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A WORD FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Writing for this edition of the Shebbearian has been a moving experience because, as I write, I am preparing to move to pastures new.

I have had a wonderful time serving Shebbear College as Chaplain and will, I am sure, always look back fondly on this chapter of my life and work. I am very grateful to everyone – staff, students and the wider families – who have all contributed to making my time so enjoyable.

As I have said to each new generation of leavers at Shebbear College over the last few years, times of ‘goodbye’ are inevitably filled with mixed emotions. The excitement of the new opportunities that lie ahead is tinged by the sadness of what will be left behind.

It can feel as if a tug of war is being fought within us!

A tug of war often seems to be an apt illustration. It is fought over a rope and it is difficult to tell where a rope begins and where it ends: which ‘end’ is truly the end and which is the beginning?

That’s the point!

Ends are the same as beginnings and beginnings are the same as endings. They are always mingled together in our daily experience.

As Chaplain, I have the privilege of speaking of One who, in the Bible, is called ‘the Beginning and the End’ and who has promised to be with us in all our beginnings and in all our endings.

As I prepare to leave Shebbear College, I’m reminded of an ancient account of another goodbye, when the apostle Paul said goodbye to the church leaders in Ephesus. He had spent three years living amongst them and the time had finally come when he must say goodbye. In his farewell speech, he looked, as it were, in three different directions.

Looking back, he spoke with thankfulness of the life they had shared together and all that had happened.

Looking forward, he spoke with excitement and anticipation – and with some reservation – of all that lay ahead both for the people he was leaving behind as well as for himself. Having looked back and looked forward, finally he looked upwards and spoke with confidence about the God who would remain behind with, and care for, the people he was

leaving, but would also travel onwards with him, the God who has promised never to leave His people.

The account can be found in the Bible, Acts 20.

Whenever we face times of goodbye, I hope we will always be able to look back with thankfulness and forwards with excitement. Perhaps we will also find confidence in the God who has promised to be with us always.

It is worth remembering that the word ‘goodbye’ originally came from the phrase ‘God be with you’.

The time has come when I say to all at Shebbear, ‘Goodbye and God be with you’. Hopefully I am also able to add, ‘... until we meet again’.

As Paul said goodbye and the people accompanied him to his ship, they knelt on the seashore and prayed together. I will be delighted to continue to pray for Shebbear College and for Shebbearians past and present. If you pray, perhaps you would kindly remember me in your prayers from time to time.

With gratitude for the past and very best wishes to all for the future,

The Reverend David A. Hull



The Reverend David A. Hull left Shebbear College at the end of the Spring Term, 2012, to take up a new appointment as Head of Boarding and Housemaster at King’s College School, Cambridge, where he has responsibility for the world-famous King’s Choristers.

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Flute	Mrs. Mel Orriss	Percussion	Mr. John McAvoy
Clarinet and saxophone	Mrs. P. Beechey	Piano	Mrs. Angela Morphy
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Guitar	Mr. Alex Duncan	Guitar and Singing	Mrs. Lydia Duncan

HEADMASTER'S SPEECH

FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2012



Mr Chairman, Mr Brent, Honoured Guests, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.

I am extremely proud and privileged to be able to deliver my 10th Speech Day address.

I am not usually lost for things to say, but I must admit that I have had some difficulties thinking how to start and pitch this speech and so, searching for inspiration, I sought council from my fellow headmasters and was offered plenty of advice.

Start with a random joke was the suggestion from the headmaster of a school in Taunton ...

A man takes his alsatian to the vet. "My dog is cross eyed" he says. "Well," says the vet, "let us take a look at him."

He picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth.

Finally he says, "I am going to have to put him down."

"What, because he is cross eyed?"

"No, because he's very heavy."

Another advised I start with an anecdote about the most famous or infamous former pupil, but I can't do this because Mr Bird is sitting on the stage next to me. I'll let you decide to which category he belongs.

Some encouraged me to recount true stories from exam scripts; I was offered:

"JS Bach wrote a great many compositions and had a large number of children. In between he practised on an old spinster he kept in the attic."

I quite like:

"Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving advice. He died of an overdose of wedlock."

Yet others suggested I speak of the advice given to the head by others.

When I became headmaster, I was given all sorts of advice, but I clearly remember the following:

"Never make a decision in a corridor"

- this was helpful but unfortunately it was ten minutes too late.

"Beware the first five members of staff who enter your study smiling."

But the most important piece was:

"A good speech is about the pupils and about five minutes long."

- at least you get one out of two.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate all our prize winners as well as every pupil who performed to the best of their ability in 2011/12.

I'd like today's celebration of achievement to also serve as an opportunity for inspiration, especially to those pupils who may have resigned themselves to a "prize-less" level of performance.

It would be a mistake to see events like this one as a celebration **only** of the top achievers and award

recipients. Today is very much about every pupil taking stock of the results of his or her labour, attitude and motivation.

All pupils here need to be asking themselves about the way forward. All should see themselves as possessing the potential and the opportunity to be the recipient of future awards. I very much see today as a time of affirmation and the seeking of inspiration. It is about the future as much as it is an acknowledgement of the past.

But most importantly, it is about the present and the power that each of us has to **create** new possibilities from this moment forward.

The formula for achievement in this modern world, we are told, often relies on commitment to and perseverance with the task. I don't disagree - I am a passionate supporter of hard work **but** there needs to be more.

I believe that making the right choice starts the race. We make choices all the time, from the moment we wake up until we go to bed: many we make without any real thought yet it is important to acknowledge that the choices we make can bring us closer to or take us further away from our dreams, or our goals.

Actions do not merely need to be habit, routine, ritual or whatever the herd decides, they should involve choice.

Choice is a powerful tool that, when used with consciousness, opens up opportunities that were going to happen.

The clever student is the one who consciously makes clever choices. Coupled with choice is the idea of goal setting - once a course of



action is decided, how to implement progress.

Goal setting, as frequently stressed in school, is a powerful tool that facilitates the achievement of our dreams. It helps us to focus our attention, to organize our time and to use our resources wisely.

At Shebbear we believe a crucial element to effective goal-setting is creating goals based on values.

This means adopting a broader view of achievement. Ultimately, what is my life about? What are the values I live by that inform my goals, my choices, my actions?

We believe that when goals are based on good values then there will be an overall improvement in all aspects of our lives and strongly recognise that the character of one's community is determined by the values of its members.

Yet to be truly successful in education and later in life you need a final ingredient. **Passion.**

When we experience ourselves as successful: that is, achieving what we've set out to achieve, we start to enjoy our success and the striving becomes fun.

The opposite is also true: when we strive for what we enjoy, we have fun as we learn and success follows.

When we use our skills and talents to do something meaningful and significant in our lives, we develop passion.

Being passionate is also a choice. It is the choice we make to bring enthusiasm, commitment and enjoyment to those value-based goals we have set.

When we are passionate:

We do things to the best of our ability.

We do more than what is required.

We are positive and enthusiastic.

We inspire others by our example.

I believe a good education, a Shebbear education instils within each of its pupils a desire to make the right choice – to set goals that are underpinned by values and to be passionate in all that they pursue.

This is surely epitomised by today's occasion.

Indeed 2011/12 has been a startlingly good year for Shebbear. Whether in the academic and intellectual sphere; in the creative and performing arts, or in sport and outdoor education, or in our array of charitable activities there has been much for which we should be proud.

It has been a year of conspicuous success culminating in a first class ISI inspection report. Above all else, the report highlighted, and I quote in case you have not found time to read it:

"The personal development of pupils throughout the school is excellent and is supported by high standards of pastoral care. Pupils develop excellent social skills and, in accordance with the school's aims, are tolerant of difference, well-mannered and respectful of others."

I would argue strongly that nothing else is of greater importance than this.

Here are a few more extracts from the report:

"Excellent understanding of what

is acceptable and morally right is demonstrated by pupils in the way they interact with each other. Respect for all members of the school is manifest in the pupils' conduct and behaviour which is exemplary in all age groups."

"The excellent experience of boarding and the high level of care boarders receive strongly promote their personal development and they show strong levels of confidence, self-reliance and integrity."

"The excellent extra-curricular activities programme includes clubs for sport, artistic performance and participation in national schemes."

The report did include some minor criticism, which we have already begun to address, but the overriding message is that this is an excellent school and that we turn out well rounded, well educated, confident and unpretentious young men and women who will be able to make a substantial contribution to society during their adult lives and we can all take considerable pleasure in the that.

And so to my summary of the past year.

In the academic and intellectual side of life, the publication of some very pleasing public exam results was a terrific boost at the start of the new academic year.

At A-Level the pass rate was pleasingly high at 96% with 55% such passes at grades A or B.

Our Year 11 pupils did exceptionally well. 96% gained 5 or more GCSEs at A* to C grades.

This is some 11% up on last year and our highest for some ten years. Congratulations.

We had a number of notable successes this year at national and local level.

These include retaining our title as the Devon Senior Champions in the UK Math Team Challenge, achieving medals at Gold, Silver and Bronze for many pupils in the Mathematics Challenge Competition and scooping high awards, prizes and medals in the Maths Olympiad.

Sam Cappleman- Lynes became the top math student in England. Sam has been offered a place at Trinity College, Cambridge and as I speak is representing the Great Britain Math Team in Argentina at the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Theo Slade and Ollie Wise became Devon Chess champions at different age groups. Theo, of Junior 6, is ranked number 2 in England and has national representative honours.

Other notable successes have been:

Our Bio Diesel production company Viridian Fuels being awarded the North Devon Manufacturers' Environmental Project Award.

Emily Neal winning a 20th Century Fox competition to design a mural to be shown at the premiere of Tim Burton's new film "Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter" - you can see the art work online.

Whilst nobody would deny that academic results matter, too many commentators fail to recognise that education is not defined simply in terms of examination grades and that the best examination system is one that matters less than the education it seeks to measure, not more.

Once you have left school few outside academia want to know what grades you obtained at A level ...

what is of more concern is your capacity to think broadly and intelligently together with qualities of motivation, application, commitment, sensitivity, creativity and enterprise

... talents which cannot easily be assessed in the examination room.

So it is essential that our excellence in academic study is complemented by an extensive range of extracurricular activities guided by a broader vision of education.

Drama and Music have continued to flourish. We have enjoyed some varied and increasingly well attended concerts, not least the Festive Flutes in the Autumn, the Senior Choir's performance of Benjamin Britten's 'St Nicholas' with the Holsworthy Festival Chorus and the Winter, Spring and Summer concerts.

These, coupled with memorable evenings such as that provided by the Junior School concert, Voces8, our participation in the North Devon Arts Festival, and the Gig Night reinforce the steady enhancement of Shebbear's musical reputation.

Indeed we now have 16 performers at grade 5 and above. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Parker and the peripatetic staff for all their hard work.

Some of our musicians are going to entertain us right now.

The first performance is a duet by Catherine Kotarski and Emma Dixon who won 'Sheb's Got Talent'.

The second performance is from Ezmay Jopling, singing her own composition.

This year we have been highly entertained by some impressive drama and such nights are a

wonderful showcase for the vast talent we have amongst our pupils. They have provided great opportunities for pupils to increase their confidence and I am proud of all that they have achieved.



Above: Emma Dixon and Catherine Kotarski performing Simon and Garfunkel's 'The Boxer'.



Left: Ezmay Jopling performing one of her own musical compositions.

I have delighted in the recent Junior School production of "The Rocky Monster Show" (below), the senior production of "Macbeth" and the less intellectual 6th Form Pantomime.



Of particular note is Ollie Crowhust who after performing as "Fat Sam" in Bugsy Malone in Tavistock was invited to perform with English Touring Opera, touring Devon and Cornwall and who has subsequently

been offered a role in a film called "Tin" - well done Ollie.

Matthew Prowse likewise is recognised for achieving the prestigious LAMDA Gold Award for acting.

Sport continues to be an important factor in our school life and this year has produced many memorable team and individual performances.

Individual recognition goes to Dan Buckland, Josh Bickley and Bailey Ward for being selected to represent Devon at rugby;

to Grace Beal for achieving netball honours at South West Division level;

to Anna Cherrington and Carl Stanbury for representing Devon at cricket;

to Harriet-Leigh Squire for representing Devon in athletics;

to Anthony McGeorge for being the Devon Boys Golf Champion;

and to Harry Greaves for being part of the Devon and Cornwall team that won their class at the Royal Windsor Horse Championships.

Mention should also be made of Oliver Dallyn who represented the South West at this year's National Tetrathlon Championships where he came third in the country.

Team highlights include the U13 Girls who won the North Devon Hockey Tournament and had an unbeaten season at netball, including winning the Junior Okehampton Netball League. They are now preparing for the forthcoming Barbados/St Lucia tour at Easter.

The U15 boys rugby team had a particularly strong season winning all but two out of their eleven fixtures, including home and away victories over local rivals West Buckland, Kingsley and Kelly College.

The Junior School U11 Girls' Football team were crowned winners of the South West Independent Schools Trophy in Taunton. An excellent result followed up by winning our own Primary School Championship.

Mention must also be made of our 3 Ten Tors teams who successfully completed the 35, 45 and 55 mile routes within 36 hours with no drop outs - a really superb achievement.

We are going to have another interlude at this point - we have two further performances, the first by the Junior Strings followed by a song from the recent Junior School production.



Above: Junior School pupils perform a piece from their "Rocky Monster Show."

Despite the ongoing economic adversity, pupils and you the parents have continued to support our charity work and have dug deeply into your pockets, and nearly £10,000 has been raised this year for various charities, at home and abroad.

This has been achieved through events such as the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Children in Need Day, the 10k Run, the Spring Fete, Run, Row, Ride to Ireland and back, the Charity Golf Day and the Spellathon.

A vast array of events has likewise been organised to help fundraise for our next trip to Uganda.

Linked with our service to charity

is our involvement in the Methodist World AIMS scheme.

This encourages Methodist schools to actively involve themselves in being aware of the wider world, balancing our privilege with compassion and action for those less fortunate.

Overseen by Mrs Fran Lovett and aided by Mr Miles Rogers, pupils have been representatives at the Model United Nations Conference in Taunton, the Global Student Forum in London, the World Aims Weekend in Hastings and the Methodist Schools' Conference in Tunbridge Wells.

Further to these assemblies is the Eco-Schools group success in achieving the coveted Green Flag Award whilst the Fair Trade Group sustains its position in the top 200 vendors within the UK.

As I come towards the end of my speech there are a number thank-yous ...

I would like to say thank you to the Friends of Shebbear College. The Friends do an enormous amount of work for the benefit of the boys and girls in the school and greatly add to the social side of community life.

The Friends have funded a range of projects this year, all aimed at providing valuable resources to pupils across all areas of the college.

I am also grateful to the Old Shebbearians whose generous support for the school is helping with a refurbishment of the Memorial Hall lighting, the provision of a number of sports team kits, some of today's prizes and a scholarship.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay my respects to Mr David Haley, a long serving Old Shebbearian, Governor and former

Secretary of the OSA who passed away this year after a period of illness.

David was a passionate supporter of the college; he gave unstintingly of his time to ensure that the College he so loved continues to thrive and prosper.

Those who were fortunate enough to know David, without exception, would claim to be the better for his friendship and advice. He will be much missed.

A special thanks go to my colleagues who, each day, put our young people at the core of school life. It really is a common room that promotes our shared values of nurturing the individual, serving our local and global community and encouraging lifelong learning.

You are at the very heart of the successes of our young people;

you facilitate, inspire, encourage, motivate, enthuse and empower – you help define who and what we are as a school – namely a caring community and a centre of excellence.

On a personal note I would like to acknowledge the great support I receive on a day to day basis from Sarah Lindley, my PA - thank you, Sarah.

I would like to thank Annie Farrell, our Deputy Head, Eleanor Bearpark, Brad Horn, Lin Quirk and Bev Harman, the SMT, on completion of a highly successful year.

The final section of my report relates to staffing.

Several members of staff leave the school this year.

Miss Christina Mann leaves her post

as Humanities teacher to take another role at King's Taunton.

Ms Marine Hily and Mr David Jorgensen depart from the Modern Foreign Language department; Ms Hily goes to Switzerland whilst Mr Jorgensen is pursuing a number of possibilities.

Whilst all have been in post for less than 3 years the impact of their departure is not to be underestimated – all have contributed much both in and outside of the classroom and will be missed next year.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Angie Lofthouse and Mrs Sue Burberry;

Angie is stepping down from her role as our assistant Art teacher and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Sue, a classroom assistant and a valued member of our Learning Support department leaves after several years service to the College.

Thank you to both.

Last, but by no means least, we say farewell to Head of the Junior School, Mr Bev Harman. Bev started at Shebbear in 1998 and took over the post of Head in 2000.

He has had an enormous impact on the development of our school. His warm character, his focus on putting the children first on every occasion, his cheeky sharp wit and cooking skills will all be missed next year.

As a colleague, he has been a joy to work with and as a friend always supportive and ever present. Bev, thank you for all that you have done for the college, the parents, but most of all for the children that have passed through your care during the past 14 years.

In closing, I refer back to my earlier reference to Choice, Goals and Passion and I would like to quote Edgar Albert Guest:

“You are the fellow who has to decide.

Whether you’ll do it or toss it aside;

You are the person who makes up your mind.

Whether you’ll lead or will linger behind.

Whether you’ll try for the goal that’s afar.

Or just be contented to stay where you are.”

Thank you for listening.



SPEECH DAY

FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2012



PRIZES & DONORS

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the sources from which the Prize Fund is maintained and honour the names which are recorded in the bequests.

MEMORIALS TO:

James Thorne
Thomas Braund and
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The Colin Ley Art Prizes
The F.T.B. Lawson Prizes
The Westcott Prize for Drama
The John Blainey
Computing Prize
The Marcus Godfrey Stone
Junior School Prize

Junior School Prizes:

Academic Year Prize:

Junior 3: Bridget Astley
Junior 4: Matthew Honey
Junior 5: Connie Gillies
Junior 6: Theo Slade

Progress Prize:

Niamh Short
Eliza Banbury
William Harding
James Edge

Junior School Sportsperson:

Stuart Williams

The Arts:

Eddie Jones

Modern Foreign Languages:

Hannah Beglin

Marcus Godfrey Stone Prize:

Chompoo Thompson

Leslie Clark Prize:

Tara Twomey

Senior School Prizes:

Form 1 Academic Prize:

Theo Crookes

Form 1 Progress Prize:

Liam Landymore

Form 2 Academic Prize:

Connie Bromhead

Form 2 Progress Prize:

Florence Sabin

Form 3 Academic Prize:

Angus Crookes

Form 3 Progress Prize:

Albert Laurence

Lower School Learning Support Prize:

Liam Landymore

Form 4 Academic Prizes:

Mathematics:

Jack Honey

English/French:

Emilio Aliberti

Science:

Thomas Hill

Aesthetic/Creative:

Sam Westlake

Technology:

Emilio Aliberti

Progress Prize:

Christopher Wilson

Middle School Learning Support Prize:

Joshua Bickley

Form 5:

Academic Excellence:

Ellen Chamberlain, Harry Chibbett,
William Collins, Cameron Burnett and
Tobias Stock

The Robinson's Cup for *Geography Coursework:*

Ellen Chamberlain

English as a Second Language Prize:

Yoan Rahme

Lower Sixth:

Applied Business Studies:

Matthew Prowse

**Art & Design:**

Elisa Mihaylov

Biology:

Daniel Lee

Chemistry:

Jason Liu

Economics:

Sarah Balsdon

English Literature:

Rose Frith

English as a Second Language:

Elisa Mihaylov

French:

Rose Frith

Further Mathematics:

Jason Liu

Geography:

Vanessa Rotheron

History:

Rose Frith

Mathematics:

Daniel Lee

Media Studies:

Lydia Scambler

Physics:

Richard Dymond

Psychology:

Sarah Balsdon

Religious Studies:

Michael Chapman

Upper Sixth:**Applied Business Studies:**

Laura Wood

Art & Design:

Eric Chu

Biology:

Maria Chapman

Chemistry:

Sam Cappleman-Lynes

Economics:

Frederic Selwyn

English Literature:

Elizabeth Kneebone

English as a Second Language:

Vincent Yeung

Further Mathematics:

Tom Cheung

Geography:

Robert Chamberlain

History:

Robert Chamberlain

Mathematics:

Daniel Buckland

Media Studies:

Jake Claridge

Music:

Daniel Bennett

PE:

Nick Seccombe

Physics:

Daniel Buckland

Psychology:

Lizzie Trask

Religious Studies:

Jack Hatton

Other Prizes:**Kenneth Isaac Staff Prize
(Academic Work):**

Dan Buckland

Tom Venner Memorial Cup:

Luke Stock

**David Hodges Memorial Prize
for investigation work in
Mathematics (3rd former):**

Rupert Dymond

**The Arnold Cup for best
'A' level results 2010:**

Cecilia Cheng

**Leslie Clark Prize for best
GCSE results 2010:**

Jason Liu

John Lill Music Prize:

Christopher White

**John Featherstone Art
Appreciation Prize:**

Chloe Aveyard

The Westcott Prize for Drama:

Matt Prowse

**James Coffman Memorial Prize
for good character (3rd former):**

Ryan Rotheron

**Rounsefell Prize for History
Coursework:**

Luke Stock

PRIZES & DONORS

***John Dymond Memorial Prize
awarded to a valued member
of the school community
(6th former):***

Laura Wood

***Old Shebbearian Association
Prize for Grit and Perseverance:***

Josh Bickley

***W Paul Prize for Creative
Writing:***

Emily Neal

***The Evans Shield for service to
the school/community:***

Pip Mahoney

***The John Blainey Memorial
Prize for ICT:***

Emma Dixon

***The Jon Colpus Memorial Cup
for Inter-house Competition:***

Ruddle House

Sports Person of the Year:

Jack Hatton

Minor Sports Person of the Year:

Nick Seccombe

***Girls' Award for Sporting
Commitment:***

Laura Wood

Sports Team of the Year:

U13 Netball



**Headmaster's Prize
(2011 - 2012):**

Head Girl:

Polly Jopling

Head Boy:

Fredric Selwyn

SANCTUARY



School Prefects (2011 – 2012):

Sam Cappleman-Lynes, Luke Stock, Daniel Buckland, James Reader, Jack Hatton, Elizabeth Trask, Jake Claridge, Eric Chu, Fredric Selwyn (Head Boy), Polly Jopling (Head Girl), Elizabeth Kneebone, Laura Wood, Robert Chamberlain

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES



Jamie Sanders

My school days at Shebbear ended in July 2001, and then returned in September 2011. A few things were different, the food had improved, the boarding houses were warm and all corridors now seemed to be carpeted. However, a few things had not changed – Andy Bryan’s sarcasm being one of them.

Since leaving school I had spent a year playing rugby in Australia and working at Canberra Grammar School. I returned for University at Brunel where I studied Sports Science. I also worked as a Water Ski and Wakeboard instructor in Cornwall for the summers, and then returned to play rugby in London for three years until getting a ‘proper job’ with the Rugby Football Union.

I am really looking forward to the challenges that working at Shebbear will bring, as well as having a few laughs along the way.



Andrew Arthur

Andrew joined the college staff on a more permanent basis this year, taking on duties in the boarding

house, as well as continuing coaching both girls’ and boys’ hockey.

He started playing hockey when he attended Grenville College – ‘I was too scared to play rugby’ he said – and was soon selected to play for Devon at U16 level. Two years later he was selected for West of England U18s and went summer training at the High Performance Athletic Centre. The highlight of his playing career came in 1993 when he played two matches for England U21s, against Spain and Germany.

After extensive travel around Malaysia, Hong Kong and Brunei, Andy returned to England where he played for St. Alban’s Hockey Club and embarked on his coaching career with the U14/ U16 players. In 2004, he returned to Devon, working at St. Michael’s School, before landing the job of Head coach at Gordonstoun School where he took the 1st XI to the semi-finals of the Scottish Schools’ Cup.

Now back in Devon, he has taken up the challenge of introducing hockey as a major sport at Shebbear College, with tremendous enthusiasm.



Bev Harman

Bev started as a Junior School Teacher in 1998 after relinquishing his position at St Petroc’s, Bude.

His impact inside and outside the classroom was immediate, his high expectations and sympathetic approach creating an atmosphere where children felt confident, happy and secure. It was to be ever thus

until his retirement in August.

Recognising his contribution to school life, Bev was appointed Head of the Junior School in 2000, the same year in which he became an Assistant Housemaster in Pollard, with particular responsibility for the Junior Boarders. This latter position became a husband and wife team a year later when Jan joined Bev in Pyke House as the resident House Parents.

As Headmaster of the Junior School, Bev very much led from the front. His charming and positive character, light banter and melodic Welsh accent complementing an acute and insightful mind that was always focussed on doing the very best for his young charges.

He performed with equal delight and commitment on the games field, in the classroom or on the stage, not to mention numerous activity weeks.

Many present and Old Shebbearians will pay testament to the enormous influence that Bev had upon the ethos and development of the Junior school during his 12 year tenure. He will be much missed.

Angie Lofthouse

Whilst at Shebbear from 2003-2011, Angie Lofthouse taught over 800 pupils a wide range of disciplines in Art from the lower year groups to exam level.

Through her enthusiastic approach, she constantly achieved remarkable results, developing the self-worth of the individual in order for them to achieve their best, regardless of their ability. Angie was equally at home teaching ceramics, painting or drawing, all with a high degree of knowledge and passion.

We know from a number of comments by staff, pupils and parents that she will be remembered with warmth and we wish her all the best for the future working on her own art projects.



Liz Burwood

‘The face behind the camera’

Liz Burwood joined Shebbear College 11 years ago and always contributed impressively to college life.

As our publicity and marketing officer she communicated directly with parents and businesses, represented Shebbear at educational fairs and as an administrator she made travel arrangements and assisted in the collection and dispatch of pupils.



Besides all this, as a member of the boarding community she made good connections with pupils and has always contributed greatly to the smooth running of the girls’ boarding house.

Knowing Liz for some years now, I have enjoyed watching her animated interest in current affairs and literature. Hardly a day has gone by without some earnest discussion to do with the

news and politics or the Booker Prize winners, and Liz has led me, through her enthusiastic retellings, to a number of novels and films which I in turn have thoroughly enjoyed.

She has always had a lively interest in culture and the arts and has always looked for an intellectual challenge - hence her erstwhile success in sitting A level Law!

Beginning her working life as a trainee buyer for Marks & Spencers, Liz’s eye for colour and style has influenced numerous decisions from decorations and furnishings to school uniform.

She is as serious about fashion as one could be and many pupils have become enthralled by fashion design and the fashion business generally due to lengthy and profound discussions with Liz.

Having lived abroad for years in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand, Liz always took care to acknowledge our international Shebbearians’ identities. For example, by working hard to greet everyone in their mother tongue when

she collected them from the airport and also by understanding, through her own experience, what it is they missed about home.



Liz developed her role throughout the time that she was here. Having great empathy with pupils and operating as Mrs Quirk’s ‘right-hand man’, maintaining her smile and sense of fun, she understood the rhythms of boarding house life and had stamina and enthusiasm for its workings.

Liz has left us to return to the fashion world and she takes with her our love and thanks for her long and loyal service.



Liz with daughter Grace Beal

ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES



Jacky Rowe

Jacky Rowe joined Shebbear College in 1992 to work on the administrative side and moved rapidly from general administrative duties to become the Headmaster's personal assistant and admissions registrar, a key figure in any independent school.

She arrived following a varied career as a nurse, secretary and company manager in South Africa where she and her husband Richard had generated businesses in townships outside Johannesburg.

Having lived and worked abroad herself, she found herself liaising with agencies, parents and schools all over the world quite naturally.

With two busy and capable daughters at College, Jacky quickly learned the 'who', 'what', 'when' and 'where' of College life: her office was always a popular first port of call for all those seeking information.

Over the years, Jacky's guidance enabled many researchers to

access the College archives to find information quickly and efficiently.

Focusing particularly on ensuring that admissions were effectively managed and, very often as first point of contact for many overseas parents, Jacky worked well to explain the character of the school to remote parents, acting as a crucial link for many who trusted her calm manner and friendly tones.

In her time at Shebbear College Jacky worked with two Headmasters whose respect for her and admiration for her candidness was always apparent.

Whether cognisant that she was inheriting a major role is debatable because Jacky never aggrandised her position at work but treated everyone she met with equanimity and a smile.

It is to her immense credit that not only did Jacky look after the jewel which is Shebbear College, she also played her part in developing the vision that made the pupil numbers

grow and the wider interest in Shebbear flourish. Believing so much in Shebbear's ambition of creating self-confident, highly motivated independent learners, it is no surprise that she expected all youngsters to have the potential to gain, as her own daughters had at Shebbear, from being here.

Jacky was (and is!) respected by all for her integrity and discretion in business matters and her caring and compassionate handling of challenging situations. Her office was a happy place where visitors gained a first impression of us all and where first impressions really did count for a great deal.

Jacky won for her successor the recognition that the post of registrar is as academic as administrative: she possessed an excellent level of knowledge of curriculum and examinations available in English schools and universities. Perhaps this achievement will be the one that brings the greatest pride for Jacky.

Jacky has at all times been immensely proud of and helpful to her colleagues and always worked hard to support them - both professionally and as a friend. Unsurprisingly, Jacky was a popular member of the staff, always willing to find time to catch up with her colleagues and an interesting companion, having some very interesting hobbies - not least as a compiler of her family tree.

Jacky has the affection and gratitude of countless people. To parents she was a "fountain of knowledge", to staff a compassionate and stalwart friend and to myself, as Head, all of the aforementioned plus my support, organiser and conscience.

Never a day went by without me benefitting from her wisdom, smile and grace. Thank you Jacky.



Christina Mann

Miss Mann has been at Shebbear College since 2010 when she joined us as a Humanities teacher, teaching Geography and History to GCSE and Religious Studies at Key Stage 3.

Miss Mann has been a real asset to Shebbear, both inside and outside the classroom. She threw herself into life at the college: coaching sport, teaching Games, skiing, organising 1st Form Activities Week and Geography field trips amongst other things as well as teaching. In the classroom she had the highest standards for both students and herself. Her examination results were testament to her dedication and hard work, she even spent her summer vacation marking GCSE Geography papers to improve her teaching!

Miss Mann has now moved on to teach Geography at King's Taunton where we are sure she will continue to inspire students and we wish her every success.

David Jorgensen

David left Shebbear at the end of this academic year after two years as Head of Modern Foreign Languages and Pollard Assistant Boarding House Master. When David took over in the languages department, he quickly made his mark on the College, with a determined insistence on good standards.

He gained the affection and trust of all those around him for the great energy

and tireless devotion he has brought to all aspects of modern foreign languages at Shebbear College.

Always good company, David's common sense, everyday pragmatism and sense of humour will be missed by all those who know him. His teaching of language was constantly enthusiastic and successful, and David's uncanny knack of making the learning of grammar come alive for his students is a tribute to his energy and determination. The academic profile of Shebbear's MFL department rose sharply during his stewardship and this is the best testament to his ability as Head of MFL.

David managed a number of challenges here, including the revitalisation of languages and the re-introduction of foreign language trips. He will be remembered very fondly by those he had the pleasure of being associated with, whether these are his tutees, his French students, parents or colleagues. David will be much missed (yes, even his sharp suits) but he leaves with our prayers and best wishes as he takes up his next post.



Marine Hily

Marine joined Shebbear College at the beginning of September 2009 to become a modern foreign language tutor. Cool, calm, highly competent, firm but fair, conscientious but, above all, truly professional, are all qualities which colleagues, parents and pupils will, and do, attribute to Miss Hily. She has been an unfailingly loyal and supportive member of staff.

In her all too fleeting time at Shebbear College, Marine demonstrated all the qualities of a professional and dedicated teacher who quickly became an indispensable member of the languages department and loved teaching our pupils. Always ready to help both students and staff, her cheerful and friendly approach endeared her to all of us. Whether accelerating our strongest students with extra timetabled lessons or supporting her tutees, she was determined to make us all achieve our very best and was always willing to give additional assistance to any student to ensure that they came away with a good understanding of the topics taught.

Outside the classroom, she acted as a tutor and was invaluable at fixtures during weekends. We wish her the very best as she takes up her new post in Switzerland.

With all her enthusiasm and willingness to be involved in all aspects of Shebbear, it was no surprise that she was snapped up so quickly. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Suzie Smale

Suzie joined Shebbear in September 2009 as a part-time Psychology teacher taking over responsibility for the delivery of the AS/A2 course to the 6th form. Being extremely diligent and superbly organised, she quickly gained much respect from the pupil body and common room alike for her committed and enthusiastic approach.

Suzie also contributed much to the extra-curricular life of the college, not least in supporting our Charity and World Aims programme; she accompanied our Sixth Form to Uganda in 2011.

We wish her well in her new role as an early years' co-ordinator at Petroc College.

SPORT AT SHEBBEAR COLLEGE



The Squad: Chris White, Dan Lee, Luke Beels, Harry Chibbett, Brett Light, Josh Bickley, Henry Cole, James Reader, Joe Gobara, Jamie Forshaw, Rob Dunn, Jack Hatten, Dan Buckland, Lucas Bland, Matt Prowse, Dan Furse, Richard Dymond, George Baker, Jamie Nielson, Joe Warren, Nick Seccombe, Luke Stock, Jack Alford, Mike Crowhurst, Harry Greaves, Charlie Kivell.

1st XV Rugby

The rugby season started with a bang. Despite losing the vast majority of the previous year's 1st XV we had a great bunch of lads ready for the fast-approaching season.

There is nothing better: new coach, new team, the grass was cut and the season was ready to commence. Dan Buckland led the team into its first match, at home on Shebbear's freshly cut pitch against a strong Exeter School team. However, the lack of structure and fitness within the team doomed us to a 29-8 defeat.

As training got harder, the team got fitter, but as the next match drew closer, the realisation of the importance of structure came to mind, as we went up against an

extremely organised Kelly College side away. The ground was wet, and the rain persisted, the feeling of defeat was inevitable, as the match ended in a disappointing loss - 51-0.

The Devon Cup against Plymouth College came next and, as we had worked on some of the problems we were more optimistic about our chances. Drill after drill, ensured that we understood our role within the team and we entered the match with confidence, aggression, and determination not to be beaten.

Despite defending play after play, the Plymouth might was too strong; they started finding holes in our defence. Seeing that our attack was much stronger than our defence and exploiting the gaps to the best of our ability, two quick tries from Daniel Lee and Joshua Bickley (converted by

Dan Furse) meant we started pulling back the substantial lead Plymouth College had over us. But by that time it was too late. We had played hard to the final whistle, but the strength of a well-oiled machine was too much for us to handle, leaving us heart broken. The final score was 51-14 to Plymouth College.

The term proceeded, training got harder, but the organisation got better, fitness was looking up, and we looked forward to the next match.

The rivalry against the West Buckland team was as keen as ever, but we felt we were ready. We attacked well, and defended well, but the strength of the well-prepared West Buckland defence meant we couldn't maintain the level of attack for as long as we had hoped.

But then Dan Buckland broke a tackle, scoring an excellent try between the posts, and then converted with precision by Dan Furse. Still our defence was pummelled and as the match drew on, our gaps were exploited, with two tries being scored after the constant attacks of the West Buckland forwards.

The second half was simple: we needed to hold on to the try we had, and attack hard and fast, but our fitness was not as it should have been, and we finally lost; the final score 27-7 to West Buckland. However special mention should go to the Man of the Match, Chris White for his aggression in the rucks, and his outstanding all round performance.

The term was moving on quickly now, and we were starting to look more like a team. Our fitness was much-improved, we had started to play as a unit, and what's more we had another chance of showing Plymouth what we were made of. The day came, and we faced Plymouth 2nds this time, a much more realistic contest. Our



first try was scored by Daniel Lee, then another by Joe Gobara, quickly followed by one from Dan Buckland.

Then, Jamie Forshaw, who had gained his place at scrum half, scored his first try of the season. The second half began and again the might of Shebbear was too daunting for the Plymouth team and eventually victory by 36-5 was achieved.

The season was looking more and more successful as we proved just how well we could play as a team against Kingsley's 1st XV. The sun was high in the sky when the match got underway, and it looked to us to be a fine day. With each player doing what they needed to do, our organisation being set out for us each time by Rob Dunn, James Reader and Jamie Forshaw, we looked strong, we were strong and we won the day. Shebbear won with a 72-5 lead over the Kingsley first XV, having only played 55mins of the 70mins match.

The Day came to which we were to play the school across the moors. Blundell's we knew would be prepared, ready for the fight, but they hadn't anticipated the attack of Dan Furse, Dan Buckland or Henry Cole. With our score line getting to 36-17 we knew we had proven ourselves, and we held out the match so we could disappoint the Blundell's team.

Truro was next on our agenda, we knew they were a well organised team; they'd be strong both in attack and defence, but what Truro hadn't foreseen was the belief that we had. The day came, the heavens opened and let the rain down, the pitch was wet, but that was no bother for us, we were ready, we were here to make teams fear the school name Shebbear, the atmosphere around the pitch felt like something out of Twickenham, England vs. Australia standard rugby.

The chant of "Come on Sheb!" was yelled from every corner of the pitch, there was only one thing on our minds though, victory! We played our hearts out, there was no other way to play against a team that was used to victory, they stood proud, but unaware of whom they were matched against, by half time the scores were close Truro 12, Shebbear 5, we needed one converted try to level the scores, and as we fought and struggled for success ball in hand 5m out from their try line, we lost concentration and Truro turned over the possession. Truro then capitalised on this and scored a length of the field try and in the last minute we had fallen short.

Nothing could compare to the defeat that day, the feeling of being that close and being that far was overwhelming, but we had proven to a side that had seen us before the match as a weak team, to be a worthy adversary. The final score was 19-5 to Truro, but the team had performed to the best of their ability showing that we were a team to be reckoned with. Jack Hatton has a special mention for his performance winning him the Man of the Match tie.

The final match flew into our sights, as soon as the match against Truro was over. We knew we would have a fighting chance this time against our adversaries West Buckland. The end of the season rested in the balance of this match, we knew as did West Buckland that this would be the deciding match, a victor of the season would be chosen at the end of this match; there was nothing we wanted more than to prove we were the team that deserved it.

The kick off started play on unfamiliar soil, and we knew they had been preparing for this match, but so had we. We fought hard, digging into their attack, and giving their

defence a run for their money. Both Bickley and Buckland were able to put away, with the help of a solid pack and the hands of the backs, two tries, bringing the score to 10-0 but as a response to our success West Buckland came storming back putting away two tries to match our score.

We remained level pegging throughout the match, both teams looking equal, but then an unaware referee fell for the foolish mistake of missing a forward pass, allowing them to score an unfair try and the winning points of the match. The final score stood 17-10, yet this score does not reflect the performance the team showed valour, maturity, strength and determination right to the end of the match. Thank you to the team.

The season finished with a dinner at The Bickford Arms. 1st XV ties were awarded to players who had started every game, and England Rugby ties to the Coaches' players. The boys also signed a team photo and presented it to Mr Sanders, which serves as a great reminder for a very enjoyable season.

Results: Won 3, Lost 5. M. Prowse

U15 Rugby

It was hard for me to realise that as I stepped out on the rugby field this was to be my 23rd season of coaching at the College. The bones creaked, the heart still pumped but only just and my breath was ragged after the short jog to the 22yd line. Age does not come alone!!!

My spirits lifted as I saw the fine body of athletic specimens milling around awaiting their coach, this was going to be a good year was my immediate thought, my smile broadened – the "winningest coach" title was to be mine once again. Eat your hearts out,



Steel, Bryan and Sanders, Barnes has got this one in the bag.

Preparation for our first game focussed our training on fitness over the next week; the summer holidays had done nothing for the forwards ability to run or the backs ability to catch. Frustration gathered momentum as bodies failed to respond as expected and the coach began to despair, the "Uglies" (the forwards) blamed the "girls" (the backs) and vice versa; everyone seemed united in telling the coach his tactics were wrong, that they were a running side and it was not necessary to drill so much on rucking, mauling and line outs. The "girls" did not like having few moves and those that they did have came out of the ark. So much for harmony. The first game was going to be very interesting and so it was.

We welcomed Exeter School to Shebbear on a beautiful morning, the sun having beaten away an early mist shone down on Dartmoor field with an invitation for the teams to play running rugby. Right from the start Exeter school embraced the challenge

and quickly got a grip of the game dominating all facets of play. They were quicker to the ball, dominated the contact area and distributed the ball with flair and imagination.

It was a testament to our defensive capabilities that after a torrid opening 10 minutes the game remained scoreless but shortly afterwards, hopelessly outnumbered on the wing, Exeter deservedly took the lead scoring an excellently worked try in the corner. 0 - 5 which quickly became 0 - 12 when Exeter, now with tails up, drove through the middle of our defence to score under the posts.

The possibility of the game running away from us loomed ever large in my, the players and the spectators minds. The team responded by digging deep; forwards began to hit the rucks and mauls with greater determination and the backs pushed up quicker to deny the Exeter backs the time to get the ball to the flanks. The scoring stopped, neither team able to get control of the game in attack, defence dominated until we missed a tackle out wide and in the dying minutes of the first half Exeter

scored their third try, again under the posts and again converted. We reached the break 0 - 19 down.

As team talks go it was one sided; the coach asked for more effort, greater focus and better tackling, the team agreed. The second half reflected team spirit, the Uglies now began to use their weight and size to good effect, the front row began to dominate in the scrum and rucks whilst the back row delivered some mighty tackles in midfield.

The Girls, not to be outdone, likewise raised their game tackling with vigour and covering across field with renewed energy. The game ebbed and flowed until Exeter drove over from a lineout 5 yards out. 0-24 with only quarter of an hour remaining. From the kick off Exeter again drove into our half only to be out rucked at the break down, quick turnover ball was thrown to the backs who switched the ball back inside, cutting through the middle of the Exeter defence to go between the posts for our first score of the season, 7 - 24. This was quickly followed by another score following a good catch at the restart, quick rucked ball and strong running in the midfield that saw us eventually score yet again under the posts, 14-24. Could we turn this game around?

Time was short but it was possible - it was until throwing the ball around in a desperate attempt to find gaps in the opposition defensive line saw an interception in the middle of the park resulting in the final score of the game to give Exeter a thoroughly deserved win 31 -14.

Our next match took us to Kelly College, never an easy venue and certainly not if you were unsure of your own ability. We trained hard on the basics in the week preceding the match, tackling, rucking and fitness being our clear priorities. We took to



the field with renewed purpose and a clear focus on hitting hard in the contact area – make a statement of intent became our mantra.

The game was a hard hitting affair with both sides trying hard to get the upper hand. The Uglies had dominance at the set piece but we were unable to create much out wide, the Kelly backs being big and quick stifled everything the Girls threw at them and offered some strong ripostes to our drives into midfield.

The game was very much in the balance and was a testament to hard running and even harder hitting. Just prior to the break we made the breakthrough. Excellent tackling in the middle of the park caused Kelly to spill the ball, the Uglies pounced, a number of quick rucks later had the ball being delivered to the Girls who used the ball wisely Bailey Ward finally going over between the posts. The conversion saw us take a 7 – 0 lead as the half time whistle sounded.

Buoyed by our success the half time discussion felt so different to the previous week, everybody was tuned in to the need to focus on making few errors in possession and to continue to hit the tackle hard.

We strutted onto the park for the second half with confidence and heads held high, this was going to be our game and so it proved to be. Both teams played with a desire to run the ball, Reece Stanbury, Emilio Aliberti and George Bone in particular, it made for an exciting game and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that watched. Kelly pushed hard to draw level but were frequently pushed back in the tackle, forwards and backs worked in unison to make a strong defensive line that never really looked like being breached.

With 10 minutes remaining following

some good expansive running by the backs, supported by some excellent rucking, saw us go over for a second try which again was duly converted. 14 – 0. It proved to be the final score.

The players and coach left the field feeling happy with a good day's work at the office, the travelling spectators cheered by the display of good 15 man rugby chatted happily about the next fixture looming. West Buckland School at home!

We welcomed West Buckland in buoyant mood. Training had gone well, understanding between the Uglies and Girls about their individual and collective roles had developed remarkably since the Kelly game. The team had committed themselves to working hard, focussing efforts on eliminating errors and in trying to play an expansive game based upon providing quick ruck ball to the backs.

We started like a steam train, we drove with intent into rucks and mauls, led by George Bone and Salah Gobara, tackled low and hard, James Dawe and Seb Hockridge and retained possession well. Only staunch defence by West Buckland kept us from scoring in the opening 10 minutes as we pushed at their flanks and through the middle.

The game was of high tempo and followed the usual ebb and flow of two committed sides. We had dominance up front, again our front and second rows worked hard in the set piece securing good lineout and scrummage ball whilst the back row ensured that we retained possession by being quick to the break down. The half back combination of Bailey Ward and George Daniel "strutted" the field providing excellent ball for the backs who ran with strength and precision. After some 20 minutes our positive approach was rewarded by a forward score in the bottom right hand corner; this was the culmination

of some excellent continuity play by the forwards who picked and drove through a number of phases before scoring. 5 – 0.

The score released a sense of euphoria through the players, everybody wanted the ball, rucking had never been easier, contact no longer hurt and every ball stuck in hand. 5 minutes before half time we scored again courtesy of some wonderful running by the Girls who took the ball between the post for a converted try. We entered the break 12- 0 ahead.

Focus, focus, focus was the buzz word at half time. We started the second half much as we started the first – strong and confident. Playing some of the best rugby I have seen at the College both backs and forwards delivered patient, forceful and exhilarating play that cheered the home supporters and coach. It was rewarded mid-way through the half by another try out on the left scored by the backs, duly converted it meant we led by 19 – 0.

So it remained until 3 minutes from the end when after some strong running and dogged determination in defence, West Buckland went over for their first and only score of the afternoon. The result ended 19 – 7, an excellent victory fully deserved, the squad was exuberant, as was the coach and our growing band of supporters.

Some of our tackling notably Seb Hockridge, Sam Westlake and Harry Landymore had been top drawer. Roll on the next game.

We played host to Kelly College in our next fixture, a return. The question was could we secure back- to-back wins against them. To help motivate the team, it was decided that the fixture could be played on the 1st XV pitch- "Tower" – hallowed turf...

Kelly had a slightly stronger team for this fixture having welcomed some boys back from injury who had been missing for our first match. It was going to be a hard afternoon.

Never daunted and confident in our own ability we took the game to our visitors and pushed hard towards the try line closest to Ruddle house – securing quick ball from scrummage and ruck, we attacked the posts with determination but at the breakdown stopped for an injury to George Tozer. In pain and complaining of a loss in feeling to his legs the Devon Air ambulance became the game's next real point of interest.

Both sides kept warm and agreed to move back to Dartmoor fields to complete the game. Coach and George remained. George suitably collected and transported to Barnstaple and then Bristol, the coach crossed to Dartmoor just as the game finished. Another win 19 – 7 but feelings were muted as we all thought of George.

It was pleasing to hear a couple of days and numerous scans later that all was well – well almost – an old injury found whilst scanning meant that George's season was over. Not to be left out of the squad, who by now had bonded like super glue, George offered to be water boy for the rest of the season.

Our final game before half term had us play host to Plymouth College. What a tough match this was – evenly matched both sides attacked and defended with real purpose and belief. Some great tackles, brilliant running and excellent continuity play ensured that the spectators had a wonderful flowing match to enjoy that saw the half time break come seemingly quick and with the score at 0-0. Not often that you record that at school boy rugby. It really was a great

first half advert for schools' rugby.

All was to change after half time when after just 3 minutes Reece Stanbury running for the try line through a crowd of players went down in a heavy tackle. In agony and having no feeling in his legs Doctor Assad Aldoori was called as was the Devon Air Ambulance. Another neck injury so shortly after the previous week's to George, caused the coaches on both sides to abandon the match as treatment was going to take time and no alternative pitch was available.

Match drawn, but more importantly Reece recovered feeling after his nerve became untrapped later that evening. Nothing worse than a neck brace needed – I often wondered if he only meant to get out of going to the Friends of Shebbear's barn dance that evening.

We started the next half term with a fixture against Kingsley School at home. The coach was away for this fixture in Windsor having a jolly, supposedly working, meeting overseas agents, and as a consequence Mr Andrew Bryan was drafted in to oversee procedures.

A very able replacement he proved to be as the team went on to record a very strong performance winning by 68-3. Pleasingly, a squad of some 23 players were involved – strength in depth, Tim Kivell and Tom Scantlebury standing out as having strong games both in attack and defence. Next we travelled to Blundell's School – a daunting prospect given the size and strength of their squad that included a number of county representatives. We talked big and positively on the side lines, we strutted on to the field but we failed to produce the goods when it mattered. We tackled well but were always on the back foot during the opening exchanges of the first half and soon found ourselves trailing by 0 – 7 and then very quickly by 0 – 14.

We could not staunch their supply of ball as we lacked our usual energy and vigour up front and in the contact area, we fell off tackles and rather than meeting them at the gain line we all too often stood and waited for them to come to us – and that was exactly what they did. King Canute and holding back the tide came to mind. The coach shouting from the sideline asking for confidence, failed to stop a third try just prior to the break. 0 – 21 at half time.

Calling for pride and focus, the coach asked the team to step up and produce a second half worthy of our early season prowess. We took to the field intent on not letting ourselves down, we tackled harder, rucked better and ran with conviction. We were a different side and were soon rewarded with a score in the corner. 5 -21.

Self-belief began to flow through the team, where we had been hesitant, we now became sure, never more so than for Julian Blaskiewicz, Will Murch-Seage and Connor Roberts, balls that had dropped now stuck, tackles made pushed the opposition back. Could we turn this back into our favour?

When we scored again to trail 12 – 21, anything seemed possible. All of a sudden everybody wanted the ball, everyone was running into contact making the gain line, realignment was quicker, as was our speed of thought. The side line crowd began to believe ... as in life, good is often followed by bad and so it was we conceded a converted try just after clawing our way back into a game that for all intents and purposes was lost at half time.

12 – 29 down with little time left meant everything was stacked against us – fortunately nobody told the lads, who continued to attack with flair, scoring yet again between the post. 19 – 29. The last 5 minutes became

very tense and as a consequence when awarded a penalty 5 yards out from our try line Blundell's elected to kick rather than run. They stretched their lead 19 - 32.

Straight from the restart Blundell's failed to secure the ball and we pounced, forwards drove, backs ran, forwards drove and we scored. 26 - 32. The last play of the game was the restart, they kicked, we caught, we ran, we rucked, we ran, we rucked, we were within 10 yards of the try line. We rucked, we ran and we knocked on. So close and yet so tantalisingly far. If only we had believed earlier... the one that got away.

So it was we welcomed Truro School to Shebbear for the penultimate game of the season. This game was again not witnessed by the coach who yet again was on another 'jolly', this time in Hong Kong. Well, somebody has to do talent scouting.

The game was a good victory and exhibited how far the side had developed since the beginning of the season. Both the Uglies and the Girls played well even with some notable absences due to injury. The likes of Edward Passmore, Florian Medert and Tristan Medlicott very much stepping up to the mark, just when it was required.

So to the final game of the season - away to West Buckland School. On a somewhat bleak, wintry and wet afternoon we took to the field, knowing that all we wanted was a victory to finish an impressive season.

The boys wanted a victory because they also knew it meant a meal out at the coach's expense. The coach had mixed feelings... some of these lads were big and could obviously eat... expensive!

This was to be an extremely tight match with neither side giving ground easily. Running rugby it was not, the conditions made it difficult to play expansive rugby, each side had to be content with sticking the ball with the forwards and playing 10-man rugby. We did it better. We won 7 - 0 courtesy of a try by captain George Daniel.

Some excellent tackling in the later moments of the game saved the day. We held our heads high at the final whistle. An excellent win and excellent season.

Played 10, won 7, lost 2 and Drew 1.

What pleased me most was that we enjoyed our rugby. We never blamed when we lost but we always congratulated when we did things right. We worked in an atmosphere of real sportsmanship, respecting the opposition but more importantly respecting ourselves. Thank you lads for a great season.

Bob Barnes

The Squad: S. Gobara, E. Aliberti, J. Blaskiewicz, G. Tozer, T. Cappleman-Lynes, R. Stanbury, G. Bone, C. Roberts, W. Murch-Seage, E. Passmore, S. Hockridge, T. Kivell, B. Miles, G. Daniel (Capt.), T. Scantlebury, S. Westlake, J. Dawe, H. Landymore, T. Medlicott and F. Medert.



U14 Rugby

The U14 rugby team trained hard this year and put in many battling performances, playing some talented opposition.

Olly Dallyn stood out throughout the season as a play maker at No.10, sparking the team into life and leading them by example.

Tom Hughes was leading the pack well until his season was cut short early with an injury, which was a particular shame.

Tom Carter soon found his feet in the team and established himself as a promising No.8 which was very encouraging.

The boys got better as the season progressed and although the games did not go in their favour, when broken down they did acquire themselves well, particularly in the second half of matches. I look forward to watching their continued improvement next season. Well done!



U13 Rugby

In a season of great determination, team spirit and hope, wins were hard to come by for the U13 side.

For all the players' effort they could only register one win against Kingsley School, although the result

was impressive. The season got off to a difficult start against Exeter School losing 50-0 and although the following match saw a vast improvement, Kelly College crept home with a 14-7 win.

Other defeats were at the hands of strong sides such as Truro and Plymouth and although a closer game at West Buckland ended in another loss, the team's opportunity for revenge was scuppered by the weather, with the return match at Shebbear cancelled due to waterlogged pitches.



And so to Kingsley at home, and on a sunny but crisp morning Shebbear had clearly been woken up by the cold bite in the air. Scoring 30 plus points in the first half and finishing the game with an emphatic 54-5 victory, both Mark Withecombe and Patrick Marks led from the front in the forwards, and Harry Dymond and Tom Squire orchestrated the back line attacks, in a thoroughly deserved victory.

The players trained hard and played hard with plenty of aggression, and they have certainly improved as a squad; however with many of the team being so new to rugby, there is still plenty to learn before they run out in future years, onto the hallowed turf of Tower Field, which hosts the first XV.

The next learning curve has to be to start a game in the same manner as they normally finish. Only then will they have a fighting chance against

tough opposition at this level. I am sure however with continued commitment to college rugby, all the boys can fulfil both their potential and their dreams.

Thanks go to all the supporters on the side line, for your unwavering commitment in all weathers; your vocal encouragement has been and will remain much appreciated.

U13 Rugby Results:

Exeter School (A)	Lost 50-0
Kelly College (H)	Lost 14-7
Exeter Cathedral (H)	Lost 45-0
West Buckland (A)	Lost 26-5
Plymouth College (A)	Lost 44-0
Kingsley School (H)	Won 54-5
Truro School (A)	Lost 43-0
West Buckland (H)	Cancelled

U12 Rugby

It was a difficult season for the U12s rugby team, many of whom were relatively new to the game, and losing to schools with a much larger pool of players was no disgrace.

The first match against Mount House was the closest of their four matches and saw the boys fight back from 32-5 down just after half time to finish losing 32-21, skipper Oliver Arden scoring twice and Liam Landymore converting all three of our tries. Next, we came up against a very strong West Buckland side, who scored 36 points in the first half, before once again the boys showed their fighting spirit, scoring two tries, in a much closer second half, through Oliver Arden and Carl Stanbury. The final score 41-12.

Plymouth College were rather fortunate to gain a 29-5 victory from a match in which we competed fiercely

throughout – our two Junior School boys, Stuart Williams and Charlie Short, leading the way with some tremendous tackling and running, right up until the final whistle.

Our final match was at Truro School, always strong with more than 70 boys from which to choose a team, and it was no surprise that they scored more than 50 points in a rather one-sided match.

However, there was some progress made during the season and if the boys continue to work hard I feel sure that a victory will come next season. Special mention should be made of Oliver Arden, Carl Stanbury, Charlie Short and, my choice as player of the season, Stuart Williams, all of whom battled with great determination in every match.

Thanks also to the parents who travelled to support the team – all our matches were away from home – and they can hopefully look forward to some games at Shebbear next season.

The Squad: O. Arden (Capt.), L. Landymore, C. Stanbury, O. Crowhurst, T. Crookes, S. Quance, R. Stairs, S. Hill, B. Parker, J. Weeks, I. Aillsop, R. Temple, W. Balkwill-Western, J. Kerslake, S. Williams, C. Short.

Also played: C. Alder, O. Ryder-Green, C. Hendry.

1st XI Football

Having lost seven players from last year's team, it was perhaps too much to hope that we have yet another successful season in 2012.

Just two defeats in the previous two seasons was a reflection of the strength of those teams, but still having Dan Furse at the heart of the defence, and alongside him Michael Haley gave me



some cause for optimism. Indeed, two early wins, against Kingsley School (5-0) and Kelly College (3-2), strengthened the belief that we could have another good season, although we hadn't played particularly well in either of the opening matches.

Our next match against Exeter School proved to be a real test and, with Dan Furse having to play in goal, much was expected from the reorganized team. Despite an outstanding strike from Lucas Bland, to draw level, a late goal saw Exeter scrape home. However, this was by far our best performance so far, with players such as Jack Hatton, Alex Cornish and Richard Dymond really showing their potential.

Reduced to 10 men when skipper Dan Furse was injured against Wellington and with U15 Harry Landymore making his senior debut (and scoring), it was to the boys' credit that we came away with a 3-2 win. James Reader, who took over in goal, Richard Dymond, in midfield, and Jack Hatton, in defence, were all outstanding.

The return match against Kelly College should have been relatively straightforward, but we made heavy weather of it on a difficult pitch. Finding ourselves 1-0 down with less than 10 minutes to play, Dan Furse came out of goal to add some bite in midfield and scored the equalizer, before Matt Davey headed home a Joe Warren corner to give the boys an unlikely victory.

Another close match followed, this time at Truro, where we were unlucky to go down by the odd goal in five. The team bounced back when they completed the double over Kingsley School (4-1) and then managed a hard-earned draw at home to Blundells (2-2).

The final match of the season was

against the staff and despite a close-fought first half, the boys eventually ran out comfortable 3-0 winners.

So, the end of another successful season which sees Dan Furse, James Reader, Jack Hatton, Lucas Bland and Alex Cornish moving on, hopefully to continue the development of their footballing skills with club sides and my thanks to them all for their commitment to the team.

Results: Won 5 Drew 2 Lost 2

The Squad: D. Furse (Capt.), J. Hatton, J. Reader, L. Bland, A. Cornish, R. Dymond, H. Chance, M. Davey, J. Warren, A. McGeorge, J. Alford, R. Rushton-Taylor, M. Haley,

Also played: M. Crowhurst, J. Gobara, D. Lee, M. Prowse, H. Landymore.

U15, U14 & U13 Football

The U15s played just 4 matches in a rain-affected season, recording impressive wins against Kingsley (9-1) and Blundells (4-0), but going down twice to Holsworthy - first by 6-3 and then, in the much closer return match, 2-1.

There were a number of good individual performances - Reece Stanbury, Bailey Miles and George Bone in particular, but it was striker Harry Landymore who really stood out, scoring 10 of the team's goals, as well as getting the winner in his only appearance for the 1st XI at Wellington.

There is, indeed, considerable potential in this side, as soon as they can learn to play as a team rather than individuals. It will be interesting to see how they cope at senior level next season and I look forward to working with them.

The U14s were even less fortunate,

playing just two matches - a win against Kingsley (4-3) and a defeat at Blundells (6-0) but they remain an enthusiastic group and there are signs of improvement as they develop their skills.

The U12s and U13s played most of their matches in either 8 or 9-a-side format - a far more effective way of developing their football skills - and had excellent results against both Kingsley and Holsworthy sides.

A defeat against Exeter Cathedral (4-0) was no disgrace and a final 11-a-side fixture for both teams at Holsworthy saw 1-1 draw for the U12s and a defeat for the U13s.

1st XI Boys Hockey

The first game of the season was the traditional Kingsley fixture which is always a strong starting point as most of the boys from Kingsley play at club or County level.

And from the start Kingsley played the ball around with speed and control, so that by half time they were 5 - 0 up making our team feel a bit shell-shocked to say the least.

But the boys then showed great spirit and Matt Prowse gave the team their first goal of the season, quickly followed by another by Nick Seccombe. Unfortunately, Kingsley managed to play some good pressure hockey to score twice more leaving the final score 7 - 2 to Kingsley.

In our second game we came up against a very fit and strong Kelly team, thankfully not their 1st XI, but even so a one-sided game in which Kelly dominated from the start making us run around like headless chickens for a while, not knowing what to do!! However, losing 7 - 0 did

not actually reflect some hard work that Harry Greaves, Jonas Weiss and Rose Frith did to keep the score line from going into double figures.

The third game brought us up against a strong Blundell's mixed 2nd/3rd team who dominated us straight from the word go scoring 3 times in as many minutes!

Thankfully with the determination of Harry Greaves and Will Murch-Seage we managed to score twice, once before half-time, and then straight after at the start of the second half. Stalwart defending and constant pressure from Blundell's then could not contain the onslaught to come and if it wasn't for Rose Frith and Jonas Weiss defending against constant pressure then the score would have been double figures instead of the final 9 - 2 defeat.

Our next game was at home to Plymouth who dominated from the start to come out 5 - 0 winners. The boys played well but playing against boys who play at county/regional level, the team could not react to the pressure of quick, well structured hockey.

Our return fixture against Kelly was to be one of best games yet, with the boys being more disciplined in defence and moving the ball around with more confidence in attack then they had been doing all season. The final score of 2 - 0 to Kelly was a marked difference to the previous game of a 7 - 0 loss. Great improvements from Harry Greaves and Jonas Weiss in attacking and defending showed a good learning curve from the beginning of the term.

Our final game of the season brought us against our local rivals, Kingsley school, and this time the boys as a team were more confident and controlled in every aspect of the

game. They defended with strong man-to-man marking and with the inclusion of Will Murch-Seage in the squad, we went down to a 5-1 defeat.

The boys are still very new to the game of hockey but have taken up the challenge of learning new drills and techniques as well as the fitness requirement for the game with an appetite to learn, and hopefully this will filter down to the younger boys coming up through the school.

The Squad: Luke Beels (GK), Chris White, Luke Stock, Dan Buckland, Nick Seccombe, Jake Claridge, Harry Greaves. Jack Hatton, Matt Prowse, Jonas Weiss, Mike Crowhurst, Jed and Brett Light.

U15 & U14 Boys Hockey

This year the U15's had a bit of a mixed season with only four games being played out of seven- snow causing the cancellation of the other three.

The first game against Kingsley was a closely-contested affair, with end-to-end action all the way through. Tom Routly and Ross Bennett linked up really well in mid-field and attack to keep possession of the ball, with Ross looking comfortable on the ball and beating players with ease. The final score of a 3-2 defeat showed that the team had potential against a team of experienced hockey players.

Our second game against a very strong Kelly College exposed the boys to a very well-drilled and structured team that could move at pace and distribute the ball with accuracy. But the boys did very well not to give up and towards the end of the 1st half Tom Cappleman-Lynes accurately slotted home a well-struck shot to the right of the keeper. Final score 5-1 to Kelly.

Our third game away to Plymouth

College was a complete change of character for the whole team. Having had the Blundell's and West Buckland games cancelled due to snow and not having played a match in over a month, the boys came out with a real sense of 'we can do this'. The first half saw Plymouth dominate from the start with some very good hockey being played by both teams, but Plymouth had the upper hand with experience shown by a few county players. However, at half-time the scores were level at 2 - 2. The second half then changed in Shebbear's favour with Reece Stanbury scoring within a few seconds of the start of the half, and then produced the same tenacious skill again to score twice more, with the Plymouth goalkeeper self destructing every time Reece scored. Goals quickly followed from Will Murch-Seage and Harry Landymore to make the final score 7 - 3 to Shebbear.

Then our final game came against Kelly, who on our last meeting had walked away with a 7 - 0 hammering. This time they came up against a changed side which resulted in a 4 - 2 win for Shebbear.

The boys in this team have shown that, with great determination, anything is possible and this has shown with the results that have been achieved.

The Squad: Rupert Dymond (GK), Connor Roberts, Salah Gobara, Angus Crookes, Jack Goodman, Will Murch-Seage, Ross Bennett, Bailey Miles, Tom Routly, Reece Stanbury, Harry Landymore, George Whitmarsh, Ryan Rothern, Stephen Grigg.



U13 & U12 Boys Hockey

With boys' hockey at Shebbear continually gathering pace, I am pleased to report that the interest has never been greater.

Many of our pupils are relishing the opportunity to experience a different sporting environment and benefitting from all the skills that hockey offers. Results across all teams have shown plenty of improvement and although we are yet to play all other schools at 1st team level we are certainly giving them a run for their money.

Predictably, with hockey being introduced to the junior school we are competing most closely with others in the senior school at Years 7 & 8. The prior experience brought improved attitude in training, greater commitment and more positive results. Most notably both our U12/U13 A and B teams recorded impressive wins against Kingsley School, where hockey has been part of the programme for many years. The A team recorded a 4-0 win with Will Daniel and James Hibben defending superbly and the B team earned a 2-0 victory closing the gap on our local rivals.

The fixture list for the 2013 season sees more hockey fixtures than ever before and hopefully we will make further progress across all levels. Thanks must go to Andy Arthur, our resident hockey coach, for his continued support and enthusiastic approach.

1st XI Cricket

Having lost six of last season's eleven, I knew that it was going to be a tough year.

However, despite having lived in Devon for more than 20 years, I would never have imagined how much

rain could fall in such a short time, allowing just six of a possible eleven fixtures to be played.

Our first match was against a Hatherleigh side clearly bent on reversing the results of the previous two encounters, as they fielded a side made up of five 1st XI and five 2nd XI Devon League players. Unsurprisingly, Hatherleigh batted first and amassed an impressive 198-8 in their 30 overs with Jack Hatton and Jamie Nielson the best of our bowlers, taking a couple of wickets each.

In reply, we managed just 91 all out but James Reader and Jack Hatton both spent valuable time at the crease and the coach was encouraged by the positive attitude of the players.

Wellington was next and despite losing 3 wickets for just 34 runs, we recovered, thanks almost entirely to Jack Hatton's innings of 103 not out, to finish on 155-4 in 25 overs. Then Anna Cherrington and Matt Davey took 3 wickets each to restrict Wellington to 99-8 and give us victory by 56 runs.

In a 30-over match against Truro School, to restrict the opposition to 132-9 was impressive and all six bowlers used, performed well. Then, after a steady start and from a strong position we managed to gift the match to Truro, finishing 22 runs short of our target.

Next was Kelly College who, despite missing several key players, honoured the fixture and scored a creditable 148-8 in their 25 overs with Jack Hatton (3-13) and Richard Dymond (2-16) the pick of our bowlers. Then openers Dan Buckland and Jamie Nielson put on 65 for the first wicket before Jack Hatton came in and scored an unbeaten 53 to see the team to a comfortable 8-wicket victory in the 21st over. Perhaps the

most pleasing aspect of this match was the relief shown by Dan Buckland, who scored his first half century after years of being the reluctant cricketer, lacking belief in his ability.

Only two matches were played after half term, the first a resounding victory over a rather mixed Blundells eleven, Jamie Nielson once again performing well with the ball to finish with figures of 4-26 and then setting the foundation of our reply with a solid 20 not out.

It was a pity to finish our season on a low point as we crashed to a 9-wicket defeat at Exeter School with only James Reader and Dan Buckland getting in to double figures. Jack Hatton bowled beautifully with no luck and Anna Cherrington played her final match, taking the only wicket to fall.

The match against the OSA was unfortunately rained off and so it was only at the end of season dinner that I was able to thank those who were moving on – in particular Jack Hatton, James Reader, Anna Cherrington and Jamie Nielson, all of whom showed a positive commitment throughout the season.

The Squad: J. Hatton (Capt.), J. Reader, D. Buckland, M. Davey, R. Dymond, A. Cherrington, J. Warren, J. Nielson, R. Chamberlain, J. Claridge, R. Dunn, A. McGeorge, H. Landymore, J. Dawe, C. Roberts, R. Stanbury.

U15 Cricket

The U15 cricket season got off to a disappointing start with a defeat against Wellington School and then, after beating Plymouth College in the 1st round of the Devon Cup, losing a match in the next round that we should have won, against West Buckland.

The boys struggled to come to terms with many absentees from the team of the previous year; notably the runs from Tom Cappleman-Lynes and the bowling of Dikembe Wilson were missed and it took time for others to step up to the mark. With many of our matches this year disrupted by poor weather, opportunities to even play cricket, let alone improve, were few and far between.

There were, however, some rays of light for the purists to get excited about. Consistent performances with the bat from Tom Scantlebury made him player of the season as he rescued a number of innings from the middle order, the reward for which was moving up the order to bat at number 4. Other notable performances came in a convincing win away against Kelly College. Shebbear knocked a superb 165 runs with Reece Stanbury retiring (and earning his mini-bat) on 63. In reply Kelly could only manage 116 runs as Harry Landymore made life difficult for opposition batsmen taking 2 for just 9 runs from 4 overs.

Hopefully the boys will play more cricket in the forthcoming season as we keep our fingers crossed for better weather. In the meantime, the team can reflect on negotiating a difficult season and many of the boys can spend the winter contemplating a call up to the 1st XI in 2013.

U14 Cricket

2011 was a mixed season for the U14 cricket team, with results unfortunately not matching the performance and effort levels displayed by the team.

There were, however, many positives to take from the season, with numerous quality individual displays produced during fixtures and training sessions, in particular the outstanding bowling of Oli Dallyn, Tom Vanstone and Steven Grigg, as well as the wicket keeping of Rupert Dymond.

Scoring runs proved more difficult for the team and despite the best efforts of Captain Ross Bennett and much improved performances from the likes of Tom Routly and Jack Goodman, unfortunately the totals posted by the boys were not quite enough to provide victories.

I am hopeful, however, that if the team can continue to progress in the manner in which they have over the last few seasons, results will improve and the team will go on to achieve success in the coming cricket season.

U13 & U12 Cricket

Nothing could be better, the smell of freshly cut grass, and a group of enthusiastic players filled the coaching team with confidence!

We had a long road ahead, facing the power of some local rivals. Although we didn't know it at the start, the season was destined to be a wet one, with most of the cricket being played in May. Our first game was against Plymouth, and captain Tom Squire elected to bat. Shebbear managed to post a reasonable score of 74 runs, but unfortunately a decent Plymouth side managed to chase that down,

losing only 3 wickets. We then had time to play a 20-overs game with combined teams. This was a great learning curve for our players, and saw cricketers like Callum Hendry really show greater confidence, as the game was more relaxed.

The following week we played Kelly U13's at home on Battledown. Despite Shebbear scoring 102, with a good batting performance from Will Cox (20 not out) Kelly had one very good batsman who carried his bat and scored most of their runs. When he was not facing our bowling attack, 5 wickets went for just 17 runs, but their opener was doing the damage, and we lost by 5 wickets, much to Mr Sanders disappointment.

On the same day the U12's played in a cup game at Kelly and the home side posted a score of 90-4 in their 20 overs. Then skipper, Carl Stanbury (51*) took us to the brink of victory as we required just 2 runs from the final over with 3 wickets in hand. Unfortunately, Carl took a single from the first ball to bring the scores level and then had to watch in horror as the final 3 wickets fell without a run being scored - leaving Kelly the winners by virtue of having lost fewer wickets!

We then hosted a touring side from Abingdon School. It was a damp day but Alan had worked hard to get the wicket playable which both coaches and players greatly appreciated. Abingdon batted first, and we saw some good bowling from Oliver Ryder-Green, Jed Foster and Carl Stanbury. Unfortunately, wickets didn't fall, so they batted for the duration of the 25 overs, and scored 162-2. We then had our turn, and once again Carl Stanbury (57) and Oliver Ryder-Green (29) batted superbly leading the team to victory by 1 wicket.

Our last game was a month later, and was to be our last of the season. We travelled away to Exeter School,

to play their U12 'B' side and what a match it turned out to be! Batting first, and losing Carl Stanbury early on, runs were hard to come by, but we managed, with the help of top scorer 'Extras', to make 65. Exeter were always in the game, but lost wickets regularly and it was Jake Weeks who bowled their last batsman to give us the narrowest of victories - by just 1 run.

The season was very enjoyable, highlighted by some exceptional individual performances and some committed team performances in the field. Well done to all involved.

The Squad: Carl Stanbury, Harley Foster, Tom Squire, Harry Dymond, Liam Landymore, Miles Coward, Harry Scambler, Will Cox, Matthew Hill, Jake Weeks, Callum Hendry, Alex Wombwell-Robinson, Patrick Marks, James Hibben, Olly Rogerson, Stanley Hill, Oliver Ryder -Green, Stuart Williams, Charlie Short, Jed Foster, Ryan Stairs, William Balkwill-Western, Theo Crookes, Lachlan Young, James Edge, Ben Parker.

1st XI Girls Hockey

A new year and a New Year group coming up into Form 5 gave a great depth to the 1st XI this year, giving us a decent number of girls from which to choose.

From the start, training got under way with a focus on fitness(!) and different attacking plays. I must commend the girls on their originality of the short corner drills (1, 2, 3 and 'Dummy'!)

Matches started on an extremely hot day travelling down to Plymouth, a game in which the girls played really well and showed great determination throughout despite losing Peggy Kirkwood with a knee injury half-way through the 1st half. Fortunately we had 2 subs on the



bench to fill the gap in mid-field, but soon afterwards Plymouth scored the only goal of the game.

Plymouth 1 - Shebbear 0, Players of the Match Meg Furze, Laura Wood. Our next game was against a very strong Blundell's side who dominated from the start, passing the ball accurately and with pace and then scored their first goal. The girls showed great determination throughout the match and set a benchmark for the rest of the season. Despite this, Blundell's came back in the second half to score another well worked goal from the back.

Blundell's 2 - Shebbear 0.



Players of the Match India Martin, Peggy Kirkwood, Anna Cherrington. Two games down and three to go and the next was a real head scratcher! The game, against Kingsley, started as though we had got out of bed and then all of a sudden woken up and we had a game on our hands, but by then the game was almost over! Strange but maybe there was something in the air that day?? Even the Kingsley teacher commented 'brilliant play at times but a bit too late'. Kingsley School 2 - Shebbear 0 Players of the Match - Anna Cherrington, (Mr Arthur for his umpiring!)

Our penultimate match against West Buckland was always going to be a tough game, and it certainly was. From the start, West Buckland dominated by keeping possession of the ball only to be frustrated by some excellent goal-keeping from Lizzie Trask, defending by Laura and Ezmay and some good mid-field inter-play from Meg, Peggy and India.

West Buckland is always a strong school to come up against in any sport but the girls played well,



only losing 3 - 0, West Buckland 3 - Shebbear 0, Players of the Match Lizzie (Awesome Goal-keeping) Meg, Peggy and Ezmay, Laura in defence. Well tried.

Now for our final match, and I must start by yet again scratching my head!! By now I am surprised I have any hair left? That in hockey for those of you who are not familiar with 'the stick game', you have 11 players on field with up to 5 subs making a squad of 16 (if my Maths is correct), Kelly (who obviously don't have the Mathematical genius of Mr A) fielded a squad of 20! Humm, that done with, the girls played really well with good interplay from defence to mid-field, but with the vast array of Kelly girls on the pitch Shebbear were overwhelmed from the start, and with Katie Kingsland sustaining a knee injury in the first half, leaving us down to 10 players (Thanks to Lucy from Kelly for being a sub. The team were 3 - 0 down at half-time, (Mr A was ready for his 1st team debut!), with Katie still off, and Lucy filling in

for her the girls kept their fighting spirit up, but after another 4 goals were fired in the match was well and truly over!

Kelly 1st XX 7 - Shebbear 1st XI 0 I have really enjoyed coaching this year's young ladies and I have to say the results do not reflect the hard work and determination on the pitch that the girls have learnt on the training pitch. Well tried all of you.

The Squad: Lizzie Trask, Laura Wood (capt), Rose Frith, Katie Kingsland, Hannah Clarke, Grace Beal, Fiona Abken, Ezmay Jopling, Anna Cherrington, Peggy Kirkwood, Meg Furse, India Martin and Ellen Chamberlain.

U15 Girls Hockey

Tears and tantrums is the only way to describe the match against Truro School - tough opposition. I hope all the U15 girls read this and laugh!



Truro had a squad of approximately 25 girls to our 12 which is never a good sign. Shebbear however kept their heads high and although they squabbled with each other they all made sure that Truro had to fight for every goal. Unfortunately Truro did keep fighting and scored quite a few! Too many too count! A tough match at the beginning of the season ladies. Player of the Match: Kerri Turton.

The team were a more confident side in this match against Kingsley and worked together to continually put pressure on the Kingsley defence.

Their efforts were soon rewarded and Maddie Burnard broke through to score. With Chloe Law and Ailis Prowse working tirelessly in defence to recycle the ball back into Shebbear possession there were soon more goals from Katie Trask, Harriet Squire, Phoebe Willis Butcher and Frankie Stevens. In the last minute of the match Kingsley broke through to score leaving the final score as 7-1 to Shebbear. A brilliant match, well played ladies. Player of the Match: Martha Johnstone.



The team next played a strong and well drilled West Buckland side. This meant that Shebbear had to play a mainly defensive game. Chloe Law and Ailis Prowse cleared ball after ball out of the D and Victoria Wickett saved many goals and even some flicks!

Inevitably West Buckland scored some of their chances and despite a shot on goal by Frankie Stevens, the score was 4-0 to West Buckland at half time. In the 2nd half Shebbear tightened up their marking and this severely limited West Buckland's play, Phoebe Willis-Butcher worked tirelessly on the wing. Unfortunately 2 goals were scored by WB in the final minutes of the half leaving the score 6-0 to West Buckland. The Shebbear girls played their best hockey yet, despite the score. Player of the Match: Ailis Prowse.

U14 Girls Hockey

The team had a good season in terms of effort and determination but this wasn't always reflected in the score line, however winning isn't everything!

What was great to see throughout the term was the girls working hard as a team and developing their skills. The first match of the season was against Plymouth College. In sweltering temperatures a mixed Under 14 and Under 15 Hockey team played against Plymouth College. Unfortunately, the team were left with an incomplete goalie kit so we were unable to have our formidable goal keeper, Harriet Squire, in goal. This meant an open goal with 11 players on the pitch.

The girls played with true Shebbearian spirit, not allowing the non-goalie aspect to affect their play. They fought hard and tackled well, but Plymouth employed the 'flick' tactic at goal, which was impossible to defend without a goalie. The final score was 5-0 to Plymouth but this is not a true reflection of the game. We had a strong Shebbear side who worked brilliantly as a team.

The next match was against Holsworthy and the team got off to a flying start, scoring the first goal within the first 2 minutes. The team played exceptionally well with Olivia Morris scoring 3 goals and the final score 8-0 to us!

We suffered another crushing defeat against West Buckland but, once again, the U14 team did not lose their spirits with Harriet Squire showing off her disco moves!

Once again we put forward a mixed U14 and U15 team against Budehaven. This was a closely fought match with both teams being held to only one goal apiece. There was some great defending and Meaghan Ryder-Green

scoring the equaliser in the second half.

The final match of the season was against Kelly College. The match started well with some excellent defence from Bronwyn Ager, Abbie Selwyn and Kay Parker. Some good pushes forward from the forward players and some great saves by goalie, Niamh Martin, meant that we were only 1-0 down at half time.

Kelly came out fighting hard in the 2nd half and quickly scored a succession of goals. Shebbear never dropped their heads and kept fighting but unfortunately lost 7-0. The score does not reflect the game. The U14 team worked hard to defend some heavy attacks by Kelly. Some excellent play by Meaghan Ryder-Green who held the team together well as captain.

I am so proud of all the girls who played well all season against some formidable teams but they never let their heads drop and never gave up!! A particular mention to the season's captain, Meg, who was relentless in every match and training session and really helped bring the team together.

The Team: Meaghan Ryder-Green (Capt), Harriet Squire, Kay Parker, Abbie Selwyn, Bronwyn Ager, Rebecca Cox, Olivia Morris, Judina McCluskey, Summer Dunscombe, Lauren Johns, Charlotte Paulger, Jenny Martin, Gemma Mitchell, Alice Pringle.



U13 Girls Hockey

What a great bunch of girls we had in the U13 Hockey team! 10 girls competing for 7 places saw the pupils train and play with real dedication and determination.



Their first match against St Josephs was cancelled. This was a real disappointment as they no longer had a warm up match before competing against the much larger school, Truro. However, the girls battled hard throughout that game and although they lost the match, 3-0, a lot of lessons were learnt, particularly not to panic when one-on-one against the goal keeper!

Next came Plymouth and what an exciting match! A fantastic reverse stick flick on the goal post by Niamh Martin that a first team player would have been proud of saw Shebbear 1-0 up at half time. The girls managed to stay strong until the last 10 minutes where fresh legs brought on by Truro saw the opposition score 2 quick goals. The girls were devastated, however it did their confidence the world of good, if they could nearly beat Plymouth College they could take on anyone!

Against West Buckland we were physically a lot smaller and the team struggled to keep up with the pace of the game. Lucy Taylor, however, with her quick stick work was more



than a match and did manage to score 2 goals but unfortunately the opposition scored one or two more.

The match against Kingsley was the turning point for the girls. An 11-0 win (5 by Lucy Taylor, 4 by Tabby Kirkwood and 2 by Niamh Martin) saw the girls' game play turn towards a more tactical way of playing. Attack and defence pulled together as a team, not relying on individuals, passing the ball wide and scoring textbook goals practised during training. The penultimate match against Holsworthy, again saw the girls run away with the scoring, winning 13-1. There were lots of changes throughout the game to weaken the team and nearly every Shebbear girl managed to score a goal!

Our final match was against Kelly College. The girls obviously knew this was going to be a hard game and due to the adverse weather conditions we struggled to get 7 players to the game. However, relieved we were able to play, the seven players had to keep their heads up and work extremely hard, knowing they had no subs. As a result the Kelly girls did not know what had hit them, after the first 15 minutes Shebbear were 2 goals up! By half time we were winning 3-1 but the girls were finding it tough and with no subs they were tiring.

We struggled during the first half of the second half to maintain our

high level of skill and Kelly quickly went 4-3 up. Lucy Taylor then received an injury which saw her struggle to maintain her very positive performance on the game. This was the turning point for the girls, they really had to pull out all the stops to compensate and they certainly did just that! After a nail biting last 5 minutes and some outstanding stick work by Tabby Kirkwood we went on to equalise and win the game in the last 2 minutes 5-4. We were all ecstatic, a fantastic end to the season.

The girls who represented the U13 team were: Lucy Taylor, Tabby Kirkwood, Niamh Martin, Olivia Hill, Meg Law, Ellie Bird, Hana Fletcher, Alice Footitt, Anna Bennett, Nadia Blaskiewicz and Minnie Alexander.



U12 Girls Hockey

Due to there being only 9 girls in the 1st Form, our hockey team has struggled to find its way.

With only a few having played hockey before, some were thrown in at the deep end, learning the rules very quickly and getting to grips with the pace of the game.

The highlight of the season for the girls was the match against Kingsley. They worked extremely well as a team and managed to largely dominate the game from the start. Heather

Mathews made some excellent tackles and the team showed an improvement on their passing techniques to ensure that Shebbear kept possession.

The strength of Shebbear's attack was confirmed by the plentiful amount of goals, Georgia Stevens who scored one, Tilly Cage and Katie Harris who scored two each and Helen Dalton and Heather Mathews scored three apiece. The final result was an impressive 11-0 win. Player of the match nominated by the opposition was Katie Harris.

As all the girls gain more experience of the game and grow in stature, I am confident they will achieve more success next season.

1st Team Netball

The girls started the season on a high and were very proud to represent Shebbear College due to the new, very smart netball dresses that certainly made them the best dressed team on the circuit.



To kick start the year, they had a warm up match against local school Kingsley. This should have been an



and a real will to win, the girls fought hard to the end and their efforts were rewarded with a 27/25 win. Some outstanding shooting from Grace Beal and India Martin played a key role in winning the game. This put the team spirits on a high and the girls were determined to end the season victorious.

We went into our second to last match against Tavistock school Kelly College all guns blazing. Although the weather was extremely hot and caused problems for both teams, everyone kept going. The match score see-sawed throughout the whole game but Shebbear were ahead by 2 goals with 2 minutes remaining.

Unfortunately due to a key Shebbear player going out with a twisted ankle it affected the flow of our game. We just could not manage to hold onto the lead and the game ended in a draw.

easy win but the girls were over-confident and struggled to settle into the game, resulting in a draw.

The game against Truro did not end as we had hoped. After some fantastic and determined defence from Ezmay Jopling and some excellent centre court play from Megan Furse, the final score was 33-17.

Although we did not win, spirits were still high going into the next game against Blundells. The girls knew they were going to struggle after hearing that their team were currently unbeaten; however they were determined to put up a good fight.

With torrential wind and rain, the game was moved indoors. Although losing by only 5 goals, the team never let their heads drop and always put in 100% effort and willpower. Ezmay Jopling and Anna Cherrington played a large role in keeping the ball down

the attacking end of the court with some excellent interceptions and marking.

Our next game was against Plymouth College who had previously beaten us and had had a victorious season so far. Going in with a positive attitude



To conclude the season, we played Kingsley School again. After a previous draw, the team were eager to win; and that they did. With some remarkable mid-court play from Hannah Clarke, the game finished with a win for the Shebbear team of 18-10.

After a close and relatively successful season, Miss Ham is very proud of her girls. They trained hard on Wednesday, were reliable and some would say most importantly great fun to be around. Well done to you all, it greatly saddens me to see some of you leave, you will be greatly missed.

The Team: Grace Beal, India Martin, Megan Furse, Peggy Kirkwood, Ellen Chamberlain, Ezmay Jopling, Hannah Clarke, Anna Cherrington and Laura Wood.

U15 Netball

The girls had a much better season this year; playing better as a team and working hard to win matches. We played some excellent teams and had highs and lows but overall the team showed tenacity and determination.

We started the season by being defeated by both Truro and Blundells in our away fixtures, but then the team corrected that in the next few matches.

We had an exciting match against Plymouth College in freezing temperatures which meant that the team had to play at their very best, which is difficult to do when you can't feel your fingers! However, the girls dug deep and held Plymouth to a draw at the end of the first two quarters.

At the end of the third quarter Shebbear were one goal ahead with it all to play for going into the last quarter of the match. They remained composed and with some excellent work in the circle the shooters, Emily Dunn and Katie Trask, held their nerve and worked brilliantly together. The final score was 12-11 to Shebbear! The whole team played well with Katie Trask being awarded Player of the match from the Plymouth side.

The game against Holsworthy was closely fought throughout, but Shebbear managed to maintain the lead for the whole match, winning the game 20-15. The whole team played well, but special mention must go to Phoebe Willis-Butcher and Frankie Stevens for their impressive play throughout the whole game.

The same can be said for the match against St. Joseph's. Shebbear

dominated the game and broke St. Joseph's first centre. The team really gelled and there was excellent play from all players. This really was an excellent team performance which led to a 15-5 victory! Well done to all the girls.

The Team: Ailis Prowse, Maddie Burnard, Kerri-Ann Turton, Phoebe Willis-Butcher, Chloe Law, Francesca Stevens, Emily Dunn, Katie Trask, Martha Johnston.

U14 Netball

The U14 Netball team faced a very strong Truro team after only one week of practise. The Truro side were well drilled and soon took an early lead.

Shebbear were playing catch up the whole match but fought hard until the final whistle never letting their heads drop. Mrs Cardoo was very proud of their fighting spirit despite losing 35-6. Player of the match as voted for by Truro was Harriet Squire.

Yet again the U14 team had to face a side with some very able players. The Plymouth College Centre and Goal Attack orchestrated the whole play of the game. The Shebbear girls had no match for their superior skills although aided by super sub Katie Trask for just the 2nd quarter they did manage to score 2 goals. Always determined however the Shebbear girls fought to the final whistle losing 29-2. Player of the match as voted for by Plymouth College was Olivia Morris.

The Shebbear side were a bit slow to start and had let Holsworthy gain a 6-3 lead by half time in their next match. However with some concentrated play Shebbear were only trailing by 1 at three-quarter time.

Concentration dropped in the last

quarter however, and Holsworthy took advantage to win 13-7. There was some great defending by Kay Parker and Holsworthy voted Meg Ryder-Green player of the match.

The Shebbear team got off to a slow start against Kelly College and were unable to feed the ball into the shooting circle hardly at all in the first half of the match. Some major changes of position saw the team really hold their own in the 2nd half, with Meg Ryder-Green and Olivia Morris moving the ball down the court really well. Unfortunately the lead Kelly had got in the first half was too great as the damage had already been done. Score: 26-4. Kelly College voted Meg Ryder-Green player of the match.

A change of positions worked well for Shebbear in this match against St. Joseph's and despite letting them gain the lead, they battled hard to ensure they didn't get too far ahead. At three quarter time St Joseph's were leading by 10-5. Shebbear played an amazing last quarter and levelled the score for a 12-12 draw. This is a great result for the team who have worked really hard all season and now have one match left to try and secure a victory.

U14 North Devon Netball Tournament

v Park	lost 0-10
v Holsworthy	won 6-2
v West Buckland	lost 0-11
v Bideford	won 8-0
v Kingsley	drew 4-4

The team had really tough opposition in their first two matches, but then went on to have 3 matches unbeaten. Well done girls, a good season!



U13 Netball

The under 13s had a fantastic season this year and totally deserved their Team of the Year award.



The first match of the season was against a much bigger Truro A team and although the season didn't start with a win, we managed to fight back to draw the game 14-14.

The second match against Kingsley

School the girls won comfortably 11-0 and particular mention goes to the strong defence, Ellie Bird and Niamh Martin. Next we took on West Buckland and won 9-6, in an amazing game, against very tough opposition. The following match against Plymouth College saw the girls have a comfortable win 14-7. Our next match, against Launceston was difficult to predict, because we had never played them before but some confident shooting from the edge of the circle by Minnie Alexander saw us secure a comfortable win 25-15.

The St. Joseph's game had the girls particularly fired up, as last year they beat us, but we came out on top with a glorious win by 27-17.

We then went onto play Okehampton College, again nervous because we had not played them before. Everyone managed to defend their players brilliantly and some fantastic shooting from Lucy Taylor saw us remain unbeaten, winning 27-15.

The penultimate match against Kelly College had everyone nervous as we knew it would be the hardest match of the season. Fortunately,



after a great deal of hard training and a very exhausting match we won comfortably 14-7 (much to the Kellys parents' disgust!)

Our last match was against Holsworthy and even though the team knew it would be one of their easiest wins, we still came out as aggressively as ever and this led to a comfortable 11-2 victory.

In the North Devon tournament the girls lost in the semi-finals after playing four matches unbeaten. In the end they were all exhausted but finished in a respectable and very pleasing 3rd place; a great end to the season.

Throughout the year the U13s have been participating in the Okehampton Junior Netball League which took place on a Monday night after school.

Our first match was against The Pink Flamingos and with a satisfactory performance we came out with a win!

The next game we had was against LOL and we managed to keep possession throughout and secured an easy win.



Then we played an U14 team, The Originals and unfortunately lost by two goals.

The year continued with two more wins and a loss. At the end of the term there was a tournament that wrapped up the league season. We won two games and drew one but we were very pleased with the outcome as we had drawn with The Originals who had always beaten us in the past.

Tabby Kirkwood was nominated as player of the season and a nervous wait for the announcement that we had won the tournament was a great way to finish the Spring term.

The Team: Tabby Kirkwood, Lucy Taylor, Niamh Martin, Olivia Hill, Minnie Alexander, Hannah Fletcher, Ellie Bird, Megan Law, Anna Bennett, Ruari Mills and Nadia Blaskiewicz.

Rounders Report

Due to the adverse weather conditions this year we struggled to play many matches, with the 1sts only having one against Kingsley.

This however resulted in a positive victory of 15½-14, a game that was greatly enjoyed by all who were involved.

The U15s struggled to find their feet this season. Playing only 2 matches they were unable to secure a victory, which was a shame as they had shown great promise in the past.

However, lower down the school we have had more success. The U14s first match of the season against St. Joseph's saw us scoring a number of rounders and really putting the opposition under pressure. A quality performance whilst fielding from the

Shebbear girls saw the opposition off with a 10½-10 win.

The team continued to strive for victory whilst competing against Okehampton and managed a comfortable win of 12½ - 7½.



In the third and final match the girls played Kelly College. Batting first, the girls managed to get 6 rounders, with top scorers Harriet Squire and Kay Parker. The fielding was tight and the team managed to restrict Kelly to a mere 3½ rounders. In the last quarter the team were fielding for the match. The fielding took on a new level with fantastic team work from Becky Cox, Harriet Squire and Meaghan Ryder-





Green who managed to keep the Kelly team from scoring a rounder. A fantastic catch from Olivia Morris ended the match and secured victory.

This year's team consisted of Harriet Squire, Becky Cox, Olivia Morris,



Meaghan Ryder-Green, Bronwyn Ager, Judina McCluckey, Summer Dunscombe, Kay Parker, Lauren Johns and Abby Selwyn. Well done girls for being unbeaten.

The 2012 U13 team also had a very positive season, beating West Buckland 21/5, Kingsley 11½/3½, Bude 12½/2½ and Okehampton 18½/4½.

After a very unfair change to the pitch half way through the game against Holsworthy, the girls managed to hold on for a draw when all the odds were against them. We had some fantastic catches from Lucy Taylor and Tabby Kirkwood. There was great fielding in the deep from Anna Bennett, Ruari Mills and Alice Footitt. Strong batting from Nadia Blaskiewicz, Niamh Martin, Olivia Hill and Megan Law saw the team come together and produce some impressive results. Well done,

girls an excellent end to the year. For the U12s Rounders has definitely been their sport this year, winning 3 out their 5 matches. With some impressive bowling from Yasmin Clarke and some fantastic back-stopping skills by Heather Matthews, the girls worked together as a team to produce some pleasing results.

The most exciting match of the season was against Holsworthy when some strong batting from Helen Dalton and Ella Hughes saw the team to a hard-earned victory of 22½/21 on a very wet, slippery day.

The most improved player of the year goes to Katie Harris. Her fielding skills greatly improved throughout the term and all her hard work paid off as she became one of the most competent throwers in the team. Well done, practise, practise, practise really does work!

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Junior Boys 100m	J. Hibben	W. Cox	R. Stairs
Junior Girls 100m	N. Martin	L. Nadin	M. Alexander
Inter Boys 100m	B. Miles	O. Dallyn	S. Westlake
Inter Girls 100m	M. Ryder-Green	K. Turton	O. Morris
Senior Boys 100m	M. Haley	J. Reader	J. Gobara
Senior Girls 100m	L. Wood	E. Chamberlain	K. Kingsland
Junior Boys 200m	J. Hibben	R. Stairs	T. Squire
Junior Girls 200m	A. Footitt	A. Bennett	S. Lee
Inter Boys 200m	O. Dallyn	S. Baker	C. Kerslake
Inter Girls 200m	M. Ryder-Green	O. Morris	A. Prowse
Senior Boys 200m	J. Bickley	J. Gobara	L. Bland
Senior Girls 200m	G. Beal	L. Trask	E. Neal
Junior Boys 400m	J. Hibben	L. Landymore	S. Hill
Junior Girls 300m	L. Taylor	A. Bennett	L. Bowering-Sheehan
Inter Boys 400m	O. Dallyn	S. Westlake	R. Bennett
Inter Girls 300m	M. Ryder-Green	K. Turton	P. Willis-Butcher
Senior Boys 400m	L. Bland	N. Seccombe	J. Light
Senior Girls 300m	G. Beal	S. Penny	C. Aveyard
Junior Boys 800m	C. Stanbury	D. Chalmers	D. Parker
Junior Girls 800m	T. Kirkwood	A. Bennett	A. Footitt
Inter Boys 800m	R. Stanbury	T. Routly	G. Bone
Inter Girls 800m	O. Morris	A. Prowse	K. Trask
Senior Boys 800m	H. Greaves	G. Baker	M. Prowse
Senior Girls 800m	E. Jopling	A. Thompson	L. Chan
Junior Boys 1500m	C. Stanbury	M. Hill	D. Chalmers
Junior Girls 1500m	L. Taylor	O. Hill	H. Dalton
Inter Boys 1500m	O. Dallyn	R. Bennett	T. Routly
Inter Girls 1500m	O. Morris	M. Johnstone	A. Prowse
Senior Boys 1500m	N. Seccombe	H. Greaves	L. Bland
Senior Girls 1500m	G. Beal	A. Thompson	E. Jopling
Junior Boys Long Jump	R. Stairs	H. Scambler	L. Landymore
Junior Girls Long Jump	E. Bird	L. Taylor	A. Footitt



Event	1st	2nd	3rd
Inter Boys Long Jump	B. Miles	H. Lee	S. Baker
Inter Girls Long Jump	K. Turton	P. Willis-Butcher	A. Selwyn
Senior Boys Long Jump	J. Reader	Ferdinand	J. Warren
Senior Girls Long Jump	L. Wood	A. Cherrington	H. Clarke
Junior Boys High Jump	M. Withecombe	W. Cox	T. Squire
Junior Girls High Jump	L. Taylor	L. Nadin	T. Kirkwood
Inter Boys High Jump	R. Miles	S. Baker	T. Vanstone
Inter Girls High Jump	A. Selwyn	J. McCluskey	K. Trask
Senior Boys High Jump	L. Bland	J. Bickley	J. Reader
Senior Girls High Jump	I. Martin	H. Thomas	A. Cherrington
Inter Boys Triple Jump	T. Scantlebury	C. Roberts	J. Gobara
Inter Girls Triple Jump	P. Jopling	L. Trask	I. Martin
Senior Boys Triple Jump	J. Forshaw	J. Warren	W. Collins
Senior Girls Triple Jump	H. Squire	R. Cox	K. Parker
Junior Boys Shot Put	M. Withecombe	J. Whitaker	O. Crowhurst
Junior Girls Shot Put	N. Blaskiewicz	N. Martin	A. Brimacombe
Inter Boys Shot Put	J. Collins	S. Westlake	E. Aliberti
Inter Girls Shot Put	H. Squire	K. Trask	R. Cox
Senior Boys Shot Put	L. Beels	H. Chibbet	D. Buckland
Senior Girls Shot Put	L. Trask	L. Scambler	E. Jopling
Junior Boys Javelin	P. Marks	D. Parier	M. Coward
Junior Girls Javelin	A. Brimacombe	H. Mathews	F. Sabin
Inter Boys Javelin	R. Dymond	E. Aliberti	S. Gobara
Inter Girls Javelin	K. Parker	B. Ager	H. Squire
Senior Boys Javelin	H. Chibbett	L. Beels	J. Gobara
Senior Girls Javelin	A. Cherrington	L. Trask	P. Jopling
Junior Girls 4x100m Relay	RUDDLE	THORNE	WAY
Junior Boys 4x100m Relay	THORNE	WAY	RUDDLE
Inter Boys 4x100m Relay	RUDDLE	THORNE	WAY
Inter Girls 4x100m Relay	WAY	RUDDLE	THORNE
Senior Boys 4x100m Relay	RUDDLE	THORNE	WAY
Senior Girls 4x100m Relay	RUDDLE	THORNE	WAY

SPORTS DAY 2012

Junior
Intermediate
Senior

Victor Ludorum

James Hibben
Olly Dallyn/Bailey Miles
Lucas Bland

Victrix Ludorum

Lucy Taylor
Meg Ryder-Green
Grace Beal



Above: Winners James Hibben, Lucy Taylor, Meg Ryder-Green, Oliver Dallyn, Bailey Miles, Grace Beal and Lucas Bland



DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

Art

On Speech Day the Art Rooms stage an exhibition which celebrates the hard work and commitment of the pupils within the school right through from the First Form to the Upper Sixth.

Each and every pupil is encouraged to display one piece of art work of which they are proud and the growing numbers of parents, friends and relations who endeavour to climb the stairs to the Lower and Upper Art Studios are rewarded with a wide range of styles and individual approaches.

As one parent stated ...

“This department is bursting with life and enthusiasm and there is such joy and colour about the work.”

However, this enthusiasm is a team effort and as Head of Art I could not have achieved half the things we have on behalf of the children without the support of Angie Lofthouse, who retired at the end of the summer term.

Towards the end of the academic year we were able to move forward with development plans for a skills centre, housing a new photography room, textiles and fashion room, all-purpose craft room for wood/metal work with basic car maintenance and a ceramics room.

We are now able to offer every child something of interest.

So over the summer holiday the Maintenance Department were hard at work in readiness for teaching come the September term.

We held our first Gallery Exhibition in the new Assembly Hall which offers a splendid location and opportunity for artists to display and sell their work.

Dixie Appleton-Wahl, who is a highly accomplished painter based at Westward-Ho, had a very successful exhibition of her work, which in turn inspired and delighted numerous art projects around the school.

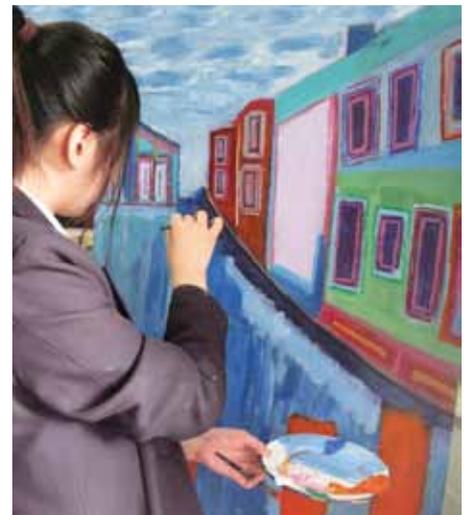
This facility is open to any artist who wishes to exhibit, and we would especially welcome any Shebbearian alumni-artists, painters or sculptors.

As well as the excellent GCSE and A level exam results, with 100% pass rate at `C` and above and a number of pupils going on to study art at University, was the splendid ‘Big Bug and Butterfly’ primary school art morning (pictured below) which, although highly messy, was tremendous fun.

In fact, the whole year was creativity at its best.

A. Barlow





DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

Economics & Business Studies

It has been another busy year in the Economics and Business department with the students entering various competitions alongside completing their A Level Studies!

Results in the department have been outstanding in recent years; last year's economics students achieved 100% A*/A, whilst business students achieved 60% A*/A/B. A real testimony to the hard work put in by all.



Whilst academic achievement is often paramount in our thoughts, extra-curricular enrichment is, in my view, of equal value. In addition to Bott, Student Investor and the Bank of England challenge, the students attended a conference held at Eurodisney, which put them in contact with some high profile speakers within their particular field of expertise; as well as enjoying some rides here and there! A. Ashfield



English Language, Literature & Drama

According to an article in the Telegraph Online published earlier this year, bright students are starting university unable to structure an essay because of the "damage" caused by test-driven schooling.

Many undergraduates – according to Cambridge University – are struggling to show any 'creative' flair having been ordered to write in highly-structured ways to pass exams.

Oxbridge worthies have warned that students are writing in a formulaic manner between the age of 11 and 18, leaving them unable to articulate their ideas effectively on degree courses.

The claim is that schools have taught pupils to write essays simply to pass tests, making particular kinds of arguments in a particular order; neither writing their own ideas, nor responding in a fresh and original way. Not only can this be injurious to pupils in the long-term but, according to universities, it is also very visible.

Fortunately, at Shebbear writing essays involves making judgments which is what we English teachers believe education is all about. Or should be ...

What the English Department is pleased to do is educate pupils to find their own voices and produce work which involves making judgments, as they try to say something that is slightly different, quirky and original about what may be familiar topics. At Shebbear the English teaching is as different as the English teachers; it is not robotic: teachers and pupils

do not work slavishly to the national curriculum, nor to the demands of the league tables, but work towards enabling young people to grow in confidence so that they have courage to acknowledge their own voices and a sense of composure in communicating effectively with others.

Notably, English is and remains a popular choice at A level and the additional work that pupils are able to pursue through the likes of LAMDA examinations flourishes.

Well done, English!

A. Farrell

Geography

It has been another good year for the Geography department with some excellent examination successes from GCSE through to A level.

Worthy of particular mention is Harry Chibbett at GCSE level, Vanessa Rotheron at AS and Robert Chamberlain and Fredric Selwyn at A2 level, all of whom wrote some outstanding examinations, achieving extremely good marks.

The Second Form geographers visited the Eden project and completed a study day looking at how the rainforest is used and achieving a sustainable future for this important global habitat, which was very enlightening. The global issues projects produced by Form Three were of a very high standard again this year with some challenging topics investigated; from the geopolitical implications of the Arab spring to sustainable energy. Lauren Johns

project was both educational and innovative, complete with some stop motion animation – excellent. The Fifth Form completed a transect of Dartmoor for the fieldwork data collection looking at tourism within the National Park and its impacts. This led to some excellent pieces of controlled assessment, with Ellen Chamberlain and Emma Dixon achieving the highest marks.

The visit by Major Arthur Norman-Walker to speak to the Sixth Form students about the international response to the Kashmir earthquake in 2005 was particularly informative and gave the A level pupils some excellent background to this major disaster, its impact and the immediate and longer term responses. This enabled them to put together some in-depth case studies together that they could use for examination responses.

M. Newitt

History

2011-12 has been yet another very successful year for the History Department at Shebbear College.

Our students achieved some outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level. The Upper Sixth students achieved a very pleasing 75% pass rate at A* to B, due to their hard work and determination.

Particular recognition ought to go to Rob Chamberlain who achieved over 90% at A2 and was awarded the highest possible grade, A*. Most pleasing of all is that Rob, Jack and Luke have all chosen to study History

or Politics/International Relations at university. We wish them every success.

The AS students also achieved a 100% A-C pass rate and have really set themselves up for further success at A2.

In addition to this, our 5th Form students also achieved a very impressive set of results. With 100% A*- D and 86% A*-C grades, 77% A*-B and 40% achieving an A* -A grade.

They thoroughly deserve these grades and I would also like to thank Miss Mann for all her efforts on behalf of her students.

Our 4th Form also achieved some excellent results in the first of their four examinations at GCSE and we hope for similar or better in 2012-13.

We have continued trying to make our lessons as fun and stimulating as possible with debates, role play, art, music and other teaching strategies and hope that we have made the study of History as interesting as possible and have instilled a lifelong love of the subject.

We have started a website for History students that we are trialling with the 6th Form and have even posted revision videos on Youtube for our GCSE students – we may be the History Department but are trying to keep up to date!

I would particularly like to say thanks to both the Headmaster and Miss Mann for all of their support, effort and enthusiasm over the year and we look forward to an even more successful year in 2012-13.

M. Langridge

ICT

The current rate of development in mobile communications technology is progressing so quickly that our pupils are experiencing a phenomenal era of increasingly powerful multifunctional devices using 3-4G network connection, Wi-Fi, touchscreens and apps for all.



Mobile devices now range from a multitude of smartphones, tablets, netbooks, notebooks and laptops. The GCSE in ICT is designed to help pupils become confident, savvy users of ICT capable of making informed decisions in the selection and use of ICT devices.

Junior pupils enjoy weekly ICT lessons in Babbage or Bach computer suites where the introduction of www.typingace.com typing tutor is helping them to improve their keyboard, accuracy and spelling skills.

The College ICT infrastructure continues to be renewed and expanded with upgrades to the wireless access throughout the whole campus and internet connection which has enabled the staff and pupils to research and communicate across the world.

P. Thomas

DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

Learning Support

The Learning Support Department quietly watches and assesses pupils throughout their school lives.



Pupils are offered assistance as, and when it is needed, and when they reach their goal, their achievements are wholly attributable to the efforts of the staff that support them.

In the Junior School Mrs Di Jones weaves her magic and transforms her department into a place where pupils are inspired to learn, and perform their best. Her results speak louder than words and her pupils progress to the Senior School knowing how to get the best out of themselves. I am deeply indebted to her, and the TAs and LSAs who work with her.



In the Senior School, Mr Matthew Akers, Mrs Su Burberry, Mrs Kim Franklin and Mrs Sara Chappell are invaluable as Learning Support

Assistants. They nurture and coax their pupils, always trying to encourage independence and confidence, striving for the pupils to achieve their full potential.

The Neuro-Developmental Delay exercise classes are proving to be effective. In addition, the Kalirobics handwriting group extended their exercises to the Dance Studio, using the large mirrors to 'draw' on with gloved hands. Pupils struggling with reading fluency and comprehension are offered help by using 'Toe by Toe' and 'Stride Ahead' and basic Maths concepts are revised using 'Power of 2'. A valuable group of 6th formers assist with the sessions, offering encouragement and support. Without them it would be difficult to reach out to everyone who needs these interventions.



Study skills are taught to all pupils in the first and second year. This forms a basis for their study habits. They learn about their brain, memory, learning styles and thinking skills, all of which should enable them to learn and revise in a more creative fashion.

We feel that in our innovative department we can offer practical advice with just about anything. We have pen grips to help with fine motor skills, coloured reading rulers and overlays to help visual dyslexics, tangles for pupils needing something to manipulate and a multitude of

educational games. We strive to assist every pupil with learning difficulties, and to give them the resources to succeed. We are our proudest when we see pupils achieve, particularly at GCSE level.

S. Akers

Mathematics

Another exciting year for the maths department.

As usual we have entered many pupils into the UKMT Maths Challenges at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level; I would like to make special mention to the following for achieving gold certificates:

Sam Cappleman-Lynes, Tom Cheung, William Collins, Connie Bromhead, Lucy Taylor and Harry Dymond.

Special mention must go to Lauren Johns and Rupert Dymond who were invited to attend a day of hard sums at Plymouth University, although they say that they didn't find them that hard!

Also to Sam Cappleman-Lynes, whose results at the BMO placed him first in the country and resulted in his being invited to attend a residential hard sums course at Trinity College, Cambridge. Following his performance at that camp, he was invited to be part of the team of six to represent Great Britain at the International Mathematical Olympiad in Argentina in July, at which event he achieved a bronze medal.

Some students and I went to support Sam being awarded his medal at the Royal Society recently. He is now at Trinity College, Cambridge reading maths; he shall be missed here greatly.

As reigning County Champions we entered the UKMT Senior team competition again this year and won again to retain our title! The team comprised of Jason Liu, Sam Cappleman-Lynes, William Collins and Dan Lee. We were invited to the National Final in London; we had a lovely day, although we didn't bring home any cups.

The Junior Team and the Intermediate Teams trained hard and enjoyed their competitions but no medals this year!

Otherwise, day to day, we've done some sums, drawn some graphs and we have all learnt something!

We had great results at A2 in August. We achieved three A*s and three A's from eight candidates, well done to William Collins who was awarded an A at A2 Maths two years early; he has been very helpful in training up the younger pupils for the Junior Squad and helping his colleagues generally.

Many thanks to staff and pupils alike for all their hard work and enthusiasm this year.

E. Bearpark

Media Studies

It has been another busy year in the Media Studies department with the students helping out with sound and lighting at various functions and also entering competitions.

All this whilst trying to complete an A-Level too!

The A2 students have produced some good music videos for their Advanced Portfolios. Of particular note was Jake Claridge's piece; he decided to break from the norm and used a piece of

instrumental music, creating a very powerful video.

The quality of the AS music magazines were good. Lots of techniques were used this year with the students making good use of the 'green screen' technology that is now available to them.

At the beginning of March the A-Level Business Studies and Media Studies students went on a student conference held at Eurodisney, which put them in contact with some high profile speakers within their particular field of expertise.

The media students attended a Media Live! conference that had leading people of their field talking about careers in their areas.

The Media Live conference had a mixture of speakers from print media, TV journalism and web media.

The first speaker and chair of the conference was Sian Jones, an anchor woman for ITV morning news and GMTV. She spoke to the students about how she got into TV and the best courses to take. She shared her knowledge as an extremely proficient media skills trainer.

Next Jo Elvin, the award winning editor of Glamour magazine, talked to the students about working in print media. The talk gave the students an insight into how to get ahead in a tough working environment and tips on how to impress and climb the ladder. Jo told her inspirational story about her journey from being a young traveller to being one of the most successful magazine editors in the UK. She connected with the students and answered their many questions.

The last speaker was Jane Young, a technology entrepreneur and founder of Scramblr, a platform that enables

creative teams to set up their own online studios. As one of the world's first 'Social Business Engineers', her talks unpack the mystic and black art of digital and social media, by putting in context where we are, how we got here and where we need to be in order to thrive in a world where technology is growing exponentially. She spoke from the heart and gave the students a different insight into achieving their goals; one that doesn't follow the 'norm'.

It was a fantastic conference that awakened the passion of the students who attended. They had all been asked to enter a competition to make an advert that was judged by the speakers. There were over 120 entries and Lower Sixth students Lydia Scambler and Amy Thompson's entry came in the top 6! A fantastic achievement.

Lydia and Amy also made another fantastic piece that they prepared for the Drama evening in the spring term. Their music video to the song 'Mr Blue Sky' epitomised life at Shebbear College and was an excellent first attempt. I look forward to seeing what they produce at A2!

F. Lovett

Music

Festive Flutes

On Friday September 16th, Festive Flutes presented a superb day of music making here at Shebbear College.

This exciting and inspirational quartet of professional flautists worked with our young musicians, exploring flutes of all shapes and sizes, and also broader music making.

The day culminated in a dazzling afternoon performance featuring

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music as diverse as Mozart, Walton and Henry Mancini. Our Flute ensemble who had participated in workshops and extra rehearsals both during the day and in the summer holidays played with great professionalism; sometimes on unfamiliar instruments, to the delight of the audience who filled the auditorium to capacity.



Our thanks go to all who helped to make this such a rewarding occasion, especially to Joss Campbell, Sarah Murphy, Elizabeth Walker and to Mel Orriss (our very own flute teacher) who was also responsible for the many scintillating arrangements including a rendering of The Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy for no less than three piccolos and bass flute!

What a truly fabulous experience we had.

St Nicholas

Girls from our Senior choir participated in a performance of Benjamin Britten's cantata, St Nicholas in Holsworthy with the Holsworthy Festival Chorus under the baton of David Robinson. The choir sang beautifully from the Gallery and as a member of the audience commented after the performance ...

"The girls were great ambassadors for the College and a credit to the music department."



Flute ensemble busking

In a very cold Exeter before Christmas, our band of flautists braved the elements and played a festive set of arrangements for the appreciative shoppers in Exeter. They managed to raise a goodly sum of money to go towards the purchase of our very own Alto and Bass flutes! Many thanks are due to Mel Orriss for organising this event.

Carol singers

A select group of 3rd form Carol singers went to West Heanton to entertain the residents. The pupils performed a selection of traditional carols which we all sang to together and a festive time was had by all.

Winter Concert

The Winter concert opened with an energetic performance of "Chatanagga Choo Choo" by the Flute Ensemble, including costumes and whistles. The Brass Ensemble performed a moving rendition of Deep River, while the Saxophone Ensemble enlivened the event with a performance of Madness' One Step Beyond.

The Lower School Choir sang two pieces; I'm a Believer (with added choreography) and a beautiful, evocative performance of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's "Pie Jesu", which they had previously performed at The College's Remembrance Service in November.

The Senior School performed a technically challenging arrangement of "Let it Be" by The Beatles.

The real highlight of this year's concert was the number of outstanding soloists. Form 1 pupils of Grade 5 standard performed alongside their more experienced peers from the higher years who performed a repertoire of grade 8 standard. Overall there were 16 solo performances which raised the roof.

Solo performances were by Waycle Lai, Henry Pillman, Ben Parker, Ezmay Jopling, Joey Yeung, Anna Bennett, Mariella Nebel, Emma Dixon, Michael Haley, Anna Cherrington. Chris White, Sam Westlake, Rob Dunn, Grace Beal, Jason Liu, William Collins and Vincent Yeung.

And of course the culmination of the evening was Orchestra whose standard of performance continues to improve; they performed the music to the film "The Incredibles" and a festive Jingle Bells. This brought the house down and was received with a standing ovation by the enthusiastic audience.

Advent Carol Service

As the Carol Service fell at the beginning of December we took advantage of the date and celebrated Advent. This gave both the choir and congregation the opportunity to sing many, less familiar advent carols. The Senior Choir rose to the occasion and performed an uplifting rendition of Adam lay bounden by Boris Ord.

Spring Term Chamber Concert

This Chamber Concert included musicians from all years. Twenty six pupils performed solos on a variety of instruments. It was a delightful evening of tea and cakes with wonderful entertainment for all.

Performances were by Bronwyn Ager, Spencer Quance, Lydia Bowering Sheehan, Amy Honey, Harry Cheung, Debbie Stuart, Nadia Blaskiewicz, Ella Hughes, Meaghan Ryder Green, Isaac



VOCES8 (below)

This term we were lucky to be able to play host to the world renowned, a cappella ensemble Voces8.

The day was packed with a variety of workshops, starting with the Junior School, who not only worked on developing vocal technique but ended up creating their own blues style 4 part piece. Form 2, though initially reticent, showed by the end that they too could fill the Assembly Hall with their melodic singing.

The ensemble then went on to perform to the whole school in Chapel and, with a little bit of coaching, the service ended with an uplifting performance of Guide Me Oh Though Great Jehovah with the 6th Form gentlemen in the gallery adding additional harmonies.

Allsop, William Cox, Theo Crookes, Heather Mathews, Henry Pillman, Judina McCluskey, Amy Brimacombe, Anna Bennett, Robert Temple, Lucy Taylor, Henry Cornish, Joey Yeung, Alice Footitt and Angus Crookes.

North Devon Festival Winners

This was another successful year at the North Devon Music Festival. The Junior Violin and Flute Ensembles won their classes with distinction marks. The Lower School Choir performed with confidence a contrasting programme, this time with added choreography and were joint winners in their Class at the Festival (above).

In the afternoon we were joined by Kingsley School Choir. The choirs had the opportunity to workshop with Voces 8, who worked on performance technique and provided the choirs with many ideas to take away and develop.

In the evening we hosted a public performance at Holsworthy Methodist Church. Voces 8 gave us a performance of the highest

Gig Night

This was a night to remember, compered by the indefatigable Josh Bickley and Jamie Nielson this year's Gig night surpassed expectations. Performed in the New Assembly Hall with the added advantage of the lights, the event was well supported and much enjoyed.

The guitars filled the venue with a massed performance of Back in Black by AC/DC. World Premiers were performed by the Outstanding 5th Form musicians who have contributed so much over the years. Students who accompanied themselves performed solos and ensembles and the evening was brought to a conclusion by the 6 performers on a guitar ... yes, please check it out on YouTube.



professional standard which left us all in awe of their virtuosity and musicality.



Summer Term Chamber Concert

The summer chamber concert was again an opportunity for our younger pupils to perform. This event was well attended and all players acquitted themselves well.

Performances were by Theo Crookes, Lydia Bowering-Sheehan, Isaac Allsop, Connie Bromhead, William Cox, Henry Pillman, Heather Mathews, Robert Temple, Amy Honey, Henry Cornish, Ben Parker, Amy Brimacombe, Jake Whitaker, Alice Footitt, Lois Barker, Minnie Alexander and Anna Bennett. Bideford Town Band Quartet Contest Julian Blaskiewicz, Richard Goodey, Rupert Dymond and Henry Pillman, (pictured right) after their performance at the Bideford town Band solo, duet and quartet contest held at Bideford Methodist church. The quartet was awarded 3rd prize in the under 18 category, competing against players from as far away as Wales.

'Julian's Hot Four' were conducted on the day by Mr Edwards, the college brass teacher, a quartet recently featured in British Band Magazine.

Summer Concert

This event is the culmination of the year's music making. Our Lower School Choir opened the concert with a poignant rendition of Only You and a dramatically contrasting, energetic performance of I'm a Believer. The ever developing String Ensemble performed a more challenging programme and Rebecka Slater-Lyons' pupils sang a beautiful arrangement of Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen.

The Senior Choir ended the first half with 'Wherever You Are' and a rhythmically challenging arrangement of My Favourite Things.

Following the wonderful, seasonal refreshments provided by Mrs Purdew and her team of cooks, the concert continued with the Saxophone Ensemble and their March of The Baritonettes. The Brass Ensemble gave us a warm sounding

programme of pieces by Chris Hazell and the evening ended with the School Orchestra giving us a sprightly, articulate ever-enthusiastic performance of Ain't Misbehavin' and a medley of John Williams's great film themes.

The orchestra must be congratulated for their commitment and hard work over the year.

From woodwind and brass players, string players with both 4 and 6 strings, singers and pianists, our gifted soloists added to this wonderful evening.

Soloists included Jake Whittaker, Theo Crookes, Ben Parker, India Martin, Katie Kingsland, Catherine Kotarski, Ezmay Jopling, Anna Cherrington, Henry Pillman, Alice Footitt, Julian Blaskiewicz, Hebe Wang, Angus Crookes, Richard Goodey, William Collins, Christopher White and Vincent Yeung.

K. & L. Parker





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Connie Gillies	Piano	Grade 1	
Laura Priest	Violin	Grade 1	Merit
Judina McCluskey	Piano	Grade 1	Distinction
Amy Taylor	Violin	Grade 1	
Olivia Hill	Piano	Grade 1	Distinction
Sam Westlake	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Timothy Parker	Violin	Grade 1	Merit
Jessica Alexander	E Flat Horn	Grade 2	Merit
Lydia Bowering-Sheehan	Violin	Grade 2	
Olivia Hill	Piano	Grade 2	Merit
Timothy Parker	Violin	Grade 2	
Anna Bennett	Piano	Grade 2	Distinction
Hannah Beglin	Piano	Grade 2	
Abby Selwyn	Piano	Grade 2	
Henry Pillman	Violin	Grade 3	Merit
Emma Dixon	Flute	Grade 3	
Jessica Chalmers	Alto Saxophone	Grade 3	
Nadia Blaskiewicz	Alto Saxophone	Grade 3	
Hannah Beglin	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Anna Bennett	Piano	Grade 3	Distinction
Amy Honey	Piano	Grade 3	
William Cox	Piano	Grade 3	
Meaghan Ryder-Green	Flute	Grade 3	Distinction
Connie Bromhead	Flute	Grade 3	
Lucy Taylor	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Benjamin Parker	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Alice Footitt	Piano	Grade 4	
Henry Cornish	Cello	Grade 4	
Theo Crookes	Flute	Grade 4	
Benjamin Parker	Alto Saxophone	Grade 4	Merit
Henry Pillman	Euphonium	Grade 5	Merit
Rose Frith	Piano	Grade 5	
Sam Westlake	Singing	Grade 5	
Fredric Selwyn	Tenor Saxophone	Grade 5	
Liu Ngo Man	Piano	Grade 7	
Marco Ng	Theory	Grade 5	Merit
Joey Yeung	Theory	Grade 5	Merit
Angus Crookes	Theory	Grade 5	Merit
Vincent Yeung	Piano	Grade 8	
William Collins	Piano	Grade 8	

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Physical Education

By the time this magazine is published we will have witnessed one of the best Olympic Games in recent history and as we reflect on 2011-12, the future is certainly red, black and gold! for the PE department.

We continue to go from strength to strength on both the academic and practical front. This year's GCSE results were some of the best recorded in a number of years with 87% of pupils achieving A*-C grades.

These results are testament to the dedication and hard work of our pupils, as they reacted extremely well to a slightly different approach in practical lessons, performing well in both circuit training and orienteering.

Those who face the up-coming exam have a hard act to follow, but will hopefully also benefit from a variety of new practical activities, including speed, agility and quickness training.

In addition, our A Level students both achieved their goals. Nick Seccombe has embarked on a year out and is preparing for a trip to South Africa, where he will work at an environmental education centre for 10-16 year olds. Daniel Furse gained a place at Hartpury College.



As our teams train harder than ever, the department looks for new ways to inspire and nurture our young sporting talent. Some unprecedented good weather in the early autumn term prompted a trip to the beach at Westward Ho! for some junior rugby training. This proved a great opportunity to showcase Shebbear sport in an unusual setting and was well received by the boys who took part. Indeed a number of members of the general public were very complimentary about the activity and the pupils' endeavours.

Notable performances came from a variety of sports. The boys' U13 rugby 7's team reached the semi-finals of an invitational tournament at Mount House after beating Plymouth in the round robin. They were unfortunately beaten in the semi-finals by Mount House and so missed an opportunity to play West Buckland, although they thoroughly deserved their place amongst the top teams.

There was more good news for the U13s as the girls' hockey team won the North Devon hockey tournament beating all-comers, including West Buckland, Kingsley and Park School.

Nick Seccombe qualified to represent Devon at the South West Cross Country Trials having finished 2nd in the North Devon trials and 8th in the Devon trials. He put in an excellent

performance against some tough opposition from other counties and represented the college with grit and determination.

With core values of commitment, teamwork, communication and enjoyment at the forefront of all we do, PE and Games continues to grow in both popularity and stature as an integral part of college life.

This year thanks must go to the numerous members of staff from both within and outside the department, who are involved in PE and Games. Much of what we achieve is due to their tireless dedication and enthusiasm for sport, and ensures we deliver a positive experience for pupils at the college. Only with their continued support can we be successful in promoting healthy and active lifestyles that are sustained over many years and of course all new comers are welcome to get involved.

A. Steel & S. Ham

Psychology

Psychology is offered to 6th Form pupils, who are able to study the subject at A level.

During the Lower 6th, pupils investigated the methods psychologists use when conducting research, and carried out their own questionnaires among the 6th Form. They also had the opportunity to recreate a classic psychological experiment on conservation in the Junior School, and we are very grateful to Mr Harman, Mrs Harman & Mrs Goode for allowing us to disrupt their classes for a few hours to do this!

As part of their studies of Health & Clinical Psychology, the Upper 6th researched psychological disorders, and gave individual presentations



on schizophrenia, obsessive compulsive disorder and depression. Whilst studying the Forensic Psychology module, they attended the 'Behind Bars' conference at Bristol, where they heard from, and

talked to, released prisoners about the penal system.

Neighbourhood Beat Manager WPC 4226 Anna Fielding kindly organised a visit to Barnstaple Police Station, where the pupils were able to meet a member of the Crime Investigation Scene team, had a tour of the custody suite and cells and were shown how fingerprints and DNA samples are taken.

All the pupils studying A level Psychology were also given the opportunity to attend a day of workshops hosted by the Psychology Department at Exeter University, where they gained an understanding of the type of research carried out by undergraduates of the subject.

The pupils achieved some very good results in the summer examinations with 100% pass rate at A2 level. Lizzie Trask had decided to continue her studies of the subject to undergraduate level and has enrolled on a joint honours Psychology & Animal Biology degree at the University of Worcester - we wish her the very best with her future studies.

S. Smale

Religious Studies

It's been another busy and active year in Religious Studies at the College.

Form One have explored a variety of World Religions, including the Hindu Puja ritual and the enlightenment of Buddha. They also investigated the importance of Justice in Christianity, looking at how the parables of Jesus inspired figures such as Archbishop Tutu in South Africa.



Once again we visited Buckfast Abbey, exploring the Education Centre which is full of hands-on activities to learn all about the construction of the beautiful and ancient building, along with information about the daily lives of the monks and the famous "Buckfast Bee". They had a fascinating session interviewing one of the Abbey's monks, as well as a picnic lunch in the gardens and a tour of the Abbey.



Form Two have learnt about a range of religious issues and figures including; the Islamic Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca, how Christ inspires the work of the Salvation Army in their work with the homeless, and the religious symbolism of the Lion, the

Witch and the Wardrobe film! The pupils also created some very striking images based around the life and actions of Martin Luther King.

Form Two enjoyed a visit to Exeter to explore the history of the Cathedral and the Synagogue; learning about



the symbols and rituals of both sites they made clay tiles with religious symbols and experienced a bar mitzvah.

Form Three started their GCSE course by exploring ideas of the meaning of 'God', analysing the film "Bruce Almighty" to help them do so.

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GCSE results continue to impress, with over 78% of the Fifth Form students gaining an A*-C grade Full GCSE with just one lesson a week.

The numbers of students opting to study the Philosophy and Ethics A-Level continues to grow. Again results at A-level have been good, congratulations to Sam Cappleman-Lynes for his 'A' grade, to Charlotte Wade for her 'A' grade at AS and we wish Luke Stock good fortune in his Philosophy degree.

The Sixth form students attended an ethics conference held at Yeovil called 'Living the Good Life'. Renowned British theologian, philosopher and former Shebbear College governor Dr. Peter Vardy held the conference and we heard presentations from him as well as special guest speakers, Dr. Bernard Hoose and Charlotte Vardy.

The conference began with Dr. Peter Vardy, who spoke about the meta-ethics unit in such a stimulating and understanding way, especially when the theory is applied to war ethics.

After the break, Dr. Bernard Hoose delivered an educational lecture on Aquinas' Natural Law theory. He was able to give the students a broad outline of how to answer and structure an examination question, in regards to the topic of natural law.

After the lunch break, we then listened to a presentation given by Charlotte Vardy about the Utilitarian approach to ethics.

At the end of the day, the students participated in a debate, with the motion being: 'This house believes political killing can never be justified'. We had Dr. Peter Vardy speaking for the motion and Charlotte Vardy speaking against the motion.

Once the debate was open to the

floor, many interesting points were made from everyone at the conference. Overall, it was fascinating to hear people's different perspectives on the matter and appreciate everyone's opinions.

Science

I was shopping in Waitrose recently and somehow got chatting to an old chap. In the course of the conversation, he asked me what I did for a living

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I said I was a school teacher. He asked me "What do you teach?" "Children" I replied. Looking somewhat bemused, but clearly undeterred, he carried on with his line of questioning. "Where do you teach?" I said I taught at Shebbear College. He said he'd heard of it and, that it was a good school. "Right," I said.

He then proceeded to ask me "What makes Shebbear College a good school?" I replied "In my opinion, it boils down to two things, firstly, everybody tries to be nice to one another, and secondly, everybody does their best at whatever it is they are doing."

I told this true little story to the kids in Chapel last year. Sadly, only one student laughed at my joke, and, to add insult to injury, he was German!

I meant what I said to the old chap in Waitrose, but joking aside, there is a little more to what makes a school a "good" school, I believe.

Another crucial thing is getting the balance right between the three principal components of a school; these being the academic achievements of the students, the opportunities for recreational

activities within the school for the pupils, and last but not least, the spiritual development of each individual within the environment.

This balance, of course, is governed by the headmaster of a school.

In my capacity as Head of Science, it is my pleasure to wax lyrical (once more) upon the first of these three components, the academic achievements of our children.

The academic year 2011/2012 was an outstandingly successful one for the Science Department. Students of all age groups and levels worked very purposefully on a day-to-day basis, week in, week out throughout the full duration of the academic year. The importance of all of this hard work is illustrated by the departmental GCSE results. This year every 5th Form student that took the first of the three possible science GCSEs - called simply "GCSE Science" - passed!

Congratulations!

The vast majority of these students continued on to complete and pass "Additional Science" GCSE also.

Our results reflect the full range of academic ability within the college; every student in the 5th Form is obliged to study Science and we enter everybody for the GCSE examinations. In total, our forty-five students sat a total of eighty-seven GCSEs in Science, Additional Science, and, separate Biology, Chemistry & Physics GCSE.

Fifty-six out of the eighty-seven GCSEs taken by our students were awarded at grade B or above (this included nine A* and twenty-four A grades). This means that 64% of the GCSEs sat were graded at B or above. This percentage is important because percentage grade A & B is one of the indicators used by Government to

rank schools within league tables.

We were absolutely delighted with the tremendous achievement of our more able students which contributed significantly to the College's overall GCSE results.

Equally impressive, however, was the "pass-rate" of our students as judged by the number of GCSEs awarded at grade C or above. Of the eighty-seven GCSEs sat by our students, eighty were graded at C or above. This is equivalent to 92% pass-rate at grade C in science subjects. This was an outstanding performance by our 5th Formers, many of whom worked tirelessly over a number of years with subjects they did not find easy, in order to achieve a successful outcome to the courses.

This latter statistic is hugely significant for two reasons. Firstly, the percentage of students obtaining five GCSEs at grade C or above is the second of the performance "yardsticks" used by Government for ranking GCSE results. Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, five GCSEs at grade C or above tends to be the minimum GCSE profile required by most educational establishments for acceptance onto A-level or other such higher-level courses. Three-quarters of our students managed to secure, in science alone, two out of the five GCSEs required at grade C, thereby enabling them to continue their education to a higher level. This is a fantastic result!

I am pleased also to be able to report that the outstanding GCSE achievements of our 5th Form during the academic year was mirrored by the very strong progress demonstrated by all of the other year groups during the year. This is extremely encouraging for the future of science within the College.

The students at Shebbear College are fortunate in having a very strong team of committed staff to guide their studies. My thanks in this regard must go to each and every one of this team.

Mr Stuart Clewley and Mr Steve Trask were responsible for teaching at pace, and to the highest possible standard, the GCSE Physics curricula. Similarly, Mr Andrew Colville and Mrs Karen Purdew delivered the Biology curricula whilst Mr Aaron Steel and I covered the Chemistry curricula.

Finally, I am sure I speak on behalf of all my colleagues, as I offer a huge vote of thanks to our wonderful technician, Mrs Sue Sluggett who works so tirelessly behind the scenes in the Science Department on behalf of staff and students alike.

S. Crook

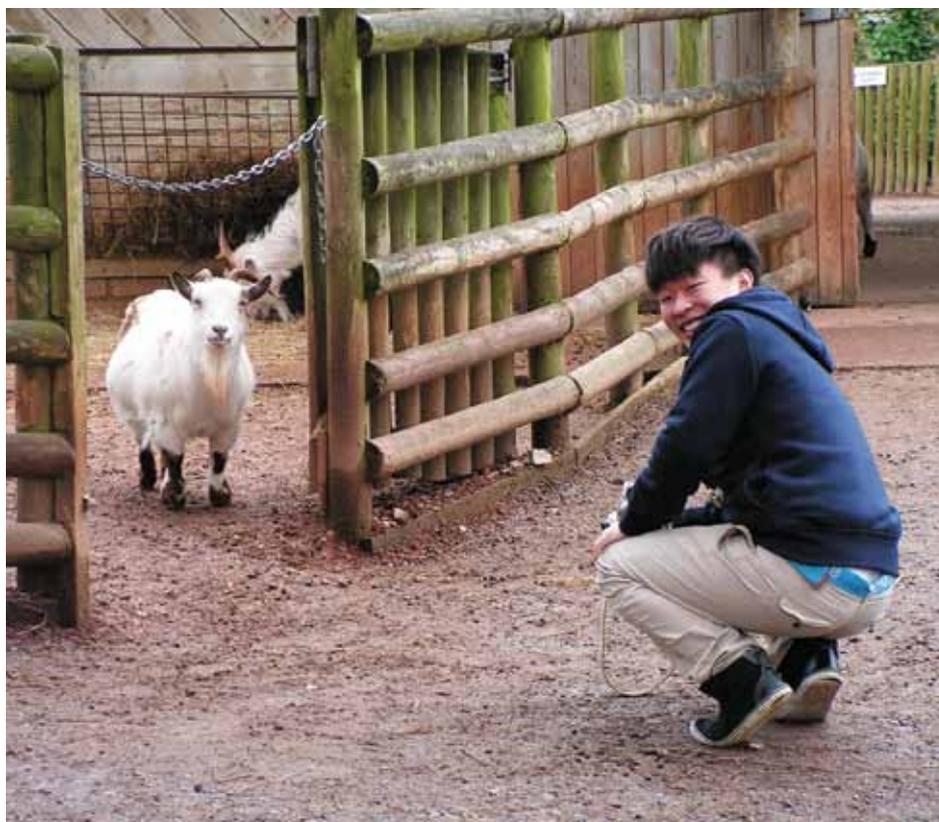
Science - Biology

The biology year began with a visit to Exeter University to carry out some CSI style genetic analysis.

We took saliva samples and using various enzymes and cutting edge Polymerase Chain reaction technology we managed to produce in excess of 30 million billion copies of a single stretch of our DNA.

Having completed this PCR process we began the task of separating the DNA strands by length using Gel Electrophoresis which produced the tell-tale genetic bands seen on many television shows.

We had a great day and learnt much about how to extract important information from DNA as well as what



working in a University biochemistry lab is like.

In February we went to Paignton Zoo to provide source material for coursework research and had a fascinating time discovering the good work that the zoo does to maintain global biodiversity and to counteract the damage Humans have caused.

The coursework that came as a result of this visit was fascinating and included a study of the ways zoos counteract the effect of the illegal trade in rhino horn on the global rhino population and the problems of keeping male gorillas in captivity.

The end of the year saw a second visit to Exeter University to attend a conference on cutting edge research and to give students a feel of what studying biology beyond A-level is like. We discovered how DNA fingerprinting is helping researchers study the migration patterns of salmon and if they do return to the same river after three years in the Atlantic and how researchers



are unravelling the complexities of cellular control of cell division by understanding how cells move their components around.

Altogether a fantastic year both in and of the laboratory.

A. Colville

Science - Physics

The beginning of September came and went and college life started as it usually does, everyone moves up a year, new pupils arrive and everything ticks over nicely; the initial chaotic fervour slowly settles and within a week or two everyone knows where they should be and when they should be there.

By mid-October the Lower Sixth were working well and taking a great interest in their work, especially when we started to re-create roller-coasters using

K-nex. They were challenged to make a floor to ceiling height roller-coaster.

They succeeded and it worked so well that it was transported to the Memorial Hall for the 5th form information evening and became an excellent focal point. Unfortunately, the following morning when the coaster was retrieved, we had a few disasters getting back to the lab, leaving a trail of k-nex along our path (especially when we had tried to go through doors and upstairs). The roller-coaster was beyond repair and has been left for subsequent years to take up this challenge.

My personal highlight for the year has to be when I decided to trial an experiment I remembered doing for my A level Physics. The experiment involves using the conservation of linear momentum to find the speed of a bullet (in this case an air rifle pellet). The practical itself is quite straight forward and yields good results (we found the muzzle velocity to be just short of 150 m/s).



The highlight though has to be seeing the Headmaster's face as I asked if it would be ok to bring an air rifle into school for use on my upper sixth. I think the use of the word 'on' as opposed to 'with' caused a little short-lived confusion!



I did feel a little apprehension as I handed a loaded weapon to my Upper Sixth but after about half an hour and numerous repeat tests, they completed the practical without damaging anything or anyone.

On Thursday the 14th of June all the sixth formers were given the opportunity to experience a lecture from Professor Peter Vukusic from Exeter university. Professor Vukusic has delivered his lecture entitled "All things bright and beautiful: the science of light and colour" to many schools and was featured in the Institute of Physics schools lecture a couple of years ago.

Although a professor of Physics the lecture itself draws together all three of the sciences and explained how modern materials and technologies are being more actively based

around nature. All pupils involved in the lecture agreed that it was both informative, interesting and delivered with enthusiasm.



Continuing with the Upper Sixth, Dan Buckland worked with endless determination, always asking for more questions and resources to further his understanding and refine his exam skills; his work paid off and he was rewarded with an excellent A grade, as was Sam Cappleman-Lynes.

Another member of the Upper Sixth who worked exceptionally well was Alex Cornish, whose goal was to attain a pass at A2 level so as to guarantee his place at University. Alex persevered and even joined all the AS lessons with the Lower Sixth, (meaning that on some days he had 4 hours of Physics lessons, he managed to remain sane and achieved his target of which he should be very proud).

The 5th Form should be congratulated on their exam performance and dedication, especially those few pupils who worked tirelessly in chasing down their C grades in a subject they struggled with.

There should also be a special mention of Will Collins, Ross Bromhead and Toby Stock who decided to take on Physics as a separate GCSE and were rewarded with some excellent results 2 A*s and an A grade respectively. They worked as a small independent group

and strived to delve deeper within the subject. Hopefully, all three will continue with this outlook and study physical sciences at a higher level. This year also saw the start of a new course, in September the GCSE Astronomy group started their two year course to deepen their understanding of the night sky.

The pupils will hopefully sit their exam in June 2013 and add another science GCSE to their CVs. The course runs during the activity slots and is carried out in a more casual and relaxed manner which includes the introduction of the astronomy cake/snack rota.

As astronomy is an observation based discipline it therefore follows that pupils should partake in as much observation as possible. Unfortunately, the weather in Shebbear did not seem to agree with these thoughts and scuppered a seemingly endless number of re-scheduled viewing evenings.

This led to many discussions about possible school trips to more suited locations, the most popular by far being the observatories based high on the mountain tops of Hawaii! It was however deemed that the Physics budget would not stretch quite that far!

S. Clewley



THE KINDERGARTEN

Returning from their summer holidays, the children in the Kindergarten were very excited to have received a letter franked with a Buckingham Palace stamp.

The letter expressed a sincere thank you for the cards the children had sent on the occasion of the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, along with a souvenir picture card of the happy couple.

After discussing the various holidays the children had embarked upon, a topic on transport took place. They learnt about various modes of transport resulting in experimenting with wheeled vehicles, items that float in and on the water and things that fly, particularly enjoying making paper aeroplanes.

Walking around the campus, looking for signs of autumn, the children spotted a large number of caterpillars which were taken back to class and kept in a special butterfly house. Would they hatch into beautiful

butterflies? Only time would tell.

A variety of leaves were collected and used to sort and paint, make collage pictures and press into clay to make mobiles. Although, possibly the most exciting part of our topic involved a visit from Sue who runs the Bude branch of 'Born to be Wild.' Sue brought some very lively hedgehogs to visit and explained to the children about their habitat and hibernating.



Parents and friends were treated to a wonderful afternoon's entertainment when the children performed their play, telling the story of working together to make a snowman, followed by tea and mince pies kindly organised by Mrs Goode.



A Christmas party followed with a visit from their favourite visitor!



The Spring Term saw the children show an interest in different occupations. This led to a visit to see Jane in the school library, Nicky in the school laundry, and after writing postcards home, a visit to Ann in the school office to see what happens to all the mail.



Using a variety of resources, they became builders and learnt about the jobs farmers, nurses and opticians do. The children also had a visit from

Jackie, a mobile hairdresser, became bakers making bread, wrote stories to become authors and became birdwatchers taking part in the RSPB big and little bird watch. Although a variety of birds were seen, it was decided that our friendly squirrel spent more time visiting the bird table than the birds, even stealing the fat balls hung from the tree!



Ruth, our cleaner, took us in the minibus on a trip to Holsworthy fire station (above) where the children listened attentively, learning all about fire safety in and around the home.

Returning from Spring half term, the caterpillars finally hatched. Did they become the beautiful blue butterflies we had seen where we found them? No! They turned into common carpet moths which were well camouflaged as tree branches. But it had been an interesting process to watch and they were taken back to where we had found them.

The cover over the garden area saw the children spend more time outside whatever the weather. Potatoes, sugar snap peas, runner beans, strawberries and poppy and cornflower seeds were planted in our pots outdoors, whilst indoors the children were given seeds to plant, unsure what would grow. Luckily they grew quickly resulting in everyone having a small lawn to cut and look after.

Learning where food comes from

and discussing favourite foods, the children made vegetable soup and fruit soup, deciding they liked fruit soup better, although the pancakes made for Shrove Tuesday also went down very well.

Through a variety of games and activities the children also completed topics on babies, clothes, and the Olympics, celebrated Chinese New Year, St David and St George's Day, Mothering Sunday and Father's day.

Although some of the children had taken time off to see the Olympic torch go through their local town or village, they were lucky enough to see, and hold, one of the torches when Grace, a pupil in the senior school, brought her torch down to show the children.

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, everyone dressed in red, white and blue, had a party lunch, made a card for the Queen and decorated their individual pots of lawn.

Ruth took us out in the minibus again for a trip to Rosemoor where the children enjoyed a leaf collage workshop. They were taken on a walk round the gardens collecting different shapes and colours of leaves and used them to stick and create a mask. Although, as with all our trips in the mini bus, the journey and a picnic are always the best part!

Our busy year ended with a trip to Trethorne Leisure Park where a fun day was enjoyed by both children and parents.

J. Biddlecombe



JUNIOR SCHOOL

The academic year 2011 – 2012 was a successful and exciting one for our Junior School. Each term was filled with sporting fixtures, trips and performances. In our small school it is always surprising how much our children have to offer in all of these spheres.

In the Autumn term the highlights were the PGL trip, the Talent Show and the performance of our boys and girls in their various netball and rugby fixtures. The Year 6 PGL trip was our first to the centre at Osmington Bay, Dorset, the children being accompanied by Mr Harman, assisted by Mrs Kirby and Mrs Willis-Butcher.



It proved to be a fantastic trip as the weather was good for the whole of the week. One of the high points was the water sports where we went to the Olympic sailing venue for the canoeing, the raft building and the raft race which followed, which proved to be an extremely wet, colourful and happy event. At the final disco everyone had a wonderful time – a suitable climax to the week with Butlin's style entertainment.

The Talent Show threw up its usual mixture of mad cap sketches and surprising musical talent. The amazing violins followed by Year 3's Room on a Broom, with Year 4's superb rendition of We Will Rock You and then Year 5's synchronised

swimming, had to be seen to be believed, and the Year 6 girls' rendition of an Adele song was quite outstanding. The term closed with the hugely successful, inaugural Christmas Fair, the children's Christmas parties and our Carol Service.



The Morwellham Quay trip in the Spring term was again a successful day where the children understood how hard life was in Victorian times. Their dressing up and trip down the mine were excellent stimulation for creative writing and poetry.

During the Autumn and Spring terms some of our pupils take part in the Gliddon and Squires Cross Country League as well as the Cross Country event organised by St. Petrocs School, Bude. Here, all the age groups ran hard and strong and showed grit and determination in a field that consisted of over one hundred and fifty competitors. Eliza Banbury sprinted to the finish line taking first place in the U9 girls category and Stuart Williams finished 10th in the U11 boys.

In the Cross Country League Eliza Banbury continued with her hard running and finished second overall for the whole season - an amazing achievement. In the U9s boy's category Ben Plank was placed seventh for the season and the Shebbear U9 boys' team won 4th place overall. The girls also performed extremely well and came 6th overall.



In the North Devon Performing Arts Festival our children did themselves proud in the speech and drama, singing and instrumental classes. This year's adjudicator, Marie Dixon was impressed with our children's efforts commenting that they demonstrated "good learning, clear and expressive speech" and all showed "great promise."

The children scored highly in many of their classes and all came away with well-deserved certificates. Hazel Coward won her class with Thomas Robins coming second and Benjamin Plank coming third. Timothy Parker, Bess Scambler, Matthew Honey, Connie Gillies, and Chompoo Thompson came third in their classes.

Bridget Astley, Joseph Faulkner, Richard Harrison, Robin Dalton, Bridget Mathews, Amy Taylor, Joshua Plank, Laura Priest, Patrick Faulkner, Pascal Birch, Tara Twomey and James Edge were all commended for their energetic performances.

The Junior School choir entered the class for Junior Choirs and won first place for the 8th year running under the direction of Mrs Fiona Goode. They sang beautifully, with tremendous clarity and rhythm. Our Junior violin ensemble won their class as did Timothy Parker who won first prize in the U9 Folk song category.

Many of our musicians played and sung their way to winning more prizes, including Maddie Arden, Jess



Baker, Oscar Baker, Olivia Rolls and Annalise Carpenter. Congratulations to all of them and we look forward to further success next year.

Our U11 boys and girls and U9 boys took part in the ISFA Football Tournament at Kings College, Taunton. On a glorious spring day all played very well but the girls were victorious. They did not lose any of their matches, drawing one and winning eight, including two notable victories over Millfield.



The final against Kings was a close affair but thanks to much cheering and parental support, Jessica Baker slotted home the winning goal for a 1 - 0 victory. Mention must be made of Sophie Gillies who was the top scorer of the whole tournament with 17 goals.



The annual Music Concert was an opportunity to hear the Junior School. The Memorial Hall was full for an eagerly-anticipated event with pupils from all years playing a variety of instruments including piano, trumpet, flute, guitar and violin. The concert started with a performance from the Y2 Violin and Y3 Violin Ensembles; these young musicians performed with real confidence under the direction of the ever-exuberant Mrs Frith.

The Violin Ensemble raised the roof with its vibrant performances of Mirrors, Rain Dance and Too Much Rosin, and the Singers and Guitar Ensemble performed a foot tapping rendition of Bottled under the direction of Mr and Mrs Duncan. The award winning Junior Choir performed their Festival pieces under the direction of Mrs Goode.

Solo performances were heard from, Annalise Carpenter, Bridget Astley, Timothy Parker, Joe Faulkner, Ben Plank, Bess Scambler, Archie Boycott, Ellerker Singleton, Laura Priest, Jessica Alexander, Patrick Faulkner, Amy Taylor, Olivia Rolls, Sean Nadin, Connie Gillies, Rosie Kivell, Rebecca Mawby, Kitty Scambler, Madeline Arden, Tara Twomey, Chompoo Thompson, Jessica Baker, Hannah Beglin, Jed Foster and Oscar Baker.

Much thanks go to the peripatetic music staff who work so hard to prepare, encourage and support all the pupils. Finally, the Junior School filled the Hall with their singing of Food Glorious Food and Consider Yourself from the musical Oliver. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

The term closed with our Easter Fayre when the children designed, made and ran their own games and challenges, and the Friends of Shebbear College supported by running various stalls. The Easter



Bonnet Parade brought its usual huge variety of head gear - every child who entered received an Easter egg. Thank you again to the Friends who donated all the prizes.

The Summer Term was the usual hectic affair and as usual the weather was atrocious, causing disruption to our sporting fixtures - for the second year in succession we were unable to hold Sports Day, although we did try three times!



We held the Village Schools 7-a-side Football Competition in May on the Astroturf and although there were fewer teams attending than in previous years it still proved to be an enormous success. The weather was glorious and the competition began in the morning with the girls' event.

Five teams - Shebbear College Junior School A and B, Halwill A and B and Bradworthy - battled it out with the final being between the College A

team and Bradworthy. It proved to be a close match with only a single goal separating the teams. The College A team comprising of Chompoo Thompson (capt), Kitty Scambler, Zara Hemmings, Sophie Gillies, Jessica Baker and Hannah Beglin were the worthy winners.

In the afternoon the boys' team played in two leagues before they separated into the Cup and Plate competitions. Bradworthy came out winners in both competitions, both finals were very close but Bradworthy A team beat Shebbear College A team 2 - 0 to win the final and their B team beat Halwill B in the Plate final.



Also in May we had a visit from Mr Paul Godding who led a Maths Day which involved all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6. Paul galvanized the children's competitive spirit with his Maths games and activities - he in turn was impressed with our children's Mathematical ability.



Later in the term we were amazed by our chess champion, Theo Slade. Twelve parents, staff and pupils at

a time challenged Theo to twelve simultaneous chess games, in which Theo had just 30 seconds per move before passing to the next board. He played 39 matches in two hours. The results: Theo won 36, drew 1 and lost 2. What an achievement!



To mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee the Junior School enjoyed a day of Jubilee-inspired activities which included making and eating a 'Knickerbocker Glory' to finish off the afternoon. The Friends of Shebbear College decorated the dining room very patriotically for the day and Mr Harman planted a Silver Birch, named Jubilee Frost, on the grass roundabout in front of Pyke House.



At the top of the list of events in the Junior School must be the outstanding Junior School Production - the best so far - hugely due to the children's performance. Mrs Jones certainly knows how to get the best out of our children and works so hard in doing so. Thanks must go to the 'Parkerettes', Mrs Goode, Mr and Mrs Parker for all their hard work in getting the music ready, Mr Goode for the lighting and everyone who helped in any way to contribute to the success of the production - so many people commented on the outstanding food!

My thanks go to everyone who helped to make the Junior School so successful over the year. The staff work ceaselessly to ensure that the whole educational experience for the children is exciting and challenging.

My thanks also to the parents for their support - it makes such a difference - but most of all my thanks to the children who always give of their best and who are proud of our school.

On a personal note I would like to thank Mr Barnes for his kind words about my work at the College during his talk on Speech Day. I will always think of my time at Shebbear with fondness, and the great memories I have of the children will always remain with me.

Bev Harman





JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION - THE ROCKY MONSTER SHOW



“Incredible,” “so professional and slick,” “an amazing show with so much talent,” “superb, the children had so much fun” and “the best one yet,” were just a few of the comments made about our Junior School show this year.

The children excelled themselves during their performances of “The Rocky Monster Show.” A bizarre, anarchic and very funny Rock ‘n’ Roll musical with a riotous mix of the Addams Family, Young Frankenstein and Phantom of the Opera.

Professor Fenton, Baron Frankenstein’s descendant and ex-pop star turned professor of Genetics, portrayed brilliantly by Eddie Jones, creates DNA moulds of people in his computer. How these moulds come to life as the ultimate Rock Group, headed by a clone of Elvis, wonderfully acted by Thomas Robins, is the highlight of the hilarious plot. Thomas’ rendition of the song ‘Hard Act to Follow’ was simply brilliant.

More traditional monsters also add

spice to the explosive mixture. The hilarious rendition of Mungo and Elsa played by Douglas Willis-Butcher and Hannah Beglin, was highly amusing and had the audience in stitches.



Dan and Rebecca played by Robin Dalton and Kitty Scambler, the newly hired assistants to Professor Fenton, have to endure a variety of other strange characters including the officious Mrs Danvers, Professor Fenton’s housekeeper, played



frighteningly well by Connie Gillies and Igor the browbeaten butler played by Josh Plank, who is in love with Gloria, Fenton’s daughter played by Jess Baker.

The villagers of Arkham, played by the children in years 3 to 6, who are unhappy about the ‘strange goings on up at the castle’, have an overwhelming sense of ‘doom!’ Inspector Baskerville, played by James Edge, is soon hired to investigate.

A concert follows, and there is a complete change of mood as the villagers thoroughly enjoy themselves at the castle ballroom. Unfortunately, there is a sudden dramatic twist, when a blast of lightning hits the castle, setting it on fire, destroying Fenton and his monsters.



The mix of Rock music, makeup, atmospheric lighting, special effects and impressive costumes made this year's show an incredible spectacle and one which will certainly be a 'Hard Act to Follow!'

Special thanks must also go to Rosie Barlow who created the unbelievable scenery, Mr and Mrs Parker and Mrs Goode for their wonderful music and Mrs Kirby and Mrs Willis-Butcher for the delicious food served during the intervals.

How do we top that next year? Watch this space!



BOARDING NEWS

With autumn already turning into winter, the seasons are always clearly marked within our boarding community.

We have celebrated Diwali, the light festival and enjoyed the Autumn Full moon ceremony, one of the most recognised celebrations for our Cantonese boarders.

The fable speaks of the King who searched for many years for the elixir for everlasting life and when he found it he hid it from everyone except his beautiful wife whom he had loved for many years. She was so overcome with curiosity that she took the elixir and immediately her spirit was transported to the moon where she resided for all eternity.

The King was grief stricken and the story reads that he could see her face within the moon only once a year during the Autumn Full Moon.

The Cantonese boarders bring a very special cake with them each year which is of sweet pastry and when cut open has an egg in the centre which depicts the full moon. Great fun is had by all, with the lighting of candles, wishes given for a safe, healthy and happy season ahead and thoughts and positive wishes for family and friends back home.

Building upon these happy memories is what creates lifetime connections with others and brings fond thoughts of their time in Shebbear.

With such a wonderful multi-cultural community we get the opportunity to celebrate many customs from around the world. On the 5th December each year to mark the season of giving and goodwill our German and Hungarian boarders have introduced us to a magical tradition where at bedtime shoes are cleaned and left outside the bedroom door and by morning a special gift has been placed in the shoes to show good kindred wishes to all.

We have had a valuable addition to our staff with an old Shebbearian returning to work as Housemaster in Pollard, Mr Jamie Sanders; he was himself a boarder, so brings with him knowledge and an understanding of boarding life for the boys in his care.



Also we have had Miss Hayley Beal join the staff as Housemistress to Ruddle. Hayley brings a vibrant and caring approach to everything she is involved with and has shown her talent in painting and mural design which welcomes everyone on entering Ruddle House.



Zsafia, Julian and Peter joined us from Hungary and Germany as Time for God Volunteers and each offered a huge amount to our boarding life.

Zsafia has a calm and organised approach, working tirelessly to help us all and she has produced a very helpful Handbook for future volunteers arriving after she has left.

Boarding staff are prepared to work around the clock for the benefit of our boarders and that was clearly recognised in our Ofsted boarding report.

The weeks in our boarding life pass so very quickly, from all of the excitement of the prospect of a very long summer stretching ahead to the



nerves and anxiety around 'exam fever' to the turn of each season with a conclusion of the much awaited Christmas Extravaganza, each year seeming to surpass the last. The pleasure is to hear the boarders say each year 'That was the best ever!'

Happy and long-lasting memories for us all.

Lin Quirk - Head of Boarding





SIXTH FORM

This year has seen the unveiling of the refurbished Sixth Form centre with the U6 study room being fitted with individual study booths and the Common Room being modelled on a traditional London gentleman's club, complete with leather chesterfields and fireplace.

This refined atmosphere has led to Sixth Formers spending much time having discussions over tea and the playing of chess, perhaps partly culminating in the success of Oliver Wise in the county chess competition.

The Sixth Form pantomime this year was Jack and the Beanstalk, with Jack Hatton in the lead role. His 'really nice guy' persona was played to excellent effect and enjoyed by all. Although, Luke Stock's Lord Flashard-inspired Duke flattering Rob Chamberlain's Dame Trott will perhaps be the abiding memory of the show.

The Sixth Form debates continued to improve in quality and ranged over many topical areas from the 'Arab Spring' to 'Women in the west have never had it so good', improving the current affairs knowledge and understanding of the Sixth Form.

Socially, it has also been a busy year for the Sixth Form starting with the Hog Roast and Ceilidh in October. This was a first for many of the Sixth Form and Form Five, but all joined in with good spirit and immersed themselves in the atmosphere.

The Rounsefell Dinner was, as always, the highlight of the year and the speaker this year was Mr Nick Kormanicki. Mr Kormanicki is a film armourer (Gladiator, Troy, Clash of the Titans) whose career has been very interesting, rewarding and different. He inspired those that attended the dinner and we look

forward to him visiting again in the future.



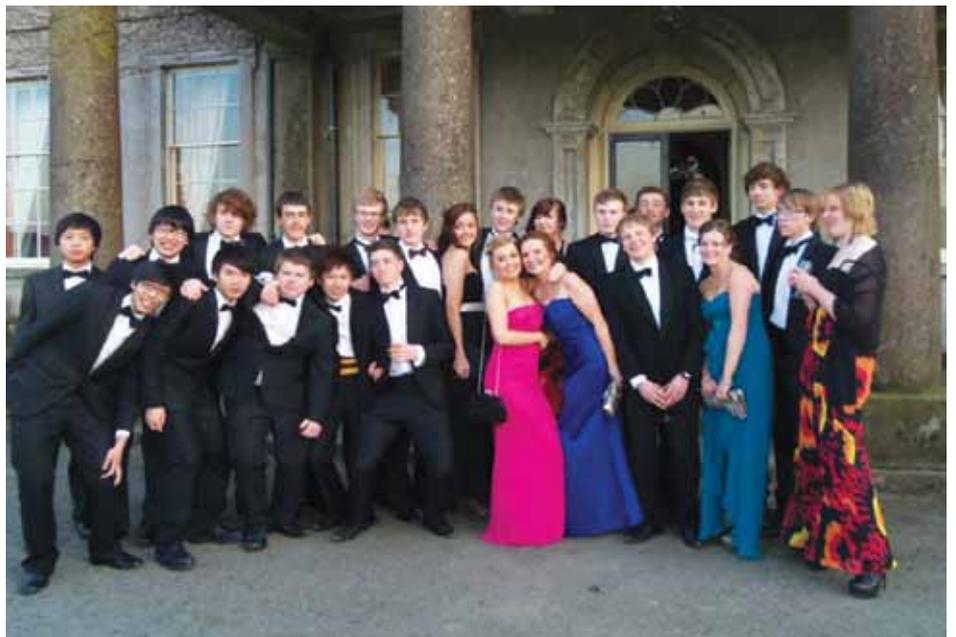
The year closed with another social – the Sixth Form Summer Ball, this was a very nice evening, even if the damp weather hid the back drop of the sun setting over the Atlantic.

The Upper Sixth did well in their A level results with the vast majority achieving their first choice university place. Of particular note is Sam Cappleman-Lynes achieving his place to read Mathematics at Trinity College, Cambridge.

International university applications also increased this year with Luke Stock (History) and Christopher White (Music) heading off to Acadia University, Nova Scotia and Tom Cheung (Economics) to the University of Hong Kong, which was very pleasing.

We wish all of the Upper Sixth well in their future endeavours.

M. Newitt





School Prefects (2011 – 2012):

Sam Cappleman-Lynes, Luke Stock, Daniel Buckland, James Reader, Jack Hatton, Elizabeth Trask, Jake Claridge, Eric Chu, Fredric Selwyn (Head Boy), Polly Jopling (Head Girl), Elizabeth Kneebone, Laura Wood, Robert Chamberlain

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

After half term the college welcomed a dozen students from as far afield as Italy, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine and Japan - their ages ranging from just seven to fifteen years.

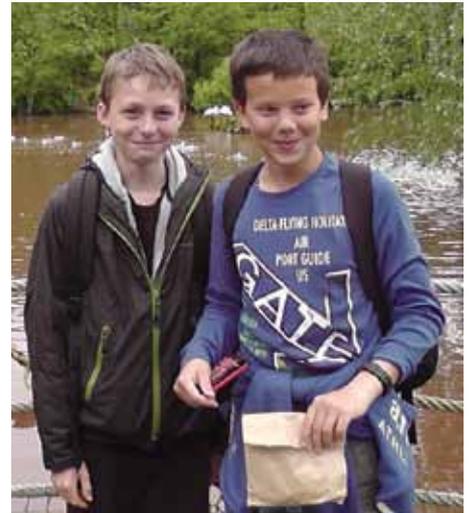
They followed a full and varied programme, which included language classes for three mornings and fully integrated classes for two full days, as well as a variety of trips out.

Most enjoyable of the outings was, without doubt, the day spent at the Eden Project - a wonderful experience for everyone, including the staff, though a very close second was the afternoon spent Go Karting in Plymouth!

Particular thanks to Mrs Lovett and her Media students, Lydia Scambler, Amy Thompson, Harry Chance and Rob Rushton-Taylor for producing a film for the students to take home with them on DVD to show their parents what a brilliant time they had.

You can view our summer school film on YouTube, just type in 'Shebbear College Summer School'.

A. Bryan





NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Excited pupils enjoyed visits from three authors for a Book Week, organized by the college librarian in conjunction with the Appledore Book Festival, during October.

Tom Palmer (right) quizzed junior and senior pupils about football and rugby stories they had read in books, magazines or newspapers; point scorers were then able to take penalty kicks to determine who won the coveted 'Reading Challenge' trophies.

Tanya Landman entertained junior school pupils with her amusing anecdotes, and stories about her Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, an inspiration for '100% Pig', and the fun she has writing murder mysteries about Poppy Fields.

Ali Sparkes (right) enthralled senior school pupils by telling them her stories and about her long, but rewarding, road to becoming an author. Many books sold, and signed by the writers, have been read enthusiastically by pupils.

The new Assembly Hall proved to be a wonderful venue for these special events.

We also participated in 'Booked Up' and 'Readathon' again. A number of pupils read books shortlisted for the Carnegie Award and contributed to the Shebbear College page on the CKG Shadowing website and uploaded a video that they produced themselves.

J. Welby



CHARITY EVENTS

We have had another amazing year of fundraising with both parents and pupils giving generously of their time and money!

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2011

This year Shebbear College hosted another fantastic Macmillan Coffee Morning. There was a great response from parents, pupils and staff who very generously donated a range of cakes, biscuits, sausage rolls and pasties to make the event a success.

A special mention must go to Mrs Purdew who, with the help of a team of pupil bakers, baked some delicious ham and leek pasties that were sold fresh from the oven! They all sold very quickly indeed!

The stall was set up and run this year by a dedicated team of 6th Form who did a great job of managing the crowds of both senior and junior pupils. They were a huge help.

Once again, it was lovely to see so many parents attending this annual event and showing their support. All this help and effort managed to raise a fabulous £465 – a great amount from the sale of cakes!!

Action for Children

Amy Thompson and Lydia Scambler held a cake sale in January to raise funds for Action for Children. With the help of baking by family and friends they managed to raise £102.45. Well done girls!

Chapel Collection

A collection in chapel was held and, as a result, a cheque for £169.38 was sent to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children.



Christmas Boxes Operation Christmas Child

The idea of Operation Christmas Child is that one person gives a suffering child a shoebox full of gifts – one to one. The pupils and parents of Shebbear College have raised over 80 shoeboxes for the annual Christmas appeal this year. These shoeboxes are packed full of Christmas goodies including; toys, felt-tip pens, toothbrushes and toothpaste, skipping ropes, sweets, gloves and a lot more.

This generosity and kindness is going to put a smile on the face of an underprivileged child who would otherwise have no presents this Christmas.

Last year we raised nearly 40 shoeboxes and we have doubled that in 2011. The AIMS group set the College, Senior and Junior Schools, the challenge of donating over 70 shoeboxes, and you did! Infact, there were 101 boxes in total this year!

The gifts and goodies given will be going to children in countries such as Belarus, Ukraine and Haiti, to orphanages, hospitals and poor homes. On behalf of the AIMS group and over 80 children I would like to say a massive thank you.

Children in Need

There were a variety of events held at Shebbear College this year in order to raise money for Children In Need. Throughout the week pupils were invited to participate in a Wii Bowling competition to see who could become the school's champion.

There was also a charity auction where lots were available to bid for. These ranged from meals at local restaurants, vouchers for beauty salons and hairdressers, being the Headmaster for the day to signed Plymouth Argyle football shirts and football. This event alone raised over £550. We would like to thank all the local businesses who supported us in our fundraising by contributing lots for our auction.

At lunchtime on Friday the Heads of Houses took part in a 'Bush tucker Trial'. This saw the Heads of each House challenged to eat some rather disgusting food created by the Head of 6th Form, Mr Newitt.

"The food was absolutely vile. Nobody in their right mind should eat that combination of food".

CHARITY EVENTS

Whilst this was all going on the Headmaster was locked in jail, the more money that was raised, the longer he had to stay in there!

We also held a fancy dress competition with the theme 'Geeks and Grannies'. There were some rather interesting costumes this year but we had to narrow them down to a winner in each category. Congratulations to Rupert Dymond for winning the best 'granny' and Salah Gobara for making the best 'geek'!!!

All the pupils rose to the challenges this year and helped to support all of the activities held throughout the week. A special mention must go to Sixth formers Dan Furse and Laura Wood who worked exceptionally hard to make the fundraising a success; meaning that we managed to raise a fantastic £1003.49!



Run, Row, Ride – 3R's Challenge

On Wednesday 7th December 22 Sixth Form students and staff from Shebbear College Rowed, Ran and Rode over 764 km for charity as part of the 3 R's Charity Challenge. The initial aim was to cover the equivalent distance from Shebbear to Dublin using the College gym equipment.

However, it soon became apparent that they would easily achieve that so they set out to come back too!

The students have been promised almost £700 in sponsorship – all of which will be going to Cancer Research. One of the students, Jake Claridge said ...

"We all felt it was really important at this time of year to try to do something special to raise money for something that affects so many lives".

The students spent their Study Periods doing 15 minute sets on the bikes, treadmills and rowing machines, recorded their distances and added them all together. Staff member Matt Langridge said "The students have been amazing, every one of them has really put so much effort into this and really ought to feel very proud. Almost £700 is incredible, especially for such a worthwhile and important charity." The pupils raised £714 for Cancer Research.



10K Run

This year the theme for the 10K run was 'red and black'. Lots of costumes and outfits were on show and all the pupils entered the true spirit of the event. All the pupils in the senior school took part and 5th former Harry Greaves was the first to cross the finish line. The runners managed to raise £500 for Devon Air Ambulance.



Spring Fete British Heart Foundation

The end of the spring term saw the second Shebbear College Spring Fete marking Fairtrade Fortnight. The weather was glorious as students, parents, visitors and staff enjoyed the afternoon fete, which was themed around the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. A major highlight was the dunking stool, students were queuing up to pay for the pleasure of trying to put the Headmaster, Mr Barnes, or other teachers into the cold water. Several 6th formers also put themselves in harm's way, Jack Hatton and Dan Buckland attracted large queues!





Many of the traditional fete favourites were available; the prize raffle, the welly 'wanging' (winners included yours truly with a bulls eye!), face painting, balloon bursting and 'beat the goalie'. There was a cake and refreshment stall, a treasure island and a very loud and impressive home-made electric wriggly wire.



Another highlight was the Trolley Race, four foolhardy teachers careering around a course in a supermarket trolley using student power. Miss Mann was the fastest survivor just ahead of Miss Ham. No egg and spoon race yet, but there is always hope for next year!

Thank you to everyone involved - you helped to raise £560 for the British Heart Foundation.

Sport Relief Mile

In association with Devon's Ruby Country, we organised and hosted the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, a

national event that raises funds to help transform lives in the UK and the world's poorest countries. On a sunny Sunday morning in March, over 100 runners turned up at the college, many in fancy dress, to run the 1 mile fun run. Some runners chose to run the 3 or 6 mile courses.



Sport Relief have confirmed that our event raised a total of £960.86 for this worthy cause. Thanks go to Mr Barnes for his help organising and marking the courses and to members of staff and pupils who assisted on the day, either as wardens or with refreshments.



Phil the Bag Campaign

This year we held a 'Phil the Bag' campaign which required people to bring in all their unwanted clothes, bags and shoes to recycle. We had a fabulous response to this from both the junior and senior schools and managed to raise £200 from all the unwanted items. Well done everyone!

Help for Heroes

During this year's Royal Cornwall Show, pupils on our stand collected on behalf of Help for Heroes, a cause that is close to the heart of the general public, evident by the generosity shown. We continue to collect for this cause at regional shows and events.

Spellathon

This year Forms 1-3 once again participated in the spellathon for Mencap. They were set some particularly hard words this year but most rose to the challenge and impressed the teachers! We raised £100 for Mencap.

Charity Golf Day

Unfortunately the weather wasn't great for this year's Charity Golf day but that didn't deter those involved which included staff, parents, pupils and Old Shebbearians. There was a good turn out and the day raised £250 for Devon Air Ambulance.

Uganda Fundraising

The selected team have worked hard during their first year of fundraising with lots of events being held in the local area. We have had curry nights, wine and wisdoms, race nights, raffles, auctions, sporting contests and many more events being held. So far £5600 has been raised but they still have a long way to go!

CHARITY EVENTS



Chest Waxing

And finally, our brave catering manager Mitch Kingsland had his chest waxed in The Quad to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. Some of the pupils donated money to assist and Mitch has continued to raise money for this cause through various events such as the 4 Peaks Challenge.

You can support Mitch by visiting his Just Giving page:
www.justgiving.com/Mitch-Kingsland

This and other charity event videos can be seen on our YouTube channel 'Shebbeartube'.



Thank you to all those who have supported us this year.



OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Chess Club

Theo Slade and Mrs Bearpark have founded Shebbear College's Chess Club this year, following Mrs Bearpark learning about an exciting fixture between West Buckland School and Theo in the Autumn Term ... He took on 12 chess players of all ages up to 18 ... at once!

He walked along a line of 12 chess games, taking only a few seconds to make each move. After a gruelling, but thoroughly enjoyable 90 minutes, Theo was declared winner of 11 games, having drawn the 12th.

Theo was very keen to have some chess mates in the new club, so we entered Shebbear College into the UK Chess Challenge. This involved about fifteen players playing lots and lots of games during lunchtimes.

Once everyone had played each other, three competitors went through to the next round, called the Megafinal, held at Churston Ferrars Grammar School. Congratulations to Jack Honey, Theo and Olly Wise. Theo and Olly won their sections becoming champions of the county.

Theo went on to win his section of the U11 Gigafinal in Reading and so progressed to the Terafinal. There is no age distinction in the Terafinal so 3 of his 6 opponents were older than him. Despite that, Theo won 3, drew 1 and lost 2 of his matches to finish 15th equal out of 47.

The UK Chess Challenge is the largest chess tournament in the world, so what started out at Shebbear College with the school tournament has now concluded with Theo finishing 15th out of an original entry of 60,000.

In May, in order to raise funds for our club, Theo issued a challenge to everyone to try to beat him for money, but so many people took up the challenge that he had to play everyone, twelve at a time (pictured below); he only had thirty seconds a move! In an exciting evening event he played 39 matches, won 36, lost two and drew one, raising about £150 in the process.

During the summer, Theo represented England in the U12 section of the EU Youth Championships in Austria. There were players from 25 different countries taking part. Theo scored 4.5/9 to finish 17th out of 38.

Theo also captained England U12s to victory over Scotland, Wales and Ireland, securing a win and a draw against the top players from each of those countries. As a result of this performance, the England coach, Grandmaster Nick Pert, was so impressed with Theo's performance that he has invited him to play in a tournament in Guernsey in October 2012 where he will coach Theo for the week.

Coaching is crucial to making progress and I thank Theo enormously for all his efforts this year with our pupils. Most lunchtimes and during some activities Theo is happy to coach anyone who pops in for a game, so the club is going from strength to strength as a result.



Proud Son

Boarding pupil Callum Hendry has good reason to be very proud. His dad David has served three tours of duty in Afghanistan and his mum Sarah is a member of The Military Wives Choir who reached the coveted 2011 Christmas No.1 with the emotional song 'Wherever You Are', followed by various high profile performances including the Queen's Jubilee Concert. Callum is seen above with his signed copy of their CD.



Viridian Fuels Ltd

It has been a fantastic second year of business for Viridian Fuels.

We went into production towards the end of September and managed to get the details of the transesterification process sorted which enabled us to convert waste chip fat – at times almost solid - into vegetable oil methyl ester or biodiesel.

In December we sold our first batch of vehicle fuel to the college, the first of over 2000 litres we sold to go in the minibuses; in fact we have provided enough fuel to run two buses solely on biodiesel since January 2012.

We held our AGM in December and at this meeting the directors, Fred Selwyn, Lizzie Trask, Sam Cappleman-Lynes, Rob Chamberlain and Maria Chapman, took up non-executive roles, making way for the next generation of directors: Richard Dymond, Dan Lee, Rob

Dunn, Georgina Cox, Charles Kent and Tom Betambeau. The board was unanimously elected and laid out plans to make the year a successful one.



By February we had enough product in stock to start selling biodiesel for use as heating oil and to date we have sold 3000 litres to the college as heating fuel, keeping boarders in Ruddle and pupils in the sports hall warm throughout the year.

We entered the North Devon Manufacturing Association awards and were surprised at their annual dinner to be presented with the award

for the Environmental Business of the year. The first time a school has won a category open to businesses across North Devon.

After a few minor hiccups and a major spillage we have managed to settle down to producing around 600 litres a week and are pleased to hear that the Bursar is planning to purchase two new minibuses that will be able to run on a biodiesel blend as well as committing to run the main school boiler on a blend of biodiesel and gas oil.

In all, the company can report a very healthy position this year to date, with a turnover of £3100 which has gone a long way to clear the loan we took out last year. We are hoping to clear this and start making a profit early in 2013.

Rob Dunn
Marketing Director
Viridian Fuels Ltd.

Generation Tennis

Shebbear College's Annual Generation Tennis Tournament took place yet again on an overcast day!

This tournament really encapsulates the family ethos at Shebbear, with pupils playing with their parents and boarding pupils playing with staff or sixth form pupils.

All pairings had a brilliant morning of fun and tennis! After the pool stages 4 pairs made it through to the semi-final, with Henry Cornish and his mum Ruth, and boarding pupil Jonas Weiss and maths teacher Claire Cardoo battling out in the final.

Jonas had a racket bag so big, it was obvious he was a very good player! He and Claire won the final 3-0, well done to Henry who made it through

to his first final and will be a strong contender next year.

Pictured right are the semi-finalists: L - R Claire Cardoo, Jonas Weiss, Ryan Stairs, Steve Trask, Henry Cornish, Ruth Cornish, Harry Landymore and David Jorgensen.

World AIMS

We have had another busy year in World AIMS this year.

Our student coordinators this year were Victoria Wickett, Lydia Scambler, Charlotte Wade and Daniel Lee. They have been integral to the continued success and popularity of our World AIMS groups and have helped to lead the group forward in lots of areas.

We have worked hard on our Eco-Schools projects to try to achieve our Green Flag Award and have taken various chapels and held events to raise awareness for some excellent causes.

This year we attended our first MUN, hosted by Queens College, Taunton.

Model United Nations



On Saturday 17th March, 26 Shebbear College students aged 14-18 travelled to Queen's College, Taunton to take part in a Model United Nations Conference. The day was successful with a number of students including Emilio Aliberti and Joe Warren being regarded as commended delegates



and Luke Stock being awarded first prize in his committee for his outstanding performance in the conference.

Lydia Scambler was the ambassador for Greece and she said "All the delegates in my team worked very hard in their free time to research their committee and their country which led them to produce brilliant clauses that were used in debates throughout the course of the day. I saw a great deal of maturity in the delegate's approach to the conference and I am very proud of their confidence and their whole-hearted approach."

Joe Warren took the role as ambassador for the delegation of the Republic of Chile. He thoroughly enjoyed the day and said of his experience "After around 3 weeks of researching with my delegates current national issues and crises I was fairly confident that the delegation of Chile would thrive at the QUMUN. To pleasant satisfaction, I was correct. All delegates who represented Chile made themselves and the college proud, and showed a high level of knowledge on their subject matters and great debating skills."

All pupils who attended had an enjoyable and memorable experience and learned a lot from the day. The conference was quite a learning curve and I hope we have the opportunity to attend in 2013, where I am sure the delegates will do even better than they have this year.

Fairtrade

This year Fairtrade at Shebbear College has continued to be a great success and the ethos of Fairtrade is understood and acknowledged by many. The Fairtrade shop is always busy and lots of new products have been introduced and have proven to be very popular with the students.

The shop has, once again, been run by the 6th Form World AIMS members who do all the stock checking, ordering and general day-to-day running of the shop. Grace Beal has been the Fairtrade Student Officer this year and she has done a fantastic job keeping the shop and its staff in order.

The staff room still continues to use Fairtrade tea and coffee and this has also been introduced into the Sixth form centre.

We are still in the top 200 vendors in the UK of Fairtrade goods – which is remarkable given the size of the shop! We have also, once again, gained Fairtrade status as a school which is a huge testament to the hard work and dedication of the Fairtrade group to make our whole school community aware of the importance of Fairtrade in our lives.

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight event we held another Spring Fete. The weather was glorious as students, parents, visitors and staff enjoyed the afternoon fete, which was themed around the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, with stalls incorporating some element of a Fairtrade product - see the Charity Events section starting on page 75 for a full report.

World AIMS 10th Birthday Celebrations

This year saw the 10th anniversary of World AIMS in our school. To celebrate, all 14 Methodist schools across the UK were invited to attend the Headmaster's Conference at Kent College, Pembury.

All schools had to present an aspect of global citizenship at their school. We decided that we would do a presentation based around Fairtrade. Four students, Charlotte Wade, Lydia Scambler, Victoria Wickett and Dan Lee, were selected to represent the school at the conference as they are our World AIMS coordinators, and they decided that they would like to create a short film to show how Fairtrade is incorporated into life at Shebbear College.

The film was fantastic and greatly received by the other schools and epitomised our school and our beliefs.

The four students enjoyed the weekend and represented both world AIMS and our school in a very positive light.



Eco-Schools

The eco-schools group have worked tirelessly this year to try to secure our Green Flag Award. They have researched all nine topics and have spearheaded progress in lots of areas, including energy, water and biodiversity. We were thrilled when we were awarded our Green Flag at the end of June and it is a real testimony to the hard work and dedication that the Eco—School group have put in over the years.

The assessor said "Well done Shebbear College! Eco-Schools is really embedded in the school ethos and I have no hesitation in recommending the school for the Green Flag award. Children of all ages came to talk to me today and each one had something to say. It is definitely a pupil led programme with excellent support from the teaching staff. Please keep up the hard work!"

We now have an eco-schools blog that is kept updated of what is going on at Shebbear College. The blog address is: www.shebbearcollegeecoschool.blogspot.com

War Child

Following the Facebook Kone campaign Ryan Rothon decided to start a War Child group within World AIMS. The group have looked at child soldiers and their lives and have started to raise awareness through chapels, assemblies and displays.

Amnesty International

Pierre Flourin spent the summer term creating a display that highlights the work that Amnesty International does. This has helped the pupils understand the plight of people all over the world and the social injustices and lack of basic human rights that still exist.

Christian Aid Week

This year we joined in with Christian Aid week to help raise awareness of the support that the charity give throughout the world.

All staff were asked to incorporate a Christian Aid themed lesson in their KS3 lessons throughout the week. Some excellent lessons were provided, worthy of note were RS, Science and English.

The World AIMS group ran the school chapels for the week, informing the school about different Christian Aid projects.

World AIMS Weekend

This year's world aims conference was held in Hastings in Sussex near London. Amy Thomson, Victoria Wickett and Will Collins travelled the long 300 mile journey up there on Friday with Mr Rogers for a weekend of lectures, workshops and fun.

The conference was held in the Pestalozzi Centre, a charity-based organisation that offers students from less fortunate backgrounds the opportunity to come over to the UK and study the International Baccalaureate, which gives them the chance to go to university – something they would not be able to do without the aid of this charity. Pestalozzi works with students from countries such as Tibet, China, India, Kenya and Uganda.

The theme of this year's conference was Home Planet. On Friday evening we took part in a quiz involving many of the permanent residents of the centre. We were split into teams of 7 or 8, consisting of pupils from a mix of the schools and the resident students. The questions were based on the countries the students came from giving us a chance to learn a little more about life in different parts of the world.

The next morning we had a good workshop on climate change run by the charity 'People and Planet', which really helped us understand how climate change is impacting on the developing countries far more than on us here in the UK.

After that we learnt outdoor survival skills with 'Pete the Pond'. We built a survival shelter from twigs and sticks

then covered it in moss and bracken to keep out the wind, the teachers were totally incapable of doing this as you can see from the photos on the World AIMS website. We learnt how to fend for ourselves food-wise, which foods were safe if we were ever stranded in the forest and which were definitely not!

In the afternoon we went to the Blue Reef Aquarium in Hastings. We had a great couple of hours looking around and then had an interesting lecture from a marine biologist on conserving our oceans, followed by ice cream and chilling out on the beach.

In the evening we had a lecture on the Millennium Development Goals by one of the other teachers there, which helped us understand issues like poverty and education a little more. This was followed by a workshop on the Olympics and their legacy. We all had to act out what we wish the legacy to be, which was very embarrassing but enjoyable.

On Sunday pupils from another school did a presentation on Climate Change and the methods we could use in school to be more sustainable. There were some very interesting ideas that we hope we could use to improve our schools sustainability and get our Eco-Schools Green Flag award. It was then time to close what had been an enjoyable weekend. A long weekend, but great fun.

Global Student Forum

WHEN there is enough food for everyone in the world, why do a billion people go to sleep hungry every night?

On Tuesday 26th June 14 Sixth formers went to the Global Student Forum (GSF) at Westminster, London to find out.

Access to food is scandalously unequal.

In many rich countries like ours at least half of the population is overweight and consumers waste as much as a quarter of the food they buy.



The impacts of hunger and under-nutrition are devastating for the health of individuals and the economic and social development of entire countries. At the conference the students were not presented with simplistic solutions, however. Instead they were left to process the information and come to their own conclusions.

It wasn't just a fact-finding mission for the students. Along with almost 700 sixth formers from more than 60 schools, they engaged with politicians, development practitioners and campaigners to look at ways to bring about change.

With fast food spilling out onto every major street, it's easy to overlook the system that brings that food to us each day. The students looked at ways the world system needs to change in order to eradicate food insecurity in other countries.

They have returned brimming with facts and figures that will enable them to teach other pupils in our school - as well as to speak out through the media. We are proud of the fact that our students want to make a difference to people across the world who face such challenges. Our students have already discussed



creative ways to tell their peers about the things they've learned. And, because the message is coming from them, it is likely to hit home much harder.

Charlotte Wade said:

"We travelled into the centre of London to spend the day at the 'Hungry for Justice' conference where we sat through many debates on food distribution throughout the morning before participating in seminars during the afternoon. These seminars educated the group on peer education, the Get Shirty campaign and KS3 education, in order to help sixth formers all over the UK to teach others about what we had learnt.

The trip was very successful with all the students looking forward to educating others about the issue of world hunger ... "I found the trip incredibly enjoyable and now feel much more confident about talking to and educating others about what I learnt during the conference."

Brett Light said:

"The global student forum started with debates and discussions in the main auditorium. The subject for this year was "hungry for justice" which included all topics from food production to food politics, which was extremely relevant as I am studying

food production as part of an AS geography topic. The discussions involved multiple speakers from all around the world and included people like a farmer from Haiti."

"I was also part of the peer education section to the global student forum. This meant I and 3 others went to a 1 hour presentation to learn about how to maximise the peer educational experience. This was extremely informative and at the end we were given peer educational materials, to teach our fellow peers about the problems of food production."

"The final meeting I went to was a mass game to teach people about the politics and difficulties faced by food producers. Overall it was an enjoyable day out and it taught us about the multiple difficulties faced by the third world farmers of today."



Activities Week

As has become the norm, Activities Week saw the pupils in Forms 1-4 engaged in a wide variety of activities ranging from the many different work experiences taken on by the 4th Form, some of which took pupils as far afield as London, Italy and Spain, to the ever popular trip to Ty Nadan by Form 2 pupils.



For Forms 1&3 pupils, there were several activities from which to choose - an overnight stay in self-built shelters at Escot Park, a Surf Safari at a number of beaches in Cornwall, cycling on the Tarka Trail, visits to Woodlands and Paignton Zoo and a 2-night stay in London taking in a number of sights.



The trip to London saw 27 pupils and 3 staff take the train to Paddington (though some arrived a little late) and the group stayed in the excellent accommodation provided at Queen

Mary University. Then there were visits to London Eye, the Science Museum, the Tower of London and finally, the highlight of a very busy few days, the evening outing to see The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre, after which the group was able to go backstage and meet some of the cast and technical staff.



The final day, we all had our final swim in the pool, and then got ready to get on the ferry again to go back home! Everyone enjoys any Activities Week, but this was definitely the best by far!

Activities Week - Ty Nadan

On our activities week, Form 2, with nine members of staff, set off to Plymouth to take the ferry to France to an amazing activities camp!



We did many activities, including archery, kayaking, high ropes, zip wire, paintballing, and lots of swimming! There was an outdoor and indoor pool both with slides.

Many people enjoyed the kayaking and the paintballing the most for the sheer adrenaline of running around with paint flying everywhere or for the fun of following a river watching out for waterfalls here and there!



Activities Week - Surf Safari

This year during activities week, a small group of 3rd formers boarded the Shebbear College surf wagon driven by the school's current surf pro, Mr Colville and set off to Widemouth Bay on a Surf Safari.

With little surfing experience and the icy cold seas of Widemouth bay facing them, the challenge seemed immense. However, after putting on wetsuits (which in some cases took rather a long time) the group was raring to head off.



With the help of Raven Surf School instructors as well as Mr Langridge and Mr Colville, many members of the group were standing up within the first half an hour.

The two hour morning lessons were followed by a delicious lunch provided by the school and then a variety of afternoon activities such as bodyboarding, shopping in Bude and ferocious battles on the bowling lanes, where Mr Colville showed another of his many talents. Mr Langridge, on the other hand, had clearly not been down the alleys in a long time.



The week was rounded off with an award ceremony with Becky Cox taking home the main prize of 'Surfer of the Week'. Every person who embarked on the trip was able to surf by the end of the week and needless to say, it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip for all.

We would like to thank Raven Surf School, Alder wetsuits and in particular the surf King and Queen, Mr Langridge and Mr Colville for all their help.

First Spanish Adventure for Shebbear College Pupils

Last Summer holiday, from 8th July to 12th July, we visited the town of Roses, north of Barcelona, with Mrs Armstrong and our Spanish teacher, Mr Jorgensen.

We stayed at a three star hotel near the beaches of Roses where we enjoyed a daily buffet including many traditional Spanish dishes.

After breakfast every day we set out for a Spanish lesson. The lessons were taught fully in Spanish and were really challenging. Our reward for our hard work was a good swim in the warm Mediterranean water at a beach packed with Spanish children, or at the hotel swimming pool.

We were lucky to go to one of the best theme parks in Spain, Port Aventura, near Barcelona, which holds some of Europe's best rides. Shambhola was our favourite: an extremely funny ride which makes you feel like you are flying as you can't stay in your seat on the huge descent.

We were sad to leave Spain after such an exciting visit and very grateful to our teacher, Mr Jorgensen, for organising such an unforgettable trip.

Ski Trip – Alpe D'Huez

With only 5 days to go and in the warm British December sunshine(!) both pupils and staff began to sweat, as there was no snow to be seen on the mountains of Alpe D'Huez.

Talk of contingency planning was rife, and walking boots were being packed, when, at the final hour, snow began to fall. Just 24 hours later the mountains were covered and the region saw the most rapid dump of snow for many years, and luckily this continued throughout the tour.

A short hop on the plane from Gatwick and a 3-hour coach trip later and the party of 31 pupils were faced with the exciting prospect of a powder-covered heaven. With plenty of slopes for both beginners, intermediates and those more qualified to call themselves experts!

Alpe D'Huez proved once again to be an excellent option for skiers of all abilities. Granted, some slopes were unavailable due to the unprecedented snow fall but on those that were, our pupils skied to great heights and made excellent progress throughout the week. With expert coaching from French ski school instructors and the opportunity to practise after tuition, our pupils began schussing, carving, paralleling and jumping their way down the slopes with finesse only seen previously when Mr Bryan donned the skis.

Shebbear was firmly placed on the skiing map as our pupils, in typical fashion, threw themselves into all après-ski activities. In the evening, ice skating and a trip to Invertigo (an indoor climbing facility) were first up and the 34 person ice rink power slide was certainly a sight to behold. In addition there was plenty of hot chocolate, pancakes and games of pool, which ensured that this tour



continued our school's tradition of offering opportunity for pupils both in and out of the classroom.

No report would be complete without a few special awards and mentions. Wipe-out of the week went to Christopher Hugo after falling over, taking out George Whitmarsh and being hit by his ski boot in the process. A few hundred euros later and he was off the mountain!

The Rothon award for walking, yes you guessed it, went to Ryan Rothon, who after falling over...a lot... walked...a lot...to fetch his skis.

The last of the daily ski captain awards eventually went to Jack Hatton, as his desperation to be a leader was evident every day!

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Sanders, Mr Trask and Miss Mann for their support in making the trip a huge success.

Macbeth Production

The autumn term saw a different dramatic adventure with a production of Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Performed in the new assembly hall, audiences were 'wowed' to a Brechtian-style production that utilised a projection screen, a set of dormantly enigmatic bagpipes and

incidental music that ranged from Renaissance style to the Scottish rock band Skiltron.

Macbeth (Amy Thompson) is beguiled by three witches (Sirichai Crawford, Ailis Prowse and Florence Sabin) as he returns with Banquo (Matt Prowse) from a glorious victory graphically described by Elisa Milhayov imaginatively cast as French mercenary. They prophesise he will become King of Scotland and is urged by his ambitious wife (Georgina Cox) to kill King Duncan (Emily Barker) as he sleeps in their castle, and the finger of suspicion falls upon his sons Malcom (Sarah Penny) and Donalblain (Oliver Crowhurst).

But the Crown sits uneasily on his head as Macduff (Rose Frith) suspects

Macbeth 'has played played most foully for it', and orgy of bloodletting falls upon the unhappy kingdom.

Macbeth, aided by his Lieutenants and maidservants (Nadia Blaskiewicz and Oliver Ryder-Green) unleashes a reign of cruelty upon Scotland.

In one scene Cody Alder and Ailis Prowse brought tears to the audiences' eyes as they portrayed the slaughter of the Macduff household.

Macduff and Malcolm, aided by the Swards of England, bring the 'hell hounds' supremacy to a gory end, complete with decapitated head skilfully crafted by Mr Ashley Barlow.

This was a lively and energetic performance, and despite the difficulties of the archaic language, and some Monty Python moments, everyone managed to convey a powerful performance.

Many thanks go to Mr Burnett, Miss O'Shaughnessy and Mrs Vassilaki for their patient and insightful direction and we were particularly grateful to Mr Goode for lighting and smoke machine effects.

We are all looking forward to a more light-hearted musical production next year!



TEN TORS 2012

A large and enthusiastic squad trained with Mrs Bearpark, Mr Horn and Mr Kingsland for TenTors throughout the winter and into the spring.



Most of the training walks were on Dartmoor, usually around 15 miles and in all weathers. We had two weekend campouts, in one of which we were joined by Miss Mann; it was at this camp out that some of the 55 squad actually slept outdoors! BBrrrrr.



On the morning of the second day, I was greeted at 5:30 am by the 45 squad, who were ready to go, but waiting patiently for their porridge, amazing! On that day the 35s (and the adults) encountered the "Fox Tor Mire" ... never again!

On the Thursday of the event weekend we had terrible weather; the event was in danger of being called off. We struggled all day to try to put up our tents, eventually succeeding to put up a couple at 9 o'clock at night!



However Friday dawned with calmer weather although it was very wet under foot; we had a lovely relaxed day as we weren't called for "scrutineering" so we idled away the day eating Mitch's lovely food and route planning.

Many thanks to all the parents who came to the event and supported us along the way.



The actual teams came across the finish line happy, healthy and in excellent time. Congratulations to all the competitors.





The 35 Team (top left):

Pip Mahoney, Sam Westlake, Phoebe Willis-Butcher, Thomas Routly, Emily, Dunn, George Bone.

The 45 Team (middle left):

Jed Light, George Baker, Mike Crowhurst, Cameron Burnett, Toby Stock, Jamie Forshaw.

The 55 Team (left):

Rob Dunn, Nick Seccombe, Richard Dymond, Luke Stock, Brett Light, Lucas Bland.

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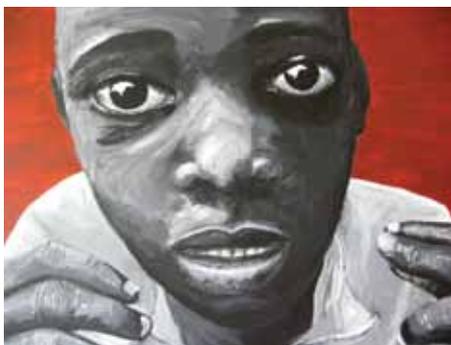
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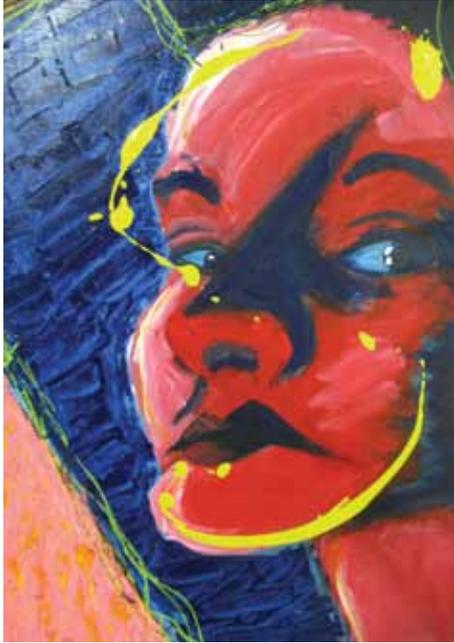
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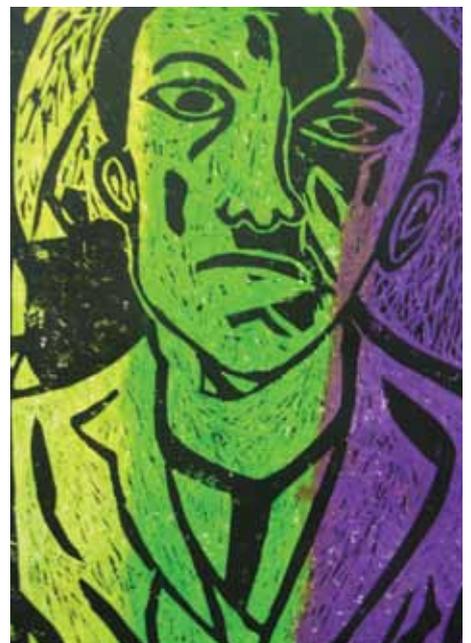
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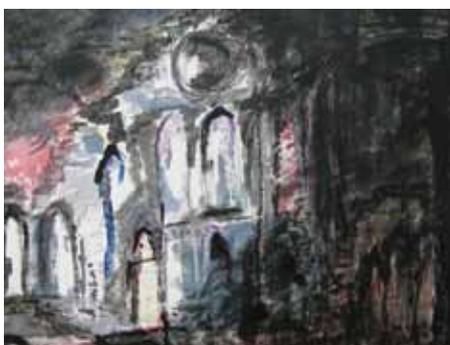
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Chloe Aveyard - 5th Form



Jed Light - 5th Form



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Harriet Thomas - Upper 6th Form



Art Studio
Tree by Ross Bromhead



Deborah Stuart - Lower 6th Form



India Martin - 5th Form



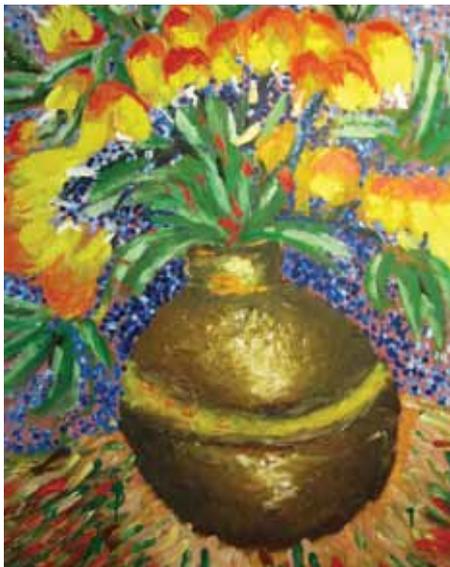
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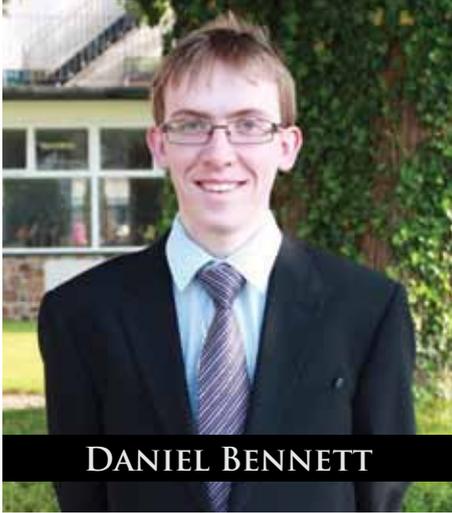


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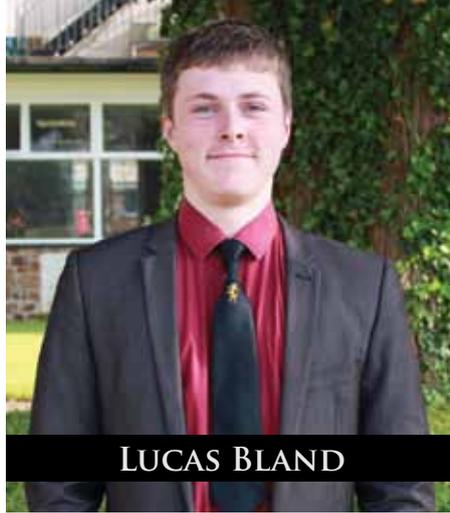
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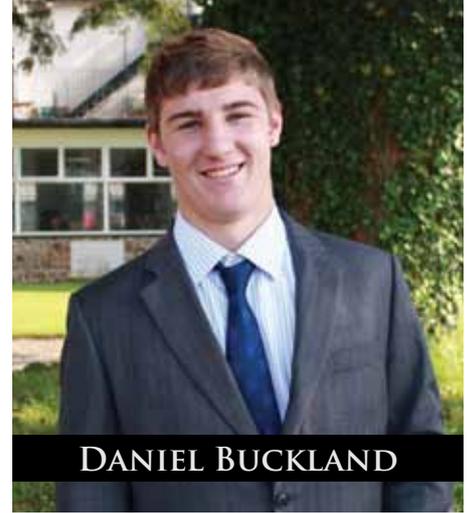
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University: Southampton
Course: Music
School Record: Orchestra



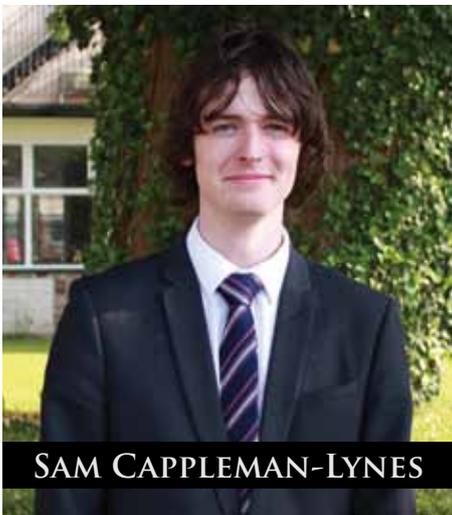
LUCAS BLAND

Career: Royal Marines
School Record: 1st XV Rugby
1st XI Football
Vice Capt Pollard
(Boarding)



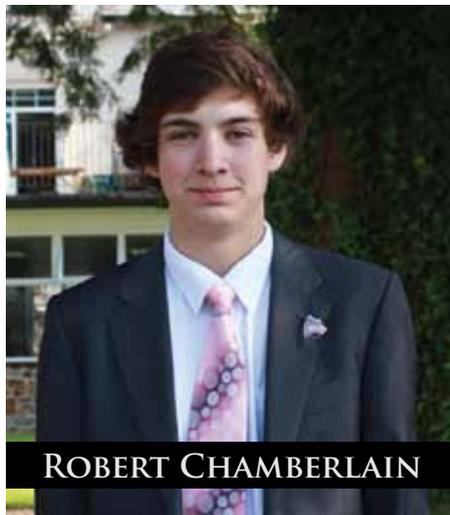
DANIEL BUCKLAND

University: Bath
Course: Engineering
School Record: Prefect
House Capt Thorne
1st XV Rugby (Capt)
1st XI Cricket



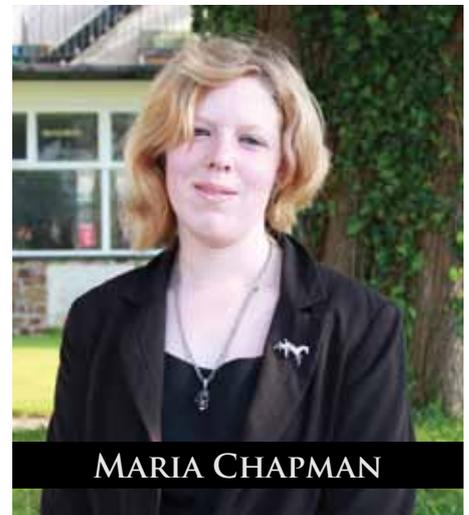
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Course: Mathematics
School Record: Prefect
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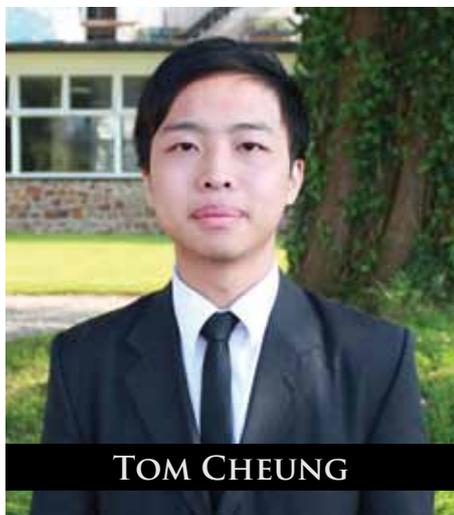
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Course: History
School Record: Prefect
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1st XI Cricket



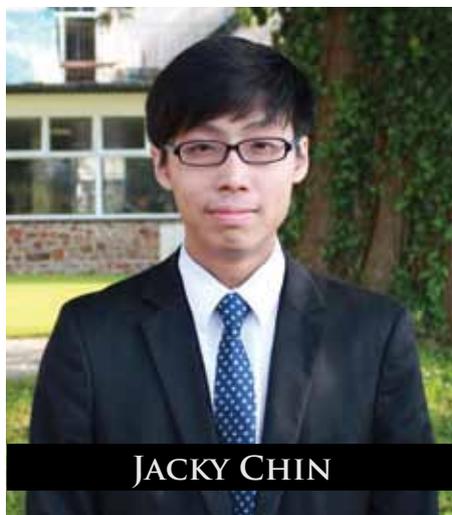
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School Record: Vice Capt Thorne
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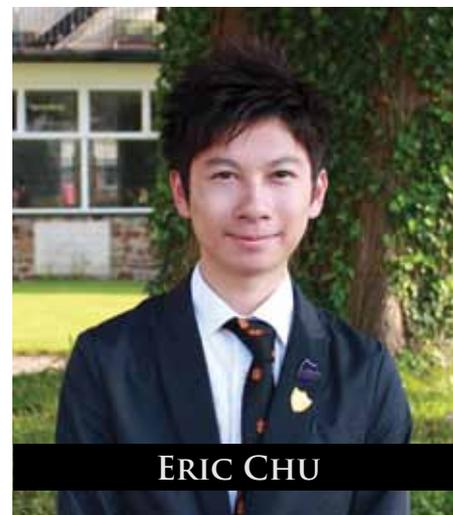
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University: Hong Kong
Course: Business Economics



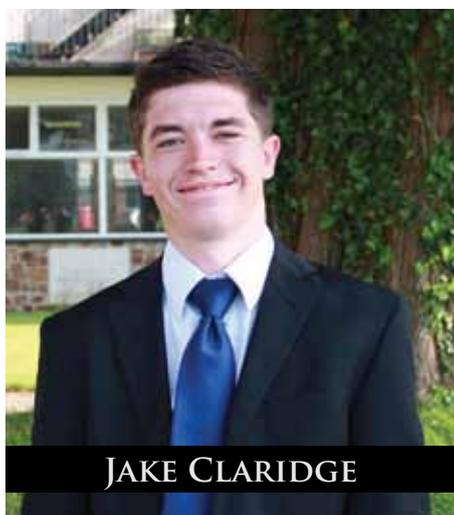
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Course: Civil Engineering



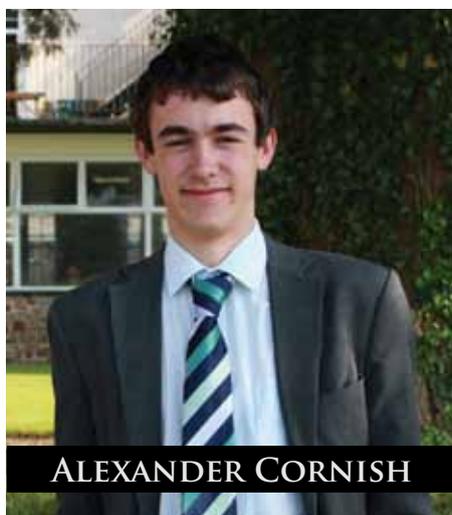
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University: Sussex
Course: Marketing & Management
School Record: Prefect



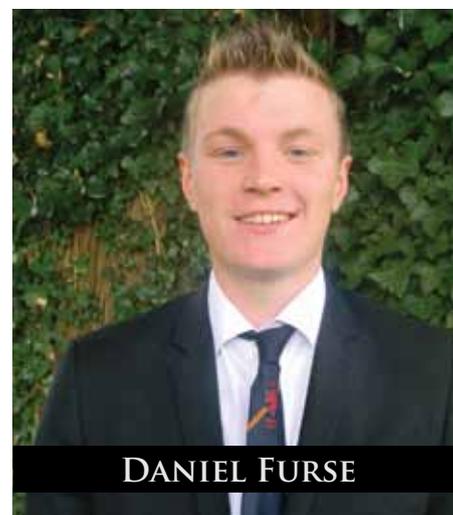
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University: Falmouth
Course: Film
School Record: Prefect
1st XI Cricket



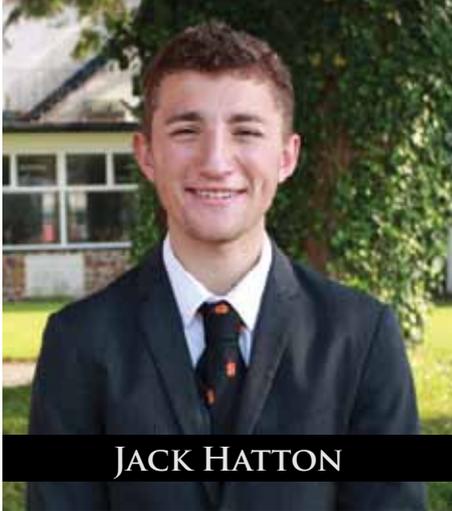
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College: Royal Agricultural
Course: Agriculture & Farm Management
School Record: 1st XI Football



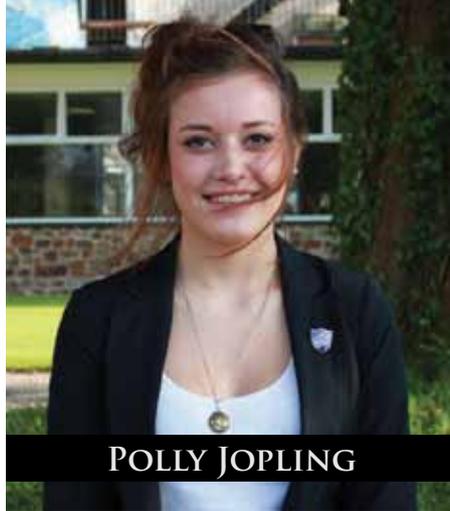
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University: Hartpury
Course: Agriculture
School Record: 1st XV Rugby
1st XI Football (Capt)
1st XI Cricket



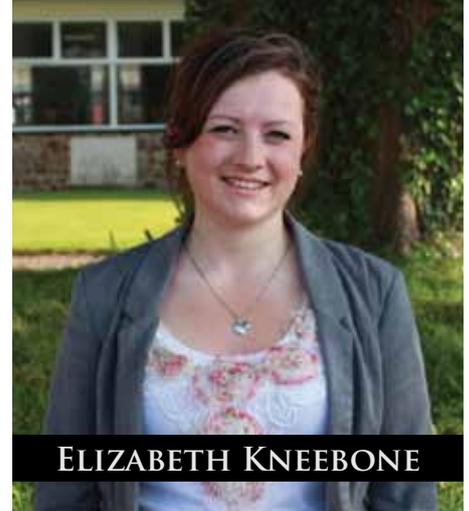
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University: Keele
Course: History & Politics
School Record: Prefect
Vice Capt Ruddle
1st XV Rugby
1st XI Football
1st XI Cricket (Capt)



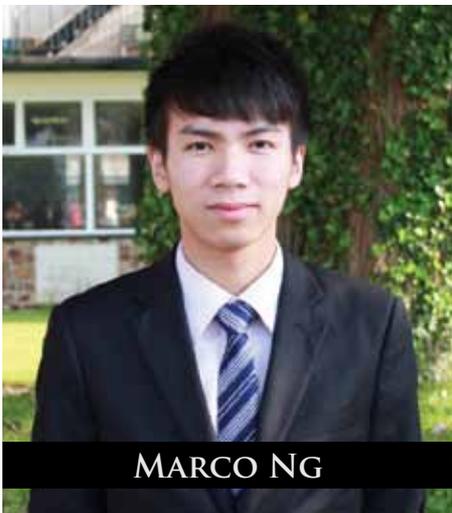
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University: Falmouth
Course: English with Creative Writing
School Record: Head Girl, Prefect



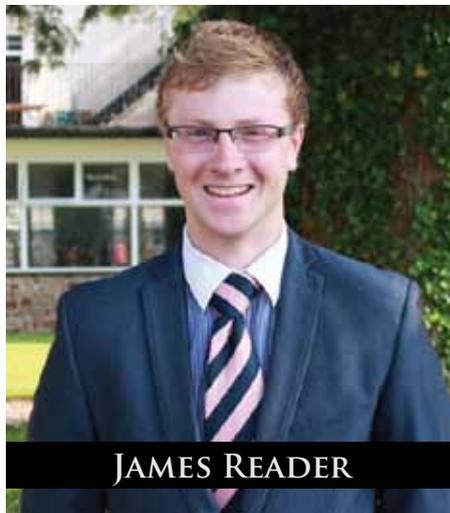
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University: Plymouth
Course: Criminology & Criminal Justice
School Record: Prefect
House Capt Thorne
1st XI Hockey



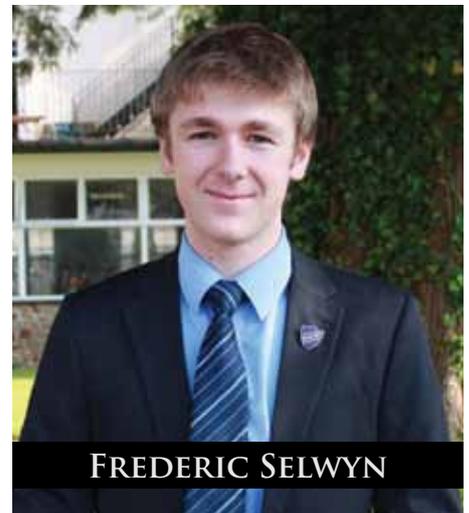
MARCO NG

Destination: Civil Service of Hong Kong
Course: Hong Kong Civil Service Diploma



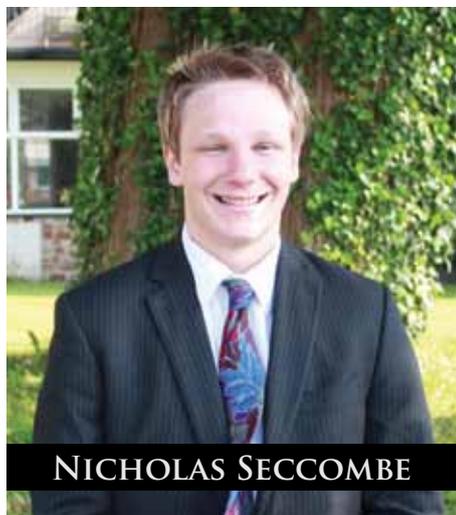
JAMES READER

University: Harper Adams
Course: Agriculture
School Record: Prefect
1st XV Rugby
1st XI Football
1st XI Cricket



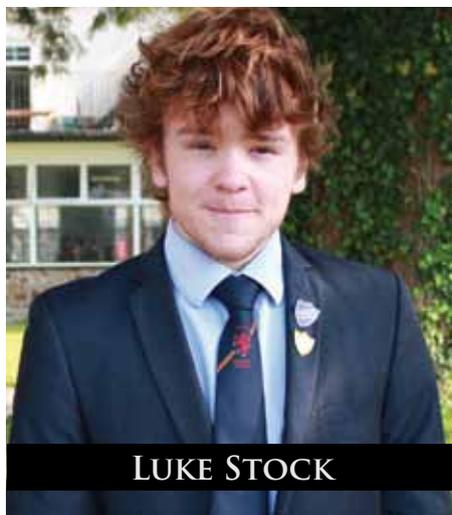
FREDERIC SELWYN

University: Surrey
Course: Economics
School Record: Head Boy, Prefect
Viridian Fuels Ltd
Choir & Orchestra



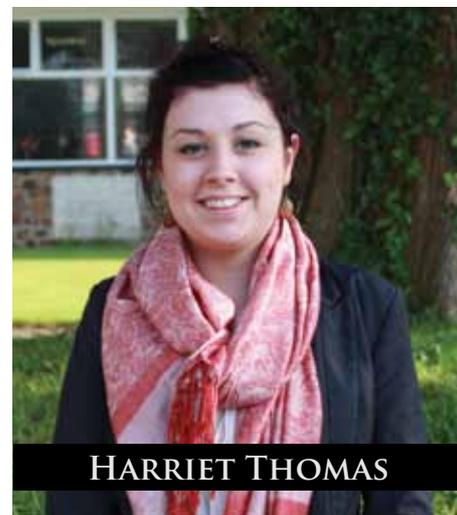
NICHOLAS SECCOMBE

Destination: Gap Year
School Record: Vice Capt Thorne
 1st XV Rugby
 Choir



LUKE STOCK

University: Acadia
Course: History & Politics
School Record: Prefect
 House Capt Pollard
 1st XV Rugby



HARRIET THOMAS

Destination: Gap Year
School Record: Vice Capt Way



LIZZIE TRASK

University: Worcester
Course: Animal Biology & Psychology
School Record: Prefect, House Capt Ruddle, Viridian Fuels, 1st Team Hockey & Rounders



CHRISTOPHER WHITE

University: Acadia
Course: Music
School Record: 1st XV Rugby
 Choir



LAURA WOOD

University: West of England
Course: Business Studies with Law
School Record: Prefect, House Capt Ruddle (Boarding), 1st Team Hockey, Rounders & Netball



VINCENT YEUNG

University: Essex
Course: Business Management
School Record: Choir

RESULTS 2012

A Level Achievements

We were delighted to announce excellent achievements at A-Level with an overall pass rate of 98%. This relates to 27% of passes being A* and A, and over 75% of passes being A* to C.

Notable results include Sam Cappleman-Lynes who achieved 6 A-Level Passes (4 A's and 2 A*) and an A at AS Level. Daniel Buckland achieved 1 A* and 2 A's. Frederic Selwyn achieved 2 A's and 1 B. Robert Chamberlain achieved 1 A*, 1 A and 1 B.

Pictured right: Sam Cappleman-Lynes, Daniel Buckland, Frederic Selwyn and Robert Chamberlain



GCSE Results

We celebrated an excellent set of GCSE results at a time when the national trend has seen a dip in grades, with an overall pass rate of 86% at grades A* - C. In addition to this, 93% of pupils achieved at least 5 A* - C grades.

Particularly pleasing is the fact that 35% of passes were at grades A* and A.

Of worthy note is Ellen Chamberlain (not pictured) who achieved 7 A* and 4 A grade passes.

Pictured right: Some of the Shebbear College's successful 5th Formers; Peggy Kirkwood - 1A* and 9 A's, Will Collins - A* at A-Level Maths and 7A*, 3A's and 2B's at GCSE, Cameron Burnett - 3A*, 4A's and 3B's, Harry Chibbett - 5A*, 4A's and 1B, Ross Bromhead - 2A*, 4A's and 4 B's.

These impressive results reflect the tremendous hard work and effort put in by pupils and teachers alike in order to realise the consistently high academic achievements that the college is so proud of.



OLD SHEBBEARIANS' ASSOCIATION



PRESIDENT LESTER BIRD

Lester Bird is, at 48, one of the youngest Presidents of the OSA in its history and living in North Devon has focussed his year in office on encouraging younger members of the OSA to become more involved and driven a number of local events, notably the Michaelmas Ball, which was held in the grounds of the College in September and attended by 350 Old Shebbearians, parents and friends of the College.

Lester boarded at Shebbear in the mid to late 70's, leaving in 1980 to join the well known local firm of auctioneers Kivells, with whom his late father had been a Partner.

In 1993 he decided, as a mature student, to attend university in Newcastle, where he obtained an upper second class honours degree in Urban Estate Management. He became a full Professional Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1998. In the same year he became a Director of Passmore Wright & Company, Chartered Surveyors and who now have offices in Bideford and Bude.

Based in the Bideford office he covers

a wide range of property-related matters for private and institutional clients, specialising in party wall matters, as an expert witness in litigation and commercial Landlord and Tenant work.

Lester lives at Parkham with his wife Linda and daughter Ellie, who is following in his footsteps at Shebbear!

Being a current parent and keen spectator at his daughters hockey and netball matches he is particularly proud to think that she is part of the Colleges U14 netball squad which is going to Barbados and St Lucia in March 2013.

Since 1999 Lester has been on the main Governing Body of the College, and is currently Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. Last year he was appointed to the Methodist Independent Schools Trust Property sub-Committee, which oversees property-related matters all the Trusts Methodist independent schools across the country.

Most of his spare time is taken up either at a rugby match in the winter or on the cricket field in summer. He is a past Club Captain and currently Chairman of Bideford RFC and regularly turns out for his local team Putford CC and has even been known to grace the field at Beckly for Shebbear CC when they are short!

Lester works tirelessly for the College as a parent, Governor and Old Boy and enjoys nothing better than regularly walking the grounds of the College and seeing how the facilities and especially the teaching and the relationship with the pupils have evolved since he was there.

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104TH ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

More than 80 Old Shebbearians attended this year's dinner at the RAF Club where, as well as being served an excellent meal, they took the opportunity to catch up with old friends.

The President, Mark Creedy, spoke of the success of the various sporting events of the year before announcing the committee's decision to award Honorary Life Membership to both Arthur Andrews and David Haley, in recognition of the commitment they had both shown to the Association during the time they had served as secretary - a period of some 40 years.

Headmaster, Bob Barnes, reported on another very successful year for the college, both academically and in extra-curricular activities and said he was grateful for the continued support of the association.

Lester Bird, the incoming President, and James Hancock, Vice President, spoke briefly of the honour of being elected and assured those present that they would do their job to the best of their ability.





REUNION DINNER ATTENDEES

President: Mark Creedy
Secretary: Andy Bryan
Guests: Bob Barnes (Headmaster)
Mrs. Jo Barnes
Frederic Selwyn (Head Boy)
Polly Jopling (Head Girl)

Robert Thomas	1935-43	Roy Turner	1990-99
David Verney	1939-43	James Marshall	1992-99
Arthur Andrews	1939-45	James Cann	1992-99
John Forster	1945-48	Chris Brogan	1993-97
Cyril Hodson	1947-50	Wayne van Rensburg	1996-99
John Ruckes	1949-54	Adam Moore	1994 -02
John Milner	1949-54	Oliver Field	1995-02
Mike Priscott	1950-56	Chris Hale	1995-02
Chris White	1952-56	Benjamin Welby	1995-02
John Oke	1952-59	Dale Snowdon	1995-02
Hugh Milner	1955-61	Kieron Bryan	1995-02
Robert Hooper	1957-62	Dexter Barnes	1996-03
Peter Gartrell	1957-62	Vicky Turner	1998-00
Michael Tucker	1959-67	Jamie Sanders	1996-01
Andrew Cruickshank	1960-65	Kate Scoffham	1996-03
Andrew Thomas	1960-67	Penny Rowe	1996-03
Chris Blencowe	1961-68	Shelley Snowdon	1996-03
James Hancock	1962-67	Hannah Baker	1998-03
Henry Holroyd	1961-69	Alexis Coward	1995-03
Richard Corbett-Winder	1962-68	Bethan Morgan	1996-03
David Richards	1965-69	Greg Barnes	1997-04
Phillip Pugsley	1965-69	Simeon Welby	1997-04
Andrew Friend	1965-72	Alex Roffey	2001-04
John Brookham	1965-72	Rebecca Betambeau	1997-05
Dave Allin	1967-74	Dan Bond	1997-05
Brian Adams	1967-72	Rob Wade	1998-05
Michael Down	1968-73	Stefan Duda	1999-05
Simon Birks	1968-75	Darren Furse	1999-04
Nigel Buse	1969-76	Josef Schmalfus	2003-05
Lester Bird	1975-80	Imogen Giddy	1999-05
Glen Johns	1982-86	Sarah Gardener	2003-05
Ian Bond	1986-93	Marie Dinsdale	2003-05
David Jackson	1986-93	Alex Harrod	1997-06
Paul Lockyer	1988-95	James Chappell	1999-06
Nigel Laws	1989-96	Jack Warner	2002-06
Arron Steel	1990-95	Adam Horne	1999-07
Daniel Smith	1989-97		

Apologies: Paul Webb, Richard Skeath, Paul Sanders, David Shorney, Bill Lyddon, John Harding, Philip Walsgrove, Ted Lott, Dwayne Heard, Mike Heath, Russell Bryan, Joseph Smith, Rebecca Cooper (Smith), Alan Hawken, Roger Horrell, James Catterall, Mike Johns, John Ware, Eve Colpus.

OSA RUGBY

Devon v Exiles

Only 26 'able-bodied' old Shebbearians were available for this year's annual match, so 13-a-side probably favoured the younger, Devon-based players.

However, the Exiles (right) started well, with scrum half, James Marshall orchestrating things from the base of the scrum to great effect and they took an early lead.

During the second half, fatigue set in and the Devon based side took control, eventually running out winners by 35-20.



Where are they now ?

David J. Selleck 1941-49

In answer to the question, I am living in Edmonton Alberta Canada together with Barbara, my wife of 57 years. Our two daughters and their families live just ten minutes away. How I arrived here from Shebbear in North Devon is a longer story but I will try and be brief.

Leaving Shebbear in 1949 I spent three years at the Camborne School of Mines in Cornwall and graduated as a Mining Engineer. The popular definition is "a Jack of all trades, Master of none". I always remember George Whitworth, Principal of the school saying to our graduating class, "When you get to your first job, don't think for one minute that they have been waiting for the last fifteen years for you to arrive." Sage advice.

I was fortunate to be hired by Mufulira Copper Mines in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and spent five years

working in all the operations of an underground copper mine. During my second year there I met and became engaged to Barbara who was working as a Secretary in the Smelter Office. We were married in 1955 and worked for another two years at the mine.

In 1957, I was interested in getting some Open Pit mining experience after five years of underground work. Canada seemed to offer some good opportunities so we came back to the UK and set sail on the Empress of Britain from Liverpool to Montreal in

the October. After a rough crossing which included winds of one degree less than hurricane force we arrived in Montreal two days late. After driving across Canada to Vancouver looking for work and finding very little of any interest we returned to Montreal and I was hired by the Iron Ore Company of Canada. Their large open pit mines were in Northern Quebec and later in Newfoundland and Labrador, accessible only by air and rail. I started there on December 3rd 1957 with the intention of having a roof over our heads for the winter. Two





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years later our first daughter Christine was born and in 1962 Alison arrived. It would be eighteen years before we left the north for western Canada.

1975 found us in Winnipeg where I joined Inland Cement Limited. That was the start of a twenty two year career in the cement industry in the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. We were in Winnipeg for four years, Edmonton for five, Regina for five and back to Edmonton for eight years, retiring in 1996.

All in all I was very lucky in my career to have been involved with three excellent companies and had the support of my wife and family as we moved and lived in the various locations. En route both daughters married two wonderful boys and we enjoy our three grandchildren.

So now what about Shebbear, the College, the Memories and on going Associations? This last section will probably be somewhat disjointed but here goes.

My first year was under Johnson as Headmaster. Being nine years of age and "a bucky new snip" I don't remember much about him except he was a pretty good rugby player. Then J. B. Morris arrived with his wife Jill. Jack Morris was a man of boundless energy and enthusiasm for everything he did. He must have had a lot of anxious moments and difficult decisions to make during those first few years but we never were privy to any. All we saw was a firm jaw as he strode across the Quad on his way to try and teach us French.

JB's second in command was Jackson Page. Many have written at length about what an incredible influence Page had on the school and I can certainly echo those thoughts. Three memories stand out. I received my fair share of canings, all fully deserved, in his office at the top of the 3rd stairs. Secondly, was seeing

him standing in the balcony of Lake Chapel, and reading out the names of Shebbearians who had been killed on active service during the Second World War. Thirdly, I can still see the astonishment on his face when he learned that I had managed somehow to get credits in both English Language and Literature in the Oxford School Certificate exams.

Music has always been a large part of my life, influenced at an early age by my mother who was an organist and contralto soloist. So I continued piano and later cello lessons at school under Marjorie Dickinson. Unfortunately I have not persevered with either but my enthusiasm for singing has stayed with me. After progressing up through the school choir from soprano to the bass line I found that choirs are always short of tenors. And so over the past fifty odd years I have enjoyed singing with church and community choirs wherever we have lived. I am currently in my 22nd year with the 120 member Richard Eaton Singers in Edmonton and still enjoying it. A love of classical music was also kindled at the school when Guy Wright would share his record collection (78's) with a small group of interested students in the Headmasters lounge after chapel on a Sunday evening.

Sport was also an important part of life at Shebbear. Rugby and Cricket were the two main activities with cricket being my priority. I still have the 1st X1 fixture card for 1949 when we went through the season without losing a match. We tied one match with North Devon CC. I wonder if that is still a record?

What did Shebbear teach me? Well, I am sure some of the academic subjects have been of value to me over the years particularly maths and science. However I am convinced that the most important lesson I learned was "How to get along with

other people". In a boarding school environment, where, in our era, 95% of the 120 students were boarders, you either learned how to get along with others or life was pretty miserable, to put it mildly. The lesson learned has certainly been a big help to me over the years.

Over the past 63 years since leaving Shebbear we have been fortunate to have kept in touch with many of my contemporaries. Sadly two of my closest friends, David Roberts and John Shapcott have passed on but we still visit with Jean Roberts in Exeter and Margaret Shapcott in South Molton. Barbara and I are usually back in the UK every two to three years and thanks to the organizing skills of Margaret and Ted and Sheila Lott we have a mini Reunion in North Devon over an extended lunch at a local Pub. The last two were at the Shebbear Inn. Those around the table have included David and Ena Marshall, Ted and Sheila Lott, Gordon and Barbara Lott, Eric and Christine Lott, Leslie and Wendy Scrace, Margaret Shapcott, Michael Hole, Raymond and Mary Trewin, Ron and Olive Ackland and Rob Venner.

As you would expect the conversation flows freely and there is a continuous stream of memories that are exchanged. Remembering names often present a problem for many of us as we look back to those school days. Not so for David Marshall. David knows every name and nickname with out any hesitation. He has helped me on several occasions putting names to faces on school photos.

Finally I understand that a new Headmaster will be arriving in the spring of 2013. It is good to know that Shebbear is very much alive and well. There were several anxious moments a few years ago but thanks to the parents at the time, together with the support of Old Shebbearians the school was placed on a firm footing. We look forward to our next

visit to renew the friendships that have endured over the years.

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Where are they now ?

Mike Priscott 1950 -1956

Since leaving Shebbear in July 1956 I have enjoyed reading the Shebbearian and news of my contemporaries, but have never written anything for the magazine, although I contributed a number of articles whilst at school.



I realise that if nobody wrote in, I couldn't have any news of anyone else, and so for the first time since 1956 I go into print. My first attendance at an OSA reunion was forty years after leaving Shebbear. I have since been at a number of reunions, including January 2012.

To put into comparatively few words a lifetime, family and career story is an impossible task, but I'll try.

In 1965 I married Jennie Stronach at Watchet, West Somerset, and we have four children, Joanne, Stuart, Angus and Neil. The first three have cystic fibrosis and thus Jennie and I have been much involved in charity fund

raising which in some ways has been a life enriching experience coping with serious difficulties but also attending impressive receptions and functions etc.

The immediate family now comprises fifteen with husbands, wives and five grandchildren. Joanne is head of a department at a large comprehensive school in Guildford. Angus is a trained industrial chemist now working in administration. Stuart is regional manager over eleven counties promoting the Chance to Shine Cricket Campaign in state schools, based at Lord's with the ECB and Neil is the Head of Media and Public Affairs at Lord's cricket ground for the MCC.

My sports masters Messrs. Locker and Bond would be amazed, knowing my complete failure at sport – and incidentally, woodwork! I fear that angle was a real challenge for "Konk" Locker! At school, music was my hobby and for the entire six years I was the only brass musician and my practising was always annoying those in the staff room above. When our children were younger, we did family concerts for 1½ hours, six of us, using a dozen instruments.

My career was in banking – when times were friendly and honest. I started at Williton, West Somerset, in the Westminster Bank where I met Jennie. I had the golden era of finance, when computers took out my original work of handwritten ledgers and the maths of adding up masses of figures in pounds, shillings, and pence. My days of village banking, going out in a taxi with several thousand pounds to run a mini bank in the front room of someone's house, seems incredible in today's world. During my bank life I had a tour of duty for three years, assessing

branches from the Midlands, Wales and West Country.

Another travelling episode was a secondment to the Confederation of British Industry, promoting the Youth Training Scheme with senior people from the then Manpower Services arm of the Department of Employment. My particular role was with the production and distribution of aids for the disabled and convalescent nation wide. During this time I organised a conference at Leeds Castle, surely the country's number one for an up-market gathering. Whilst some might have regarded banking as mundane, money touches everything and with many years as a manager leading my own team I had a most interesting career, out a great deal over farms, industrial units, printing works and retail trade. Never were two days the same, and I made a few millionaires, also saved some potential suicides.

Despite making handsome profits for NatWest my last branch was closed to amalgamate with others to gain the bank even more profit. Hence, in 1995 on my departure from finance, that sector went downhill, eventually crashing and ruining the country for many years to come.

An instant change of career was called for with two sons overlapping at University, so I joined the support team of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, the body that looks after the Royal Navy. This was in Bath, later moving to the MoD centre at Abbey Wood Bristol, from where I eventually retired. This second career was a complete contrast, working amongst naval architects, engineers, and weapons experts, visiting dockyards. I had a seagoing trip on RFA Sir Percivale. Some of my RFA activity was in a personnel role, as equal opportunities officer, and advisor for disabled staff.

In retirement there is more time for music, and Jennie and I perform concerts around Bath as well as providing church music, - organ and trumpet - at our local Methodist Church. My role in sport is now as Finance Director of Bath Cricket Club Ltd - pay is the same as a church steward! This successful Club has many teams and a turnover in excess of £1/2M pa.

I guess that my most notable entry in the Shebbearian magazine was my photo in the summer 1953 Coronation Issue, seen playing Reveille on my trumpet whilst in Scout uniform at camp. Fifty nine years later I am still blowing my own trumpet, the same one. Whilst with the RFA I found that their "top brass" had forgotten over the years just what was their signature tune, - a poor show. Every unit of the Crown has their own music, and with the help of the Director of Music Royal Marines Portsmouth, their own march was discovered from the archives. I arranged for this to be played in Scotland at launches of RFA ships. I now include a photo of me playing this march outside the RFA offices in Bath.

Shebbear prepared me for life's challenges.

Where are they now ?

Olly Wickett - a master with the boot

When Olly Wickett left Shebbear in 2003, few would have imagined that nearly 10 years later he would be receiving his master's degree from Roehampton University in London.

Always an outstanding sportsman, both at Shebbear College and for

local rugby and cricket teams, Olly generally found the academic side of school life rather more of a challenge. All credit to him then in achieving his master's degree. His research into prosthetic limbs, such as that used by Olympic sprinter Jonnie Peacock, was carried out after he broke his arm in three places in the 2008 Boxing Day derby against Barnstaple Rugby Club.



'I couldn't go to work so I had to focus on the masters and learn to type one-handed,' explained Olly. Among the amputees he worked with were servicemen at the Headley Court rehabilitation centre near Roehampton. After 15 months of sending his results to different journals, he is very pleased to have finally had his work published. Olly now works as a specialist for the NHS in biomechanics and gait analysis based in Taunton and runs a private practice in Bideford.

His sporting career continues to flourish, as the key player in a successful Bideford side, having scored more than 500 points in the last two seasons, whilst in cricket for his local side Shebbear, he has been the foundation on which their success has been built, regularly scoring 600

runs plus in a season.

He has been a keen supporter of the OSA since leaving college and has captained the OSA cricket XI to a number of victories in recent years.

Where are they now ?

Eve Colpus

Journeying through the past



Over the past ten years since leaving Shebbear College in July 2002, the course of my working life has moved from being a student to a lecturer in history. The journey from

studying the French Revolution to teaching Punk Rock in 1970s Britain, via writing the life of a female preacher at Shebbear has been interesting and challenging, and I continue to grapple with questions about how we can make sense of the past.

After completing my 'A' Levels, I went to Oxford where I studied for a BA in History. As well as providing the formal settings and tools for student learning, Oxford is a place that is full of history and tradition (despite its name, New College, the college I attended, was founded in 1379), and populated by people from all over the world who each contribute to each other's education. I stayed on at Oxford to complete a Masters and a Doctorate in History, where I had the chance to think more deeply about what history is and how we can understand people, places and societies that have come before.

Studying for postgraduate degrees differed from my first degree most obviously because I found myself participating actively in a community of researchers; no longer only a student of history, this was an apprenticeship for contributing new thoughts and perspectives on the past – the work of a historian. As an undergraduate I had been particularly interested in women’s history, the history of everyday life, and the ways in which individuals told their own life stories. I took the opportunity to explore this with reference to Mary Thorne, a preacher within the early years of the Bible Christian Society, a religious group emerging out of the village of Shebbear, that established Shebbear College in 1832. Studying for a Masters degree, I developed an interest in the role played by the media in the social and cultural life of modern British history. For my doctorate, I studied the connections between the media and charity in 1920s and 1930s Britain, through focusing on the life and work of four celebrated female philanthropists, and the tensions between how they and the media told their stories.

As well as developing interests in particular fields of history, another difference between studying as an undergraduate and postgraduate was embracing history happening beyond the classroom. I spent most of my days in the library or the archive (where are historians happier?), but now the informal world of discussion and friendship (usually over a cup of tea) became as much a hub of my learning, whether that was struggling with friends over a difficult piece of writing, or talking to mentors about the challenges and rewards of trying to imagine the past. As a postgraduate, my ideas about the past were challenged and expanded by the perspectives of friends from across the globe. I also had the opportunity to give talks about my work to

audiences across the UK, Europe and North America.

In October 2012, I joined the History Department at the University of Southampton as Lecturer in Modern British and European History. As a lecturer, my time is divided between teaching, researching and writing and developing new projects. I teach courses on Edwardian Britain and Britain in the 1970s. When I’m not teaching, I am writing a book about women, charity and the media in the 1920s and 1930s and beginning a new project examining what we can learn about the history of Britain after 1945 through studying who and what were described as ‘Busybodies’.

As a pupil at Shebbear applying for university, I struggled to decide whether to study English or History. As a student and now lecturer in History, I find it is possible to study history via insights and evidence I had not anticipated at school – in pop music and on the television, for example. The challenge remains to interpret this evidence in a way that makes sense of how people lived and felt in the past, a challenge that requires both historical accuracy and imagination.

Where are they now ?

Lloyd Furse 1998-2002

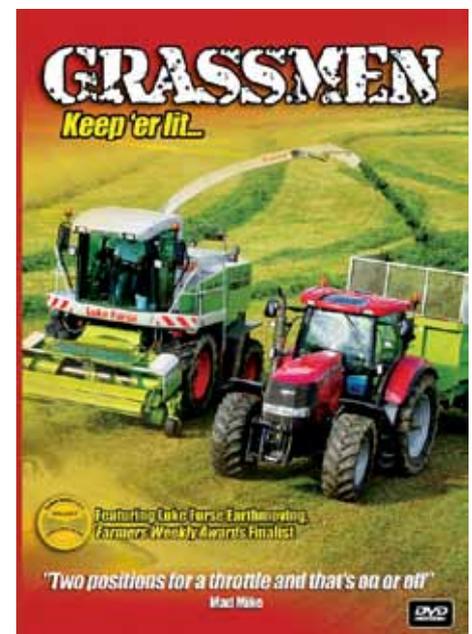
Here’s what I’ve been up to...

I am now running the agricultural division of our family business Luke Furse Contractors. This includes covering around 4000 acres of green grass harvest together with over 1100 acres of combining Wheat, Barley and Oats.

I have steadily built up our own arable acres to just over 1000 acres. I grow wheat, barley and oats. Maize is also grown on contract for various farmers and is sold on a per tonne basis. Interestingly, I was approached in early 2011 by the Grassmen, which is an Irish filming company called Moover Productions to make a real life DVD on the insight into our contracting business.

Pictured below is the front cover of the DVD just released, which has now sold over 40,000 copies worldwide. This was a very interesting project for us during 2011.

I enjoyed my time at Shebbear College very much and it gave me a wonderful grounding for what I am doing today. I still remain good friends with Rob Short, James Short, Chris Jenn and Christian Barriball to name only a few.





OBITUARIES

OBITUARY

Stanley Malone

Stanley Malone, who taught science and mathematics at Shebbear in the 1950s and who succeeded Len Parsons as Housemaster of Ruddle, has died at the age of 80.

He was one of a group of young schoolmasters recruited by Jack Morris to cope with the school's rapidly increasing numbers in the years after the Second World War.

Born in Gosport, Hampshire, he entered Southampton University at the age of 17 to study for a Bachelor of Science degree and taught at Ryde Grammar School on the Isle of Wight before moving to North Devon.

Among the many duties of a housemaster then was to dole out weekly pocket money. Juniors received the equivalent of seven and a half pence which was just enough for two Bounty bars from the tuck shop and two ice cream cones from the Hockings van when it called at the school on Tuesdays.

Another duty was to inspect pupils' feet for signs of athlete's foot which was endemic at the time.

He left Shebbear in 1958 for a post at Christ's College in New Zealand, returning some four years later to spend the next 28 years at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, where he became head of science.

His passion was sailing. He was a member of the crew of Clarion of Wight which won the 1963 Fastnet and Admirals Cup races.

He served as a director and trustee on the board of the Cowes Town Waterfront Trust and was a member of the Island

Sailing Club, Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club, the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, the Royal London and the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

He was also churchwarden and treasurer at Holy Trinity Church, Cowes, where his funeral and service of thanksgiving took place on November 25, 2011.

A tribute made after his death said: "Stanley loved a party and his cheerful attitude to life was reflected in a seemingly inexhaustible fund of good stories and anecdotes. He was interesting, cultured and fun to be with but, above all, he was a kind, generous and considerate man."

OBITUARY

Michael Littlejohn

Michael Littlejohn, who was at Shebbear from approximately 1945 to 1949 passed away peacefully in his sleep due to heart failure on 22nd October 2012.

From Shebbear Michael went to Southampton University to study to become a ship's radio officer, but he did not follow that career for very long. He became a sales representative in the food industry, and spent many years with H. J. Heinz.

From there he was head-hunted to be the national sales manager of another food company.

Michael took early retirement at the age of 50 and spent the rest of his life living happily in the Wye Valley, playing golf and taking things easy.

With his wife Beryl he travelled extensively in Europe in a camper van during retirement, and they spent several winters in Spain.

His wife died about two years ago and he leaves no children.

OBITUARY

Jack Taylor

Anthony John Taylor, known to everyone as "Jack", who died in January at the age of 72, epitomised the Old Shebbearian family.

The school together with his farming ancestry formed part of his DNA. He was never happier than mingling with fellow Old Shebbearians when he would display an encyclopaedic knowledge of all things concerning the school.

At Shebbear from 1951-56, he was a champion cross country runner. In his 50th year he won the inaugural John Pennington Memorial half marathon, now sadly consigned to history on health and safety grounds.

During national Service with the RAF he ran a 200 yard race at the famous Iffley Road, Oxford, cinder track where a few years earlier Roger Bannister had run the first four minute mile.

He also played rugby with international Rugby League legend Alex Murphy who was able to play under both league and union codes while serving in the forces. He went on to play rugby for Barnstaple as a strong-running, hard-tackling centre and was part of the club's huge success in the mid-1960s. He was a loyal supporter of "Barum" right up to his death.

Before the RAF he worked for a bank in Okehampton, afterwards as a representative for two large agricultural products' companies.

Eventually, he farmed at Crossland, High Bickington, where latterly he reared free range chickens.

Befittingly, as one who had served in the air force, he learned to fly and qualified as a pilot. He was also an accomplished musician, having learned to play both the cornet and the trumpet. He was a member of the North Devon-based brass and woodwind Two Rivers Ensemble of which he became a hard-working chairman.

It was there that he met his wife Caroline, herself a talented musician.

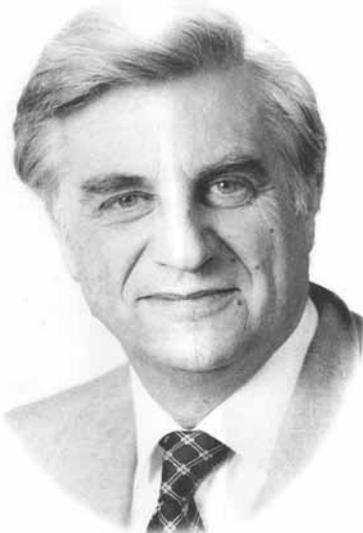
He is also survived by a sister Hazel, whose late Old Shebbearian husband, Tony Fairchild, was yachting correspondent of the Daily Telegraph and author of the definitive history of Shebbear College, A School Apart. A nephew, Robert, was also educated at Shebbear.

OBITUARY

David Haley

Shebbear has produced many good men. Among the very best of them was David Haley. That the old, remote school exists and thrives today is in no small part due to his commitment to help save it when closure threatened in the early 1990s.

While his life centred around his wife, Candy, and their four fine sons, an abiding affection for the college and the Old Shebbearians' Association, of which he was Secretary for 14 years from 1993, came close behind. At Shebbear from 1952-56, he entered London University where he obtained a B.Sc degree in Estate Management. Then began a long and successful career in property and property management.



He died in April this year after enduring serious illness and was buried on the day that would have been his 74th birthday.

His deep involvement with the OSA came when Jackson Page appointed him editor of the old boys' section of the Shebbearian magazine. He once described the pleasure of attending his first reunion dinner - and meeting for the first time many of those to whom he had written for news.

He was born at his aunt's nursing home in Witney, Oxfordshire, where his father was the manager of a woollen factory. His mother was the youngest of twelve children who had been brought up in the area, farming land that was owned by the Duke of Marlborough.

They were a remarkable family. One of his aunts climbed the Matterhorn; another was matron in charge of the military hospital during the siege and relentless bombing of Malta during World War Two. She was awarded the highest medal possible for nursing staff. Many of his uncles continued to

farm but the eldest, Frederick, became a Methodist minister. When David passed the 11-plus to Witney Grammar School, it soon became apparent that he was not happy there, so the uncle suggested a Methodist boarding school - Shebbear.

He soon settled in, eventually becoming a sub-prefect and prefect. He played rugby and cricket, mostly for the second teams but occasionally for the firsts. His opening shot for his 1st XI debut was a mighty six which hit the Beckly pavilion roof.

He left Shebbear with A-levels in physics, pure mathematics and applied mathematics - and a love of singing and amateur dramatics.

Sunday worship, whether at his local Methodist or Anglican churches, depended very much on where he thought there might be the best singing.

It was while taking part in more than thirty musicals with a number of companies in London and Oxfordshire that he met Candy.

In latter years his home was Cold Norton Farm, near Cobham, Surrey, overlooking a sweep of lovely countryside to the east. Some 30 acres of land allowed him to raise and sell rare breeds of sheep.

The tools of his trade were the telephone, his trusty typewriter and a sharp and retentive mind. But he eschewed new technology, believing communication by email not to be secure.

He instilled in his family his personal motto:

"Never put anything off until tomorrow that can be done today."



Thus the minutes of the OSA Committee were written in longhand as the meeting progressed, typed neatly when he got home and sent in the post the following day.

Indefatigable in all that he did, he would make the long journey to and from Shebbear in an afternoon and evening on countless occasions, picking up and dropping off fellow Old Shebbearians en route, even if it meant going out of his way.

The visits were for career advice evenings, Speech Days or Governors' meetings. It was David who strongly advocated during the debt crisis that some of the school's property interests be sold to clear a large debt. Now Shebbear is firmly in profit.

His office at his pretty farmhouse was a large table in the dining room. Rarely missing was a dog - or five - at his feet. Candy, a self-employed solicitor, worked in an adjoining room. There was much affectionate banter between them.

In his property management portfolio the jewel in the crown was Montrose Court in Princess Gate, South Kensington. One of the caretakers was a member of the nearby Polish Club, so, for many years, OSA committee meetings and even one reunion were held there.

A service of thanksgiving for his life was held at All Saints Church, Ockham, Surrey, on April 20. John Ruckes, a contemporary, said at the service:

***“Several Old Shebbearians are here today who will testify that life at Shebbear in the late forties and early fifties was really tough but David and I learned to cope. It provided a perfect foundation for our lives ahead.*”**

He was a very special man to whom Old Shebbearians owe a huge debt of gratitude.”

Ken Brown, a business associate, recalled the day when David secured the Montrose Court contract.

“He was polite, fresh faced and cheerful and totally in command of his brief.”

He and his colleagues had expected the negotiations to be over well before lunch. Instead they lasted for 14 bruising hours.

“He knew the property backwards and contested every amendment we wanted. We were run ragged that day.”



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