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The termly newsletter of the School

From the Headmaster



I am writing this just a few days after the First Test in the Ashes Series. It was an extraordinary game in many ways, not least in the manner in which the tail-enders held on for a very unlikely draw. The 12-year-old son of an Italian friend recently absolutely refused to believe that a sport's match could last five days. It would probably have been pretty fruitless trying to convince him of the merits of a game that included a break for afternoon tea, even less for him to understand that the beauty of cricket lies in the way in which it mirrors life. There are times when the bowlers are forceful and determined, and moments when bowling has to be thoughtful and strategic. There are moments when the likes of Flintoff and Pietersen knock the ball almost out of the ground, and there are moments when two relatively poor batsmen can defend with the tenacity of the soldiers at Rorke's Drift, and produce a draw that felt like a victory. There are lessons here that could benefit all of us. There are times when it is right to be direct and single-minded, and occasions when it is best to weigh up the scene and act with care. There are moments to be courageous and moments to be dogged and resolute. There is success which is almost heart-stopping, and then there is simply the job well done. And there are endless hours of toiling in the field, with only rare moments of glory, but just the satisfaction of being a member of a team. I commend the art of cricket to our pupils, as an illustration of the character and skills that will help them through life.



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Sports Tour to Europe

The 30 tourists that travelled to Belgium and Holland during the Easter holidays:

James Amer (Year 12, Harcourt)
 Guy Biggs (Year 12, Feilden)
 William Bishop (Year 10, Harcourt)
 Hannah Brownrigg-Gleeson (Year 12, Harcourt)
 Alexander Cade (Year 10, Swift)
 Sarah Davey (Year 13, Gascoigne)
 Isabelle Evans (Year 11, Swift)
 Lydia Farrell (Year 10, Vanbrugh)
 Louise Ford (Year 12, Swift)
 Jonathan Jones (Year 12, Harcourt)
 Isobel Landon (Year 13, Harcourt)
 Kimberley Mallett (Year 12, Gascoigne)
 Adam Maskery (Year 13, Swift)
 Emelie Metcalfe (Year 13, Gascoigne)
 Jonathan Morris (Year 12, Gascoigne)
 Jack Morton (Year 12, Gascoigne)
 David Needham (Year 12, Swift)
 Jessica O'Brien (Year 12, Feilden)
 Noel O'Brien (Year 10, Gascoigne)
 Chloë Pickford (Year 12, Vanbrugh)
 Olivia Plummer (Year 12, Queen Anne)
 Carys Protheroe (Year 12, Queen Anne)
 Suzy Russell (Year 12, Swift)
 Laura Sensecall (Year 13, Gascoigne)
 Shona Stanley (Year 11, Vanbrugh)
 Andrew Tucker (Year 13, Swift)
 Paul Tyrer (Year 12, Gascoigne)
 Robert Uren (Year 12, Queen Anne)
 Luke White (Year 13, Feilden)
 Luke Withey (Year 11, Harcourt)
 Mr Bown
 Mr Fenton
 Miss Hamon
 Mr Maskery
 Miss Woodcock

Easter Revision Courses

Year 11 pupils took part in a three-day revision course during the Easter holidays, in preparation for their GCSE examinations. A number of AS and A2 Level revisions days also took place.

Front Cover:

Picnic lunches on the Mansion Lawn prior to Prize Giving on Friday 10 July.

Devizes to Westminster

Cokethorpe illustrated why it is considered by many to be the best-prepared school in the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race by claiming victory in the Junior Doubles category for the second year in a row. The Cokethorpe Canoe and Kayak Club also triumphantly took second and fourth



place. Well done to Timothy Muller (Vanbrugh) and Frederick Reif (Vanbrugh) for finishing first, to Edward Brooks (Feilden) and Callum Staff (Gascoigne) who came second, and to Dominic Cannon (Vanbrugh) and Mark Thompson (Feilden) who came fourth. There were 78 starting crews in the race.



Sports Tour to Europe

During the Easter holidays 30 pupils spent a very successful ten days in Belgium and Holland on a joint football and hockey sports tour. The girls played three matches winning two and losing one, while the boys won two and drew one in their soccer programme. The tour also included many cultural elements, and the experience of moving hotels at short notice was something not to be

repeated. Jack Morton (Gascoigne) was the soccer player of the tour while Shona Stanley (Vanbrugh) was the hockey player of the tour. Special thanks go to Mr Bown, Miss Hamon and Miss Woodcock for their help and support on a wonderful trip and to all the pupils for their part in the tour. Preparations are now under way for next year's tours to Barbados and South Africa.



Year 10 Work Experience

This year there was a broad range of placements undertaken by Year 10 pupils. Many opted for working outdoors, some with animals, whilst others worked with children. Lissi Mason (Queen Anne) assisted Mrs Mace in the School Wardrobe, creating costumes for the Junior School Prize Giving, including the one below. Two boys even had placements abroad: one in Spain and the other in Turkey. The discipline of getting out of bed, earlier in many cases, to travel to a world of work with adults was an experience which was clearly enjoyed by all who took part. It was a pleasure to receive many reports from employers who were all very happy with the contribution that the pupils made. Thank you to them for their generosity.



Senior School Prize Giving

The achievements of pupils over the past academic year were celebrated in style on Friday 10 July at Prize Giving. In true Cokethorpe tradition the day was set in motion with parents and pupils enjoying their picnics in front of the Mansion House, while a number of performers around the grounds provided entertainment.



What is Poetry?

Miss White gave the fourth Literary Recital of the term, and the last of the year, to a packed audience in the Cranham Library. Here she sought to solve a question troubling her since she was an undergraduate: namely, 'What is poetry?' She was assisted by the guest appearance of two of her university lecturers, although they looked suspiciously like Miss Ringham in a wig and 1960's dress, and Mr Elkin-Jones in a leather-patched suit and kipper tie. Thus, in angel-and-devil style, Miss White took her audience on a 20 minute quest through literary history to get to the bottom of this taxing issue. A hilarious and thought-provoking end to a year of talks given by the English Department.



The ceremony itself was led by this year's guest speaker, the charismatic television presenter and Chancellor of Exeter University, Floella Benjamin OBE, who gave a truly inspirational and lively speech, and whose hugs to all those venturing on stage to collect prizes brought an air of fun and playfulness to the day.



Senior School Prize Giving

Year Prizes for Academic Excellence:

Year 7	Oliver Cookson
	Bethany Mulloy
Year 8	Ross Battersby
	Ewan Johnson
Year 9	Zoë Mace
	Amy Williams
Year 10	Letitia Cookson
	Jack Cully

Year Prizes for Academic Progress:

Year 8	William Hankins
	Connie Manning
Year 9	Nathalie Dixon-Young
	Elliot Jones
Year 10	Felicity Mason
	Thomas Whelan
Year 11	Isabelle Evans
	Alexander Lawson

GCSE Prizes for Academic Excellence:

Art	Rose Parker
Biology	Huw Williams
Business Studies	Philip Quadri
Chemistry	Alexander Hedges
Drama	Rose Parker
Design Technology	
Graphic Products	Samuel Unwin
Design Technology	
Resistant Materials	Oliver Godwin
English Literature	Max Williamson
English Language	Amy Hewes
Geography	Philip Quadri
History	Philip Quadri
ICT	Philip Quadri
Languages	Caroline Jenkins
Mathematics	Young-Hoon Kong
Music	Ross McKee
Physical Education	Julian Watkins
Physics	Young-Hoon Kong
Psychology	Max Williamson
Textiles	Charlotte Wenman

AS Level Prizes for Academic Excellence:

Art	Hannah
	Brownrigg-Gleeson
Biology	William Lawson
Business Studies	Olivia Plummer
Chemistry	William Lawson
Drama	Chloë Pickford
Design	Christopher Lord
English Literature	Jordan Gillies
English	Guy Biggs
French	Olivia Plummer
Geography	Louise Ford
History	Jordan Gillies
Law	Marie Lambe
Maths	Nuo Shi Novia Chen
Film Studies	Michael Severn
Music	Emily Sayers
Sports Studies	Suzanna Russell
Physics	William Lawson
Politics	Emma Sydenham
Psychology	Eleanor Sweeney
Spanish	Elice Willett

ACADEMIC

Prize Giving Continued

A2 Level Prizes for Academic Excellence:

Art	Kathryn Potter
Biology	Timothy Muller
Business Studies	Laura Sensecall
Chemistry	Edward Brooks
Drama	Dominic Cannon
Design	Michael Staples
English	Peter Jones
English Literature	Charles Bennett
Geography	Callum Staff
History	Kathryn Potter
Law	Simon Atkinson
Mathematics	Timothy Muller
Media Studies	Dominic John
Sports Studies	Andrew Tucker
Philosophy	Charles Bennett
Photography	Sarah Lockyer
Physics	Callum Staff
Politics	Graham Roberts
Psychology	Yaqi Sun
Spanish	Sophie Truran

Open Awards:

The Cranham Prize	Sam Nielsen
The Lancia Fulvia Prize	George Lawson
The Stephen Cookson Memorial Prize	Peter Small
The Gordon Dennis Memorial Prize	Letitia Cookson
The Grove Prize	Joshua Gale
The Sonia Tollady Memorial Prize	William Draper
The Kate Perritt Prize	Yaqi Sun
The Martin Browne Memorial Prize	Daniel Wakeman
The Sparks and Clark Award	Callum Staff
The Daniel Sumpter Sportsman of the Year	Adam Maskery
The Boggis Rosebowl Sportswoman of the Year	Isobel Landon
The Richard Reah Prize	Sarah Davey
The Headmaster's Award	Isobel Landon

Junior Maths Challenge

Gold Award Winner and Best in School:
George Hallett

Gold Award Winners:
Ellen Garbutt, Nicholas Caddy, Harry Bryson, Jonathan De Vos

Silver Award Winners:
Molly Williamson, Bethany Mulloy, Toyah Overton, Megan Alexander, Callum Breslin, Julian Davies, Ross Battersby, Ewan Johnson, Jonathon Harling

Bronze Award Winners:
Katherine Woolley, Adam Roche, Tom Le Maitre, Charles Tobin, Constantin Patt, Emma King, Oliver Cookson, Kathryn Jenkins, Harry Stevens, Samuel Farrant, Alexander Owen, Alexandra Didcock, Jacob Yolland

Year 11 Salsa

Year 11 pupils celebrated the end of a successful year with a Salsa party at School. The Caliente Salsa group of professional dancers put the pupils through their paces, and they responded brilliantly. The evening ended with the pupils showing off their newly acquired techniques by picking up percussion instruments and gyrating to the Salsa beats.



Year 7 and 8 Neon Party

In June the Cokethorpe Young Enterprise group organised a disco in The Shed for Years 7 and 8. Pupils danced the night away to the sounds of the most modern pop music, dressed up in an array of neon colours, before being escorted to various slumber parties by parents. The evening was a tremendous success and everyone greatly enjoyed themselves.

Year 8 Science Trip

We attended a talk by Alice Roberts at the Cheltenham Science Festival who gave a talk on how different races had emerged genetically and their geographical migration. One of the most interesting things we learnt was about Hobbit man, an early human ancestor, who was very small but advanced technologically. There were interactive exhibits including the science of bomb disposal, scanning for microbes and environmental change. Finally there was an awesome demonstration with explosions, liquid nitrogen and even the demonstration of the use of a frozen banana as a hammer.

Dylan Rafferty-Scott, Tom Le Maitre (Vanbrugh); Peter Blake, Matteo Catrini (Gascoigne); James Gobbi (Queen Anne)



Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Between the 24 and 27 April the GCSE Geography pupils went to Malham Tarn Field Centre in the Yorkshire Dales. The weekend consisted of a number of activities including tourist studies and river observations. We visited the famous Malham Cove and the rare and fascinating limestone pavement. It was an exciting weekend which enabled us to collect data which we would incorporate into our coursework. The piece of coursework that we based around our studies from that weekend is worth 25% of our overall Geography GCSE, so the weekend was a very valuable experience. Thank you to Mrs Martindale, Mr Baldwin and Mr Capel.

Victoria O'Shea (Year 10, Vanbrugh)



GCSE Business Studies Trip

In July the GCSE Business Studies pupils visited Abbott Diabetes Care as part of their coursework assignment. The local business was tremendously helpful in allowing pupils to investigate their production process, in particular seeing the computerised production technology. Pupils used the information over the summer for their coursework projects.

Cyber Bullying Presentation

Parents attended two cyber bullying presentations at the start of the Summer Term. The opportunities provided by web and mobile technologies, the inherent risks, plus advice for parents on how to maximise the opportunities and minimise the risks were covered. A handout for parents is now available via the School website.

THE SIXTH FORM

Prefects' Dinner

The annual Prefects' Dinner took place on Thursday 30 April. This allowed the prefects to celebrate the end of the academic year, and the School to say a big thank you for their support, in what can be a demanding role. That said, all have risen to the challenge and have worked very well as a team.

The evening was a great success with some humorous speeches and an excellent atmosphere. Staff met their match with a quiz and were suitably beaten at croquet, which was all very much one sided. The new prefects will have a lot to live up to, but are ready and waiting in the wings for the new academic year and the challenges that lie ahead.



Pupil Awarded Place at RADA

Congratulations to Year 13 Drama Scholar Gerard Smith (Swift), who, after a gruelling round of auditions, has been offered places at several leading Drama Schools. Following much consideration, Gerard has decided to attend the world renowned Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA), where he will follow in the footsteps of those such as Anthony Hopkins and Ralph Fiennes, and train for a career in theatre, film and television.



Philosophy Café

This term's Philosophy Café asked 'Is international aid a blessing or a curse?' Mr White, who spent many years teaching in Kenya, presented a compelling case in favour of the view that systematic international aid, at least in its current form, was indeed a curse to the developing world, given its overwhelmingly negative impact during

General Studies Lecture

The final presentation of the year on Thursday 30 April took Sixth Form students and staff to infinity and beyond, and was delivered by the eminent polymath Professor Robin Wilson of Gresham College, The Open University and Oxford University. The talk entitled *Lewis Carroll in Numberland* demonstrated to the audience how the world renowned, and seemingly surreal, *Alice in Wonderland* books are in fact rooted in acute observations of physical and mathematical phenomena. The genius of Charles Dodgson, as Carroll was really called, was demonstrated through his maths, drawings and tables for predicting the outcome of tennis matches, as well as his early photographs.



Head of School

The School is pleased to announce that William Lawson (Gascoigne) has been appointed the new Head of School for the academic year 2009–2010, with Suzy Russell (Swift) acting as his Deputy. Both are exemplary students and there is no doubt that they will make a valuable contribution to the School over the coming year. Please see the blue column for a full list of Sixth Form responsibilities.



the last three decades. His thought-provoking argument was well received and stimulated some thoughtful and sophisticated discussion, ably facilitated by Mr Mann. The large turnout for this year's final Philosophy Café is testament to its growing success. Suggestions for future themes are welcomed by the Philosophy Department.

Sixth Form Responsibilities

The School is please to announce the Sixth Form students with responsibilities for the academic year 2009–2010:

Head of School	William Lawson
Deputy Head of School	Suzy Russell
Head of Feilden	Guy Biggs
Head of Gascoigne	Joshua Atkins
Head of Harcourt	Hannah Brownrigg-Gleeson
Head of Queen Anne	Olivia Plummer
Head of Swift	Louise Ford
Head of Gascoigne	Joshua Atkins
Head of Vanbrugh	Chloë Pickford
Prefects	Andrew Berry Gurdeep Bhella Harminder Bhella Edward Church Rebecca Fellows Jonathan Morris David Needham Jessica O'Brien Torin Pocock Emily Sayers

Business Sponsorship

The successful students selected for the Business Sponsorship Scheme, and the companies offering sponsorship for 2009, are listed below:

Siemens Magnet	
Technology Ltd	Justine Morris
STL Communications	Luke Saunders
Data Plastics	Joseph Ferrara
AKS Ward	Amy Hewes
Kaim Todner	Joel Gascoigne
M G Alden Ltd	Luke Frith-Powell
TMW	Caroline Jenkins

AS Psychology Trip

Cokethorpe AS Psychology students visited Bristol Zoo on Tuesday 23 June where they learnt about and observed animal interaction and behaviour.

Sixth Form Numbers

The number of students in the Cokethorpe Sixth Form has risen dramatically over the past six years, as shown below:

Academic Year	Total Number
2009–2010	156*
2008–2009	140
2007–2008	122
2006–2007	97
2005–2006	62
2004–2005	64

* Projected number at time of publication

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Sixth Form Leavers 2009

Simon Atkinson
 Karim Bahou
 Charles Bennett
 Sarah Bridle
 Thomas Brindle
 Edward Brooks
 Dominic Cannon
 Joseph Cook
 Sarah Davey
 Francesca Ferrier
 Timothy Forrest
 Jack Frith-Powell
 Joshua Gale
 Jacob Geekie
 Edward Gottfried
 Rafael Hambleton
 Rebecca Herd
 Jake Ireland
 Edward Jennings
 Dominic John
 Peter Jones
 Joshua Kim
 Isobel Landon
 Zachary Latcham-Ford
 George Lewis
 Sarah Lockyer
 Christopher Lord
 Kim Lyzba
 Adam Maskery
 Emelie Metcalfe
 Samuel Miller
 Nicola Morris
 Timothy Muller
 Samuel Nielsen
 Kathryn Potter
 Jack Reardon
 Frederick Reif
 Graham Roberts
 Laura Sensecall
 Gerard Smith
 Callum Staff
 Emily Stafford
 Michael Staples
 Yaqi Sun
 George Talbot
 Mark Thompson
 Edward Tolson
 Marcus Toumazou
 Sophie Truran
 Andrew Tucker
 Daniel Wakeman
 Henry Wenman
 Luke White
 Matthew Wrigley

Gap Year Bursaries

The following pupils have been awarded bursaries from the Cokethorpe Society to help fund their Gap Year:

Sophie Truran: Teaching English in Costa Rica
 Kate Potter: Volunteering in an orphanage in Ecuador
 Jake Ireland: Volunteering with Green Peace to save the whales in Japan
 Emily Landon: Teaching in a primary school in Thailand (2008)

Sixth Form Ball

Everyone looked elegant and immaculately turned out in their evening dresses and Black Tie for the Sixth Form Summer Ball at the Oxford Hotel on Friday 22 May. There were some

memorable speeches and the evening was characterised by both sadness and excitement, as Year 13 said goodbye to their fellow students and began looking forward to life after Cokethorpe.



Year 12 Chemistry Trip

We recently visited the world class analytical facilities at Oxford University. Their instruments are studied in the A2 Chemistry course and it was useful to see how they work. They are vital for the scientists and students at Oxford University in their study of both the structure of naturally occurring compounds, such as proteins, and to prove the structure of compounds they have synthesised, which could be potential new medicines. One of the instruments demonstrated was a

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance machine and it was amazing to learn that the most powerful one they have is worth close to a million pounds. We also saw mass spectrometry instruments, which can be used to test if athletes have illegal substances in their blood. It was an enjoyable and useful experience and gave us an important insight into Chemistry beyond school level.

Owen O'Sullivan (Year 13, Gascoigne)
William Wallace (Year 13, Vanbrugh)

Design Technology Projects

Both Year 12 and Year 13 Design and Technology students have been working extremely hard this term to produce their final pieces. Year 12 students all designed and made chairs and lamps,

while the Year 13 students demonstrated their creativity and technical ability by making various projects ranging from a mountain bike trolley, to a fold-out table hammock.



Young Enterprise

In May the Cokethorpe Young Enterprise Company competed in the North Oxfordshire area finals, where they gave a presentation on their successes over the past year. The event was attended by many local business people and other schools from the Oxfordshire region. The students gave an excellent presentation, setting a high standard for future Young Enterprise groups.

THE HOUSES



Inter-House Cricket

Feilden emerged victorious over their closest rivals Gascoigne in this eight-a-side tournament. The U13s played a round robin over two afternoons while the U15s were restricted to just one afternoon and three matches each due to internal examinations. Many matches were closely contested, and the bonus points awarded for batting and bowling success ensured that every delivery counted.

Sports Day

The scorching hot day of this year's athletics championships at Tilsley Park was matched by some blistering performances on the track and field. Jacob Wilson (Gascoigne) easily won the senior boys' 100m with a time of 11.20s. Lydia Farrell (Vanbrugh) blasted home first in the Years 9 and 10 girls' 200m with a new record of 27.78s.



Inter-House Swimming

This year saw the first Inter-House Swimming Gala. 96 participants from Years 7 to 10 represented their Houses in a number of events, making it a very competitive afternoon. The atmosphere was tremendous. Vanbrugh won the trophy and Joshua Relph (Year 10, Vanbrugh) and Molly Williamson (Year 8, Vanbrugh) received the best performance awards.



Inter-House Rounders

This was a closely fought competition, which left a number of teams tied for points. The top spot came down to the last game, with a fierce rivalry between Harcourt and Gascoigne. There were a number of notable performances, Suzy Russell covered every position for Swift while Katie Whittington (Gascoigne) and Stephanie Pilling (Vanbrugh) made considerable contributions to their teams.



Chloë Pickford (Vanbrugh) gained a new record with 4.11m in the senior girls' long jump and Redford Curtis (Harcourt) broke his brother's record in the Year 7 javelin with a throw of 31.83m. The levels of effort and determination of all the athletes was the best it has been and the competitive but supportive spectators made the event one of the best so far.

Most Recommendations

Year 7: Rebecca Coles (Swift) and Bethany Mulloy (Swift)
Year 8: Sebastiaan Evans (Swift)
Year 9: George Lawson (Gascoigne)
Year 10: Thomas Gilbert (Vanbrugh)
Overall Winner: George Lawson
House Winner: Swift

Inter-House Rounders Results

1st: Gascoigne
= 2nd: Harcourt
= 2nd: Queen Anne
= 4th: Feilden
= 4th: Swift
6th: Vanbrugh

Inter-House Cricket Results

1st: Feilden (230 points)
2nd: Gascoigne (186)
3rd: Swift (148)
4th: Harcourt (124)
5th: Queen Anne (76)
6th: Vanbrugh (42)

Inter-House Athletics Results

1st: Harcourt
2nd: Gascoigne
=3rd: Swift
=3rd: Vanbrugh
5th: Feilden
6th: Queen Anne

The Burfitt Award for an Outstanding Individual Performance in Sports Day was awarded to Redford Curtis (Year 7, Harcourt) for his new javelin record.

The Burfitt Award for the Outstanding Senior School Athlete was awarded to Lydia Farrell (Year 10, Harcourt) for her performances in the 200m, 800m and relay.

Inter-House Clay Pigeon Shooting Results

1st: Feilden (62 points)
2nd: Vanbrugh (58)
3rd: Swift (51)
4th: Harcourt (31)
5th: Gascoigne (29)
6th: Queen Anne (9)

The High Gun was awarded to James Nettlefold (Vanbrugh) with a score of 27/30.

Inter-House Tennis Results

Harcourt won this year's tournament.

Harcourt Barbecue

Pupils, staff and parents of Harcourt House enjoyed a barbecue on 20 April to welcome their new Housemaster, Mr Capel, and to say goodbye to Mr Rees.

Vanbrugh Barbecue

As Mr Hardie remarked, this year's Vanbrugh summer barbecue went 'swimmingly'. Despite the bad weather, the food was delicious, the music was delightful and everyone had a great time. Amongst the burgers, bangers and buns, the pupils and staff were treated to some super salads and some wonderful deserts, all kindly donated by the parents.



THE ARTS

Music Examinations 2008–2009

Grade 8

Bronté Coppock-Cudd	Singing	(Dist)
Ross McKee	French Horn	

Grade 7

Emily Sayers	Clarinet	(Merit)
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Intermediate Certificate

Joshua Gale	Singing	
Jessica O'Brien	Singing	(Dist)

Grade 6

Zachary Bamford	Singing	
Amy Williams	Flute	

Grade 5

Ross Battersby	Jazz Clarinet (Merit)	
William Draper	Jazz Saxophone (Merit)	
Elliot Kratt	Drum Kit	
Laura McKenney	Flute	
Marianne Pearson	Clarinet	
Christopher Williams	Violin	
Benjamin Woodard	Jazz Saxophone (Merit)	

Grade 4

James Ellacott	Singing	(Merit)
Francesca Ellis	Singing	(Merit)
Lydia Farrell	Singing	(Dist)
Ellen Garbutt	Singing	(Merit)
Ellen Garbutt	Clarinet	(Merit)
William Hankins	Violin	(Merit)
Sonal Mandalia	Singing	
Myles Osborn-Banton	Singing	(Merit)
Oliver Parker	Trumpet	
Melanie Severn	Singing	(Dist)
Charlotte Wenman	Singing	
Katherine Woolley	Flute	

Grade 3

Ewan Johnson	Guitar	(Dist)
Fraser Logue	Piano	
Daniel Page	Singing	(Dist)

Grade 2

Letitia Cookson	Cello	(Dist)
Harry Fellows	Rock Guitar	
Andrew Fiedorowicz	Jazz Saxophone (Merit)	
Ellen Garbutt	Singing	(Dist)
Jessica Green	Singing	
Jessie Grimwade	Flute	(Merit)
James Hand	Rock Guitar	(Merit)
Alexander Haywood	Flute	
Ewan Johnson	Classical Guitar	(Dist)
Alec Jones	Classical Guitar	(Merit)
Aidan King	Jazz Clarinet	(Merit)
Fraser Logue	Singing	(Dist)
Lucy Nielsen	Jazz Clarinet	
Constantin Patt	Piano	
Sydney Skinner	Singing	(Merit)
Evelyn Wilson	Flute	
Jessica Williams	Clarinet	(Merit)

Grade 1

Christie Batty	Rock Guitar	(Merit)
Nicholas Caddy	Rock Guitar	(Merit)
Jake de Buriatte Moglia	Rock Guitar	
Thomas Donovan-Brady	Rock Guitar	
Christian Ettinger	Rock Guitar	(Merit)
Eloise Fraser-Paterson	Piano	(Dist)
Frederick Jewson	Rock Guitar	
Henry Leonard-Taylor	Clarinet	
Henry Plumridge	Rock Guitar	(Merit)
Dickie Turner	Clarinet	(Merit)

A Level Recitals

The audience was treated to two greatly contrasting programmes in the A Level final recital evening this year. Gerard Smith (Swift), who gained full marks in his AS Level performance, captivated the Corinthian Room audience with a recital of songs and arias on the theme of obsession. Later, Joshua Gale (Queen Anne) gave a fascinating solo drumming performance. Joshua's programme included one of his own compositions which combined acoustic and electronic drum kits and a sequenced backing track.



Mark Edgington

Pupils from the Design Technology and Music Departments were thrilled to meet Mark Edgington, who visited during the Summer Term with his amazing carbon fibre electric guitars. Mark is investigating a brand new method of carbon fibre construction, which gives an unusual acoustic quality to his instruments. Mark is working with Mr Heaney on the development of a new electric violin, and this work has inspired Jack Cully (Year 10, Feilden) to begin work on his own electric violin build project for his Design Technology GCSE coursework.



Lunchtime Recitals

Five lunchtime music recitals took place during the Summer Term. At all the performances, which took place in the Corinthian Room, the audience was treated to a range of pieces from quite different genres. Many pupils also had the opportunity to perform their own compositions, with the Soul Singers performing a range of songs from their repertoire, including a number of compositions by Mr Heaney. Pupils from all year groups, including some of Miss Kruger's pupils from the Junior School, took part.

Prize Giving

Guests at Prize Giving this year were entertained by a wealth of music and drama performances. Individual pupils acted, recited poetry, sang and played to entertain guests in the School grounds during the picnic lunch. There were performances of a reduced *Hamlet* and the Berkoff play, *Actor*. The Chamber Choir sang intricate arrangements of jazz and popular songs and the sounds of the Clarinet Quartet and Horn Trio drifted through the open air. The entertainment was brought to a close by guests *Out of the Blue*.



May Day Madrigals

Prior to the whole school photograph on Friday 1 May, all pupils and staff gathered in front of the Mansion House to celebrate May Day as once again the Madrigals performed from the Mansion House balcony. The Choir sang three songs in total: *Sing We At Pleasure* by Thomas Weelkes; *Farewell Dear Love* by Robert Jones and *My Bonny Lass She Smileth* by Thomas Morley.

THE ARTS

Year 10 Art Trip

On 2 June the Art and Textiles Department went on an educational visit to the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford. We all took part in a drawing workshop which contributed towards our new GCSE project based on cultural art. We ended the morning with a picnic on the



lawn outside the museum. Back in School we then used the information gathered as a resource for our Year 10 mock examination. This time next year the work produced this term will be used as part of our GCSE coursework.

Lissi Mason (Year 10, Queen Anne)



Art and Photography Exhibition

On Thursday 2 July the Art and Photography Departments opened their



doors to welcome pupils, staff and parents to view pupils' A2 and GCSE work.



West Oxfordshire Art Competition

Selected entries from last year's Inter-House Art and Design Competition were put forward to represent Cokethorpe in a competition hosted by West Oxfordshire District Council. Oliver Armstrong (Year 8, Feilden) and Isabel Berger (Year 9, Swift) were short-listed and during June their work was enlarged and exhibited on the hoardings surrounding Marriott's Walk (the new retail, cinema and leisure complex) on Woodford Way in Witney. The public were asked to vote for their favourite drawing and it was announced in July that Oliver, whose watercolour painting depicted the view across the River Windrush, had won the overall competition. As a result, Oliver has received a cash prize from the developer, the Simons Group.



The Cokethorpe Plinth

Three Year 9 pupils, Nicholas Gonnella (Queen Anne), Jack Cole (Vanbrugh) and Joe Bernard (Vanbrugh), were selected to create the first piece of art to be exhibited on the Cokethorpe Plinth. Nicholas describes the entry: 'We created the child with the initiative of portraying happiness and vitality whilst at school. The position that the model has been formed in, I feel, represents such feelings and is a just representation of a happy child. We made the model using a plaster and paste mixture. We left our creation to dry over a period of a day, and then proceeded in spraying it black, to make the model striking and noticeable to passers-by.' It is still possible to submit entries for display on the Cokethorpe Plinth via the School website.



County Youth Orchestra

French Horn players, Paul Berry (Queen Anne), Ross McKee (Gascoigne) and Freddie Miles (Gascoigne), were all successful in the highly competitive auditions to join the Oxfordshire County Youth Orchestra. This is the top orchestra in the county and builds on the success they have enjoyed in the Oxfordshire Schools' Symphony Orchestra along with several other pupils. The boys joined the County Orchestra in time to take part in the National Festival of Music for Youth in Symphony Hall, Birmingham and a summer tour to Leipzig.

Lunchtime Recitals

The following pupils took part in the Summer Term's programme of lunchtime music recitals.

Thursday 30 April

Brontë Coppock-Cudd (Year 12, Swift)
Toby Pugh (Year 12, Harcourt)
Christopher Lord (Year 13, Swift)
James Metcalfe (Year 11, Gascoigne)
Joseph Grant (Year 11, Swift)
Thomas Wood (Year 11, Vanbrugh)

Tuesday 12 May

Gerard Smith (Year 13, Swift)

Thursday 14 May

Ellen Garbutt (Year 7, Feilden)
Melanie Severn (Year 7, Gascoigne)

Tuesday 9 June

Cate de Buriatte Moglia (Year 6, Harcourt)
Heidi Lawson (Year 6, Gascoigne)
Sofia-Louise Svanikier (Year 6, Harcourt)
Alexandra Cross (Year 6, Gascoigne)
Erika Davies (Year 6, Queen Anne)

Thursday 18 June: Soul Singers

Zoë Mace (Year 9, Harcourt)
Charlotte Ferryman (Year 9, Queen Anne)
Lucy Grout (Year 9, Feilden)
Lucy Furneaux (Year 9, Harcourt)
Mr Heaney
Mr Fenton
Mr Bostwick

Film Appearance

Mr Wilson, one of the School's visiting percussion teachers, took part in the filming of a blockbuster movie at the beginning of June. He is one of four on-screen drummers taking part in Ridley Scott's forthcoming movie adaptation of *Robin Hood* starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett.

Did You Know?

The School has built up a library of over 40,000 digital photographs since September 2005.

THE ARTS

Year 10: GCSE Assessment

The Year 10 GCSE Drama pupils were assessed on their practical skills in June. The groups presented extracts from Dennis Potter's *Blue Remembered Hills*. The play relates to the activities of seven West-Country seven-year-olds on a summer afternoon during World War II, but when one child plays a dangerous game of pyromania they are suddenly forced to face the grim reality of death.

Oliver!

Congratulations to Jacob Yolland (Year 8, Gascoigne) for being chosen to take part in the West End stage musical *Oliver!* Jacob is in one of three ensembles of youngsters that rotate their performance nights. He appears in the opening scene in the Work House, as well as many other street scenes throughout the performance.

Year 8: AlternEIGHTive Tales

The Time Machine

Stoneybroke Hall has many problems: unruly pupils, departing teachers, a severe funding crisis and the threat of a takeover from nearby Grasping Grange. While Dr Withit comes up with a plan for reversing the school's fortunes, his eccentric Physics teacher Dr Evangline has invented a time machine, letting loose a score of historical characters upon the school. With a fancy dress ball and a large cash prize at stake, what else could possibly go wrong?

The Beach Trip

A trip to the beach for the scientific enlightenment of Year 8 should be fairly straightforward. Despite the killer jellyfish, aggressive seagulls and roaming sharks, pupils seem happy enough exploring rock-pools and cliff-tops. It's the teachers who should be worried...

High Noon

The people of Tombstone are celebrating a delivery of nuggets to the vault, unaware that their precious cargo is about to be rustled by some wily thieves. Can the townsfolk trust the mysterious Masked Men to return the goods? Written entirely by the cast, this short play depicted what really happened at the now legendary 'Thumb-fight at the Bouquet Corral'.

The Scary Tale of the Werewolf

There is a werewolf on the loose! But when the culprit finds out what happens to him by the light of the full moon, he seeks medical help and finds solace in the world of hairdressing.



Stage Lighting Workshop

During the Lent Term, a number of pupils enjoyed an AOB workshop on stage lighting, led by Peter Small (Swift).

Year 8: AlternEIGHTive Tales

The blistering heat at the end of June and beginning of July saw the temperature soar inside The Shed to such a height that the productions scheduled to take place there had to be moved to the Upper Quad. Here the Year 8 pupils performed their various madcap, comic tales including *The Scary Tale of the Werewolf*, *The Time Machine*, *The Beach Trip* and *High Noon*.

Year 7: Canterbury Tales

Year 7 pupils took part in a performance of *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer on 24 June in The Shed. This lively interpretation of Chaucer's narrative poems explored the humanity and humour of his mischievous, yet moral, tales. It was a magnificent presentation and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Drama Department were particularly impressed by Year 7's impeccable behaviour and professionalism.



A2 Level: Journey's End

The A2 production of *Journey's End* was an exceptional performance. The group, consisting of Dominic Cannon (Vanbrugh), Gerard Smith (Swift), Kim Lyzba (Feilden), George Lewis (Gascoigne) Timothy Forrest (Feilden) and Marcus Toumazou (Gascoigne), interpreted R C Sheriff's moving tale of young men counting down their final hours, with maturity and realism. As six individuals wrestled with their own demons against the unfolding backdrop of the war in Iraq, the audience did not suspect the true identity of the characters. In a shocking dénouement, the cast loaded backpacks and set off on a final journey to London, to play their part in history. This group dealt with the awful circumstances of the 7/7 bombings, displaying sensitivity, tact and a commendable lack of sensationalism.



Year 9: Shorter Shakespeare

In the cooler venue of the Upper Quad Year 9 performed to 200 people on a balmy summer's evening. The audience was treated to some alternative interpretations of *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Hamlet*, with short interludes highlighting some of the more unusual aspects of Tudor life. There were some spectacular individual performances, too many to mention by name. It was an extremely entertaining and often hilarious evening which was beautifully costumed. Well done to the Drama Department for their hard work in producing these three performances and ensuring that every pupil in Years 7 to 9 had a part to play.

THE ARTS

AS Level: Twelve Dreams

During May, the AS Theatre Studies students performed *Twelve Dreams* in The Shed as part of their practical examination. Once again, the standard was truly excellent and the audience remained spell-bound throughout. The play told the story of ten-year-old Emma who gave her father a book of her dreams. His preoccupation with work and the loss of his wife results in his failure to notice that his daughter has somehow predicted her untimely end. This visually stunning and emotionally gruelling performance took the audience on Emma's terrifying journey. Chloë Pickford (Vanbrugh) was outstanding and utterly convincing as the doomed child. Olivia



Plummer (Queen Anne) was excellent as the spiteful friend who transformed into a petrifying and menacing character during the nightmare scenes. Jessica O'Brien (Feilden) was strikingly beautiful as the bipolar Mrs Trowbridge, playing the role with grace and poise. Sian Keegan (Feilden) was suitably frightening as the professor, her character adding to the stuff of childhood nightmares. Brontë Coppock-Cudd's (Swift) portrayal of the cold and controlling housekeeper made the tragedy of the little girl all the more upsetting. Toby Pugh (Harcourt) gave a solid performance of the helpless father and created a most convincing relationship with his daughter.



AS Level Monologues

Prior to the performance of *Twelve Dreams*, the AS Theatre Studies students performed their monologues, for which the Edexcel examiner marked each student on the spot.

Olivia Plummer:
'Nora' from *The Plough and the Stars* by Sean O'Casey
Jessica O'Brien:
'Jean' from *Alan's Wife* by Elizabeth Robins
Sian Keegan:
'Valerie' from *Road* by Jim Cartwright
Chloë Pickford:
'Helen' from *A Taste of Honey* by Shelagh Delaney
Toby Pugh:
'Roche' from *A Rat in the Skull* by Ron Hutchinson
Brontë Coppock-Cudd:
'Joyce' from *The Ruffian on the Stair* by Joe Orton

Photo Gallery

More photos from all of the Drama performances can be found on the School website: www.cokethorpe.org.uk

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

HMC

Cokethorpe are pleased to formally announce that the Headmaster, Mr Ettinger, has been elected into the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC), an influential association that represents the UK's leading independent schools.

Dining Hall and Sixth Form Centre

On 26 June work on the new Dining Hall and Sixth Form Centre came to an end and its doors were opened to pupils on 7 July, when they got the opportunity to enjoy lunch in there for the first time. The Sixth Form Centre is being furnished over the summer, ready for use by the returning Sixth Formers in September.



Annual Fund

Further to the announcement of the anticipated launch on the Annual Fund, five projects have now been identified. A brochure explaining more about this new initiative will be distributed during the Michaelmas Term.



Summer Maintenance Projects

The following maintenance projects were due to take place during the summer holidays:

- Conversion of the old Dining Hall and Kitchen into a new Art Department consisting of three classrooms, an office and a storage room
- Extension of the Design Technology rooms to provide four classrooms, a Higher Education area and a small lecture theatre
- Renovation of the Design Technology workshop
- Removal of the old Sixth Form Centre from the Middle Quad
- Conversion of the Law classroom in the Terrapin to a Administration/ Reprographics room
- Creation of a Reception classroom in place of the old Pantry and Catering Office
- Renovation of the Mansion windows
- Repair of the roof, windows and doors in the Learning Support classrooms
- Renovation of the Sports Hall entrance
- New automated front gates

Sports Achievements 2008–2009

Pupils that have been selected to play at county level or beyond. * National Honours

Athletics

Jacob Wilson (Year 11, Gascoigne)
Jackson Curtis (Year 11, Harcourt)
Freddie Curtis (Year 9, Harcourt)
Redford Curtis (Year 7, Harcourt)

Cricket

Philip Allen (Year 12, Gascoigne)
Jordan Gillies (Year 12, Feilden)
Paul Tyrer (Year 12, Gascoigne)

Equestrian

Alfie Bradstock (Year 10, Gascoigne) *
Ella McEwen (Year 10, Gascoigne) *

Hockey

Isobel Landon (Year 13, Harcourt)
Laura Sensecall (Year 13, Gascoigne)
Hannah Brownrigg-Gleeson (Year 12, Harcourt)
Suzy Russell (Year 12, Swift)
Shona Stanley (Year 11, Vanbrugh)
Amy Watson (Year 11, Feilden)
Jack Biggs (Year 10, Feilden)
Lydia Farrell (Year 10, Vanbrugh)
Gabriella Evans (Year 9, Swift)
Amy Williams (Year 9, Swift)

Judo

Alice Bird (Year 8, Gascoigne)

Kayaking

Timothy Muller (Year 13, Vanbrugh) *
Frederick Reif (Year 13, Vanbrugh) *
George Barnicoat (Year 10, Harcourt) *

Netball

Suzy Russell (Year 12, Swift)
Alyce McNaughton (Year 10, Gascoigne)

Rugby

Karim Bahou (Year 13, Feilden)
George Lewis (Year 13, Gascoigne)
Daniel Wakeman (Year 13, Harcourt)
Joshua Atkins (Year 12, Gascoigne)
Andrew Berry (Year 12, Feilden)
Edward Church (Year 12, Vanbrugh)
Ahlexi Enjily (Year 12, Vanbrugh)
Laurie Gibson (Year 12, Feilden)
Rory Gratwohl (Year 12, Feilden)
Mark Jones (Year 12, Queen Anne)
Jonathan Morris (Year 12, Gascoigne)
Nicholas Baboolal (Year 11, Swift)
Danny Burford (Year 11, Feilden)
Julian Watkins (Year 11, Swift) *
Jacob Wilson (Year 11, Gascoigne)
Joshua D Poole (Year 9, Gascoigne)
Benjamin Sydenham (Year 9, Gascoigne)
Matthew Taylor (Year 9, Feilden)
Thomas Wells (Year 9, Queen Anne)

Shooting

Michael Staples (Year 13, Swift) *
Henry Wenman (Year 13, Vanbrugh) *
Jordan Gillies (Year 12, Feilden) *
James Nettlefold (Year 12, Vanbrugh) *
Elliott Pow (Year 11, Swift) *
George Kerr (Year 11, Feilden) *

Soccer

James Amer (Year 12, Harcourt)
Guy Biggs (Year 12, Feilden)
Billy Webb (Year 12, Gascoigne)
Natasha Jones (Year 10, Vanbrugh)

Swimming

Molly Williamson (Year 8, Vanbrugh)

Cricket

After an emphatic 239 run win in the opening match of the season, Cokethorpe's 1st XI failed to convert excellent positions in two of their next three matches before finishing the season in style with comfortable wins against a strong Headmaster's Invitation XI and a shell-shocked Marylebone Cricket Club who came up against a 1st XI playing at the very top of the their game. Captain Jordan Gillies (Feilden), with an average of 92 including an early season 116 off just 59 balls, led by example with the bat and his season culminated with an innings of pure class against the MCC; an unbeaten 81 that drew much praise from the visitors. All-rounders Billy Webb (Gascoigne) and Paul Tyrer (Gascoigne) made valuable contributions throughout the season.



Both averaged over 25 with the bat and together took 25 wickets for just 288 runs. In addition, Philip Allen (Gascoigne) returned an impressive batting average of 53.

The U12A team can rightly claim to have had the best season. Their seven wins included a run that swept them to the semi-finals of the County Cup, where they fell a frustrating 13 runs short of beating Bartholomew School and gaining a place in the finals.

The U15s, U14s and U13s did not enjoy the success of the other age groups. The U15A side contested some close matches, whilst the U14s and U13s will need to tighten up aspects of their team play if they are to maximise their potential.



Tennis

The tennis squad once again benefited from the courts provided by one of the Astroturf pitches. Unfortunately a large number of the boys' and girls' fixtures were cancelled due to the weather, but the players improved during the term and maintained a high level of play.



Rounders

The seniors had a strong rounders season this year. 22 matches were played and of these Cokethorpe won 15, drew two and lost five. This is an impressive record against some strong opposition and a winning percentage of 68% is an improvement on last season.

The U12s started with a defeat to Akeley Wood, followed by wins against Bloxham, Headington and a stunning performance when the 'B' team beat The Dragon in a closely contested game.

The U13s got off to a good start with wins against Akeley Wood, Bloxham, Headington and Our Lady's Abingdon. The season finished against The Dragon which ended in a hard fought draw for the Bs and a narrow defeat for the As.

The U14s, the team of the season, were unbeaten all season and were victorious against Bloxham, Akeley Wood and Pangbourne College to name a few.

The U15s had a problematic season with the weather against them, yet they still turned out some good performances and individuals improved considerably.



Equestrian

Ella McEwen and Alfie Bradstock (both Year 10, Gascoigne), will be representing Great Britain at the European Pony Eventing Championships in Moorsele, Belgium (29 July – 2 August). The team was announced after Ella and her pony Catherston Nutsafe were crowned British pony champions at Brand Hall Horse Trials, in Shropshire, in which Alfie, and his pony Montezum II, came seventh.



Athletics

Freddie Curtis (Harcourt), Jackson Curtis (Harcourt), Jamie Unwin (Harcourt) and Jacob Wilson (Gascoigne) achieved Oxfordshire County Colours in athletics this season. They subsequently qualified for the English Schools' competition, which took place in July. Following the Oxfordshire Schools' Event in June Jackson and Freddie respectively have UK rankings of 11th and 3rd in javelin and Jacob Wilson is currently ranked as the 13th fastest U17 100m UK athlete, with a time of 11 seconds on the nose. Jackson received bronze in the intermediate boys' javelin at the English Schools' Track and Field Championships, with Freddie coming sixth in the junior boys' javelin.



Clay Pigeon Shooting

Cokethorpe was crowned the British Schools' National Champions in clay pigeon shooting on Saturday 2 May. The championship, which took place at Churchill's Shooting Ground in Buckinghamshire, was shot over 7 stands with each team of 6 shooting at 300 targets. The Cokethorpe team, consisting of captain Michael Staples (Swift), Jordan Gillies (Feilden), James Nettlefold (Vanbrugh), George Kerr (Feilden), Henry Wenman (Vanbrugh)



Kayaking

The Summer Term saw further success in the Boat Club's crew development. With the Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils busy with examinations, the junior groups were able to develop. In addition, the recent membership of Katie Finlayson (Queen Anne) and Laura McKenney (Swift) from Year 10 introduced a greater sense of purpose for the younger girls. This was reflected in the results from internal trials being faster and stamina times being better, as the pupils race to the Locks and back to the Boat House. The end of the kayaking year was celebrated with the giving of awards and a barbecue. Thank you to coach Mr White, for his patient training of all the Club members.



and Elliott Pow (Swift) won by 14 clear clays, scoring a tremendous 236 points. They battled against 18 other UK school teams from as far afield as Strathallan in Scotland and Millfield in the south west, and more immediate neighbours Stowe and Bloxham. It was a successful day for James Nettlefold, who also claimed the National Individual Title from over 300 competitors to be placed the highest shot in the UK, with Michael Staples and Jordan Gillies tying for joint third.



Cricket Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Cancelled
1st XI	8	5	3	2
U15A	4	0	4	2
U14A	6	1	5	2
U13A	8	2	6	2
U12A	10	7	3	0

All of the term's sports results are available on the School website and are updated weekly. www.cokethorpe.org.uk

Sports Colours

Full Colours

Kayaking	Timothy Muller
Dominic Cannon	
Edward Brooks	
Clays	Jordan Gillies
James Nettlefold	
Michael Staples	
Henry Wenman	

Half Colours

Kayaking	Frederick Reif
Callum Staff	
Mark Thompson	
Clays	George Kerr
Elliott Pow	
Cricket	Jordan Gillies

Athletics

The following pupils were involved in the North Oxfordshire Athletics trials at the Horspath Stadium on Tuesday 19 May.

Freddie Curtis	Javelin: 40m (1st)
	High Jump: 1.55m (1st)
Jack Bennett	100m 4th 13.1, 200m
Annie Dalton	800m: 2.54m (2nd in heat)
Lydia Farrell	100m: 14.8sec (2nd)
	200m: 29.1 sec (1st)
Alyce McNaughton	Long Jump: 3.82m (8th)
	800m: 3.05.5m (5th)
Jack Wollner	High Jump: 1.45m (5th)
Rachel Wood	Long Jump: 3.92m (6th)

The following pupils represented North Oxfordshire in the County Schools Athletics event held at Tilsley Park on Sunday 14 June.

Beth Stanley	800m
Lydia Farrell	100m, 200m, Relay
Shona Stanley	1500m, 800m Reserve
Redford Curtis	Shot
Freddie Curtis	Javelin, High Jump, Pole Vault
Jacob Wilson	100m, 200m, Relay
Richard Stevens	3000m
Jackson Curtis	Long Jump, Javelin, Relay Reserve
Sam Miller	800m

Athletes needed to achieve a national entry standard to progress on to the ESAA English Schools' Track and Field Championships in Sheffield.

Shooting Victory Dinner

The pupils and parents of the clay pigeon shooting team that were crowned national champions in May enjoyed a victory dinner in the Corinthian Room to celebrate their success on Thursday 4 June.

COKETHORPE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

CPA Committee

Chairman: Ruth Wigham
Vice Chairman: Jan Johnson
Treasurer: Flynn Reid
Secretary: Sarah Plumridge

Damian Ettinger John Bennett
Victor Faria Kirsteen Fellows
Shaun Foster Sue Furneaux
Simon Hooper Amanda Howard
Adi Hughes Theresa James
Peter Lodowski Linda Mace
Rebecca Spilsbury

Forthcoming CPA Events

Friday 25 September 2009
Call My Wine Bluff
Wednesday 30 September 2009
CPA AGM
Saturday 17 October 2009
Murder Mystery Evening
Friday 6 November 2009
Bonfire Night

Coffee mornings will also take place in Costa Coffee every Tuesday from 8.30am.

The Bollywood Peacock Ball

The CPA committee hosted a truly magnificent evening on Saturday 11 July. The marquee was transformed into all things Bollywood, the flowers and table settings were stunning, the food by Raj of Witney was delicious, and the guests were entertained by the majestic Doola Drummers. Everyone danced into the small hours to the superb Mark Mullins and his band MASLU, with 3 encores!

The evening was captured on camera by Rob Wheal for all to see and reminisce. Thank you to all the parents, Sixth Formers and staff who supported the

event, of whom many dressed up in Bollywood attire and looked fabulous. Please visit Rob Wheal's website – robwhealphotography.co.uk – to order any photos from the evening.

Forthcoming Events

The next event is Call My Wine Bluff by Oxford Wines on 25 September 2009. Tickets are £25 per person (a taxi is advised!). Tickets are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. The CPA Event Card has all the dates for forthcoming events and specific information is on the School website.



AOB

BSKC Participants

The following pupils took part in either the practice or qualifying sessions at Swindon Kart Track:

Alexander Lawson (Year 11, Swift)
Jackson Curtis (Year 11, Harcourt)
George Kerr (Year 11, Feilden)
Julian Davies (Year 8, Queen Anne)
Freddie Craik (Year 9, Harcourt)
Poppy Abdolrazaghi (Year 9, Vanbrugh)
Oliver Godwin (Year 11, Queen Anne)
Charlie Von Hoven (Year 9, Vanbrugh)
Lewis Williams (Year 9, Vanbrugh)
Luke Frith-Powell (Year 11, Swift)
Philip Quadri (Year 11, Gascoigne)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

In July, two groups of Year 10s successfully completed the Expedition Section of the Bronze Award on Exmoor. They started with a 5km walk to base camp and over the next two days they completed two 15km walks navigating their way over Dunkery Beacon (the highest point on Exmoor) and via Selworthy Beacon. Letitia Cookson (Harcourt) commented that she 'really enjoyed the trip and thought it was a wonderful experience'.

British Schools Karting

During the Lent Term, nine excited pupils travelled to the Swindon Kart Track to practise racing around the large indoor hanger in preparation for participating in the qualifying race of the British Schools' Karting Championship (BSKC).

Participating in the BSKC is a first for Cokethorpe and as a result turnout at the preliminary meeting held during the Michaelmas Term was excellent. The pupils that were picked visited the Swindon track to practise with the eight other schools from Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. This session saw the three Cokethorpe teams make an excellent impression getting to grips with the 5.5 horse power 'Biz' karts. The pupils were then ready for the qualifying session that followed two weeks later.

Freddie made a fantastic impression and stayed in second place for both his races. Poppy, bringing it home for the Cokethorpe girls, gave the boys from the other schools something to seriously worry about. Oliver and Charlie showed great consistency and pursued their

competitors with vitality and determination, and Jackson also showed resilience in his driving style. As for Lewis, the karting hero, he did Cokethorpe proud and came first in both of his races, seriously setting the standard for the other drivers.

Unfortunately Cokethorpe missed out on going through to the regional semi-finals (the best team came 7th out of the 17 teams competing). Mr Forsey now knows there are many skilful drivers under the age of 17 at Cokethorpe and is looking forward to next year's competition already.



The following CEW activities took place during the last week of the Summer Term:

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THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School Prize Giving

Academic Prize Winners:

1LO	Jack Wilde
2LO	Dennis Catrini
3JD	Antonia Haar
4MM	Luke Garbutt
4RO	Luke Smith
5HL	Benjamin Foster
5MC	Keely Harding
6GM	Heidi Lawson
6MO	James Duffield

Pupil of the Year:

RR	Lorna McBain
1LO	Ralph Anderson
2LO	Louis Ciampoli-Messiou
3JD	Michaela Logue
4MM	India Hurford-Jones
4RO	Jennifer Wells
5HL	Jessica Williams
5MC	Alastair Grime
6GM	Charlie Dyde
6MO	George Wood

End of Year Awards for Effort:

RR	Harvey Gould
1LO	Frederick Gascoyne
2LO	Michael Ogilvie
3JD	Lottie Fellows
4MM	Maisie Coolman
4RO	Harry Jobling
5HL	Michael Hook
5MC	William Alden
6GM	David Mallett
6MO	Cate De Buriatte Moglia

Cup Winners:

Julie Stormont Art Cup:
Sergei Kundik

Claire Hooper Drama Cup:
Elliot Bowden

Louise Bridge French Cup:
James Duffield

Improvement and Progress Shield:
Noah Hustler

Music Cup:
Nancy Battersby

Sports Cups:
Alexandra Cross
Charlie Dyde

Junior School Cup:
Cate De Buriatte Moglia

World War II Talk

During July Year 4 welcomed Mr David Croom, Luisamae Lisi's grandfather, to talk to them about his experiences of World War II. Mr Croom gave a fascinating talk about growing up during the war and how it affected his home life and his schooling. He showed some photographs and artefacts including a gas mask, some shrapnel, and a model 'Doodlebug'.

Junior School Prize Giving

Years 3 to 5 opened the performances with a lovely adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*. The Pre-prep children delighted the audience with both their costumes and performance of the environmental musical, *Eddie the Penguin Saves the World*. The parents then enjoyed refreshments in the sun before Year 6 presented an adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*, a fast-paced performance with an added twist of humour, which put people in the exactly the right mood to enjoy their picnics in the parkland. The formal Prize Giving was held in the afternoon where the Head of Junior School spoke about the invigorating and challenging opportunities presented when you are open to new developments.



Year 6: Trip to Wales

The Year 6 children enjoyed a week in North Wales conquering their fear of heights and taking part in some great teamwork activities. Highlights included raft building, a 40ft Leap of Faith, a blindfolded assault course, climbing, abseiling and a scrapheap challenge involving water balloons.

Year 6: Mexicolore

We enjoyed an amazing Aztec experience in the Corinthian Room in June. There were lots of exciting artefacts and we learnt about life in Mexico at that time. Some of us were able to dress up as people from the city of Tenochtitlan. Some of their food was the same as we have today and they even made their own bubble gum.
Matthew Clarke and Heidi Lawson, 6GM



Year 6: Ceramic Workshop

Year 6 designed and painted their own plates in a workshop run by Mrs Tracey.



Year 5: River and Rowing Museum

Year 5 learnt about river processes and the changing scenery along the Thames.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Teddy Bears' Picnic

The weather was glorious, the food was scrumptious and the teddies were out in abundance for the annual Pre-prep Teddy Bears' Picnic, which took place at the end of the Summer Term. All the children went down to the trees on the Mansion Lawn and spent lunchtime with their favourite toys. They enjoyed meeting other treasured friends such as Elmo, Gilbert, Pooh and Stinky!

Reception: Cogges Museum

During May the Reception Class children travelled into Witney to visit the Cogges Manor Farm Museum. This is a working museum depicting Oxfordshire rural life in Victorian times. The children saw lots of farm animals and a cookery demonstration in a Victorian kitchen. After lunch they dressed up in Victorian costumes and enjoyed playing with the old fashioned toys.



Years 1 and 2: Steam Museum

As part of their History topic on land transport, the Years 1 and 2 children visited the Steam Railway Museum in Swindon. There were real locomotives and artefacts and the children enjoyed dressing up in the 'Time Travellers' workshop, where they travelled to the seaside on the train. There were lots of activities to take part in and everyone had an excellent day.

Year 3: Sulgrave Manor

On Wednesday 22 April, Year 3 dressed up as Tudors and visited Sulgrave Manor. They discovered what it would be like to live during the Tudor dynasty, such as eating bread with every meal and using a cupboard with holes to air spices, sugar and salt. They also visited a bed chamber where servants would sleep, ready to be called upon if they were needed during the night.



Year 4: Milestones Museum

In June Year 4 were evacuated to the Milestones Museum. We listened to a talk given by 'Maggie' who worked in a factory because all the men had gone to war. We had a wartime lunch, and learnt about rationing and clothing coupons. I really enjoyed the trip.

India Hurford-Jones, 4MM



Year 6: Hill End

Year 6 visited the Hill End Field Studies Centre in Farmoor. The children took part in science and team-building exercises, and discovered the sensory gardens, the maze, played 'tennis-volleyball' and went climbing. They looked at differently managed grassland habitats and how plant communities respond.



Pre-Prep Performance

Eddie the Penguin Saves the World

Narrator 1:	Dennis Catrini
Narrator 2:	Rosa Birchenough
Narrator 3:	Michael Ogilvie
Narrator 4:	Joshua Cook
Narrator 5:	Benjamin Shaw
Eddie the Penguin:	Louis Ciampoli-Messiou
Mother Penguin:	Grace Ettinger
Granny Penguin:	Emelia Wardle
Grandpa Penguin:	Ralph Anderson
Uncle Penguin:	George Langford
Cousin Penguin:	Athys Knox
Chick:	Frederick Gascoyne
Peggy Polar Bear:	Lorna McBain
Polar Bears:	Jake Crozier
	Harvey Gould
	Max Watkins
Mr Boot:	David Haar
Sam:	Jamie Hammond
Mrs Motor:	Matilda Hurford-Jones
Pam:	Hester Beer
DJ Donnie:	George Donald
Lumberjacks:	Thomas Smith
	Simon Ogilvie
Prime Minister:	Jack Wilde

Year 6 Performance

An Adaptation of Romeo and Juliet

The Montagues

Lady Montague:	Alexandra Cross
Romeo:	Elliot Bowden
Mercutio:	Charlie Dyde
Samson:	Noah Hustler

The Capulets

Lady Capulet:	Nancy Battersby
Juliet:	Heidi Lawson
Nurse to Juliet:	Emily Hastings
Rosaline:	Charlotte McMackin
Tibalt:	Matthew Clarke
Abraham:	Charlie Dunmall

Neutral Corner

Prince Escalus:	George Wood
Prince Paris:	Joseph Ciampoli-Messiou
Friar John:	James Duffield
Courtiers:	James Staples
	Matthew Brown
	Samuel Menon
	George Stone
	Erika Davies
	Rory Atkins
	Roland Viserálek
	Harry Foster
	Cameron Spilsbury
	Jacob Phillips
	Henry Grimwade
	Sergei Kundik
	Archie Fellows
	George Smith
	Benjamin Tracey
	Amy Creed
	Henry Leonard Taylor
	David Mallet
	Cate De Buriatte Moglia
	William Cuddy Watts

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Sports Day Results

Years 3 and 4 50m Boys
 1st George Williams
 2nd Luke Smith
 3rd Luke Garbutt

Years 3 and 4 50m Girls
 1st Millie Hulewicz
 2nd Annabel Clarke
 3rd Jessica Foster

Year 5 80m Boys
 1st William Alden
 2nd Alastair Grime
 3rd Harry Foster

Year 6 80m Boys
 1st Charlie Dyde
 2nd George Wood
 3rd George Smith

Years 5 and 6 80m Girls
 1st Alexandra Cross
 2nd Amy Creed
 3rd Sofia-Louise Svanikier

Years 3 and 4 150m Boys
 1st Oscar Craik
 2nd Max Lotter
 3rd Teyte Skinner

Years 3 and 4 150m Girls
 1st Louisa Mattinson
 2nd Annabel Clarke
 3rd Emma Foster

Years 5 and 6 150m Boys
 1st Charlie Dyde
 2nd Joseph Wilde
 3rd Michael Hook

Years 6 and 6 150m Girls
 1st Elisha Evans
 2nd Alexandra Cross
 3rd Erika Davies

300m Boys
 1st Alexander Wallace
 2nd Alexander Wilde
 3rd George Williams

300m Girls
 1st Annabel Clarke
 2nd India Hurford-Jones
 3rd Jessica Foster

600m Boys
 1st Joseph Wilde
 2nd Michael Hook
 3rd Thomas Smith

600m Girls
 1st Elisha Evans
 2nd Erika Davies
 3rd Jessica Williams

Years 3 and 4 Relay
 1st Harcourt
 2nd Queen Anne
 3rd Feilden

Year 5 Relay
 1st Swift
 2nd Feilden
 3rd Vanbrugh

Sports Day and Mini Olympics

The Sports Day and Mini Olympics were bathed with fantastic sunshine. It was equally matched by the enthusiasm of the children. A multitude of events was in store for Reception to Year 2. Everyone won stickers for taking part in the water running, trike Formula 1 race, sack race, egg and spoon, space hopper race, 30m sprint and assault course. Thank you to the Lower Sixth Community Sports Leader Award students who helped organise the event and marshalled the day.



Years 3 to 6 chose the events they wanted to take part in. The events included 50m, 80m, 150m, 300m, 600m, long jump, high jump, cricket ball throw and rounders ball throw. It was completed with some fun three-legged races and followed by the House relays.

The Burfitt Award for Outstanding Athletic Achievement by a Junior School athlete was awarded to Elisha Evans (Year 5, Swift).

Charity Day

The sun shone over another brilliant Charity Day with a fantastic array of stalls and prizes. The children showed great enthusiasm and flair for business when running their imaginative stalls. Memorable moments for Mrs Marchbank were: beating Mrs Buriatte de Moglia in a blindfolded 'dress the teddy bear' timed test; milking the cow and extracting one litre of milk in only 30 seconds; icing her own gingerbread man and covering him with Smarties; watching Mrs McHardie-Jones and Mr Cooper being pelted with

wet sponges in the stocks; the children in their fabulous aprons selling a wonderful assortment of cakes at morning break and a bouncy castle and assault course filled with laughing children. There was a great spirit to the occasion and thank you to all the staff, parents, friends and children for making the day such a success. The handsome profit of £2051.08 was presented to representatives from the New Yatt Riding School and The Nasio Trust at a Junior School Assembly in the School Chapel.



New Yatt Riding School

As a follow up to Charity Day, Mrs Marchbank and some of Year 4 visited the New Yatt Riding for the Disabled Association. They had a tour of the stables and visited an indoor riding arena where an instructor gave a demonstration of riding skills. The children learnt how the ponies were trained to allow disabled people the chance to experience horse riding in a safe and secure environment.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cricket

The U11A team enjoyed a successful season winning five of their seven matches. After an exciting first win against New College School the team improved considerably from game to game. Cameron Spilsbury's (Vanbrugh) pace and accuracy as an opening bowler was too much for many opposing batsmen and George Stone (Swift) and Charlie Dyde (Feilden) ensured that runs came at a good rate whenever the team batted.

The U11B team played only four matches this season due to cancellations because of bad weather. They achieved two wins, one draw and a loss. There was some fine bowling from Jordan Smith (Gascoigne), Joshua Lowe

(Feilden) and Benjamin Foster (Vanbrugh). Joshua cemented his position as the B team Player of the Season with an unbeaten 32 against Hatherop Castle.

The U9s won three of their seven matches and lost four tight matches by just a few runs on each occasion. George Williams (Vanbrugh) and Luke Smith (Queen Anne) returned some excellent bowling figures but it was George who emerged as Player of the Season.

Inter-House Cricket

Unfortunately the Inter-House Cricket tournament was not completed due to bad weather at the end of term.



Inter-House Rounders

This was an exciting competition with a new format this year. Taking place on a glorious afternoon, the Junior House Rounders was a hotly fought contest. All children from Year 1 through to Year 8 took part, with the teams split into age groups. After much encouragement and cheering from the sidelines, Swift were declared the winners, with Queen Anne and Gascoigne in joint second.



Rounders

The U9s improved throughout the year and had some very close matches against tough opposition. Special mention goes to Annabel Clarke (Feilden) who is still in Year 3 but had some very impressive performances. The U11s had a successful season beating teams such as Winchester House, Rye St Antony and a memorable victory for the Bs against The Dragon.



Introduction to Martial Arts

Mr Phil Hatton, a 5th Dan instructor, ran an introduction to Martial Arts session for each class in Years 3 to 6 this term. The children learnt about the self-discipline and control that was required to succeed. It was a non-contact session but they enjoyed practising their moves and aiming for the kick-pads. They learnt a great deal and it was an invigorating and high-energy workout.

Sports Day Results Continued

Year 6 Relay

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|-----|------------|
| 1st | Queen Anne |
| 2nd | Gascoigne |
| 3rd | Swift |

Years 3 and 4 Girls Rounders Ball Throw

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|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1st | Louisa Mattinson |
| 2nd | Millie Hulewicz, Madeline Pound |
| 3rd | Skye Gough |

Years 5 and 6 Girls Rounders Ball Throw

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|-----|-----------------------|
| 1st | Luisamae Lisi |
| 2nd | Sydney Bennett-Miller |
| 3rd | Emily James |

Years 3 and 4 Boys Cricket Ball Throw

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|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Nathan Black |
| 2nd | George Williams |
| 3rd | Alex Frost |

Years 5 and 6 Cricket Ball Throw

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|-----|-------------------|
| 1st | Cameron Spilsbury |
| 2nd | Matthew Ellacott |
| 3rd | James Staples |

Years 3 and 4 Girls Long Jump

- | | |
|-----|--------------|
| 1st | India Thomas |
| 2nd | Evie Garbutt |
| 3rd | Skye Gough |

Years 3 and 4 Boys Long Jump

- | | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Alexander Wilde |
| 2nd | Max Lotter |
| 3rd | Arthur Alden |

Years 5 and 6 Girls Long Jump

- | | |
|-----|------------------|
| 1st | Erika Davies |
| 2nd | Jessica Williams |
| 3rd | Louisa Allen |

Years 5 and 6 Boys Long Jump

- | | |
|-----|--------------|
| 1st | George Wood |
| 2nd | Charlie Dyde |
| 3rd | Michael Hook |

Years 5 and 6 Girls High Jump

- | | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 1st | Alexandra Cross |
| 2nd | Elisha Evans |
| 3rd | Oonagh Ryley |

Years 5 and 6 Boys High Jump

- | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1st | Cameron Spilsbury |
| 2nd | Benjamin Tracey, Archie Fellows |
| 3rd | Sergei Kundik, Alex Game |

New Junior Athletics Records

Charlie Dyde		
Years 5 and 6 80m		11.72
Years 5 and 6 150m		23.31
Elisha Evans		
Years 5 and 6 150m		22.84
Years 5 and 6 600m		2.00.25
Alexandra Cross		
Years 5 and 6 80m		12.50
Years 5 and 6 High Jump		1.25m
Cameron Spilsbury		
Years 5 and 6 Cricket Ball		45.11m
Years 5 and 6 High Jump		1.10m
George Wood		
Years 5 and 6 Long Jump		3.81m
Erika Davies		
Years 5 and 6 Long Jump		3.20m

VISITORS

Corinthian Dinner

The annual Corinthian Dinner took place on Wednesday 20 May. Guests enjoyed a fabulous dinner in the Corinthian Room followed by speeches. This year's guest speaker was David Lyscom, Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Schools Council.

Junior School Open Week

As a separate event the Junior School opened its doors to prospective parents during a week in June, where parents were able to book appointments to see the Junior School classes in action. Families were able to experience the range of lessons and activities open to the Junior School and the grounds and facilities that the whole School enjoys.

Reception Stay and Play

Children joining the Reception in September spent an afternoon at Cokethorpe on Monday 15 June, giving them the opportunity to meet their new teachers and classmates.

Transfer Day

On Thursday 25 June pupils joining the School in September were invited to spend a day getting familiar with day-to-day life at Cokethorpe. Year 6 children met their new Senior School teachers, joined by new pupils from other schools. A welcome by the Headmaster was followed by a day of activities, and after finding their way to their new classrooms and trying out the fabulous Cokethorpe lunch menu, groups then sampled and enjoyed lessons. As has become tradition, the day was rounded off with tea for parents and an Inter-House Tug-of-War. New pupils left looking forward to their first term at Cokethorpe in September.



Open Evening

In contrast to the snowy January Open Morning, the Open Evening on 29 April was held in bright sunshine. The Mansion entrance was extremely busy, both with families for whom this was their first visit and whose children are starting in September. The feedback from parents and prospective pupils was very positive and parents were most appreciative of their guides and the time taken by staff to answer queries. All departments were open displaying and demonstrating pupils' work with a great many activities to watch and take part in. Audiences also appreciated the wonderful music performances in the busking booth.



WIDER COMMUNITY

Wider Community

From September 2008 to July 2009 over 3,000 people from the wider community visited Cokethorpe. Over 30 different groups and organisations have benefited from using the School's facilities.

National Hockey Festival

The final results were as follows:

Under 8s	City of Oxford 2 Oxford Hawks 0
Under 10s	Rover Oxford 1 Oxford Hawks 0
Under 12 Boys	Banbridge Academy 3 Wallingford 2
Under 12 Girls	Aylesbury 0 West Witney 0 (Aylesbury won 3–2 on penalties)
Under 14 Boys	City of Oxford 2 Oxford Hawks 2 (City won 2–1 on penalties)
Under 14 Girls	Aylesbury 2 Oxford Hawks 0
Under 16 Boys	Eastcote 1 Teddington 0
Under 16 Girls	Cheltenham 1 West Witney 0

Local School's Retreat

Cokethorpe hosted a retreat dinner for staff of St John's School on 2 July. Headmistress Penny Price and Janet Bartlett, the School's liaison for the Oxford Diocese, used the Mansion House and grounds for team building and a staff dinner.

National Hockey Festival

Over 30 national hockey teams took part in one of the UK's largest junior hockey festivals at Cokethorpe on 18 and 19 April. Organised by Rover Oxford Hockey Club, teams came from as far away as Northern Ireland to compete in the two-day tournament on the Astroturfs.



Young Farmers

Oxfordshire's Young Farmers used Cokethorpe's clay pigeon shooting facilities in June to introduce some of their members to clay pigeon shooting and as extra tuition for those already experienced. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

Girls' Under 13 County Cricket

Cokethorpe, who are now recognised as the home for Girls' Under 13 County Cricket, hosted their trials, training and two tournaments during the Summer Term. This adds to the high profile portfolio of county and national teams that use the School's facilities.

Downs Cricket

Downs' cricket league matches continued to be held at Cokethorpe every other weekend throughout the Summer Term and the summer holidays.

Beavers and Sea Scouts

The Beavers and Sea Scouts used Cokethorpe's facilities every Thursday evening throughout the Summer Term.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY



60 Mile Bike Ride

On 10 May Mr Schofield, Miss Hiscox, Mr Forsey, Mrs Pratley, Ms Holmes and Miss Jackson took part in a charity cycle around Oxfordshire for Against Breast Cancer. The route started at Harwell and took the 1,000 cyclists on a 60 mile loop of beautiful countryside. Unfortunately, Miss Hiscox had to retire due to her pedal falling off, but the rest of the team successfully completed the ride.

Three Peaks Challenge

Mr Uglow undertook the Three Peaks Challenge during June, which involved climbing Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and Snowdon in just 24 hours. The climb was in aid of raising money to set up a fund to subsidise the exam fees at Ha Fusi School, Lesotho. At present students have to pay £45 to sit their exams which, given that their fees for the year are £65, is a significant sum of money that few people can afford, therefore putting families off secondary education.

NYRDA and the Nasio Trust

On Friday 26 June the children of the Junior School welcomed Mrs Kay Alty from NYRDA and Mr Mark San from the Nasio Trust in to their morning assembly, where they presented them each with a cheque for £1,000. Mr San and Mrs Alty spoke to the children about how the money that they donated, which had been raised through the Junior School Charity Day held in May, will be used. Projects included the purchase of a new pony for the NYRDA, which will be used by children with disabilities and also to help orphaned children in Kenya, with whom the Nasio Trust work.



Chadlington Bike Ride

Mrs Rowles and 22 other cyclists rode from Chadlington to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire on 25 April, with a fantastic support team following them in minibuses supplied by Cokethorpe. The terrain was hilly and tough, but 104 miles later they all arrived having raised over £300 per person for Help for Heroes, Katharine House and The Oxfordshire Association for the Blind.



London Marathon

Cokethorpe staff and pupils took part in this year's London Marathon in April. Miss Ringham, who ran for the Meningitis Trust, raised £796.54, and a further £318.54 with the help of James and Matthew Ellacott (Feilden) who played their brass instruments for customers outside Sainsbury's in Witney, while Mr Goodwin raised over £700 for Children with Leukaemia. Samuel Miller (Year 13, Harcourt) achieved an excellent time of 3 hours 32 minutes and raised over £1,000, which he split between the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and The Antony Nolan Trust. Samuel said 'I found that having my name on my top helped enormously as the crowd kept shouting my name spurring me on to the finish.'



Rainbow Walk Update

All money has now been collected and counted and the grand total raised for the charity Cecily's Fund by the Junior School's Rainbow Walk is £3,457.50. The money will be spent helping educate children in Zambia who have been orphaned by AIDS.

Cancer Research UK

Miss Rutland competed in a string of races and physical challenges over the Summer Term in aid of Cancer Research UK, for whom she raised over £400. The challenges she took part in included:

- A ski trek from Verbier to Zermatt in Switzerland, in which she covered 80km over 5 days.
- The London BUPA 10km Race which she completed in 1 hour, 1 minute and 20 seconds.
- The Henley on Thames Triathlon which included a 200m swim, 12km cycle and 5km run. She completed the course in 53 minutes 38 seconds and came 17th out of the 52 competing.
- The Reading Race for Life in which she ran 5km in 27 minutes 40 seconds.

Miss Rutland is also taking part in the Henley on Thames 10km race in October.

Ice Lolly Sale

James Harris and Laurie Gibson (both Year 13, Feilden) took advantage of the warm and sunny weather over the Summer Term by selling ice lollies on the School field at lunchtimes. The money raised has been donated to the Ha Fusi School project, Lesotho, which both Laurie and James will be visiting over the summer.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Parents, families, pupils and staff have been busy collecting Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers for the Junior School over the Summer Term. After the daunting task of counting them, it can be announced that in total the School has collected 9,687 Sainsbury vouchers and 19,810 Tesco vouchers.

This fantastic effort will allow the Junior School to purchase a range of equipment, including:

- A Canon digital camera
- A USB memory card
- A Canon printer
- Skipping ropes
- Duplo

Thank you to all those involved.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Turning Back the Pages

Below are some news items chosen from past issues of *The Bell Tower* and *The Peacock*.

5 Years Ago

- The CPA held its first pupil talent competition. Seventeen acts took part in the categories 'Battle of the Bands', 'Solo Artists' and 'Song and Dance'. *Last Proposal*, Toby Pugh (aged 12) and *Spanish Eyes* won each category respectively
- Tim and Philip Pearse finished 4th in the Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race

10 Years Ago

- The clay pigeon shooting team came 15th out of 23 schools at the national shooting competition. Barnaby Pitts (2001, Swift) got the best individual score in the team with 42 from 50 clays

20 Years Ago

- The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, CBE, MP presented the prizes at Prize Giving
- The Lincoln Mystery Plays were performed in the School Chapel. These told the Bible stories from Creation to the Last Judgement, in which James Horada (1991, Queen Anne), played God

30 Years Ago

- Two debates took place, the first was on the motion 'This House believes that a spell of Fascism could benefit Britain' and the second on the motion 'This House considers that terrorism is a legitimate form of political action'

40 Years Ago

- Charles Allen (1970, Swift) and Alan Greenhalgh (1971) created a menagerie by converting two greenhouses into a private zoo, where hares, guinea pigs, rabbits, hens, a cockerel and rock doves were kept

1st XV vs Radley 2nd XV

Below is the list of boys that took part in the fixture against Radley on Tuesday 18 October 1960. Cokethorpe lost 11-8. David Hopkinson scored 1 try and Christopher Wilson scored 1 conversion and 1 penalty goal.

Peter Barratt-Terry
Edward Box
David Dunaway
Martin Edwards
John Hargreaves
David Hopkinson
Michael Hunter
Andrew Kirk
Alexander Lang
Peter Lynn (Captain)
Roger Marrett
Anthony Michell
Frank Moor-Radford
Gerard Sturt
Christopher Wilson

Archive Photos

Mr Daniels recently donated some photo albums to the School archive. One shows



the rifle range that was mentioned in the previous issue of *The Ocellus*.



Steve Pudney

Steve (1968, Queen Anne) has kindly sent in some photos from when he was at Cokethorpe, including the two below.



These show him with his parents at Speech Day in 1967 and also taking part in Sports Day in 1965.



Hidden Cokethorpe

It has recently been discovered that one of the rooms in the Mansion House is twice the size than originally thought. Three water tanks have been uncovered, which had been hidden behind a make-shift wall. The water tanks have an inscription on them that states they were installed in February 1955. It is thought the wallpaper predates the use of the Mansion as a school building.

Rugby Results

David Dunaway (1961, Queen Anne) visited the School and brought with him some photos from his time here. This included the team photo shown below, from a rugby fixture against Radley. The School has unearthed two books completed with the names, results and information of each and every rugby game from 1960 through to 1976 and it has been possible to match the two together.



THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

Society AGM 2009

This took place on Wednesday 29 April. A buffet dinner was enjoyed before the meeting began and the School was delighted to welcome a number of more recent leavers into the committee.

Racing Successes

Congratulations to brothers Michael and Richard Hills (1979) for their recent racing wins. Richard won the 1,000 Guineas Stakes at Newmarket on 3 May and also won the Coronation Stakes and the Albany Stakes at Ascot on 19 June. Michael won the Buckingham Palace Stakes at Ascot on the same day.

Society Cricket Match

Nearly 40 former pupils and their families enjoyed a barbecue and the annual Society Cricket Match on Friday 19 June. The team of 'more recent' former pupils were victorious.



Frank Sinatra

Rory Bourke (1978), aka Jack Valentine, appeared on BBC1 Breakfast TV on Friday 20 March, talking about his successful career as a Frank Sinatra tribute artist. As well as singing, Rory has run his own entertainments agency for the last ten years, providing tribute acts, bands and singers, live entertainers and also celebrity appearances at weddings, parties and corporate occasions. Rory's tribute shows in The Savoy Hotel are extremely popular. Congratulations also go to Rory on his marriage to Maria (née Stimpson), which took place on Saturday 16 May.

Kilimanjaro Climb

Congratulations to Charlotte Krol (2008, Queen Anne) for successfully reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest free-standing mountain. Charlotte took part in the challenge with 33 other students from the University of Nottingham. She has raised over £2,300 for ChildReach International, a charity that strives to lessen the impact of poverty for African children. All the money raised will ensure that the children can live with the most basic amenities, such as access to clean water, basic health care and substantial food supplies.



Africa Venture

Francesca Roberts (2008, Swift) has sent news from Kenya, where she is working with Africa Venture during her gap year. She is an assistant teacher at Kapsongoi Primary School (300 students and 13 members of staff) and is living in very basic accommodation. Based in the stunning Rift Valley, the school is amongst the tea plantations and foothills of the South West. Chess is giving lessons in Maths, English, Science and PE is also painting classrooms. Weekends are for exploring the wider community and travelling with the rest of her group further into Africa.

Breast Cancer Walk

On Saturday 30 May, Emma Tolson (2006, Vanbrugh) took part in the Breast Cancer Care 20 mile Ribbon Walk at Blenheim Palace. Emma joined 850 others on the walk around Blenheim and Cornbury Park. She took part in the event because many people close to her were affected by breast cancer last year. She has raised £295 to support the charity, which helps those who are fighting breast cancer. She said that it was a fantastic day and a great experience, although tough as it was so hot. Emma is hoping to take part again next year.



Society Committee Members

Chairman: Tony Baker (1964)
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Secretary: Simon Lancaster (1992)
James Whittenbury (1992)
Warwick Daniels (current staff)
Peter Green (former staff)
Mike Hilder (1967, former parent)
Philip Vaughan-Fowler (1976)
Isobel Landon (2009)
Charlie Bartlett (2008)
Hannah Brown (2008)
Adam Hopcroft (2008)
Tom Shellard (2008)
Robin Hilder (2008)

Please get in touch if you are interested in joining the committee.

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'Lost' Former Pupils

Please look at the website for a list of former pupils for whom the School does not have confirmed addresses. If you notice a name on the list that you have contact information for please pass this on to the Foundation Office or encourage the former pupil to do so themselves.

Forthcoming Society Events

The following Society reunion events will take place in the new Dining Hall. Former staff are welcome to attend any of the reunions. Please RSVP to the Foundation Office.

Leavers 1955–1964:

Saturday 12 September 2009, 12 noon

Recent Leavers 2006–2009:

Friday 18 September 2009, 6.30pm

All Society Members

Friday 13 November 2009, 6.30pm

Saturday 21 November 2009, 12 noon

Michael Grundy

The School was sad to hear the news that Michael Andrew Grundy (1980) passed away on 1 April 2009.

Angus and Becky Nicholson

Congratulations to Angus and Becky, former members of staff, on the birth of Louis Charles, a little brother to Freddie and Rory, born 9 April 2009.

Work Experience

Lucy Jezzard (2007, Swift) spent a week at Cokethorpe on work experience at the end of June, assisting in the Drama and English Departments. Lucy is currently studying Drama Studies at De Montfort University in Leicester.

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Miss Z A Salter

Following graduation from Exeter in 2004, Miss Salter worked at Aylesbury High School for three years. After representing the England University Hockey Team and competing in the National League, she travelled to Australia to teach and play elite level hockey. Now back in the UK, Miss Salter joins the Cokethorpe PE Department.



Ave Atque Valet

A W Hutchings

After three enjoyable years and having made many lasting friendships, Mr Hutchings leaves Cokethorpe to become Housemaster of a boarding house at Ashford School, Kent. He takes with him many pleasant memories and will fondly look back on his time at Cokethorpe.

M T Jackson

Mr Jackson leaves Cokethorpe after ten years with many happy memories. He will desperately miss the pupils and staff, in particular his tutor group. Mr Jackson moves on to Tettenhall College to be Housemaster where he hopes his time will be as happy as that spent at Cokethorpe.

Mrs R C G Jarrett

Mrs Jarrett leaves Cokethorpe after four years to move into boarding at Wellington College, where she will teach both Biology and Art. Whilst at Cokethorpe she has run AOBs ranging from hockey to handbag making.

Mrs D T Keegan

Mrs Keegan leaves Cokethorpe after five years. She comments on how the School is a special place to work, and on the happy pupils that it produces. She would like to thank all those who supported the Careers Conventions and Work Experience.

H R Kennard

From September Mr Kennard will split his time between Boston and Imperial College London, where he will study for an MSc in Physics. He will look back on his time at Cokethorpe with great fondness and extends his gratitude to Cokethorpe for a truly delightful year.

Mrs P P S Paterson

After a very happy year Mrs Paterson leaves Cokethorpe for the warm, sunny climes of Sydney, Australia. She will miss her wonderful colleagues and pupils and hopes to teach at another school like Cokethorpe (with a sea view!).

M C Shingleton

Mr Shingleton reflects on how Cokethorpe has been a special place to work and how he felt lucky to have worked with such supportive parents, colleagues and pupils. Despite its beautiful grounds and outstanding facilities, his lasting memories will be of the pupils, who have enabled him to derive immense professional satisfaction in witnessing their achievements. There is a wonderful spirit at Cokethorpe, long may it to continue to prosper and flourish.

Rev R Turner

Reverend Turner, who has been with Cokethorpe for the past eight years, leaves the School to take up his new position as Priest-in-Charge at Stonesfield with Combe Longa.

Mrs K J Wright (née Anderson)

Having joined Cokethorpe in 2005, Mrs Wright leaves for the Fenlands of Norfolk to become Key Stage 3 Arts Coordinator in a large Performing Arts school. She will miss her fantastic pupils, especially her Swift tutor group, and the friendliness of the Common Room.



Open Morning

Saturday 10 October: 9.30am – 12 noon

Prospective parents interested in entry at any age are warmly invited to attend. All departments will be open, and there will be refreshments and activities. Headmaster's address: 10am and 11am.

For personal visits at other times, for a tour, discussion with the Registrar, Head of Junior School if appropriate, and to meet the Headmaster, please contact the Admissions Secretary, Chris Bowerman (01993 703921 or admissions@cokethorpe.org).

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