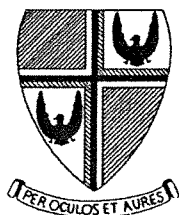


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THE MARY HARE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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SPRINTING OFF TO THE WORLD GAMES

Athletics' successes have been abundant at Mary Hare this year and a full report can be found on the Sports News Sheet, but one student has his sights set on the World Games for the Deaf in Sofia, Bulgaria, this July.

Mark Eminowicz, victor ludorum of our sports day, has been selected to represent Great Britain in the 100m, 200m and 4 x 100m relay. Seventeen year old Mark from Essex, studying A-levels in Physics, Maths and Art, was also runner up in the Berkshire Schools' Championship (under 20) and before the World Games hopes to run in the English Schools' Championship in Blackpool. Good Luck, Mark.



Mark sprints home in the school 100m final

MARY HARE PUPILS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Miss Anita Downey, the examiner for the English Speaking Board, gave us her view after her visit in May . . . "As I came down the M4 to examine at Mary Hare I felt that I would return with much more knowledge gleaned from their E.S.B. projects. This was so and I learnt about a whole host of interesting events in the world. This because the students had researched their projects to produce such splendid talks.

Many of the youngsters were outstanding in their sense of presence, ability to communicate and hold an audience. For most of the talks I was able to forget that their speech could have been affected by their lack of hearing, this was not the case. Lively, animated speech with energetic input and sheer delight in sharing their poems, readings and talks came through; for many to a very high level of attainment.

Thank you students for your input and for providing me with such an enjoyable two days."

Results

Congratulations to these successful pupils:-

Distinction: Yvette Eyo, Jordan Fenlon, Michael Penfold, Henry McDougall, Katherine Roach, Sophie Stone, Ruth Montgomery, Angela Spielsinger.

Credit: Matthew Fenlon, Claire Fox, Danielle Gill, James Logan, Bassim Baz, Hailey Blandford, Katherine Rogers, John Wood, Emma Crowe, Samantha Denton, Deborah Wilkins.

Very Good Pass: Kathy Foden, Chalk Lai Wan, Samantha Caiels, Rachel MacDonald, Robert Childs, Janet Young.

Good Pass: Shana Grummitt, Thomas Beattie, Diane Chawner, Karti Sundaralingham.

Pass: Greg Beedie.

IN THE NEWS

Media Studies pupils prepared and presented a whole page of The Newbury Weekly News at the end of June.

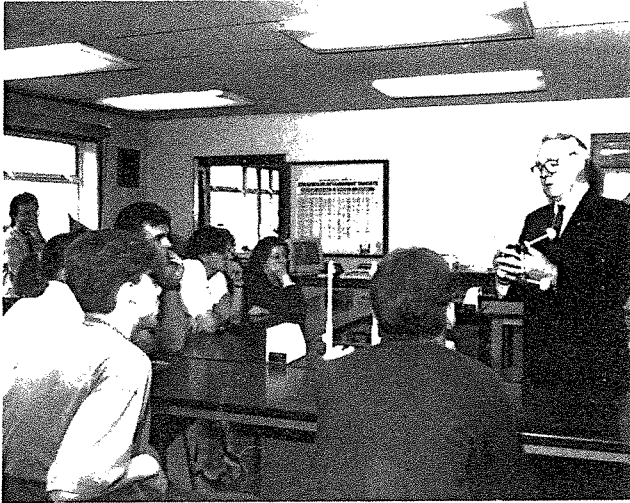
The team of Stephen Dering, Emma Campbell, Lisa Mingay and Roanna Simmons made Mary Hare only the second school to undertake this exciting project.

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NOBEL PRIZEWINNER

Professor Sir John Cornforth stimulated pupils with his enthusiasm for his life work - the study of enzymes. Sir John, now Emeritus Professor at Sussex University, gave a seminar to science sixth formers and also participated in a question and answer session with year 10 students. He won a Nobel prize in 1979 and continues his research with his co-researcher, his wife, who accompanied him at Mary Hare. And, in case you didn't know it, Sir John has been profoundly deaf for over 50 years! There is no limit for hearing-impaired pupils.

Sir John illustrates enzyme structures to sixth form students.



MARY HARE VISITS MARY ROSE

The historians have been out and about with visits for year 7 to the Roman palace at Fishbourne and the Weald and Downland Museum, for year 8 to the Mary Rose in Portsmouth and for year 9 to the Imperial War Museum.

V.I.P. VISITORS

During the Newbury By-election campaign, David Rendel, the new Liberal Democrat M.P. for Newbury and Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat M.P. for Bath and education spokesman, visited the Mary Hare to have a look around. Year 10 pupil, Stephen Dering, the Young Liberal Democrat chairman for Woking, was interviewed with Don Foster, for the local T.V. station, explaining why people should not vote Tory . . . Will Stephen be an M.P. one day?! We also had a visit from the Conservative candidate, Mr. Julian Davidson, accompanied by Lord Archer and Gerry Malone, M.P.

BIG GAP

Former Mary Hare student, Yvonne Momber, is the first deaf student on the GAP Scheme and is flying off to America to work with elderly people for sixth months.

Currently studying for a B.TEC National Diploma at Brooklands College, Weybridge, Yvonne has to raise £1,500 towards her costs. She has been accepted to take an H.N.D. when she returns.

STRANGER DANGER

Congratulations to Kate Stevenson of year 8 for her success in the poster competition organised by the Burnley Express and News. Kate won the overall prize as well as her age group and was given £50 in vouchers and £60 in cash by the sponsors, Charles Young.

GOOD EGGS

The science department organised an egg race (i.e. a problem solving evening) in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Engineers Scheme in late June.

Four house teams of mixed ages and sex, together with an Engineer, were given one hour to solve a simple technological problem. Mr. Nick Furr (Thames Water) adjudicated, while Mr. Colin Hutcheson (A.W.E.), Mr. Julian Harris (A.W.E.), Ms. Jennifer Leonard (Environmental Resources Management) and Mr. Greg Smith (Alexander Gibb) joined the teams.

Braidwood most successfully solved the task while Arnold were awarded the team prize.

Thanks to Thames Water for sponsoring the evening.

QWERTY STRIKES AGAIN

Congratulations to the following year 9 typists for passing their Pitman Elementary examination:-

First Class: Sam Seaver, Tom Wilson.

Pass: Kavita Sharma, Laurentia Tan, Katrina Tobin, Nadia Nadarajah, Sarah Gowdy, Lee Stickings.

ON THE AIRWAVES

Year 9 pupils, Jamie McAlley and James May, have now successfully passed their amateur radio licence exams (City & Guilds). They have been allocated call numbers and can now contact other radio hams all over the world. Well done, boys.

Many thanks to Mr. Vaslet for his support, teaching and guidance in this venture.



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STRIKE!

What haven't Mary Hare won this year? The area 10 pin bowling tournament at the Lakeside Superbowl, Thatcham, was won by a Mary Hare team with Suzy Rodaway top scorer. John Boyd says they were "bowled over by their victory".

HIT FOR SIX

Year 10 pupils from Mary Hare Grammar School were just finishing their meal in McDonald's last Monday evening when in walked the entire Australian cricket squad.

"At first we thought it was a junior team," said teacher, Mr. Marlow, "because they looked so young! But when Allan Border, David Boon and Merv Hughes came in, we realised it was really them."

The players were a little disappointed at only drawing with Hampshire, but they still cheerfully signed autographs for the pupils. Opener Matthew Hayden said that despite their easy victories in the first two tests they would be taking nothing for granted in the final four matches.

THE SECRET DIARY OF A GEOGRAPHY STUDENT (aged about 15)

Saturday

7 a.m. - Woken up by Dr. Rocca then into cold showers.

7.30 a.m. - Work (no brekki!)

8ish - Brekki - a choice of cooked or continental.

8.30 a.m. - Work again! We walked down to Swanage with half a forest of paper, and we had to draw a map, and ask the poor, long suffering residents questions - to them, we were just another bunch of students!

Mid-day - we had some chips - to put Bobby in a good mood! We struggled, getting back uphill, to the Youth Hostel. (Naturally, Miss Ogg and Dr. Rocca were last!)

Afternoon - after hopping into the minibus, we went to a country park, and took a walk round. Sounds easy, but we took in the whole world, literally!

6 p.m. - Back home for supper.

6.30ish - Work (not again surely?!)

10.30 p.m. - Finish classroom work.

11 p.m. - Lights out - boys tucked in by Dr. Rocca, girls by Miss Ogg.

11.01 p.m. - Heads hit the pillow.

(Stephen Dering)

Quotes of the Trip

"Who snores during the night?" Dr. Rocca.

"Everytime we went for a walk, it rained" Stephen Dering.

"I love Geography, more than Liverpool" Bobby Rogers singing in the shower (I don't believe this one - Editor).

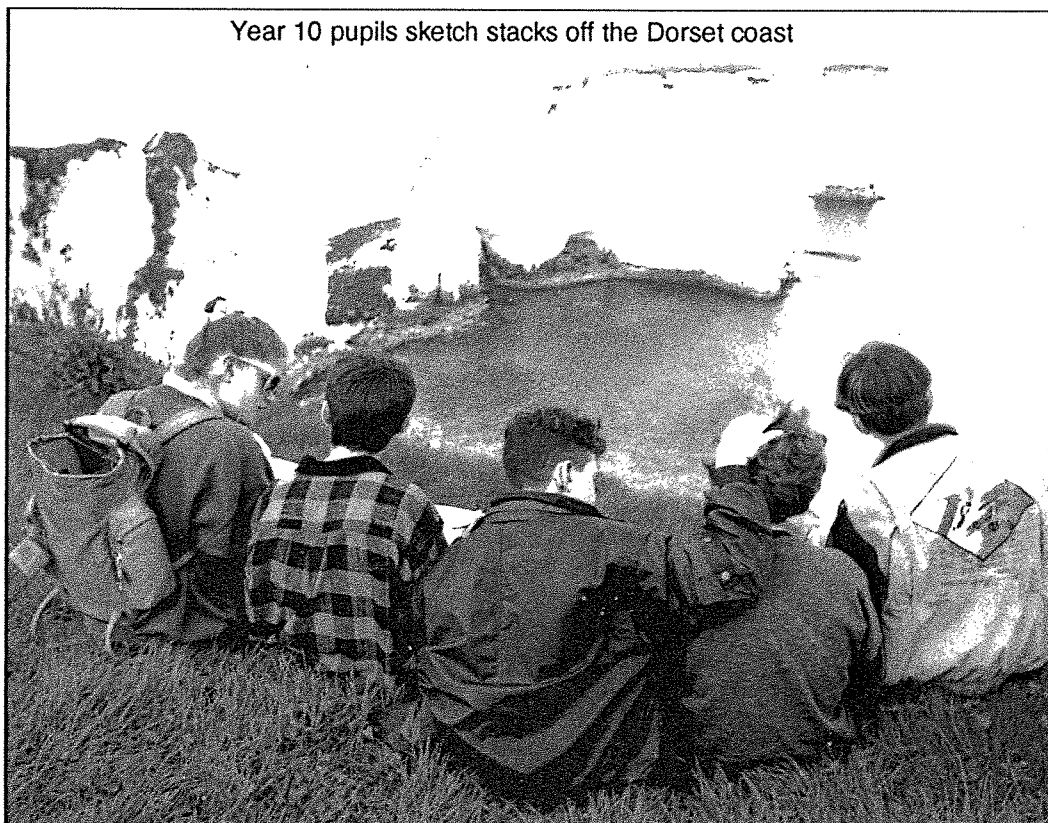
"Let's chat up those girls" Justin Smith.

"Hard work, but fun" Bryan Moore.

. . . and a serious report from Justin Smith . . .

"The Youth Hostel was very good and had stylish bedrooms. The work we do in school is interesting but on the field trip it becomes TWICE as interesting and all the things you've been taught come to life! We saw erosion, deposition, meanders etc."

Year 10 pupils sketch stacks off the Dorset coast



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BIG DIVIDEND

The shareholders of the Young Enterprise Company selling cassette tapes were rewarded with a massive £1.92 dividend on each £1 invested. This was probably the most successful company of the past few years - well done.

UP IN THE AIR

Balloon competition winners:-

Overall: Sarah Gillatt - £20 Lloyds Bank Account

Model Section: Russell Cooke - £10 Lloyds Bank Account

Poem Section: Nicky Cutajar - £10 Lloyds Bank Account

All entrants also received a 35mm camera.

Thanks to Lloyds Bank for sponsoring this event.

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

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After their successful trip to Scotland for the N.A.G. Conference, the band have continued a busy schedule of performances and are increasingly being invited to appear at local functions. Hungerford Methodist Church celebrated its one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary including the Mary Hare band in the festivities. Highlights included flute solos from Beth Colwill and Michelle Hall.

The band has also performed twice in Burghclere. Once in the church as part of the Festival of Youth and also in the Midsummer Youth Concert on the same programme as the Hampshire County Youth Band. The latter concert being in the open air.

The musicians seem to feature highly on T.V. and recently Meridian, based in Newbury, broadcast a feature on the band, together with Evelyn Glennie.

SWINGING WITH THE BAND AND FRIENDS

The feet were set tapping to songs and melodies from a bygone age last Saturday at the Mary Hare summer soiree. A packed hall danced to the sounds of the school band, augmented by tutors and friends of the school, as they played through old favourites, including 'The Charleston', 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Call' and 'It Don't Mean A Thing If You Ain't Got That Swing'. Year 10 student, Jamie Wilson, delighted the audience with his trumpet solo in 'Cherry Pink' and the other solos included Sam Pitts on bass guitar.

Crooner Mr. Savoury, an English teacher by day, provided the polished vocals and dapper Mr. Marlow, also a teacher at the school, maintained quick witted patter as he ad-libbed links between items. Additional humour came from pupil Tom Wilson's recitations from Ogden Nash.

The first half included sketches by forms from year 8 and 9 and solo musical features were a flute solo by Michelle Hall, a violin solo from Natalie Smith and 'Blue Moon' sung by Katrina Tobin.

The Junior Band, comprising of pupils up to year 9, despite a nervous start, showed great promise with the popular Glenn Miller numbers 'Little Brown Jug' and 'American Patrol'. The interval followed a lively excerpt from 'Bugsy Malone', acted and danced entirely by year 7 pupils.

A scene from 'Bugsy Malone'



The corridors of the school were packed with artwork by pupils. The members of the audience, as they partook of light refreshments, were highly impressed by the power and emotions expressed through the different media employed. Portfolios included G.C.S.E. projects and A-level studies.

Although a very hot evening in the hall the audience were eagerly awaiting the second half and were not disappointed. Cerebral palsy and hearing-impairment are no barrier to a determined musician as Laurentia Tan proved with her playing of 'Swanee' at the electric keyboard. This was followed by Sam Seaver on piano, Beth Colwill on flute and a duet with ten year-old Claire Shaw, daughter of the Vice Principal, Mr. Shaw, and her flute tutor, Alison Pickering.

The Senior Band concluded the music with a further swinging set from the dance band days and musical director, Mrs. Rocca, paid tribute to all her musicians, but especially 18 year-old Melanie Pitts, who is leaving this year. Mrs. Rocca also referred to next summer's exciting trip to Australia, for which funds are being raised and sponsorship sought.

As the appreciative parents, staff and friends made their way home they clutched the outstanding programme designed by Art A-level student, Mark Eminowicz. It showed caricatures of the band members and provides a reminder of the most enjoyable evening, given by the hearing-impaired students at Britain's foremost school for deaf children.

Music Director, Mrs. Rocca, thanks the parents and staff for their support during the year and we, in turn, must thank her and the staff of the Art, Drama and Dance departments for the dedication required to maintain such standards.

GOODBYE - SEE YOU SOON

A special word of thanks to the longest serving member of the band, Melanie Pitts. As she leaves for pastures new, clarinet playing Mel has travelled many miles (including to the States), and practised many hours for music events, showing quite outstanding service. Her commitment and self-effacing attitude are an example for youngsters to follow. She will return next year as a guest to support the band on their Australian tour.

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SPORTS NEWS

Athletics' Champions

As a result of great success in the Newbury Schools' Championship twenty Mary Hare pupils were selected to represent Newbury Schools in the County Athletics' Championship.

Newbury Schools' Team Results for Mary Hare:

- U17 Girls 1st (in their section)
- U20 Girls 2nd
- U20 Boys 3rd
- U17 Boys 7th
- U15 Boys 8th
- U15 Girls 12th

Individual Results after the County Championship

(key = name, age group/event/position in Newbury/position in County)

Heather Ferguson	(U20/SHOT/1st/1st).
Marcella Stratton	(U17/LONG JUMP/1st/-), (U17/100m/1st/2nd), (U17/RELAY/1st/2nd).
Samantha Pitts	(U20/100m/3rd/-), (U20/SHOT/2nd/2nd), (U20/RELAY/2nd/2nd).
Rebecah Taylor	(U17/SHOT/2nd/1st).
Tanya Spalton	(U20/400m/2nd/-), (U20/RELAY/2nd/-).
Sarah Herriott	(U20/200m/2nd/2nd), (U20/RELAY/2nd/1st), (U20/JAVELIN/3rd/-).
Corinna Simmons	(U20/JAVELIN/2nd/-), (U20/100m/2nd/-), (U20/RELAY/2nd/1st).
Lisa Mingay	(U17/HIGH JUMP/1st/-), (U17/100m/2nd/3rd), (U17/RELAY/1st/2nd).
Sara Tyacke	(U17,300m/3rd/-), (U17/RELAY/1st/2nd).
Roanna Simmons	(U17/200m/3rd/-), (U17/RELAY/1st/2nd).
Colette Hogan	(U17/HURDLES/4th/3rd).
Barry Campbell	(U20/400m/1st/-).
Robin McMeekin	(U17/JAVELIN/1st/-).
Simon Bull	(U20/HURDLES/1st/-).
Mark Eminowicz	(U20/100m/1st/2nd), (U20/RELAY/1st/1st).
Adrian Cox	(U20/100m/2nd/-), (U20/RELAY/1st/1st).
Alex Hurley	(U20/RELAY/1st/1st).
Matthew Hearn	(U15/LONG JUMP/2nd/3rd), (U15/RELAY/3rd/-).
Alistair Dalziel, Duncan Rowley, Richard Dougherty:	(U15/RELAY/3rd/-).
Barry Winslade	(U17/JAVELIN/3rd/-).
John Cassidy	(U20/200m/3rd/-), (U20/RELAY/1st/1st).

In the County event the Newbury School Team was victorious and, as Mary Hare supplied the greatest contingent, our school athletes brought home the County shield.

AND THE STORY CONTINUES

In the Area Relay competitions the athletes carried off more silverware:

U13 girls (Diane Chawner, Danielle Gill, Yvette Eyo & Claire Fox) won the 4 x 100m.

U15 boys (Alistair Dalziel, Duncan Rowley, Richard Dougherty, Matthew Hearn) won the medley relay.

U17 boys (Alex Hurley, Paul Neal, Neil Fox, Sholto Alexander) won the continental relay, and . . . the under 20 boys were just pipped at the post in their event to be denied first place in a thrilling race.

Congratulations to all the above athletes. You are a credit to the school and your teachers.

Sports Day House Results

1st Mary Hare	497 points
2nd Arnold	432 points
3rd Braidwood	415 points
4th Beverley	412 points

Victor Ludorum:	Mark Eminowicz
Victrix Ludorum:	Marcella Stratton
Junior Victor:	Richard Dougherty
Junior Victrix:	Nadia Nadarajah



Mark Eminowicz and Marcella Stratton

HIGHLAND GAMES

Robert Rattray achieved several excellent individual results in the Scottish Deaf Athletics Championship with victory in the under 18 100m and 200m. He also came 2nd in the 60m hurdles. Well done, Robert.

Bat and ball

Two teams were entered in the local schools' league: the U13's and the U15's. To date the U15's have won 2 of their 4 matches so far played whilst the U13's have been beaten in both games. Despite this the juniors show promise and much enthusiasm. The U17's are well captained by Khuram Saraf and Henry McDougall has shown promise as a budding all-round cricketer.