to Barbados".

Chris Wood Director of Studies



Bobby - the pink slip man -
 "this is one role in which Bobby will not be missed by the Common Room. Now he will dispense them no more and a pink slip will be put in David Baker's pigeon hole asking him to cover Deputy Headmastering for the foreseeable future"



Duncan Cairns thanks Bobby and Esther for their contribution to the College on behalf of the Governors of the College and presented him with a silver dish.



FAREWELL



Dr Neil Havard 1995-2007

Neil first came to Rendcomb in the 1990s becoming a permanent member of the Physics Department in 2002. Neil's skills as a Physics teacher are well known but there are some hidden talents which are perhaps

a little less well known. We will miss his traditional end of term cookies, Physics is fun weeks and dinners for 6A Physicists, but what about Neil's driving skills? We will not miss his demonstrations of accelerating, swerving and braking his car in the Stable Block courtyard in the cause of advancing Physics. Typical of the man is Neil's decision to match his leaving present and donate the funds to our sister school Lords Meade in Uganda. The Rendcomb Parents' Association recently provided funds for us to purchase a new astronomical telescope, so although not as large or as powerful as the Hubble Telescope, we have suitably engraved it with a small plaque naming it the Neil Havard Telescope. This will provide a constant reminder of Neil's contribution to Rendcomb.

Mr Malcolm Ford



Andrew Gunning 2004-2007

Andrew Gunning became Director of Music at Rendcomb College in September 2004. When he first came one of the first things to impress many was his musicianship and his extraordinary energy. Rendcomb had a Director of Music who not only had very high

Standards, but refused to compromise in the attainment of those standards.

Although a small school he put on large concerts needing large resources: he augmented the school choir by inviting parents and colleagues to form the Rendcomb Singers, for which all are grateful to have had the chance to perform some of the great works in the repertoire. A passion for the human voice shone through. He had the ability to inspire people to want to sing - even sometimes people who wouldn't have dreamt of singing in a choir or show ended up doing so - and enjoyed it!

Andrew's high standards led him to encourage pupils to compete in the Cheltenham Festival, with some outstanding wins over major music schools across the county and beyond. His organ-playing in chapel was outstanding and it should not be missed that he was the first Director of Music to perform in a school Rock Concert.

Mr Phillip Dunn, Mr Martin Graham, Mr James McKelvey

Shani Hawkins

This year we said goodbye to Shani Hawkins who worked for three and a half years in our ICT department as a technician. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well for the future.



Nicola Houghton 1997-2007

How would Oscar Wilde have put it?
"To teach at Rendcomb once might be regarded as unfortunate, but to teach there twice looks like carelessness"!!

Well that is precisely what Nic has done, starting here originally in 1997 as learning support. After a 3 year stint at Rendcomb, Nic left in 2000, but the gravitational pull of the Rendcomb event horizon proved too much and she succumbed to the cry for help to come back and nurse the fledgling IT Department through an inspection. Since then Nic has done sterling work to help the Department flourish. In latter years, she was also instrumental in the introduction of Spanish in the curriculum. Now she is off to Nepal, to the land of the Dalai Lama, peace and tranquillity, calm and meditation.

Mr C Brierley-Howes



Elisabeth Edwards 2007

Elisabeth Edwards came to Rendcomb to fill the dark hour's duty slot due to Dr. Marsden's maternity leave. She quickly gained the trust of the boarders in Park and on duty nights seldom had the tutor office to herself. Pupils enjoyed chatting to her.

Elisabeth held some cooking sessions that were enjoyed by all those that took part, Elisabeth quietly got on with her job and combined it with ceramic classes and other external commitments. We wish her all the best as she returns to her primary profession of being a nanny.



Siobhan Brierley-Howes

Siobhan may only have been here at Rendcomb for a relatively short time, but she certainly had an impact in many areas. Ever since her arrival she fitted in extremely well; she had already been in the village a year before she started teaching Maths at the college. Siobhan very bravely took on

the beast that is Activities, grappling with the creature and managing to tame it: a dangerous and time-consuming task, fraught with logistical dangers, but one where her organisational skills carried the day. We were very grateful to her for beating the monster into submission. Siobhan also took on the role of Assistant Houseparent in Lawn House and I could not have asked for a more understanding and supportive person to work with, and I am eternally grateful to her for all she's done. In fact, that has been one of the best things about working with Siobhan: not only is she professional, organised and calm, she is extremely thoughtful and generous with her time. Siobhan leaves us to take up a post at Orley Farm School in Harrow and on behalf of everyone at Rendcomb I would like to thank Siobhan for her contribution here, and wish her every success for the future.

Mrs V Hayward



Kendall King 2006

Kendall came to Rendcomb from Caulfield Grammar School in Melbourne, Australia and quickly made her mark as an enthusiastic helper in many areas of school life. She was a dramatist and a mathematician, a most unusual combination able to contribute to a wide range of lessons and events. Form 4 mathematicians appreciated her straight forward explanations always presented with a smile and a "you can do it" optimism! She also assisted with Form 3 English, Lower School Drama and Girls' Games. Her lunchtime duties in Lawn House became an important time for the dispensing of vital romantic advice to the heartbroken! One of her finest moments was her joint compèring of our Theatresports Competition when she displayed her ability to swop witticisms with her fellow host Mr Jennings!

Mrs D Dodd

VILLAGE NEWS

This year saw changes in the village shop.



Farewell to John and Jenny Lewis and welcome to Eric and Pam Dukes



NEW ARRIVALS



Olivia McKelvey

Freddie Marsden



CONGRATULATIONS



NEW STAFF 2007



Senior School: Mr David Baker, Mrs Stacey Scarisbrick, Mr Roy Raby, Mr Alan Wilkes, Ms Jennifer Greenberg, Mr Paul Bevans and Mrs Marina Kinson

Junior School: Mrs Adrienne Barker, Mrs Louise Lousson

ACADEMIC RECORD 2007

A Level 2007 Examination Results

Becky Chen	C Cns* M Mf P(AS)	Beth Sampson	A Dr Ee
Charlotte Cox	B G MU	Cristin Schroeder	A C Gm* M
Ben Crane	A* B Spe G(AS)	Vivienne Sun	Cns* M Mf P(AS)
Astrid Elsen	A* Ee* F* H	Joseph Tapsell	A Ict M Bs(AS)
George Finlay	Bs* H M C(AS)	Paul Taylor	Bs M Py H(AS)
Harry Frost	Dr* Ee* F* H*	John Thistlethwaite	A* Bs* Py Ict(AS)
Amanda Graham	Dr* Ee Py G(AS)	Max Webb-Dickin	A* B C Bs(AS)
Jade Harrison	B* C* M* H*(AS)	Richard Whittles	B C* G* M(AS)
Toby Harris	Bs G Spe	Carra Williams	Dr* G* Spe* F(AS)
Alex Holden	Dr* Ee MU* H(AS)	Tom Wise	A Dr Spe
Matt Hook	C* M* P Bs*(AS)		
Christian Hu	Cns M Mf P(AS)		
Jim Jin	Cns M* Mf P	KEY:	
Min Lee	A M(AS)	Grades A* - C	
Louis Leung	Cns* H M Py	** = grade A*	
Wilfred Leung	C Cns M P B(AS)	* = grade A	
Vienna Leung	B C Cns* M* Mf(AS)	SUBJECT KEY:	
Eric Li	Cns M* Mf* P* Ict(AS)	A=Art B=Biology Bs=Business Studies	
Sabrina Lu	C* M* P* Bs*(AS) Mf*(AS)	C=Chemistry Cns=Chinese Dr=Drama	
Kirki Matthew	Ee H Py* A(AS)	Ee=English Literature F=French	
Joanne Maxted	EeG* MU B*(AS)	G=Geography Gm=German H=History	
Penny Peng	Cns M Mf P(AS) C(AS)	Ict=Information Communication	
		Technology M=Maths Mf=Further Maths	
		MU=Music P=Physics Py=Psychology	
		Spe=Sport & Physical Education	

GCSE 2007 Examination

J Allen	A E El F M ScDA
R Ashton	B C E El F H* Ict M* Pe P
J Barkes	B C D** E* EE F* G** M* Pe** P
J Beck	B** C** E* El* G Gm H** M** Pe P
I Bowles	A D* E El FG* M ScDA*
S Brennan	B C* E* El* F* Gm* H* M Mu* P
E Brierley	D** E El G
S Brown	D** E El F G M ScDA
A Carpenter	D* E El* G* Gm H* M* ScDA
I Da Conceição Carvalhosa	A* B** C** E El G** Ict* M** Pe* P**
S Clift	A* B* C* E* El* G** Gm* H** M** P*
M Dally	A* B** C** D** E* El** H** M** Pe* P**
C Daly	B C D* E* El* F H* Ict M* P*
A Dawkins	A E* El* G** Gm H* M* ScDA*
A Edwards	B C D** E El G* Gm M* Pe P
M Ellis	A B C E El G Gm M Mu P
H Evans	A* E El F G M Pe ScDA
A Forshaw	B C E El F H* C M** Pe* P*
R Freeth	A* E El F G Ict M ScDA
L Greenaway	A E El G M ScDA
H Homan-Green	E El F Gm M Pe ScDA
A Humphrey - Gaskin	B C E El H* M Pe P
S Humphries	D** E El G M Pe ScDA
W Jefferson	A* E El G Ict M Pe ScDA
C Kiggins	A* E El F G H M
G Lee	M* ScDA
M Lockhart	A B* C* E El F G Ict M** P*
N Mehta	El M* ScDA
E Parker	D E El G M ScDA



PREFECTS 2007-08



H Phelps	A E G M Pe ScDA
M Richardson	A* E* EI F G H* M ScDA
R Rowan	A E M ScDA
R Sampson	E EI G M ScDA
D Stevens	E EI G H Pe
A Tennant-Bell	B* C** E EI** F H** Ict M* Pe P*
R Thomas	A* D* E EI G M ScDA
H Timmins	A** B* C D** E EI* G** Gm M P*
F Trumper	A E* EI F* Ict M Mu* ScDA*
R Watson	B** C** E* EI* F* G** H** M** Mu** P
E Whittles	B** C** D** E* EI** F** G** H** M** P*
F Zhang	A* E EI F H Ict M** ScDA
E Zodiates	B* C** E** EI** F G** H** M Pe* P
A Chan	Ch**
M Leong	Ch**
P Ortner	Gm**
B Sampson	ScSA
J Molloy	D E EI Pe

KEY:
Grades A* - C
** = grade A*
* = grade A

SUBJECT KEY:
A-Art, B-Biology, C-Chemistry,
D-Drama, E-English Language,
EI-English Literature, F-French,
G-Geography, Gm-German,
H-History, Ict-information
Communication Technology,
M-Mathematics, Mu-Music,
P-Physics, Pe-Physical Education,
Ch-Chinese,
ScDA-Science (Double Award),
ScSA-Science (Single Award)

HEAD BOY Richard Collins
HEAD GIRL Aimée Schofield

DEPUTY HEADS
Randal Pakeman & Katie Ruddy

PREFECT IN PARK ANNEXE
Philip Ellis

MONITORS:
Green Room Committee; Tessa Couch
6th Form Buddies: Sophie Arkle

PREFECT IN LAWN HOUSE
Laura Brown

Monitors: Harriett Lockett & Georgina Sefton

PREFECT IN STABLE HOUSE
James Hill

Monitor: Oliver Richards

PREFECT IN GODMAN HOUSE
Emily Apps

Monitors: Emily Slark & Kirsty Williams

PREFECT IN COLLEGE HOUSE
Richard Pass

PREFECTS IN OLD RECTORY
Alex Jordan. Laurie Wilcox

INTERNATIONAL PREFECT
Maria Odintsova

Monitors: Herman Luk & Samson Huang



98% A Level Pass Rate
66% Graded A & B

92% GCSE Pass Rate
66% Graded A* - B







Martin Watson
Headmaster

WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Please prepare yourself for a real treat and an amazing insight into the life of The Junior School!

The following pages are testimony to the rich diversity of opportunities and activities that our pupils experience both inside and outside of the classroom. We have enjoyed a highly successful and action packed year and the selected highlights reflected upon in this publication bring back wonderful memories. Sit down, relax and enjoy!

STAFF NEWS

WELCOME



Rebecca Coulthard

Rebecca arrived in September 2006 to become J2 Form teacher, having previously worked at Cirencester Infants. Rebecca has quickly made her mark in the Otters and she has also coached netball to the U11 girls.



Philip Colls

Previously employed as a music peripatetic teacher, Philip took over the mantle of Junior School Director of Music last September. An accomplished singer himself, his influence was very evident in the outstanding "Mass of the Children" concert held at Cirencester Parish Church in March.



Jackie Major

Jackie joined us from Hatherop Castle School as Classroom Assistant for the Reception class. Tremendously efficient and professional, Jackie has soon built up an excellent rapport with pupils, parents and colleagues.



Andy Lawrence

Andy was initially employed for two terms to cover maternity leave as J4 form tutor and to help with boys games. We are delighted that he will remain with us for the next academic year.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to:

- Nicky McKenna (nee Tait) who married Peadar in September 2006 and on the birth of Ewan in August 2007.
- Neil Ferreira who married Angela in March 2007.
- Amanda Hopkinson on the birth of her first child, Thomas.
- Jemma Hill on the birth of her first child, Lara.
- Amanda Houghton-Brown on the birth of a second daughter, Ava.



FAREWELL

Amanda Houghton-Brown

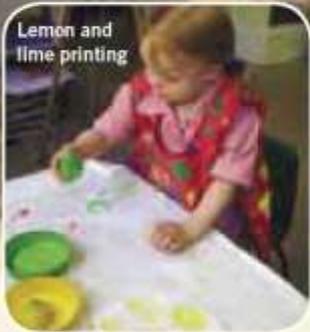
Amanda has been in the Junior School for 5 years acting as Form Tutor for J4 and as our French Teacher. Over this period she has proven to be a high quality, professional teacher who demonstrates a genuine care for children. Following the birth of a second daughter, Ava, she has decided to become a full-time Mum.

We thank her for her superb contribution to the development of the Junior School and hope to one day welcome her back to our community.

Anne-Claude Ferré

Mademoiselle Ferré joined us in January to teach French while Mrs Houghton-Brown was on maternity leave. Though only with us for 2 terms, she has played a key role in developing French throughout the school and we thank her for all her hard work.

Nursery



Lemon and lime printing



Painting outside

Creative Development



Rainbow painting



Camping role play

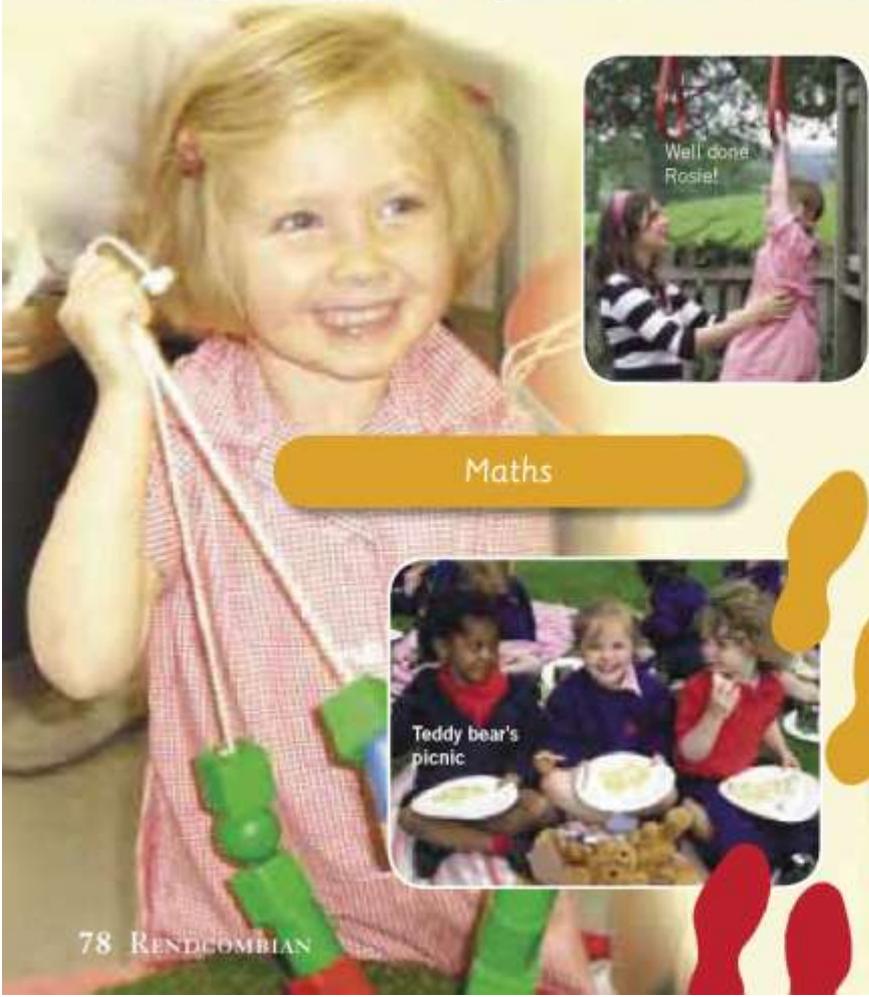


Fireworks



Aida

The Nursery class have enjoyed a fun packed year of activities covering all the six areas of learning outlined in the Foundation Stage Curriculum. They are now play specialists! The highlight of the year has been our Forest School Sessions.



Maths



Well done Rosie!



Teddy bear's picnic



Communication, Language and Literacy



Storytime



Sign language session with Lucy Marriott, William's Mommy



Come to the cutting tray

Physical Development



PE



Salad spinner picture



Look what I've found

Knowledge and Understanding of the World



Our potatoes!



I'm forever blowing bubbles



Harvest



Caring for babbles



Tasting our potatoes

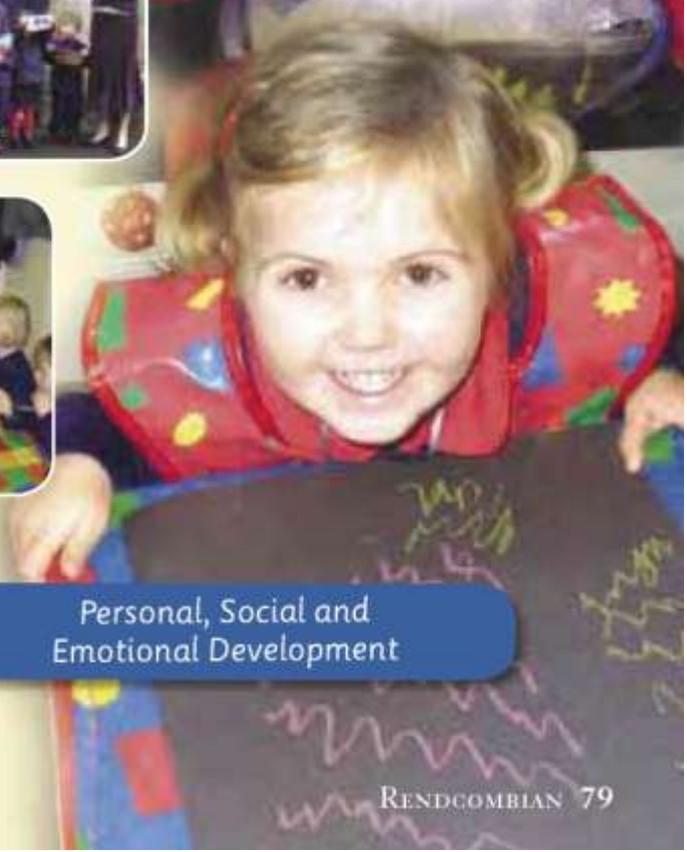


Rory's lambs



Building London!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Reception abc

a



Antarctic role play



b bubbles



Chinese dragon



d dressing-up



jungle

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construction

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Kandinsky

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magnets and mud!

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lots of fun

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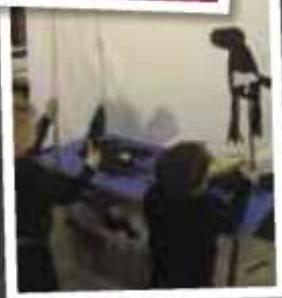
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totem poles



tree hugging



shadow puppets



u painting umbrellas

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vets

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ABC.....easy as 123!

The Reception class are Jolly Phonics experts! Throughout the year Reception have learned 42 sounds which can be made by the 26 letters of the alphabet. Now everyone can blend these sounds to make words and write their own sentences.

The children have made good progress in their reading and Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy are much loved characters from the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. The book corner is a favourite part of the classroom and everyone loves storytime.



elephant e



friends f



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n numbers



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life size polar bear

pirate ship



r rainbow and reading



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Queen Czeska



y yummy snack



San Diego zoo website

As I look back on the photos that have been taken throughout the year, I am always amazed at how the children have changed and grown. It is often hard to see this when you see them every day, but it just shows how much they can change in that time. The school year has gone so quickly and we have done so much, it is impossible to note it all down here! What I would like to say is that J1 have put a super amount of 'effort' into their work and play, and I am very proud of their achievements. Well done!

Miss Pavia.

Once seaside from
Tubingham

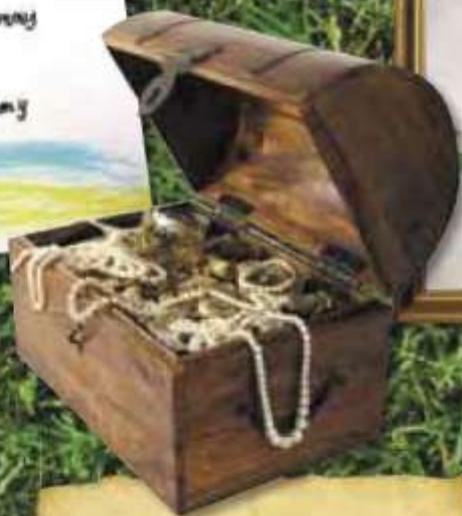
I can see a rocky
rock pool.

I can hear a bumpy
seashell.

I can feel the
squishy sand.

I can taste a yummy
pie.

I can smell a scrummy
piece of meat.



Zooming Rockets

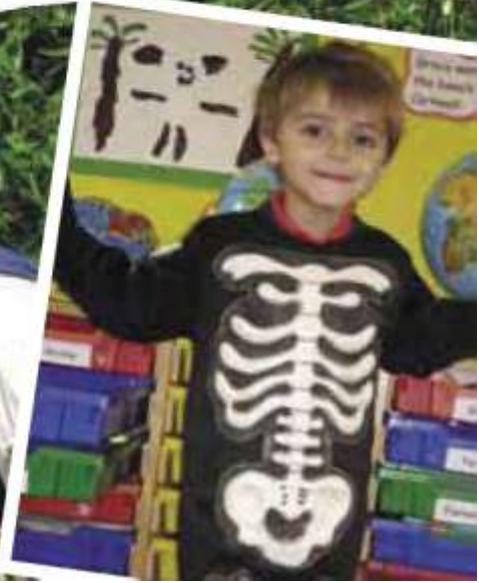
Yellow, red and gold
Yummy hot dog smoky
Zooming loud rockets
The bonfire is crackling and screaming
Rockets orange blue and pink
Bonfire night is dark
It's spooky!
By Pip Harrison-Josey

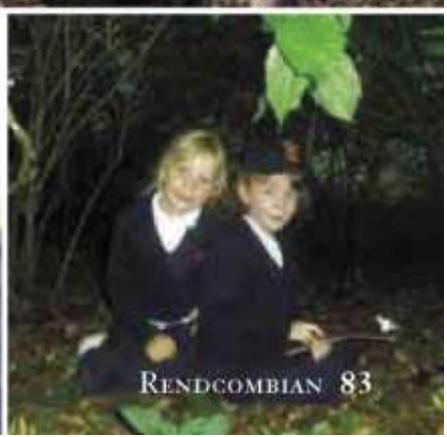
Pirate Adventure

Me and Jack were playing outside in the garden. We were playing hide and seek when mum called us in. We went to my bedroom and the key was glowing so it was time to go into an adventure. It took us back in time. We met a pirate.

We ran away but he caught us and we got locked up and Jack started to cry and I cuddled Jack and Jack felt better. The pirate let us go and then we had a party and then the key began to glow. We went to mum and told her about the adventure. The end.

By Florence Whitfield.







Native American Day



Minibeast Tongue Twisters!

Silky Scott spider stretched a stinky sock on a stretchy, silky web!

By Benedict Schallamach

Wiggly worm wiggled, wiggled, wandering where wet water was!

By India Ross





Jack and the beanstalk

When Jack reached the top of the beanstalk he saw... a wonderful land full of mini computers.

The sky was white, the ground was white, everything was white- even the mini computers were white!

But the computers were switched off. Everything was switched off and it was too dark to see so Jack had to feel with his hands.

But then he switched a button which made all of the computers switch on! Suddenly the big, ugly, smelly giant woke up! "Who are you?" shouted the giant? "I am just Jack," said Jack and he ran off as fast as he could.

By Lauren Dudlyke

Scutari Hospital
Hospital Lane
Scutari
Crimea
October 4th 1856

Dear Mum and Dad,

I am in Scutari hospital because I lost my eye. When I first got there it was awful because there were rats running around, fleas were making me itchy and I didn't have a bed. Luckily a girl called Florence Nightingale helped all of us. She made sure that we all had beds and every night she checked on us with a lamp. That's why we call her 'The lady with the lamp'. And I am feeling much better now! I hope I will come home soon.

Love from Izzy.
By Isobell Brown



What is black?

Black is smooth, flat, grippy, dry tyres
And the flat, straight, shiny, reflecting road.
Black is the wide sparkling, floating space
And the high, silent, croaking-cricket night.
Black is the drippy, damp, dark, spooky cave
And the squeaky, flapping, ugly, slimy bats.
Black is the round, strong, titanium heavy bomb
And the smoky, light, breakable rock that is coal.
Black is my favourite colour!

By Timothy Chandran

What is Yellow?

Yellow is the shining sun
And bright, sparkling lights.
Yellow is the stripes on a bumble bee
And soft lion's fur.
Yellow is tall, beautiful sunflowers
And spiky, juicy pineapples.
Yellow is fragile butterfly wings.
Yellow is my favourite colour!

By Megan Hardie



The Great Fire of London

One fine day before I went to bed, I was washing my kitten Snowy in the bathroom when I heard a sudden scream. I thought it was coming from outside so I looked out of the window and saw fearsome flames of fire! There was black smoke and golden, orangey sparks coming from every chimney and the people were screaming and shouting "FIRE, FIRE!". "Oh no, I need to save my little sister Sophie!" I cried so I took Snowy out of the bath and ran to my sister's bedroom. She was in her bedroom crying for me and I said, "Shhhh, it's all right. Rebecca's here." I picked her up and ran with Snowy close beside me to the

door. Luckily the fire wasn't too close to my house so I ran down the street. I ran down the hill and past all the houses that were burning with fire towards the river. Suddenly I saw sparkles of water above the tips of fire. "I see the river Sophie!" I gasped, "Let's go!" We ran towards the river and climbed into a boat. We were safe at last! As I lay in the boat thinking of our great adventure, I fell asleep.

By Annabelle Foley

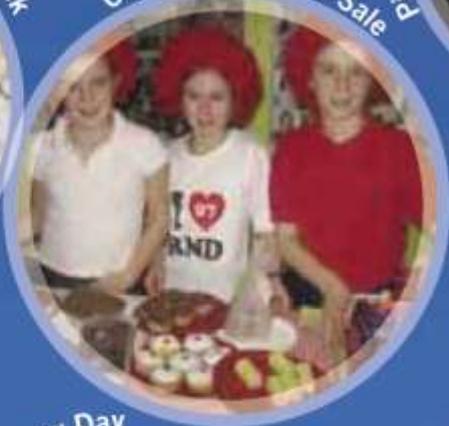


SPECIAL EVENTS

Big Draw and Apple Week



Comic Relief Cake Sale



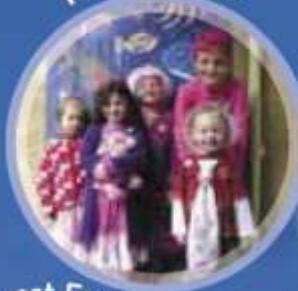
Pizza Express Pizza Making



Blowers break the record



Pink Hair Day



Easter Bonnet



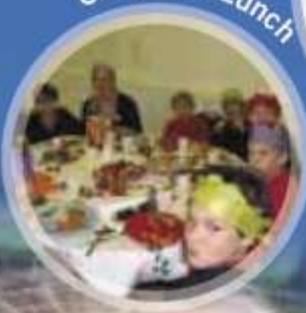
Snow Day



Harvest Festival



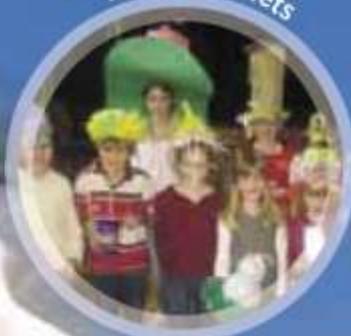
Christmas Lunch



Chinese New Year Lunch



Easter Bonnets



World Book Day



Breaking the bubble blowing record



Fun Dance performance of Michael Jackson's BAD





J3 AND
J4 ART





A Riddle

My nose is pointed,
I crawl along and dig,
In the ground.
I go, as I am guided by my Lord,
Who walks stooping behind me.
He lifts and presses me on,
Sows in my track.
What am I?
I am a plough.

By Eleanor Breaty



The Grumpy Snowman

Grumpy snowman in the snow,
Grumpy snowman, say, "Hello."
Grumpy snowman in his scarf,
Grumpy snowman had a laugh.
Grumpy snowman likes the light
Grumpy snowman likes the night.

By Amy Johnson

The Snowman

Skiing down the hill
No-one can catch me!
Oh! I've lost one of my skis.
Wind blowing in my face.
Middle of winter is really here.
A snowman is in the way!
Now I'm skiing everyday.

By Olivia Grzelinski.



About Me

I can remember when we were having a roast dinner and my uncle was getting himself comfortable, his chair collapsed! We had to break the chair to get him out.

When I am older I am going to be a diver. I want to go deep under the reef where all the exquisite animals are. If I don't do that, I would like to be an archaeologist. I think that what they find under the ground is really amazing. I would be really excited if I found something.

By Orlagh Brennan

Birds

Birds tweeting
In the trees,
Building nests
In tall, high trees.
Finding berries
In the bushes.
Gliding down through the trees
Grabbing its prey, to eat today.

By Maxim Hair



I'd Like to be a Dolphin

I'd like to be a dolphin.
 Jumping in the sunlight
 Every, single night.
 I'd like to be a dolphin
 Eating any time I like,
 Anything I like.
 I'd like to be a dolphin
 Swimming everywhere
 Anywhere I like.
 I'd like to be a dolphin
 Dancing in the moonlight.
 Right at midnight.
 By Eloise Gooch

An Autobiography of Me!

I like staying with Nanny and Pop Pop because they have really good biscuits. They have good ice lollies as well! My home is the best place in the world, nothing can replace it. It's great, cool and wonderful. You can't replace it because it means everything to me!

By Oliver Heneghan

Crocuses

Crocuses so small and neat,
 All different shades of purple,
 "Pink!" well rarely,
 But once I found one in the garden
 And behind it was a fairy!

By Eliza Whitfield

J3's French cuisine

To conclude the year, J3 made some croque-monsieurs in French, using pain, beurre, fromage and a choice of jambon and/or ananas.

The end results were just... délicieux!
 Mlle Ferré

Winter

Winter has come, all cold,
 Ice, ice is everywhere and it rolled.
 Nippy, it is outside in the dark,
 The dog was doing his bark.
 Eagles flying in the snow,
 Roaring wind saying "No!"
 By Harry Major

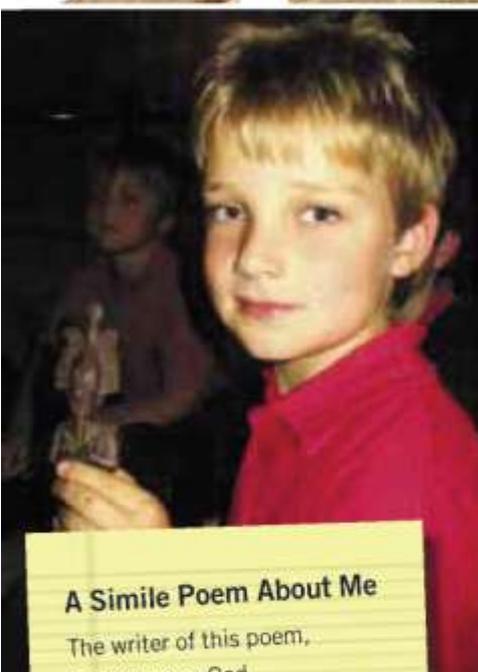
My favourite person:

My Nanny is a short person with curly brown hair. When I go to her house she loves painting and watching movies with me. She is always happy, nice and very kind to me. She loves eating waffles, tacos and milk. She makes me laugh. She likes telling me stories at night time. She calls me a waffle whopper when I eat my waffle really fast!

By Gracie Baum

Thistle

Thistles sting,
 They are the king.
 They'll beat up anything.
 Ding, ding, they'll knock
 you out of the ring.
 By James Heneghan



A Simile Poem About Me

The writer of this poem,
 Is clever as a God
 As strong as scaffolding
 As cute as a baby
 As scary as a vampire
 As cool as a dude
 As funny as a clown
 As good as gold.
 Julian Howes

The Magnificent Puppy

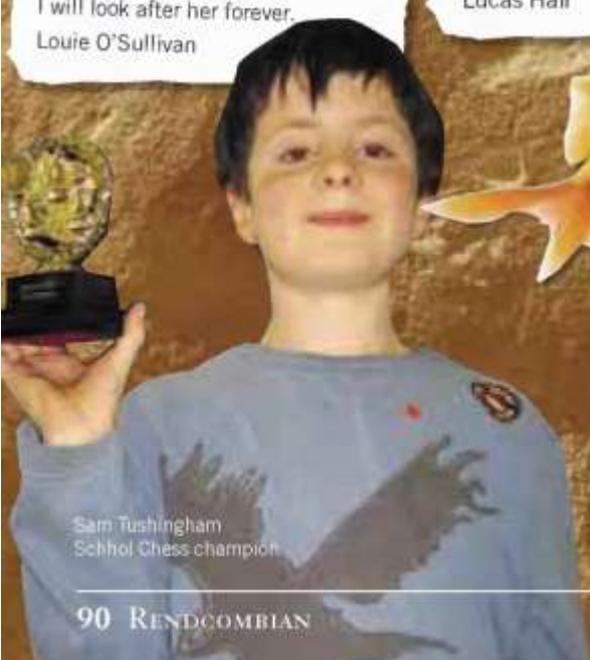
My puppy is a sleepy pup
 like a baby.
 Her eyes are like a
 black bowling ball,
 Her tail is like a bunny in a ball.
 Her nose is like pouring rain,
 She resembles a new born baby
 I will look after her forever.
 Louie O'Sullivan

An Elephant

The elephant strong then hurtled along
 Crashing and smashing,
 Bumping and trumpeting,
 Charging and barging,
 Bending and breaking,
 Thundering and stamping and trampling,
 Turning and twisting,
 Frisking and stamping,
 Slowing down at the watering hole.
 Lucas Hair

Volcano's Erupting

A volcano erupting is like your
 fate corrupting,
 The ground is shaking while the
 volcano is quaking,
 The magma is surly white hot and
 the ground is still shaking a lot,
 While the lava is tumbling the
 volcano is still rumbling,
 Oh the lave is squirting while the
 volcano is still splurting ash,
 Oh the horrible ash, it gives you
 an awful rash!
 Laurence Jones



Sam Tushingham
 Schhol Chess champion

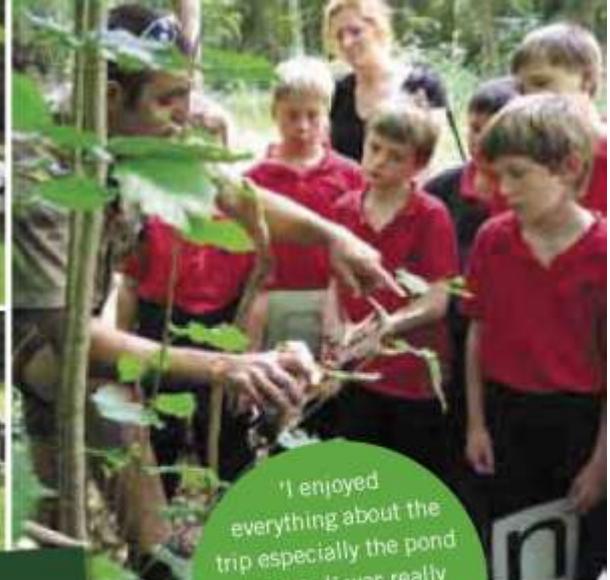


The Magnificent Fish

My fish is funny like a clown,
 His friend likes eating him,
 His tank is like a giant,
 He's as orange as a sun,
 We feed him Monday,
 Wednesday, and Friday
 Jacob Hargreaves

VOLCANO ERUPTION

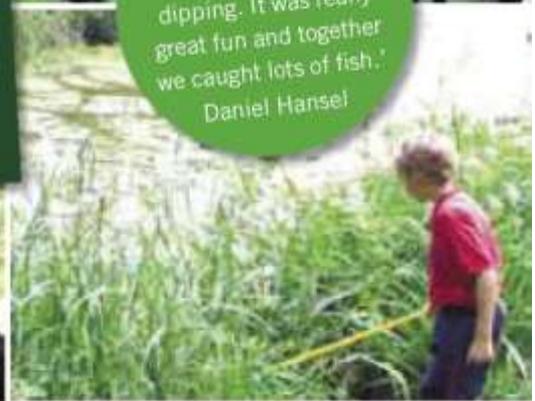
The volcano stands tall
 The smoke rises high,
 The crashing and bashing
 Everything smashing,
 The whooshing of ash rising to the sky
 The thundering of rocks whacking
 the ground.
 Destroying houses and lots of things more.
 The booming of lava ejecting in the air.
 The cracking of rocks hitting the ground.
 The volcano stands tall
 The smoke rises high.
 Henry Jones



'I enjoyed everything about the trip especially the pond dipping. It was really great fun and together we caught lots of fish.'
Daniel Hansel

Ernest Trust Foundation

On the 19th of June J4 visited The Ernest Trust Foundation near Slimbridge as a part of our science topic on habitats.



'The habitats were so interesting and the leech we found was extraordinary.'
Jamie Salter



SUDELEY CASTLE

We went to Sudeley Castle on Monday 14th May. We have been studying Henry VIII's wives.

When we arrived at Sudeley we were met by a lovely old lady called Dill who showed us around the castle and church. She took us to the banqueting hall and showed us where the cannons were and where the moat was. Once inside the church we saw the tomb of Katherine Parr, Henry's last wife, who survived. We were taken to the exhibition hall and met by Dave who told us about the wives and their robes and a special picture on the wall. After that we went to the bird park and then the shop.

Sam Tushingham

'I liked the view of the castle and to stand within the remains of the castle itself.'
Finlay McLellan

'I liked the fact that I was walking where Katherine Parr and Henry VIII had walked.'
Henry Jones





HOCKEY

U11 Girls' Hockey

This season proved to be a challenging and exciting one. It was a young team, consisting of a mixture of year 5 and 6 girls; but one full of enthusiasm and keen to put the techniques they had learnt into practice. Katie O'Brien was asked to put her goal keeping skills into practice on many occasions and special mention must go to her for a superb effort. Despite losing matches, the girls' showed great sportsmanship and became determined to learn from their experiences, pick up new tactics and remember to slow down and think about the best course of action in a fast match situation. They have undoubtedly learnt from these experiences and next season will return with renewed confidence and vigour.

U11 Boys' Hockey

A's: Played Won Drew Lost GF GA

2 2 0 0 3 0

B's: Played Won Drew Lost GF GA

2 1 1 0 7 1

All the J5/J6 boys who attended Hockey club during Friday activities represented the school in the 4 fixtures played and the progression in the standard of our Hockey, since we introduced the game to the Junior School 3 seasons ago, was evident for all to see. It was lovely to see so much enthusiasm, determination, individual skill and excellent teamwork displayed.

The A's dominated both their matches but struggled to convert the numerous chances created. Nevertheless, Harry Priestner scored all 3 goals and two were memorable strikes. The B's had to battle to secure a 1-1 draw with Richard Pate's School but then played some lovely Hockey to defeat Rose Hill 6-0. Louis Mernagh, playing his 2nd season in goal, showed tremendous skills and ability and was only beaten once in 4 matches! All the boys

are to be commended for their performance and attitude and a special mention to the two Captains, Patrick Tarleton (A's) and Cameron Robert (B's) who led their teams well and each commanded the respective midfields.

U8 Girls' Hockey

The U8 hockey team experienced their first ever term on the hockey pitch. It was a promising season. Their first fixture was against Hatherop Castle and it was a competitive match. Despite losing, Amy Johnson defended remarkably well as goal keeper. She was fearless and saved more goals than she let in. Grace Baum also played incredibly well as the attacking link with Orglagh Brennan tackling and defending with guts.

The second match against Querns showed their enthusiasm to improve in all areas of the game, proving to be the stronger team on the final whistle. An excellent season girls. Well done.



NETBALL

U11 Netball

All of the girls participated in matches against other schools this season and have enjoyed the opportunity to develop their individual skills and experiences. It has been a mixed season, beginning and ending with exciting victories with some tougher matches in-between. The weather did its best to dampen our spirits with one particularly memorable game played in gale force winds! However, the girls developed a great team spirit with some super goals scored by Kathryn Rew and Nicola Clift. Abigail Metcalfe captained the team well and was supported by a tireless Rozy Baynham as Centre. Well done to all those who took part and thank you to the many parents who came to support us.

U8 Netball

In the beginning the U8 netball team struggled with the complicated footwork and positioning rules, but with determination they developed their understanding and began to enjoy this energetic and skilful sport.

Despite losing all their matches, they didn't give up and team spirit was high. Special mentions must go to Orlagh Brennan, Eloise Gooch and Eleanor Brealy for their ongoing determination and enthusiasm.





U11 Rounders

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	RF	RA
4	4	0	0	51	36

Despite the frustrating Summer weather we enjoyed a very successful and promising rounders season. Three matches had to be cancelled which was particularly disappointing as we were playing so well and we wished to pitch our skills against as many opponents as possible. Nevertheless, finishing unbeaten was a tremendous achievement especially as our team was largely composed of J5 girls. The success of the side stemmed from our

tight performances in the field. We managed to stick to our game plan by keeping our fielding controlled thus creating pressure and mistakes from the opposition. Our triangle of bowler, backstop and 2nd post was most reliable and very effective. With all three girls being in J5 we should be able to evolve next year to a triangle using 1st rather than 2nd post which will allow us to be more aggressive in our game plan! The weakest aspect of our fielding was our catching of the high ball so this is an area that will receive attention and focus in pre-season training next year. In keeping with our policy all the girls represented the school in a fixture and most pleasingly they all scored! Well done girls. Our batting was generally positive and consistent with most of the team hitting well, running hard and taking half-rounders whenever available. The most encouraging aspect of the season was the enthusiasm and enjoyment that the girls demonstrated and displayed. In practice everyone was focused and keen to work hard to develop their skills and understanding of the

game. Significantly most of the girls attended after school rounders club and it is noticeable that it was this group that progressed the most and achieved the highest standards! Thank you girls for providing great entertainment and for playing in good spirit and with such determination. We can look forward to 2008 with optimism and excitement.

Colours Awarded: Rosalind Baynham and Nicola Clift.

U8 Rounders

The U8 rounders team excelled this season. Despite only having two matches due to traditional English summer, they showed remarkable motivation. Instead of their heads going down after losing their first match against Querns, they concentrated on the tactics and techniques they had learnt and beat Richard Pate's convincingly, batting with force and confidence with the fielders working together keeping the opposition score in single figures.

RUGBY

U11 Rugby

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
8	8	0	0	316	78

These match statistics reflect a brilliant season - our first ever unbeaten season! More importantly we have improved the quality of our fixture list and have played some excellent rugby.

Playing 12-a-side, our success stemmed from our dominance upfront. We were very solid in the scrum and line-out while in the loose our Captain, Archie Doyle, and Louis Mernagh (our most improved player) dominated showing speed, power and aggression. With a good supply of ball our backs often enjoyed a field day! Blessed with experience, ability and considerable pace we were able to attack from all quarters. Both half-backs, Ryan Adams and Patrick Tarleton, frequently broke the game line putting the finishers, Harry Priestner and Tom Hansel away. With Cameron Robert joining the line from full back most opposition back lines were under siege!

Winning away at Rose Hill, King's Glos. and Hatherop were all memorable victories but the highlight was defeating Prior Park, who play most of the top preparatory schools, 19-7. This was a tough encounter but our skill and determination shone through and was justly rewarded.



Colours awarded: **R Adams, A Doyle** (Capt.), T Hansel, L Mernagh, H Priestner, C Robert and P Tarleton.

U11 Rugby Tournaments

St Francis 7's - Winners

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
5	5	0	0	83	7

Playing out of season (March) we produced some excellent rugby to deservedly win this tournament. In the group stage we were large untroubled recording consecutive victories 21-0, 21-0 and 7-0. In the semi-final, against Cheam, we took an early 7-0 lead but then went off the boil and allowed Cheam to equalise sending the match into sudden death! We controlled the extra 3 minutes of play before scoring and securing our place in the final against the hosts St Francis. In a one-sided game we emerged 12-0 winners. Well done boys!

Cokethorpe 12's

On a small pitch we struggled to find our usual fluency and the speed of our backs was nullified. Nevertheless we emerged from our group as runners-up and faced Winchester House, Brackley in the semi-finals. Though we played with great heart and determination, Winchester House ran out comfortable winners.

U9 Rugby

The U9s rugby squad had a very difficult season and had to work extremely hard in training and in their matches. All of the opposition players seemed to be much larger than our boys and we had to constantly work to overcome this hurdle. Out of four games we lost 3 and won one. This was against Prior Park who we beat by 40 points to 30. We also took part in a tag rugby tournament at Querns. The boys played very well and we came third in the competition.

FOOTBALL

U11 Football

A's: Played Won Drew Lost GF GA

5 4 0 1 11 6

B's: Played Won Drew Lost GF GA

3 2 0 1 9 4

This has been a most enjoyable football season and overall a very successful one, during which every J5 & J6 boy has represented the school! The B's played some super football, passing and supporting extremely well. Largely a J5 team this augurs well for next season. The A's were an experienced side and until the last match dominated games. With a secure defence and well marshalled midfield we created numerous chances! The attack did score some excellent goals but we lacked clinical finishing and this proved costly in our last match and only defeat away to St John's, Chepstow. Despite having the majority of goal scoring opportunities 10-4 we went down 0-3! Thank you boys for all your hard work, enthusiasm and sheer pleasure that you provided during the season.

Colours awarded: R Adams and P Tarleton (Capt.).

U9 Football

The football season started off well and the team went from strength to strength. The U9A's dominated the match against Hatherop Castle creating numerous chances

but without any reward. In the 2nd half, against the run of play, Hatherop took an undeserved lead. Fortunately we showed tremendous character and kept pressing to eventually score three times in quick succession with the pick of the bunch being a curling half volley into the top corner from Oliver Dudlyke!

The U9 Bs played a superb game of football against Hatherop School. We dominated all aspects of the match with the Heneghan boys controlling the midfield. We were worthy and comfortable winners with James Heneghan scoring four goals and Sam Tushingham and Oliver Heneghan getting one goal each. Final score 6-1 to Rendcomb.

In our second outing of the season our A and B squads played against Prior Park. The B's fought valiantly as a mobile team, on but Prior dominated the game and eventually won 2-0. The A's had a very good game and we dominated from the offset. Some fantastic passes and split second timing led to several goals early on in the first half. During the second half some stunning volleys rocketed into the net which were executed with real panache and dexterity. We were victorious and won 4-1. Later on in the season we played Querns at home. Rendcomb dominated from the start and scored very early on. In the second half we continued to control the game and romped ahead. The final score was 9-0 to Rendcomb! What a victory.



Football Tournament

On Wednesday 14th March Rendcomb U9 football squad travelled to Hatherop Castle to take part in their football tournament. There were 12 teams in attendance and there were two pools with each team in each pool playing five qualification matches at the same time. Each pool match was only 5 minutes in total so it was imperative that we scored very early on in each game. Scores as follows:

Game 1 V Rose Hill 1 -1; Game 2 v St Edwards 0-0; Game 3 v Berkhamstead 1-0; Game 4 v Hatherop Castle 2-0; Game 5 v Windrush Valley 0-0. The standard of the games were high and we had to work very hard and concentrate in all of our matches. We were runners up in our pool matches which allowed us to qualify for the semi-finals. In the semifinals we met St Hugh's School and played a very evenly balanced match. St Hugh's scored early on but we managed to equalise in the second half which made the final score 1-1. This put us in a penalty shoot out situation. We narrowly missed out qualifying for the finals but it was a real achievement to qualify for the semi-finals.

CRICKET

U10/11 cricket

A's: Played Won Drew NR Lost

2 2 0 0 0

B's: Played Won Drew NR Lost

2 1 1 0 0

We have had a number of successes against other schools and we have worked hard in match situations. All our bowlers produced some tight bowling reducing the number of runs scored by our opponents. From this great platform our opening batsman made short work of the run chases which enabled the A's to be regular winners. The B's also produced two fine performances. I have been delighted by the progression, enthusiasm and attitude the boys have shown. I am sure the experience they have gained will be carried forward into next season. Both sides played a variety of games, in both

pairs and full cricket. This has been a very competitive season and a very successful one during which every boy represented Rendcomb College Junior School.

Colours awarded to: Cameron Robert and Patrick Tarleton

U9 Cricket

This was a year where there were a lot of boys who were very enthusiastic and soon picked up a lot of skills. In the U9's, the boys play and practice with a soft ball. This gives them the confidence to play the game, learning the right techniques in batting, bowling and catching. Throughout our practices we focused on the basics so that when they move into the U10s and are introduced to a hard ball they have the right techniques to deal with whatever comes their way. A lot of catching and throwing is taught because everybody in a team has to field in a game. In the U9s there are different formats of the

game which are also taught so that each child learns and understands the game more. The techniques of different shots are a major skill to learn and are taught all the time. This year the bowling has come on steadily, we had a lot of boys throwing the ball instead of bowling it at the beginning of the season but now nearly everyone is bowling. In their first match they were not sure of their hitting power with the bat but as their confidence has grown so did the number of boundaries. It has been a good year of learning with many of the boys being able to put what they have learnt into practice. The U9s played 2 matches and won 1.



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Club

Cross Country Club was well attended during the year and many of the old campaigners true to form turned up to do battle with the famous mud and hills that makes Rendcomb so unique and ideally suited for this purpose. Unusually our numbers were bolstered by the lower juniors who gave the year sixes a run for their money. Historically we have had a lack of girl members but this year several joined our ranks and trained alongside the boys. During the term we looked at running technique, pacing judgement, speed work, dealing with hills and mud and also running for extended periods of time. This brought us very conveniently into our main race season.

Winter Warmer

This is the fourth year in which we have run the event and we had a record number of participants in this year's race. The race starts and finishes in front of the Woodland Classroom and takes in the climb to top pitch, a brief flat sprint past the hockey pitch then a bone jarring descent to the Cairn's cottage, a grassy ascent and then a long flat trek across the Wilderness, a last stumble over a style and the race for home across our very own golf course. Hence the name the, "Winter Warmer!" Congratulations go to Patrick Tarleton who was the winning boy and Nicola Clift who was the first girl home.

Cross Country Tournaments

St Francis's Tournament

In late January a team of six travelled to St Francis to compete in their annual cross country tournament. The field of competitors was huge and of a good quality. Although not hilly the route was particularly difficult as it had many technical sections and some awkward twists and turns. The competitors attending were Patrick Tarleton, Samuel Parker, Louis Mernagh, Harry Priestner, Daniel Haas and Jonathan Fawcett.

All turned in credible performances, particularly Jonathan Fawcett who finished in 19th position out of a field of sixty. It is worth mentioning that Jonathan was running two years above his age group and special congratulations go to Paddy who demonstrated good tactical awareness and control by moving through the field and attacking hard on the final hill to finish the U11 boy's race in third position. What an exciting afternoon's racing!

Rendcomb's Tournament

In mid February Rendcomb held its second Cross Country Tournament. The weather could not have been kinder. In fact it was positively balmy apart from the cold wind that was blowing across the pitch. The first race had a record number of twenty nine children who raced well and conquered the final hill to top pitch. Conditions underfoot were heavy and the last two hundred metres would have been like running with blocks of concrete on your feet. Finlay McLellan



came second in the Year 3&4 race for the boys and Eleanor Brealy finished 1st girl. Kate Major was close behind and received a bronze medal for third place.

In the Year 5 & 6 race there was a fantastic number of thirty one competitors. Cheered on by an enthusiastic group of supporters, the children raced over a very challenging course. Top positions were hard fought, Patrick Tarleton was the first home in a time of 12 minutes and 17 seconds, Freddie Baker was second and Abigail Metcalfe came in as the second girl in the race. Well done to all those who took part, particularly because conditions under foot were so heavy.



POP-LACROSSE

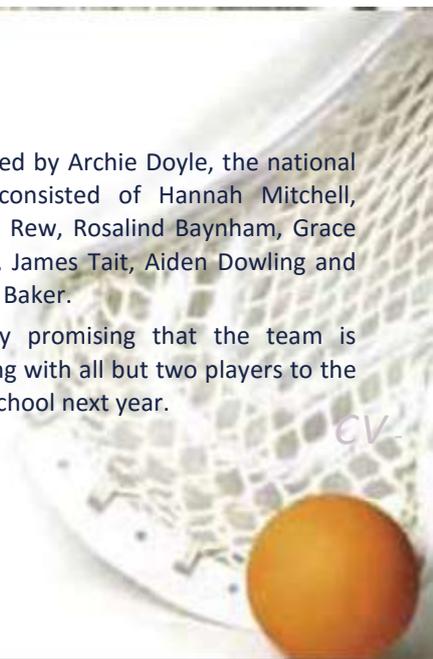
This past year POP lacrosse has really caught on in the junior school. Starting the year with a bit of interest some very athletic J5's and J6's have finished the year by purchasing their own sticks and playing in their own time at breaks.

Miss Pausewang could not have been more proud at the dedication given by her players throughout the year.

Rendcomb won second place at the Bristol Tournament which qualified them to go on to the National POP lacrosse tournament in Hertfordshire where they competed amongst the top 20 teams in the UK.

Captained by Archie Doyle, the national squad consisted of Hannah Mitchell, Kathryn Rew, Rosalind Baynham, Grace Brittain, James Tait, Aiden Dowling and Freddie Baker.

It's very promising that the team is returning with all but two players to the junior school next year.



In my school bag

In my school bag,
 What's in there?
 There is a flat, sweaty gym sock,
 My dog's mouldy biscuits,
 Mum's keys like a pack of needles,
 A cat's hairball,
 A black banana skin,
 Sticky stuffing from my teddy bear,
 And last years spilt nail polish,
 Blue and bumpy!
 Everything you don't want,
 So DON'T go in there!

By Kathryn Rew



J5 watched their potatoes develop and grow
 and when they harvested them it was like
 treasure - 33 potatoes weighing 1kg 555g

The Environment

This is our planet,
 It's called Earth,
 Do we really know what it is worth?
 Trees swaying,
 Leaves rustling,
 But in the city, people bustling,
 Drive their cars,
 Pollute the air,
 But do they care?
 Getting hotter,
 Ice-bergs melting,
 On the beach, people sweltering,
 Went by plane,
 Who's to blame?
 This is our planet,
 It's called earth,
 Do we really know what it is worth?
 By Nicola Clift



THE TITANIC

I was surrounded by dark, cold water and I was
 drifting dangerously close to the propellers. To my
 relief, a lifeboat rowed past me and passengers
 held out their arms and hauled me, and the dog,
 into the boat. We then began the cold, agonising
 journey to The Carpathia.

When we arrived at The Carpathia I was helped on
 board and offered a cup of tea and some bread and
 ham. I ate them slowly, relishing the lovely taste.
 Soon, we arrived in Southampton, rejoicing that
 we were still alive but thinking about others that
 weren't.

By Sam Scott



Titanic Display Winners



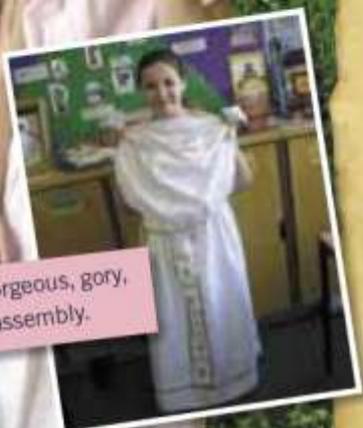
GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

It is cold
 It is old
 It was too dark to see
 The mark left by the stone masons long ago
 It was not very nice
 But luckily there were no mice
 I felt alone, surrounded by the stone
 It was dark and gloomy
 And big and roomy
 But in the empty space, I had a smile
 on my face

By Rosalind Baynham and Kate Major



J5 became gruesome, gorgeous, gory,
 groovy Greeks for their assembly.





In the Countryside

The soft blow of the trees in Winter,
If you touch them you might get a splinter!
The badger digs a mighty hole in the ground,
Digging for treasure which has just been found!
The bright daisies sway in Spring
Whilst the church on Sunday is just starting to ring.
The little birds singing with style,
Being in the country is worthwhile.
By Hermione Llewelyn-Bowen



Rowan's grandma spoke to J5 about her childhood experiences during the war. It was fascinating





Miles McKeown qualified for both the county chess mega and giga finals



J5 Visit Pizza Express

As our instructor greased our pans, a waitress swept up all the flour from the table so that it was clean. Our instructor told us to make our Pizza bases create the shape of the pan. Once we had done that, the waitress placed some toppings on the table while our instructors helped us with smoothing out the tomato purée. This only had one bay leaf in a can that was 28cm high and 19cm in width. For my pizza, I had mozzarella, sun-blushed tomatoes and raisins which was very delicious. We gave them to the chef to cook which took about 2-3 minutes. After chatting, we received our delivery boxes with OUR pizzas inside!

By Emmeline Meborn-Hubbard

Daniel Haas reading to a dolphin! This photo became a prize winner in the scholastic competition and the author, Michael Morpurgo liked it so much he asked Daniel for permission to put it on his website!

How to make a true Rendcombian

Ingredients

- A roaring sense of humour.
- An everlasting supply of effort.
- A neat and tidy desk.
- A determined attitude.
- A community of friends.
- A cup of overflowing happiness.
- Marvellous manners.
- And a bright smiling face.

Method

1. Take a roaring sense of humour.
2. Mix it with a determined attitude and splash it in with a cup of happiness.
3. Then take an everlasting supply of effort, with a neat and tidy desk.
4. Mix it with marvellous manners and a bright smiling face.

Then you have a proper Rendcombian.
By Kate Major

STEW

Tables and chairs full of grime
Another plate of yucky slime,
Carrots, beans and broccoli too
All put in to make a stew.
Spinach also makes you strong
Runner beans all green and long,
These are supposed to be good for you
However, I would rather eat my shoe.
Although this shoe is leather and smelly
I would sooner this be in my belly
This may not be good for you
But it tastes much better than this
yucky stew.

Aiden Dowling





J5 & J6 ART





KILVE COURT

J6 enjoyed a fabulous three day residential activity course at Kilve Court in Somerset. In glorious winter sunshine they enjoyed high ropes, abseiling, mountain biking, archery, fossil hunting, shelter building and much more. As always our pupils behaved well and performed with skill, enthusiasm and determination. A great trip, well done J6.



VISIT TO THE BARN OWL CENTRE

Firstly we looked at all the different types of owls they had in the centre. After our tour we went into the seating room and the guide explained to us about the owl pellets and how the centre staff break them apart in water to find out what the owl has been eating. He said they try to break one up from each owl every day. His assistant then brought in a Barn Owl called Tess, she flew in and out of the door, she

was right in front of us! After Tess had had her exercise for the day they brought in an Eagle Owl called Kaln, she had a five foot wing span! We were told to lie down on the floor as this enormous owl flew over our heads. My favourite part of the day was when Gizmo the Barn Owl was brought in and we were allowed to hold him! It was amazing!! Funnily enough Gizmo wasn't heavy at all.

By Clarissa Luxton



CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Being able to ride a bike is a liberating experience, there is nothing better than dropping like a falcon down a steep hill with the wind in your hair and the adrenaline coursing through your body. However before this stage is reached you need to know how to ride a bike correctly and safely on the open road first! J6 took the first step in this process and attended a three day cycling proficiency course run at Rendcomb by a local examiner. All of J6 who participated passed with flying colours. The examiner was not only impressed by their skills and cycling knowledge but commented on their enthusiasm and general good conduct.





SHIP AHOY!

J6 have returned from their exciting visit to Bristol in the company of Chief Tour Guide and Navigator, Mr Watson. They saw and experienced the awesome beauty of the Severn River Crossing Bridges as well as the eye-catching and literally breathtaking Clifton Suspension Bridge. Their drawings and writing done after the trip show how much they gained from this 'hands on' experience.

They also had the opportunity to visit Brunei's SS Great Britain and participated in a fun workshop using artefacts and relics from the ship. We enjoyed the sketches that they created once they had dressed up in the relevant costumes and used the artefacts in context to make the history come alive.



KNEX CHALLENGE

J6 participated in the annual School's Knex Challenge. After an explanation about how the pieces worked, the pupils were put into pairs and asked to create a roundabout with swinging chairs. They were provided with a motor and a kit of Knex and their roundabout was expected to rotate at the ideal speed to make the chairs fly horizontally once in motion. They all rose superbly to the challenge and everyone eventually succeeded in achieving the task. Joshua Cropper and Patrick Tarleton were judged the overall winners and were chosen to go on to represent the school in the Area Finals in March.

Green Poem

There is no sound
As I look around,
Apart from the trees
And the rustling of their leaves,
Or the lawn mower
And the leaf blower,
I can see with my eyes
As plants photosynthesize.
By Patrick Tarleton

Day

As the blossom tree
Cried its last pink rosy tears,
The flowers gave me
A cheeky little smile.
The clouds looking
Down at me in all
Shapes and sizes.
All the grass
Spying on me.
And the trees
Were groaning in the breeze.
By Louis Mernagh



Day personified

One sunny day, the trees were groaning
in the breeze. The light from the sun
screamed down onto the rippled water.
The flowers planted by the pond were
waving at me, I was so happy. The wind
was whistling in my ears. I stood up on
a massive, green hill and saw the ducks
swimming through the park.
I looked down at my feet and saw the
beautiful green grass winking and smiling
at me. I saw the blossom tree down by the
church shredding its last pink tears.
By Tom Hansel

Leaves

I see the fields of yellow flowers,
I feel the days grow cold.
I hear the birds fly southwards,
I see the leaves turn gold.
The bright colours that fill my
imagination with humour,
The leaves crunch beneath my feet.
I hear a whistle... I'm quite scared
Ssh, it's just the breeze!
By Cameron Robert.





J6 LEAVERS

Joshua Cropper

When I first came to school at Rendcomb I was in J4. I was shy and didn't have many friends but I soon settled in and I was friends with everybody in the class. In J5 I remember the Big Bug Day. I liked holding the bugs and enjoyed it when I held the owl. I also liked the Barn Owl centre because there were lots of interesting facts. In J6 I enjoyed the trips we went on, especially to Kilve Court. That was the best trip that I had ever been on. I loved the activities we did. I loved being head boy, a prefect and being on the Eco Team. I also liked getting the part of Cat in Honk.

Clarissa Luxton

My time at Rendcomb has been such fun. I never realised how much fun school could be. My highlights of the time I spent at Rendcomb are Kilve Court and my very first day here. Kilve Court was absolutely amazing, I had so much fun facing new challenges and really enjoyed the activities. My most memorable moment at Rendcomb was reaching the top of the high ropes course, I feel that I have overcome my fear of heights. Before I came to Rendcomb I was not very good at sport but my time at Rendcomb has encouraged me to try more. Thank you Rendcomb for such a fun time.

Kemi Gibson

Leaving the Junior School is going to cost a whole lot of memories, especially leaving your friends. They were the best memories I ever had. Rendcomb is the best school I have ever been to. My highlight of this year is going to Kilve Court because I first learnt to ride a bicycle there. Although I found it difficult to stop using the brakes, I can't wait to be in the Senior School and to be able to move around the school site on my own. I will never forget the Junior School.

Ryan Adams

I have enjoyed being at Rendcomb for my two years and having a joke with my friends. I have loved being in the rugby and football teams and being awarded football and rugby colours. The funniest part of Kilve Court was when Mr Watson fell down the abseiling tower and when Mr A hit his head on the pole on the high ropes.

Samuel Parker

My time at Rendcomb has made me happy from my first day in J1 to my last in J6. I can still remember the smile on Russell's face when I arrived. I've enjoyed many moments here but the most memorable were on our trip to Kilve Court. This was probably the greatest trip I've ever been on. Drama is one of the subjects which I've enjoyed the most because of the performances we've put on throughout the year.

Hannah Mitchell

My time at Rendcomb has been amazing. My highlight would have to be Kilve Court. My favourite activity there was the high ropes which I climbed to the top of first time. It was really high! My most memorable moment was at Kilve when we had a cricket match, the ground was very wet and slushy. Almost everyone fell over, it was really funny. My greatest achievement was being made Head Girl.

Abigail Metcalfe

I can't wait to be in the senior school to be just that little bit older. I will be sad to leave the Junior School. My best moment in Rendcomb would have to be when we were at Kilve Court and when Mr Watson was abseiling. When he came to the bottom he fell down onto the bark below. My most memorable moment in Rendcomb will always be treasured, which was being given my first big part on stage as Penny. I was also awarded netball captain, I was so proud of myself, I was over the moon with joy. Now I have to leave. I won't ever forget the Junior School.

Harry Priestner

I have been at Rendcomb for five years, since J2 and I've had some great times. The best moment was probably Kilve Court when Mr Watson fell off the abseiling rope, it was really funny. My achievements at Rendcomb have been passing grade one singing, becoming a monitor, winning tournaments and being Ugly in Honk this year. At school we've put on a lot of productions, Oliver, Wind in the Willows, Troy Story and Honk. They've all been great. We've had many trips but Kilve Court was the best by far.

Thomas Hansel

I have been at Rendcomb for nearly a year now and I have had the best time of my life. As soon as I started I met many friends and I will never ever forget them. I will never forget the day I scored my first try in the rugby team, or the time I scored a wonder goal in the football A team. The biggest win has to be when we won the St Francis football tournament. The highlight of my J6 year was going to Kilve Court. My most memorable time at Rendcomb was meeting everybody, even the teachers were nice.

Louis Mernagh

When I first came to Rendcomb I made lots of friends. At Kilve Court I remember Mr Watson abseiling and falling over at the bottom. The best part of my years at Rendcomb are playing for the rugby team and making friends. My greatest achievements are in the plays, sports and in academic work. I have loved it here because of the teachers, pupils and my friends.

Patrick Tarleton

I will always remember my days at Rendcomb but only for good reasons. As I have spent most of my time laughing and joking. I was really happy to have achieved so much at this school. Such as the boy's success in the football tournament last year and our seven's tournament triumph this year. I was really happy to be appointed Head Boy, football captain and prefect. The highlight of this year for me though was Kilve Court. Kilve Court was the best because there was no stress and you could make a complete fool of yourself.

James Mudge

I joined Rendcomb in year four and have enjoyed it ever since. My greatest highlights had to be the trips, especially Kilve Court. Other highlights were, Founder's Day 2007, and the plays such as Honk. I have had many memorable moments at Rendcomb but overall it must be Mr Watson falling over whilst abseiling. Another was Miss Robertshaw falling off of her bike into the mud. I have achieved many things at Rendcomb like Head Boy, librarian and being a member of the Eco-Team. I play the trumpet in the junior orchestra and the senior orchestra. I have enjoyed Rendcomb and will enjoy going to the Senior School.

Archie Doyle

My time at Rendcomb has been memorable. At Kilve Court Mr Watson fell over. I have had many exciting times such as the play and for me one of the most exciting times was lifting the sevens rugby cup. Some of my most memorable achievements at school are being awarded the positions of prefect and captain of rugby. Thank you to all my friends and teachers who have made me welcome over my years here. The highlight of my year is actually everything!

Hannah Williams

I have only been here two years but I have had some great times. I think the best moment at Rendcomb would be taking part in my first play, which was Troy Story and having a role in Honk. I enjoyed Kilve Court where I overcame my fear of heights. We all laughed when Mr Watson fell over!

Emily Beck

My time at Rendcomb has been really good fun. My highlight at Rendcomb was Kilve Court. It was great fun and everyone who hasn't yet gone is going to enjoy Kilve one hundred percent. I've made really good friends with people in my class and in the year below. I've enjoyed all the plays that I've been in and I think Honk was the best. I have also enjoyed learning the piano and violin at Rendcomb. Thank you Rendcomb for a super six years.

Cameron Robert

I started Rendcomb in J5. I've settled in quite fast and had a good year. When I was in J6 the whole class went to Kilve Court. It was the best. The first day we abseiled down this huge tower and that is when I laughed a lot. The first night at Kilve we stayed up really late and took pictures of Tom, Paddy and Ryan asleep. I was selected to represent the A team in football and rugby and I received a colours certificate for my performances.

PRIZES

Boys' Cross Country – Patrick Tarleton

Girls' Cross Country – Nicola Cliff

The Mobern-Hubbard Girls' Victorix Ludorum – Abigail Metcalfe

The Henmiker-Gottley Boys' Victor Ludorum – Patrick Tarleton

Reeves Cup for Improved Reading – Isobel Brown

Phelps' Effort Cup – Clarissa Luxton

Roberts' Family Cup (Otters' Effort) – Annabelle Foley

Carden Cup for Music – James Mudge

Dufosse Art Cup – Thomas Hansel

Shackel Cup for Drama – Harry Priestner

Shark Cup for Most Promising Under 9 Sportsman – Finlay McLellan

Osborne Cup for Girls' Sport – Rosalind Baynham

Palmer Cup for Boys' Sport – Patrick Tarleton

Arkle Cup for All Round Improvement – Joshua Cropper

Trim Happy Cup – Archie Doyle

Potter Cup for Overall Contribution – James Mudge





MUSIC IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

This has been a busy year, with the Junior School's production of "Honk!" as the main focal point.

The children clearly enjoyed this highly original treatment of the story of the Ugly Duckling, which combines alliterative and wonderfully witty word setting with the most memorable melodies. As I write this, a fortnight after the event, the tunes are still swimming around, in my head!

In October we had a teatime concert, with many children performing solo pieces and taking part in groups. There were piano pieces, music for strings and wind instruments, and, of course, voices, Harry Priestner continuing to shine as a highly gifted singer.

J3 and J4 delighted us with their performance of "The Cuckoo"; J5 and J6 sang and danced a Hallowe'en song; and the choir sang lustily of witchcraft. To enhance the effect of all this the children brought in items for a Hallowe'en display, including some particularly frightening masks. (Even the teachers were quaking!)

The same groups performed at the carol service, with Mr Dunn providing the original guitar accompaniment for "Silent Night"; and there was an upbeat version of "O come, all ye faithful".

Rosalind Baynham, Nicola Clift and Kathryn Rew played their flutes to add an extra dimension to "Once, in Royal David's City", and Miss Hansford played her oboe, which added a special sound colour to the organ accompaniment.

In March the junior school took part in the highly successful "Mass of the Children", a beautiful and moving work by John Rutter in which the junior school joined the senior choir and a small orchestra in Cirencester Parish Church. We felt privileged to have been invited to take part in this special event. Leading up to this concert, the children's music lessons in class featured recordings of some of the instruments which played in the concert.

It is very gratifying to see that music is flourishing in the Junior School, as more children take up the opportunity to have individual lessons. The list is growing all the time: at present there are almost 50 individual music lessons each week with our visiting instrumental teachers.

Now, as we look forward to our summer concert and the "Taster" session offering an opportunity to try instruments, with the help of some of the instrumental teachers, I would like to thank all those who have helped the children in any way with their music making.

Philip Colls





DRAMA IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



We went 'green' in a big way.... We had yet another busy year in the Drama Department. A 'Warts and All' Account of the year

Michaelmas Term

As an end of term treat the Junior School went to see 'Cinderella' at the Everyman theatre. We also had a workshop before hand, so we could learn a song and understand the storyline. It was great fun and we all laughed lots when some of the students had the chance to play different characters.

The annual candle-lit Carol Service, held in St. Peter's Church was as touching as ever. The J3-J6 students all sang beautiful carols and some read readings from the Bible. We even had guest appearances from some of Form 2 in the Senior School playing hand bells.

'The Little Angel' was the title for the Otters' Nativity. The J2 narrators, who helped explain the true meaning of Christmas, were outstanding. The audience was entertained by the Christmas puddings, mince pies, Santa, reindeer, snowflakes, a turkey and, of course, angels, shepherds and Mary and Joseph.

Lent Term

The Otters were busy rehearsing their own show just before Easter. They performed the 'Tadpole Rag.' The Nursery children enjoyed being involved too. What a fantastic experience to perform on stage at such a young age.

Meanwhile to celebrate World Book Day each class from Reception-J6, as well as solo performers, had the chance to recite a poem to the rest of the school, in front of a judging panel. (Mr Jennings, Head of English in the Senior School and myself).

Auditions for 'Honk! Jr.' started in earnest in the New Year. Everyone was excited about having the opportunity to perform in a Broadway Musical; a story of the ugly duckling who gets fed up of being picked on and goes off in search of a new life, having adventures along the way.



Summer Term

During Environment week J3-J6 had their chance to present 'Rendcomb Watch' in the woods. We had our very own Bill Oddies and Kate Humbles, explaining about what flora and fauna you can find in the woodland at Rendcomb, complete with microphones and headsets. Well done to all you budding presenters.

Within 6 weeks of the start of term all the J3-J6 students had to be ready to perform "Honk" to the best of their ability in front of a live audience - no pressure then.

The music wasn't easy and not only did the children need to learn the lyrics they also had to learn different parts within the songs, keep in time with the musicians, as well as dance! Under the musical directorship of Mr Colls, the children sang beautifully and coped well with the live band during their two performances, which were completely sold-out.

I know that when Harry Priestner, who played the lead role of 'Ugly' sang 'Different,' shivers were shooting down everyone's spines. He also had so much dialogue to remember - what a talent. Kathryn Rew sang and acted superbly as Ida, Ugly's mother



and she was only in J5 - what a future she has. Patrick Tarleton played Drake, Ida's husband brilliantly. He looked an absolute picture wearing a frilly apron and fluffy pink gloves!

I enlisted the help of two 6th Form students, Tom Wise and Emily Apps to help me with the choreography. Josh Cropper, (The Cat and the villain) and James Mudge, (the Bullfrog and comic) worked particularly hard at learning their dances. They both upped their games for the big nights and they really shone.

Sister Pritchard excelled herself this year with the costumes. They looked stunning on the stage. We went green in every sense of the word.

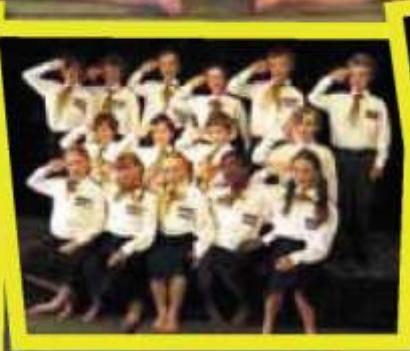
The children gained so much from the experience and the audiences were incredibly appreciative. In order to put on a show of this calibre, so many people have to be involved and willing to give of their time and energy. You know who you all are, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the effort you put into 'Honk! Jr,' without you it wouldn't have been possible.



HONK!



HARRY PRIESTNER
UGLY





KATHRYN REW
IDA



JAMES MUDGE
BULL FROG



PATRICK TARLETON
DRAKE



JOSHUA CROPPER
CAT



WOODLAND CLASSROOM



Eco Team

NESTING BOX & HEDGEHOG HOUSE

Stuart Gallop in J5 impressed us all by building a nesting box and a hedgehog house for the woodland area. We were delighted when a blue tit family took up residence and we watched their activities on our new web cam.



Eco TEAM

Pupils from J2-J6 were specially chosen for their interest and knowledge about recycling and the Woodland Area. Joshua Cropper and James Mudge even wrote an article which was published in the national newspaper.

Trees

Some bendy,
Some strong,
Some tall and green,
Branches gleaming in the sunlight,
Some leaning forward,
as if to grab you.

By Oliver Heneghan

Birds

Big or small,
Fat or thin,
Colourful or dull,
Loud or quiet,
Female or young
They will still be amazing!

By Olivia Grzelinski



"I love collecting sticks"
Noah



Feeding the birds



Supporting the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust



Listening for the Robin



Nature club





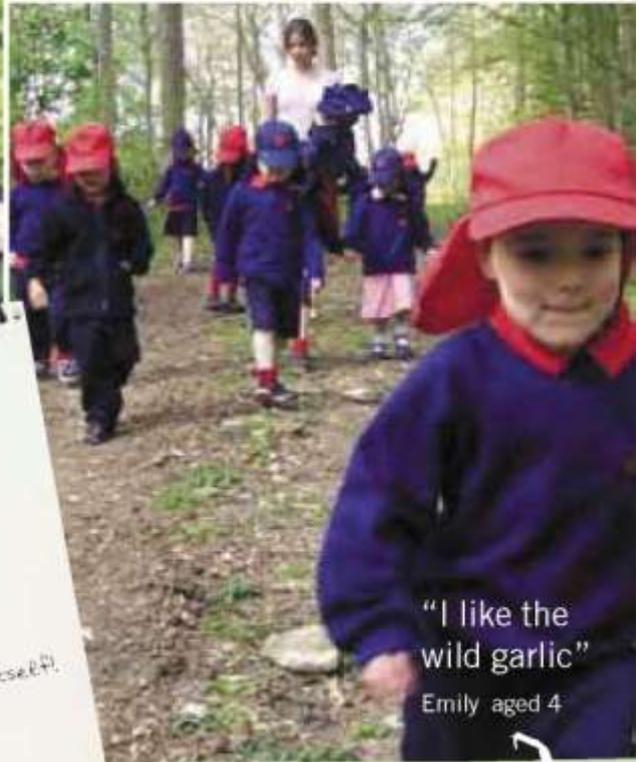
"I love Forest School because there are trees and sticks"

Rory aged 4

ORIENTEERING

Orienteering is a fantastic sport that demands both physical fitness and presence of mind from the competitor. The idea is to use a map to navigate around a series of points that are marked on the map and ground. Rendcomb's huge grounds lend themselves well to this exciting sport. This year has been a developmental year for this sport at Rendcomb and we have had proper orienteering maps drawn up of our grounds.

All junior years had a taster of this sport during Environmental Week and it proved a real hit with all of the children even if the weather was very wet. Here's to navigating our way in this sport's direction in the future!



"I like the wild garlic"

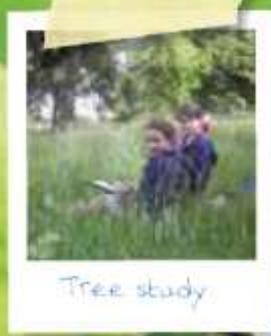
Emily aged 4

Green

Green grass all around,
Listen to its rustling sound.
Leaves sway in the breeze,
Hanging from tall brown trees.
Birds dance, swoop and dive,
Bees emerge from their honey hive.
Green grass all around,
Listen to its rustling sound,
Fox creeps through the night,
Hunting for supper when there's no light.
Thrush searches for a snail,
Underneath a wet straw bale.
Green grass all around,
Listen to its rustling sound.
Duck wants to be fed,
So he looks for some tasty bread.
Flowers decorated with bright petals,
Soon a beautiful butterfly settles.
Green grass all around,
Listen to its rustling sound.
By James Mudge

The Environment

Every animal's home
Nature's home
Virtual paradise
Isolated space
Remember me, land!
Original wilderness
Nature's world
Memorable place
Equal beauty
Natural habitat
Teaching us about itself!
By Katie O'Brien



Tree study



Graphing plant diversity



Under the tree canopy

"I love climbing the trees"

Polly aged 3



JEST

A new school term, a new committee (almost!) and a steep learning curve! With just 3 weeks to bring together the Autumn Bash, the new committee had its work cut out! But the evening was a friendly, relaxed affair, with a terrific band, good food and great company! An event well worth attending.

The annual cake sale was a complete sell out! Lots of people baked cakes and even more people bought them! Mr Watson assured us that his plateful was for the staff!

The next event was the children's Christmas Parties. These were a huge success with the children. After a party tea a magician entertained them, showing them how to mould balloons into different shapes, including swords and animals. One J5 boy assured us, it was "The best Christmas ever!" The Otters and Nursery party was visited by Father Christmas, who handed out presents to all the party goers.

During the Spring Term we held the very popular Spring Fling! The Dining Room and Dulverton Hall were decorated with flowers and maypoles and after a champagne reception, where we were entertained by Alex Holden on the piano. We all retired to the dining room for a sumptuous meal, whilst being entertained at the tables by a Magician and Balloon Sculptor. Following this, we danced the night away to the Otis Mac Band. Tired feet and sore heads were the order of the next day!

To end the school year the Summer Fete took place on the final Monday of term. The vagaries of the British summer meant that this had to be held inside. This severely curtailed the stalls and games, but a lot of fun was had - although the children were very upset not to be able to throw wet sponges at Mr Watson! Maybe next year?

Money raised from these events has largely been donated to the school for equipment for the Woodland Classroom this year. We are always open to ideas on where the money should be spent and new ways to raise it, so please feel free to offer your suggestions!

We are always looking for new members to join JEST, so if you have some spare time, why not come along to one of our meetings and join in the fun?!?

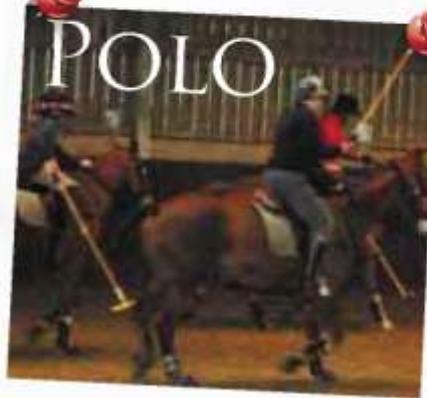
Ellie Salter





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POLO

Both the senior and junior schools took part in polo sessions every Wednesday evening at Inglesham Polo Club.

Unfortunately the inclement weather forced the lessons to take place in the indoor school, rather than a polo field, but this meant that a lot of tactics were taught and the students could concentrate on both their riding and hitting skills. The term ended with a small tournament with the students being divided into 4 teams. It was a hard fought tournament, but a lot of fun was had!

We will carry on playing next term for as long as possible until Christmas and then again in the spring/summer and we hope to be able to play against other schools in friendly matches next season.

Our ultimate aim for next year is a visit to Argentina, when we can hone our polo skills, brush up on our Spanish and learn to Tango!!



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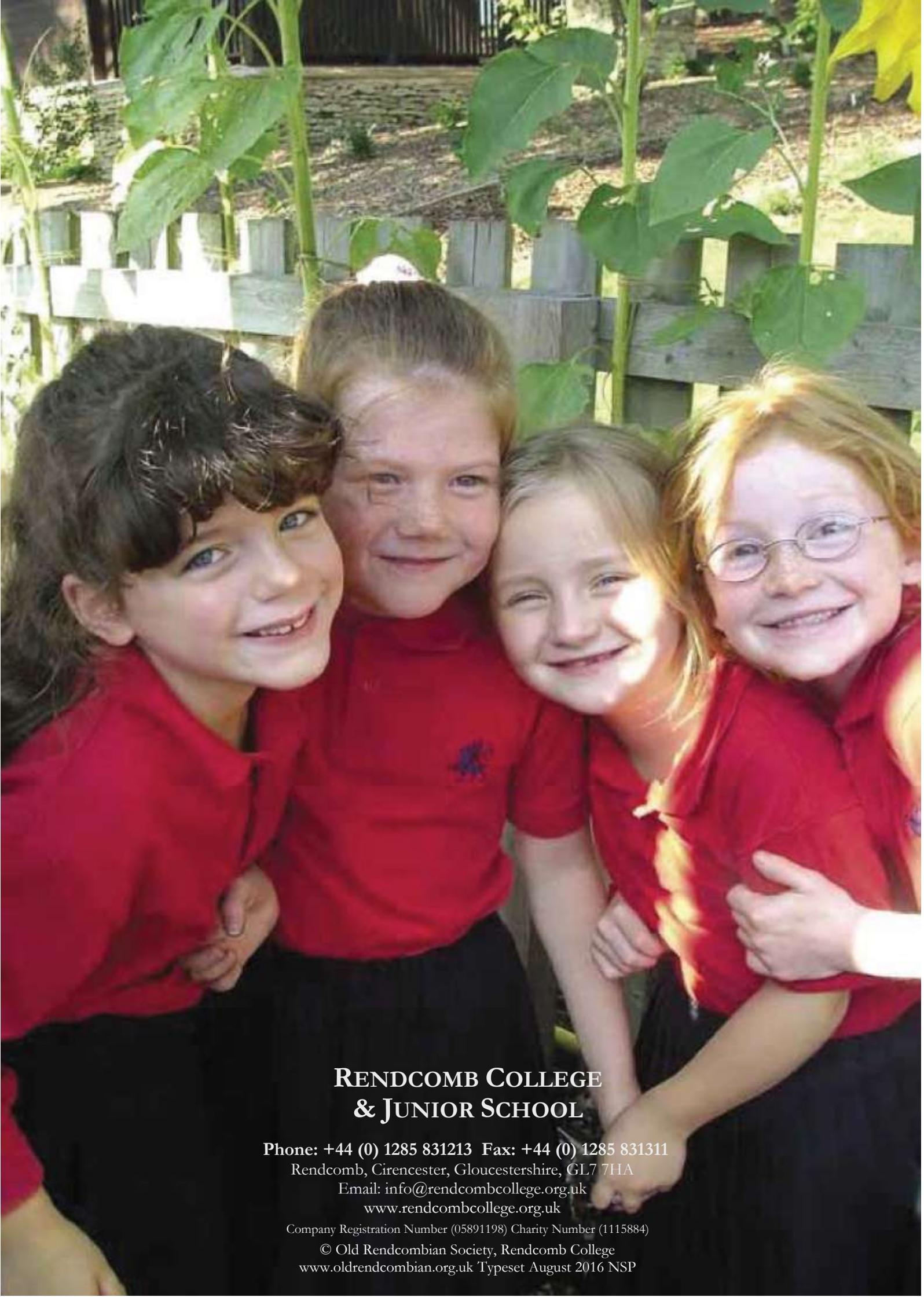
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