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WELCOME

Brittany, July 28 2006.

I am writing the foreword to this excellent edition of our Rendcombian magazine, sitting under a parasol in the cool courtyard of a friend's gîte near the Breton coast. We have just returned from a wonderful day at Cancale, with glorious sunshine and stunning views across the bay to Mont St Michel. It is now 7pm on a Friday evening and having poured myself a glass of Vacqueyras, I have exactly 30 minutes to put finger to laptop and compose something meaningful; otherwise, I suspect that my wife, Liese "le chef de cuisine", who is also "le chef" of this publication, will not allow me any supper. It is of course very easy to write about the academic year 2005-6 as surely it will go down as one of the vintage years in the college's history.

Let me serve you up a few highlights:

100% pass-rate at A level with 50% graded A; the opening of our Junior School Woodland Classroom at our Founder's Day celebrations followed by that outstanding address from Jonathan Porritt; Diana Dodd's challenging and moving production of Jesus Christ Superstar; The Junior School securing Artsmark gold award; our



Gerry and Liese Holden

all-conquering U13 cricket side coached by Neil Ferreira : 8 games, 8 victories.

Inevitably the above list is highly personalised and not exhaustive; you will have your own magic moments from this year and I hope that some reportage is given to them in this publication.

A great deal of thought, editing and creativity has gone into this edition of The Rendcombian and I would just like to thank all those pupils, staff and parents who have collectively contributed to this impressive record of the year just gone. Many of you have written articles or submitted photographs, for which the editorial team is most grateful.

And finally, to Liese Holden, our editor, who has worked tirelessly at her computer throughout sizzling July, while the other members of the Holden clan had fled the country, I am, as always, uxoriously grateful.

7.30pm - time for supper.

Gerry Holden



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Record exam pass rate for the class of 2006

100% A Level
93% GCSE A* - C

By **Gerry Holden**
Headmaster

FOR THE SECOND consecutive year Rendcomb College announced a pass-rate of 100%.

Rebecca Maxted from Swindon, who is going on to read English at Exeter University secured 4 A grades in English, History, Geography and Art. Head Girl, Fiona Hicks from Ramsbury, who intends to read English at York University also performed superbly obtaining 3 A grades in English, French and Maths. Rupert Hooper, from Cirencester, who had recently returned from the College's cricket tour of Barbados, picked up top A grades in Geography and Maths and a B grade in Physics; Rupert will be taking up a place at Southampton University next month to read Economics. Rendcomb's sixth form twins, Hannah and Rebecca Bullock, who live in Cheltenham, were also amongst the high flyers with both of them achieving A grades in Theatre Studies and Psychology, and Hannah securing a further A grade in English, which Rebecca also passed with a very high B grade.

Headmaster Gerry Holden commented "We are enormously proud of all our pupils' impressive results in what was a particularly collegial year group.

The publication of A level results is one of the great days in the school calendar and it is wonderful to see so many pupils, staff and their parents rejoicing in academic success".



Rendcomb GCSE students celebrate great results



Excellent set of GCSE results

RENDCOMB COLLEGE pupils have rivalled last year's excellent set of G.C.S.E results, by producing a 93% A* - C pass rate, with an impressive 46% of subjects graded at A* and A. James Bladon of Swindon was outstanding with 9A**s and 2A's, closely followed by Oliver Richards who also lives in Wiltshire with 7A**s and 3A's. Four other students, Laura Brown, Richard Collins, Alexander Jordan and Charles Stutchbury achieved a complete set of 10 GCSE's all graded at A* or A while Richard Pass also performed superbly, obtaining 5A* grades.

Rendcomb's new Director of Studies, Mr Chris Wood, said "many of these students not only achieved excellent exam results, but have also played an important role in the life at the College, especially on the games field or as musicians. Overall 42 students from the school sat the examinations and 40 obtained at least 5 passes Grade A*-C. The total number of passes obtained at Grade A* or A was 177.

Results of this calibre are a wonderful reflection of our young students' hard work and talent, supported by our dedicated teaching staff."

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PRESS CUTTINGS

FOUNDER'S DAY 2006

Pouring rain did not dampen the spirits of the 600 parents, pupils and guests who joined us for Founder's Day this year, however, Sir Michael Angus, who opened the formal part of the proceedings, declared that he had hoped "by inviting an environmentalist, instead of a scientist as we did the previous year, we may have expected better weather. He therefore declared that next year, he felt we should invite a "man of the cloth"!

A full morning's programme of music, drama, exhibitions and a French style cafe in the Reading Room, preceded the speeches held in the "Bedouin tent" style transformation of the sports hall.



Noel Wills:
Founder of Rendcomb College



Sir Michael Angus

The following are extracts and highlights from the speeches, the details of which are covered in more detail in the rest of the magazine.

The Headmaster recalled the success of the students in last year's public examinations where they achieved record breaking pass rates, a performance that won us the national accolade of being the second most improved school in the Financial Times League table.



Jamie Burley

Jamie Burley, Head Boy opened his speech with a quote from Henry Ford

*Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.*

"Teamwork at Rendcomb is something that I have been a part of for 5 years whether it is on the sports field, acting in plays or singing in the choir; and the ability to work as part of a team is a factor that can make or break a person."

"As a young 3rd form boy coming into a bigger school I was afraid that I would not make it into some of the teams because of the closely knit groups that had already been formed. However, after securing a place in all three sports and being made captain of hockey and cricket, I soon found that I was looked upon as the leader which came as quite a shock. One of the hardest things about being a leader is the ability to inspire each and every player on the team in their own way so that they will perform at their best, but if this is achieved success is usually the only result."

..."When we all leave Rendcomb everyone leaves with their own particular talent and developed academic knowledge; however one thing that we all will have in common when we depart is the strength of character and personality that Rendcomb gives us. I feel I have made some great friendships and hope to keep in touch with as many people as possible.

There is just one message I would like to give all of the younger pupils of the college- "take every opportunity and all the school offers, try your best at it and you will enjoy your time as much as I did. I truly look forward to coming back as an Old Rendcombian in the years to come"



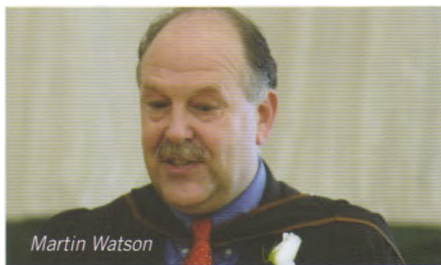
Hannah Clift

Hannah Clift - Head Girl-Junior School

"I shall look back at my experience here with fondness. Rendcomb College Junior School really is like one big happy family. We all work together to have fun, to be creative and, believe it or not, to learn. I think the success of the school really is down to the cooperation and team work between teachers, teachers and pupils, between the pupils themselves and, of course, the support of the parents. I have enjoyed my time at Rendcomb. I'll never want to leave so it's a good thing I'll be joining the senior school! Thank you Rendcomb!"

William Scott - Head Boy - Junior School

"I particularly enjoyed the trip to Kilve Court where we had a chance to improve our team spirit with team building exercises and we also had a chance to try out some more unusual sports such as archery and mountain biking. Mr Watson found this last activity challenging - what pity we didn't have a camera on that steep hill! He finished by stating "The sport just doesn't stop! I have been proud to have been a part of so many of these teams and activities and I wish the Junior School every success in their future sporting endeavours"



Martin Watson - Headmaster of the Junior School

Martin Watson started his speech with an overview of the development of the new woodland classroom and the accolade of receiving the Artsmark Gold Award for Music, Art, Drama and Dance.

"As I am sure you all remember last year's theme was "family". Family life is based on co-operation and teamwork and it is on this aspect that the Junior School speeches are focussed today. At Rendcomb College Junior School we aim, and I believe succeed, in developing our pupils to their full potential. I am very proud to see such well-rounded, confident individuals emerge as J6 approach their move to Senior School. However, much of this individuality is

moulded through teamwork, which is evident in all aspects of school life.

All Heads recognise that their best resource is their staff. I am fortunate to have the support of a high quality, professional team, led by an amazing Deputy Head, Mrs Anne Haas. It is due to the dedication and vision of this team that we are able now to reflect and celebrate the successes of this year"



Guest Speaker - Jonathan Porritt

We were delighted to welcome the well-known environmentalist Jonathan Porritt, as our guest speaker for Founder's Day. After opening our woodland classroom in

the "Wilderness" he addressed the school on the importance of educating our pupils to care for the environment and to help combat apathy about the dangers of climate change. He was impressed by the initiatives already taken by the College to be more sustainable and hoped that in the years to come the College could move towards being more, if not entirely, self-supporting.



He could not resist an opportunity to launch an attack on his well-known adversary, car mad presenter Jeremy Clarkson, whom he called "an outstandingly bigoted petrol head". This verbal attack on Mr Clarkson, who also lives in the Cotswolds, subsequently heralded a great deal of interest in the press and on the local radio!



Fiona Hicks - Head girl gave a vote of thanks to Mr Porritt and started her speech by referring back 30 years to when her parents were both at the College

"Thirty years ago the Head Boy and a fellow prefect of Rendcomb College remarked that by leaving Rendcomb, they very much felt that they were leaving home. Those two people were my parents. Standing here today, I am able to share their sentiments. Imagining my Mother and Father as teenagers is hard enough, but what I find more amazing is the fact that over all this time, the ethos of the college has not changed. I feel so privileged to have been able to enjoy the atmosphere of friendliness, fun and enthusiasm that my parents so relished during their time as students here" and finished by saying that "Leaving Rendcomb really does feel as if I am leaving home. From the teachers' endless jokes (which I will not inflict on you), to effervescent cookery lessons with



Mrs Grey, catching up on gossip with her immortal words, 'I am not nosey, I just must know!', it has been a truly great two years. When I first arrived one member of staff, on learning that Rendcomb was in fact the place where my parents met, amazed me by asking if I had come here to find a husband! I can firmly say that I have not, but I have gained a wealth of enjoyable experiences. I think I can speak for all of this year's leavers in saying thank you to everyone who has made our time here so memorable. Who knows, in thirty years time, maybe I will have a daughter or son here!



The Headmaster then acknowledged the staff who were leaving the College and concluded with a quotation from Ralph Emerson on the theme of success

"To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give one's self; to leave the world a little better, whether by healthy children, a garden patch, or redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived - this is to have succeeded."

With thanks to Imogen Hutton-Potts for her excellent performance on the recorder and to the Senior School Chamber Choir for their outstanding rendition of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*.

Mrs L Holden



BURSAR'S REPORT

MEDICAL CENTRE

In response to a request from Sister Judy Hunt to reduce her hours, we have recruited a nurse to share Sister Judy's time at the College. Rachel Jardine starts on the 1st September, and we wish her a warm welcome and a happy time at Rendcomb. This means that our policy of having 24/7 nursing cover in the term time continues.

Sisters Julie and Judy continue to "make the difference" and we are very fortunate to have them. Sister Julie's costumes this year have been outstanding, and the recent Forbidden Planet production showed how professional her work is...any attempt by the Royal Shakespeare Company to attract Julie to work for them will be rebutted forcefully.

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

A very busy year for the Accounts Department has culminated in the preparation for the annual audit that starts in September, Susie Watkins completes her second year in the post as Finance Manager, and the tremendous support she receives from Sue Thomson means that the College has a Finance Department that is highly regarded.

SECRETARIAL AND ADMISSIONS SUPPORT

A huge amount of work goes into providing support for the Senior Staff and the College at Rendcomb by the Secretarial and Admissions Support Team, and without them the smooth running efficiency of the College would suffer. Nothing is too much trouble, with Christine Johnson and Ann Slark, the Headmaster's PA and Admissions Registrar, Dawn Freegard supporting the Headmaster of the Junior School and his staff, and Carol Endersby and Diana Baker, the Bursar's Secretary and Receptionist respectively. Mrs Cindy Collins joins us in September, to assist on Reception, as this function is a job share, and we say a fond Au Revoir to Maureen Dancer, who leaves us to devote more time to her family.



INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The complexities of the Rendcomb College Network continue to grow, and Darrell Hayward and Shani Hawkins provide the professional support the Network deserves. The new Director of ICT, Charlie Brierley-Howes manages the Department, and the plans for the Intranet are progressing smoothly.

LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

Katrina Ellor has left us to pursue other goals, and Bill Ballinger ably supports the Biology Department. Jo Bond has taken over the Chemistry Lab Tech role, and has impressed everyone with her enthusiasm and knowledge. Derek Coombes provides the support for the Physics Department, and supports D of E stores, stationery, and photocopying in the Senior School.

A huge thank you to all the non-teaching support for their unfailing support throughout the year.

Jeremy Grey



WHAT THE BUTLER HAS SEEN!!!!!!!

**Sorry, this is not a peep show,
but read on to find out what
has been going on since the
last instalment of Mops,
Buckets and Cooking Utensils**

J Bond, no that's Joe, has deserted us and left to work for "Spectre" as a Laboratory Technician. Has Money Penny (Janice Watton) lost her iron grip on the staff in the domestic department? No, she has been quick to recruit a new agent and train her well. Sarah Jones, a mother of two from the famous recruiting ground of Cirencester; we all wish her well and hope Sarah has many successful missions with us. Ben Drew finally tied the knot this year with Mel after several years as his long term partner, and as Ben's mother and sister both work at the College, there was much talk prior to the great day, but all went well and we all give our best wishes for their future together.

In the Main Building, Mark Robbins and his team have been working throughout the year to support college functions, commercial events and charity fundraising, all his team generously giving of their time and in the process helping charities to raise over £20,000 for their good causes. These include The Cobalt Appeal Fund, Cirencester Citizens Advice Bureau, Save The Children, Minchinhampton Hospice and Saint Cecily's Fund for orphans in Africa. With the help of the Works & Grounds team, we also hosted sports day's for local children, offering our facilities free of charge to all these charity events.

Who else have I seen come through the doors? There was the night that Dulverton Hall hosted a dinner, display and talk on Fabergé Eggs, several weddings for Old Rendcombians and local couples, the



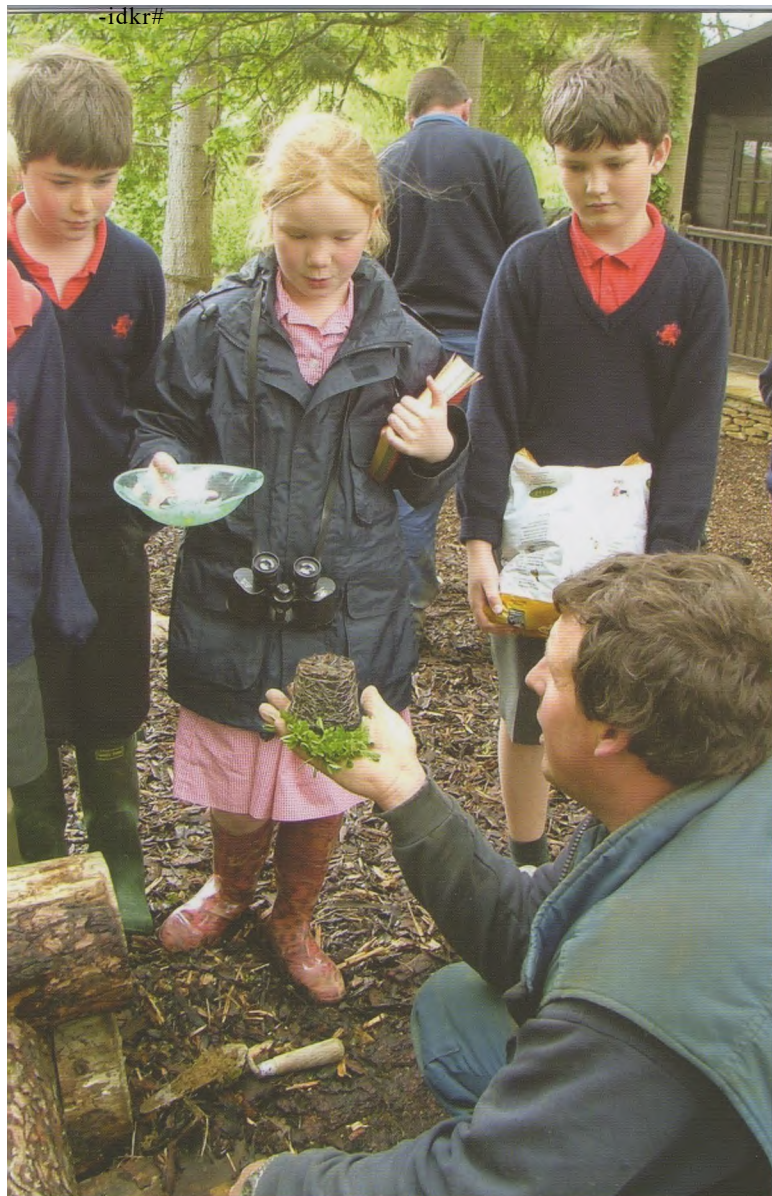
England Lacrosse Organisation visited three times with Rendcomb as their preferred conference venue, Stagecoach held their area student photo session here, so maybe a few budding stars of the big and little screen have come through our doors, then there was The Natural Childbirth Trust for whom we hosted a small Christmas Fair and talk. Is the Headmaster's next move a Birthing Pool? I know students start education earlier than in my day but is this not taking it just a little too far?

I saw no Christmas Parties so what was going on? The students went out one door and the builders moved into the kitchen by the other. The contractors had a three week window to strip out the kitchens, take the tiles off the walls, repair and clad the walls, fit new gas pipes and safety devices, balance extraction and input air, and fit a false ceiling, Oh yes and clean up! The lead contractor, Mr Simon Grace of Grace Services coordinated the operation with military precision, finishing the project on time and budget, enabling Mark Robbins and his team to prepare for the start of the Easter term in a healthier and safer working environment.

On the catering front we must say thank you to Mrs Angela Baneham for her regular delivery of organic vegetables from Home Farm, we await a bill for new suspension for her car, and to Mis en Place of Cirencester for sourcing us local organic breads, where the wheat is grown, milled and baked on the farm then delivered to us, a total journey of 12 miles.

The Catering team will continue to source as many of the products they use from local suppliers. Sorry have to leave you now the Butler's Bell is ringing I must go and do my duty.





WORKS TEAM

Harry Evans continues to develop the gardens and still finds time to assist Paul and Peter Cairns who have undertaken the additional tasks, which this year included the Rendcomb Firework extravaganza, the building of the Wilderness classroom, the new recycling yard and refurbishment of the Art & Music Department, as well as the everyday tasks of keeping the buildings in running order. Matthew Hodgson and John Johns continue to maintain and improve the grounds in the College and the Sports field, which has seen the ongoing development of the grass cricket nets.



JAMIE AT THE SUMMIT OF EVEREST

It has been a busy year once again for the works team, maintaining the buildings and grounds at their best. Michael Bremner joined the team in October on day release from Hartpury College studying for the First Certificate in Land Based Operations, whilst in December Jamie Rouan left us to undertake the journey of a lifetime to climb Mount Everest after cycling from the Dead Sea, a small journey of 5000 miles, which we are happy to say he completed on May 21st.

Mr M Hodgson



TROY STORY

In addition to keeping the College and Grounds in first class order the works team are very versatile and can turn their hand to anything. So the construction of a wooden horse for the Junior School musical "Troy Story" was no problem!



Woodland Classroom (above) and getting a soaking at the Junior School Fete



CHAPEL REFLECTIONS

It was the celebrated writer Mark Twain (1835-1910) who once said, 'Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten' and perhaps because of that 'I never let my schooling interfere with my education!'

Now there's a thought, but I believe we should be educating our pupils for life - and Chapel and the classroom can enable students 'to make reasoned and informed judgements on religious and moral and social issues ... preparing them for life as citizens in a plural society.' (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority)

So what have our pupils enjoyed this year? Visiting speakers on a Sunday have included Mr. Tony Houghton (Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere), Mr. Steve Bullock (Gloucester Diocesan Youth Officer), Lt. Col. Jeremy Grey (Remembrance Sunday), Rev. Steve Hayes (Chaplain of Kingham Hill School), Rev. Alison Adams (Bloxham Project) and Miss Fiona Welbourn (Church Mission Society). There have also been special services for Remembrance Sunday, the Advent Carol Service and the end of term Carol Service at St. John Baptist, Cirencester. We have supported the following charities - the British Legion, ROPE, the Cotswold Care Hospice and the National Star Centre.

In the weekly assembly we have explored a variety of topics including contemporary issues and the Christian faith, seeking always to relate whatever is said to the life and experience of the pupils.

In the Junior School there has been both laughter and fun. With the Otters we have learnt about ourselves and the person of Jesus. With the Juniors we have considered Old Testament characters, things Jesus said and did, and the life of St. Peter, after whom Rendcomb Parish Church is named. The interaction with the pupils makes these assemblies a real pleasure, their purpose being not just to entertain but to help them in their daily lives.

My thanks, as always, to Mr. Andrew Gunning, the Director of Music; Miss Penny Clements, Assistant Director of Music; the choir; Lt. Col. Jeremy Grey, Church Warden; and to those who have decorated the church so beautifully throughout the year.

Together we are aiming to provide an education and an experience of God, which will survive long after 'what has been learned has been forgotten'!

Rev. Charles Jefferson



Harvest Festival





Fairy Tales with a twist - Friday Night Challenge

ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR THE OLD REC BOYS & GODMAN GIRLS ...

Michaelmas Term

CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

It was over 20 miles long and 20 to 30 people did it. It could only be: 'the historical churches cycle ride'. People saw a variety of things from churches to Mr Jennings on his bike! The funniest sight was Mr. Haas on his rally shopper wearing Andrea's undersized helmet! It drizzled non-stop, however it was at least mild and no one got hypothermia! Soon after that the riders were down the tracks and up over the hills covered in brambles and some of the group even got lost ending up doing an extra 5 miles! Peddling like maniacs out of North Cerney following the secret short cut that Finn Brennan knew, they puffed and panted along the Whiteway and all the way back to the Old Rec for tea and sandwiches, just before the heavens opened.

Oliver Greenaway



FIRST FORM SET OFF FOR THEIR ADVENTURE WEEKEND TO SHROPSHIRE

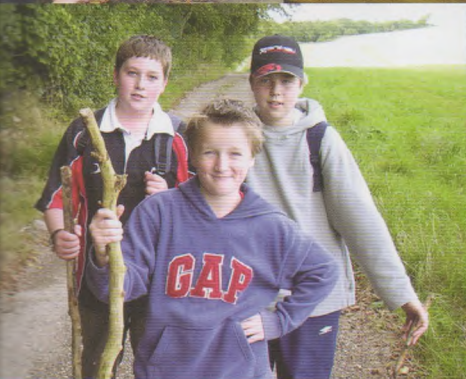
For the first few weeks in Old Rec many people were very shy but Rendcomb has the answer for that: the first form adventure weekend in Shropshire which involves raft building, rock climbing, BMX biking, high ropes, underground maze, assault course, survival training and much, much more. However, I think the key thing was team work and determination. Every activity brought students closer and all the first form came together and helped everyone and anyone.

On the last day we all wanted to stay at least another week, but we all knew that we had to go so we set off for the long journey back. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Brealy for organizing this amazing event and thank you Mr. Holden for making my life so difficult when I had to keep the ladder tight for you!!

Oliver Greenaway



Adventure Weekend



Week 3, the 2nd from went for a walk and camped "Up Top" under the expert guidance of Mr Brealy and Miss Royer and Godman and Old Rec parents enjoyed a civilised coffee afternoon at Godman

The Old Rec boys had fun in the dark with the laser guns



The girls prepared a local produce dinner party for their parents



Before we knew it, it was the end of term with sketches at the GodRec Christmas Party

Christmas came early this year with a bang and a cracker, funny sketch shows including impressions of teachers (Mr Morgan – names have been deleted to protect the innocent), disco and food. We had our very own Jordan in a sketch show who was, unlike his namesake, able to play the Virgin Mary. Hilarious impressions of sixth formers most notably Jamie Burley and the "Hana Lawrence hair flick"

Ella Roach & Harmony Andrews



Godman and Old Rec went on a trip to London to see The Lion King (what an amazing show!)

GodRec Halloween party – the ghouls all came out to play.

Sam Dally won best male dancer and the boarders went out 'trick or treating' around the village



Everyone took part in a silly socks day for charity



Godman girls said goodbye to Miss Riddick, their Gap student



Lent Term



Night Expedition



We started off the term with a bring 'n' buy sale in Godman. We shared the proceeds between Winston's Wish and The Meningitis Trust.

It was big; it was great. It was the GodRec 'bring and buy' sale raising over £200! The fantastic event was held in Godman. Items for sale included t-shirts and a mish-mash of toys, books and tasty cakes. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Brealy and Mrs. Fielding for organizing the whole wonderful event and to all the people who gave up their money and afternoon to help raise the money!

Jordan Thomas, Oliver Greenaway and Shaun Overthrow.

The Lent Term also saw the start of the 6th Form/ 1st Form Buddy Meetings.

We were all in need of a Winter Warmer party in the depths of February - Caribbean style!



'Hula-hula': that was the sound coming from Godman on the Hawaiian night. With wicked dancing, moshing and singing alike a great time was had by all. Also great prizes were awarded to the best dancers, limbo artistes and best dressed. The food had a Carribean theme, as the girls and boys enjoyed a banquet.

Harmony Andrews & Ella Roach

The girls enjoyed the opportunity to make pancakes and cakes

GODREC NIGHT EXPEDITION

It was a dark, dark night, and the wind was blowing strongly. Suddenly a load of 1st and 2nd Formers appeared: dressed in dayglo reflective gear and armed with an arsenal of assorted torches the students were ready for anything but especially for the night expedition. After photos were taken the groups set off into the unknown. Over hills and walls, under trees and the stars, most of us were slightly scared of the thought of a recently discussed, "surprise". Luckily this surprise turned out to be a trip to the local hostelry: The Bathurst Arms'. Hot chips were prepared for the intrepid explorers. All thanks goes to Godman and Old Rec house parents and all the very nice 6th formers that helped us on our way.

Oliver Greenaway & Shaun Overthrow



Hawaiian Party





Summer Term



Everyone enjoyed the Superheroes/ Superstars Party - Gordon Ramsay and Gavin Henson made guest appearances!

The First form enjoyed the barbecue with their 6th Form buddies at the Headmaster's house



Big Bug Day – just up the Old Rec boys' 'street'! The girls were not so keen but Miss McCurdy enjoyed being a bird handler for the day



Godman girls hosted a J6 sleepover evening and held an all girls 10th birthday party with girls past and present to celebrate 10 years of girls in Godman.



Many of the pupils returned "to the Forbidden Planet", the Lower School musical for this term. The girls organised and pamper party where they looked like aliens from another planet!



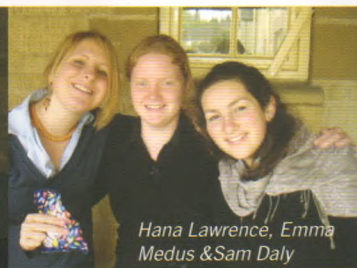
On the final weekend of the year we had a Silly Sports and Goofy Games event out on the Old Rec lawn, as well as a trip to Thorpe Park .



We hosted a Pimms Party for the GodRec parents out on the Old Rec lawn.



Emma Couch & Ashley Groombridge



Hana Lawrence, Emma Medus & Sam Daly

We must thank Emma Couch and Ashley Groombridge, who have been our outstanding Prefects in Old Rec and Sam Daly, Hana Lawrence and Emma Medus in Godman. They certainly went the extra mile!

We would also like to thank all our tutors and staff for their help and support this year.



LAWN HOUSE

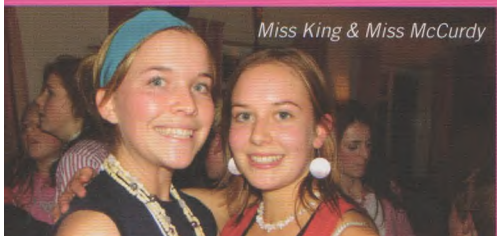


Dance Challenge

Well, what a year it's been! Back in the Michaelmas term we battled our way across campus through howling winds, horizontal rain, sleet and snow outside, so it's nice to think back to all the 'warm and cosy' events that took place.

We had the Dance Challenge to get us warmed up ready (I don't think the Dulverton Hall has ever seen so many leg warmers...), in preparation for which Lawn House was blasted with music and heaving with dance routines.

Later in the term it was time for the Lords and Ladies dinner-dance which a very able fifth-form committee organised for their own year group and the fourth form. Everyone dressed up in their glad-rags for this elegant soir  e, dined on fine food courtesy of Mr Naylor and his team, and then boogied the night away like there was no tomorrow. Then the term finished on a high note and a high kick as, along with the middle-school boys, we all went to see Chicago in the West End. With the end of term came a sad and fond farewell to our outgoing Gap Tutor, Miss Cotman.



Miss King & Miss McCurdy

The Lent term saw the arrival of our new Gap Tutor, Miss King, who soon made an impression as a quiet, calm personality... until she proved that she could play party-games fiendishly well and make as much noise as the rest of us, if not more.

This was at our own winter-warmer: a party for all the girls in Lawn on the theme of The Teddy-Bears' Picnic where pyjamas, hair-bunches and of course our favourite teddy-bears, were de-rigueur for the evening. We played some wonderfully silly party-

of outdoor games and barbecued food. The highlight of the evening was the Rounders match that the girls and boys all took part in: the weather took it in turns to smile and to scowl on us, so the evening was spent dashing to shelter from the brief showers. But it made for good fun, and trying to do long skids from one base to the next was great sport. Later on in the term we had a Lawn-House Girls' Night and everyone manicured, facialled, waxed and scrubbed to their hearts' content.



Teddy Bears' picnic

games and everyone scoffed what must be a record amount of crisps, chocolate, jelly and ice-cream.

The evening was a great success and wound down with showings of various chick-flicks and finally that classic, The Sound of Music (or should that be the sound of form-three girls singing along to it at half-past midnight?). But that's not an end to what's gone on during the middle term of the year: the fifth-form boys showed their culinary expertise by cooking a curry for the fifth-form girls, which we all enjoyed in the stylish surroundings of the Reading Room.

Then came the Summer term, which has been equally full of events. We've had the excellent Party in the Park, an extravaganza

The end of exams was of course celebrated with Sports Day, in which Lawn House talent shone through...as was the case for Silly Sports and Goofy Games Evening. And to round off the year, we had a pool party, complete with very silly pool-games and ridiculous amounts of party food - and thankfully the English weather smiled on us for this event, giving us one of the hottest, sunniest days of the whole year. The pool party followed 'hot' on the heels of a mammoth, all-school trip to Thorpe Park, and so a dip (or should that be a dunking?) in some nice cool water was just perfect, after what could easily turn out to be the hottest two days of the whole year.

Mrs V Hayward

Lords and Ladies Ball

A Fifth Form Committee,
chaired by Mrs Holden,
organised a fabulous themed
ball for all the members of
the 4th & 5th form



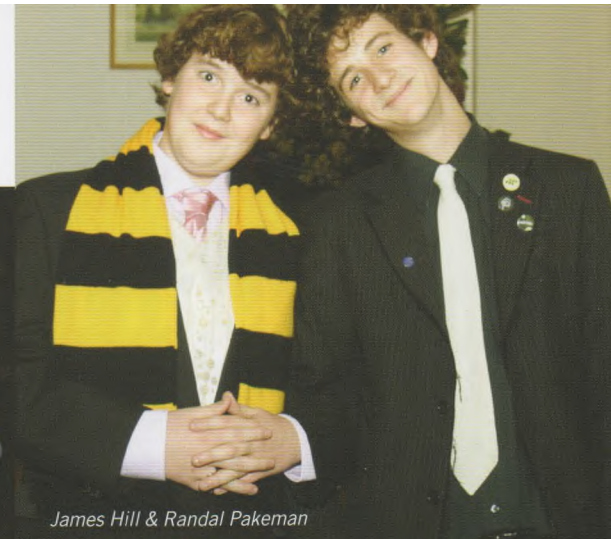


A fourth-form committee organised a fantastic world-of-film-themed disco for themselves and the third form.

The red carpet was rolled out (really) and everyone came along in fancy dress.



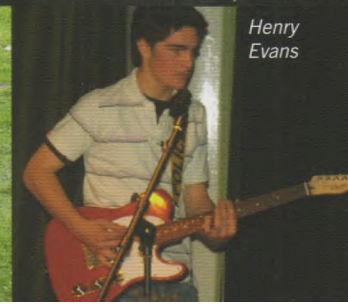
STABLE HOUSE



James Hill & Randal Pakeman



Mr North and Layla



Henry Evans

The academic year began with a major change to the House and the relocation of the 3rd form to College House, the 3rd form boarders remaining as a part of Stable House for the post supper period.

It was vital that this new arrangement succeed and particularly for Stable House, that the 3rd form boarders should feel very much a fully integrated part of our boarding community. I am delighted to report that this was accomplished from the outset, due to the friendliness of all the boys in the House, and especially to the role played by the Prefects who made it their business to go out of their way to support the people new to the House and in several cases, to the College.

The summer term brings cricket. U15's have had less success, but will have their day, whilst three 5th form boys have held down regular places in the 1st XI. Latterly, James Beck of the 4th form, has played 1st XI cricket and taken wickets.

The prefects have conducted themselves with maturity and concern for the well-being of others. I am grateful to them, and Randal Pakeman, as Head of House, for their enormous contribution.

The House has had a busy social year too, the highlights being the 4th. and 5th. form Lords and Ladies dinner dance, the 3rd & 4th form cinema disco and the College rock concert, which saw no fewer than 12 Stable

boys on stage, cutting some place out for themselves with drums and guitars.

On a less formal plain, Saturday evenings have occasionally been enhanced by the consumption of vast amounts of pizza and ice-cream and we have greatly enjoyed the weekend entertainment provided, from sports' hall football to cinema trips, fishing trips and good old "retail therapy" shopping trips. The Summer term saw a Saturday evening picnic in the park or more precisely, on the estate garden, where rounders and volleyball were played and a BBQ provided. It was so terribly British to have so many people enjoying themselves in the rain!

Improvements to the House have been the acquisition of two new televisions and a digital camera. I would like to thank the Parents' Association for their generosity, which enabled us to purchase the latter item. I was also greatly heartened and impressed by the willingness of the boys to decorate the Common Room. This was done over several weekends and has greatly improved this very important social water hole. We have also revamped all notice-boards and hung several new framed posters.

To those boys who leave Rendcomb at the end of term, we wish them all every success and happiness for the future and hope that they take happy memories with them.

There are always some important Thank Yous, to Mr. Paul Cairns and all his works' team for their tremendous on-going efforts, whether it be major projects or the day to day

maintenance and we know that we could not survive without them, to the cleaning staff who are so much a part of our Stable family- I do hope they know how appreciated they are, and to Mrs. Mary Cairns, a "gem" as she was described by the boys to the inspectors earlier in the term.



Matt Reeves & Mark Gunner at the rock concert

I would wish also to thank the Stable House parents for their support in so many ways and, as ever, my final thank you goes to all the boys who form this very friendly, caring and supportive community.

I wish everyone who is a part of the House an excellent holiday, so that they may return in September refreshed and ready for another successful Rendcomb year.

Mr B L North



The Stable boys cooked a curry for the Lawn house girls.



COLLEGE HOUSE

On Mrs Slark's phone list; College House as we came to be known is simply listed as "third form overspill"; sounds vaguely unpleasant! College House came into existence this year as indeed just that: a place for third form boys; both day and boarders.

In the year we have existed, we have started to create an identity: boys came in very young and we hope they leave rather more mature and 'grown up'! This is certainly true of many of the class of 2006 and I hope they enjoyed their time up in College House. We will also learn from what happened this year: what was good and what was not so good and improve every year.



MEMORIES:

- Trehane Taylor's cartoons.
- Books everywhere.
- Locusts descending on toast and cookies.
- Fridges and toasters.
- Zip wires.
- IKEA catalogues.
- World cup in the T.V. room.

- Bulldog and ice-pops!
- Rations and clean ups.

What a year!

Good luck to all the third form boys for next year.

Mr P Jennings

Into Africa

Many of you will remember last year's inspirational visits of Lucy Kibirige and Godfrey Kiganga, the Deputy Head and Headmaster of our linked sister school in Uganda. At the start of the summer holidays, I reciprocated with a visit to Lords Meade Vocational College. The school which is less than four years old has now grown to over 500 pupils, many of them orphans, their parents having died of AIDS. Moreover additional buildings, including a much needed 20 bed medical centre, have been added, with the support of other UK link schools. When James Stutchbury visited in April 2004, he spoke at assembly in the cool surroundings of the African Hall; unfortunately, during one very stormy evening this building lost its roof. Consequently when I spoke at assembly, the pupils were listening attentively [honest!] in the baking sun with temperatures of over 38 C. We are delighted to announce that as a result of the generosity of Rendcomb pupils, parents and staff, the African Hall will be restored and extended and will now be known as the Rendcomb African Hall. It is incredible how far £2,800 will go, especially as Lords Meade pupils will be heavily involved in its reconstruction. We also hope that some Rendcomb pupils will visit the college in the not-too-distant future.

My visit was incredibly busy and included : teaching careers education to classes of over 60 pupils but somehow we still managed some pair work and role play; refereeing a soccer match with LMVC pupils sporting their Rendcomb donated soccer kit (thank you the RCPA); staff INSET with the Headmaster's and office secretaries and Heads of Faculty; learning how to make a wooden stool and being taught how to dance Ugandan style... and then being persuaded by my 3rd form coaches to perform our new dance in front of the whole school in assembly.

Rendcomb is indeed fortunate to be offered the hands of friendship by Godfrey and Lucy our Ugandan brothers and sisters: these are not hands which beg, but in a world which continues to shrink, the joining of our hands symbolise a strengthening of our global, educational and cultural links.

Mr G Holden



Mr Holden presenting a cheque for £2800

School trip Germany

MARCH 2005



German signs at the toboggan run



Ahrweiler town wall



In Cologne



Waiting to go up to the top of the toboggan run



more shopping in Bonn



waiting for the toboggan run



the bakers in Ahrweiler



Cologne Cathedral



the Haribo shop, Bonn



By the Rhine



picnic at the park in Ahrweiler.



At the park in Ahrweiler



At the Haribo shop



Nurburgring Formula 1 theme park



Nurburgring simulators



Exchange partners on a day out

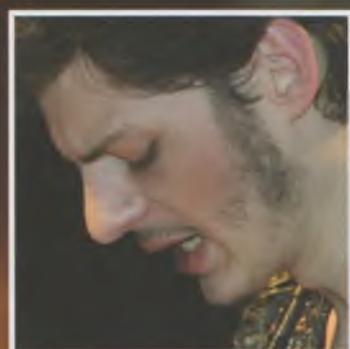


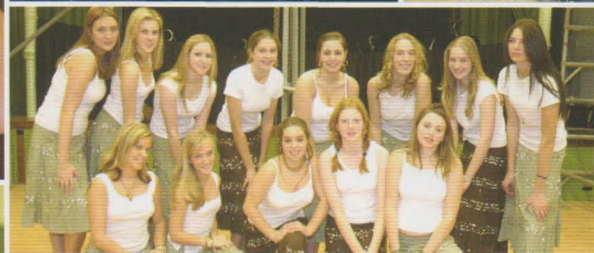
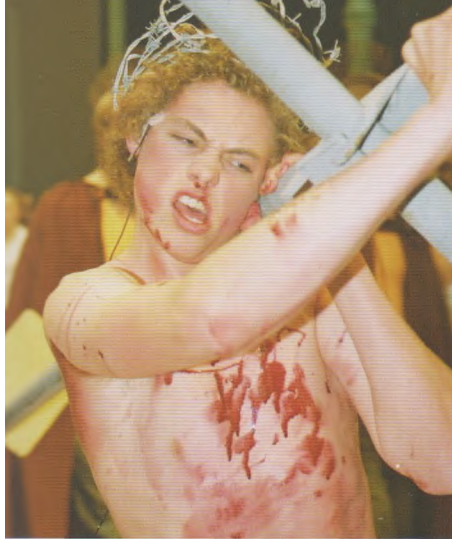
Dorm inspection at the Youth hostel.



At the Lindt Chocolate factory

DRAMA





JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR



Rendcomb College presented 'Jesus Christ Superstar' as their senior play this year. The set was industrial: grey threatening scaffolding and an ominous meat-hook and chain.

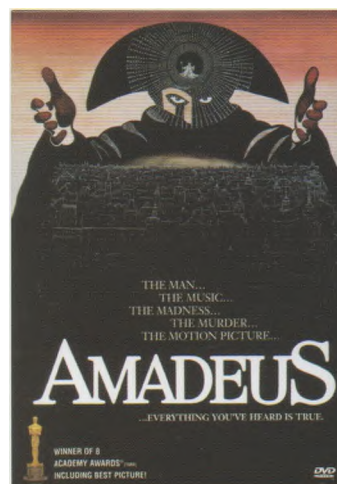
A cast of over fifty students threw themselves into the production with verve and vigour. The temple scene was particularly powerful; colour and chaos in equal measure. The cast managed very effectively to present the sense of hero worship and hopelessness felt by normal people at the time.

The principal actors were very assured in their challenging roles. Jamie Burley as Judas gave a convincing performance as a man racked by guilt and uncertainty. Tom Ruddy as Caiaphas was suitably aggressive and devious and Harry Frost as 'Herod-on-a motorbike' was a curious mixture of shallowness and serious intent. Alex Elsen's sonorous singing as Pontius Pilate was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the show. But the two stars were Alex Holden as Jesus and Emily Apps as Mary Magdalene. Alex sang with great conviction and a very well developed sense of confusion and bewilderment.

Emily Apps was outstanding as Mary Magdalene; her singing was emotional and powerful. The final crucifixion scene was terrifyingly powerful: After being brutally flayed by the crowd, Alex was winched on a scaffolding cross up on the meat-hook. The lighting, music and acting worked superbly together in this most challenging of scenes.

A tremendous production brought together by Mrs Diana Dodd and Mr Andrew Gunning, in charge respectively of the dramatic and musical elements of the show.

Mrs D Dodd



Next term, Form 4 and above and the Drama scholars of the college will be performing a play called "Amadeus" which is based on the possible historic rivalry between Mozart, the musical prodigy, and Antonio Salieri, the Italian composer, in the lavish court of 18th century Vienna.

It is a dark story of power, intrigue, envy and murder.

30th Nov-2nd Dec 2006



RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET

In a galaxy far, far, away.....
 Space, the final frontier.....
 May the Force be with you.....
 and so on.....
 and so on.....
 and so on.....



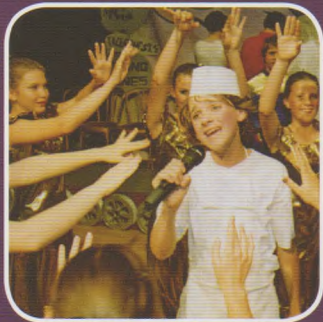
Science Fiction is a genre which the Drama and Music Departments had yet to invade before this summer. This term's Lower School production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet" had the raw ingredients of a classic cult sci-fi musical - a dashing hero, a beautiful heroine, a wacky villain, a quizzical robot, songs from rock'n roll history and a fairly minimal plotline.

Sister Pritchard produced some wonderful costumes especially Amy Bladon's robot outfit which she made from scratch. The Art Department based their summer term's work around the set and the pop art of Roy Liechtenstein. Mr Hayward was able to indulge his sci-fi interests by finding strange sound effects from classic films. Miss King and Sian Clift formed not one but three separate dance troupes to add to the action on stage. Mrs Holden, Mr Brierley-Howes and a team of cast members produced a lovely programme.



Mr Gunning could embrace his rock/pop side as he taught us some of the songs loved by our parents' generation in their youth. The stage crew was so ably led by Amanda Graham and helped the fluency of every evening's performance.

I was particularly pleased with the strength of this cast who worked together with enthusiasm from the beginning of the term. We have also uncovered some excellent talent for the future which is one of the key aims of the Lower School production.



Amy Bladon roller-bladed her way convincingly as Ariel the robot. Alex Jones and Sophie Humphries both tackled their first major roles with growing confidence. Lewis Taylor was a believably love-sick Cookie while Megan Dally played Miranda with bubbles and hearts emphasizing her frustrated yet assertive love for Tempest. Hannah Timmins played the feisty Gloria with maturity. Ed Brierley discovered the wacky nature of Dr Prospero.

Steven Brown led the cast with a stage maturity beyond his years. His Captain Tempest was a delicate balance between male chauvinist, aspiring rock star and at then end of the show lovesick fool.

Mr Gunning and I would like to thank all of you who performed on stage or came to support this light, frothy piece.

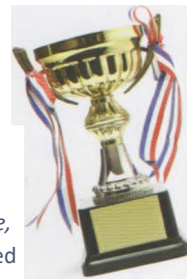
Mrs D Dodd



Programme artwork design (reproduced here) by Imogen Meborn-Hubbard



DANCE CHALLENGE



On 7th October, seven groups of 3-6 people entered into what they thought was just an ordinary dance competition. Little did they know they had entered the *Dance Challenge*, organised by the enthusiastic Miss Cotman and ably assisted by the excitable Mrs Dodd.

Having had a scant hour to invent and rehearse their routines, all teams danced the night way in front of an encouraging audience and the not-so-encouraging judges: Sharon Osbourne, Louis Walsh and Simon Cowell (AKA respectively as Miss Royer, Mr Holden and Mr Dodd). All teams were brilliant but there could only be one winner, and after a nail-biting tie-breaker between *Skittles*, *Taste the Rainbow*, and *Jerst Dancing*, the 'experienced' judges decided that the latter team should leave the challenge victorious.

Jazz Barks and Ellie Whittles



DRAMA TOUR 2006

Once again the Rendcomb luvvies descended on London like a hoard of locusts with overinflated luvviness. 'Gorn up market this year, ain't we and went in on the bloomin train!' (in 'cod' cockney accent). Very pleasant. The usual whistle-stop tour and some real highlights: 'The Blue Man Group' were outstanding and I'll never look at a marshmallow in the same way again! Watching Burley replicate this performance with Hula-Hoops was quite something.

There was street theatre, from us this time, in Covent Garden and 500 pizzas devoured at Pizza Hut. The 'Big Brother' diary room at Madame Tussauds was very popular and 'Blood Brothers', a touching story of scouse family entanglements, left not a dry eye in the house.

There was an added interest for the Rendcomb crew because the drama session at Pineapple Studios was taken by the narrator himself. More walking and gawping and then the finale: the matinee of 'Phantom' (real 'luvvies don't bother with 'The', 'of' 'the' or 'Opera'; it's just: 'Phantom'). Mrs Dodd was blubbing even before we entered the building and the experience was topped off by a Q & A session with the stage crew who let us in on some of the technical secrets of the show: most revealing was the fact that the boat in the famous underground scenes is remote controlled and unbeknown to us had crashed in the performance we saw!!

Another superb tour; resplendent red tour shirts and outstanding luvvie performances by all.

Well done Mrs Dodd: classic!

Mr P Jennings



THEATRE SPORTS



The third annual theatre sports competition was compered by Mr Jennings and Miss Cotman in the roles of Bruce and Shelia lost in the Australian outback trying to find their way to THEATRE SPORTS! (Which they finally found). Sadly the greatest actors known to man missed out since the competition was restricted to 4th form and above.



The winning 6B team amused the judges with a scenario based on bungee jumping off Sydney Harbour Bridge in a Welsh style, in addition to doing their mother's laundry as if they were in an opera. Theatre

Sports demand a quick imagination and good improvisation skills and also encourage a great deal of audience participation. This may have gone a little too far when the Headmaster and the other judges, Mrs Dodd and Richard Wills were drenched with a jug of water, but it was all part of the performance!

JUNIOR ART AND DESIGN

SUMMER ART AT RENDCOMB



VISIT TO TATE BRITAIN



RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET



Model box for Return to the Forbidden Planet -
Georgia Lee and Sophie Griffiths



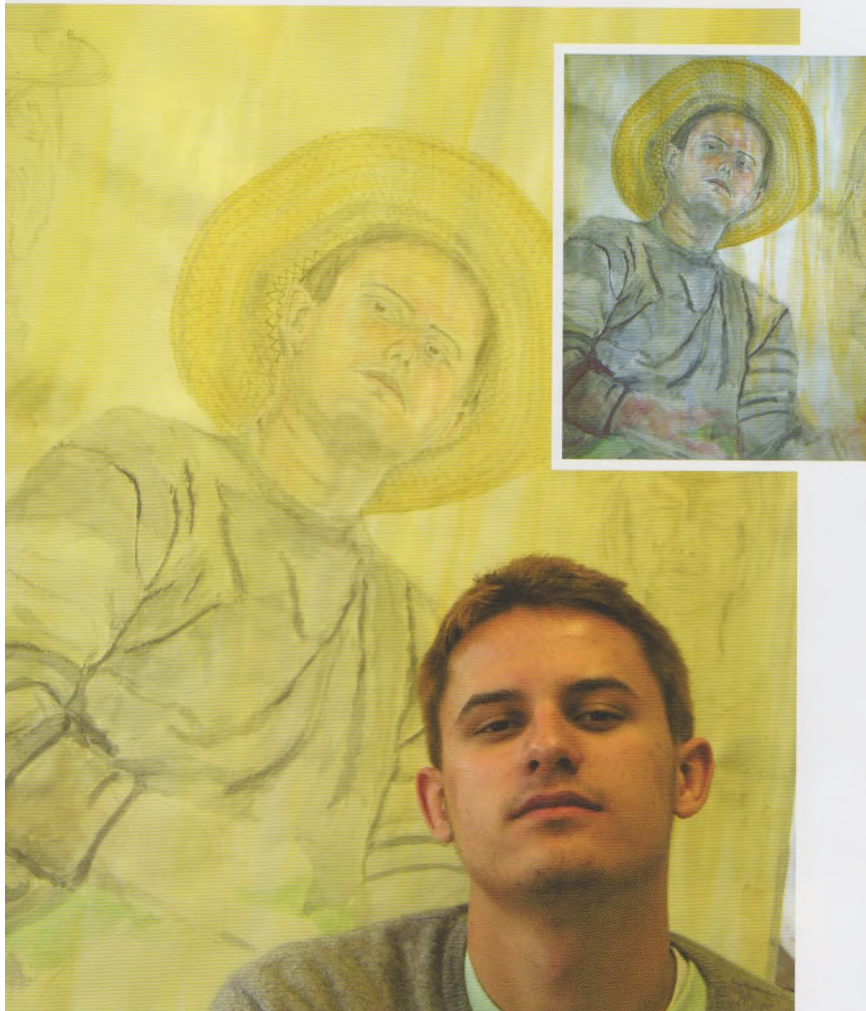
ART 6A A LEVEL



Becky Maxted with loads of painting!



Momo Murahashi using her hands



Hannes Gasteiger on self portrait



Yui Pang preparing for Fashion College

ART 6B AS LEVEL



Ben Crane



Eva Wuller - Red



Joe Tapsell - multimedia group



Max - pared down and printed



Min Lee - Cables, Plugs and Wires



John Thistlethwaite - Contents of his mind



Max - nude

ART 5TH FORM GCSE



Laurie Wilcox and "Crocojunk"



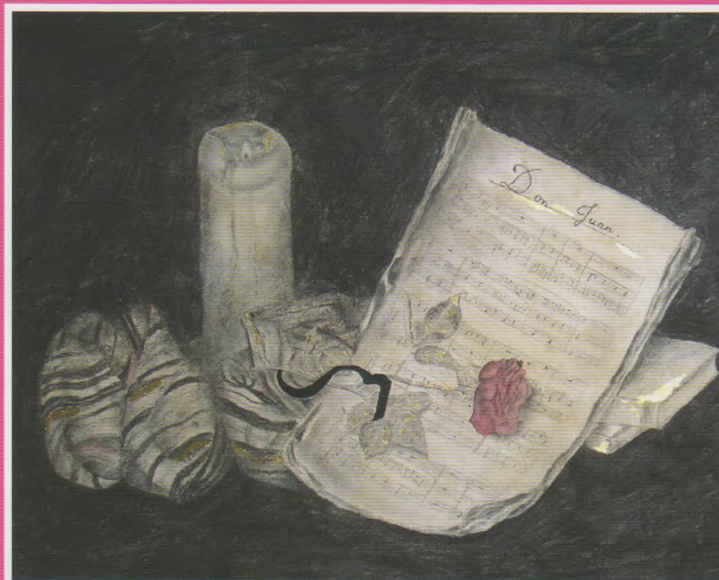
Laura Brown 'Connected to swimming'



Ku 2 - Personal Collection



Laurie Wilcox - 'Signs'.



Emily Apps - 'Black'

INDIAN BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP



A highlight of the Art Department was the visit of a Group of printers from Rajasthan who ran woodblock printing workshops at the Organic Farm Shop in Cirencester.

This involved soaking up plenty of background knowledge, watching fabric printed and blocks carved, drinking chai, eating freshly cooked samosas and finally printing cloth to the rhythm of Bollywood film scores, assisted by the Hindi speaking printers.



PARIS ART TRIP

A visiteurs individuels
Individuals visitan tes individuelles



"Welcome to France. It is full of zee French. Here we speak French, and most people are French here." So our tour guide, Ellen, explained as we entered France, although it fell on deaf ears as most of the 25 strong group of sixth and fifth form French and Art students were sound asleep after a strenuous coach journey and a multitude of snore-inducing comments from Ellen.

A hasty trip to the battle ground Vimy Ridge was first on the agenda, where people gleefully hid around trench corners and climbed into small tunnels. After re-boarding the coach, Ellen produced the most perplexing remark of the entire trip, to prepare us for the confusing French restaurant 'Flunch'; "there is a sauce table. On it are some sauces. It is actually called a sauce table for a very interesting reason; the thing is, it has sauces on it. If you want some sauces, go to this table for some sauces." Clearly nobody listened to this as the illusive sauce table was never found. After filling our stomachs with délicieux French food, we made our way to the hotel, ready for the day ahead.

The first day in gay Paris involved a fabulous ride on a large boat down the Seine. Although it was a bit on the cold side, the entire group enjoyed gazing at the city's many old and inspiring buildings. After disembarking the ship we journeyed to the Musée D'Orsay, and were let loose on the various exhibits, nude statues and a gift shop. The Eiffel tower was next on the list; Ellen advised us against going right to the top (because she was worried one of us might throw her over the edge) so we admired the view from the second floor.

Day two consisted of a visit to the Rodin Museum, where sculptures of hands and bits of human bodies were sketched and pigeons were fed. The Picasso Museum delighted many and confused most. That night we again ate at 'Flunch' - no news on the sauce table.

On the third day, God created the Louvre; so we went there. Time was limited so Ellen told us to follow close behind as she rushed through the wide corridors, knocking old French ladies out of the way and occasionally shouting "Look eet is beautiful!" The Mona Lisa was the star attraction, although binoculars were required to see her smile. On the way home we were allowed to visit a French hypermarket - an experience in itself - and any final attempts to lose Ellen were futile.

Thanks must go to Mrs Blackwell, Mrs and Mr Hayward and Mrs Grey for organising the trip and for allowing us to be let loose on Paris, and whoever hired Ellen - vous êtes pardonez'.

Becky Maxted



6A ARTY PARTY



THE ART DEPARTMENT - A HAPPY RETURN

It is strangely reassuring to re-enter the rhythms and cycles of a place like Rendcomb, and I was very pleased, on my return last year, to be known by 6th Formers last encountered in their 1st Form existence.

The Art Department appears familiar but there is a surprisingly serene atmosphere that emanates from Sophie Blackwell's happy approach to art and to people. Our small 6A this year has been notable for the students' real confidence in their own very varied directions - great to see the beginnings of a creative maturity. The inferno of 6B, a seemingly vast crowd of noisy personalities seethingly squeezed into a small space, has, amazingly, allowed extremely promising things to happen (and 6B should be a year of promise rather than resolution)

I have not been very involved in teaching younger students, although it was a privilege to help the GCSE people a bit during the exam period, a gruelling journey for them of days of solid art making, that led to tremendously engaged and sometimes deeply felt works.

It has also been a joy to see swarms of vibrant insects, mysterious structures, letters and images, evocations of countries and places,

all erupting through the year. There is some painting going on, but it is inspiring to be a painter surrounded by all kinds of other visual activity.

The Junior School stained glass project has been fun - two Rendcombs in collaboration. We have arrived at a tree of birds for the entrance fanlight that might reawaken Rendcomb's fine 19th century stained glass tradition. In my own work I am just starting on a pair of windows for Hereford Cathedral about the 17th century priest and poet Thomas Traherne. Traherne was a great celebrator of the vivid clarity of childhood: "certainly Adam in paradise has not more sweet and curious apprehensions of the world than I when I was a child.....I knew by intuition those things which I collected again by the highest reason".

The new Rendcomb stained-glass is full of "sweet and curious apprehensions" and we in the Art Department can hope to be surprised and delighted by such things every day.

Tom Denny - Artist in Residence





Candlelit Fauré Requiem

FROM REQUIEM TO ROCK CONCERT AND FINALLY THE FORBIDDEN PLANET...

A busy year for the Music Department began with the auditions for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and how interesting they were too!! Performances ranged from already memorized versions of the show's most famous songs to curious renditions of 'Happy Birthday', the 'German National Anthem' and..... "I can't sing, but can I be in it anyway?!"

Despite losing some key musicians last year, the School Choir gave some superb performances. The highlight was the **Candlelit Fauré Requiem** given at St Peter's Church, Rendcomb. Special mention should go to Ed Slark and Mr Graham for singing wonderful solos and also to Amanda Graham, Sam Kolb, Maria Odintsova, Louis Leung and Alex Elsen for researching & reading poetry in their native languages. This was an extremely moving act of remembrance. Of course, this term would not be complete without the **Carol Service** in Cirencester's Parish Church where the new 'Harry Potteresque' Choir Gowns made their debut!



came.... and went.... on Saturday the 26th November. The turning on of the **Cirencester Christmas Lights**. The choir was heard, perhaps by its biggest audience of the year..... not only those present in the bitterly freezing cold, but also by those listening on Radio Gloucestershire! **The Advent Carol Service** that took place the next day was a super event and a special mention must go to Rebecca Hutchison who sang solos at both.

The **informal concert** held in the Reading Room was an excellent showcase and preparation for the students preparing for exams throughout the college and junior school. Pupils aged 8-18 played and sang and a number gave stunning performances. The exams held a week later bore some well-deserved results

And finally, the climax of this term's musical work so far was in collaboration with the Drama department in the Senior Musical *Jesus Christ Superstar*. My memories are of the adrenaline charged atmosphere during performance and the sheer hard work put in by everyone involved throughout the term. Who'd have thought we could have produced such a wonderful and moving rendition particularly with such a large and diverse group of people! Yes.... the 'musician' / 'luvvies' / 'sportsperson' co-existence has continued and grow from strength to strength.



The Chamber Choir

The Chamber Choir has proved to be an enthusiastic and talented ensemble and performances have included singing for our **Harvest Festival** and the **Remembrance Sunday** services. The annual (and most looked forward to....) event in the Rendcomb Calendar



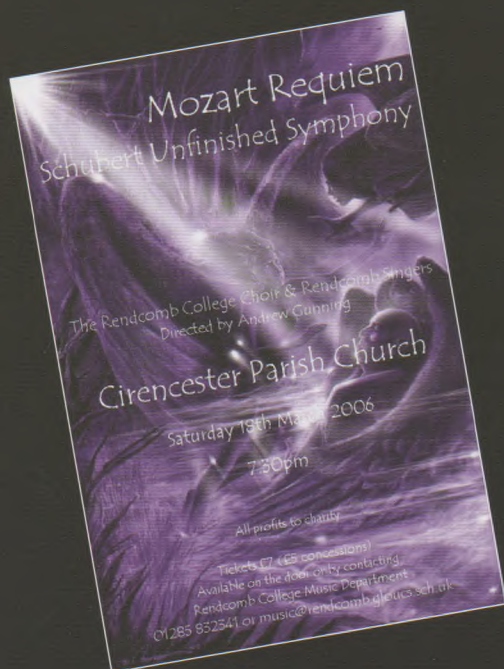
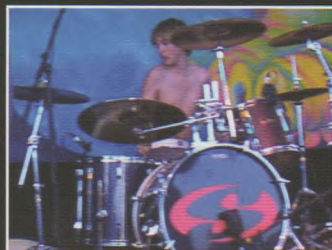
Rock Concert

The Lent Term heralded the eagerly awaited Rock concert. This was a huge success mainly due to the fantastic organisation of Ed Hutchison and Alex Holden.

From 3rd - 6th form, you rocked out in unquestionable style. With guest appearances from Mr Cordell and Seb Goffe's chest, some exceedingly energetic moshing, and three hundred thousand E numbers provided by Mrs Brealy and Mrs Fielding, the evening was not only great fun, but raised a substantial sum of money for Cotswold Breakthrough Breast cancer.



Cotswold
breakthrough
breast cancer



MOZART REQUIEM

The **Mozart Requiem** was a true testament to the dedication and ability of Rendcomb pupils. After initial cries of "oh no not another Requiem," and several lungs imploding, pupils began to sing with great gusto. Rehearsals proved challenging, as did many of the words for certain members of the sixth form. Some stunning soloists, including our very own Mrs Philips, and a fantastic orchestra including pupils past & present, plus an enormous choir created a performance to rival even the biggest schools.

We wore our robes with great aplomb even if it did look like most of the first form was levitating! It also caused several seating difficulties and as I removed pew after pew to fit in the orchestra and audience, I only hoped if God was going to strike me down, it was before I had to put them all back again!

Miss P Clements



THE SUMMER TERM



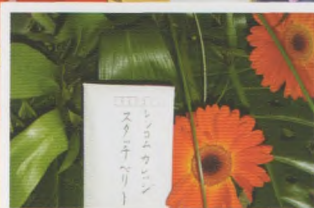
The Summer Term upon us, our thoughts turned to the Cheltenham Festival, Founder's Day and the rock musical *Return to the Forbidden Planet* where many new singing stars of the future emerged.

Particular mention must be made of Charlotte Clements (2nd form) who played the clarinet with the band.



STARS FROM THE EAST

The finale to the musical year was a wonderful Stars from the East concert organised by Mrs Gill Day and Mrs Stutchbury. Everybody enjoyed the sushi and Japanese sweets provided at the end of the evening.





FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day saw yet another concert, where particular mention must be made of Simon Wong's outstanding performance, from memory, of an extremely difficult piece of piano music, Chopin's *Bb Minor Scherzo* and a lively set from the Jazz Band under the leadership of Miss Clements. At the end of the speeches, we heard an outstanding 4-part arrangement of Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody* by the Chamber Choir.



James Bladon, Emily Apps and Rebecca Hutchison took part in several classes the prestigious annual **Cheltenham Competitive Festival**, James Bladon won the Amy James Rose Bowl for his Romantic Piano Solo (an Open Class) and a silver medal in the Philip Ingram Challenge Cup - Piano Sonata - Open. Rebecca Hutchison received a silver medal for her rendition of *When Daisies Pied* in the Girls' Solo Vocal class. Emily also gave a lively performance in the Songs from the Musicals. James was amazed to find a well-known name inscribed on his winners' cup from 1958 - none other than a 13 year old David White!

Return To The Forbidden Planet

All seriousness aside, no matter what the event, pupils have continued to amaze us with their skills and commitment. With school life so busy, your good humour and team spirit is nothing short of admirable. Congratulations to all of you for the progress you have made, and a big thank you to all the peripatetic staff who have guided you, and assisted us along the way.

"So, place your hands on your cranium, exert pressure in a downwards motion, equalise your external equilibrium and breathe a sigh of relief.. phew..! The summer holidays are upon us"

Mr A Gunning, Miss P Clements & Mrs L Holden





...tickle a tarantula
massage a millipede
cuddle a cockroach

and even crunch a
cricket...

Rendcomb College hosted a Big Bug Adventure Day, involving over 100 pupils (aged 10- 13 years) from local prep and junior schools. The schools involved this year were Pinewood School, Airthrie School, Berkhamstead School, Rose Hill School and Rendcomb College Junior School.

The main activities on offer were a Big Bug Show led by the lively and entertaining Lee Gibbs, where pupils had the opportunity to tickle a tarantula, massage a millipede, cuddle a cockroach and even crunch a cricket (sounds delicious)! Lee regaled the audience with his humorous dialogue on the bugs and their living habits. A wonderful falconry display was also taking place outside, run by Phil from Falconhigh. The pupils loved the close contact with the birds and enjoyed their flying antics. Together with a walk through the wilderness woods and a delicious BBQ lunch, a tremendous time was enjoyed by all.

"Thank you for a great day at Rendcomb today. I've asked the children what they enjoyed the most and they were split between the Big Bug Show and the Falconry display. Rendcomb staff are always friendly and helpful - as much today as ever. Thanks again for doing so much to entertain and educate our year 7s"

*Quote from Paul Devereux
Year 7 Form Tutor Pinewood School*





BONFIRE NIGHT

"Boom and bang" went the fireworks. You guessed - it is the Rendcomb fireworks. So amazing it would put Guy Fawkes to shame. The "whees and whoosh's" came to an end with "the big bang"! The kitchen staff had their work cut out with comments such as "is there pizza tonight?" and, "can I have it all?" But I'm sure that an answer to both of those was 'yes'.

Now after the hair-raising event of the fireworks there was the bonfire and there was Guy Fawkes perched at the top. I must say we thought he was getting a bit hot under the collar! We must say a big thank you to the fantastic maintenance staff for risking having their heads blown off by a stray Catherine Wheel.

Oliver Greenaway & Tom Benson

RACE NIGHT

...And they're under starters orders and they're off...!!

Runners and riders assembled in the paddock dressed in appropriate silks, ready for the official "orf". The race night was in aid of the Barbados Hockey and Cricket venture: commentary by Brough, North and Peter O'Sullivan. Meanwhile at the tote, John McCurrick was getting the best odds on the most stunning array of three-legged nags ever assembled at one racecourse. Below is a composite race from the evening:

"And they're coming into the first bend and Rattle Snake Soup begins to pull away but Curly Wurly is coming back. As they reach the hurdle the first to fall was headmaster's geegee who brought his rider tumbling into the ditch below...! The second hurdle wiped out The Rendcomb Rocket leaving only expert riders still in it. Down to the last three and the pressure proved too much for Rattle Snake Soup who fell. Curly Wurly and Pink Barbie stormed ahead. Curly Wurly's final push proved unsuccessful and Pink Barbie emerged victorious by a whisker."

The grand prize total of £1.20 was awarded to the team and the rider. A cry for: "more vino" allowed the success to continue."

A superb 'night at the races' enjoyed by all!!

A. Collins

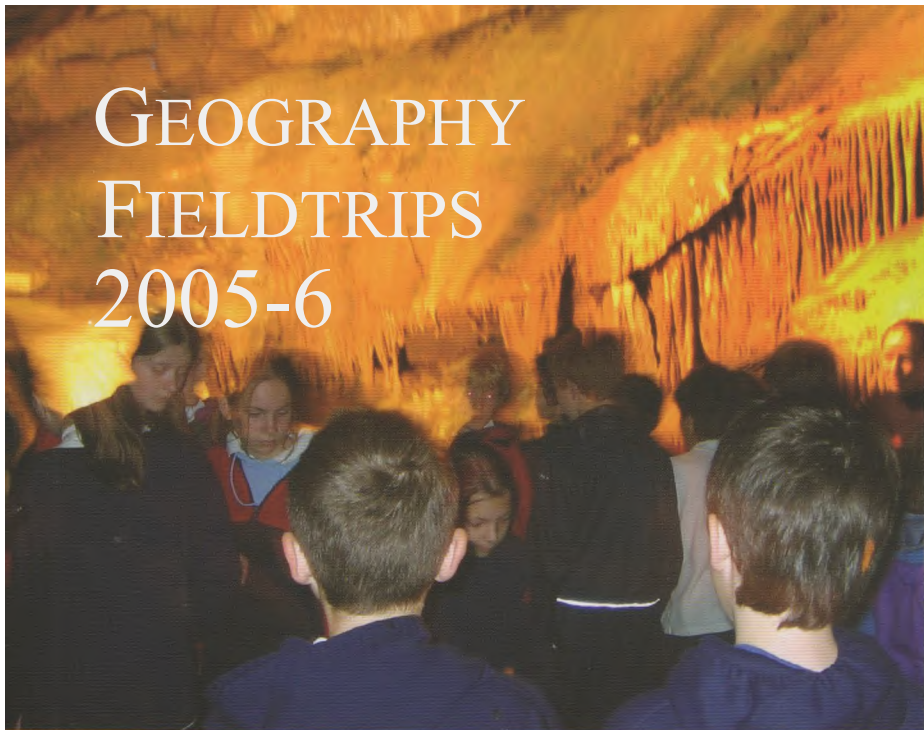
RENDCOMB COLLEGE CONQUERS THE WORLD IN PUBLIC SPEAKING - SHOCK-HORROR!! (WELL, THE COTSWOLDS ANYWAY)

Google 'Information Overload', Becky Hutchison told the judges at the public speaking competition, 'and you'll get over 11 million entries'. This, and the other startling facts that Becky revealed, helped to lead to Rendcomb's sweeping victory. Emily Apps was an efficient chair-person and Randal Pakeman an aggressive questioner. The team members won individual awards for Best Speech and Best Chair, and overall we won the tie: this meant that we were through to the Gloucestershire final in Cheltenham on 7th February 2006.

In the final James Hill took over as questioner and performed very well. We didn't quite take the top prize but it was an excellent team performance. Well done to this group for their bravery and let's have some new people next year!

Mr P Jennings

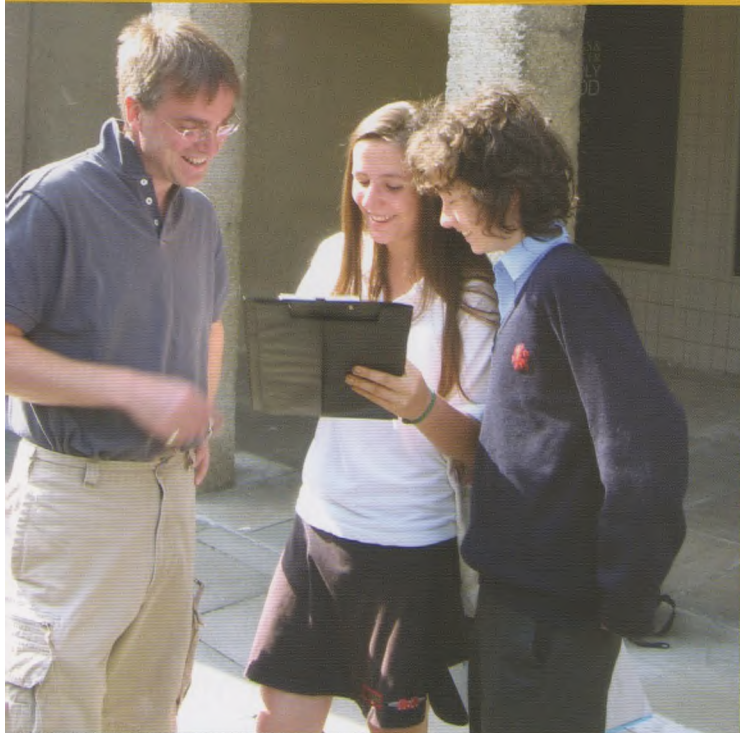
GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIPS 2005-6



Gough's Cave on the Cheddar trip



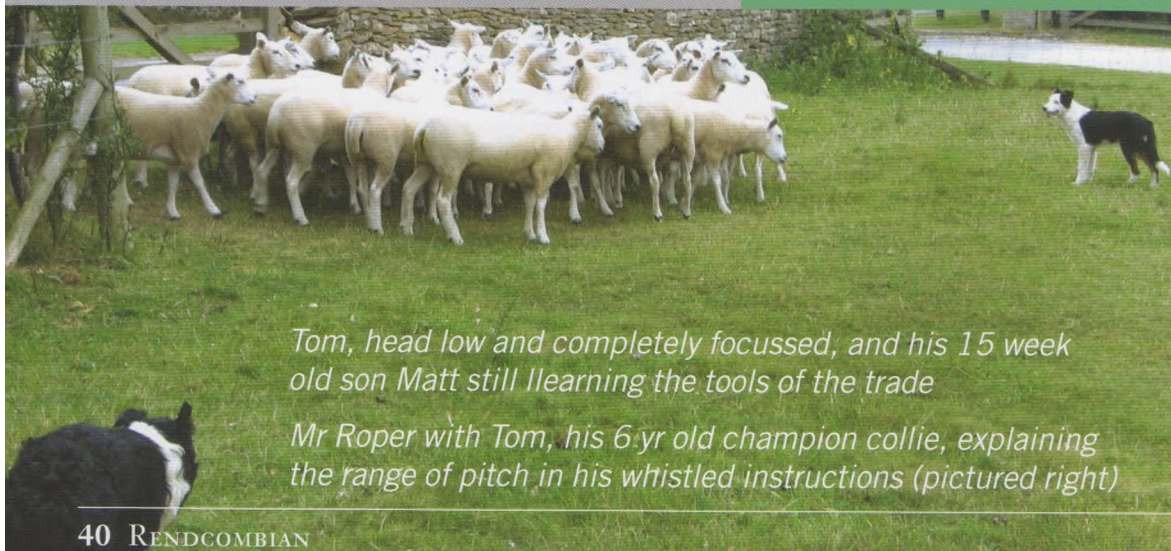
Fourth years sampling the spa water at Pittville Pump Room



Jazz and James carrying out their questionnaire on shopping in Cirencester



Hydrologists about to investigate the River Churn



Tom, head low and completely focussed, and his 15 week old son Matt still learning the tools of the trade

Mr Roper with Tom, his 6-yr old champion collie, explaining the range of pitch in his whistled instructions (pictured right)





Chepstow Castle



Milly and Ella in combat mode at Chepstow Castle

The Geography Department organised many outings to complement and enhance the students' insight to the world around them. The First Form were able to get to grips with limestone as they visited Cheddar Caves and were also able to gain a better understanding of Chepstow's site and situation on a joint Geography-History expedition to Chepstow Castle. Full advantage was made of the college grounds to learn about weathering and soils (good to get their hands dirty!).

The Fourth Form carried out their coursework data collection after the end-of-year examinations and they were very thorough as they investigated properties of the River Churn and the CBD of Cirencester. The last day of the summer term saw them gain an incredible insight to the agriculture being carried out on the Wills' Farmington Estate, with Mr Roper (of Heather and David fame) enlightening the pupils, as well as demonstrating his superb sheep dog handling skills thanks to his collies Tom, Scrap (the new kid on the block) in particular. The class had also been able to gain an awareness of the history and structure of Cheltenham on a visit there.

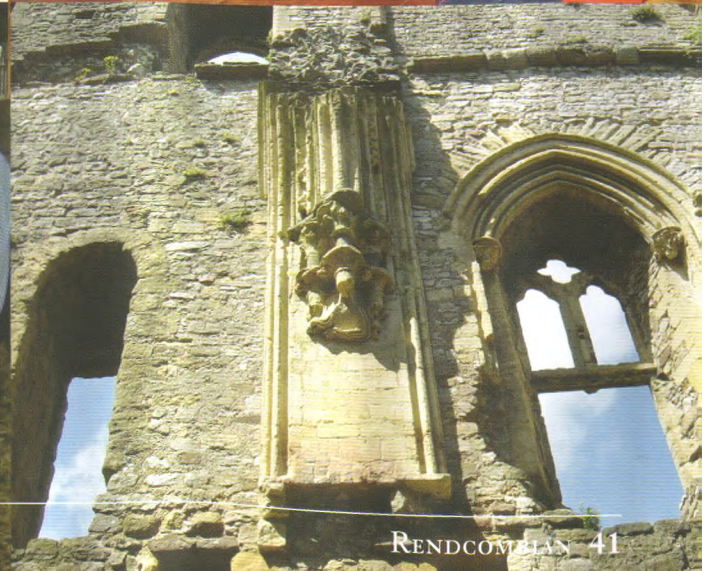
Mr A Breal



Eric Li interviews Roger Bigod III for his history project!



Mr Roper discussing the organic beef herd with Ava and Harley



BIOLOGY FIELD TRIPS



HYPNOTISM

On Tuesday 1 November at 8pm, a group of enthusiastic psychology students, as well as a few others, attended a talk by a professional hypnotist. With the 6A psychology students and Mrs. Harford knowledgeable about hypnosis, we were armed with many questions about its reliability.

The hypnotist spoke interestingly about his profession, and much to everyone's excitement, he promised to use a deep relaxing technique with us all. Although much to Tom Ruddy's disappointment, we did not go round clucking like hens, it was an enjoyable experience for everyone who attended.

By Hannah & Rebecca Bullock, 6A



ENOUGH CAFFEINE FOR OXFORD?

6A Chemists visited the University of Oxford's new £60 million Chemistry Research Laboratories in October, principally to see expensive analytical equipment which they had learned about for their A level units. They were given an extremely clear explanation of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), known to most people as the MRI, used in hospitals. Everyone had to keep their distance to avoid having their bank cards wiped clean or their pace-makers interfered with!

The next task was to see a Mass Spectrometer (MS) in action. The chemistry set had extracted the caffeine from four cans of Red Bull and were keen to know if they had been successful, since the extract was not white as it should have been and was very smelly. The NMR and MS confirmed that it was mostly caffeine and that the extraction had been a success. Whether anyone would want to drink Red Bull again is another matter! Finally the group was shown the state of the art labs where fourth year students and postgraduates carry out their research. This included a climb to the rooftop to see the dreaming spires of Oxford. Mr Wood and Mrs Gibson were pleased to meet with Christine Dai who had just started her Chemistry degree and to see her college, St Edmund Hall.

Mrs J Gibson

PSYCHOLOGISTS - YOU HAD BETTER BE AT THE ZOO, OR I WILL SEE YOU IN COURT!

6B psychologists (and one budding marine biologist, Max Webb Dickin) had a happy morning in Bristol Zoo watching the penguins, the baboons - especially the baby baboon (aaah!), the fur seals as well as loads of human young. 6B may have thought this was all fun, but they had to sit through an excellent lecture on Animal Behaviour, and then try to observe these animals in a scientific way. The hypothesis was that animals would respond differently to ordinary visitors than to someone in a green shirt (as the zoo keepers wear green). However, we all quickly found out that animals are much smarter than just being influenced by the clothes someone wears... and that observing animals is mighty tricky, mostly as they sleep a lot.

For a total change of scene, the afternoon was spent at Bristol Crown Court where we listened to a case of a female accused of GBH. It was extremely unnerving being in a court with such a serious case being tried, particularly as we found ourselves sitting next to the friends and relations in the public gallery.

Mrs G Harford

BRIZE NORTON VISIT

On a bright Tuesday morning in the Easter holidays a group of staff from teaching, admin, maintenance and catering departments gathered on the tarmac in front of the main building. We were among a group of lucky people invited to join the RAF on a memorable day out at their base at Brize Norton. On arrival we were met by staff at the base who took us to the Departure Lounge where we were escorted through the checkout desk and X-ray machines to await our bus, which took us to the aircraft standing on the apron off the main runway. We were given a guided tour of the outside of the aircraft by Group Captain Harrison as the flight crew went through the pre-flight checks. The plane we were about to board was a converted VC10. The deck had been raised and fuel tanks fitted in the lower half while in the top deck were 120 first class seats. The problem this raised was that the windows were at knee height and we spent most of our time sitting on the floor. As we taxied to the main runway I did notice a few white knuckles combined with palefaces! The take-off was so smooth that unless you were looking out the window you would not have noticed. We flew over the Isle of Man, refuelled some Harrier's over Manchester and then went to the North Sea where some more Harrier's and tornadoes also

refuelled. Turning north-west we flew over Blackpool giving us a bird's eye view of the tower and on to the Irish sea to carry out some more refuelling. We then flew over Newcastle back to the North Sea towards Finland, during which time we enjoyed a first class lunch. We were then joined by another VC10 and proceeded to refuel more fighter planes. At this point we were joined by a Black Hawk trainer that started to photograph the action. The pilot of the VC10 we were travelling on undertook a training session docking with the other VC10 and I was allowed in to the cockpit and watched the pilot, who made it look easy. He informed me we were flying at 47,000 feet at a speed of 470 mph but were only 30 feet away from the other aircraft! We then flew back to Brize on a route which took us directly over the College, where we enjoyed tea and cakes in the airmen's mess and then on to the officers' mess bar for a drink with the crew and our guides. We returned to Rendcomb tired but with memories that will last a life time.

Jim Hardy - Catering Department

Thank you to the parents of Jade Harrison, Sam, Charlie and Kate Daly and Max Webb-Dickin who were our hosts for the day.



BARBADOS CRICKET & HOCKEY TOUR

“We’re gonna chill right to the core, man” quoted David Essenhugh as boys and girls from 4th form to 1st year university students headed for Barbados. The sports tour consisted of four Hockey and cricket matches, all played in the demanding heat.

The first day started with a warm greeting from the energetic Barbadian staff at the Sunset Crest Resort. The girls left quickly for their first match of the tour. The boys however, explored the area, and quickly discovered that any sign of water, and Geoff Hulbert was in it. We later went for intense training with "The Captain", and Mr Slark, at the University of Sport in Barbados; it was evident that the heat was to play a key role in the tour's success. The Surf Side Bar was where the victorious girls and tour party met for the evening meal.

unusual lunch of macaroni pie and cheese rolls set our spirits flying. Although losing, Rupert Hooper batted with a convincing 15 not out, and some impressive bowling was shown from newcomer James Beck, and wrist slinger Geoff Hulbert. Great catches from Jamie Burley and Randall Pakeman illustrated how well we had to play to win out in the West Indies. The girls also played their

and an off road safari. One worrying moment was when David and Joan Essenhig came out of an old potting shed looking rather suspicious... The strike ended, as on the Monday the girls had two games, and the boys had one. The Hockey team won their first match 4-0, with an almost unheard of goal from Sophie Arkell.

"We're gonna chill right to the core, man"



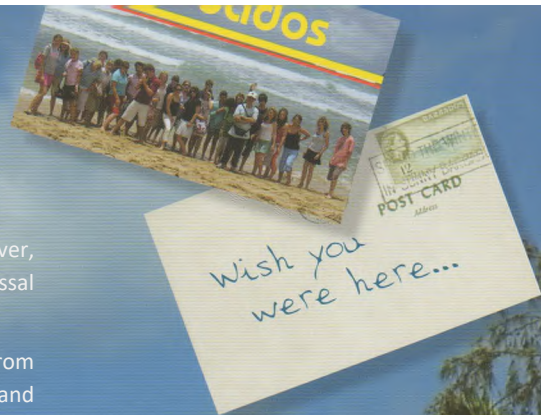
An early visit to the hospital was required as Alex Holden took a ball in the eye; Mr Slark is now looking to take up his next career as a No.9 route bus driver, as he became conversant with the route from the ground to the hospital. Although bowling well, the Wanderers launched an impressive short bowling display, and we collapsed in the batting.

The Girls' final match was an impressive one, as they played "out their skins" said Miss Bell, as they won again and achieved an unbeaten tour result. The Boys were very pleased for the girls...Special mention should go to Heather, Rachael, Carra, and Rudi for great determination throughout the tour, it would not have been possible with out their efforts. The Cricket was nearly over, and we played our final match against a school with high Cricket motifs. Batting first, and launching a total past 100. Murahashi batted well, and stayed in for 15 overs, but our total was below par, and the opposition reached our total comfortably.

Despite losing the match Jamie was, as ever, very modest about his successful dismissal of an international cricketer.

The last night finished with a flyer, from limbo dancing (Simon Wong Won!), and beverages, the tour ended in fine spirits (not Rum may I add). Evidently, both tour parties achieved opposite results, but it was a great learning curve for all that went on the tour. Special mention must go to the Morgan's, the Slark's, the Essenhigh's, and Miss Bell. Thank you very much for a memorable tour, we will not forget it. If anyone has seen Daffy the Duck, the boys would be grateful for it back, (Thank you Heather and Jess),

Alex Holden



Rupert Hopper celebrated his 18th birthday in the air!



RUGBY



1st XV

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
14	10	1	3	315	142

There were numerous high points and these included a great team spirit and the chance to play with some great people - at least in terms of character if not footballing ability! And now on to some players who I think deserve a mention.

Starting with the front row, firstly the infamous Rudman! Ruddy is so short, he's the only man I know whose feet appear on his passport photo, however he has been a great leader of the front three and I would like to congratulate him on the 12 points he has scored this season.



The hooker was Simon Wong. This was Simon's second season as number 2 and I would like to say well done to Simon for such a great achievement.

Richard Collins stepped up from 5th form this year to play as prop, from being a flanker. This was a huge demand for someone who had never played in this position before, however he met the challenge with great enthusiasm and showed what a fantastic player he can be.

In the second row, Ed Hutchison had another outstanding season, and led the forwards as if they were warriors. Chris Scott leapt like a salmon in the line-outs and, when not wrapping his arm around

opponent's throats, Max Webb-Dickin once again showed that he has the potential to be a very good player.

The scrum half was the nimble-footed Jonny Barks. This was literally a big step-up for Jonny and he coped admirably. In at number 10, Alex Holden. This was a short but sweet season for 'Jesus'; sustaining a shoulder injury early on was a huge blow to the team. In the backs, Luke Lester-Powell, Toby Harris, Ben Crane and Richard Mason all made important contributions.

Finally the centres. Rupert Hooper produced some fabulous runs and played in an aggressive manner. Well done. Jamie Burley - vice captain and pretty boy - he has played in numerous positions for the 1st XV and has excelled in each one of them. He has always been a player to look up to for inspiration. As vice-captain, he has been hard-working and supportive, and given 100% in each match.

I have been playing Rendcomb rugby for 5 years now and have loved every last minute of it - from the first time I set foot on a Rendcomb pitch I always wanted to be the 1st XV captain.

This team has been the most dedicated and enjoyable to play with, and as captain, I will miss the great highs we have had. I am proud to have succeeded in my goal to lead the 1st XV to a winning season. I urge each and every one of you who read this article to go on and play rugby, whether it is for the Lions or your local club's 4th team.

James Tarleton



2nd XV

Played 8 Lost 8 Tries scored by Callum Johnson, David Ku, Harry Frost and Steffan Schofer



This season the team played more games and more tries were scored and more conversions made. With more self-belief the team could have won a game. Throughout the season there has been encouraging signs of improvement that were demonstrated in the last game against King's Gloucester. So where does it all go wrong? The simple answer is ball retention, rucking and finally breaking the gain line. The 2nd XV has lost to better sides, but it is a better 2nd XV than last year. In only one match did we field a team at full strength and that was against a well drilled Marlborough XV. With a strong nucleus of players continuing into the team next year, the team looks forward to a better season.

Mr H Marsden



U15 XV

The under XV's enjoyed a successful season, winning six of their nine games, and scoring 158 points against 106. Throughout they were a determined team, who played with real spirit and growing maturity. The side was ably led by Harley Phelps. He was an excellent role model and played with real determination, and he was supported by Andy Forshaw, who led the backs. Of the forwards, Alex Tennant-Bell, Max Ellis, Mark Richardson (despite a bad injury) and Henry Evans were strong attackers and runners. In the backs the pace and strength of Richard Ashton was most impressive, as was the hard running play of Ross Sampson. This was a most encouraging and enjoyable year, and many of the squad should be challenging for 1st XV places next year. Well done to all who played.

Mr P Dodd

U14 XV

This has been a somewhat difficult season for the under 14's. We were strengthened by the new players who joined the college in September, but it did take some time for the team to gel together and for us to find our best combinations. As a result the early matches against strong teams from Monmouth, Sibford, and Cokethorpe were difficult. We continued to improve, however, and had much more competitive games against Leighton Park and Cheltenham College.



Having collected our passports for the long and treacherous journey to Rougemont, Wales (my favourite), the following match brought mixed fortunes. The mighty Chris Harrington received a ghastly leg injury (oo er...) but we did manage to gain our first win of the season. Following half term we had an excellent win over the powerful Marlborough College, although we did get beaten by St. Edward's.

The way the elite members of the team have supported each other through a somewhat interesting season has been excellent. It



U14 Team

would be wrong to mention individuals separately, but all who have represented the team have shown great commitment and special mention should go to the new pupils who have quickly adapted to the high level of this obviously incredible side.

Mr M Ford



U13 A Team

U13 XV

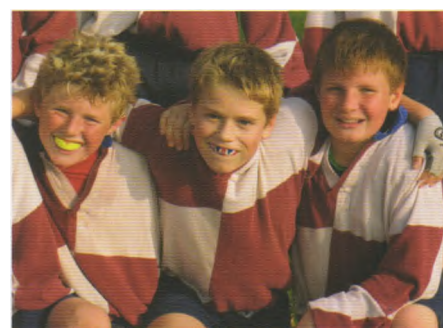
The squad developed very well, most ably led by Michael Crickmore who has a complete fly half game up his not inconsiderable sleeves. The forwards rucked and mauled their little hearts out. Tristram Ireland was immense in the maul and could be relied on to win most of the ball. At flanker another nation was represented: Henry Brittain gained in confidence as the season wore on and at scrum half Tom Dally has shown real promise, as has Harvey Rich as hooker. The mightily stacked James Brogden was the powerhouse at Number 8. The back rows were always dangerous with the ball in hand: music has its three tenors and Rendcomb U13's has its 3 B's in the backs: Bishop, Bell, and Beck, who are all

nimble and pacey. William Trim captained the side with growing confidence, William Parker worked so hard on the loose, William Rathie brought periods of real power to the forwards and Sam Rahman who had far too few opportunities to show his speed on the wing, was a resilient defender. Unfortunately the team's Achilles' heel was its defensive work but this is likely to improve with experience. Rendcomb rugby can look forward to a promising future with these young men coming through the college.

Mr A Breal & Mr P Jennings



U13 B Team



U13 A Team



GIRLS' HOCKEY

1st XI

Another very successful season for the 1st XI and another step in establishing the long-term reputation of girls' sport at Rendcomb. The girls now expect to do well and are disappointed when they slip from their own high standards, which really only happened once in a poor game and a defeat against Colston's School. The only other defeat was against a strong Bloxham side, where we performed creditably in losing 4-2. Otherwise there was a succession of good performances of which the highlights were outstanding wins against St Edward's, Malvern Girls and Cheltenham College, the last notable for an excellent hat-trick by Carra Williams. The hard fought draws against physical sides from King's School and St Peter's, Gloucester showed that the team had a lot of character as well as considerable skill.

Team selection was very settled and changes occurred only because of injuries; we were fortunate to be able to call on the services of the very promising Rachel Watson and Jasmine Barks for the key match against Cheltenham, but otherwise were able to rely on the skills of Beth Sampson and the exemplary determination of Emma Couch when filling in as all-purpose substitutes wherever required. In goal, Emma Medus was quite outstanding this

year; representative hockey and individual coaching have done wonders both for her confidence and her technical ability and as captain, she was able to lead the side through her commitment and resilience.

In front of her Naomi Giles, Samantha Daly, Alex Collins and Amanda Graham formed an increasingly solid defence, once we had got the right positions for them sorted out. Alex was once again able to set an outstanding example of physical commitment in her brave running-out at corners, which kept us in some of the matches, while Naomi was usually very cool under pressure with the solid hitting to get us out of trouble. Sam and Amanda had their difficulties but they both worked incredibly hard to redeem any mistakes.



The youngsters in midfield, Katie Ruddy and Aimée Schofield fulfilled all their promise and became more and more assured, Katie finding a niche in the left wing spot while Aimée showed great maturity and skill in the holding role in the middle and could play in defence when required. Kirki Matthew looked really classy in some of the matches, able to turn defence into attack with the minimum of fuss, but still infuriatingly unable to produce any consistency in her performance. On the right, whether in midfield or up front, Ashley Groombridge, the vice-captain, worked incredibly hard and troubled opposition with her pace and stickwork; the crosses and the shots were not quite so good, however! Carra Williams was the dominant player, just as last year, and she covered the ground remorselessly tracking the opposition or supporting our attacks. Some of the tackles were grim, both by her and on her, but she always

came back for more and her thrusting runs and lethal shooting in open play secured many of our goals; perhaps the only disappointment was her failure to score more from corners, where she tended to snatch the shot. Up front, often entirely on her own, was the enigmatic yet brilliant Anna Raetscher.

When all else had failed and the team were under real pressure the hard hit up-field would find Anna with one defender, and the goalkeeper to beat and her amazing stickwork would do the rest. She had appeared from Germany at the beginning of the season as a defender but she responded to the needs of the team and when told to go out and score three goals in her first appearance at centre forward did precisely that. She could look despondent and out of the game at times, not surprisingly given the ill-treatment at the hands of some opponents, but in the end her class obtained for her a stack of goals.

So a great season and much to enjoy, despite the pink shirts - what was wrong with red?

DHM

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
11	6	3	2	35	21

Team from: E. Medus (capt.), A. Collins, E. Couch, S. Daly, A. Giles, A. Graham, A. Groombridge, K. Matthew, A. Raetscher, K. Ruddy, B. Sampson, A. Schofield, C. Williams. *Also played:* J. Barks, H. Lawrence, R. Watson.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI has had a tough year with many of their stronger players moving up to the 1st XI mid-season. Despite this, all the girls showed maturity in their play and great team spirit. The forwards showed good attacking pressure around the goal circle and the defence improved in the structural play with a greater awareness of pushing forward. I look forward to next season where I hope to see these girls competing for a place in the 1st XI.

U15 XI

From the first training session back in early September 2005, I knew we had the potential for a vintage season. The squad appeared to have athleticism, talent and a desire to improve the overall level of fitness. The initial training sessions used the "Two Gates" and "The Hill" to fill the lungs and make the leg muscles ache, after all "Pain" is only French bread!



The team selection was built around the very strong midfield pairing of Jasmine Barks (Capt) and Rachel Watson (Vice Capt) who proved quite excellent in both winning balls and distribution to our forwards. The opening match against St Edward's saw the U15 XI pushed to a fine 2-2 draw.

The season then stepped up a level with 5 wins in a row, including victories against Cheltenham College, Kingshill, Dean Close, Bournside and Cokethorpe. The team success was built around a fine defence, who conceded only 8 goals in the whole season, with Ellie Whittles as the fearless keeper, pushing the ball out to be cleared by Rosie Freth Ava Carpenter and supported so effectively by Megan Dally, Betina Winkler, Hannah Timmins and Sinead Brennan, Eleanor Zodiates and Iva Carvalhosa.

So much of the success for any team is the ability to score goals and in this side the forwards, April Edwards and Sophie Humphries were supported by dynamic duo Jasmine Barks and Rachel Watson. Rachel's clear matching winning short corner routine resulted in a magnificent 16 goals.

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
11	9	1	1	32	8

Mr J Stutchbury

U14 XI

This group of girls were an absolute delight to coach and they were always prepared to try out new systems and tactics. The team never complained about hardship, even when the odds were stacked heavily against them, and they could always shake themselves off and prepare for the next encounter.

Although it was a difficult season in terms of fixtures, many of the year group improved their hockey significantly and will go on to play competitive hockey at a higher level when they have more physical presence.

I am grateful to the captains, Tallulah Dyer, Hannah Richards and Lucy Heyman, who took it in turn to lead the troops and to Natasha Heffron who worked hard to learn the more subtle skills of goalkeeping and who never flinched in the face of face of adversity.

Rika Matsumoto deserves a special mention as our one year Japanese students rarely improve rapidly enough to reach the standard necessary to represent the school.

Mr C Wood



U13 XI

The U13's have had a fantastic season and have proved to be a very talented group for future years.

Both the attack and defence worked hard and as a team thus being able to counter attack and head to victory in most of their matches. Their excellent movement off the ball enabled them to have some great set patterns of play up the pitch. The girls have made both themselves and the College proud and their ability can now only go from strength to strength. A special mention must go to Katy Schofield for gaining U14 County Honours.

Played	Won	Drew	Lost
10	8	0	2

Miss S Bell



1st XI Hockey Season - Interview with A. Collins

Q: What has been the best moment of the season so far?

A: Our total destruction of Tudor Hall - 6:1.

Q: Tell us about Mr Morgan's inspirational team talks.

A: Are we talking about the same Mr Morgan who coaches the 1st XI?! But seriously, the most commonly used phrase is 'MARKING, GIRLS'. This usually inspires us until we get too tired, at which point we stop to admire the infamous yellow jacket.

Q: Who has been our best player this year, apart from you?

A: Anna has been a superstar: new to Rendcomb, new to the position of centre forward and new to the British weather. Despite these hurdles, Anna has been up there with the leading goal-scorers throughout the season.

Q: What was the funniest moment of the season?

A: Miss Royer's innovative warm ups: Cat and Mouse. An import from America, it is the secret of finely tuned athletes.

Q: Who would you say has been the most improved player?

A: Sam Daly and Katie Ruddy. Katie has blossomed in confidence and Sam has significantly contributed to the defence of the Rendcomb team.

U12 XI

This has been an excellent season for the U12's. Although many of the girls were new to the game their enthusiasm took them from strength to strength. Their ability to work as a team and determination to succeed gave them results to be proud of. Well done everyone and I look forward to watching your Hockey develop further next year.

By Miss S Bell

BOYS' HOCKEY

1st XI

Played	Won	Drew	Lost
13	6	1	6

There has been a great deal of commitment shown against some very tough opposition. The nadir moments were:



- Not putting our chances away against Kingswood such that the 6-0 score line flattered them, perhaps the most unusual match I have ever witnessed
- Letting a 2-0 half time lead turn into a defeat to the hands of Hereford Cathedral School

But as with all seasons these were outweighed by:

- A fantastic, Liverpool-like comeback against Bournside, when, at 3-0 down at half-time we were all but dead and buried but all the players stood up to the challenge, kept their composure, and came back to win 4-3.
- This was complemented by a last minute, 4-3 win over Cirencester H.C. under the floodlights at the RAC

So who were the personalities behind all of this?



My thanks go to Jo Scott and Ed Cumberpatch for stepping into the breach when required, to the solid defence of Max, Richard, Simon 'the rock' Wong as sweeper and the invasive Rupert Hooper at central defence. Who was the general for the defensive work? Mr Crazy himself - Luke Lester-Powell - goal keeper extraordinaire

On to the midfielders: Alex, Jonny and Phil who worked well and kept their width.

Up front: Paul, Ben and the J 'cameo-role' Tarleton (we could have done with your work rate up front more than a few times!)



Jonny and Luke have pitted themselves against others from around the County at the U17 Trials - Luke has succeeded very well!

Finally, to the man who has done so much for Rendcomb hockey and indeed sport in general; our very own golden boy - Jamie - he has a work-rate the equivalent to at least three players; covering every square metre of the pitch, and then some, he has brought so, so much to the squad as the consummate captain - skilful, a natural leader, determined and a prolific talent (County U21)- in the final game he came so close to scoring a hat-trick - bring on London 2012! I know I speak for the whole squad when I thank you for all that he has brought to the senior hockey domain these last few seasons - we wish him every success as his career goes from strength to strength.

Mr A Breal

2nd XI

Bald statistics don't ever tell the true story. But perhaps give a clue:

Played	Won	Drew	Lost
15	4	3	8

We were nearly there. In the games we lost we only got thumped by two teams: Kingswood who should be banned from the Gloucestershire hockey circuit for being too good and Cheltenham College who, bizarrely we beat at home and lost to 9-0 at their place! Something to do with the grass and the divots: didn't suit our silky skills.

Best performance and worst result: v Marling; played well but somehow lost 4-1.



Worst performance and best result: v Abingdon ; Rendcomb were outplayed but won 1-0: "that's sport for you!"

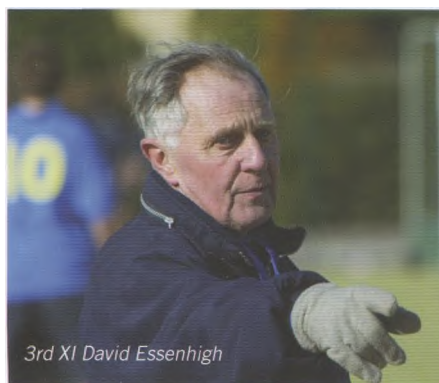
Best performance and best result (not including a winning draw against the 1st XI!!) 1-0 victory against Bournside. (we had lost to them earlier on in the season).

I've enjoyed the season enormously and the boys who have represented the 2nd XI this season have done so with enthusiasm, commitment and not a modicum of skill and flair. Well done and great fun!

Mr P Jennings

3rd XI Mens'

The 3rd XI men had another astounding season this year under the captaincy of our trusty goalkeeper, Steffen "THE WALL" Schofer. As usual the team's attitude towards practice was a little less





dedicated than the other teams although this carefree attitude disappeared on the pitch when the team turned into an unbelievably dedicated and indefatigable force. Although we preferred to practice the specialist skills such as step-overs and of course our famous penalty flick competitions (AKA the "I'm Jamie Burley" competition). The team was truly remarkable on the pitch never letting the score lower our spirits and it was through this remarkable attitude on and off the pitch that the 3rds managed to get our second winning season in a row. I hasten to add that our statistics and indeed our whole season was once again better than any other senior team.



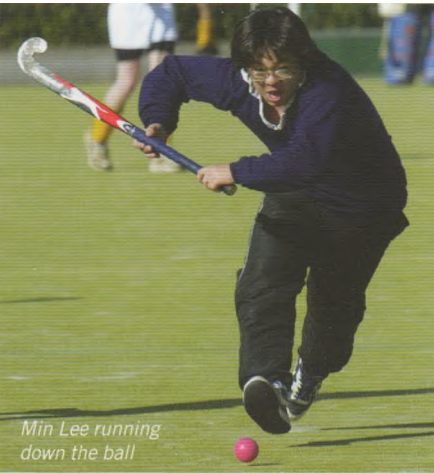
The vital ingredients to our success were of course our team members: Steffen was awesome in goal and any a match was won by his cat like reflexes, Ed "the big man" Hutchinson was invaluable in defence smacking any ball that came his way right back down the pitch, Tom "the rock" Ruddy was just as reliable with his deceptive turn of pace and remarkable tackles that, more often than not, left his opponent on the floor. Seb "the stick man" Goffe made some brilliant moves up the left wing that dazzled the opponents and Timmy "the mad man" terrified the opposition into submission. Our midfield was equally as impressive

with Richard Whittles dribbling down the pitch with all the grace and dexterity of a stampeding rhino. Our offence was always in a position to receive the ball for a goal even if they did not take this chance as often as we would have liked.

The team blossomed and flourished throughout the season under the careful eye of Davy whose words of criticism or encouragement and constant cries of "he's got you now" or "all the way", were very inspirational and his umpiring was nothing short of totally honest and fair.

Thank you very much lads for making this last season for me a season to remember and I am glad we came out of it with no injuries (except Seb's hand) and with a more open view on life!! The thirds is a truly enlightened and talented team and it has been my honour to play with them for 3 years. Remember boys "WHEN IN DOUBT.....TAKE HIM OUT"

Tom Ruddy



U15 XI

The U15 have had their best season so far, losing just one game out of ten. Some of the best wins and draws were against some of the toughest teams such as Kingswood and Dean Close, where we won 3 -2.

As goalkeeper, Alexander Tennant- Bell had an excellent season making some spectacular saves. Defence was been solid, led by the discipline of Harley Phelps, supported by Henry Evans and Richard Ashton. In midfield there was a wide selection of talent with Harry Homan-Green scoring "without doubt the goal of the season". The two captains, Will Jefferson and Mark Richardson were strong in midfield and Andrew Forshaw showed great dexterity with the ball on the left wing. Tom North was a great asset to the term scoring a record number of goals. His great dribbling skills as striker always

made it easy for the team to score those much needed goals.

Played	Won	Drew	Lost	GF	GA
10	7	2	1	33	11

Will Jefferson, Mark Richardson & Harley Phelps



U14 XI

Played	Won	Drew	Lost
10	2	1	7

The results do not do justice to this squad as they played some very good hockey, it was just that they were up against some particularly tough teams from much larger schools; notably Bloxham, Clifton, Kingswood, Colston's and Pangbourne. The backbone of the team was most definitely Ieuan Clements (who proved to be an agile and fearless goalkeeper), Ed Thomason and Chris Harrington in midfield - all of whom thoroughly deserved their county trials. Defensively there was some naivety in terms of not picking up players quickly enough. The midfield worked the ball amongst themselves very well but there wasn't always enough understanding between the midfield and the forwards, especially in terms of gaining width and stretching the opposition's defence.

The undoubted commitment of this squad is the main asset that will see them go from strength to strength - Miss Ferebee never questioned their collective ambition to do as well as they could and this showed in their 5-1 victory over Kingham Hill towards the end of the season.

Squad: Clements, Thomason, Elsen, Harrington (C), Rahman, Trim, Clark, Geerah, Brittain, Ellis, Rathie, Medus



U13A UNBEATEN SEASON



The U13A's enjoyed an unbeaten season with the extraordinary record of drawing all five of the matches they played before half term and winning the three matches that they played since then. They performed extremely well to secure draws against the strength of Bloxham and Kingswood, the latter a fixture in which we have been heavily beaten in the past, and also to defeat a useful Cheltenham College side 4-1.

Michael Crickmore captained the side from centre midfield and there were very promising performances from him, Tom Dally, Matthew Beck and also increasingly from Harvey Rich, whose skill level was probably the best of the group.

James Bell was an outstanding goalkeeper and he was well supported by determined efforts from the rest of the defence, while Alex Bishop's pace upfront caused problems for all of our opponents. Declan Mulhall and Tom Margesson also scored some important goals for us.

Overall an excellent season with a team who more than fulfilled this year the promise they had shown as first-formers last year.

Mr H Morgan



U13 B's

This Year the U13 Killer Bs have had an improved season, with a few losses and a couple of draws. However, at the end of the season we won decisively against Cheltenham College Junior School. Virtually everyone got to play in a match at some point during the season. With Ben Hodder improving all the time in goal, and a promising start from first former Henry Frowen amongst others, the team began finally to gel and looked quite intimidating from time to time. Tom and Shaun played well on the wings and two strong captains Sam Dally and Ed Slark enabled the team to feel good about the season and above all had fun while improving their skills.

Sam Dally & Ed Slark



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Declan Mulhall



Rachel Watson



Tom Dally



Edward Thomason



Carra Williams



Mark Richardson



Anna Raetscher



Chris Harrington



Michael Crickmore



Tessa Couch

Jasmine Barks	<i>County Hockey and Lacrosse</i>
James Bell	<i>U14 County Hockey</i>
Amy Bridgen-Page	<i>County Lacrosse</i>
Laura Brown	<i>U16 County swimming</i>
Jamie Burley	<i>County Hockey</i>
Tessa Couch	<i>County Lacrosse</i>
Michael Crickmore	<i>U14 County Hockey</i>
Tom Dally	<i>U13 County Cricket</i>
Chris Harrington	<i>County Hockey</i>
Hal Jones	<i>Wiltshire Chess Team</i>
Sophie Humphries	<i>County Hockey</i>
Emma Medus	<i>County Hockey</i>
Declan Mulhall	<i>County Lacrosse & U14 South of England Lacrosse</i>
Anna Raetscher	<i>County Hockey</i>
Mark Richardson	<i>County and West of England Swimming</i>
Katy Schofield	<i>County Hockey</i>
James Tarleton	<i>U21 Bath Rugby Club</i>
Edward Thomason	<i>U14 County Cricket & District Rugby</i>
Rachel Watson	<i>County Hockey and Lacrosse and England Rounders</i>
Carra Williams	<i>County Hockey and Lacrosse</i>



Jasmine Barks and Amy Bridgen-Page



1st XII

The 1st team had a great season playing 15 matches winning 5, drawing 5 and a loss of 5.

The 1st game of the season was against the old rivals of Westonbirt. This game set us off on the right foot for the rest of the season, we drew 4-4. We went on to draw games against Downe House, Sherborne Girls' School, St. Mary's and St. Helen's & St. Catherine's. The best results of the season have to be beating Marlborough

NAME	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	GOALS FOR	GOALS AGAINST
1ST xii	15	5	5	5	46	49
2ND xii	7	1		6	20	57
U15	70	4		3	40	35
U14	8	3		5	26	47
U13a	8	8			70	18
U13b	6	1	1	4	10	22
total	46	20	6	20	112	222



College away 3-0 and Tudor Hall at home 8-4. The season finale was qualifying for the Small School's National Finals where we played 5 matches winning 2 of them and being ranked 7th in the country. A special mention must be made of the contribution of Carra Williams and also of the most improved players during the season, Aimée Schofield and Katie Ruddy.

Congratulations go to Carra Williams and Tessa Couch for being selected for Gloucestershire U19's 2ndXI I

The 2nd team captained by Emma Medus, had an extremely emotional season. Despite winning only one game, the team fought hard in every single match and were extremely unlucky to have not won more as most of the games were one goal games.

A special mention must go to Beccy Hutchinson who stepped up in all the games and was the driving force of the attacking play and to Rudi McKay who became a force to be reckoned with in the defensive network.

Miss S Royer



U15 XII

The U15's had an impressive season this year. Coached by Ali Smith, we worked well as a team and continued to improve. Overall we had a winning season with special mention going to Ellie Whittles in goal and Elena Zodiates who made the team having never played before this season. Most improved player was awarded to Megan Dally. Well done to all who represented Rendcomb in and a big thank you must to go to all the coaches, but especially Ali for all of her time and effort. Congratulations go to Jazz Barks, Rachel Watson and Amy B.P for making the Gloucestershire County U15 Team



U14 XII

The Under 14's had an interesting season with many players improving dramatically throughout the season. Although our statistics do not give the team credit, we did have some results that reflected the effort that was put in, especially the first goal of the season from Emily Tennant-Bell.

Most improved player was jointly awarded to Becky Cooke & Sophie Southerden, who was a key player in the team in her first season. Rosie Barks and Tallulah Dyer also had an excellent season. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mrs Gill and Miss Bell.



U13 XII

The Under 13A's had a fantastic winning season playing a total of 8 games. The team was made up of a formidable combination of 1st and 2nd form. A special mention must go to Beth Timmins who was a fantastic captain and an awesome goal keeper and to Katy Schofield who held it all together in the middle of the field.

The Under 13 b's improved immensely during the course of the season with many of the team picking a stick up for the first time in January, they learnt lots of new skills and rules of the game. They had a mixed bag of results with a win against Malvern College and a draw against Tudor Hall. Well done to Charlotte Stedman, Tara Elsen, Rachael Jennings and Charlotte Clements who scored all the goals.

Mrs K Hughes and team captains



U13 Lacrosse Tour

On March 10th the U13 Inaugural Lacrosse Tour departed for the Lake District via Manchester, led by Mrs Hughes and Miss Bell.

The first match was played against Timperely Lacrosse Club who were beaten by an impressive margin of 12-0. This was followed by an equally impressive victory against Brooklands Lacrosse Club, where the girls fought back from a 4-0 deficit to win 8-4.

Unfortunately, bad weather meant the final match had to be abandoned. All the girls had great fun and had the following to say:

"The lacrosse tour was a huge success and was loved by everyone who went"

I Mebborn Hubbard (Form 2)

"It was the most fantastic tour that I have ever been on"

B. Timmins (Cpt and Form 2)

"Amazing, it was a big success and I enjoyed my birthday"

A. Whittles (Form 2)





U13 XI

CRICKET



1st XI

With the English weather showing greater sympathy than has been the case in recent years, the XI managed to complete 8 matches, losing only two to the rain.

The team has developed into an impressive bowling and fielding side, playing some very positive and entertaining cricket, winning 3 and drawing 2 matches.

They were well led by Jamie Burley, who as ever put everything into his role as skipper. Vice-captain Rupert Hooper (Hoopy) has once again been a stalwart of 1st XI cricket and I thank him too for his magnificent efforts over the years.

Simon Wong, Alex Holden and Paul Taylor have all made important contributions to the team and the outstanding newcomer has been Toby Harris who not only took a wicket with his first ball in Rendcomb Cricket, but scored a memorable 50 at Stowell Park.

Squad from:- Jamie Burley, Rupert Hooper, Simon Wong, James Tarleton, Alex Holden, Paul Taylor, Toby Harris, Ben Crane, Callum Johnson, Randal Pakeman, James Beck, Chris Scott, Max Webb Dickin, Jonny Barkes.

Mr M Stark

U15

Coming off the back of a very successful hockey season, high hopes were entertained for the U 15 team. Sadly, they have not really delivered, for one major reason, they have yet to apply sufficient technique or determination to build a sizeable innings. Too often, they have been dismissed for less than 100, thus, never really giving their bowlers a fair chance to bowl the opposition out.

They have a posse of effective bowlers, Will Jefferson. Harley Phelps, Harry Homan-Green, Andrew Forshaw, Charlie Kiggins with the seam and the pick of the bunch, James Beck, a right hand leg spinner of real talent. All have bowled well, but always with too few runs to play with.

In the field and as a team, however, they have never lost heart and have remained in high spirits throughout. Andrew Forshaw is to be congratulated on his captaincy and has led by example, the only player to make a 50 over the season.

The squad must stay together and continue with cricket, Their day will come again.

Mr B L North

U14

Played	Won	Drew	Lost
8	4	0	4

The squad has had a nucleus of 15 players with the key players being Ed Thomason, Chris Harrington, James Foulkes, Ieuan Clements and James Brittain. However, the games' were won on a team effort. The team has benefited from the influx of new members of the 3rd Form. Ed has ably led from the front with both the bat and the ball. James Brittain has had his moments, the best being 3 wickets for 2 runs and was supported by excellent teamwork in the field. In another match, William Rathie caught the opposition captain, who at the time had scored 35 of the teams 54 runs; it was not an easy catch. The opposition needed 20 runs off 7 overs. They failed to meet the target! This team has learnt a lot this season.

When their heads are up and concentrating they can do well, but as soon as their focus wavers they let the opposition dominate. All in all it was a better season than might have been expected. Well done to all those players who have given generously of their time.



U13 - an unbeaten season Played 8 Won 8!

A cricket season to remember. As a team at the beginning of the term we set out to have an unbeaten record. Something that I was not sure we would do because I had never seen the boys play but it is always good to have a goal and to aim high.

Training as a squad of 12 our batting was our strength and never let us down through the season. Our bowling was not the strongest but due to our fielding improving and us taking some fantastic catches, we always managed to restrict the opposition to totals that were acceptable.

Tom Dally captained this U13 successful side with maturity and displayed great leadership. Some wonderful individual performances included three different batsman scoring 50's and seven innings of 40. Tom Dally scored the most runs with

241 runs at an average of 40.2. Matthew Beck had the best average of the term, being 53.25 and scored over 200 runs. Matt was also invaluable as the wicket-keeper and on the bowling side James Bell and Tom Dally took the most wickets (11 each).

The best and most exciting result was against Kings School Gloucester where we won by just one run. A squad of 8 also took part in a 6 a side tournament at Kings School Gloucester where we came 5th out of 10 teams.

I do look forward to seeing this squad of players (J. Bell, M.Crickmore, T. Dally, H.Brittain, M.Beck, T.Pearson, D.Mulhall, S.Dally, H.Rich and J.Brogden) develop into good strong cricketers in U14. As for the two (H.Frowen and S.Overthrow) who are returning to ul3 good luck you have big shoes to fill, but always aim high.

Mr N Ferreira

James Bell & Declan Mulhall

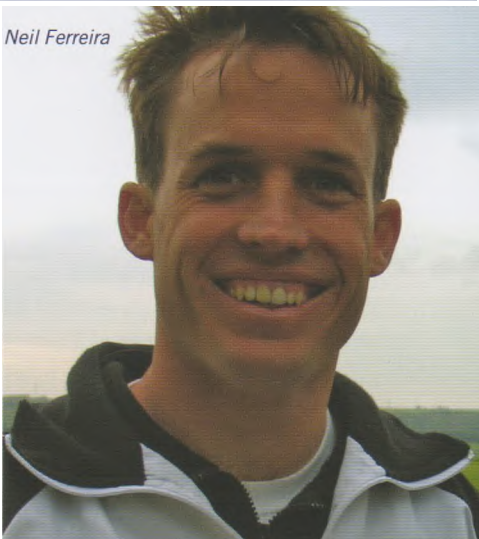


U13 B

This has been a steep learning curve for the squad this term and two heavy defeats to 'A' opposition did not help. To their credit the pupils have improved their skills and understanding of the game as the term has progressed. Alex Bishop, the captain, has been most helpful and has played for the 'A' team at the end of the season. My thanks must go to Mr Jefferson and Mr Essenhigh for their considerable input and I hope that next year these pupils will develop their skills even more!

Mr J.G. Williams

Neil Ferreira



1st X1 at Stowell Park-James Beck bowling to Richard Wills



ROUNDERS TENNIS ATHLETICS

1st Tennis Report

This term has been an incredibly impressive one for the 1st VI tennis. There has been some inspirational team work, in particular the doubles partnerships, which have really gelled and improved their game. Serving is still an area of slight weakness amongst the team and as the girls have realised a good one can win the game. Having played 5 matches the girls came away the winners in three, which is a true feat. The gusto and finesse was unquestionable. Well Done Girls

Naomi Giles

1st Rounders

The 1st rounder's team have come along leaps and bounds this season continuing Rendcomb's impressive senior rounders' reputation, with an unbeaten season what more would you want?! The strong relationship between the bowler and the backstop has been the core of the fielding, spectacularly aided by some brilliant deep fielders. What the batting perhaps lacked in precision they have made up in consistency. Team work has been the essential element which has led to such success. Superb season. Well done.

Naomi Giles

U15

The U15's enjoyed a most successful season winning 8 of our matches. All the team made valuable contributions and a good, reliable triangle was important in our winning season. We batted quite consistently and our fielding improved throughout the season.

Our best match was against King's School Gloucester when excellent team work and fielding helped us to get six players out in six balls! A great victory.

Well done team and our thanks go to Miss Hughes for her encouragement.

Rachel Watson



U14

The U14 Rounders' team had a very tight match to start with against St. Edwards losing only by 1 rounder. With full commitment from all U14 Girls in games we progressed steadily finding hidden talents in all. We all feel that we did not get the results that we deserved, but we kept going with strong enthusiasm even through temperatures of 30 degrees.

Sophie Southerden

U13

This year's U13 rounders' team have come to a triumphant end of season, winning all matches apart from a close fought battle against Cheltenham Ladies College. Every member of the team worked together to produce an outstanding performance each and every game, which lead to a nearly unbeaten season. Well done to all those who played and thank you Miss Bell for coaching us and never giving up on the team. Also thank you for pushing us harder to achieve the best.

Katy Schofield

U12

The Under 12's had an impressive rounders' season. Unfortunately we were not unbeaten but did have some successful matches, the most memorable being a win in our first match against Alice Ottley. Lots of effort was put in by all the team and improvement was shown from everyone throughout the season, so a big well done to all who played! Also, a big thank you must go to Miss Bell, Miss Hughes and especially Mrs Gill for all of their effort coaching and taking us to matches.

Mizz Barks



Rendcomb College Prep Schools Athletics Meet

On Thursday 15th June Rendcomb College hosted an U12 and U13 Athletics meet. Track events ranging from the 100m to 800m went well with some excellent running from all competitors, especially Michael Crickmore and Koake Kumai. The field events were well fought with some brilliant and talented play from everyone.

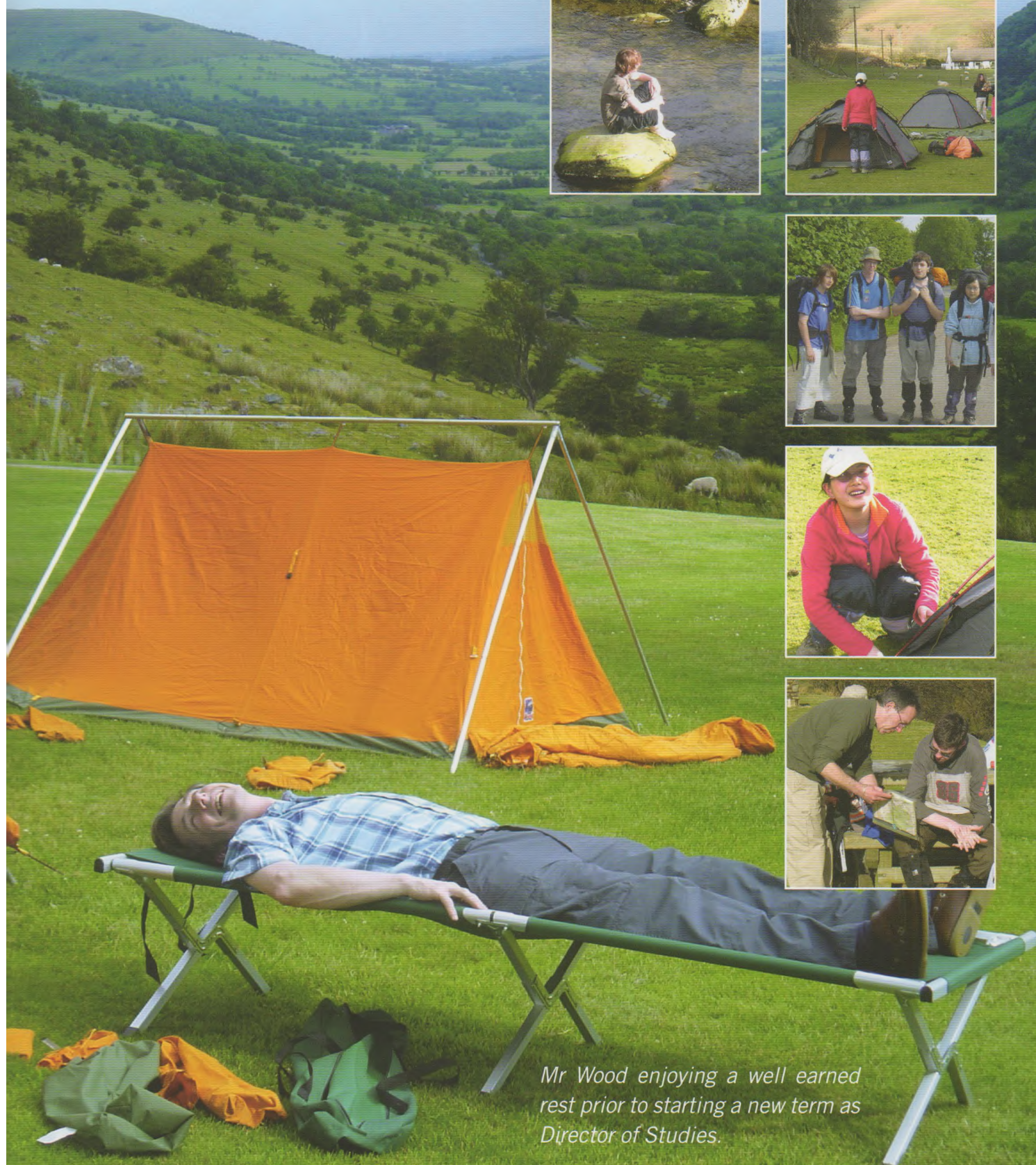
Rendcomb gained some impressive wins but all the participating schools had excellent sporting ability making each competition very close. The U13's were victorious winning the trophy while the U12's were just beaten by Pinewood.

The visiting teams were very friendly and we are looking forward to their return next year.

Hannah Wood



6B DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD EXPEDITION TO THE BLACK MOUNTAINS



Mr Wood enjoying a well earned rest prior to starting a new term as Director of Studies.



ATHLETICS DAY 2006

The sun shone down on Athletics Day this year, and sun cream was dispensed by Sister, Pimms and strawberries by the Parents' Association and the commentary was given by Mrs Dodd. The final result was joint 3rd for Redgrave and Radcliffe with 169½ points, second were Edwards with 184 points and the winners were Bannister with 210 points.

It was a good year for breaking records with no fewer than 33 new school records.

Well done to all who participated and in particular to the staff for their support.

Miss S Bell & Mr C Vuolo

New School Records

EVENT	AGE GROUP NAME		TIME/DISTANCE
800M	U13	Michael Crickmore	2m44s
	U14	Ed Thomason	2m38s
	U15	A Humphrey Gaskin	2m30s
	U12	Andrea Haas	3m14s
	U13	Okailey Mensah	3m03s
400M	U14	Emily Turner	1m21s
	U15	Elena Zodiates	1m19s
300M	U12	Shaun Overthrow	58.19s
	U13	Alex Bishop	49.10s
	U12	Miriam Barks	56.84s
	U13	Imogen Meborn-Hubbard	54.37s
200M	U14	James Foulkes	26.40s
	U12	Andrea Haas	32.70s
	U13	Katy Schofield	31.76s
	U15	Elena Zodiates	30.80s
100M	U15	Richard Ashton	11.94s
	U12	Andrea Haas	15.28s
LONG JUMP	U14	James Foulkes	4.75m
	U13	Imogen Meborn Hubbard	4.03m
	U15	Iva Carvalhosa	4.20m
HIGH JUMP	U13	Alex Bishop	1.25m
	U15	Emily Tennant Bell	1.25m
DISCUS	U12	Hal Jones	16.06m
	U14	William Rathie	26.15m
	U13	Hannah Wood	13.27m
SHOT PUTT	U13	Ben Hodder	9.50m
	U14	Ed Thomason	10.10m
	U12	P Watson	6.60m
	U15	Jasmine Barks	7.04m







Congratulations...

to Sinead Brennan and her horse Kings Vanguard (*pictured here*) for qualifying for the National Pony Club Eventing Team Championships this summer



Rory Gilling & Mr Pink

IN THE SADDLE

Rendcomb riding goes from strength to strength! Five riders from Rendcomb took part in the Bloxham School Eventer Challenge on Sunday 2nd October.

The challenge involved a combination of show and cross country jumps with a timed section in the middle. The novice team, comprising of Ed Cumberpatch, Tori Cannon and Emily Turner did excellently to come 6th out of 23 teams, with Tori coming 8th, and Ed coming 2nd in the individual event out of 63 riders, showing a turn of speed that bodes well for his aim of becoming a successful jockey! Sinead Brennan and Naomi Giles also took part but in the Intermediate Class and both successfully completed it.

The previous week, Richard Mason, Ed Cumberpatch and Sinead Brennan took part in Inter Schools One Day Event at Stonar. Overall the team were 11th out of 40 and Richard Mason came 3rd in his section with Ed coming 4th in his. These excellent results were a result of good dressage tests and double clear rounds in show-jumping and cross country.

Later in the year, a welcome new addition to the Rendcomb riding team, Rory Gilling rode at the Stonar Junior One Day Event on his pony, Mr Pink. He successfully completed clear show jumping and cross country rounds in a deluge of rain and a sea of mud.

Just two weeks later the riders were in action at the Cotswold and Headington Schools' Inter Schools' Eventer Challenge. The teams consisted of Astrid Elsen, Rory Gilling, Ed Cumberpatch, Richard Mason and Sinead Brennan. It was a beautiful sunny day with stunning views over the Cotswolds and we were pleased that Rory came 9th in the intermediate section and Richard came fourth in the Open on Crofter's Boy. Richard also competes regularly in point to point races.

A particular thanks to all their parents them for all their hard work and support in preparation for the event

Naomi Giles & Mrs L Holden



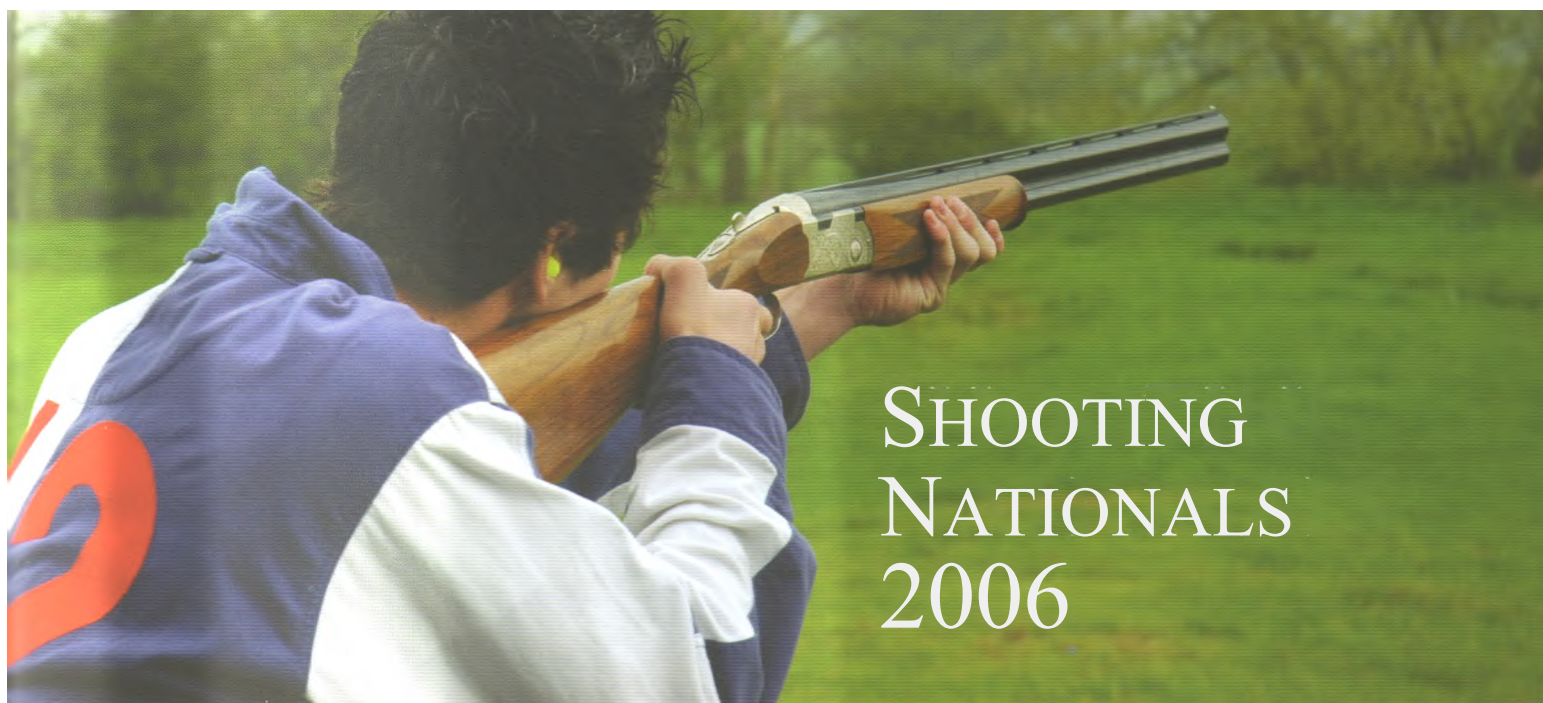
Ed Cumberpatch on Molly



ANYONE FOR POLO?

A group of students took part in a taster session at Longdole Polo Club at the end of the summer term and everyone was literally hooked!





SHOOTING NATIONALS 2006



The British National Schools Shooting Championships, held this year at Doveridge Shooting Ground in Derbyshire, were the stage for yet another successful year for Rendcomb's shooting teams.

Led by Max Webb Dickin (Captain A team), Charlie Stutchbury (B Team Capt), both teams produced some excellent scores. The A team finished 11th out of 32 schools and the B team finished 5th over a different course. High guns for the day were Matt Hook 37/50 and Richard Pass 31/50.

Father and son teams also performed well with James and Charlie Stutchbury and David and Matt Hook Congratulations to all.

Max Webb-Dickin & Ben Crane



Philip Ellis at Lilley Brook Golf Club



"OFF PUTTING....."

Pupils from both the Senior and the Junior School have been teeing off in golf competitions this term. Ben Crane, Toby Harris, Paul Taylor, James Hill, Alex Holden and Max McLellan entered the Gloucestershire Schools' Competition, with Ben Crane being selected to represent the county at the South West Area Championships.

A team was also entered for the British Heart Foundation Open Championship at Lilley Brook Golf Championship.

Well done to the team of Toby Harris, Alex Holden, and Phil Ellis and particularly to Toby Harris for winning "nearest the pin".

As a condition of entry they had to raise sponsorship for the BHF and in total they raised nearly £300.

Mrs L Holden

6th form



BUDDY SCHEME



In every school year, there are things to look forward to, things which make the great, impending shadow of the A2 synoptic paper pale in insignificance. This year, there were thirty-four. In the Sixth Form, reposing beside the traditional joys of the Christmas lunch, weekly chapel services and supper in Mr & Mrs Marsden's flat. One can look

forward to a diverse selection of events, brilliantly organised by Dr Marsden. A fulsome description of all thirty-four of these events and the equal number of pages in would take to do them justice, would create a volume about as light and pocket sized as a Panzer V tank. It is out of concern for the Rendcombian's waistline, therefore, that I confine my report to focussing on two of the events below.

Harry Frost

As well as dwelling in the teen haven that is Park, Rendcomb sixth formers also venture out and involve themselves in other areas of the school. This year, I initiated a "Buddy Scheme" within the college, helped by the invaluable Mrs Dodd. This is a system by which every member of the first form is paired with an older, and hopefully wiser, buddy in the sixth form. Each pair meets every few weeks simply to chat and see how things are going. Although only a trial scheme, it has proved to be very successful, strengthening the sense of unity and family atmosphere between the year groups.

To quote a first former: 'the Buddy Scheme makes the sixth formers actually seem human'. The program culminated in the Buddy Barbecue, which saw an impromptu rugby match between the years. The sixth form are sorry to have ruined the headmaster's lawn, and are even sorrier that the first form WON. With such a promising start, I hope that this scheme will continue for many years to come.

Fiona Hicks

SIXTH FORM SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

INSPIRING SUCCESS

Stuart Boreham pictured left holding his Olympic torch

Stuart Boreham's presentation was certainly that, an inspiring success not only in delivery, but also its subject - Mr Boreham's success in becoming the first handicapped person to make a solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in a rowing boat. Even more than the immense physical challenge, the speaker also impressed upon all present the phenomenal mental and emotional battle to maintain resolve and to keep going through violent storms and the utter loneliness at sea.

ARCTIC ADVENTURES

Dr Ian Davis



A truly incredible presentation was given by Dr Ian Davis concerning his experiences in the far north in medical support of an Arctic race. The water is, it was proven, so cold as to freeze a frankfurter, or anything else exposed to it! Disturbing images of severe frostbite were tempered beautifully with photographs of the subtle curves of ice sculptures, carved by the more creative of the teams. Beyond detailing the hardships of Arctic survival, the lecture advised us not to shy away from apparent (and real) danger, as such experiences were often life-changing.

6th form

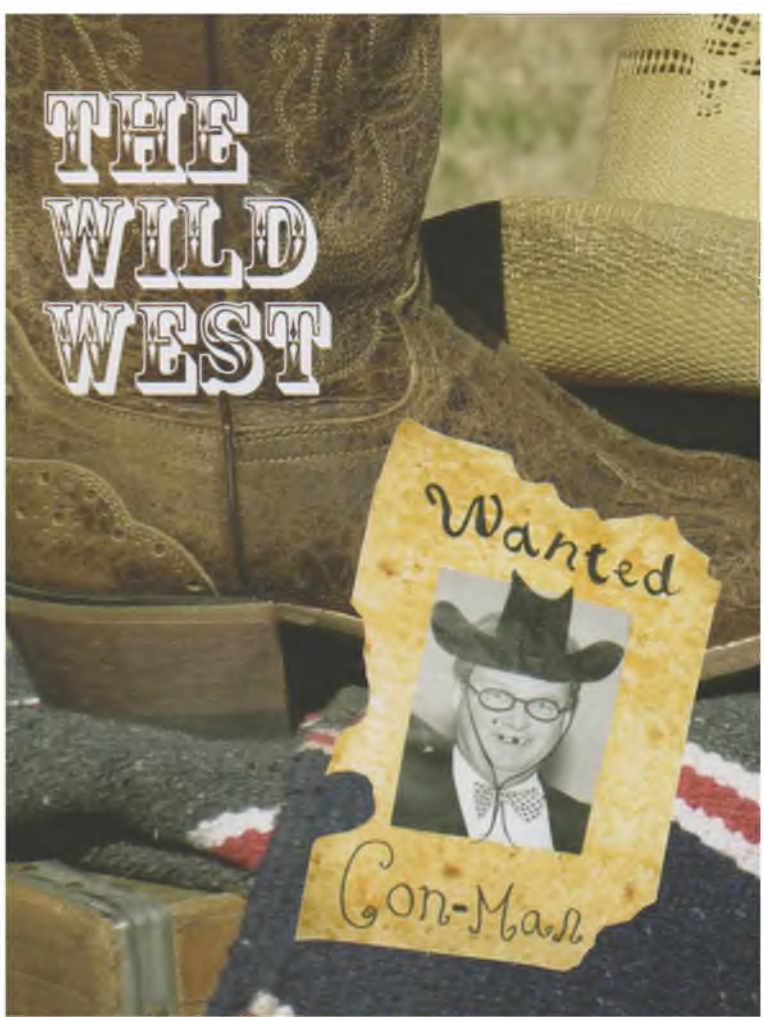
Themed Bars

The sixth form bar is, of course, another source of 'enrichment'. A charming combination of German dance music, controlled drink and pizza, it provides a welcome retreat from the perpetual channel hopping induced by the common room's Sky television. Themed bars are often a highlight of the social calendar, and this year was no exception. In keeping with Halloween's theme of terror, the boys, both appropriately and disturbingly, vouched for a Rocky Horror Bar, giving them the perfect excuse to dress up as women. I can safely say that the members of the 1st XV rugby team make the ugliest women imaginable



Following the results of the January modules, another bar was organised in celebration, this time based around cowboys and Indians. Dressed as Pocahontas, Tiger Lily or John Wayne, sipping on cactus juice and eating cowboy stew cooked by Ashley Groombridge and Emma Couch, a truly great time was had by all. Special mention must go to Tom Wise who, obviously mistaking the theme, came dressed as a very different form of Indian!

Fiona Hicks



THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW





DO NOT TRY TO BUY ORGANIC FOOD ON A MONDAY...

Five future Delia Smiths, in a quest to cook a completely organic and 'locally grown' meal, attempted to do just this, and were unpleasantly surprised. With the meal on Tuesday and no ingredients purchased, things were not looking peachy. After an emergency meeting, fuelled by cups of herbal tea and molasses, the girls set off the next day for attempt two. As if by a fortunate turn of fate,

or by the blessing of Mother Nature herself, every vegetable, herb and dairy product was found at the organic farm shop before the cockerel could crow. The girls also found organic food to be rather good value: not only does one get a potato, but a complementary inch-thick covering of mud.

The afternoon was spent scrubbing, peeling, chopping and stuffing, all of which proved to be very therapeutic. Separating the breast from the skin in a chicken was especially rewarding. Or repulsive. The girls could not decide. With a last dash of pepper and pinch of salt, the girls welcomed their guests.

Ms Austin's passion and enthusiasm for food was infectious. Every person at the table found themselves noticing the intensity of the chutney's flavour, the beauty of the vegetables' colour, and the

richness of the chicken's aroma. The local apple juice and wine were a perfect complement, and the final tub of Winstone's was the icing on the cake or, quite literally, the ice cream on the crumble.

The budget may have been slightly overspent, and the preparation a little hasty, but it was a truly fantastic evening. Emma Couch, Fiona Hicks, Naomi Giles, Ashley Groombridge and Lena Elsperrmann thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and their appreciation of organic food has been awoken and enthused.

Fiona Hicks

"What a super evening we 'all' had. The meal was exceptional, Ben and I going away feeling so totally privileged to have having been asked. The whole evening 'from start to finish' was no more or less than a 'real treat'. The food was local, fresh and tasty!!! the girls confident, incredibly knowledgeable on the food they had purchased and were exceptionally good 'and fun' company. The girls were a delight, and I couldn't help wishing I was a sixth former - as I would truly have felt at home at Rendcomb. Ben agreeing profusely, conveying that he felt equally at ease"

Susanne Austin

"A potato without mud is a potato without merit!"

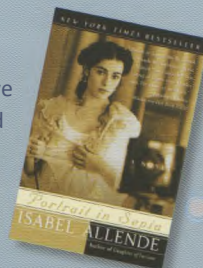
BOOK CLUB 2005

"It is through Art, and through Art only that we can realise our perfection; through Art, and through Art only, that we can shield ourselves from the sordid perils of actual existence."

And with Oscar Wilde's words ringing in our ears, two eager sixth formers and Dr Marsden set about discussing the deep significance of literature. In a flurry of enthusiasm and chocolate cake, they delved into the unfathomable abyss of idiosyncratic themes, captivating characters and the nuances of language. The first book of the year was Isabel Allende's 'Portrait in Sepia', a swathing epic of love, war and feminism in the 19th century. This yarn was quickly followed by the innovative "Time Traveller's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger, which was a remarkable literary rollercoaster.

We enjoyed our meetings enormously and would like to thank Dr. Marsden for getting this project off the ground.

Hana Lawrence & Rebecca Maxted



Critical Thinking

One boatman, one boat, three plump chickens, one ravenous fox and a river. Your mission, Horatio, should you choose to accept it, is to transport the chickens safely across the river, never leaving a chicken by itself with the fox. How do you do it? If you want the answer to this and other questions like this, come along to critical thinking!

If chickens and foxes do not butter your crumpet, how about lying and truth telling robots? Two doors, one to life and one to death. Two robots, one a liar and one a truth teller. What one question can you ask one of the robots to be sure that you get through the door to life?

These and other such conundrums have been part of the critical thinking programme this year. Mind bending and warping questions designed to make us Think! Think! Think!

Big Thankyous to Mrs Harford and Mr Vuolo for organising everything.

Becky Maxted, Sam Daly & Fiona Hicks

6th form Careers Convention

**“Don’t tell my mother I work in advertising!
She thinks I play piano in a whore house...”**

was just one of many titles from which 6B & 4th form students could choose at the careers convention held on 30th July. Mrs Davina Clift and Mrs Holden organised this day on the initiative of the Parent’s Association, based on the realisation that within the school, parents can provide a wealth of experience and advice from a wide range of careers, backgrounds and interests and this expertise could be of direct benefit to our pupils.

The careers advice offered at the convention ranged from a talk on journalism by the local author Martin O’Brien, to interactive sessions on interview techniques entitled “You’ll never get a second chance to make a first impression”. Local midwives, lawyers, doctors, inventors, policemen and pilots all shared their experiences with the students.

The careers convention is just one part of the new industrial mentoring scheme at the school and is the result of the parents at the college working in partnership with the staff. Parents, friends and Old Rendcombians offer anything from a one-off careers talk, meeting with a pupil once a term to discuss their career plans, holding mock interviews with pupils, helping to compile a CV, supervising the progress of their personal portfolio, providing or advising on work experience posts, to mock interviews at Oxbridge level.

Davina Clift RCPA



The careers convention is just one part of a post AS cultural enrichment programme organised for 6B students, which also includes University visits and a life skills day, where students learn cooking skills, car maintenance and presentation techniques. Pete Cairns showed the pupils how to change a wheel and also more usefully, how to repair a cracked radiator with eggs! Mrs Grey and Mrs Holden guided the pupils in the preparation of a delicious lunch and cakes for afternoon tea (although some did look a little dubious with luminescent orange icing!). For the third successive year, pupils also “Walked the Mile”, shadowing a member of staff in their day to day work -an illuminating experience!



6th form

Leavers' Weekend

The leavers' weekend for the class of 2006 was definitely one to be remembered. The weekend commenced on Friday the 23rd at 4:30 when the leavers received their hoodies and then the fun and games started.

A water slide was set up going down the golf course! It was made of a 25 foot long sheet of plastic with water and washing up liquid covering it. The slide allowed for some great fun and some awesome speed. Jamie and Rupert speeding down whilst holding each other tightly will definitely be remembered as well as some of the girls building up enough speed to carry them about 5 feet down the slide before stopping! After a good hour on the slide the obstacle course outside Park came into play. This consisted of a tightrope, a rope swing, a balancing log and a large sheet of camouflage netting to crawl under. The fact that we were already wet meant a lot of falling off and slipping over which, as always, is fun to watch as long as it happens to someone else.

The leavers' dinner started at 7:30 so, of course, the girls had to leave all of the fun at about 5:30 to get ready. The boys however were a lot more laid back and all of us apart from Simon (who had to do his make-up) started getting ready at 7.

There was pre-dinner champagne in Park House and then over to main college to a brilliantly prepared and delicious meal prepared by Mark Naylor and his staff. Mr Williams gave a very witty and insightful speech on many of the people in our year and of course many of the staff (I never worked out who the super model and bodyguard combo were!!!!). After Mr Williams's speech Tom Ruddy stood up on a window ledge to give himself a little extra height so he would get a little more attention before giving his speech which included the whole of the class of 2006 and some of their antics over the years.

After the meal it was down to bar and, most importantly the FREE BEER!! We stayed in bar and socialised and danced amongst ourselves and a lot of staff managed to pluck up the courage and join us down there. The night ended with bacon butties in the Marsden's flat and then off to bed to get enough sleep before the survivors' breakfast.

Survivors' breakfast at 8:30 in the morning!!! And most of us managed to make it except for, Surprise surprise, Alex Elsen. Pace yourself Alex it is a marathon not a sprint! The survivors' breakfast was followed by a church service and a brilliant speech by Mr Jennings which was very witty yet had some very sensible advice mixed in.

The church service was followed by a buffet lunch which was once again superbly produced by Mark Naylor and his staff and then it was goodbye! For a lot of us leavers weekend was actually right in the middle of our exams but for a precious few it was actually the end of their time at Rendcomb and I hope they remember it!

Tom Ruddy





FAREWELL

John and Sandra Williams 1988-2006



"We say thank you and goodbye to John and Sandra Williams, who have given a great deal to the Rendcomb College community during their 18 year stay.

When John was appointed we, who were here at the time, noted that,

like Paul Sykes, the new mathematician had an accent from North of Birmingham and a passion for all sport and particularly football -and he supported Man U (a fact no-one would be allowed to forget); but more importantly he too was an extremely effective maths teacher and someone who would contribute much to the non-academic side of the college. To repeat a word that has been used to describe John many times this term - he is the complete schoolmaster.

John immediately proved to be dedicated, patient, conscientious, efficient, encouraging and above all fair in the classroom; consequently he has always been a popular teacher with the pupils. Those in his department soon realised that they are working for a true gentleman who is always prepared to help in any way possible.



Nicola Gill 1994-2006

Tectonic activity is not usually associated with Gloucestershire, yet in 1994 there were seismic waves emitting from the county and the epicentre was the idyllic Cotswold village of Rendcomb. Nicola Pryse had arrived from Alleyne's School in London and she brought

with her a new spirit, creating her own Zeitgeist for the Geography Department. She was the personification of 'Gaia', a harmonious Earth goddess whose every touch brought enlightenment. Academic rigour was brought to bear on the Department, even more so than before, and she set about reworking the schemes of work so that fieldwork, multimedia and 'cross-curricular' IT were brought to the forefront - indeed, that Geography would be the leading light in the IT 'push' of the College. Apart from the academic life of the College, Nicki was a houseparent in both Park House and Godman House along the way, played a big role on the Sports field, was Director of Activities and organised a multitude of trips - from Basildon Park for some 'Pride & Prejudice' refinement to adrenaline junkies at Alton Towers or Thorpe Park!

"Geographers don't end, they just lose their bearings" may have some truth as Nicki will be going off in the opposite direction to Rendcomb three times a week as she makes her way to Westonbirt.

Mr A Breal



He is Mr Organised. At the end of the lesson, in true Harry Potter style, his books are almost instantly laid out neatly for the next lesson - how does he do it?

And on the subject of sport Rendcomb has been very fortunate to have such a stalwart on the games fields and his uninterrupted record of coaching rugby is in itself testament to his commitment; not to mention cricket, hockey and football.

The Williams family unit, including their sons David and Matt who were both educated at the College, is very strong so we were very fortunate when they agreed to extend it to include everyone in Stable House which was then for 4th to 6A boys. Naturally Sandra was a fantastic support to John in his role as housemaster and ORs remember her contribution to their growing up with great affection, whether it was introducing them to the great mysteries of the automatic washing machine or simply helping with them with the challenges of the school routine. This, of course, was done with great dedication whilst running her own family and helping to care for an aged ex-member of staff.

They are now off to Spain to start their retirement.

Mr C Wood

Paul Dodd 1997-2005

Paul Dodd joined Rendcomb College in 1997 and soon made his mark with his no nonsense approach to teaching English. His organisational skills were immediately recognised and he became a hugely successful Director of Activities, co-ordinating an ever expanding programme. Paul is an enthusiast for his subject and was always willing to help with trips and outings, plays and poetry readings. Not content with the cultural input, Paul is also a committed and inspirational rugby coach: so much so that in 2004 he helped guide his under 14 team to an unbeaten season: there are a large number of boys who will remember with great gratitude the hours Paul spent on the rugby field or cricket square with them. Latterly Paul took on the vital role as Director of Studies and under his tutelage academic performances at the college improved enormously. All teaching staff are indebted to the efforts he put into his role as academic Rottweiler!

Paul leaves to pursue other challenges in the world of academia.

Mr P Jennings



Alison Mosey - miracle woman 2006

Alison stepped serendipitously into the breach following the departure of Mr Mann. She spent just two terms with us, but during that time was totally involved with serious quantities of high quality art and design, finally nearly drowning in paint as the ebb and flow of junior art has carried on long after the 5th and 6th form skipped off into the sunset. Alison has been a tremendous support to me in the department and I have really enjoyed working with her.



Ralph Mann 2003 -2005

This year we said goodbye to Mr Mann, who worked for two years in the Art Department teaching art and design from 1st to 6th form. Added to those experiences he has clocked up a whole lot more, duties in The Old Rec, duties in Stable House, he has been tutor to many boys most successfully with his current tutees, the Mann crowd. He set up the Art Scholars activity, he helped build the set for Les Mis, he brought Transition to the school, he got Saul's society thinking about Marcel Duchamps urinal!

Mrs S Blackwell



Sarah Royer 2004 - 2006

This year we also said farewell to Miss Royer who joined us for a short time from America as a Lacrosse Coach and ended up staying for a bit longer! She played an invaluable role in both girls' sport and as a tutor in Godman and Lawn House, where she was very popular with the girls. Sarah was always willing to help and was able to turn her talents to all areas of school life.



Victoria Cotman - 2005

Miss Cotman joined us for a year as a gap student fresh from Sydney and threw herself into the life of the school right from day one. She directed multiple shows and choreographed Jesus Christ Superstar, taught her "Superstition" dance to more than half the school and compered the ever popular Theatre Sports in a pair of scarily high stilettos. In addition to this, she was a tutor in Lawn House and in her leaving speech, left the pupils with the following advice - let us hope she does the same.

..."follow your dreams, fight for your dreams and if anyone ever tries to stand in your way- knock them down and keep going- because if you reach for the moon, you might just capture a star"



Penny Clements 2004-06

Penny, has been at Rendcomb for 2 years, and proved to be a real maestro when it comes to multi-tasking. She has taught music in the Junior and Senior School, Drama to Forms 1-3 as well as being Assistant Housemistress in Godman House. She played in the band for "Les Mis" and "Jesus Christ Superstar". She made her directorial debut in "Daisy Pulls it off" and was Musical Director in "Wind in the Willows" and "Troy Story". She has also organised regular Carol Services and musical events for the Junior School and the annual Senior School rock concert. Penny's bubbly, enthusiastic, vivacious and energetic personality will be sorely missed. She has been such an asset to the school and I hope she will take away many happy memories of Rendcomb across the oceans to Barbados.

Mrs A Breal

WELCOME - NEW STAFF 2006



ACADEMIC RECORD

A Level Examination Results

H Bullock	Dr*, Ee*, Py*, Bs* (AS)
R Bullock	Dr*, Ee, Py*, Bs* (AS)
J Burley	Bs, Dr, Spe, Ee (AS)
A Collins	B, C, E, Spe (AS)
E Couch	Bs*, Dr, G*, Ee (AS)
S Daly	B, C, G
A Elsen	Ee, H, Py
L Elspermann	F, Gm*, H, M, B (AS)
H Gasteiger	A, Dr, Py, Gm*, Spe (AS)
N Giles	B, Ee, Spe, F (AS)
S Goffe	H, M, Py, F(AS)
A Groombridge	Bs, Py, Spe, B (AS)
A Grunewalder	F, Gm*, H, M
F Hicks	Ee*, F*, M*, B* (AS)
R Hooper	G*, M*, P, B (AS)
E Hutchison	B, C*, M, F (AS)
S Kolb	Bs, F, Gm*, M, C (AS)
H Lawrence	Ee*, G, H*, Bs* (AS)
R Maxted	A*, Ee*, G*, H*
E Medus	B, Py, Spe, A (AS)
M Murahashi	A, J*, M, Py, Dr (AS)

Y Pang	A*, Cns*, M, Py, Dr (AS)
T Ruddy	Dr*, Ee, H, Py (AS)
S Schofer	B,C, Gm*, M, Ee (AS)
C Scott	B,G, Spe, C(AS)
T Snow	C, M, P, Dr (AS)
J Tarleton	Bs, Dr, Py, Spe (AS)
S Wong	B, Bs, G, Ee (AS)
F Zhu	C, Cns*, M*, Mf*, P

Key: * grade A

Subject Key: A=Art B=Biology,
Bs=Business Studies, C=Chemistry,
Cns=Chinese, Dr=Drama,
Ee=English Literature, F=French,
Gm=German, H=History, J=Japanese,
M=Maths, Mf=Further Maths, P=Physics,
G=Geography, Py=Psychology,
Spe=Sport & Physical Education

GCSE Examinations 2006

E Apps	A** D** E* El* F G* M ScDA*;
S Arkle	A* B C* D E El F G* M P;
J Barks	E El F Ict* M Pe* ScDA;
J Bladon	B** Q** E* El** F** Q** Gm* H** M** Mu** P**;
L Brown	A*B* C*E* El** F**G* Gm** H* M** P*;
R Collins	B** C** E* El* F* G** Gm* M** Pe* P**;
T Couch	D* E El F G* Ict* M ScDA;
E Cumberpatch	E El F G* M Mu Pe ScDA;
S Edwards	A E El F G* H* M ScDA;
P Ellis	A* B C E El F G* M Pe** P;
S Finneron	A E El F G* Ict M ScDA*;
M Gunner	A B* C E El F G H* M Mu* P**;
S Hamilton-Rushworth	A E* El* F* G* Gm* M ScDA*;
M Harrison	A* D** E* El* F H* M ScDA;





PREFECTS 2006-07



J Hill	D E El F* Gm H M ScDA;
R Hutchison	A** B* C* D** E* El F* H* M* P;
C Johnson	D E El F G M ScDA;
A Jordan	B** C** D* E* El* G** H** Ict* M* P**;
H Kay	E* El Gm* H** Ict* M Pe ScDA*;
D Ku	A* E El Ict M ScDA;
L Lester-Powell	A* E El G M Mu Pe* ScDA;
H Lockett	A D* E El* F Ict M ScDA;
R Mason	E El F G H* M Pe* ScDA*;
R McKay	A E G Ict M ScSA;
J Newton	A E El F G H M ScSA;
M Odintsova	R** D E El H Ict M ScDA;
R Pakeman	A* E El F G M Mu ScDA;
N Parker	A E El F G Ict M ScDA;
R Pass	B** C** E* El* G** Gm H** Ict* M P**;
H Pullen	B* C E El G Gm H* M Pe P;
M Reeves	A* D* E El G** Ict M ScDA;
O Richards	B** C** E** El** F** G** Gm** H* M* P*;
J Roach	D E El F G Ict M ScDA;
K Ruddy	E El* F* G** H** M Pe* ScDA;

A Schofield	B** C* D* E* El* F* H** M* Pe* P;
J Scott	B* C E El F G* H* M Pe P
A Sinclair	A** E El Gm Ict M Pe ScDA;
L Snow	A** E El G H** M ScDA;
C Stutchbury	B**C** E* El** G** Gm* H* Ict* M* P*;G
Tatham-Losh	A* E El G H* Ict M ScDA;
A Turner	B*CD**E*El*F*Gm* H** M* P;
L Wilcox	A** B*C* E El F Ict M* Mu P*;
A Basic	Ict* P**;
1 Carvalhosa	R **;
S Feng	Ch;
N Mehta	Gm*;
S Conlon	A E Ict ScDA;

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* = grade A

Subject key: A-Art, B-Biology,
C-Chemistry, D-Drama, E-English
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G-Geography, Gm-German, H-History,
Ict-information Communication
Technology, M-Mathematics, Mu-Music,
P-Physics, Pe-Physical Education,
R-Russian, Ch-Chinese,
ScDA-Science (Double Award),
ScSA-Science (Single Award)

HEAD OF COLLEGE
Amanda Graham

DEPUTY HEADS OF COLLEGE
Toby Harris & Carra Williams

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM HOUSE
Alex Holden

DAY PREFECTS IN PARK HOUSE
Matthew Hook
Joe Tapsell

PREFECTS INSTABLE
Richard Whittles
George Finlay

SAUL'S SOCIETY
& CULTURAL PREFECT
Harry Frost

PREFECTS IN LAWN
Jade Harrison
Beth Sampson

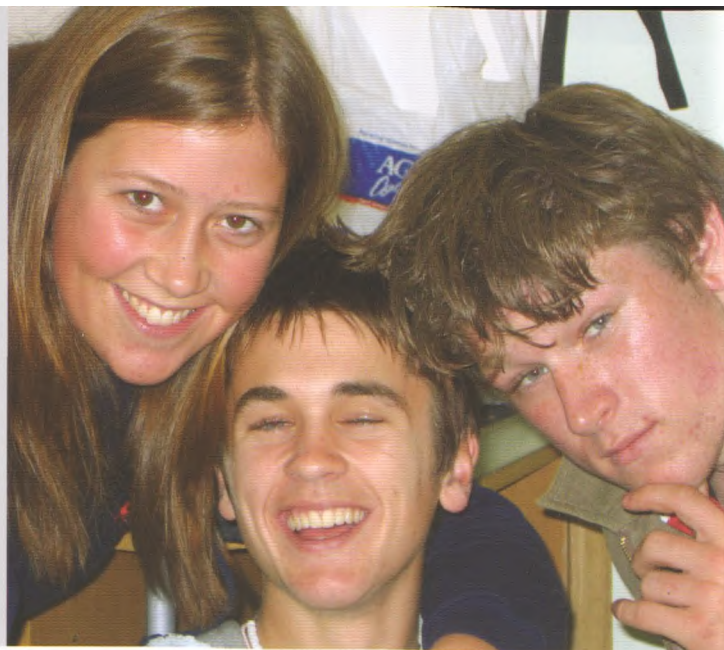
PREFECTS IN GODMAN
Astrid Elsen
Amanda Graham
Jo Maxted

PREFECTS IN OLD RECTORY
Kirki Matthew (res)
Carra Williams (res)

INTERNATIONAL
Sabrina Lu

6B WINE TASTING

James Walker from the Bathurst Arms fine tunes the palettes of sixth form students with wines from around the world.



GEOGRAPHY QUIZ NIGHT

Q. What is unique about the Sargasso Sea?

(Answers at the bottom of the page.)

Once we had used our compasses and ordnance survey maps to find our way to the Dulverton Hall, we settled down for an evening of tantalisingly tricky questions on 'where' and 'how high' and 'how low' things are. Mr Brealy and Mrs Gill were our hosts for the evening, or rather, should we say, Mr Brealy's power point was.

We were shocked to discover that the staff had drunk all the wine, whilst the students were left to suck on the twiglets provided. All teams were extremely competitive, but particularly 'Martin's Enthusiastic but Dim Crew' (MEDC for all you non-geographers out there). Sad to say, the winning team was composed of five lucky adults who seemed to have all the answers - or was it the Geography textbooks they had perched on their laps...?

It was a fun night had by all.

A. Collins, Hana Lawrence & Becky Maxted

A. It is a sea surrounded by water

BASKETBALL AT THE NATIONAL STAR COLLEGE

6B embarked upon a new, heartfelt experience and visited the National Star College, which is home to the competitors of the National disabled basketball competitions. After a tour of the College, we readily took to our seats in the specially designed wheelchairs, able to cope with speed and agility required on the basketball courts. We all dived into the game and despite our rather shaky start and after a few expert tips from the coaches and apposition, we were competing in a round robin tournament. It was a truly enthralling experience and one which we would hope to repeat on a regular basis. Needless to say, the Rendcomb team was well and truly beaten!

Carra Williams

"ONE STEP AT A TIME"

On Saturday the 20th of May the Sixth Form took part in a sponsored walk to support Macmillan Cancer Relief "One Step At The Time". This is a project to "Walk Wonders", where people can organise their own walk with friends and send in the sponsorship money they raise. It was a beautiful 6 mile route from Rendcomb to North Cerney and back. We walked through Cheltenham Gate and up the hills to Woodmancote where we stopped at the Thistlethwaites' for some juice and water which was very refreshing for our first break.

Then we walked through a field of cows and down a slippery slope to Cirencester Gate and then meandered Fortified by refreshments and three big plates of chips in the garden at the Bathurst Arms, we retraced our steps to Park House.

On our return, we sat around a campfire chatting and enjoying baked potatoes and sausages, prepared by Mr Jennings whilst we were on our walk. It was a great thing to do with the whole house before everyone goes on study leave and the Upper Sixth leave the school. In addition, I would like to thank everybody who took part and in particular, Mr & Mrs Marsden.

Cristin Schroeder





PHOTOGRAPHY ACTIVITY

This took place in the summer term and was well supported. Using digital cameras, pupils learned to use the less well known features and shooting modes to make the most of difficult lighting conditions. This encouragement to go beyond the usual AUTO mode resulted in some good photos amongst the vast number of images which were stored on the school network for viewing.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2005

THE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS

Senior School open (any subject)

PUPIL Rachel Watson

Balloon

STAFF Matt Davey

Puppy

Senior School subject "Red"

PUPIL Rachel Watson

Sunset on the rock

STAFF Mrs Brealy

Fungi

Junior School open (any subject)

PUPIL Louis Mernagh

Scary faces

STAFF Mrs Watson

Yacht

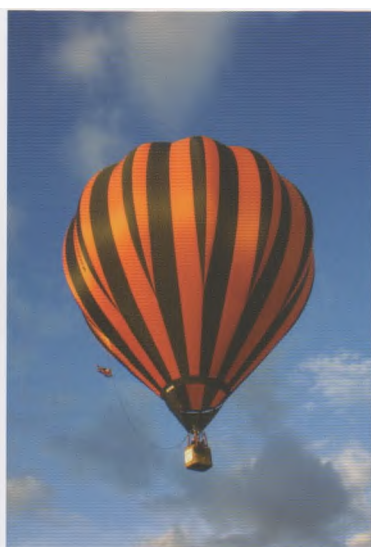
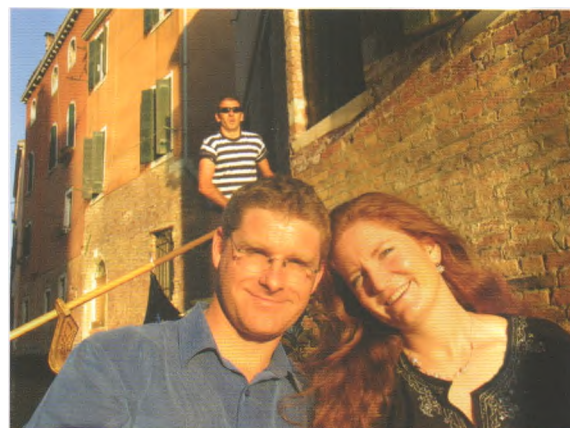
Junior School subject "Happiness"

PUPIL Edward Brealy

Mum and Dad

STAFF Mr Watson

ETs



Welcome to the
Junior School



Headmaster's Report

Among the numerous achievements and developments of the past year - two really stand out! On Founder's Day Mr Jonathan Porritt officially opened our Woodland Classroom. This project, while still in its infancy, is already playing an important role in the education of our pupils. With the support of the Cotswold Conservation Board we finally overcame planning restrictions and during next year we will establish an orienteering course, vegetable and flower beds, bird watching areas including nesting boxes with a Web-cam facility and a sensory garden. We have the opportunity to develop a unique learning facility and environment for our children.

The second exciting event was being recognised by the Arts Council of England as an educational establishment of excellence for the provision of the Arts (Music, Drama, Dance, Art and Literature). Jolyon Dunn and Alana Carpenter accompanied by Mrs Haas attended a ceremony in Bristol to receive our certificate. Receiving the top award (Gold) is a tremendous accolade and reaffirms my belief that we are achieving incredible standards at all stages of the Junior School. We have excellent facilities but most importantly I have a talented, dedicated and creative staff team who work tirelessly to provide the range of opportunities which the pupils enjoy.



We pride ourselves on the quality and diversity of opportunities provided and as you will see 2005/6 certainly fulfilled our aims. Over the next pages, I hope you will enjoy reviewing many of the achievements of The Junior School and that you will marvel in the quality and variety of events that form the rich tapestry of Rendcomb life.

Staff News Welcome



Bernie Lee

Bernie joined us from Hatherop Castle School as a KS2 Teacher, primarily based with J4. She quickly established herself and is highly regarded for the care she demonstrates to all, as well as the quality of her teaching. For 2006-7 she will be J3's form tutor during Mrs Hill's maternity leave.



Amanda Percival

Mandy transferred from the maintained sector to join us as our second J4 tutor. Highly organised and thoroughly professional she has contributed in all aspects of school life, including U9 Girls' games and drama.



Ruth Flint

Ruth joined our Nursery team in April 2006. Norland trained, she has considerable experience and has added to the already wonderful learning environment offered to our nursery pupils.



Neil Ferreira

In April we were delighted to appoint Neil as our Cricket professional. He has a class pedigree having represented Zimbabwe at full test level and he is also a delightful man. He has quickly developed a super rapport with pupils of all ages.



Jane Gleghorn

Jane works as a part-time Classroom Assistant, supporting teachers and pupils in many ways. With a strong IT background Jane has set up and run two popular and successful lunchtime computer clubs.

Farewell



Karen Wade

Karen has supported Katie Hunter in Reception this year as a Classroom Assistant. A successful artist in her own right, Karen has worked with pupils in J4 and J6 as well

as being responsible for much of the scene painting for our school plays. We wish her well as she moves to Cornwall to concentrate on her art career.



Katie Curd

Katie has worked for us for two terms as an Assistant as well as working as an E.F.L. teacher within the Senior School. She starts the final stage of her teacher training in London next year and our best wishes go with her.



Nicola Welfare

For the past two years Nicky, has been an outstanding J2 teacher and Otters' Co-ordinator. Sadly, for us, her husband's promotion as Director of English Heritage (North) means that she leaves to move to York. We thank her sincerely for her invaluable support and dedication and wish them both continued health, happiness and prosperity.



JEST & RCJPA

The Autumn Term 2005 started with a bang or rather a bash. The Autumn Bash, the first JEST event of the year, offered a relaxed evening of live music, supper and dancing, getting the term off to a cracking start.

dance routines, adding a few embellishments of their own. Following their high- spirited performances on the dance floor, a hearty Christmas tea proved a winning combination for these exhausted party -goers.

The Otters and Nursery children took things at a more leisurely pace and joined Father Christmas in traditional party games. Pin the carrot nose on the snowman whilst blind-folded provided much merriment for all. Where does he park those reindeer?

During the early months of the New Year the ever- popular Spring Fling was planned. In May, 130 parents, teachers and friends enjoyed chilled champagne, a delicious dinner and dancing to the truly fantastic "Locomotion".

To end the school year, the Summer Fete took place on the final Monday of term. Flinging wet sponges at you know who proved to be the most popular stall alongside the fairy cakes and penalty shoot-out. The sun shone (thank goodness) and spirits rose at the thought of the long summer holidays now just two days away.

It has been busy year for JEST and many thanks are due to the children and parents who seem to have enjoyed participating in the events as much as the committee did organising them. Significant funds have been raised from these activities which have funded equipment for the Woodland Project and other schemes and for a range of children's charities.

JEST would like to thank the parents for their support and generosity and all the staff of the Junior School. Special thanks are due to the committee who have worked so hard to make the events such a success. Many are retiring this year and taking a wealth of skills and fundraising talent with them, so a recruitment drive is underway.

Why not join in and get more involved in the life of the school and have some fun in the process?



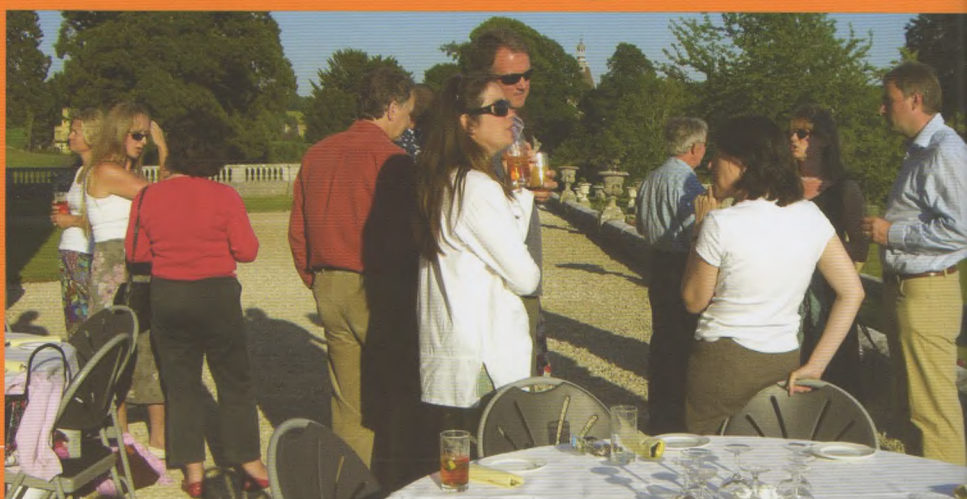
Parents and their friends enjoyed the talented Maxwell Street Blues Band and a repeat performance is scheduled for '06.

The ever-popular cake sale did not disappoint and thanks to the huge array of contributions from parents, the Senior School children got a look in too. This event was followed by a very lively afternoon of Bingo, leaving the children both replete and happy.

JEST also opted to support "Yummy Mummy" week, to raise funds for children suffering with cancer and their families. In keeping with the theme, we arranged a "Pampered Chef" event and were delighted to send a generous contribution to the charity from our school.

To get us in the Christmas spirit and in the mood for shopping, the first JEST Seasonal Gift Fayre delighted many mums by offering a range of original gifts.

The children of J3 - 6 dressed up for a Christmas Country Dance and aided by the band's Caller were quick to learn a range of





Jeans for Genes-10th Birthday



Knex Challenge



We won the National Scholastic Friendship Book competition

Christmas Lunch

Caribbean Dance day



Christmas Lunch



Lego Day



Easter Hunt



Pancake Races on Shrove Tuesday

Special Days

We are always celebrating special occasions at Rendcomb. These include raising money for a variety of charities, fun activities organised by parents and traditional events that have become a part of the Junior School year.



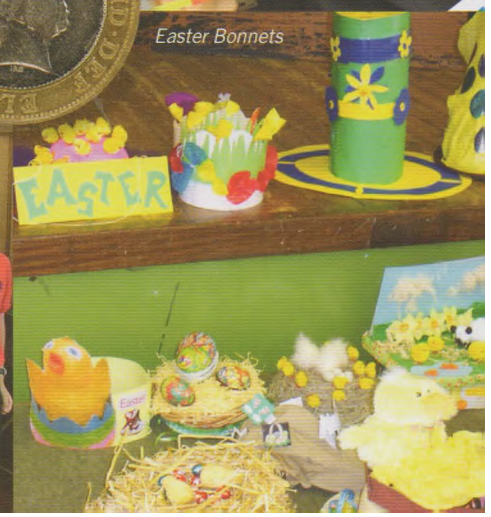
Knex Challenge Winners



Jeans for Genes day



Our fifth birthday



Easter Bonnets



A year in the life of Rendcomb Nursery



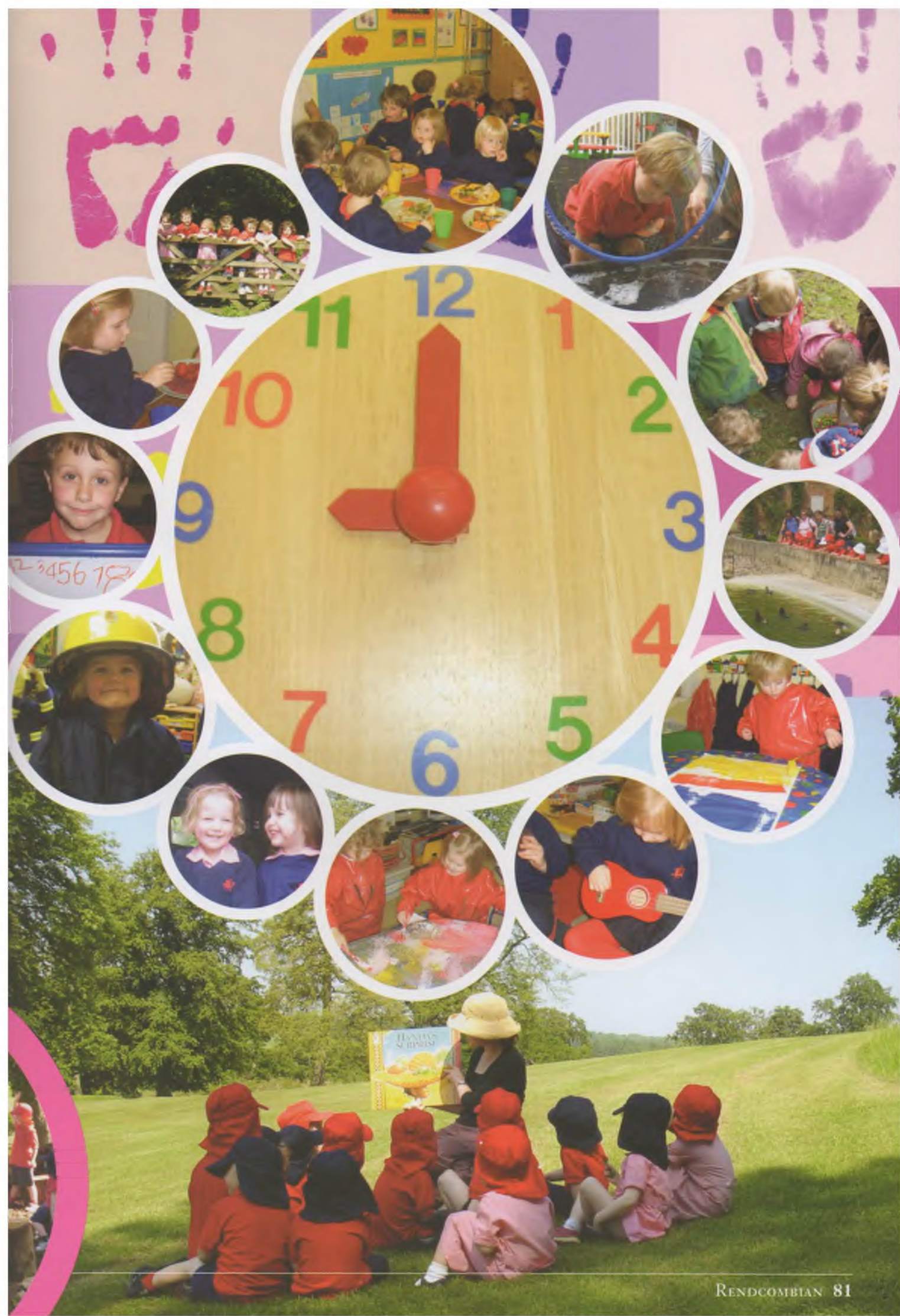
This has been an exciting year for the Nursery, which has included so many highlights, and to cap it all we received a glowing report from OFSTED for our before and after school care.

As always we strive to provide an atmosphere for the children to learn whilst still enjoying themselves. The photographs illustrate that we continue to develop the activities and ambience in the classroom. Furthermore we have expanded the extra mural activities including trips to Westonbirt Arboretum,

Abbey Home Farm and Cotswold Wildlife Park. Most importantly the Nursery Class provides a warm friendly and safe environment for the children's holistic development.

Demand and growth within the Nursery has been phenomenal and to accommodate this Miss Ruth Flint (DCE, Norland Diploma) has joined our excellent team and already we have all benefited from her calm, warm, sensitive approach.

In conclusion the continuing success of the Nursery Class depends hugely on the support of the parents with whom we continue to enjoy a successful partnership.

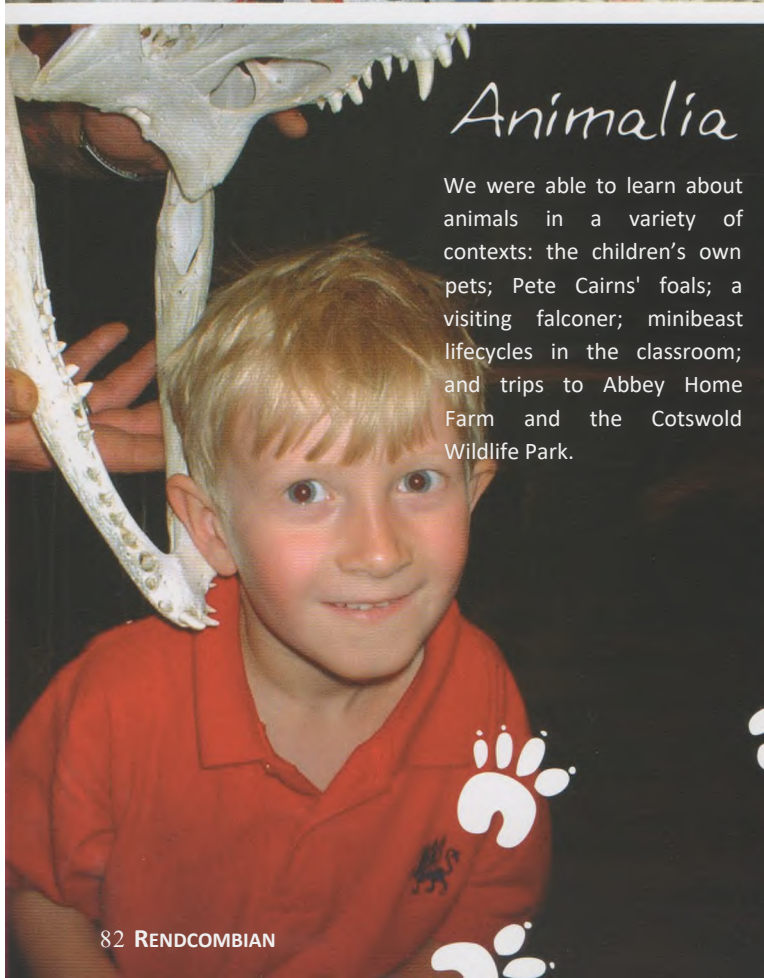




54321... BLAST OFF

It was one small step for man but one giant leap for Reception.

One of our popular topics was 'Space'. We enjoyed a range of learning activities including dressing up as astronauts; role play in our 'Apollo 11' spaceship; finding out about planets and stars; tasting space food; painting a huge moon; playing with 'moon dust'; and listening to audio clips of Neil Armstrong on the moon.



Animalia

We were able to learn about animals in a variety of contexts: the children's own pets; Pete Cairns' foals; a visiting falconer; minibeast lifecycles in the classroom; and trips to Abbey Home Farm and the Cotswold Wildlife Park.





Making and testing out parachutes.



Flying our giant paper aeroplanes

Learning and Discovery in Reception



Dressing up as Nursery Rhyme characters for World Book Day.



Grace managed to fit 102 teddies on her junk model boat.



Animal ice.



South Pole role play



Observational painting



Our Art Gallery



J1



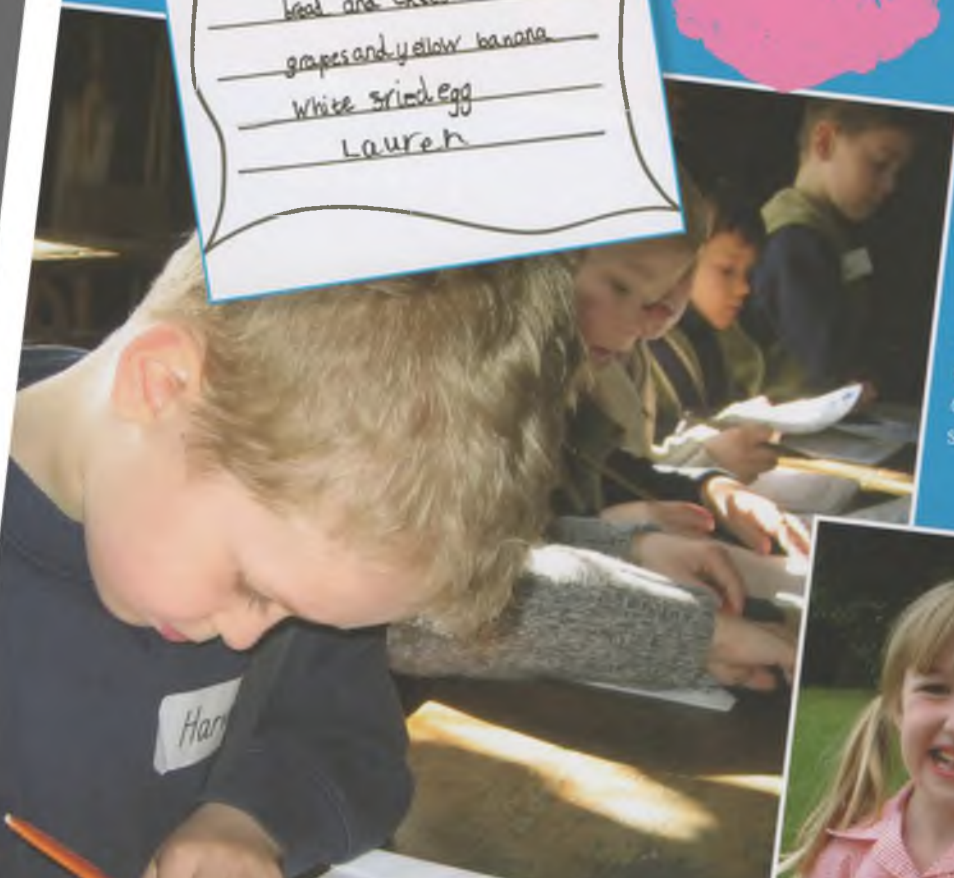
Wednesday
Mrs Grindings' Great menu

White vanilla ice cream
chocolate chip biscuit
Juicy plum
salty chips
watery melon
leak and cheese
grapes and yellow banana
White spring egg
Lauren



J1 have had another fun year. We have found out how our bodies work, what materials and what we can do and visited the Corinium Museum in Cirencester.

We have learnt about the story of our very own lighthouse. We have explored our environment and where we live. We even made our own dyed t-shirts! We even made a day out to Westonbirt, Stroud, school, and the Cotswold Wildlife





Too Late for the Picnic

One sunny morning the butterfly was worried she would be late for the picnic so she set off. On the way she caught her wing. She was so weak she fell on the grass. A golden beetle called Goldie came along. He helped her get up. When she got up she set off again. Suddenly she saw the field but when she got there, she could not see her friends and she was very tired. She fell asleep. In the morning all her friends were there so she wasn't late for the picnic. And they had a very happy picnic.

By Annabelle Foley



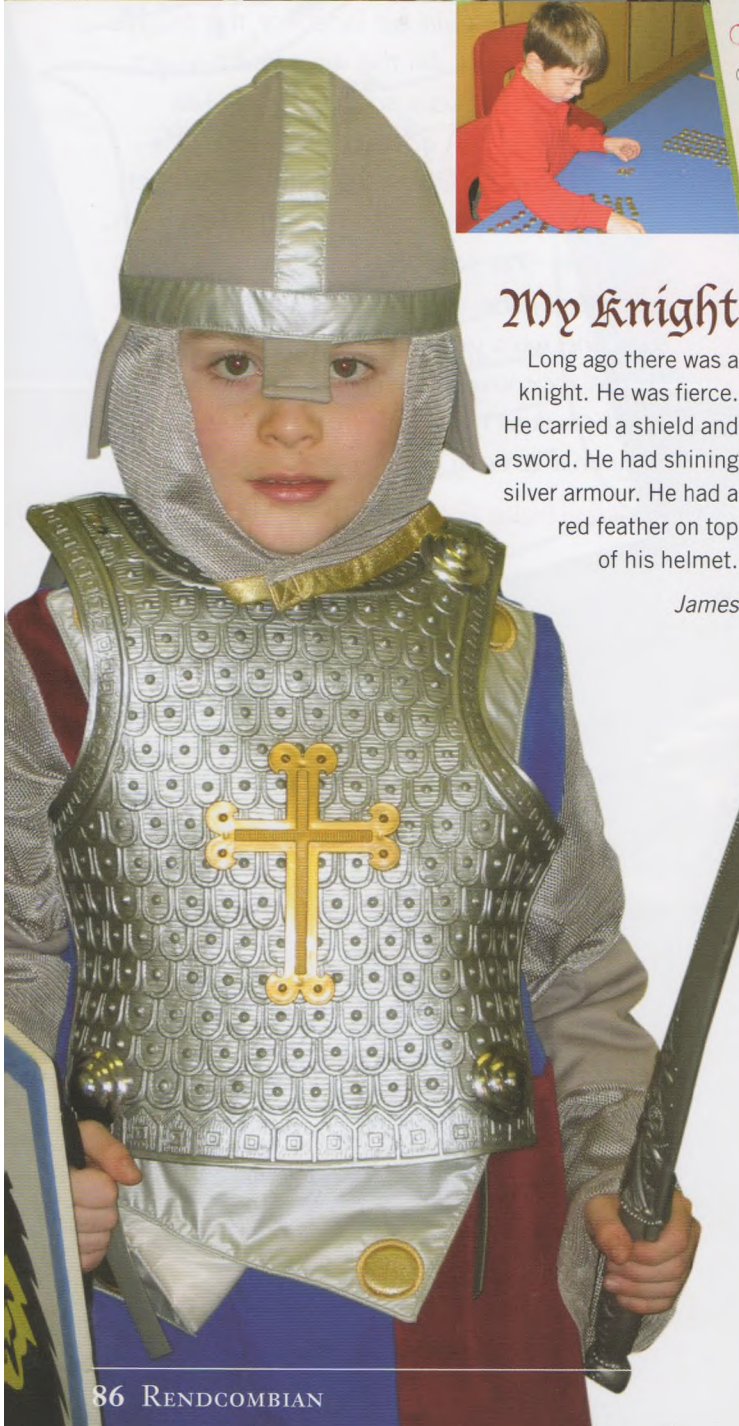
Whales swim under water.
Here come the whales.
And they jumped over the sea.
Looking for some knill.
Eating some for tea.

Jessica



J2 have had a very busy year. They have been very enthusiastic and they have all shown a great desire to learn and participate. It has been a pleasure to teach them and we have had a lot of fun working together.

Nicola welfare



My Knight

Long ago there was a knight. He was fierce. He carried a shield and a sword. He had shining silver armour. He had a red feather on top of his helmet.

James

On my way to school

On my way to school I saw a unicorn.
It was a big unicorn.
It was a pretty, big unicorn.
It was a funny, pretty, big unicorn.
It was a friendly, funny, pretty, big unicorn.
It was a purple, friendly, funny, pretty, big unicorn.
It was a trained unicorn, I had a ride on it and that's why I'm late for school.

Eliza Whitfield

Mini beasts

Oh when the bugs go marching in.
Oh when the bugs go marching in.
Oh how I'll see the earwigs and ants.
Oh when the bugs go marching in.
Oh when the bugs go flying in.
Oh when the bugs go flying in.
Oh how I'll see the bees and wasps.
Oh when the bugs go flying in.
Oh when the bugs go jumping in.
Oh when the bugs go jumping in.
Oh how I'll see the grass hoppers and crickets.
Oh when the bugs go jumping in.

Maxim Hair.

The Quest for the Holy Grail



On a foggy New Year's Day in the spooky cold castle us knights had a meeting at the round table with the King. We decided that one of us should go on a quest for the Holy Grail so that it would make the whole kingdom gorgeous. The King said in a stern voice that Sir Henry should go on the quest. He set off on his quest for the Holy Grail, he searched scorching deserts.

At last he found a jungle. He found a lion in the jungle, the lion bit Sir Henry's sword off. Suddenly, he saw a light shining it was an angel. The angel said "I will show you the way to the Holy Grail Sir Henry follow me" So he did.

There was a dark cave. Inside was the Holy Grail. Sir Henry couldn't believe his eyes. He took the Holy Grail to the King. They had a celebration. The whole Kingdom turned like it had been blessed by an Angel and they lived happily ever after.

By Alexia



My Diary By Samuel Pepys

It was three o'clock in the morning. Knock, knock. My maid woke me up. She told me that there was a fire. I got out of bed and looked out of my window. Flames whooshed up as people were running to the River Thames, and people were throwing buckets full of water. I started to cough so I shut the window and immediately I went to tell the King. I was getting boiling when I stepped out of the door. The King ordered the Navy to pull down houses, but it didn't work because the flames spread too quickly. So the King ordered them to blow up the houses and it started to work. I went back to my house and I dug a huge hole and I buried my cheese, wine, papers and my books.

Amy

Bang! My maid knocked on the door. I saw fire from my window. I saw flames of yellow, red and orange, they were zooming in the sky. I went to tell the King. I walked through the smokey streets. The smoke made me cough. The King told me to tell the Mayor to pull down houses. I went to tell the Mayor. He started pulling down houses. That didn't work so I went back to tell the King. The King decided to blow up houses. I went back to my house to dig a hole. I buried my wine, papers, cheese, my diary, and five books. The last night of the fire I went to sleep over at my friend's house because I thought my house was going to be blown up! But my house didn't blow up. The wind died down.

Alexia

SEVINGTON SCHOOL

On Thursday 2nd March J1 and J2 went to Sevington Victorian School. We went by coach, the coach was big and blue. I sat by Eleanor because she is my friend. When we got there Miss Squires was ringing the bell because it told us that it was time for school. Then her sister gave us bonnets and pinafores. After that we went in the school. Miss Squires took the register and I had to say, "Present Ma'am." After that we did some handwriting and some patterns. Next we made a bookmark and it was very difficult. Not long after we were taught how to be parlour maids. Then we bought things from the shop. Then it was lunchtime and we said grace before lunch. We had some very nice bread, a very crunchy carrot and some cheese.



We had water to drink. We put our capes on and went out to play. We played with hoops. We went back into the classroom. We did some handwriting. After that we recited poems. Next we did some class reading. I was sad when the day ended. We took our Victorian clothes off and went back to 2006. The only thing I have to say is, "I loved it!"

Orlagh



The Sound Collector

I am in bed listening
And this is what I hear.....
Evening is coming
The grass is swaying
Evening is coming
Owls are hooting
Evening is coming
Trees are rustling
Evening is coming
The wind is whistling
Evening is coming
Cars speed by
Evening is coming
The stairs are creaking
Evening is coming
The curtains are flapping
Evening is coming
The pipes are whooshing
Evening is here
And I can't sleep!

By Jamie Salter

The Sound Collector

Morning comes
With the steeping of Mum drinking coffee
Morning comes
With the neighing of horses
Morning comes
With the scraping of the toast
Morning comes
With the popping of my sister's Rice Krispies
Morning comes
With the dogs' paws paddling waiting to go out
Morning comes
With the dogs' collars jangling
Morning comes
With Mum emptying the dishwasher
Morning has arrived
Now it's time for school.
By Jonathan Fawcett

Fire

Fire moves like people dancing,
It is like a beating heart.
Fire smells like an over worked
computer,
It is like a burning chair.
Fire sounds like rain splattering on
the ground,
It is like people clapping.
Fire looks like the sparkling sun,
It is like patterned wallpaper.
By Louise O'Sullivan

Fire

Fire moves like ants crawling through the
jungle.
It is like cows going to be milked.
Fire sounds like a lion roaring.
It is like the sea crashing over the rocks.
Fire feels like my face when I'm
embarrassed,
It is like sunburnt skin.
Fire looks like a field of poppies,
It is like a lion's mane.
Fire smells like burnt toast,
It is like a volcano.
By Samuel Tushingham

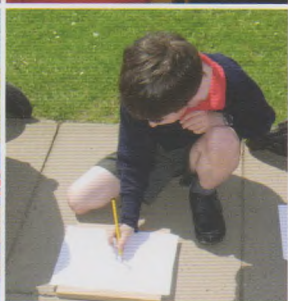
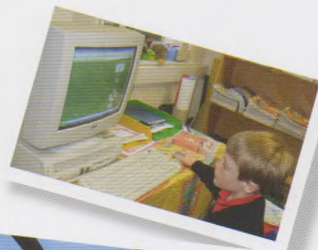




It's Christmas

Christmas is presents,
It is playing with my cousin.
Christmas is fantastic,
It is going to Northern Ireland.
Christmas is new life,
It is a new year.
Christmas is cold,
It is lots of snow.
Christmas is fun,
It is playing with presents.
Christmas is exciting,
It is waiting for presents.
Christmas is nerve-wracking,
It is reading in the Carol Service.

By Henry Jones



Riddles

I am very pretty,
I have antennae.
I can fly.
The pattern on my wings
is symmetrical.
What am I?

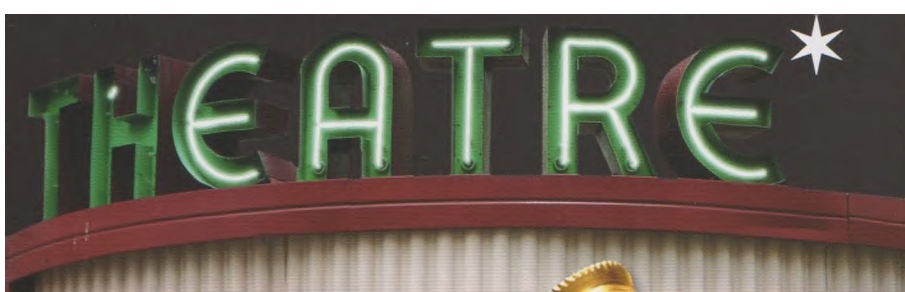
Finlay McLellan

I am made of wood.
I have hinges.
I fit in a wall.
I let people in and out.
What am I?

By Julian Howes

I'm a country and I'm
very little.
I'm in Europe.
I'm between France and
Spain.
What country am I?

By Oliver Dudleyke



Drama in the ★ Junior School



Students had fun in the classroom using role-play and props using Halloween as a topic for inspiration.



The Junior School enjoyed their annual visit to the Everyman Theatre to see this year's production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" even more because they had a Pantomime presentation before hand where they learnt about the different characters as well as learning a song and actions.

J3-J6 were all involved in the atmospheric candle-lit Carol Service at St. Peter's Church at the end of the Michaelmas term. Each class performed their own carol. There was not a dry eye in the church after a solo from Harry Priestner.

The Otters performed their Nativity "Humph the Camel" to a full house in the Dulverton Hall. William Gill played the grumpy camel who didn't want to join in the fun. The Nursery children joined in the festivities as stars, which added enormously to the 'Ahh' factor!

For Easter the Otters performed another fantastic musical production for spring. It was aptly named "Caterpillar Boogie." It was a very colourful show with lots of songs and dances from the beautiful butterflies, chomping caterpillars, lettuces, cabbages and birds. Max McKeown as the gardener managed to make quite a few people wet!

On World Book Day each class learnt various poems, from Fairies at the bottom of the garden, Macavity the Mystery cat to a Grandma Rap!

In the summer term we made good use of the Outdoor stage for Drama. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was a play meant to be performed outside.

Drama for the Summer Term culminated in the J3-J6 musical production of "Troy Story." I couldn't have asked for more enthusiasm and commitment from the children this year.

They loved the storyline, the songs, (and yes, I am still singing them!) the dances and the battle scenes. It was everything you could ever want from a play; action, love and comedy all rolled into one set in Ancient Greece and Troy.

I always had a very clear vision of how I wanted it to look and I have to thank everyone who enabled that to happen; from the making and painting of all the props (Harry - thank you for the moving tail on the horse and Mrs Watson for her

creativity!), the costumes being made from scratch (Sister Pritchard you are a star!), the backdrop and scenery being painted (it looked gorgeous), to the live band (Miss Clements and her team made all the difference) to the supervision of the children whilst they were waiting to go on stage.

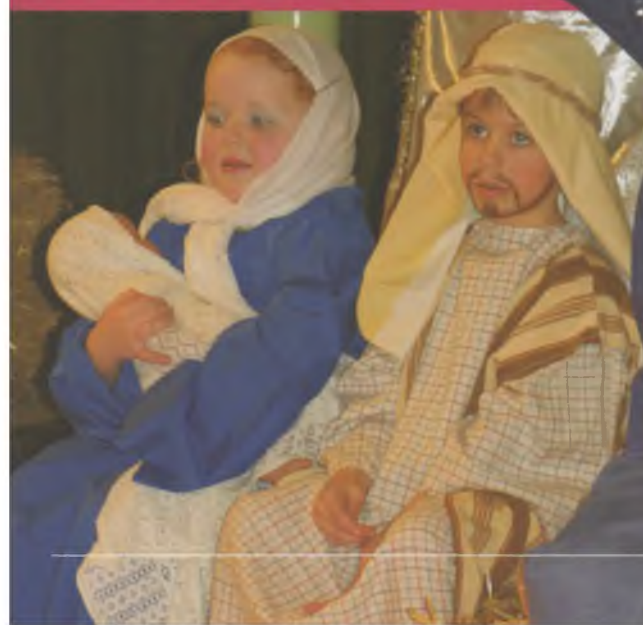
(No you're not in this scene!) It was a huge team effort! We were delighted it didn't rain during the performances, as we would have had some soggy costumes and the beautiful hairstyles which the parents had created for their daughters would have taken a turn for the worse.

It was an enormous undertaking to get all students from J3-6 on the stage at the right time (Thank you Mrs Haas and Miss Percival), but we did it and they loved it! We all had an amazing experience from beginning to end.

Thank you to all who helped turn my vision into a reality.

Mrs Brealby







Happy laughter

Having fun
Telling jokes
Playing tag
Playing dolls
What am I?
Answer: Enjoy
By Grace Brittain



What I have Learnt About Tudor Life

"My favourite artefacts were the shoulder collars and necklaces. The shoulder collars were made from exquisite blue and turquoise oval shaped beads." By Amelia Brady

I learnt about how they sat on the chair and the girl would be on one side and the boy would make a spoon to give to the girl on their wedding day, when they would kiss for the first time.

I learnt that I would have played a lot of board games and a lot of gambling games with money or dogs or rats which were caught.

By Daniel Haas

In Tudor times they put herbs on the floor to make it smell nice.

They put all the bread making equipment in a chest. They kept the bread in there too. It was called a bread ark.

By Edward Breally

In Tudor times they used birds a lot for hunting for food because they are better hunters than us. Also they can see a lot further than us so they will be able to see mice, chickens and lots of animals. Eagles have razor sharp claws.

By Aiden Dowling



"My darling husband, why do you have to do this to me? We have been married for three years, I know it is not long but I love you Henry! Anyway who told you that I cheated on you? I don't mind divorce. But no head, that's barbaric!

From your loving wife,
Anne Boleyn"

By Stuart Gallop.





FOOTBALL

Goal-keeper is what I play,
I practise and practise every day,
At defence I am not good,
I'd always rather eat my pud,
At midfield you don't see every-day,
I am very good at making play,
Strike has always been the best,
I'd rather play it than the rest.

James Tait

Little Devil

Charging along the corridors,
Mischievous was heaven for her,
She always wants more,
Is she the main angel, never!
SHE IS Little Devil.

Emmeline Meborn-Hubbard

Friendship Riddles

I am a spoon full of
laughter

I am a happy
Spirit Lifter

What am I?

Answer: Smile

By Oliver Kendall Smith

Joke Teller

Nice talker

Story teller

What am I?

Answer: happiness

By Miles McKeown

I don't attack

I only defend

I stop battles.

What am I?

Answer: peace.

By Edward Davies

I say silly things

I make people laugh

I'm a joke cracker.

What am I?

Answer: funny!

By Freddie Baker



Halloween Poem

Howling monsters
Creepy graveyards
Ghostly ghouls
Clattering bones
Creepy crawlies
Cackling witches
Pumpkin torches
Frightening Frankenstein
By Amy Benson

Friendship

You made me smile
You helped me not to frown
You were nice to me
When I felt down.
You introduced me to teachers and
your friends.
You are nice to me
Your kindness never ends.
Friends we'll always be!
You made me so happy
You made me so glad
You comforted me, when I was sad.
You are my friend.
By Sam Scott.

Happiness

You need to be kind,
So you can find,
A perfect friend,
So your heart will mend.
I saw you there,
Looking so bare
But now you are
A little star.
You used to be
Not kind at all,
But now you are driving me
Up the wall!
By Kathryn Rew

A List Poem

Sadness is watching a friend go, who I won't see again,
Sadness is going back to school on a sunny day,
Sadness is getting bad grades on my grade card,
Sadness is having to go home after a holiday,
Sadness is hearing that someone is ill,
Sadness is sitting in the final distinction assembly
watching people leave,
Sadness is reading a sad book, when someone dies,
And sadness is someone leaving casualty (my favourite
programme).

By Nicola Clift

Sadness is losing my best friend on my birthday,
Sadness is my brother in hospital with a bad arm,
Sadness is going to school on a snowy day,
Sadness is doing homework on a Sunday morning,
Sadness is having exams the next day,
Sadness is seeing my dog get put down,
Sadness is playing football and getting hurt,
And sadness is being left out and your friends
don't notice.

By Rosalind Baynham

Angriness is falling over on the playground,
Angriness is seeing people litter,
Angriness is being inside on a lovely day,
Angriness is needing to tidy my messy room,
Angriness is having no money to buy sweets,
And angriness is when people boast to you.

By Katie O'Brien

My trip to the Ernest Trust

My first favourite part, we chased after
frogs with my hat. I collected four small
frogs all jumping about, it was so cool. My
second favourite part, was playing a game
after lunch – the giant food chain. And my
third favourite part was the pond dipping.

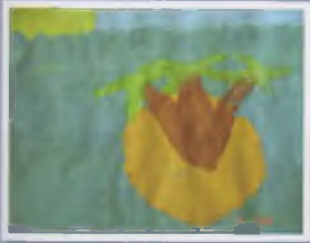
By Rowan O'sullivan

"My favourite part of the day was when
we were pond dipping and we found a
water beetle busy eating a fish. We called
it Jaws!"

By Sam Wood.



J5 + J6 Art





Countryside Code Champions

J5 worked hard during their English lessons as they wrote and recorded a radio script for the National Countryside code competition. We were thrilled to receive the news that two of the groups had been recognised as outstanding.

Harry Priestner, Milly Beck, Megan Chadwick and James Mudge were awarded a special Highly Commended prize while Joshua Cropper, Archie Doyle,

Cameron Robert and Louis Mernagh were awarded a "Runner's Up" prize. Each of the children received a certificate, lovely rucksack and the children appeared in the "The Countryside Code" latest newsletter and on their web site.

All of the pupils enjoyed the challenge and it is an outstanding achievement to be awarded two prizes out of hundreds of entries in this national competition.

Visit to Westonbirt Arboretum

On a beautiful day in May when the sun shone and the temperatures rose to 25°C, J5 journeyed to the arboretum to take part in a science based workshop. The pupils enjoyed looking at the various properties of plants, making soil and identifying trees by their bark. An incredible amount of information was learnt and the children's enjoyment could be clearly seen in thank you letters written once back at Rendcomb.

"It was an unforgettable day"
James Mudge

"We love the flowering apple tree you gave us and we are going to plant it by our outside classroom. Thank you for a wonderful day"
Hannah Mitchell



Snail Poem

Shiny trail in the shadowy grass
With a conker striped shell
He slippery snail tracks slowly past
Slowly - Slowly, never fast
Creeping, slithering very quietly
Through old Grandpa's cabbage patch
Crunching, munching as he goes.
By Joshua Cropper



BIG BUG DAY

J5 had the adventurous and exciting day with other prep schools at the Big Bug event hosted by the Senior School. The day began with an informative "hands on" experience where children and staff tickled a tarantula, cuddled a cockroach and marvelled at a giant millipede. We were then offered the delicate flavours of cooked cricket which smelt of chocolate and tasted of a woody smoked barbecue piece of bark! This was not to everyone's taste.

After a delicious lunch, without a bug in sight, we ventured to top pitch to witness a wonderful falconry display. The children, wearing thick leather gauntlets, held the birds of prey and a flying display sent birds swooping low over nervous pupils.

It was an excellent experience and as Hannah Williams wrote "I had a brilliant time and I really want them to come again soon."

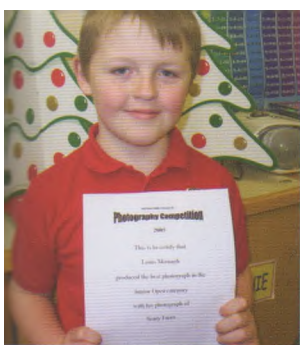


Photo Competition

Louis Mernagh was awarded a certificate and prize for his entry in the College's photography competition. Well done.

My Brother

He's a freezing cold ice cube
An untuned guitar
He's the Eiffel Tower wearing sunglasses
A shaken up coke, cross and fizzy
He's a rock star throwing himself around
Like a leather armchair laid back and cool
He's blue with a twinkle of red
An old Ferrari without a muffler -noisy and angry
My brother
By Sam Parker

Robot Competition

James Mudge received the news that he had won a prize in the design a battery powered robot competition organised by British Nuclear Power. He was congratulated on his imaginative ideas and his design has been displayed at the Sellafield visitors centre and on the website.

POETRY COMPETITION

During the Autumn Term the class entered a local poetry competition held at Sherston with the theme Peace. Milly Beck, Sam Parker and Megan Chadwick were delighted to be awarded certificates for their poems.

Peace

Peace is quiet
Peace is relaxation
Peace is friends and being fair
Peace is warm
Peace is cosy
Peace is happy and soft music
Peace is giving
Peace is heaven
Peace is helping people and making them feel good
By Milly Beck

History comes alive!

15 pupils have enjoyed their History this year and a visit to the air raid shelter in Cirencester, together with the experience boxes on loan from the Corinium Museum brought to life the World War II topic. To see the children dressed up in various wartime costumes, boogying to the music of the era, was great fun.

Another exciting topic has been the history of Rendcomb where new information was discovered at every turn. Again the children dressed up, this time in clothes of 100 years ago. They then explored the whole building and photographs were taken for their project.

Recipe for Friendship

By Georgie Cannon and Patrick Tarleton

INGREDIENTS

Laughter
Joy
Helpfulness

Love
Care
Smiles
Happiness

METHOD

1. First add a bucket of smiles
2. Next mix a bottle of joy
3. Stir a helping of love
4. Whisk happiness with joy in a separate bowl
5. Add a barrel of care on its own
6. Blend a teaspoon of laughter
7. Sprinkle a handful of help
8. Finally shake and bake with politeness on top.



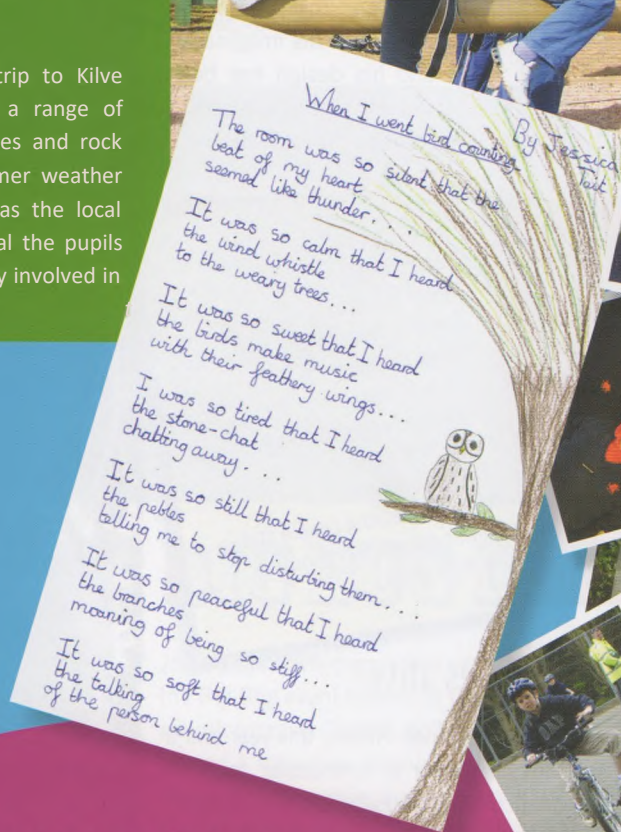


Kilve Court

A fantastic trip! J6 enjoyed the residential activity trip to Kilve Court in Somerset. All of the children experienced a range of activities including mountain biking, archery, high ropes and rock climbing. We were fortunate to have lovely dry summer weather which allowed us to explore the Quantocks as well as the local beach where we found some excellent fossils. As usual the pupils were extremely well behaved and great fun, getting fully involved in all the activities.

WIND AND RAIN

I see, I see out of my window
The sea roaring against the rock
And the docks just around the corner
Boats going this way and that way over
the rugged sea.
As I lay back in my bed, I see the rain
Trickle down my window pane.
By Oliver Pullen



THE DANCE OF THE DOVE

O, I like seeing doves
They fly up
Up and above
Above the clouds
Soaring high
In the middle of the sky
Watching them in a deep trance
Seeing them do their sky dance
Through the clouds
White as snow
Up, up and away they go.

*By Alana Carpenter
Imogen Hutton-Potts
Tori Collishaw*

MY NEW HOME

On the way back from St. Edwards I was very cold as it was snowing. The world passed me by as I thought about my new home.

As I drew up to my house I suddenly felt the butterflies. I leapt out of the car and ran to look at the garden. I ran back and my dad asked me, "Do you like it?"

I answered, "I love it!"

I suddenly lost the butterflies and sat down, took a deep breath and took my shoes off. Diary - do you think that was a good way of calming down? I thought to myself this place is marvellous.

I sped upstairs and went to my parents' bedroom. There I saw my mum unpacking.

I shouted, "Hey!" then raced through the hall to the bathroom where I was gob-smacked at the sheer size of it and the corner bath.

Next, I dragged myself up another set of stairs noticing that the carpet changed before my eyes from pale to a light mauve. I noticed the lights with brass around them. I was being so careful not to hit head on the beams, I stubbed my toe on a bit of wood on the floor.

After all the excitement, I finally headed to my bedroom even though it did not have a bed. I slept on the mattress and after a while (a long time) I finally nodded off with no worries.

Jolyon Dunn



Mini and Metal

Mini and Metal Bird Feeder

Size - (Rough size) 12 cm wide 18 cm height, only small birds or Birds - As this is a small feeder, only small birds or likely to eat from it such as: Tree Creeper, Robin. Seed - Use seed that is quite small and can fall through a 1cm hole without assistance. Place - Hang in a tree with a branch supporting the feeder.

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

The rain is coming down,
The thunder you can hear,
The lightening flashing,
The rain in the puddles
Splashing.
The rain is turning to hail.
It's getting really heavy.
The thunder is getting louder,
The lightening is getting brighter,
The puddles are getting fuller,
It is really raining now.

By Victoria Clark

LEGO DAY

On Friday 17th March, a lady, Sheila, came in with £5000 worth of lego to build a lego conglomeration.

We were split up into groups with each group being given three foundations (bases) and tonnes of lego to build their buildings. Together, Max, Jolyon, Alex and I built a prison with six 2cm wide cells and 4cm thick walls.

After everyone had built their buildings we had used up two hours out of two hours forty minutes. For the remaining forty minutes, we had to place our buildings on the empty city. It wasn't as easy as we thought as we had to place our buildings carefully. For example, we couldn't put a factory next to a house.

All in all, we had a great and extremely fun lego day.

By Lance Baynam

SPORT



U11 A Girls' Hockey

Played 6 Won 4 Drew 2 Lost 0

This year proved to be a very successful unbeaten season for a talented group of girls. Delia Rich took her experience from playing in last year's A team squad and proved to be an able captain, supported by Imogen Hutton Potts and Katie McCourt also members of last year's side. These three formed the 'backbone' of the team but were ably supported by a cluster of reliable team mates with rapidly emerging talent. Tori Collishaw happily donned the goal keeping pads and proved to be an excellent keeper, cool under pressure and a fearless force in the goal mouth. Alana Carpenter played as sweeper and was solid and reliable in defence. In the mid-field, Abigail Fawcett and Victoria Clark took turns and both worked hard, making their impact on the pitch while Imogen, calmly controlled the direction of the game by taking the free hits. Finally, Georgina Cannon, only in year five proved to be an exciting prospect on the right wing. Supported by Delia and Katie they were an exceptionally skilful and formidable forward line that worked as a team throughout.

As a side they managed to score 12 goals and conceded just 5. Impressive wins were had over local rivals Richard Pates, Hatherop and King's Gloucester as well as a nail biting 2-2 encounter with St. Edward's which unfortunately had to be abandoned at half time due to a flooded pitch! Poor weather was sadly the only stumbling block in such a terrific season. An inch of snow covering our astro turf at the end of November meant that the annual Rendcomb hockey tournament had to be cancelled. With such a capable squad, tipped as the favourites, there was obviously great disappointment all around. Mr Watson however compensated in some way by awarding the girls with their winners

medals in final assembly in recognition of their unbeaten season. We know you would have won!!

It was a pleasure to coach such a talented and enthusiastic squad this year and I hope that they will all continue to develop their skills and most importantly enjoy the game as they move on to their chosen senior schools.

U11 A Squad: Delia Rich (capt.), Katie McCourt, Imogen Hutton Potts, Alana Carpenter, Tori Collishaw (GK), Victoria Clark, Abigail Fawcett, Georgina Cannon.

Colours were awarded to: Delia Rich, Imogen Hutton Potts, Katie McCourt

U11 B Girls' Hockey

The excitement of playing a fixture against another school is always easy to see and although once on the pitch some girls can be a little nervous, as soon as the match begins Rendcomb girls show determination and confidence. The team played three fixtures against Rose Hill, Berkhamstead and King's Gloucester with each of the matches being very close and exciting. A special mention goes to Hannah Clift, who took her new position of goal keeper and performed extremely well in every match saving many goals.

Well done to all the girls who took part in the "B" squad.



U11 A Girls' Netball

Played 4 Won 0 Lost 4

It has to be said that this was not Rendcomb's most successful netball season to date but nonetheless, matches were played in good spirit and the girls developed their individual skill and experience.

It took a few weeks and some reshuffling

before the girls found their ideal playing positions. Imogen Hutton Potts captained the side with efficiency and enthusiasm and worked hard as GD despite coming up against some talented, not to mention tall, shooters. Jessica Tait joined her in defence as GK and supported well. At the other end of the court, Victoria Clark and Georgina Cannon shared the shooting responsibility as GS and GA respectively. Scoring chances were few and far between and both girls struggled to implement the consistency demonstrated in practice when under the pressure of a match situation. Delia Rich worked tirelessly in the Centre and was supported by a rotation of mid-court players depending on illness and fitness. Abigail Fawcett, Alana Carpenter, Tori Collishaw and Katie McCourt all played in various positions and worked hard when called upon.

As always in the winter term the weather did its best to disrupt our fixture programme. The girls heartily took part in Icelandic conditions on several occasions but still two matches against Querns and King's Gloucester had to be cancelled, severely reducing our fixture list in what was already a short term. With three consecutive defeats, morale was a little low going into the final match of the season against Hatherop. The girls rallied hard however and led for much of the game. Spirits were high and we thought we were at last going to end on winning form only for Hatherop to score in the dying seconds, ending the match 9-8 to them. Luck was just not on our side this term but scores did improve and the girls were really beginning to challenge their opponents by the end. Well tried and thank you to all who took part.

U11 A Squad: Imogen Hutton Potts (capt.), Delia Rich, Victoria Clark, Georgina Cannon, Jessica Tait, Alana Carpenter, Tori Collishaw, Abigail Fawcett, Katie McCourt.

U11 B Girls' Netball

All of the girls participated in matches against other schools and enjoyed the experience. This is a great confidence building exercise and as soon as the tentative approach is replaced with determination the B team worked well as a group. The match against Ingleside "A" team showed all the skills the Rendcomb girls had been taught during lessons with some great shooting from Charlotte Jones and to give Rendcomb a convincing win. Well done to all of those who have represented Rendcomb.



U11 Girls' Rounders

Played 5 Won 4 Drew 0 Lost 1

All the Year 5 and 6 girls have had the chance to represent the school at rounders this year with the squad varying depending on the opponents faced. The season got off to a promising, if not a little nail biting, start with a win over Rosehill by just half a rounder! Newly appointed captain, Katie McCourt led by example on the pitch and scored an impressive 3 rounders. Next came Rendcomb's one 'blip' of the season against King's Gloucester. Despite some impressive batting from Imogen and Katie who scored 4 and 3 rounders respectively, the team did not field as tightly as they might and the game was sadly lost by just one rounder. Although a disappointment, this was a turning point in the season and in the remaining matches the squad never looked like it was going to be beaten, despite losing their captain to a broken arm! Imogen Hutton-Potts proved to be a very consistent bowler forming a good partnership with Georgina Cannon at backstop. Delia Rich moved across to second base in Katie's absence and with Abigail Fawcett backing up superbly our remaining opponents found it very hard to score even half a rounder against us. An impressive win over a well-drilled Richard Pates team in atrociously wet conditions left confidence high for our final two encounters of the season. A mixed year 5 and 6 team beat Ingleside convincingly and many girls had the opportunity to experiment in different fielding positions. The final game of the season saw another good win over Querns Westonbirt. It was also nice to see some newer members of the squad finding their end of season form with the bat and Georgina Cannon's massive season record of 5½ rounders cannot go unmentioned.

In all it was a very successful season in which so many girls contributed that it would be impossible to name them all. The improvement in skill level was significant across the year groups and by the end of term, matches were a pleasure to watch with a very good standard being played. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the

squad and also to Mr Watson who stepped in and took over all the umpiring duties as Mrs Hill's waistline expanded and her mobility decreased!

Colours were awarded to: Delia Rich, Imogen Hutton Potts, Katie McCourt, Abigail Fawcett.

U11 Rugby

Played 6 Won 4 Draw 1 Lost 1

This has been our most successful season scoring 200 points and conceding just 66! In fact we came very close to winning all 6 matches except for in the 1st game against King's Glos where we led 19-7 at half-time, only to draw and our one defeat to Berkhamstead was by just 1 score!

The squad had a good combination of J6&J5 boys and we were blessed with considerable pace in the back and reasonable physical presence up front! While we improved significantly in defence, for many this was the least attractive part of the game! Our captain, Lance Baynham, was inspirational in all areas and he certainly led by example by tackling superbly. In attack we had numerous options and with the ball we created, and usually finished, many scoring opportunities!

Teamwork is crucial to this game and I was very pleased with the team's commitment, enthusiasm and with the way they gelled and supported each other. Well done boys for an excellent season and we can look forward to 2006-07 with optimism!

Colours awarded to Lance Baynham.

U11 Football

A's: Played Won Draw Lost F A
7 4 1 2 30 10

B's: Played Won Draw Lost F A
2 1 1 0 5 4

WINNERS: ST. FRANCIS 6-a-side
Tournament

Losing our last 2 matches spoilt our otherwise impressive season. Overall we played some good football and created numerous scoring opportunities. Both sides were well balanced but it was in midfield that we particularly performed and it was here that matches were often controlled.

Every boy in J5 & J6 represented the school at some stage and I congratulate and thank all of them.

Colours Re-awarded: Oliver Pullen (Capt.)

Colours Awarded: Billy Fitzgerald, Lowry Alexander Kentfield, Patrick Tarleton

U11 Boys' Hockey

A's: Played Won Draw Lost F A
2 2 0 0 5 1

B's: Played Won Draw Lost F A
2 1 0 1 5 1

These results clearly reflect the progress that we have made since we introduced boys' hockey two seasons ago. Our practice is still limited to our weekly Monday hockey club but the boys have shown wonderful enthusiasm and commitment; facilitating improved individual skill and also much better teamwork.

In all of our matches we passed the ball with accuracy and speed thus creating many scoring opportunities, the majority of which were taken. A special mention should go to our two new keepers, Archie Doyle and Louis Mernagh who both performed with great skill and courage.

Though short, this was a most enjoyable season and one that provides optimism for next year with so many J5 boys already involved. Well done boys!

U11 Cricket

We have had an exciting cricket year. Come rain or shine, we have batted and conquered, improving techniques and skills throughout.

The U11's have played many forms of the game. Ideally we prefer playing with a hard ball and all the protective kit but we have also played pairs cricket and kwik cricket, both of which are very exciting, using a soft ball, which allows the boys to get really stuck in.

The team was captained by William Scott, who has shown maturity and good management skills. Alexander Kentfield and Max McLellan have been the all-rounders of the side, contributing well with their bowling and batting. Lance Baynham has been the wicket-keeper and Harry Priestner's left arm bowling proved to be an asset to the team.

The boys did very well to win two out of the three matches and I look forward to coaching many of them again next year.



U10 Cricket

Traditionally, the U10s don't normally get together to play as a team but this season they had an opportunity to do just that.

FINAL SCORES

U10 v St Francis

43-42 to Rendcomb

This was a very well matched game and Rendcomb just pulled a run out of the bag at the last moment. Well done to all the boys involved with this team.

U9 Girls' Hockey

Throughout this year's Hockey season the U9's have shown superb potential for the future, unfortunately this hasn't quite been reflected in the results. Although the girls have gelled and progressed as a team, they have not yet managed to convert that into goals. Next year's focus on tactical development and organization in the circle will further the great team spirit they have shown this year. Well done girls.



U9 Girls' Netball

The enthusiasm of the U9's Netball team this year has been unfaltering and their team spirit flawless. They have received some close results, however their opponents often gained the upper hand. A lack of tight marking has often been the cause of opponents gaining possession but this is a skill that can be developed next season as the girls have progressed well and shown lots of potential.



U9 Rounders

What a season. The U9's have truly excelled themselves winning two of their three matches. Some excellent hitters and well organized fielders paid off and lead to some convincing wins. The deep fielders have backed up the posts well and a good relationship between back-stop and bowler has fooled many a batter. If the U9's continue to develop and progress at the rate they have this season they will soon be unbeatable. Well done everyone.



U9 Rugby

The U9s had an eventful season and played tag rugby matches as well as the full contact game. They had worked hard in training and started to develop some good game play. Some good results well done.

FINAL SCORES

Full Contact v Richard Pate

25-10 to Richard Pate

Tag Match v Abbey School

7-1 to Rendcomb

Full contact V Cokethorpe

25-10 to Rendcomb



U9 Football

A good season was had by the U9s in football. They trained and worked hard on skills to set them in good stead for matches.

The U9 Football Tournament at Hatherop School was an afternoon, full of the thrills and spills of premier ship football. We travelled to Hatherop with a really positive outlook towards the matches. Rendcomb dominated their pool matches and looked to be the strongest side in Pool A. We continued to play well and played through into the semi-finals. We won these and were through into the finals!

Unfortunately our team was tired after so much play and fought to the bitter end in the finals, they were just outplayed by a stronger side. Well done boys, the runners up prize was well deserved. Each of the boys were thrilled when they received a quality trophy to take home as a memento of their achievements.

We also travelled to Prior Park to play their A and B teams and found that both teams were exceptionally strong and well drilled. We fought valiantly but unfortunately conceded losses

U9 Cricket

The boys continued to develop their cricket this term and the addition of a professional cricket coach in the guise of Mr Ferrera has given them a good base of skill development.

The predominant game format has been that of pairs cricket. This has given the boys the opportunity to play but without the worry of being hit by a hard ball or deal with the difficulty of running with pads on.

FINAL SCORES

U9 V Ingleside

218-208 to Rendcomb

U9V St Johns on the Hill

255-248 to Rendcomb

Cross Country Matches

We had a really eventful time this past winter attending many cross country matches. We had some notable performances by all. We travelled to St Francis School with a fairly large contingent of Year 5 & 6 girls and boys to take part in their cross country tournament. The course was tough and complicated and the weather was bitterly cold, some good racing on a particularly tough day.

The year 3 & 4 boys showed real grit and determination and placed well within events at Farmors and Deer Park and in the Cirencester and District Schools Cross Country competition.

Paddy Tarleton despite a back injury ran hard and achieved a high placing. Billy Fitzgerald-Lowry ranked in the top five in two races in the Cirencester league which secured him a place in the County Schools Cross Country Championship. Billy attended the championships at Central Technology in Gloucester on a Saturday morning and achieved a pleasing result. Well done Billy.

The school also ran its first competition against other schools. Due to illness many schools pulled out at the last moment, St Francis and The Abbey School still attended. Those children that were in fine form attended and really enjoyed the whole event.

Freddie Baker put in a fine performance and won the Y3 & 4 race in a time of 10 minutes and 18 seconds. The Y5 & 6 race was won by a St Francis pupil in a time of 12 minutes 35 seconds. St Francis won the overall team competition shield.



Winter Warmer

The weather seemed to be kind to us this year and it wasn't unseasonably cold or wet as in previous years. The children in years three to six had an opportunity to race across a fairly arduous course which was quite unrelenting. All worked particularly hard and found out a great deal about themselves. Congratulations go to Lance Baynham who came in first and to Georgina Cannon who was the first girl over the line.

Duathlon

The duathlon was cut in length this term due to the extreme heat! The year 5 & 6 race would have been just too arduous in those temperatures. Nevertheless the race was still very competitive and many parents turned out to watch. Several competitors had nightmares with helmets and mechanical failures with bikes; they coped admirably well with these. This gave them a real taste of what racing can really be like. Congratulations go to Freddie Baker who won the year 3 & 4 race in a time of 4:25 minutes and to Lance Baynham who won the 5 & 6 race in a time of 5:38 minutes.



Duathlon Club

We started off the year by looking at basic bike handling skills needed for racing. The children learnt how to change gear, corner, brake, ride in a group and mount and dismount correctly. Many of the riders found that mounting and dismounting safely and in control on the move was rather difficult. This was eventually overcome and the riders showed a significant improvement in skill level.

Cross Country Club

When the weather became dreadful we hung up our bike shoes and put on our trainers and went out and tackled the MUD! What a lot of it there is to tackle at Rendcomb! We worked on technique, hill work for strength building and longer runs to build endurance. Week in week out the children turned up and we went out and ran in some pretty atrocious conditions but the perseverance paid off and we had some really good results in cross country matches.

Triathlon Club

We were a little hampered by the weather in the first half of the summer term but we concentrated on developing running technique and top end speed. In the second half we worked on the development of front crawl, the term really culminated in the third school duathlon, which all the children were given an opportunity to race in if they wished.



Otters' Sports Day

The Otters' Sports Day took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon. The children tried their very best in all of the races including running, balancing a bean bag and the obstacle race. Everyone enjoyed the team races, 'Paint a House Race', pompom relay and the water race. The children worked well together, helping one another and cheering each other on. Once again, the emphasis was on having fun, so everyone was a winner just by taking part.

All of the children thoroughly deserved their medals, certificates and refreshing ice lollies! Well done Otters.



Otters' Swimming Sports

We were also fortunate to have a hot, sunny afternoon for the Otters' Swimming Sports. The Otters have enjoyed their swimming lessons over the year and the gala was a great opportunity to show the parents their increased water confidence and improved skills. The children swam on their fronts and their backs, balanced a cup on a float and competed in a woggle race. We enjoyed watching the children's pencil jumps and Eloise and Maxim impressed us with their excellent diving. Thank you to the parents for their support on the poolside and well done to everyone.



Sports Day

What a fantastic afternoon of racing. All of the participants competed well and raced to the absolute max. Some records were broken this year and notable achievements were accomplished by Abigail Fawcett and Billy Fitzgerald-Lowry.



Swimming Sports

All of the junior children worked particularly hard in the pool. There were some notable performances and some previous records were broken. A mention must go to Nicky Clift who broke her sister's record (Hannah) in the 1 length breaststroke.



TROY STORY





J3 + J4 Art



J6 LEAVERS



PRIZES

Cross Country Cup - *Lance Baynham*

The Meborn-Hubbard Girls' Victor Ludorum - *Abigail Fawcett*

The Henniker-Gotley Boys' Victor Ludorum - *Billy Fitzgerald-Lowry*

Reeves' Cup for Improved Reading - *Eliza Whitfield*

Phelps' Effort Cup - *Hannah Clift*

Carden Cup for Music - *Jolyon Dunn*

Dufosse Art Cup - *Sophie Popper*

Shackel Cup for Drama - *Joshua Thomas*

Osborne Cup for Girls' Sport - *Delia Rich*

Palmer Cup for Boys' Sport - *Lance Baynham*

Arkle Cup for All Round Improvement - *Timothy Foley*

Trim Happy Cup - *Charlotte Jones / Russell Taylor*

Potter Cup for Overall Contribution - *Alana Carpenter*



Delia Rich

In the first term of J6, I was awarded the role of hockey captain. We were unbeaten throughout the season and had many great matches. My best memory of Rendcomb was at Kilve Court when Mr Watson fell off his bike. I am going to miss all of my friends, but I should have just as much fun in the Senior School!

Timothy Foley

When I first came to Rendcomb in J3, it was really weird. I didn't know anybody really, even though my friends soon cheered me up. As the years went by, I managed to make even more friends, as new people often came to join us at Rendcomb. We also had school trips including Westonbirt, Kilve Court and a good memory was having Christmas lunch, knowing that we only had a few more hours of school left.

Joshua Thomas

I have loved all about Rendcomb! When I was in Year 5, I played the part of Gavroche in Les Miserables and I enjoyed working with the seniors. All the other productions have been brilliant too. I have also enjoyed playing in all the fixtures for games, especially against my old school. All our school trips have been tremendous, especially Year 3 to Chedworth, and Year 4 to the Science Museum.

Tori Collishaw

During my time at Rendcomb I have been Albert in the Wind in the Willows and Chorus 3 in Troy Story. I enjoyed visiting Kilve Court and Warwick Castle. I have made some great friends and will never forget all of you.

Charlotte Jones

My memories of Rendcomb are some of my best memories ever. The best one I think was when we were at Kilve court and there was a 'connect four' tournament and I had to play Mr Arnold and I thought that I was going to lose but I actually beat him. I have had a great time at Rendcomb and I am sad to be leaving the Junior School.

Ben Margesson

My time at Rendcomb has been good and I have experienced a lot of fun things (like Mr Watson's jokes.) I have also had a lot of friends who I will miss. I have had a chance to be in all the teams since I started at Rendcomb such as cricket, football, rugby and hockey. I have been

in lots of school plays like: Oliver, Troy story, Wind in the Willows and Christmas Around the World.

William Foulkes

This year has been very good. I have enjoyed all the trips which have been: Kilve Court, Sevington, Jack and the Beanstalk and the Science Festival. All the matches I have played in, throughout the year, have all been very enjoyable. I have only been here for a year, but it feels like a lifetime. I will be sad to leave the junior school, but I look forward to the new challenges that await me. Thank you Rendcomb.

Alana Carpenter

I was really proud to be made Head Girl for a term and to represent the school at the Artsmark Awards. I enjoyed being in all the sports teams. I've loved all the trips especially Kilve Court. I have made some very special friends over my four years at Rendcomb and I hope to keep in touch with them.

Katie McCourt

My days at Rendcomb have been very enjoyable. Memories of Kilve Court will stick with me forever. Something I will never forget is when Mr. A fell off the stage. One great achievement for me at Rendcomb was being awarded rounders captain in the summer term of 2006.

Victoria Clark

During my time at Rendcomb, which has been two years, I have been a prefect, in Wind of the Willows and Troy Story. I have been in the U11 Hockey, Netball and Rounders teams. I can remember when we went to Kilve Court; it was really fun. We had as four in a row games every night. Thank you Rendcomb for giving me such a great 2 years.

Abigail Fawcett

My best moment of being at Rendcomb was meeting all my new friends in J2. They were all smiling and made me feel very welcome. When I leave Rendcomb I won't just be leaving an ordinary school I will be leaving a school that is definitely one of a kind. Rendcomb is set in beautiful countryside with friendly teachers and lessons that are fun to be a part of.

Alex Kentfield

I started my adventures at Rendcomb College Junior School in the Summer

term 2005. The first funny moment I had was when Mr Arnold fell off the stage. I will never forget the terrible jokes that Mr Arnold and Mr Watson told. I love sport and I was the A hockey captain. I was also made a monitor being in charge of the Otters.

Billy Lowry

Since I started my time at Rendcomb, I have enjoyed every moment - from Mr Arnold's terrible jokes to Mr Watson's silly drawings. I have also enjoyed only losing one football match. Thank you everyone including teachers for making me feel settled and giving me lots of special moments.

William Scott

I may have only been here for a year but Rendcomb has given me loads of memories; some of which are, Kilve Court, Christmas dinner, Founder's day and Troy Story, in which I played one of the main parts, Paris. I have also been awarded Head Boy for the Summer Term and Cricket captain. I have enjoyed Rendcomb so it is a good thing I will be going to the Senior School.

Sophie Popper

I have been here from the start in the first ever Year 2 class! One of the best memories was our expedition to Kilve Court activity centre. It was challenging but great fun! My proudest moments were becoming a prefect, art room monitor and receiving my Art scholarship to Rendcomb College! I would just like to thank all the teachers for their support and efforts, and my friends for being just that! Goodbye and good luck to everyone.

Hannah Clift

I have so many memories from Rendcomb like becoming head girl and doing a speech on Founder's Day and my best friend Jess who is going to a different senior school. A highlight that I remember is when Mr Arnold did a handstand against the wall to make us remember something! Unfortunately I don't remember what it was!

Lance Baynham

My time at Rendcomb has been BRILLIANT. I was very proud to be chosen as Head Boy and Rugby Captain. The sport has been great, especially Mr A's arduous cross-country courses. Most of all, I have enjoyed being with my friends.

Oliver Pullen

It was an honour for me being football captain in J5 and J6. I made many good friends. I will always remember our trip Kilve Court which was great fun, and I'll never forget seeing Mr Watson falling off his bike.

Imogen Hutton-Potts

My time at Rendcomb has been full of memories and it is so hard to choose the best. A time that is special at Rendcomb is when it snows. One time my friends and I made a snowman. We made the body and a head but we couldn't lift the head onto the body! Eventually the head was placed on the body with a little help from Mr. Watson and Mr A!

Russell Taylor

I have been at Rendcomb for 5 years; when I started I was the only boy in my year! I have had lots of fun and happiness here. I will always remember Mr Arnold and Mr Watson for their very bad jokes. Thank you for 5 fun years.

Jolyon Dunn

In year six at Rendcomb College Junior school I was awarded head boy which was a great privilege and since then I have been chosen to represent the school in many different things; the most recent being going to the Founder's Grave Memorial Service and the Artsmark Awards. I have many fond memories of Rendcomb all of which are great ones. I will cherish them for ever.

Jessica Tait

I have so many wonderful memories from the four years that I have been here. The sweetest was when I was in Year three and had just had the cast taken off my arm. Halfway down the driveway, Miss Payne (now Mrs Hill) and the whole class came rushing out of the school building and crowded around the car. Overall, thank you Rendcomb for giving me an unforgettable four years.

Max McLellan

I have really enjoyed having the same tutor, Mrs Haas, for the two years that I have been at Rendcomb. I played in all the sports teams and I was proud to have a lead role in Troy Story. I have made many very special friends.

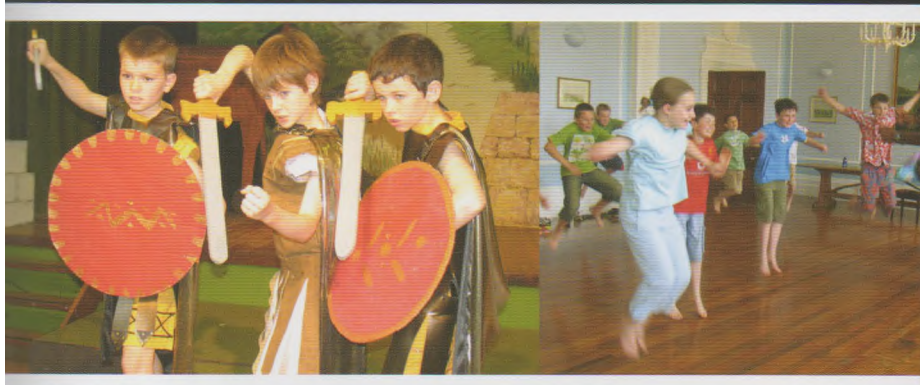




WINNING THE ARTSMARK GOLD AWARD



We are very proud of our Artsmark Gold Award for it recognises both our commitment to The Arts and acknowledges the quality of the work undertaken in music, drama, dance and art.





Music plays an important role in so many of our activities in the Junior School. Over and above our weekly class music lessons, hymn practices, assemblies and peripatetic music lessons in a wide variety of instruments, we have special events dedicated to music. Some of these have included:

Carol Service

The Junior Carol Service was a fitting end to yet another hectic Michaelmas Term. Each form performed their own carol with great confidence and enthusiasm, and a special mention must go to the J3 boys Cat and Mouse carol. The Choir sang The Cowboy Carol and a version of the Three Kings that would get even the most unmusical feet tapping.

Music Morning

The Taster Morning is always a chaotic and noisy event, and this year seemed more noisy than ever. Pupils tried out all the musical families with a hope of choosing one to study further. The peripatetic staff, along with a few members of the senior school, assisted in what proved to be a very popular morning.

Caribbean Arts Day

As part of the Caribbean Art Day, Miss Clements ran a music festival. After learning about Calypso rhythms, Steel bands and Bob Marley, the children gave a whole school performance of The Lazy Coconut Tree. The J6's embarked on a journey of irregular rhythms, syncopation and trying not to rush the beat as they produced the percussion backing to the song.

The Otters were invaluable in their support during the Choruses, and J3 to 5 sang all the verses in a brilliantly laid-back style. It was fantastic seeing such a finished article after starting the day with nothing.

Summer Extravaganza

The Junior School Summer concert took place at the end of June. A showcase for the huge amount of instrumental teaching throughout the year, it was an opportunity to show how hard the pupils and instrumental staff work behind the scenes. There were many soloists from J3 to J6 which showed the impressive range of talents shared by our pupils.

The Reading Room was packed and the performers gave of their best, including Guitar group who played beautifully and with great poise. Junior Choir sang 3 pieces with confidence and an impressive dynamic range; there was not a dry eye in the house after their rendition of *Goin' up a Yonder* and Harry Priestner's *Snowman*.

The Junior Orchestra performed in Assembly before Miss Hansford left and proved once again how versatile our musicians are by improvising on a blues piece. Hosted by the Head Boys' and Girls' of 05/06 the evening was magical for many of the staff and pupils involved, and Rendcomb pupils proved again, that they are truly keeping music alive.







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