

# CHATTERBOX

THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 1997

## AIRBORNE



Oliver and Lianne with Noel Edmonds take to the air.

Noel Edmonds hosted a party at Highclere Castle, which was attended by 24 excited Mary Hare pupils. The uplifting, star-studded experience included a helicopter flight and the opportunity to meet stars including Philip Schofield, Patricia Hodge, Uri Geller, Tony Blackburn and Victor Ubogu.

There was face painting, juggling and fairground rides followed by a demonstration of birds of prey.

Heather Wallis reported that "the kids thought it was the best thing since sliced bread", and Noel Edmonds said it was a party they would never forget.

# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WOMEN'S WORK?

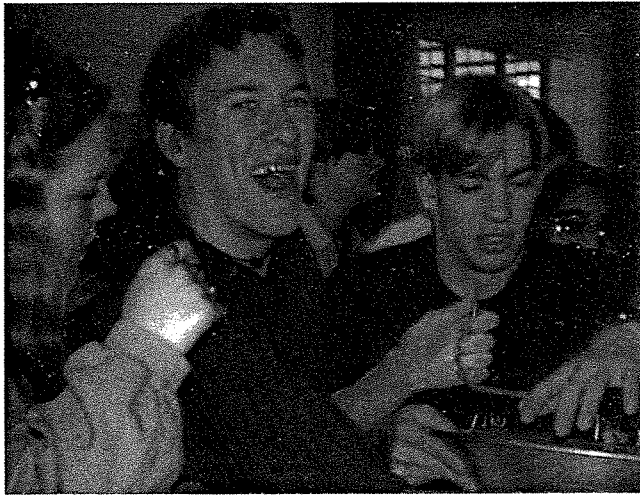
The sixth form GNVQ groups visited Italy for one week in March. 18 pupils descended upon Lido Di Jesolo to focus on the topic of food as part of their European GNVQ studies. The spring weather was wonderful and we had many happy days learning how to cook pasta, pizza and gnocchi. Not to mention the lovely tomato sauces. We visited markets, fishing villages and Venice and were struck by the friendliness of the local people and the wonders of the canal system in Venice. Lots of valuable work was carried out and all the pupil projects on tourism, currency exchange, travel and numerical analysis will be available for parents and visitors to see. However the biggest failing of the visit is that many of the boys still think cooking is women's work!

J. Coombes

## "I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME" James Bainbridge

The school community was deeply saddened before Easter to hear of the death of James Bainbridge during the GNVQ trip to Italy.

James had spent an exciting day playing football, shopping for Italian food, chatting up the girls in his inimitable way and then cooking the evening meal with his friends (see photo).



After a long chat to Julie Coombes James turned as he went to bed and said with a sigh, "I'm having a great time!" These were his last words.

He died peacefully in his sleep from unforeseen, natural causes.

A few days later staff from all sections of the school joined pupils in a celebration of James' life. Many tears were shed as such a full, happy-go-lucky life was remembered with deep affection.

Some of the collected poems are available in a memorial book (kindly produced by Appleprint) which can be purchased from the school. All proceeds go to the British Heart Foundation.

The school is recovering from the shock. We will go forward, but James will never be forgotten and a quiet area overlooking the tennis courts will be dedicated to his memory.

## ONE WORLD BAND

In collaboration with the Newbury Spring Festival the one world band of musicians from South America, Australia, India the West Indies and England entertained all year 7 pupils. The colourful concert featured instruments with extraordinary names and made from extraordinary materials.

The pupils sang along, clapped and swayed as the rhythms and melodies of the different cultures were mixed and matched, later some pupils tried their breath on the didgeridoo.

In our photograph Richard on the Pan Pipes is accompanied by Sabira.



## PRIZE WINNER

This year's winner of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Council's £25 prize for an outstanding Year 9 Scientist is Kathy Walker. Kathy will receive her books in September at a presentation at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. Congratulations.

## GOLD AWARDS

Congratulations to the large number of sixth formers who have achieved Gold Youth Award Scheme success this year.

Gregory Pierssene, Louise Pitchers, Martin McLean, Richard Dougherty, Diana Martin - 5 Credits (instead of the minimum 4), Claire Cooper, Conor Mervyn, Sam Seaver, Lauren Tan, Jacqui Coyle, Jennifer Hannah, Sarah Gillatt, Piers Kittel, Isabel Meacher.

Those remaining in the upper sixth will now go on to aim at Platinum.

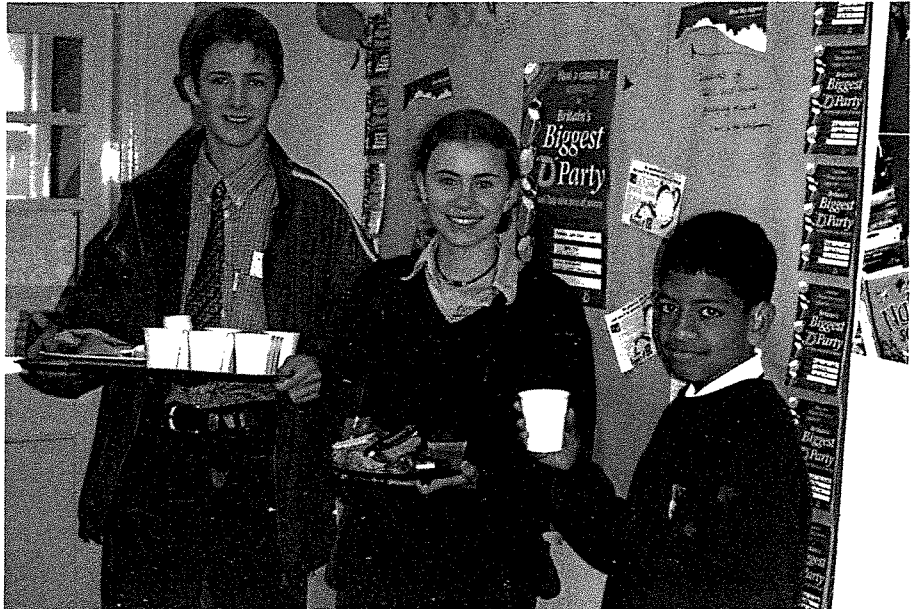
# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## BREWING UP FUNDS

Pots of money, (over £153) was raised when Mary Hare pupils, staff and all the school community took part in Britain's biggest 'D' party (sponsored by Brooke Bond).

Break time became a celebration of 50 years of MENCAP work with coffee, tea and cakes on sale to "urn" funds for the Blue Sky Appeal.

This appeal is specifically to help people with learning disabilities to have access to the right support services and information.



## MEET THE PREFECTS

The prefects play an important part in the life of Mary Hare. They oversee the pupil duty system, help out on important occasions such as Open Day and meet regularly with the Head of Sixth Form to discuss issues of importance to all Sixth Formers.

This year's team are:

Richard Sanderson (Head Boy) and Caroline O'Neill (Head Girl)

Conor Mervyn and Greg Pierssene (Deputy Head Boys), Michala Daly and Clare Heaton (Deputy Head Girls)

Claire Cooper, Nicholas Cutajar, Reena Guru, Paul Hull, Elizabeth Jenkins, Piers Kittel, Louise Pitchers and Andrew Reid



## INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS

Joining disabled musicians from Denmark, Thailand, Spain, Austria, Japan and the USA, Ruth Montgomery and Bryony Booth will be jetting off to Moscow at the beginning of September for a week at the Moscow Conservatoire. The Classica Music Centre Ltd and Menatep Bank have established an international foundation with the aim of using art and culture to help integrate disabled children into Russian society.

Vladislav Tetesin (international concert pianist) travelled worldwide and did not encounter other deaf musicians. At the recommendation of Evelyn Glennie he heard the Mary Hare pupils and selected Ruth and Bryony for this exciting opportunity.

After a week of master classes and rehearsals, in a concert at the Grand Hall of the Conservatoire Ruth will perform the obligato of 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' with orchestra and choir and Bryony will play the 'Air' from Handel's Water Music in a Russian Quintet. Montserrat Caballe and other international artists will attend and take part.

Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Christine Rocca, is accompanying the girls and has been asked to present a paper at a conference to Russian educationalists on Mary Hare's track record using the aural/oral philosophy. As Mary Hare representatives perform on an international stage we wish them every success.

# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## MUSIC RESULTS

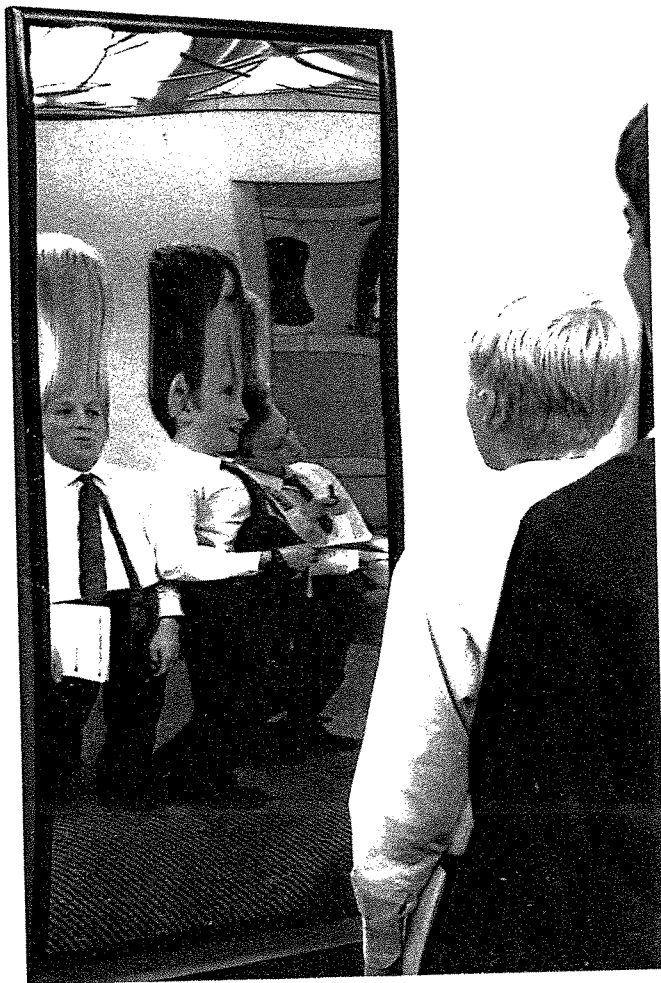
The following pupils were successful in the Royal Schools of Music examinations:

Ruth Montgomery - Grade 5 Flute (Merit), Sarah Gallagher - Grade 4 Clarinet, Mary-Jayne Russell de Clifford - Grade 1 Flute (Merit), Simone Goldberg - Grade 1 Clarinet, Jennifer Foster - Grade 1 Clarinet.

## DO YOU THINK HE SAURUS?

Year 9 have been out and about several times this year and also back to the prehistoric dinosaur era at the Natural History Museum. The main focus of the visit was to study the Human Biology section and the Environment, but most groups also found time to pop into the Creepy Crawlies and other exhibits.

Do you recognise the distorted faces in the mirrors?



## GIVING IT ALL AWAY

The massive generosity of pupils and staff is apparent looking back over the year and realising that almost £1,800 has been sent to charity, in addition to the 200 Christmas presents to Romania. Over £250 to MacMillan Nurses, over £200 for a group aid to go to India, over £150 for Mencap, over £700 to Romania and £400 for Comic Relief. Thanks to everyone, especially Miss Ogg.

## OUR TRIP TO THE BY-PASS



On 2nd July we visited the Newbury by-pass. A lot of us wanted to go to the by-pass but they could only pick 20 of us. Mrs. Leonard put our names into a hat and picked out 20 names.

We met outside the Manor at 4.15 and 3 landrovers came to pick us up. If you don't like the by-pass because the animals might die on the road or have no home, don't fret, as they are building tunnels for the badgers to cross, and have made a new home for the famous snails.

When we got to the by-pass the man showed us the work going on near the school and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thanks to Mrs. Leonard.

## NO GHOSTS

Year 7 went to Warwick Castle. We have looked at castles in our History lessons as part of our work on the Middle Ages.

Warwick Castle was built in 1068 by William the Conqueror. The first castle was a wooden castle built on a hill - called a Motte and Bailey.

The wooden castle was replaced by stronger stone castles - and it grew bigger and bigger.

We saw the drawbridge, the portcullis and the "killing ground". We climbed the long spiral staircase up the tall towers - but there was no ghost! We went into the deep dark dungeon - and into the torture chamber.

We saw the different types of armour and weapons - and some people tried on helmets. And we went into a special exhibition called the "Kingmaker".

Emily Meacher and Mrs. Whitehead

# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## THE DEAF SPEAK OUT

Reciting poetry from memory, giving an illustrated talk and answering questions from the audience are some of the elements in the English Speaking Board's Exams, but Mary Hare pupils rise to the challenge. The results are a tribute to the hard work of the pupils and the staff who prepared them, with 100% success at the Senior Introductory Level and many distinctions at Levels One and Two.

Subjects as diverse as "Poultry" and "Star Trek" rubbed shoulders with more traditional talks on sport and music. Such is their confidence that some of the pupils who gave more illustrated presentations later travelled to Basingstoke to repeat their talks to a large audience of adults at the regional Annual General Meeting of the National Deaf Children's Society.

Robert MacDonald spoke about "Magic" and enthralled his audience with a series of tricks, while Catherine Drew delighted her listeners with not only a talk about the saxophone but a performance too. They were joined by older pupils, who passed ESB exams in previous years and are more experienced in public speaking. Ruth Montgomery spoke about the importance of music in her life and Sam Seaver's subject was Mary Hare School and integration with the local community and church to which he belongs. Finally Richard Sanderson, Head Boy, talked of his experience as a deaf youngster growing up through different types of schools.

## ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD EXAM RESULTS

### SENIOR INTRODUCTORY:

Pass: Lianne Murphy, David Playfair

Good Pass: Richard Anderson, Michael Clark, Sophie Goddard, Anthony Sinclair, Camilla Stevens

Very Good Pass: Christopher Hamann, Rebecca Lambert, Emily Meacher, Julia Treanor, Joanna Raper

Credit: Andrew Culver, Sarah Hill-Tout, Tina Jefferies, Christopher Jones, Roy Kerr, Brinthan Nanthabalan, Benjamin Scraggs, Rachel Wiehl

Distinction: Stephen Collins, John Garrahan, Mark Gill, Maurice Laneres, Johnathan Neal, David Rawson, Sabira Yameen

### SENIOR GRADE ONE:

Pass: Michael Young

Good Pass: Anthony Venus

Very Good Pass: Jennifer Foster, Karim Wathen

Credit: Dominic Caswell, Natalie Day, Jemma Elliott

## STUDYING ALCOHOL!

The chemistry department assure us it is all part of the syllabus really! Year 10 are reported to have made a delicious wine (see photograph) and year 11 have been indulging in beermaking (three sessions - brewing, bottling and tasting!).



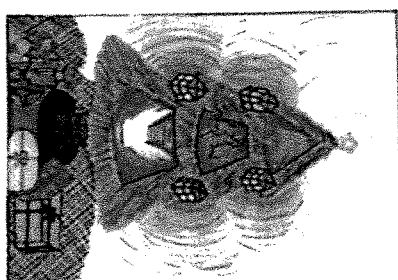
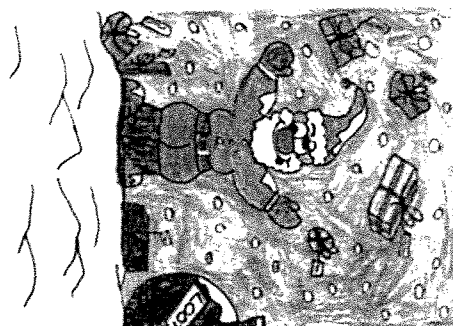
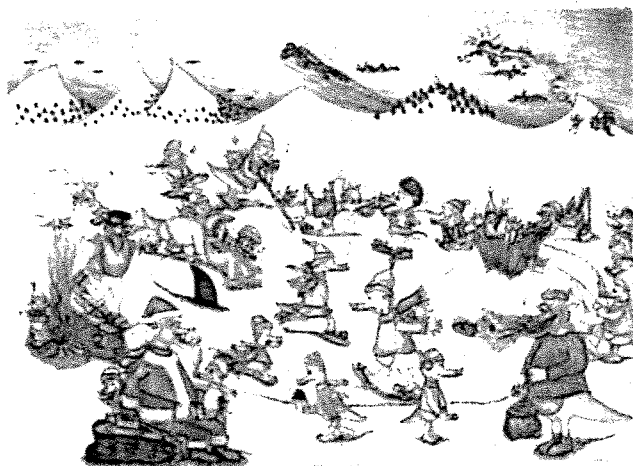
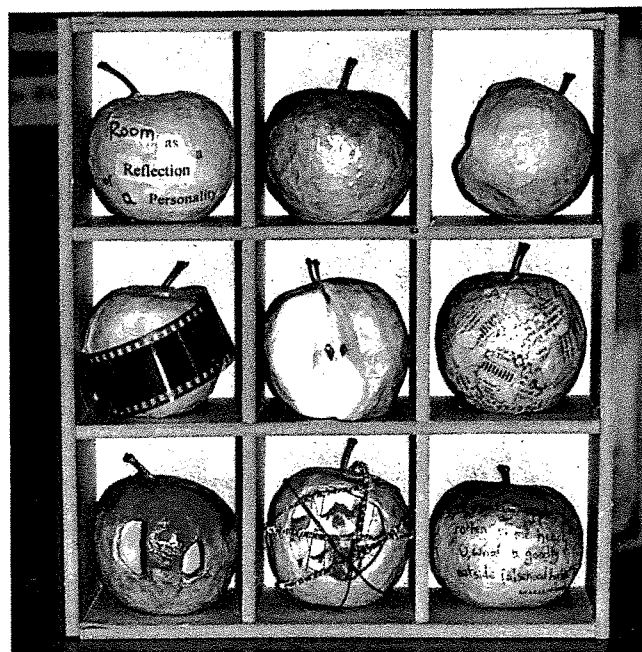
## INSIDE PAGES

### TOM WILSON'S APPLES IN A BOX

(Paper mache and mixed media)

After studying the theme, Interiors and their reflection of a personality, Tom decided to use his favourite fruit, the apple, to represent different aspects of his own personality.

Each apple is treated differently to show how an individual has to present different characteristics to cope and survive in the world around them.



### DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Christmas is fast approaching and last year the Parent Teacher Association organised a Christmas Card design competition.

The democratically chosen winning entries are pictured. Sale of these cards will help to raise funds for a new school coach, fully fitted with seat belts.

An order form is enclosed and further details may be obtained from Mrs Leonard (staff representative).

Well done to the winners.

Dragons' Skating Party  
by Oliver Harland (year 13)

Mary and Baby Jesus  
by Sabira Yameen (year 7)

Juggling Santa  
by Sarah Gallagher (year 10)

Christmas Tree  
by Shana Grummitt and  
Janet Young (year 11)

# INSIDE PAGES

## ELEVEN GO WILD IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

(A Diary of a Geography Field Trip)

**DAY ONE:** Following a whole day's journey, picking up people on our way up the country, with immaculate timing, on the first day, we went to Easedale Tarn, and we walked and walked till we thought our legs would drop off!! It was very tiring and MRS WILDING fell behind!, "to take some photos she said!" When we got there we had to measure the stones in the moraine, that was, when we finally got to the stones on the moraine. (As we kept sliding down). We met up with Miss Ogg and Conor, with the A-level group, who had come a much longer way up. We decided this was the difference between GCSE and A-level - they walk further! It was very hot, and as soon as we had finished we all went racing down to the Waterfall, for a 'Water Fight!'

**DAY TWO:** We spent the second day on rivers at Glenderra-terra. Despite the gloomy weather, we all thought this was the best day. Most of us fell in the river!, and SARAH's boots filled with water (she didn't realise!!) but as we walked down by the side of the river, poor KATY WOOD, decided to walk the 'easy' way down and she walked straight through a small bog, she tried to walk a little further and realised she'd left her boot behind!! When we got back we were all surprised to see LAURA COULL and her sister at the Centre, and she was surprised to see us all red and brown already.

**DAY THREE:** We did a day on Industries. We went to the British Steel works where they make train tracks. We had to wear hard hats with headphones attached to them, that made us look like Mickey Mouse! We got "sunburnt" by the heat of the furnace = 1248 deg C (we were standing "miles" away). We went to an industrial estate called Lilyhall and we had to do a survey on each building. We all came back and the minibus looked funny - its bonnet was up and the doors were open. (We all thought that MRS WILDING was letting the bus have a sunbathe!) MRS WILDING then told us that the minibus wasn't 'feeling very well' and was sick. We waited while MRS WILDING phoned the RAC, and someone at the centre, to send some taxis round. When they arrived, three came. At supper, we all saw MRS WILDING in the pick-up truck with the minibus behind it, and we burst out laughing. The following morning, MRS WILDING had quite a shock when she looked out of her bedroom window at 7.30 to see another Mary Hare minibus drive past! GEOFF had driven all night to bring us another one, and then he travelled with the sick one back to school.

**DAY FOUR:** We are looking at National Parks and tourism. We walked up Catbells mountain and we thought it was easy, only a 5 minutes walk, but when we got to what we thought was the 'top' there was another hill behind it, and another behind that and so on like this:-

BETH ended up crawling up the hill, ("Mountain" - BETH and some people even gave up and went back down. MRS WILDING went back down (because she was so behind all the time!). Guess who got to the bottom first? Who other than KATY WOOD (of course!).

**DAY FIVE:** Coasts - We had a good time today and the weather was ace. We measured pebbles at 3 areas on the beach. We had lunch, and since it was so hot, we played football, Staff versus Pupils and we won 6-0! ADAM decided to make Stonehenge II. When SARAH, KATY and BETH got back, they "improved" it, so it looked more like the first one! We bought loads of Kendal mint cake and ice-creams - It was so hot!

**DAY SIX:** This was the day we were all dreading - PROJECT DAY for our coursework. Most of us did rivers or tourism. It wasn't as bad as we thought! At the river it was a major coincidence that the weather was gloomy again. As BETH decided to make a heavy 20m long chain, we all had to help to carry it. It looked like those slaves in the olden times. Then she ended up carrying it back! (PS - KATY fell in the river, again!) When Mrs Wilding came to pick us up, she had bought some 3D maps. KATY said (for a joke) the maps are broken and MRS WILDING turned and looked and we all shouted "Look where you're going". It was our last night so we played pool and table-tennis, while CONOR was getting on 'VERY' well with all the A-level girls! Mmm! CONOR will tell you about it!! (He received a letter on Wednesday!!)

**DAY SEVEN:** In the morning we set off back to school and it took 6 hours because we had to go a different way - down the M1 motorway as the M6 motorway was closed because of the IRA bomb threat. We were missing the centre already! but it was a good fun trip and we are glad we went.

## SELF PORTRAIT



Kavitha Gnanapragasam (Year 13)

## INSIDE PAGES

### HIS STORY (THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM)

As we got on the coach, I got elected to be the cameraman. I was shocked at the amount of responsibility I had. And then there was a whole worksheet that came with a blue clipboard! Nothing could be worse ... unless I had a pen. At that moment Fergus Cooke lent me a pink pen, that wrote in purple.

We arrived at the Imperial War Museum and looked round the wartime transport and defences. After a trip to the toilets (not that you want to know, but we all like exploring lavatories) we were dragged to the teaching room where we had to work. I almost fainted at the sight of all the worksheets they call sources. Emerging for lunch, we then moved on to the Second World War display, where we were given a worksheet. I hurriedly filled it in and binned it (giving to Alex Gomes to look after that is - I had to work the camera!) We looked at the displays on Mussolini, Hitler and their little friends. We then went to the Belsen display and saw a film about the treatment of Jews in the concentration camps. It was awful, many Jews starving and dying. We quickly got away after these horrific displays. We got on the simulator, joining in the action. Finally to the gift shop where I bought ... nothing. We then trooped to the Forties Fashion section with the squealing girls and moaning boys. Eventually we escaped from the museum (but we did have a good time).

Gavin Lilley (Year 10)

### HER STORY (THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM)

In the Imperial War Museum which we visited on Monday as part of our GCSE History course they showed a display, open to the public, full of vast glamorous 1940's fashion.

Looking at these famous Dior designed clothes, I could just imagine my granny saying:

"Yes I remember these ... Those were the good old days, despite the gravy browning we had to use instead of silk/nylon stockings due to rationing."

Many of the clothes were breath-taking, many of us were stunned that the forties actually had WEDGES for footwear.

There was a dress that I spotted which was a wedding dress and when I mentioned to Debi about the dress, she commented how pretty it was.

Little did she know the dress was made from PARACHUTE SILK! Debi was amazed, shown by her facial expression!

I don't know about the rest of the history group, whether they enjoyed it (especially the boys with their famous moaning that it was not their thing and that they had a reputation to uphold!) but myself, Debi and of course the teachers really enjoyed ourselves!

Emma Clarke (Year 10)





# INSIDE PAGES

## RIGHT TO THE TOP

I have never been to Paris all my life, but for the first time in my life, I went there for a school trip. It was a beautiful day in Paris, I went up the Eiffel Tower.

I went right to the top just for 57F which costs roughly £6, it's quite expensive.

In the lift, I didn't see much as it was very crowded, but I managed to see through the window around the lift to look out! I couldn't see people so well, but I can see buses, cars and lorries.

I just stayed up for a while, then went back down to the ground. Though it was a fantastic view, I was a bit scared stiff.

I think you all should go there as it was fantastic.

Lucy Clark (Year 10)

Emma Rawson was inspired by the beauty of the Eiffel Tower and just being in France - so she wrote this poem . . .

## Change the World

If I could reach the stars  
Pull one down for you  
Shine it on my heart  
So that you could see the truth  
That this love I have inside  
It is all it seems  
But for now I find  
It's only in my dreams  
I could be the sunlight  
In your universe  
I could really be  
Something good for you  
If I could be a queen  
Even for a day  
I would take you as my king  
I'd have it no other way  
And our love would reign  
Over this kingdom we have made  
For I would be a fool  
To wish for the day  
Because I cannot change the world.

## Changer Le Monde

Si je pouvais porte les etoiles  
En baisser une en bas pour vous  
L'eclater sur mon coeur  
Mais vous pourriez voir la verite  
Cet, cet amour que j'ai a l'interieur  
C'est tout des sentiments  
Mais pour maintenant je trouve  
Que c'est seulement dans mes nuages  
Naturellement le soleil  
Dans ton univers

## CHEESE

On Sunday - our last day in France, we were up early for our visit to a cheese farm in Normandy. Our entry fee was 5F (Well, that's a lot of money!).

On the farm we saw some goats in a stable. Before Helen Gillespie entered the stable, she cried out, "I'm not going in there, it stinks!!", but once she went in she found the goats very attractive and couldn't keep her hands off them!!

A woman who works on the farm explained how the goats differ from each other. She spoke good English. She explained how the cheese was made. We tasted some cheese in the cheese room and because some were nice we bought some! We said "Au revoir" to the French lady, on our way to stock up at the Hypermarket!

Yasir Haniff (Year 10)



Naturellement vous prenez de mon amour  
Etre quelque chose de bon  
Si je pouvais etre reine  
Egale pour un jour  
Je vous prendrais comme mon roi  
Je ne l'aurais pas autrement  
Et notre amour regnera  
Et cet royaume nous ferions  
Jusqu'a alors je serais idiote  
Souhaiter le jour  
Que je pourrais avoir le monde.  
Emma Rawson (Year 10)

CENTRE PAGES



Cloc  
'Self  
'Cro  
by R  
'Ton  
Johi  
'Car



# YEAR 13 ART WORK

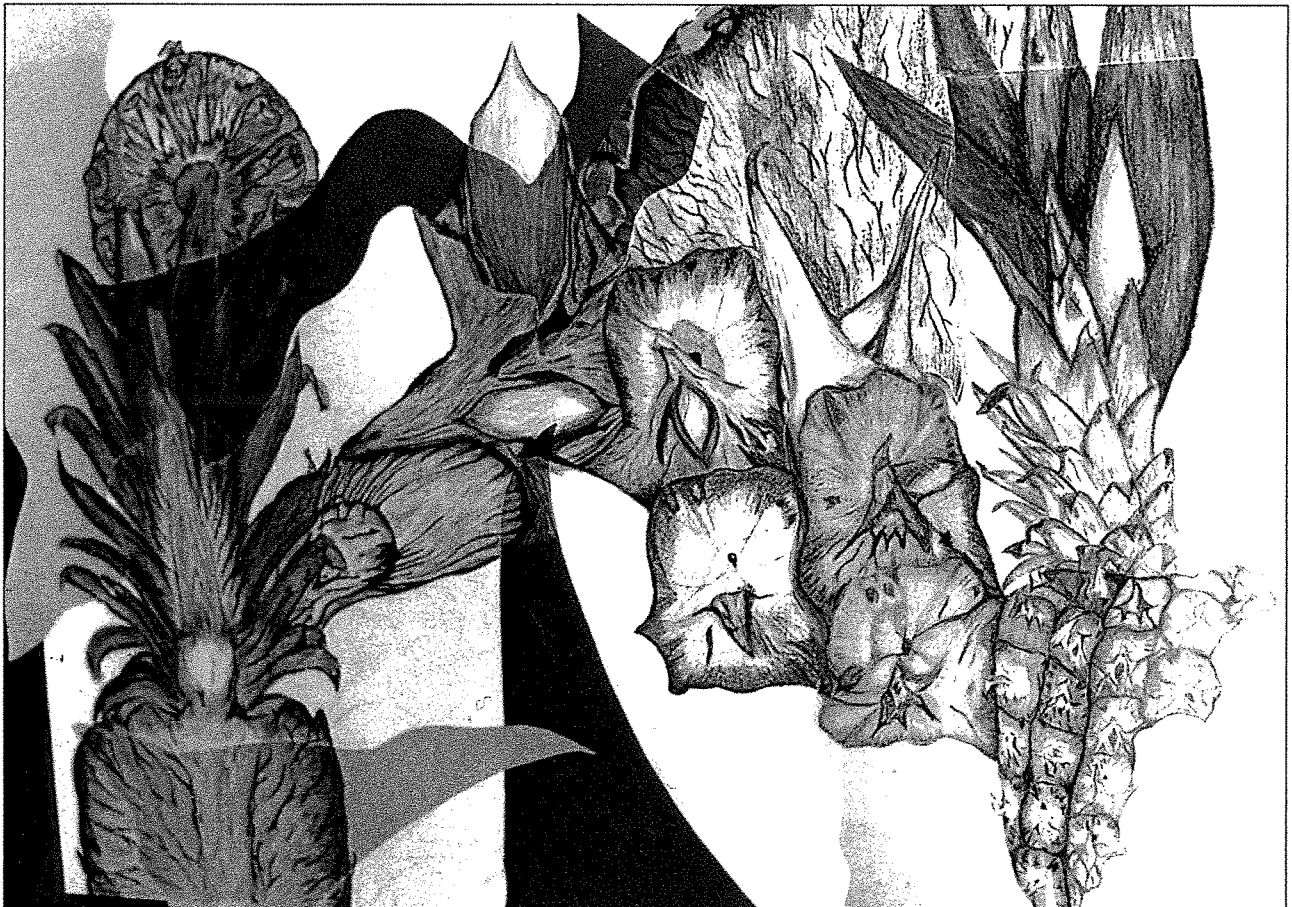
ise:

portrait' by Richard Dougherty

sections of a pineapple'  
ard Dougherty

lair taking the knife from  
ajor' by Lisa Townsend

y' by Oliver Harland



# INSIDE PAGES

## TEN MEMORIES OF FRANCE

I am going to tell you about the funniest and weirdest parts that happened on the trip in France!

1. Deborah Cochrane fell down the stairs in Chateau du Molay Hotel.
2. We all played a game of football against the boys, Dr Papas joined with us!
3. The curtain's rail fell out, it was our first night in the second hotel! (Chateau du Molay)
4. The window smashed! by Lucy Clark - she was trying to close the window, accidentally she slipped her hand to the window and it smashed. She had a small cut on her wrist.
5. We had an accident ... a coach crash!
6. We played football against the French people in Rouen ... And we won!
7. Julia Spencer fell up and down the stairs more times than you could ever imagine, then decided she was better off staying downstairs.
8. We had frog legs for our supper. It wasn't hot enough. Emma Rawson puts me off because she was playing with the legs and it looked real!
9. We dared Radha to say "I love you ..." to a boy in another table at suppertime. Radha did it, he looked so surprised and he was, uh ... At the last day we left the hotel, the boy came to Radha and he said, "I love you too!" Radha blushed and ran off!
10. In the coach, Dr Papas, Mr Hollitzer, Katy Wood, and Laura Atherton played a game of cards called 'Uno'. Dr Papas won! Katy Wood and Laura Atherton chatted to try to make Mr Hollitzer pick loads of cards. Dr Papas knew about this all along - to get Mr Hollitzer frustrated and suffer.

We had a great time.

Davina Davies (Year 10)

## NO GHOSTS!

When year 7 arrived at Warwick Castle we saw the moat and Guy's tower. Then we went through "murder hole" where people got trapped and killed. We went up Caesar's tower and the rampart walk. It was a very long walk up the stairs. When we got to the top we got stuck because we went the wrong way. It was very scary walking down. We went all the way down to the dungeon. It was like a cell. It was where people were hanged or stuck in a sunken chamber, where there was no room to move around. It was quite dark and it was horrible.

Next, we went to the "Kingmaker" exhibition where there were wax models of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick. He was a powerful man who got killed in the War of the Roses.

After lunch we went to the Ethelfleda's mound, where William the Conqueror built his motte and bailey. Next we went to see a ghost! You couldn't see a thing, not even a ghost!

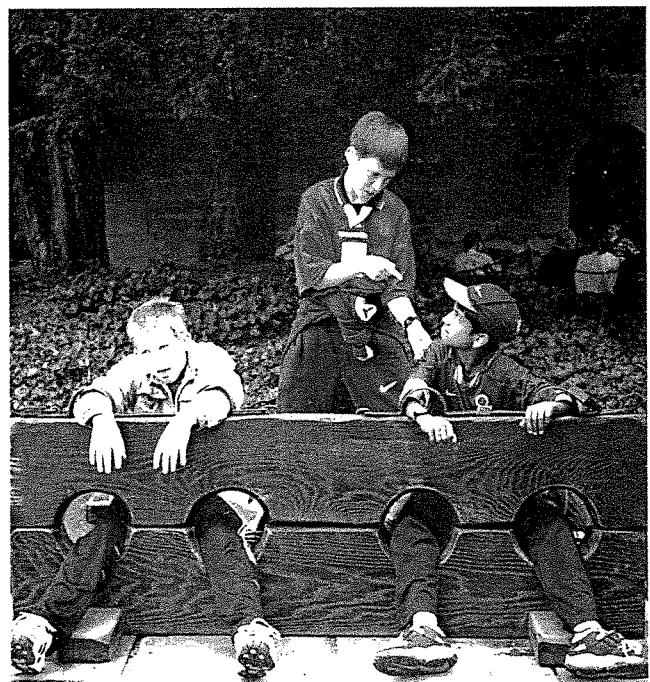
Stephen Collins (Year 7)

Photo: New school discipline regulations ... David Rawson and Brinthan Nanthabalan being punished by Mark Gill.

## PARADISE LOST

Oh, what beautiful clear skies to see.  
Oh, what beautiful green landscape to smell.  
Oh, what beautiful fresh air to breathe  
Oh, what beautiful beaches for swimming and bathing  
Oh, thank God, I'm lucky to be born on this planet.  
I realise that this planet is paradise, all right.  
But soon, this isn't paradise any more.  
The landscape has become a cheap place to invest  
The trees are cut down to make way for the investors.  
The rivers, lakes and seas are used up by the investors.  
The investors are the factories.  
The factories spoiled the green landscape with ugly, hideous, disgusting buildings such as tower blocks.  
The factories are choking the air by polluting it.  
There used to be clear blue skies but not any more.  
Now, they are grey, black, pale and full of polluted air.  
The mother earth seems dying.  
As it's dying, the people are dying from its damaged natural resources such as air and water.  
These people are dreaming about the old and happy times  
These people are wishing that they could turn the clock back so they could change history.  
They would stop the factories to invest in natural resources  
But they are realising that they can't do that.  
History cannot repeat itself, therefore, life must be going on  
They are realising that something is missing forever  
They are deeply sad about it  
Paradise is lost forever.

Karthigan Sundaralingam (Year 11)



## ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH

On Thursday 22nd of May my form 9G and I went to the Watermill Theatre to see the Shakespeare play - "Henry V". I will tell you the movement of the play and then my thoughts of the play.

The play commenced inside the theatre in the setting of Henry's courts in England then as the play moved on to the Battle of Harfleur Henry summoned us, the audience, as his soldiers to go out to the gardens of the theatre which was to be France.

Out in the gardens took place the Battle of Harfleur, followed by the interval. During the interval was sweets and programmes for sale and live music played by the Fish-heads.

When the interval was over the play continued out in the gardens in the setting of the French courts then for the final scene of the play we were escorted back into the theatre. There we saw the Battle of Agincourt, the final agreements between King Henry and the King of France and the confrontation of King Henry and the Princess Katherine.

There the play ended leaving me quite satisfied with what I had just seen. I enjoyed the play a lot. I felt that the modernisation of the play did some what fit with the story of Henry V because today we have a lot of war and the story was about a war so it gave me something new to think about.

I also felt the leading actor, Jamie Glover, who played King Henry brought the character of the King Henry across to me very clearly. I could tell straight away that King Henry was a patient but determined type of man but also a very courageous leader. He motivated his men. 'On, on, you noble English, Whose Blood is fet from fathers of war - proof!' These were Henry's words to his army of men and it was because of this the men felt strong and confident and that's how they won those battles.

I think that's what Shakespeare would have wanted you to think whilst watching his play.

by Alicia Burzynska (Year 9)

## ONE WORLD BAND

My favourite instruments were the drums that had to be covered by skin and I quite liked the way he presented the drums to us.

My favourite drum was Dholki which is from India. The Dholki has a hole in the bottom so you only hit the covered part. It is quite a fat drum but it also makes a fat sound too.

I liked the rhythm 'Ooh aah Cantona' best of all the rhythms we did. Also I liked an other instrument called Pan Pipes! The One World Band was called that in a particular and unusual way because it contains many foreign instruments in the band.

The band produced nice music (but obviously not better than the Spice Girls!). Also I think the Pan Pipes are easy to play as you blow over the top of the holes like a bottle.

Ben Scraggs (Year 7)

Connell and Steven join in the action at the production of Henry V



## WHAT THE BUTLER SAW!

The highlight of the year 8 visit to the Black Country Museum seems to have been the Victorian amusements including "What the butler saw"! However Jodie Griffiths reports on the whole day . . .

We were taken to the village in an old fashioned tram. My group went into a general store and we were told about what the children wore down the coal mines. Then we went to see the chain maker. He said he could make 2 metres of chain in half an hour.

Later we went on a canal boat. We went through darkness, a cold and long tunnel. We were shown how to push the boat along with our feet on the walls and lots of people volunteered.

My group then had a few minutes on the Victorian funfair and this is where some of the boys found a "What the butler saw" machine. Then we went to the glassmakers, the school, the sweetshop and finally down a coalmine. We were given helmets and a torch. We went down in complete darkness.

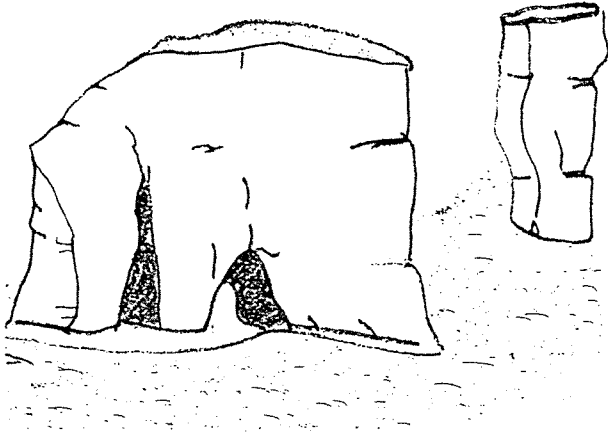
It was a good day and we learnt a lot about living and working during the industrial revolution.

Jodie Griffiths (Year 8)

# INSIDE PAGES

## C.A.S.H.

We set off from school after lunch, complete with warm clothes, heavy boots and some spending money. The journey took two and a half hours and we crossed from Poole to Swanage on a ferry. (That part of the journey only took a few minutes!) We then made a stop and walked to Old Harry Rocks where we did some sketches of Old Harry and his Wife! (No they were not fellow walkers! They were made of chalk).



It was then a three mile walk down to the Youth Hostel in Swanage where we were to stay for the next two days. The youth hostel was quite luxurious. The food was lovely - there was always a choice . . . on the first evening I had a quarter pounder and chips followed by ice cream - delicious! Breakfasts were even better - most of us chose "The Big Breakfast", only the brave tackled the "Force 10" (double baked beans on toast!!).

On Friday evening, we planned our work for the following day. Mrs Wilding explained about the rocks and how coves were formed. Mr Gwynn explained how the pebbles are moved along a beach. We used a model of rice and water to show how the waves moved. Miss Ogg explained to us about C.A.S.H . . . not the money (she hasn't got any!).

C.A.S.H. means:

CORRASION  
ATTRITION  
SOLUTION  
HYDRAULIC ACTION

These words explain the different ways that waves shape the rocks. I really enjoyed this activity as we tasted different types of sweets and chocolates. Finally, Mrs Fenney explained about rock formation using a model with different types of sugar and water.

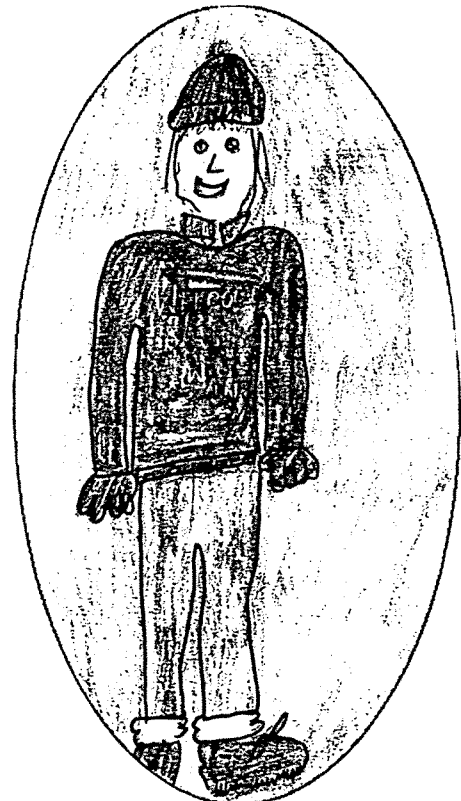
Saturday was our first taste of FIELDWORK! We travelled to Chesil beach near Weymouth. In our groups we collected information about the size and angle of the beach, the number and strength of the waves and the size and shape of the pebbles. It was good fun watching people fall over when the big waves came in! After an hour on the beach we had lunch and then drove down to the other end of the beach. We then did the same measurements and calculations - so that we could make some comparisons.



In the afternoon we walked along the coast to see the famous sites of Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove. We found out about how they were formed and had to sketch them. In the evening we organised all our results from the day and then watched a video for Comic Relief. Mrs Fenney had made a brilliant cake decorated with noses, and you had to pick somebody else's nose. I ate Bob, the driver's nose.

On Sunday, we went to Swanage and had a look around the town to find out the number of services it has. We compared this with the village of Corfe Castle. After such a hard working weekend we were allowed to relax in the afternoon at Tower Park in Poole. I played Quasar but most people decided to cool off at Splashdown. When we got back to school on Sunday evening I was very tired but I had enjoyed the weekend and learned a lot.

Connell McGinley (Year 9)



# INSIDE PAGES

## DRESSED FOR CEREMONY

Kavitha Gnanapragasam's (Year 13) Exam Piece (pencil crayon) shows a compilation of the important aspects of a Hindu wedding.

The girl is shown dressed in traditional red and gold. She is decorated with ornate jewellery and surrounded by red and white flowers.

The broken coconuts represent good luck and health and the god Ganesh the essential religious symbol.



## PUMPING IRON

(A REVIEW OF STARLIGHT EXPRESS)



On Tuesday, 6th May, Year 8 and about 6 members of staff went to London to see the Starlight Express show. We went to the Apollo Theatre in Victoria. The show started at 3.15pm. It started off with all the different country trains coming through and then Electra and Greaseball.

It went on then to the first race between Electra, Greaseball, Rusty and Bobbo. I nearly cried when Pearl was singing alone because it was such a sad song. Rusty was a very good singer and easy to lip-read. I really liked Greaseball, he was my favourite. When I waved at him he looked and smiled at me (but unfortunately Mrs Smithson, Mrs Cookson and myself are arguing over him). A lot of people liked Rusty for some reason. Pearl was my girl singer and skater. All of this show was composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The orchestra was under the stage so it meant that there were monitors to show the people singing, the conductor, to help them keep in time with the music. When the trains were racing they brought down video screens to show them when they were above us. They had lots of different types of music: Rap by Electra's carriages (Rocky I, II and III), Country Western by Pearl, Rock 'n Roll by Greaseball, Electra and Bobbo etc.

I liked Pumping Iron the best because it was sung by Greaseball. I enjoyed the last dance because it was really good and everyone was involved in it. I would love to see it again and meet Greaseball and get his autograph.

Jemma Elliott (Year 8)

# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## AUF WIEDERSEHEN

This event, only in its second year, was again a great success and is now firmly established on the Mary Hare calendar. Parents who had travelled from as far as Northern Ireland joined with Upper Sixth formers and teachers to say their goodbyes.

After a delicious buffet lunch, the leavers were each presented with a folder by Les Venus, Chairman of the Parent Teacher Association. They contain photographs of the School itself as well as of the year's group. Dr Tucker wished the pupils every success for the future and urged them to continue to aim high in life and to keep in touch with the school.

## PROFICIENT CYCLISTS

After eight weeks of cycling instruction from Heather and Ros, on the 30th June 1997, Tina Jeffries, Lianne Murphy, Roy Kerr, David Rawson, Maurice Laneres and Ben Scraggs took their cycling proficiency written and practical exam. They all successfully passed and were told that they were safe and observant cyclists.

Well done.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Over the past year, 16 boys and girls have worked very hard on their Bronze Award. They have had to complete these different sections of the award and finally go on their expedition.

1. Physical Recreation (for six weeks)
2. Skill (for six months)
3. Service (fifteen hours practical service in the community)
4. Expedition (fifteen miles on foot, camping overnight and cooking)

The expedition took place on the weekend of 27th June 1997 in awful weather conditions but the groups showed teamwork, perseverance and kept their sense of humour! They all were assessed on their awards and successfully passed. They will receive their awards at a presentation being held at Mary Hare in November.

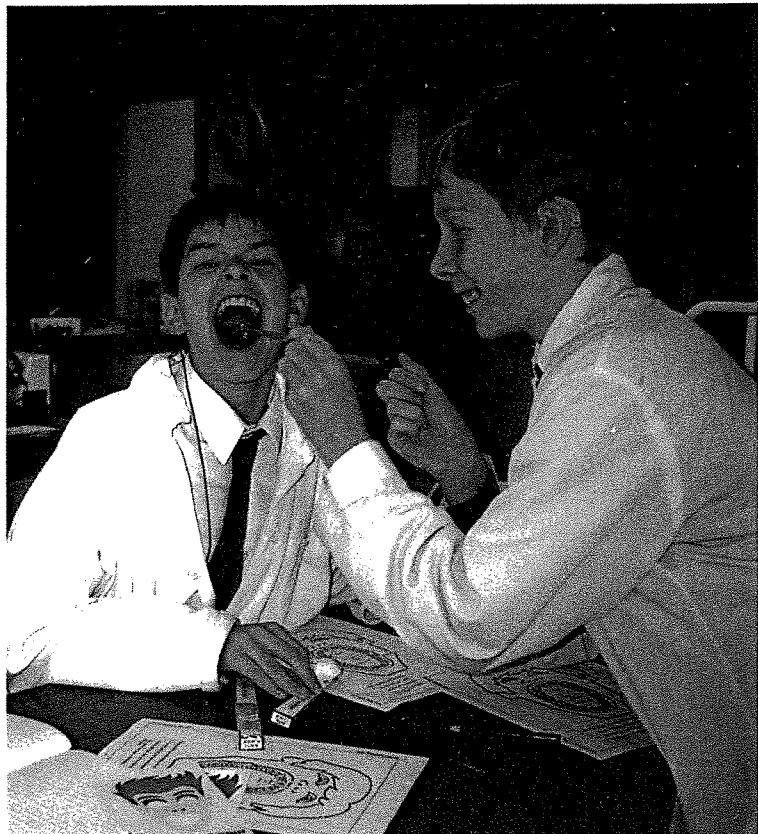
Congratulations to:

Sheeza Ali, Laura Atherton, Bryony Booth, Matthew Fenlon, Jordan Fenlon, Katie Fleming, Kathy Foden, Sarah Gallagher, Nicola Hewish, Anna McCabe, Michael Penfold, Mary-Jayne Russell de Clifford, Matthew Semple, Beth Sewell, Julia Spencer and Debbie Wilkins.

What the pupils said . . .

"The D of E was great fun. I would do it again and again."  
"Thank you for all the work you have done for us." "My favourite bit was the cooking. We cooked pasta and had hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows." "I wouldn't mind doing it again when my legs are better - they ache!"

Enjoying the visit to the dental hygienist, Dominic examines the effect of a disclosing tablet on Oliver's teeth.



## IN ACTION

The Army, Fire Service, Police, Gillette and other companies demonstrated the applications of Science in everyday life to year 10 pupils at a "Chemistry at work" day in Newbury.

Together with the other local schools the pupils smelled perfumes, tested urine and some were even breathalysed (but none failed!).

Thanks to the Education in Business Partnership and The Royal Society of Chemistry.

## NO JOKE

Joining enthusiastically in with Comic Relief the 200 Mary Hare pupils and staff raised over £400.

Activities included red nose cakes, beauty salon makeovers of the sixth form boys (as girls!), guessing the number of sweets in a jar (Reena Guru raised £47) and a fancy dress day for pupils and staff.

Mr Marlow came as Mrs Beckett and Mrs Beckett came as Mr Marlow. Mrs Whitehead, preparing for Glastonbury, came as a hippy and we seemed to have more than one Mr Horrell!

Laurentia Tan charged people to sign her plaster cast. Year 8 girls entertained as the Spice Girls while Mr Chandler, long sporting extravagant sideburns, shaved them off for a large fee.



# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## HAIR RAISING



Hannah Bishop demonstrates the Van der Graff generator (either that or it's a bad hair day!)

## MATTHEW IN TIGHTS

The favourite memory of the Year 9 visit to Bayer's "Science Alive" presentation seems to have been Matthew Powe dressed as Robin Hood with Nora Batty Style green tights!

Other comments included:

"Sir Isaac Newton was very funny."

"They gave us a script because we can't lip read the computer."

"We all loved the trip."

"A lady pretended to be Madam Tusaad and a man Louis (sic) Pasteur and Sir Isaac Newton."

"Sir Isaac Newton was telling us about the force of gravity."

"Einstein was up in space because his girlfriend told him to bog off! He felt lonely and asked for a pizza."

"Louis Pasteur had a moustache, it kept falling off, so he took it off and threw it away."

"I enjoyed it thoroughly."

## POT THE BALLS

This year saw the inaugural 'Mansell House Pool League' with a total of 44 boys entering the hopefully annual competition. All residents of Mansell House were eligible regardless of age.

After the preliminary divisions both Matthew Powe and Oliver Eadsforth were very unlucky not to qualify for the quarter-finals as they had the same number of points as the runners-up in their divisions, with Matthew losing a nail biting end of season crunch match against Ryan Hill. Eventually after many hard fought matches the eight quarter-finalists included - Ryan Hill, Gordon Hay, Steven McMahon, Michael Myerscough, Henry McDougall, Nick Gregory, Stuart Callan and Andy Woolfenden.

As you can see with only two seniors in the quarter-finals age is no barrier in this game. Proof of this was provided by Gordon Hay and Steven McMahon who made it to the final, which was held just before the Easter break.

It was a tense atmosphere that greeted the players when they were introduced to the expectant audience surrounding three-quarters of the table, but I am happy to report that this pressure brought the best out of both players, Steven McMahon producing some excellent long pots and good break building with Gordon showing excellent tactical awareness. There was very little to choose between the two players but ultimately Gordon took the title, with the balls perhaps running slightly in his favour on the night.

Congratulations to Gordon, but also to Steven for his sportsmanship in calling a foul on himself which the referee had missed (OOPS!). I would like to thank everybody who took part and the appreciative audience on the night of the finals for making it a real success.

Good luck next year.

David Gwynn



# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SWAMINARAYAN HINDU MISSION IN NEASDEN

Impressions from Year 9.

"My first impression of the Hindu Temple was that it was huge and it looked beautiful. I was amazed when I saw it, especially when I realised it was made by hand."

"The Temple is where Hindu people pray and is very quiet - we had to take our shoes off to go in."

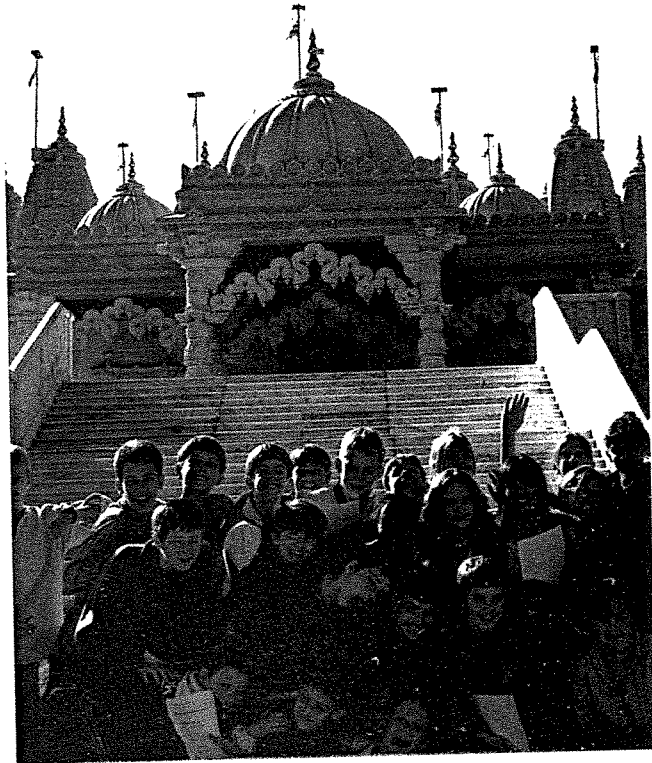
"I enjoyed learning about the Hindu gods and goddesses and the way they respect other people."

and Bethan Stephens wrote a letter of thanks . . .

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to congratulate you on your beautiful temple and to thank you for allowing me to visit it. It is incredible to think that it is built entirely by the worshippers themselves and that no steel or metal is used to hold it in place. The carvings in the wood and marble were especially good, they are works of art and give a touch of holiness about the place. The room where the gods were situated was smaller than I thought and you seem to hold great love for the statues by treating them like real people, as if they were alive by feeding, washing and so on. They were very impressive, swathed in brightly coloured clothes with very peaceful expressions upon their faces. The service of worship was very interesting, as was the exhibition.

I commend you on this lovely, lovely place.



## COMMENDATIONS

The following pupils have been commended this year for their effort and attainment in the housepoint competition:

Sheeza Ali, Graham Beckwith, Bryony Booth, Stuart Callan, Damaris Cooke, Davina Davies, Ben Dobson, Eoghan Fee, Kirsty Graham, Christopher Hamann, Yasir Haniff, Sarah Hill-Tout, Michelle Holder, Trevelyan Nicholas, David Page, Benjamin Palmer, Emma Rawson, Bethan Stephens, Kathy Walker, Alan Wright, Sabira Yameen.

Well done, keep up the good work.

## PEAK FLOW

Sainbury's vouchers came pouring in and Miss Ogg would like to thank everybody who contributed to the grand total of 3,724 vouchers.

This gave the school:

3 CD Roms including a thesaurus and dictionary

a peak flow breath meter (looks like a breathalyser!) for biology

lots of datalogging sensors for Science and Geography.

# THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Tennis

Wet weather, athletics, rounders and cricket have prevented any serious tennis. However, Nicholas Gregory, Isabel Meacher, Mark Gill, Anthony Sinclair, Ryan Hill and Mr Galbraith himself competed in Cardiff over a weekend. It was tremendous fun and everyone did very well. Next year Aaron Miller whose game has really improved, Matthew Powe and Eoghan Fee could enjoy the championships too. We have a lot of promising players at MHGS and in the Autumn term more tennis coaching will be available.

## Rounders

During the Summer term we have regularly fielded rounders teams from all year groups. Out of 17 games, we have won 8 and lost 9. The local opposition has become very strong and many of our games were contested. Many thanks to all the team players. Best hit awarded to Laura Ellison (her only hit of the season!) against St Barts. Best juggling act whilst fielding to Kathy Walker.

## AU REVOIR

We say farewell to some very accomplished athletes who have played for the school. Our best wishes and sincerest thanks to the following:

Richard Dougherty, Bryan Moore, Kavitha Gnanapragasam, Fiona Ng, Colette Hogan, Roanna Simmons, Heather Leam, Lee Stickings.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Sporting activities and housepoints all contribute to the overall house championship.

1996-1997 Champions are Beverley  
Runners up Mary Hare  
3rd Arnold and 4th Braidwood

Well done to all members of Beverley House who contributed to their success.

## SPORTS DAY

Despite cool wet weather Sports Day was once again an enjoyable event and well contested. All senior finals had to be completed before Sports Day due to exam clashes. This meant that more junior events were included in the programme.

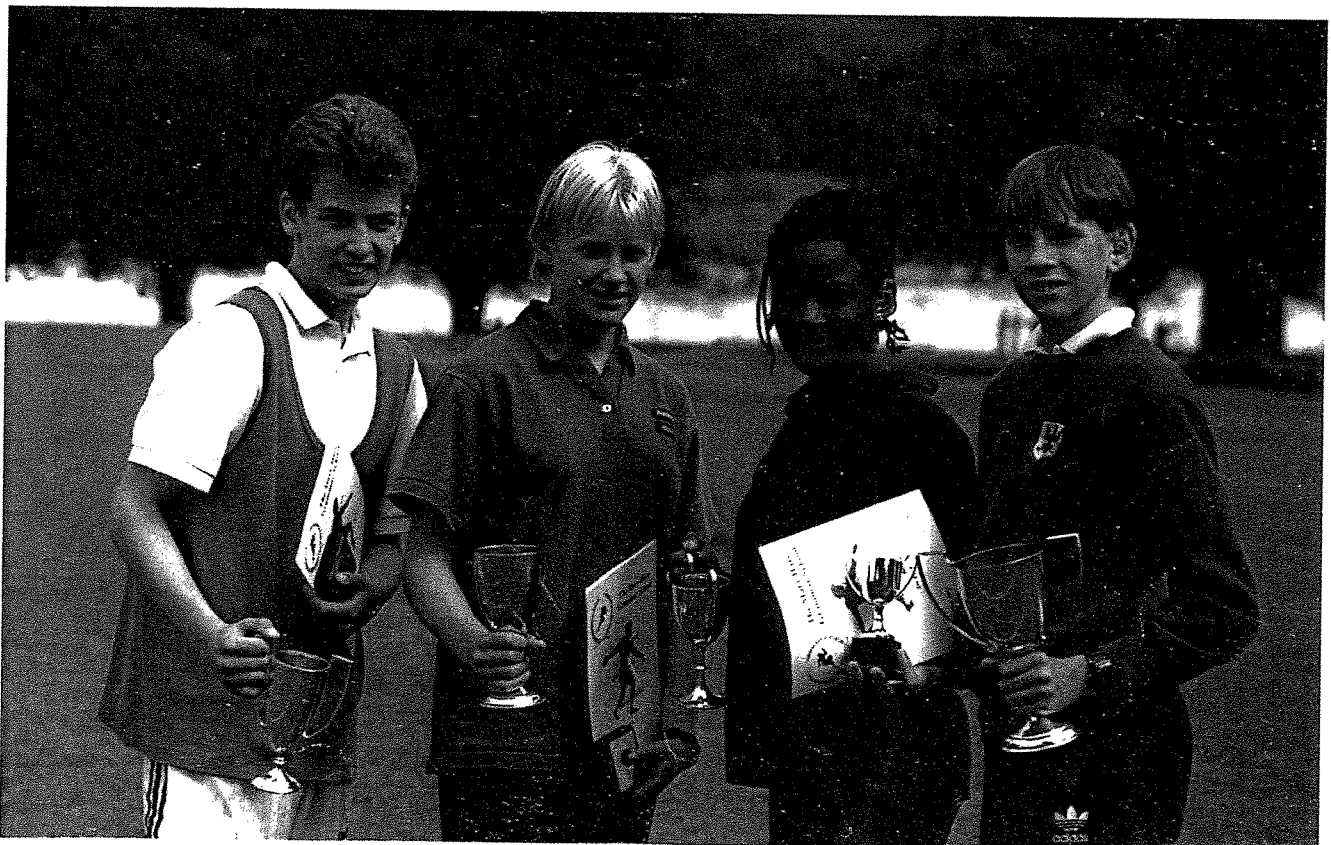
Once again, for the second year running Beverley House were comfortable victors with 470 points, with Mary Hare second on 398, way behind! Where did that leave Arnold and Braidwood?

Individual trophy winners were:

Duncan Rowley - Senior Boys' Champion (Beverley), Yvette Eyo - Senior Girls' Champion (Braidwood), Kathy Walker - Junior Girls' Champion (Mary Hare), Stuart Callan - Junior Boys' Champion (Mary Hare).

Special mention of Bryan Moore who broke the senior boys triple jump record that had stood since 1984 at 12m 71cms. Bryan jumped 13.07 metres, a record that will last quite some time.

Many thanks to all staff and pupils for making this a successful event once again.



## SPORTS NEWS

### FOOTBALLING SUCCESS REWRITES HISTORY BOOKS

Mary Hare XI football team ended their season on a high. After having won the Berks school league with a one point gap in goal difference they went on to overcome a 1-0 deficit in a cup final match to win the South of England Deaf cup.

The team were absolutely delighted having won the two trophies. They had only won two trophies in the past, the British Deaf cup back in 82/83, and the old boarding school league, now obsolete, over twenty years ago. They had been beaten to the title by St. Barts in the last 3 years. Last year came down to a deciding match, which was drawn, making Mary Hare second again. This year, after having beaten Charters, Windsor boys, and Forest, 3-0, 4-0 and 3-0, they did lose against St. Barts. But having scored so many goals, and kept three clean sheets, the 3-1 loss still meant that St. Barts had to go on to their next game to win 4-0 to clinch the title. Fixture arrangements for the final match were confused, the game wasn't played, and St. Barts were awarded a 3-0 win. Much to the relief of the Mary Hare team.

In the SoED cup, they had won the semi-final against Croydon deaf 3-1, and had the final against Brighton deaf on Saturday 19th April. The team left the school with high aspirations, but butterfly tensions were abound. A defender slipped on the ball in the first half led to Brighton going ahead. However their lead was pulled back and despite some uncertainties, the team held on till half-time. After the break of oranges and a good psychological boost from the coach, Chris Gwynn, the team went back on to the pitch to score two more goals, Brighton increased the pressure and Mary Hare conceded another goal but to Brighton's disappoint-

ment, they didn't have the skill or the will to break through for the equaliser. The final score was 3-2. The disbelief on the Mary Hare team's faces, at the thought of such an achievement, was a sight to remember.

Fortunately a party was happening that night and with good reason the majority of the team celebrated their well deserved double.

Sam Seaver (Year 13)

### SUMMER GAMES

The boys from all years have enjoyed some success at cricket this year. The 1st XI managed only two games due to exams, winning one and losing the other. Good knocks from David Marston, Gareth Evans and Peter Moran. Tidy bowling from Hamish Belding and Khuram Saraf.

The U15s and U13s have played Newbury league cricket and showed great improvement. Year 7 have shown promise in games lessons.

U13s played 5 won 2 (Park House and Kennet) lost 3

U15s played 6 won 2 (Kennet and Shaw House) lost 4

There have been several notable performers. Henry McDougall hit 44 against Shaw House. Anthony Sinclair hit 24 against Park House. Matthew Powe and Ryan Hill bowled very well against Park House. Nick Gregory has scored important runs and gets the black-eye of the year award. Trevelyan Nicholas has improved his batting technique. Cricket is enormously popular at the moment. Keep up your interest.

(Sports News continued overleaf)



Editor: Mr. K. Wright

Producer: Mrs. C. Ward