

# Soundwave

The Mary Hare Magazine

Jubilee - Olympic edition

June 2012



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Front cover - Mitch Year 13, Torchbearer in Stirling, Scotland on 13th June 2012.



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## Principal's Message



Tony Shaw  
Principal

Immediately the hosepipe ban was announced by Thames Water the rains came down and Sir Robert McAlpine came on site to begin building Murray House! However I am happy to report that nothing can deter an international company of their standing and that although the job has been made more challenging they are still on track to hand over the building for 'kitting out' by November 2012. A focus group of Year 10 students (who will be Year 11 students next year) has already been formed to ensure that they have a voice in how the internal decor of Murray House will be fulfilled. They are keen participants and very committed to their role.

School has just resumed following the extended bank holiday celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. You may have heard on the news that on Tuesday 5th of June, the Livery Companies of England hosted a lunch in Westminster Hall to which the Queen and her close family were invited. I am proud to confirm that as a result

of our affiliation with the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers, Arran Thomas and Louise Osborn were asked to attend this event as their guests. Arran retired as Head Boy earlier this year so that he could concentrate on his A2 examinations and, after a gap year, intends to study architecture at university. His passion for architecture was formed in Year 7 as he watched the construction of the Arlington Arts Centre from the conservatory window of Howard House! At the lunch in Westminster Hall he was introduced to the Master of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects and as a result of that meeting he has been asked to apply to become a 'Journeyman' during his course at university and afterward.

It remains to be seen what ambitions will be kindled by the building of Murray House but I am sure that with a contractor of the standing of Sir Robert McAlpine our students will not be lost for inspiration. I am also confident that Mary Hare school will not be found wanting as pupils like Arran strive to overcome their deafness and fulfil their dreams.

**Tony Shaw**  
June 2012

## Welcome to Soundwave!



Sally Beckett & Bridget Evans  
Editors

### Hello

everybody, and welcome to your 2012 Jubilee and Olympic edition of Soundwave. We hope you will enjoy reading about what has been happening over the last school year.

You can read Gemma's interview with Mohammad on page 14 - 15. Thanks to Natasha



Lauren & Natasha  
Student Photographers

and Lauren for capturing some great images for Soundwave, including some amazing pictures from their Hong Kong trip on pages 26 - 27.

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Gemma  
Student Reporter

## Update on the Group Hearing Aid



The testing of pupils for our new interface box, used with our school's group aid system, has begun and is making good progress. Here, a Year 7 pupil is undergoing listening tests in one of our clinics. Those who have been issued with the box already are delighted with it.



# Jubilee Tea Party

On Thursday 31st May we had a special tea party at Mary Hare to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Queen Elizabeth's rule began 60 years ago in 1952. Her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953.

Pupils from Mary Hare Primary arrived to join the tea party celebrations and entertained everyone with their fabulous cheerleading presentation.

Students and staff had all got into the spirit of the occasion by dressing in red white and blue and the school dining room was decorated with bunting made by the students. Congratulations to prize winners for the best bunting: Form 7K, Form 10GP and Year 13 student Jeff R. Prizes also went to the best red, white and blue fancy dress outfits, winners were: Mitch G, Meggie V, Fran L and Opal L from the Primary School.

Lessons finished early for the day and everyone enjoyed a Jubilee style tea of sandwiches, cupcakes and a red, white and blue summer cup!

## 1953

**What was happening at Mary Hare, 60 years ago, when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned?**

- There were 75 students at Mary Hare School (**there are now over 200**).
- Mr George Mansell was Chairman of the Board of Governors.
- Mr R. Askew was the School Principal (**his grandson is currently an Assistant head and SENCO at the School**).
- The school magazine was called "**The Bluebird**".



**The Principal's Report from 1953 tells us:**

"In the woodlands the re-forestation scheme has now been completed; altogether more than 50,000 trees have been planted during the past three years."

**The Sports Review for 1953 tells us:**

"Cricket has become very popular with many of the girls, and some juniors show great promise."

**The Dental Officer's report from 1953 tells us:**

"Sixteen teeth were extracted, chiefly for regulation purposes..." (In 2012 Paula, our school nurse, said that there had not been any teeth extracted in her 10 years at the school!).

**The Pig Club Reported that in May 1953:**

"Squeak had a litter of 15 and reared twelve of the piglets."

### The Queen's Jubilee Lunch



**Pictured here Arran and Louise Osborn at the Queen's Jubilee Lunch.**

Arran, our retiring Head Boy, and Louise Osborn were delighted to attend the Queen's Jubilee lunch at the invitation of the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers. Arran and Louise were excited to be seated just two tables away from Prince Harry!



During the tea-party we were delighted to host a visit from the Queen (Christina Murphy) and Prince Philip (Tony Chaplin).

## 2012



**Here's to the next 60 years of Mary Hare School!**



# HOLLYWOOD

Oscars at Mary Hare



## Tibetan Monks

As part of the Newbury Spring Festival, Mary Hare pupils were invited to take part in a workshop performed by Tibetan Monks. All of Year 8 students attended. It began with a dance to ward off evil spirits in the most brilliantly coloured costumes. The hats worn by the monks were absolutely amazing, they were very tall and wide which made movement quite difficult. The monks' costumes were very elaborate and highly decorated. This meant that the dance movements had to be quite slow. The monks danced to the sound from incredibly long horns which they blew down for long periods of time. It was an incredible drone that filled the whole of the Corn Exchange.

Next, the monks performed a much quicker dance that we all learnt with them. They taught us many different prayer steps which we all followed, dancing to simple rhythms on cymbals and beaten drums.

We also learnt about their culture and the history of the Tibetan monks. We found out that boys, as young as six years old, leave their families and go off to live in the monasteries and learn to become monks, reading and studying the sacred Buddhist texts.

At the end we sat round in a semi circle in small groups. Each group was led by a monk teaching us the hand gestures for their prayers. It was an incredible experience which we will never forget.



By Kirilynn Gardner



Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Charity Walk that we did in May. It has made a real difference and helped the charities greatly. We walked, crawled, cycled, hooped, skipped and bounced our way around the track and together the 27 people who took part completed over 75 miles between them and raised over £1,300. Ages ranged from the very young with Mr Askew's son to the slightly older granddad to my children.

We had people fundraising for a range of charities, with Daniel Clements for the Jewish Deaf Association, my son and his friend Ivy supporting the Happy Days Autistic club, plus the workers from Coles Diner and others for Cancer charities - thanks to you all.

If you are aware of anyone with autism that wants to join Happy Days club do get in touch by email - [k.gardner@maryhare.org.uk](mailto:k.gardner@maryhare.org.uk).



Pictured above: Fenella, Saffron, Christianah and Tayla



Pictured above: Freddie and George

The winners are too numerous to list but here are a few of them:

- Junior Mr Impossible:** Levi C
- Senior Miss Quick:** Ellie B
- Junior Mr Clever:** Andrew H
- Junior Miss Wise:** Francesca L
- Senior Mr Busy:** Rolf C
- Mr or Miss Helpful:** Lou
- Junior Miss Giggles:** Habiba B
- Junior Mr Happy:** Khalid J
- Senior Miss Sunshine:** Amy P
- Junior Miss Fun:** Emma W
- Senior Miss Chatterbox:** Hannah M
- Senior Miss Helpful:** Sara K

This year's Oscar awards were based on the theme of the Mr Men.

Luke, who searched especially hard to find the most embarrassing photographs of the nominees!

The evening was brilliantly organised by the retiring Prefect Team supported by Louise. Hosts for the evening were retiring Head Boy and Head Girl, Natasha and Arran, with the award categories announced by Year 13.

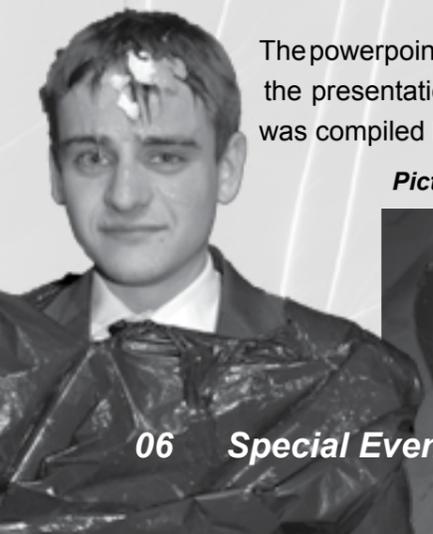
The Black Tie dress code was strictly adhered to by all guests who sparkled, and in some cases tottered, their way down the red carpet - have a look at some of the shoes worn on the night!

The powerpoint for the presentations was compiled by

Pictured left: Mark V H with egg on his face and below - the fantastic shoes!



Pictured above: Katie & Luke





On 31st of March there was great excitement at Mary Hare. Why? It was the best night of our lives. Everyone dressed up in suits and ball gowns, because we were celebrating the Mary Hare Prom at the 'Regency Park Hotel'.

We spent all afternoon getting ready before going to The Manor to pose for some photographs. Then when it was time to go, we waited excitedly for our limos to be ready. We were very lucky to have good weather because the boys would have been upset if their hair was ruined! Although it was windy, the photos were fabulous, they will provide great memories for us in years to come.

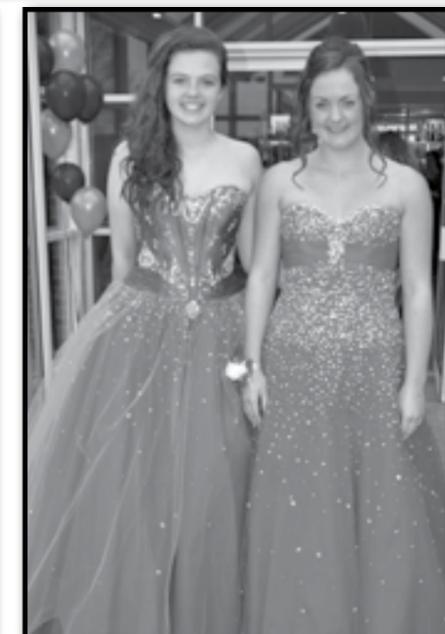
The Prom theme was purple, so the hotel was decorated with purple and white balloons and the tables were each decorated with a small fish tank in the middle.

The meal was delicious and there was a magician who moved around the tables, he was doing magic tricks but he wasn't like Darren Brown. The dancing was great and teachers got involved too - they tried, but sadly they weren't much good - it's a known fact - older people can never dance "young"!

The wonderful evening was over at midnight and we went back to school and reality.



# The Prom - 2012



# WORK EXPERIENCE

Years 11 and 12 - November 2012

## Work experience at The Regency Park Hotel

In Year 11 and 12 students go out into the big wide world to experience the world of work.

Chloe, Christine, Maisy and Thomas worked at the Regency Park Hotel in Thatcham for their travel and Tourism Work experience.

One job that Chloe didn't enjoy was folding up one hundred and forty little napkins, plus, roughly two hundred big napkins! Chloe said "it was very stressful as I am not very good with tidying or folding anything!"

The girls were in charge of putting out cups for coffee, glasses for fruit juices and helping to lay out and clear buffets. By the end of the week Chloe had folded numerous napkins numerous times.

“ **My back and my legs were killing me, it even felt like my body was falling apart!** ”  
Chloe

“ **Work experience gave me the opportunity to see how hard the people who are employed in hotels have to work for their living. I can safely say that I experienced how it is to work hard in any kind of job.** ”  
Thomas



Pictured above: Chloe and Christine, below Maisy left and Thomas below right - all worked at The Regency Park Hotel.



“ **I enjoyed my work in the hotel. Every morning at 10 o'clock I had a big English breakfast, it was so delicious.** ”  
Maisy



## Zoe at the Cats' Protection Centre

I went to work for a charity called The Cats' Protection Adoption Centre in Curridge, a village near to Mary Hare. The adorable kittens in the photo are called Spider, Cobweb and Dusty - they were the weaker and smaller ones of the seven kittens that a one year old cat called Pumpkin bore. This was an unusually large litter for a cat with a small frame like hers. They were kept in a large cage near the office so that people could keep an eye on them.

What I loved the most about working at the centre was that there were lots of cats with stories of how they came to be there. One cat was found in a basket with an

anonymous written note left at the gates of the cattery.

I wouldn't have this as my proper job, it would be more like volunteer work.

“ **The experience has motivated me to do good work for charity cases in my spare time!** ”  
Zoe



Pictured above: Zoe with the kittens.

## Sol at Banjo Cycles

Sol Warwick spent a week at Banjo Cycle Shop in Newbury as part of his BTEC in Travel and Tourism. He put his considerable knowledge of bikes to good use and enjoyed helping customers with all their cycling needs. Sol also learned some new techniques for repairing bikes.



## Jonathan at GapGuru

For my work experience I went to work in an office for a company called GapGuru. GapGuru is a company that organises gap years for students. They offer wide range of things to do on a gap year including volunteer work.



Pictured above: Jonathan working at GapGuru.

During my work experience I was doing office jobs like sorting out papers into the right files and doing work on a computer, like looking up university contact details so that GapGuru could get in touch with them. All of the people at the office were very friendly and they made me feel welcome.

“ **If you are thinking about taking a gap year then I would recommend that you take it with GapGuru.** ”  
Jonathan

GapGuru have great experience in the gap year sector and they have staff working in different countries who are able to help students.

# Interview with *Mohammad*

*By Student Reporter Gemma*



***Mohammad joined Mary Hare school from Pakistan in Year 10. In this interview Gemma asks Mohammad about his life before Mary Hare and about some of the changes that he has had to make to be here.***

***How old were you when you came to Mary Hare?***

I came last year in August when I was fifteen years old and I joined in Year 10.

***Why did your family decide to send you here?***

My family decided to send me here because they knew this school would offer me a better education and it was best for me. I have also learnt to speak much better English than I used to.

***How did your family find out about Mary Hare?***

My Dad is friends with the father of another student here and my family were interested in Mary Hare.

***What is different about school here compared to school in Pakistan?***

The main thing is there were no deaf people. It makes such a difference here because you know everyone has something in common.

My old school in Pakistan speaks a mixture of English/Urdu and there were about 30 people in each class. I did not get support when I was in class but I did have a tutor to come and help me after school. I liked the huge variety of sports there, but it was a big school and there were lots of people there. The school was much stricter and it was difficult for me because I found it really hard to concentrate because of my deafness. The weather is also a difference – Pakistan is much hotter!

## ***Fastfacts on interviewee***

**Name:** *Mohammad*

**Started at Mary Hare:** *Summer 2011*

**Favourite Teacher:** *Mr Drake (PE)*

**Reads:** *Books about football and animals*



***Did your whole family move to England with you?***

No, my family still live in Pakistan, but I have three cousins who live in England.

***Have you lived anywhere else apart from England and Pakistan?***

I lived in America for one year when I was very young and I went to a deaf school there. But then I moved back to Pakistan because the school wasn't very good, it was also really small as well.

***Where do you spend your weekends and holidays?***

During weekends and half terms and the Easter and Christmas holidays I stay at my cousins' house. But I go back to Pakistan during the summer to visit my family – I do miss Pakistan but I have got used to it now.

***Do you have any brothers and sisters? Where do they go to school?***

I have a younger sister and an older sister, they are both hearing and they go to a school in Pakistan.

***What do you miss most about Pakistan when you are here?***

There are a lot of things to miss about Pakistan,

## ***Fastfacts on interviewer***

**Name:** *Gemma*

**Started at Mary Hare:** *September 2007*

**Favourite Subject:** *Drama and English*

**Favourite Book:** *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

but the two main things would be my friends and family.

The landscapes are beautiful and I miss playing sport in the hot weather. I will not forget the traditional food: curry and dhal are my favourites!

***Where will you live when you leave Mary Hare?***

I don't know yet, but I really want to go to university and I am considering becoming an architect. But I am still unsure about my future.

***Is there anything that you have found difficult about being here?***

When I first came here – I struggled to understand and the language was quite hard. But I made friends really easily and they are like family to me. I have got used to it now.

***What do you like best about being at Mary Hare?***

Friends, the activities and the sport. I like boarding in Mansell and the Youth Club is also good fun. I usually play games with my friends and the food in Blount Hall is nice!

# Cinderella by Briskeby School

Our friends from Briskeby School in Norway (see page 31) visited us to perform their unique version of Cinderella to Years 7 - 9 in Arlington Arts. They performed in Norwegian with English subtitles.



“ I loved the part when the drums played and the first dance was great. ”

Kyle



“ The show was fantastic. I liked the girl with a “drawn on” beard because she was so funny and I laughed a lot when she shouted a rude word. The hearing aid was a good idea for deaf actors and a deaf audience and much better than losing a glass slipper. What impressed me the most was the singing because I have never heard deaf people sing so clearly. ”

Fran A

“ I liked the songs and the dancing. ”

Beth



“ ‘Cinderella’ by Briskeby school was not about losing the slipper but was about losing a hearing aid for the Prince to find. One of the girls played the violin and made beautiful music – I enjoyed this very much. ”

Bella

# Mary Hare Primary

## Manor Adventure 2012



Classes 2, 3 and 4 had a very wet but wonderful week in Wales at Lake Abernant Manor Adventure.

Despite the rain, everyone enjoyed trying all the activities and much fun was had by all.



# Firecrackers



## Royal performance at the Jubilee Tea party

Well done to the Primary School Cheerleaders for a fantastic Cheerleading performance at the Jubilee Tea Party. Pupils and staff at the Secondary School were enthralled.

Good luck to our Firecrackers who will be competing in Bournemouth at the International Conference Centre. They are competing in the Future Cheer International Cheerleading competition in Summer 2012.



## The Fun 'n' Fit club



Mrs Harris set up an after school "Fun 'n' Fit" club for pupils to set about getting fit.



Initially they did six weeks of cycling, followed by skipping and then onto football.

The football training was followed by 5 weeks of matches. Finally they held a tournament with four teams: white, red, blue and green. They are pictured practising above and below. Thirsty work it was too!

**“ We have enjoyed the “Fun 'n' Fit” club and look forward to doing more football as well as lots of new activities and sports.**

The pupils ”



## Rushall Farm Visit

Classes 2, 3 and 4 visited Rushall Farm just before the Easter holidays. They met lots of animals including a large pig, they bottle fed lambs, climbed up into a combine harvester and went on a very bumpy trailer ride.

**“ We went to Rushall Farm near Reading and we wore waders and held nets. We went in the river. It was very cold feeling the water around our waders. We tried to catch mini beasts. ”**

Hannah A



# Geography



## Living Rainforest

**“ Hi, my name is Jadeine and I would like to tell you about the Rainforest.**

**We made a rainforest with paper leaves. There was lots of things to do and we had a monkey and a bird on the trees.**

**We worked on it for two weeks. I enjoyed it so much and it looks like a real living forest.**

Jadeine ”



# Sports Day



*Pictured above: Chloe N and Rosie L with the winners' cup*

The Sports Day trophies and certificates were awarded by Ray Evans. Ray joined the Board of Governors in December 2010 and serves on the Business Committee. Mr Evans told the students that when he had represented his school in a race at White City back in 1966 he had not won but he had been proud to compete.

**Individual winners on the afternoon were:**

Victor Ludorum, Best Junior Boy: **Henry M**  
 Victrix Ludorum, Best Junior Girl: **Kerri M**  
 Victor Ludorum, Best Senior Boy: **Cameron H**  
 Victrix Ludorum, Best Senior Girl: **Zoe M**

*Pictured below Zoe M with Governor - Mr Ray Evans*



“ **Well done to the winners, but if you came “8th”, well done to you too. I congratulate you all!** ”

**Mr Ray Evans**

The weather for Mary Hare Sports Day on the first day of June favoured the competitors as well as the spectators – it wasn't too hot and it didn't rain!

The morning began with the senior field events and all spectators and competitors marched down for the athletics programme in the afternoon. Some events took place earlier in the week to take advantage of the fine weather. Filling the air with a delicious smell was the tasty BBQ of beef burgers and sausages courtesy of the PTA.

## Winning Dodgeball Team Year 10 Tournament

**Congratulations to:**

- Terry
- Dom
- Mikey
- Sophie
- Mohammad
- Kirsty
- Ruta
- Oliver
- Jack
- Jay Jay



*Cross Country Winners pictured above are Isaac, Year 12, 2nd place, with brothers, Rolf, Year 13, 1st place and Levi Year 9, 3rd place.*

The House Winners on the afternoon were Braidwood House who were also winners of the overall House championship for the year.

The Mary Hare Dodgeball team were also presented with medals for their win in a tournament against four other local schools. The Mary Hare team were winners, with maximum points.

Mr Evans also announced the winners of three pairs of tickets for Olympic football matches, awarded by Get Set Network Education (2012). The lucky winners were:

- Adam B
- Tara W
- Ross W

Mr Gale, Vice Principal, thanked the PE Department for their fantastic work on the day and throughout the year that had made the event possible.

## Sports round up

### Cross Country March 2012

Cross Country this year was run for individual and not House achievement due to high student absence caused by illness.

**Key Stage 3 Winners:      Key Stage 4/5 Winners:**

Girls

- 3rd – Kerri
- 2nd – Habiba
- 1st - Maddie

Girls

- 3rd – Saffron
- 2nd – Christiana
- 1st – Zoe McW

Boys

- 3rd – Deepak
- 2nd – Samuel
- 1st - Levi

Boys

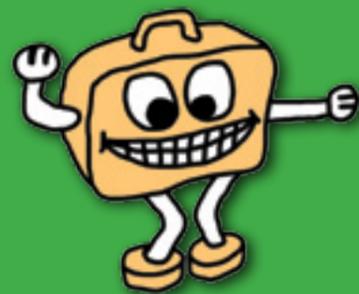
- 3rd – Russell
- 2nd – Isaac
- 1st - Rolf

## Area Athletics

“ **Callum G, Oliver P, Kerri M and myself went to the area athletics. I did long jump and I enjoyed it. There were lots of good athletes “going for gold.”** ”

**Habiba**





# Media Studies A2 Project

By Jeff R



I set myself the task of creating an activity booklet for children aged 8 – 12 who would be visiting Hong Kong with their parents as part of a family holiday. The activity booklet would have fun activities to keep the children busy but would also be educational.

To make this booklet, I had to undertake a range of pre-production activities including audience research, product research, to see if there was any other competitors in this genre, and design and development. This was a big part of the project and probably took around 70% of the whole time.

“ I decided to design three characters who would guide my target audience through the booklet. These would be called “Passport” “Suitcase” and “Mr Note”.

Jeff



Photoshop and InDesign as it would be this software that I would use to make the booklet.

I drew these characters using a graphics tablet directly into Photoshop.

I had to trawl through hundreds of photographs that I took whilst in Hong Kong to find the most suitable ones for the various activities in my booklet.

Then I was ready to start compiling the magazine in InDesign. I did several versions of the magazine before the final one was printed.

I tested the final product on my target audience and the responses were very positive. In fact, so positive that I have now decided to approach British Airways and Virgin Airlines to see if they would be interested in booking a commercial version of my product.



Once I had completed this research, I was ready to move into the production stage. I had to collect information and images that would be used in my booklet. I was able to do most of this during our study visit to Hong Kong. Once we had returned from this visit I was able to start planning the layout of the booklet in detail.

To support the development of my work, I needed to become more proficient in



# English

Zoe and Ellie review the book *Whisper* by Chrissie Keighery for See Hear



“ I enjoyed the book it was a good read

Zoe



In April we were contacted by previous Mary Hare student Louise Buglass who now works for the BBC's See Hear.

Louise, who left Mary Hare nearly five years ago, got in touch to ask if we had two students who would like to review a new book called *Whisper* by Chrissie Keighery.

*Whisper* is a book based on an 'inbetween' whose illness left her profoundly deaf and feeling trapped between the deaf and hearing worlds. The girl tries to find her place in society and stands up to prejudices within the deaf and hearing communities.

See Hear featured an item about this book and the author Chrissie Keighery's journey during the creation of the story in early June. The book will be launched in the UK in July

(it has been already been launched in Australia).

A film crew from See Hear filmed Ellie and Zoe talking enthusiastically about the book, if they enjoyed it you might like it too – look out for it in the bookshops.

“ I enjoyed reading *Whisper*, it was moving at times.

Ellie



# Travel and Tourism

Mr Baxter kindly agreed to allow Year 12 Travel and Tourism to have a tour of the 19th century beautifully restored and fully functioning Wilton windmill near Hungerford. The group were accompanied by Mr Chandler and Mrs Hansen.

Unfortunately, as they travelled to the site they found out they were not able to see the windmill in action due to health and safety issues but this did not dampen their spirits. They arrived and were greeted by Mr Baxter, in authentic Victorian costume, who warned them to mind their heads as they climbed the five levels to the top of the windmill to begin their observation of the stages the grain travels through until it is finally bagged as flour.

Later they walked through the beautiful Wiltshire countryside to the Crofton Beam engine where they all ate expensive ice creams and enjoyed the thrill of a high speed train rattling by at close quarters.

All in all an enjoyable day was had by all - except for the moment when Mrs Hansen almost suffered a heart attack when the heel of her shoe fell through a hatch hole on level 3 of the windmill.

## Open Studios 2012



### AfterWords

The work of over 50 professional artists was exhibited at Arlington Arts throughout May and June this year in association with the West Berkshire Open Studio scheme. Work featured made reference to the title and included painting, sculpture, textiles and photography. The show was jointly organised between the Art & Design Department and Arlington Arts. It is enormously rewarding to see the level of support we get for this annual show from the many artists and ex pupils who participate.

Several past students came along to the private view. Andrew Cochrane, one of the artists pictured above, graduated with a First Class Honour in Fine and Applied Arts from The University of Ulster in 2010. He then took up a year's placement as Artist in Residence at the university. He is now busy pursuing his career after receiving funding to create work which he hopes to take on tour.

Throughout the month of May the Art & Design department hosted exhibitions of work by all year groups in the school. The studios were open to visitors by prior appointment. Arran T and Lauren R in Year 13 both got involved this year in public art exhibitions – Arran in AfterWords and Lauren at New Greenham Arts in Insight an exhibition involving the work of over 70 artists.

# Art & Design

### Age UK Sculpture Installation



Former Mary Hare student, Michael Brown also took part in AfterWords and exhibited a sample of work based on his studies of elderly people. Michael graduated from Edinburgh College of Art in 2008 and has since pursued his studio practice and completed several commissions. Michael is hoping to

raise awareness and funding for the charity Age UK and is working towards a large joint exhibition of original sculptures and works of art, which will go on show in London in November 2012.



If you would like to know more about his forthcoming exhibition or wish to support this very good cause please email Patricia McKenna: [p.mckenna@maryhare.org.uk](mailto:p.mckenna@maryhare.org.uk).



In Michael's collection of sensitive studies he depicts the difficulties of ageing by removing the supports of walking sticks, zimmer frames and chairs; leaving the figures seemingly isolated and vulnerable.

## The Cultural Olympiad

### Year 8 Participants

William H  
Francesca L  
Alexia L  
Natasha L  
Andrew McW  
Annabelle S  
William C  
Owen R



Throughout this year of the Olympics many artists are involved in the Cultural Olympiad. Thousands of artists are engaging in a wide range of arts projects throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Make sure you look out for some of the exciting events happening this summer in your local region.

Some of our Year 8 pupils took part in their own Cultural Olympiad project with the artist Sarah Moorcroft on Wednesday 9 May. The pupils drew images based on different Olympic sports and then transposed them to create beautiful silk paintings.

The project has been sponsored by West Berkshire Arts & Leisure Services to celebrate HRH The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Cultural Olympiad. Shown here is an array of their work.



The work created from the workshop will go on display alongside work by professional artists and other schools in Newbury at the Corn Exchange from 23 July - 17 September 2012. Over 100 artists will be involved in creating a larger banner to commemorate the Olympics.

# Design and Technology



# SHORTCUTS



The Design and Technology exhibition 2012

By Tim Hogan

The Design and Technology exhibition looked great again this year and the pupils achieved some impressive products, many of them saleable items. The subject always asks a lot of pupils, but offers great rewards. Many of the students achieved such high standards by finding extra time after school, often working late into the evenings.

Each pupil has had different problems to solve, and they often learn something about themselves during the process. When things go wrong during the project, it can cause a big headache for the pupils. They have needed to find the determination to dig deep and solve a time consuming problem, when it is always easier to give up. They didn't give up, and they have produced some amazing work! We hope they are as proud of their work as we are of them.

We think their families will be using their products for many years to come.

Here are some examples of the great work they produced.



## OPEN DAY 2012 May Bank Holiday

We welcomed around 250 visitors to our annual Open Day on the first May Bank Holiday 2012.

Our pupils did a brilliant job guiding guests on tours of the school.

Visiting families were able to see classrooms in action with students hard at work, and even got a preview of the initial building work on Murray House.

After lunch visitors were entertained with music and dance by the Performing Arts Department.

Thanks to Sarah Lelaure and Bridget Evans for a brilliantly organised day!



## Abacus Nursery visit



A group of Year 11 students, who are studying child development, went to Abacus Day nursery in Newbury as part of their coursework. There were six visits altogether and they interacted with the children and studied their intellectual, physical and social skills.

Photographs were taken so that students could compare how the children developed their skills over the six weeks.

We all enjoyed the experience and hope that the children will remember us! Thanks to Miss Leach, Kate, Liesl and Nikki for helping to organise our visit.

## Cadbury World

On Wednesday, 25th April, Sam D, Samuel G, Cameron, Maia P, Daiki and Max in 8GM went to Cadbury World in Bourneville, Birmingham. We went into an exhibition that showed the history of where chocolate came from: the Mayans in South America.

We ate far too much chocolate. We would definitely recommend Cadbury World for a school trip, it was awesome!

"We visited the chocolate crafting room, where people made custom chocolates like a huge chocolate crown". pictured right



## Wear it loud

Pupils and staff at Mary Hare School dressed up in their brightest outfits to celebrate Deaf Awareness Week on Friday 11th May. Over £160 was raised for the Murray House appeal.



"Wear it Loud has become a regular feature of the Mary Hare calendar and a great way of raising funds,"  
Anne Munby  
Mary Hare Fundraiser

## Cycling from Reading To Lands End



Sixth Form students Andrew Nash and Alfie Walker are planning to cycle from Reading To Lands End in 8 days, a distance of approximately 300 miles, whilst raising money for the Dogs Trust and the RSPCA.

They are setting off from Reading on the 9th July and plan to arrive at Lands End on the 17th July.

The journey will be undertaken in stages via Reading, Newbury, Salisbury, Street, Exeter, Dartmoor, Golant, Truro and finally, Lands End.

To donate: [www.justgiving.com/teams/swride](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/swride)



# Hong Kong

By Natasha SM



- Mary Hare Pupils  
who went to Hong Kong**
- Erika LH
  - Lauren R
  - Emma H
  - Mitchell G
  - Jeff R
  - Sam F
  - Mike B
  - Mark VH
  - Katie B
  - Ellen C
  - Natasha S
  - Iain B
  - Adam S
  - Alex B
  - Ruaridh LH
  - Spencer W

In October 2011, sixteen pupils and three teachers went on a study trip to fabulous Hong Kong. The purpose of the trip was to support our 'A' level studies in Photography, Media Studies and Textiles. Each day was a fun packed and filled with educational activities that ensured we were never bored. Mind you, we hardly got any rest either!

There were different projects for us to complete each day which focused our attention on particular aspects of Hong Kong culture. Textures, colours, people and architecture were some of the themes we had to work on. We also had the opportunity to develop our own individual projects and Jeff spent most of his time collecting research material for a children's activity magazine that he was creating for his Media Studies project (see page 20).

All students had to complete a sketchbook which was to document their journey through this adventure and Photography

students spent a great deal of time mastering low light image making.

We went on a range of visits such as going to Disneyland which made us all feel young again, especially Mr Robinson, who got a bit caught up in the Disney fever. We watched the horse races in our smartest clothes and saw the biggest Buddha statue on earth. However to reach the statue we had to go for a ride in a cable car with a glass floor, which, considering that I have a slight fear of heights, was not that pleasant.

**“ The amazing experiences in Hong Kong were endless. ”**

*Natasha*



We went on a tram and saw an amazing view from a very high, open roofed building and we haggled with the locals in the night markets.

One of the strangest experiences in Hong Kong was the way we were treated as if we were celebrities. The people in Hong Kong did not seem used to seeing so many western people. Almost every day we would be asked if they could take a picture of us with them. In fact at one point it got quite scary because I had a queue of people waiting to get their photo taken with me. Still, it was a nice feeling – I was **even** more popular than I am over here!

This was an amazing opportunity and I loved every minute. It will be a memory that I will always treasure and never forget. It was the experience of a lifetime.

# Olympics 2012

Mitchell G Olympic Torch Bearer



"Mitchell is an 18 year old man who was diagnosed profoundly deaf at the age of 3, he regularly surprises his family and friends with his achievements.

Mitch's diagnosis was made only after a long family struggle with the authorities and several misdiagnoses. He had a difficult start to his educational years with several school changes resulting with a move to Mary Hare in Newbury.

At Mary Hare Mitchell has been elected to be a house captain and prefect. Mitchell has been living away from home since the age of 12 and has surpassed all expectations both socially and academically. Mitchell is an inspiration to young people of all walks of life."

**"It was the feeling of 'once in a lifetime'. It was just an amazing time."**

Mitch

As the Olympic flame journeys from the bottom to the top of the UK from the 19th May to the 27th June it will be carried by 8,000 specially selected, inspirational people.

Mitchell in our Year 13 was selected to be one of the proud bearers of the Olympic flame. Mitchell, who comes from Sauchie in the Scottish Lowlands, carried the flame through nearby Stirling on 13th June 2012.

Torchbearers went through a nomination process before selection – Mitchell was nominated by his older brother, David:

## Mary Hare Torch Bearers

### George Stockton

**"It was a fantastic honour to carry the Olympic Torch in the Torch Relay. I was very lucky because the weather on the day was lovely. I ran 400 metres down a hill into Wroughton where hundreds of people including my family and college teachers were watching the event and cheering me on. I am very proud to represent deaf people in sport and will always remember the day."**

George Stockton  
Alumni

### Matthew Sykes

**"I was one of only 8,000 people selected to carry the London 2012 Olympic Torch. To be the first deaf person in Northern Ireland to be chosen is a real privilege and I think it was the most amazing experience."**

Matthew Sykes  
Alumni



Matthew carried the Olympic Torch on Sunday 3rd June at 8.30am in Dundonald (East Belfast). He was surprised as everyone wanted their photograph taken with him with the torch. It was a long day as he had to meet with the other torch bearers at 5.30am due to security reasons.

Matthew would like to say the big thank you to Michael Johnston (Ulster Deaf Sport Council, Chairman) who nominated him.

### Olive Lycett Torchbearer

Good luck to Olive Lycett, mum to Ruby and Opal, who has been selected to be one of the proud bearers of the Olympic flame through Hackney on 21st July 2012.



# Switzerland Ski Trip

“ *The mountains were stunning. The scenery was spectacular especially when it was sunny and the sun reflected off the white snow.* ”

Erica

The school skiing trip was to Arosa in Switzerland. It was the opportunity of a lifetime to be able to go even though I come from Fort William and have skied all my life.

It was great to try out a new culture and interesting to see how expensive the food was.

In the evenings, the locals sledged down the streets to go to the shops. I thought that was quite cool instead of walking.

I went “off piste” and down black runs because I am an experienced skier. The weather was fabulous. It was a great opportunity to take photographs to include in my

By Erica LH

portfolio for Photography A level. You have to go there to experience it!

Dr Papas, who led the trip, thanked everybody for playing their part to make the trip successful despite some minor injuries and the harsh weather conditions at times.

Dr Papas commented how impressed he was by the difference in the skills of pupils that he took to the dry ski slope at Bracknell compared to when they were skiing towards the end of their week in Arosa!

“Thank you all for your contribution to this ski trip.”



“ *Norway is very modern, and yet richly varied with its culture, history and geography. The Norwegians are friendly and interesting, we thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would love to go back!* ”

By: *Christinadah, Andrew T, Sam B, Alex R, Natasha, Guleed, Russell, Lauren, Mike B, Jamie T.*

In Year 13 some of our pupils had the amazing opportunity to follow an exchange project with two schools for the deaf, one in Norway and one in Germany.

In Norway they spent a morning attending lessons and joining in the evening activities - including a Dance and Drama workshop.

It was one of the funniest two hours we had experienced: We learnt how to do the “worm”, how to do hip hop dancing and how to do the salsa.

In Oslo, it was amazing to see the sights of the city, we got the fjord cruise boat and visited several museums and finally went to visit the biggest ski jump in the world at the highest point in Oslo, the view was incredible. Thank you to all the staff who organised and accompanied the trip.

“ *We tasted Norwegian waffles which are delicious. We also took part in a Dance and Drama workshop, this was great fun even the teachers got involved.* ”

## Mini Trip

By Alex M

Back in March there was a trip to a Mini factory (now owned by BMW) in Oxford. On this trip we were able to see the birth of some magnificent cars. This trip was organised by Mr Chandler with a group of 14 Students.

floor from where the metal was put together to make the chassis and the bodywork to the final stage where they started the engines for the first time.

Lots of people were astonished to hear that to make a Mini from your own



preferences with a huge variety of accessories would only take 19 hours! It was such a weird, yet amazing experience to see where they made my car!

## GERMANY 2011

By Jeff R

We set off on our journey to BBZ Stegen, the deaf school in Germany. When we arrived we had a great ‘German’ BBQ and it was lovely to see the German friends I had met in England.

One of my favourite activities that we did was on the third day when we went to a really fascinating waterpark – one huge relaxing pool area with a bar and another area that was brightly lit and filled with flumes! One day we went to the goldmine and I just loved climbing down the ladders into the mine. We also visited the nearby towns of Freiburg and Strasbourg.



The European exchange trips with other schools for the deaf have enabled us to interact with other foreign deaf students and it has really built our confidence in meeting new people and getting to know them. We were so lucky to have had the opportunity to visit this brilliant school in Germany, it was very hard to say goodbye in the end!

Now let me teach you how to say good bye in German - Auf wiedersehen (auf veeder zane)!

# Meet the prefects 2012



## Head Girl

“ I feel excited about my role as Head Girl, I look forward to all the challenges and I will enjoy them! ”  
Lisa K

## Head Boy

“ I'm looking forward to the different challenges that being Head Boy will hold for me. ”  
Mike B



## Deputy Head Girl

Erika LH

## Deputy Head Boy

Trishan C

## Prefect and joint Head of Charities

William E

Chloe N

## Prefect and Year 7 Representative

Cameron H

## Prefect with Responsibility for Charities

Katie K

Isaac H

## Prefects

Sam B

Stephen B

Kaia M

Amy P

Taha R

Jack M

Matthew J

Alex M



“ One of the cubs in the Marsh Pride family was 12 weeks old! I wanted to take him home! ”  
Helen

## Helen Kavanagh

I was offered the amazing chance to join “Big Cat Diary” on a trip to film the famous cats in the Maasai Mara. Our crew for the trip all met up at Nairobi Airport. We took a longer route to get to our camp because the heavy rains meant we couldn't cross any of the rivers. After we arrived in camp we went out for a game drive. We saw two young male lions. My first wild lions!

The next day we saw the Marsh Pride of lions and we even saw Egyptian Crocodiles. We also saw elephants, jackals, Bat Eared Foxes, giraffes, hyenas, buffaloes, monkeys, various types of antelopes and hippos. After hours of searching we finally found a cheetah. The Big Cat crew did not recognise this cheetah, it was a stranger. We saw her spot some antelope, crawl, then give chase. It was so fast that my eyes couldn't keep up!

We drove through Leopard George and we found the Big Cat Diary star Olive! She's comfortable being near the trucks in full view. Later we found the famous “Three Brothers”! We saw a triple cheetah chase. We found another “Big Cat Diary” cheetah called Saba, she had her cub with her and he was gorgeous as he was still fluffy

Next I'm off to work with the Africat Foundation in Namibia, Southern Africa to do conservation work with cheetahs and leopards. If I can have adventures like these then so can you!

# Alumni



## Matthew Sykes

“ I have travelled around the world with this sport to many different places including Australia. ”

I am a sportsman who has been involved in the sport of canoe slalom for over twenty years and I have competed at both national and international levels. I was formerly in the Men's British Kayak Premier Division, Great Britain U16 and Senior team, England Junior and Senior team and I competed in the British Youth Championships.

In 2011, I was the Ireland Canoe Slalom Reserve for the team competing in the Irish Master Championship. I am the only Deaf canoe slalomist in the world. I was a torchbearer at the Olympics in June 2012 it was fantastic see



page 29. If you want to know more about what I do, visit my website: [www.matthewsykes.co.uk](http://www.matthewsykes.co.uk)

# Alumni



**Mojo Mathers - from Mary Hare School to New Zealand Member of Parliament**

“ **Deaf people have a perspective on life that hearing people often don't have .What works for us will usually work for everyone so we should not be shy about articulating our needs.** ”  
*Mojo Mathers*

**Tell us about your time at Mary Hare?**

I attended Mary Hare from 11 years old and left part way through my third form year when my family emigrated from the UK to New Zealand.

I remember Mary Hare as a small, highly disciplined and focussed school. The teachers were very strict and it seemed like we always had heaps of school work to complete after school hours. During my first year the dormitories were rather cramped with 8 girls in my dormitory. Sometimes after lights out we would creep out of our beds and talk for ages and then not want to get up in the morning.

**Can you tell us how Mary Hare helped you grow and what part it played in shaping your future?**

My time at the Mary Hare helped me to value academic achievement and to be self-disciplined about my study. This helped me to set high standards for myself. I also found the training we were given on listening and using what hearing we had immensely valuable.

**What did you like best about being at Mary Hare?**

I loved the country location and the beautiful grounds with the lovely, grand, old trees. I also loved being able to go running in Snelsmore Common as part of cross country training – one Sunday I completed the run twice in one day and I have a photo of me covered in mud splashes and beaming from ear to ear.

**What did you go on to do after leaving Mary Hare?**

My family moved to the North Island in New Zealand where I attended the local High School, with a unit for deaf pupils where I got extra speech therapy. In 1985

I moved to Christchurch where I entered Canterbury University I completed an honours degree in Mathematics

**Can you tell us about getting into politics?**

Soon after we moved to the country we discovered there was an ambitious plan to build a massive water storage dam for irrigation just upstream of where myself and my family lived. If the dam went ahead, the river would become an ugly fast flowing canal, too dangerous for kids to go swimming in. Along with other local activists I decided to try and stop the dam and highlight to the wider public the down side of intensive farming and dairying. This campaign was successful in raising public awareness and I gained significant local media profile as a result.

I joined the Green Party because I felt they were the only party that took environmental protection seriously. I stood as a candidate for the first time in the 2005 general election.

**Has being elected to the New Zealand Parliament been your biggest achievement so far?**

Yes and no! Obviously becoming the first deaf member of parliament in New Zealand is a big achievement. However I am also proud of my academic qualifications, of my activism around environmental issues, and I am especially proud to have raised three wonderful children.

**What kind of support do you get in parliament as a deaf person?**

It took a few months to sort out, but parliament now provides and funds electronic note-takers

(ENTs) to enable my participation in the debating chamber. The ENTs listen to the debate and type what is being said into laptops using specially adapted stenographic software. This transcription appears at a computer screen at my seat in the debating chamber. The ENTs also cover my select committee work as well.

**How do you think people can improve their awareness of what deaf people's needs are?**

I personally rely very heavily on lip-reading to follow what is being said , so I always ask at meetings to be seated in a position where I can see as many faces as possible. With a new group I will talk to the chairperson facilitating the meeting beforehand so that he or she can help with reminding other participants to speak clearly and keep their hands away from their faces while speaking. The important thing is to value your right to understand and follow what is going on.

**What message do you have for the pupils currently at Mary Hare School?**

I think that it is really important for young people with a hearing impairment to believe in themselves, be confident and proud of their achievements, whatever area these are in. Everyone faces set-backs and hurdles in life but I encourage young people to learn from them because if you can do that and regain your confidence then, whatever your dreams and passions are, hard work, passion and perseverance will go a long way to achieving some of them.

**What would you say to deaf teenagers who have a desire to get into politics today?**

People usually get involved in politics because they want to make a change. A great way to start is to get involved in an issue you care about by supporting, leading or co-ordinating a campaign to achieve something for your community. This can be anything from cleaning up a local river to getting a youth group established. You can either get a group of deaf people together to achieve this or work with hearing people. If you can find ways of doing this effectively, then you have some of the skills needed to be involved in politics.



**Fastfacts on interviewee**

Attended Mary Hare: **September 1978 - March 1981**

Favourite Subject: **Mathematics**

Favourite Book: **Lord of the Rings**

Heroes: **Strong women through history Joan of Arc, Elizabeth Fry and Madam Curie.**

**JDA Board Member Daniel Clements is a DoE Gold award-winner**



**Pictured above: Daniel Clements with his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and his mother, Ann Clements**

Daniel Clements our Head Boy in the academic year 2009-10 got in touch recently as he collected his Gold award at a special DOE Gold award presentation at St James's Palace.

“ **It has been a fantastic journey I have taken to achieve my Gold award, including hiking expeditions, mountain climbing, canoeing and sailing, along with all my other skills and services undertaken. It is a journey I will never forget.** ”  
*Daniel*

Daniel said “It does not all end here for me as I have the option to proceed as a Duke of Edinburgh Leader, something I am considering. I would highly recommend that all those who are under the age of 25 take up this opportunity now. It will be one of those once in a lifetime experiences that will stay with you forever.”

# Fundraising



## Groundbreaking

*Mary Hare pupils bury a time capsule*

On 17th May Emily Troddyn (former student) came back to school to help pupils bury a time capsule on the site of the new boarding house. Emily said that her great aunt, the late Mrs Margaret Murray, would have been pleased to know that her legacy would have such an impact on the young people at Mary Hare.

Emily was joined by Natasha and Arran, Head Girl and Head Boy, at Mary Hare School. Speaking about his future plans, which have been inspired by the buildings at Mary Hare School, Arran said:

“ *I am hoping to go to Cardiff University to study Architecture, I've been lucky enough to watch from the Library windows the foundation work going on while I'm supposed to be working. I am definitely coming back to see the development and the finished result.* ”

The time capsule will be filled with examples of the pupils' work, school magazine, prospectus, school photo, hearing aids and other items that will tell someone in the future what Mary Hare School was all about. The building work is being carried out by Sir Robert McAlpine and is expected to be completed by early 2013. Fundraising continues for the furniture and internal finishes – with £166,00 to go.

## Mad Hatter Tea Campaign



“ *At Mary Hare we like to make time for tea and we would like you to join us in our non-tea party event.* ”

*Anne Munby, Fundraiser*

The Mary Hare Foundation are running an unusual Mad Hatter Tea Party campaign to raise further funds for The Murray House appeal. Supporters DO NOT have to attend, as in the true spirit of Alice in Wonderland, it is a **'non-tea-party'**.

Over 5000 supporters will each receive a pack, including Mad Hatter Tea, so they can sit down, put their feet up and send donations to The Mary Hare Foundation. For further details and to support this campaign visit: [www.maryhare.org.uk/madhatter](http://www.maryhare.org.uk/madhatter).

## Future Fundraising Events

### Mary Hare Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot & Really Wild Fashion Show

*Friday 21st September 2012*

The Royal Berkshire Shooting School, Pangbourne.

£1,000 per team

[www.maryhare.org.uk/charityshootandfashionshow](http://www.maryhare.org.uk/charityshootandfashionshow)

### Christmas Fair in Association with the Travelling Souk

*Friday 16th November 2012 - 9.00am - 4.00pm*

*In Arlington Arts Centre*

[www.maryhare.org.uk/christmasfair](http://www.maryhare.org.uk/christmasfair)

Funds raised from both events will go towards Mary Hare School. For more information or suggestions for Fundraising Events please contact Antonia McAlpine, on Tel: 01635 244218 / email:

[a.mcalpine@maryhare.org.uk](mailto:a.mcalpine@maryhare.org.uk)



## London Marathon success for Mad Hatter

35,000 athletes took to the streets of London on Sunday 22nd April to run 26 miles. It was a walk in the park for our “Mad Hatter” Chris Knight, who wore a Mad Hatter costume for the entire race and achieved the fantastic time of 3 hours 41 minutes.

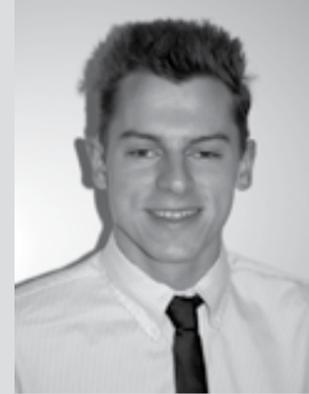
Chris said “It is an iconic event, and particularly in Olympic year it's nice to be able to say I did it. Plus I'll have the “Jim'll fix-it” like medal to treasure for a long time!”

“ *The encouragement from the crowd was amazing my hand was sore from all the high 5's!!* ”

*Chris*

Our thanks go to Chris and his family who have all helped to raise over £1,000 for our Murray House Appeal.

## Jeff's school fundraising



“ *Being in charge of charities at Mary Hare has been a truly remarkable role and I recommend this to any student who wants to go through the charitable journey I've had!* ”

*Jeff R*

For me this is a Goodbye and a Thank You to Mr Shaw and the staff here at Mary Hare for helping me succeed, it is very much appreciated.

Since Year 7 I have been very lucky to have a place here, throughout all of those years I have achieved so much. After I finished my Primary school I was predicted very low grades of Ds and Es and so on for GCSEs if I went to a mainstream school. In the end I achieved good GCSE results because I was taught at Mary Hare where it suits my deafness.

I am doing very well in my A Levels and my confidence and my ability to work very hard have increased massively. It will be very difficult leaving Mary Hare.

### Head Charity Prefect Work

I started running a team of charity prefects in May 2011. We have fundraised for a huge number of charities. Thank you to the charity prefects for helping during the events and everyone else who got involved!

### Tanzania Trip

During the summer holidays Sam Fincham, Rebecca May, Zoe Storrow and I will be going to Tanzania in the Western part of Africa. We are going to help a deaf school in Tanzania called the Buguruni School for the Deaf. In order to be able to go over there and help the school out we needed to fund raise a certain amount of money. We have done well so far and the money is still coming in. If you want to make a donation email Sam Fincham at - [samfincham@live.co.uk](mailto:samfincham@live.co.uk).

# School Report: Mr Gale

## Where did you go to school?

I come from Newbury and went to school here. My primary school was called St Nicholas and my secondary St Bartholomew's – and I ended up going back there as a teacher for eight years. I actually taught, or at least knew, loads of Mary Hare staff including Grant, Lee, Stuart, Danni, Gwen and Mrs Barker!



## What is your earliest school memory?

Probably cooking actually. I remember making birds' nests with mini eggs in them and reading out loud in class which I loved.

## What did your school report generally say?

Lovely things when I was younger, but by the time I was at secondary, things like:

“ Peter must understand the importance of real hard work. At times he flatters to deceive. ”

## Did any teacher make a big impact on you?

Lots of them did. Particularly the staff who taught me the subjects I loved – languages and Music.

## Did you always want to become a teacher?

Yes. I've never regretted it (apart from wishing I had my own chat show on television).

## Who were your childhood heroes?

Batman, the sixties television version, and lots of pop musicians, especially Marc Bolan (ask your parents, or grandparents).

## What message would you like to give to children in school today?

I really hate it when famous people like Robbie Williams remember teachers telling them 'you'll never make it'. I would say you really will make it if you try hard and don't give up when things get hard.

# GUESS WHO



## Can you figure out who's who..?

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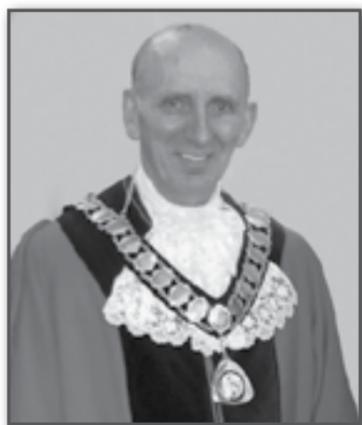
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From left hand top corner: Mrs Beckett, Mr Askew, Mrs Papas, Dr Papas, Miss Leach, Mr Owen, Mr Lee, Miss Ogg, Mr Gale, Louise Osborn, Louise Brind, Dr Rocca, Mrs Barton, Mrs Whitehead.

Photography Teacher  
Thatcham Mayor



I was elected to Thatcham Town Council in May 2007 and re-elected in 2011. The post of a Town Councillor is voluntary as is the position of Town Mayor, however the Mayor is the leader of the council and has many ceremonial roles to fulfil throughout the year. 2012 will be an exciting time in the Mayor's calendar, with some very significant national events. The Olympic torch will be carried through Thatcham with all schools from outlying areas sending their children to line the route. We also had the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations and as Mayor I hosted a tea party on Thatcham Broadway, however for me, the highlight of the Jubilee Celebrations will be when I attend a Garden Party hosted by the Queen.

**“ I will be raising money for charities throughout the year and have chosen two which are close to my heart. The first being a national charity, the Meningitis Trust, which as you may know can cause deafness and for some, like my Grandson Harrison, it can result in death. The second, is a local charity that you may have heard of, Coles Diner “Happy Days”.**

John Boyd



# Staff



## Goodbye Mr Hollitzer

Mr Hollitzer was educated at Yattendon Primary school, and then at The Kennet School at Thatcham (where he first crossed paths with Mr

Boyd). David says that he was already a little bit strange because he really loved being at school! David came late to his career as a teacher after previous careers in Graphic Design and in Sales for several London publishing companies.

After enrolling on a PGCE course at Reading University, David graduated in 1992 as an Art Teacher. David became a part-time teacher at Mary Hare in 1993, followed by two years at Lord Williams's School in Thame, before returning to Mary Hare in 1996. It took some while to find it, but, David says that at last he had found the best job in the world.

**“ In my time here I have seen some fantastic young artists come through the school and look forward to the day that one of these young people becomes really famous. My philosophy of teaching is that my students will be better than me. I have enjoyed myself here tremendously and will miss you all so much. However I feel another career coming-on... Goodbye. ”**

Mr Hollitzer

# News

## Retirement Good Wishes to David Savoury

Mr Savoury, who retired in April 2011, returned to school in October so that we could say a formal “Goodbye” to him. David, who joined the school in 1990 brought with him a wickedly dry wit, as well as his talent as an inspired teacher of the

deaf. Countless students hold David in esteem as the English teacher who brought literature to life for them.

David was recognised for his personal talents in 2006 when he was invited to become a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. As a published poet, students were able to look up to David as someone who truly practised what he preached!

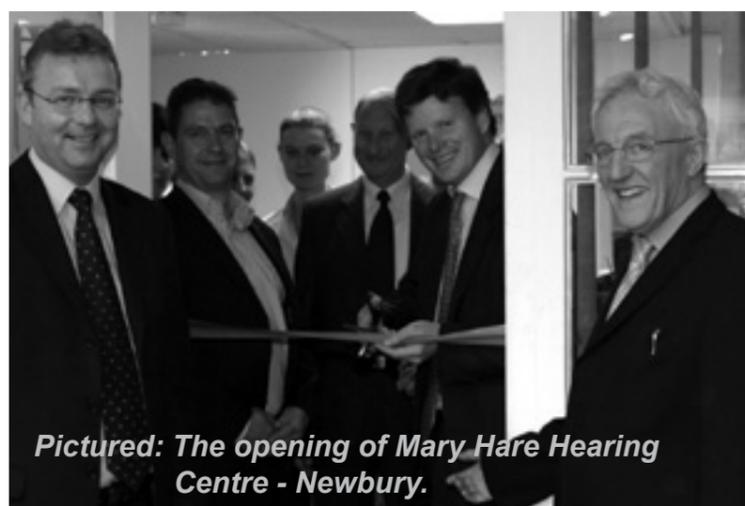
David was an enthusiastic participant in a number of school trips - these included many trips with students to see An Inspector Calls, trips to The Globe, to Dr Faustus, to the Welsh National Folk Museum and trips to a variety of Shakespeare plays. David also accompanied two trips to France where his knowledge of French culture and love of France made him an ideal person to accompany the French Department.

Alongside some brilliant teaching, David also found time to write and produce two Christmas productions: adaptations of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and A Christmas Carol, as well as introducing the school poetry competition which allowed many students to see their work in print.

David was a staunch friend to many over the years, staff and students alike. David gave up a lot of his own time to listen to the concerns of others. In his own words, David was “a classroom man” and that was where he was happiest.

David is much missed by staff and students alike.





*Pictured: The opening of Mary Hare Hearing Centre - Newbury.*



*Pictured Above: Dr Ivan Tucker with Princess Margaret during her visit in 1995.*

## Dr Ivan Tucker OBE Retires

Christmas is a time of good cheer, but last year, we at Mary Hare were very sad that it also marked the retirement of Dr Ivan Tucker OBE. In 1987 Ivan left Manchester University Audiology Department to become the Principal of Mary Hare School. At that time, Mary Hare was quite a successful, oral school for deaf children. Ivan has never been content with 'quite good' and went on to increase the number of children attending by working relentlessly to improve the academic and other achievements of the pupils. A key strategy in pushing up the quality of the education at Mary Hare School was that Ivan made sure that any teacher, who was not already a qualified Teacher of the Deaf, was given the opportunity to follow a taught 'Teacher of the Deaf' course giving them hands on experience during their training. In order to further facilitate this he made sure Mary Hare became a recognised provider of the mandatory ToD qualification. Now Mary Hare trains its own teachers and those teaching in others schools and services. The post-graduate courses offered have grown to include an Early Years course and MSc in Educational Audiology. Most recently Mary Hare has added a Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology to the list.

Building on this, Ivan set out to improve the facilities and support offered by the school. Not happy with the time it took to get replacement earmoulds from the NHS for the young people at Mary Hare, Ivan decided to make his own.

In 1997 Ivan established Arlington Laboratories – an independent manufacturer of earmoulds. Arlington Labs has since made over a million earmoulds for customers in the NHS, as well as making a huge financial contribution to the school each year, from its profits.

Arlington Labs was followed by HARS – the Hearing Aid Repair Business – and Mary Hare Hearing Centres in Newbury and Salisbury, dispensing hearing aids and providing support for anyone with hearing difficulties.

The children at the school can be grateful to Ivan for his tireless pursuit of improving the teaching facilities – and for his passionate belief that deaf children are every bit as able as their hearing peers and just need the right help to overcome the barriers presented by their disability. A new 6th Form Centre built in 1995 meant that the number of pupils studying for A levels doubled to around 70 each year. The conversion of an old stable block into a vibrant Art & Design block has

*Pictured below: Dr Ivan Tucker with prize winners in 2003.*



enabled many pupils to excel and go on to study art at some of the best Colleges of Art in the UK. The Performing Arts Centre was founded on Ivan's insistence that music can be appreciated by deaf children – both as performers and spectators. Mary Hare School has seen a large number of very talented musicians and dancers amongst the young people attending.

Ivan will be greatly missed by all his colleagues for his sheer energy, enthusiasm and the great leadership he has provided during his time at the School. Tony Shaw, Principal and CEO, has been a close friend and colleague for over 30 years:

"I know I am not alone when I say we will miss Ivan greatly. He has been an inspiration for so many professionals who have chosen to dedicate their careers to deaf education both at Mary Hare and within schools and services for the hearing impaired throughout the United Kingdom. The greatest tribute we can pay him is to emulate his passion, enthusiasm and determination in our work going forward. I know he will be following our work with interest and championing the cause of deafness through the new ventures he undertakes in 'retirement'. We all wish him continued success and fulfilment."

*Pictured below: Class of 1987 and Dr Ivan Tucker at his leaving event in 2011.*

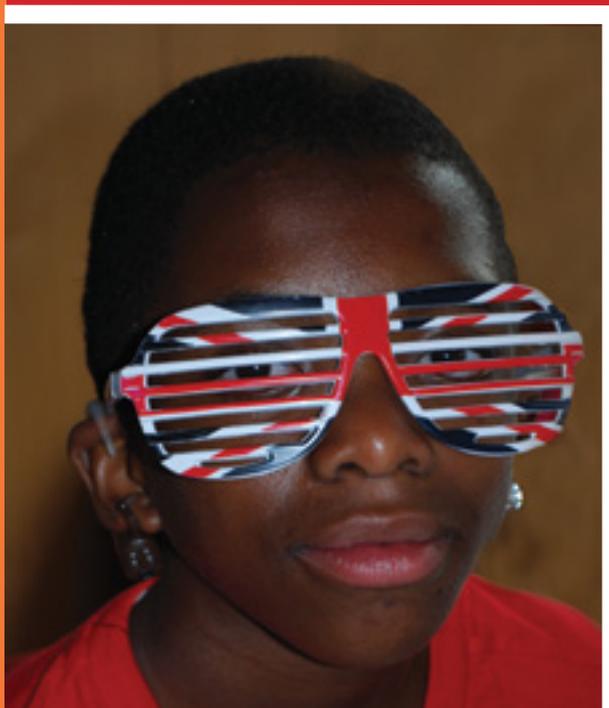




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