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From the Headmaster

A much quoted phrase of historians suggests that those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it. The recent events in Crimea have historical echoes that should perhaps give us pause for such a reflection.

Some parallels come immediately to mind. The last time Britain was involved in a direct war against Russia was in fact in Crimea, which has long been considered strategically very important; a place where East and West meet. In the mid-19th Century this was the setting for the Charge of the Light Brigade and the ministrations of Florence Nightingale. We might also want to recall the assurances Hitler gave in the 1930s, that his military incursions into Czechoslovakia and then Poland were only to respond to the legitimate concerns of ethnic Germans, and that he had no further territorial ambitions. At that time, the leaders of nations were split between appeasers and isolationists and those who followed the Latin maxim, 'si vis pacem, para bellum' – if you wish for peace, prepare for war. Those who listened to Radio 4 over the conflict in Crimea will have heard the same divided opinions. Whilst I am quoting famous maxims, I might well add this further view of history, 'Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose' – the more things change the more they remain the same.

In fact, I am not sure that is entirely true. I suspect that deep down most people who live in the West can no longer muster the patriotic or idealistic military fervour in evidence in 1914 and lampooned in *Oh! What a Lovely War!* It is hard to imagine a ready acceptance that we have any responsibility to defend people in a far away country. This was, of course, Chamberlain's view of the fate of Czechoslovakia in 1938. Perhaps it is that, through the conflicts of the 19th and 20th Century, we have learnt that war is futile and we are more instinctively pacifists. Or perhaps, less idealistically, we have decided that fighting is only worthwhile when our own interests are immediately threatened. Whichever it is, there is no doubt that history is an important teacher.



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Public Speaking and Debating

On Thursday 6 February, Cokethorpe's Third Form Public Speaking Team braved the elements to participate in the Regional Final of the Rotarian's Youth Speaks Competition. Following the success of their first round topic *Boys should be allowed to wear skirts to school* they took on the more challenging and darker topic of *People suffering from self-inflicted illnesses should not be entitled to free health care from the NHS* (such as type two diabetes brought on by overeating, lung diseases brought on by smoking, or liver disease as a result of excessive alcohol consumption). The topic proved very controversial with both the audience and the judges. Sam Biles (Third Form, Gascoigne), Wilf Cartwright (Third Form, Queen Anne) and Edward Charter (Third Form, Vanbrugh) acquitted themselves well as they handled their chosen topic with maturity and sensitivity.

Oxford Union Debate

On Thursday 20 February, Thomas Binnie (Upper Sixth, Harcourt) and Francis Plummer (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) were asked to speak and perform at the Oxford Union. The Union is one of the world's most prestigious debating societies, with an unparalleled reputation for bringing international guests and speakers to Oxford. The debate was a comedic charity event in aid of an Oxford homelessness group. The motion for the debate was the Oscar Wilde quotation that 'nothing worth knowing can be taught'. Thomas and Francis performed a hilarious musical speech, briefly introduced by Mr Farrow, in opposition to the motion that in fact there was something society needed to learn about sexism in popular music. The pupils were in skilled company with the Cambridge Footlights and the Oxford Revue proposing and opposing the motion respectively. Both the Revue and Footlights have aired the talents of some of the foremost British comedians and actors of the last century and Thomas and Francis more than met the high standard of the evening.

Third Form Career Reflections

Cokethorpe was delighted to welcome back two Old Cokethorpeans who shared their experiences with Third Form pupils about life after School. The first talk was from Dominic Hagues (2007, Feilden) who gave pupils an outline of how he has progressed to his current career as a Civil Engineer. Dominic secured a position as an engineer with Crossrail London where he now enjoys long productive days on the impressive underground project.



The legal profession and related careers was the topic of the next talk from Alex Shorey (2005, Feilden). Alex gave a presentation on the route to becoming a solicitor and the type of person suited to working in this dynamic, fast moving profession. He now works at Irwin Mitchell Solicitors in Birmingham where he specialises in work place illnesses. Many thanks to both for taking the time to give pupils this valuable insight into life after Cokethorpe.

WWI Hospital

On Friday 21 March, re-enactors from The Field Ambulance transformed the Chapel into a Regimental Aid Post. Pupils from the Third Form were transported back to the trenches of the Western Front as part of the History Department's First World War syllabus. Guy Aston and Peter Hobbs, as captains in the Royal Army Medical Corps, gave pupils a different perspective on The Great War, bringing to life both the horror and the humour.



English Literary Recitals

Mrs Miller gave the first Literary Recital of the Lent Term entitled *Trapped* where pupils were taken on a tour of mental and physical entrapment. This culminated with a short piece by Doris Lessing about a boy's efforts to hold his breath and swim an underwater passage, nearly paying the ultimate price.

Mr White's *Shells* was a Literary Recital with a difference, throwing the ball back into the court of the pupils and generating creative ideas based around the idea of a shell. He offered a variety of stimuli which caused quite a stir as photos were strewn over the floor accompanied by a sound scape of waves and bombs. Rosie Turner (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) interpreted the sounds of the sea, dancing beautifully around the pupils and over the images. This provoked some extraordinary discussion and some wonderful creative ideas based around the theme. Pupils explored war, dreams, sounds and the rhythm of the oceans in a fantastic plenary to the creative exercise.

The final Literary Recital of the term saw Ms Mountain take pupils around the world in *Voices from Afar*. Armed with a huge map, a piece of string and a few willing assistants; the English Department's newest member of staff read stories from forests to urban jungles and desert plains to snowy wastes. Ultimately demonstrating that, whilst everywhere is different, everyone's concerns are very much the same.





Physics Trip to CERN

Upper Sixth Physics students visited the main site of CERN at Meyrin just outside of Geneva and saw some fascinating exhibits of the history of particle physics and the development of European nuclear research. The group were given a personal guided tour of two cutting edge facilities and were fortunate enough to be shown round the only anti-hydrogen production facility in the world. By seeing the machines and facilities up close, students were able to see the exact workings of objects described in class and studied for months. During the tour there were plenty of questions posed to the guide regarding supersymmetry, black holes, string theory, the history of quantum mechanics and a myriad of other areas of physics!

The trip also included a walking tour of Lausanne with plenty of opportunities to marvel at the gothic architecture and history of both Lausanne and Geneva. The trip culminated with a relaxing boat trip around Lake Geneva with the stunning Alps providing a backdrop to a truly beautiful view. 📷



Magic Science

'We watched an amazing science show when Ian Dunne spent the day at school as part of the Oxfordshire Science Festival. Ian Dunne, also known as *The Professor*, performed incredible tricks and explained the principles of the science behind them. Our highlight was when he played a saw with a violin bow. We hope he comes back, we really enjoyed it!'

*Lily Sweet and Millie Henstone
(Lower First, Queen Anne)*

Lower First Science Trip

'I really enjoyed our trip to Leicester Space Centre. First we got to programme our very own mini Mars Rover which was great. After that we watched an awesome film in the planetarium and went on a simulator where we flew to Jupiter's moon Europa. Then we looked at space rocks and learnt about the iron core in meteors. The whole trip was fantastic and was very informative.' 📷

Paige Rowe (Lower First, Harcourt)



Upper Sixth Chemistry Visit

'Our small group of Upper Sixth Chemistry students went to the Dyson Harris Laboratory in Oxford for a morning of hands-on experience with University of Oxford graduate scientists. Overall the trip helped to really bring to life our A Level study of chemistry and understand the real life complexity and work that goes into the analytical aspect of modern science.'

*Constance Emily Gascoyne
(Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)*



UKMT Maths Challenge

The following pupils received awards in the 2014 Intermediate Maths Challenge: (Scores in brackets)

Best in School, Best in Fifth Form, Gold Award and qualifier for Pink Kangaroo:
Thomas Christensen (93)

Gold Award and qualifier for Pink Kangaroo:
Laurence Lodge (86)

Gold Award:
James Staples (76)

Best in Fourth Form and Silver Award:
Ben Foster (67)

Best in Third Form, Silver Award and qualifier for Grey Kangaroo:
Luke Garbutt (70)

Silver Award and qualifier for Grey Kangaroo:
Mike Billing (67)

Silver Award:
Heidi Lawson (70), Keely Harding (66), Alex Swancott (66), Cameron Elphick (62), Florian Goette (61), Matthew Ellacott (57), Tom Smith (57), Joe Whittington (55), Matthew Brown (55), Oliver Kerton (55).

Bronze Award:
Nancy Battersby (54), Alex Billing (50), Samuel Menon (50), Alice Burns (45), Clare Berry (45), Oscar Frith (44), Eloise Shephard (44), Callum Rowe (44), Samuel Biles (44), Adam El-Megrissi (43), Andrew Wang (42).

Maths Challenge Quiz

Can you answer these questions from the Intermediate Challenge 2014 paper?

Question 20

In King Arthur's jousting tournament, each of the several competing knights receives 17 points for every bout he enters. The winner of each bout receives an extra 3 points. At the end of the tournament, the Black Knight has exactly one more point than the Red Knight. What is the smallest number of bouts that the Black Knight could have entered?

A) 3 B) 4 C) 5 D) 6 E) 7

Question 21

Using the whole numbers from 1 to 22 inclusive, Sylvie wants to form 11 fractions by choosing one number as the numerator, and one number as the denominator. Every number will be used exactly once. What is the maximum number of Sylvie's fractions that could have an integer value?

A) 11 B) 10 C) 9 D) 8 E) 7

Answers on page 4

Classical Civilisation Theatre Trip

Students have been studying Aristophanes since the start of the Lent Term and have enjoyed the comedy of his plays. On Tuesday 11 February, they had the opportunity to see a live production of one of Aristophanes' plays, *The Clouds*, at the Bloomsbury Theatre in London. As soon as it started, students were engaged by its humour and directness. The play sustained their attention as it appealed to all through the script's wit and humour. An example is Socrates' constant sluggishness and endless madness that had the whole audience laughing. The actors portrayed Aristophanes' work to such a professional level, making it incredibly accurate and faithful to the conventions of ancient Athenian theatre. From interaction with the crowd (dragging a poor audience member up on to the stage for mockery), to foolish sound effects from the cast, students enjoyed their acting talents, which provided a precise portrayal of how past Greek actors would have acted. The Chorus provided tongue-in-cheek comedy through their quirkiness, parading around the stage like fools while dancing and singing. Their 'quirkiness', however, proved a winner with the audience.

The play complemented the School's reading of Aristophanes and enabled the students to experience Aristophanes not just through manuscript but live on stage.

Black Country Museum Visit

Upper First pupils visited the Black Country Museum as part of their historical study of the Industrial Revolution. Pupils went down a real coal mine that was in use during the period, and experienced what life would have been like in the 1800's in a reconstructed town. They also learnt about the introduction of canals and the way in which they were a fundamental driving force behind the progress of the Industrial Revolution. 📷

Maths Challenge Quiz Answers

Please find below the answers to the quiz on page three.

Question 20

D)

Question 21

B)

For further questions please follow the link below.

www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/intermediate-challenge

Battlefields Trip

'Most of the first day was spent recovering from an early start. We visited Hooze Crater on the way to our lovely hotel, where we had time to unpack our bags, have supper and go to bed. The next day we went to Essex Farm Cemetery and Langemark German Cemetery. The contrast was amazing, neat rows of named graves at one cemetery and a mass grave at the other. It was really interesting to compare them. For lunch we went to Ypres and I spent my entire trip's budget at the amazing chocolate shop. The Menin Gate ceremony in the evening was very moving. Every day since World War II the Belgium Fire Brigade has honoured the soldiers that fought and died in the war. On our last day we went to the Passchendaele Museum where there were lots of activities, including reconstructions of trenches and bunkers to give us an idea of living conditions. To end our trip we went to Tyne Cot where we had a minutes silence to remember the fallen soldiers and reflect on our trip. My enduring memory of the trip is that now when I hear of the numbers of soldiers who died in each battle, I will remember that these were all individuals, some as young as us.' 📷

Sasha Cammack (Third Form, Swift)



French Exchange

'On Friday 7 March eighteen Fourth Form pupils set off on the return trip of the French Exchange to Vincennes near Paris. We arrived in Paris and explored for an hour. We got to see the spectacular view of Paris from the steps of the Sacré Cœur, after a long climb up many stairs. We then went to the exchange school to see our French exchange partners again and meet their families. The weekend was spent meeting up with friends, going sight-seeing and shopping. Some very lucky people went to Disneyland! On the Monday we met up at school and went into Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Élysées. In the afternoon we took a river tour around Paris in the sun and went back to school for a leaving party. On our final day we had a Maths lesson (in French) and a French lesson at the school and then said our goodbyes to our new friends.' 📷

Bella Robertson, Fourth Form Harcourt



Spanish Exchange

'On Saturday 8 March, 26 Fourth Form pupils flew to Spain to take part in the 2014 Spanish Exchange. We were all very excited to see our Spanish friends again since they had visited England one month before. We arrived late Saturday night and spent the weekend with our Spanish friends and families. During the week we went to the Juan Ciudad Duarte School in Bormujos, and visited many beautiful places such as Seville and Cordoba. We also attended a special meeting with the Mayor! Everyone had an amazing time so saying goodbye was very tearful, since such strong friendships had been made on the exchange. We hope to keep in touch with our partners and we are all keen to try and organise something this summer.' 📷

Freya Rowe (Fourth Form, Harcourt) and LuisaMae Lisi (Fourth Form, Harcourt)





Fourth Form Textiles Trip

'On Tuesday 14 January, Fourth Form Textiles pupils visited the Pitt Rivers Museum and the Ashmolean Museum.

We went to Pitt Rivers first and looked around for inspiration, taking photos and drawing colour sketches of objects we would like to use in our projects. After two hours we walked to the Ashmolean Museum and had lunch. We then explored the museum for an hour, again taking photos and doing sketches of the things that inspired us before gathering around to share our work and ideas. At the end of the day we went to the gift shop to buy postcards to add to our sketchbooks.

Overall, the experience was helpful because it gave us more ideas to develop our Textiles GCSE work.'

Olivia Busby (Fourth Form, Feilden) and Izzy Fisher (Fourth Form, Feilden)



Harry Norton-Shaw

'I submitted my photogram for the Urmson-Burnett Photogram Open 2014 competition. I was then successfully selected to have my work exhibited among 30 other very talented candidates. The first gallery where the photogram was exhibited was the Urmson-Burnett Gallery in Salisbury before the exhibition moved down to London where it was later exhibited at the Silverprint Gallery, where I was awarded with the student prize for my piece *Teenage Anxiety*. My photogram is now being exhibited at the Bristol Festival of Photography under St. Paul's darkroom.

I feel very privileged to have been given this opportunity and have my work exhibited in such prestigious galleries. I would like to thank Mrs Murphy for telling me about this competition and the opportunities that have then followed.'

Harry Norton-Shaw (Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh)



Design and Technology Workshop

The Design and Technology Department held a workshop day on Monday 17 February during the half term break. The workshop was a chance for all A Level and GCSE pupils to come and work on their controlled assessment project. The Fifth Form were either making Race and Chase Board games for Graphics Products GCSE coursework, or Radios for Resistant Materials GCSE coursework, inspired by a design era such as Modernism or Art Deco. Pupils made great progress on the day and were all able to hand in completed work by the deadline. Below are a few examples of their creations.



Billy Garrett
(Fifth Form, Feilden)



James Bennett
(Fifth Form, Swift)



Sam Glover
(Fifth Form, Queen Anne)

Urmson-Burnett Photogram Prize

The Urmson-Burnett Photogram Open 2014 is a new, biennial, national prize competition. The event takes place in Salisbury and is followed by a prestigious show in London at the sponsors' venue. It is an open submission exhibition, displaying images created without lenses.

Cast

Actors:	Dancers:
Jacob Yolland	Rosie Turner
Katie Buckley	Olivia Busby
Thomas Amor	Alyssia Lotter
Clare Berry	Laurel Mulloy
Harry Lovibond	Shannon
Alex Reid	Skeffington
Arthur Blake	May Manning
Daniel Pye	Hannah Berry
Ardan Devine	Anna Withey
Sofia Ward-Naranjo	Hetty Watts-Lay
India Hurford-Jones	Laura Fiedorowicz
Maddie Garrett	Sam Coles
Grace Wood	
Ella Mattinson	Musicians:
Rachel Dodimead	Wilf Cartwright
Tara Devine	Thomas
Lottie Fellows	Christensen
Michaela Logue	Paige Rowe
Marion Bird	Henry Plumridge
Mia Biles	Christian Ettinger
Anna de Buriatte	
Moglia	Crew and Lighting:
Emily Thompson	Will Turner
Sophie Wheeler	Matthew Roche
Megan Cambrey	Alex Jobling
Anna Wallace	Hayden Camidge
Ruby Plumridge	Toby Brown
Aimee Epelle	Will Allen
Verity Smith	
Ella Dalton	
Laurence Scott	
Lizzie Allen	
Kathryn Norris	
Beth Mulloy	
Lydia Wannell	
Ellie McBride	
Alex Cooper	
George Kinniburgh	
James Shaw	
Sam Topley	
Sam Bird	
Directors:	Mrs C Hooper
	Mr T Walwyn
Music Director:	Mr B Heaney
Costume Design	Mrs L Mace
and Props:	
Assistant Costume	Miss A Williams
Design:	
Costume Assistant:	Alice Burns
Set:	Mr G Lawson
Lighting:	Mr T Galvin
Choreography and	Miss S Shortland
Make-Up:	
Sound and	Ross Battersby
Composer:	
Sound Assistant:	Elliott Swancott
Dancers	Rosie Turner
Choreography:	Anna Withey
	Sam Coles

This play also marked Cokethorpe's first ever London production, with the third performance taking place in RADA's Studio Theatre. Special thanks go to the Headmaster for his generosity, the assistance of the Foundation Office and the RADA in-house team. This was a truly wonderful experience and the Drama Department would like to thank everyone involved.

The cast held a collection after the three performances and raised a total of £606.84 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Senior School Production

The Lent Term production is one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the year and *Oh! What a Lovely War!* was an outstanding example of the collective creativity of many different disciplines to be found at Cokethorpe. This improvised and experimental piece from Joan Littlewood's theatre company was ripe material for the experimental nature of Cokethorpe's Drama and Music Departments. The performance was an explosive mix of naturalistic performances, stylised scenes, tub-thumping songs, mesmerising dance, heart-breaking monologues and all laced together with live music and original compositions.

With over 100 members, the cast and crew are too numerous to mention individually, but there were some standout performances. Jacob Yolland (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne) excelled as the MC, mischievously and irreverently setting the pace and energy for the whole play. Katie Buckley (Upper Sixth, Harcourt) and Harry Lovibond (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) once again proved themselves versatile and professional throughout the production, with Tom Amor (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) ludicrously ignorant as the much maligned Douglas Haig. His on-stage wife, played by Clare Berry (Fourth Form, Queen Anne), marked a deliciously comic performance and was a highlight of the evening. Throughout the play, the superb *Tooting Terriers* kept us entertained and drove the rollicking music and story along. Their members; Tom Christensen (Fifth Form, Swift), Christian Ettinger (Lower Sixth, Harcourt), Henry Plumridge (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne), Wilf Cartwright (Third Form, Queen Anne) and Paige Rowe (Lower First, Harcourt) were brilliant in their laid back riffs and boot-marching classics and set the mood for every scene.

Rosie Turner (Upper Sixth, Feilden) and Anna Withey (Upper Sixth, Harcourt) worked hard this term to choreograph two outstanding dance pieces. The first dance explored the symbolic exclusion of objectors with white feathers and the second, the terrifying and unpredictable nature of gas in trench warfare. Both were remarkable in their grace and modernism, fusing classical technique with traces of street, and all dancers must be congratulated on their excellent performances. They were dancing to original electronic compositions by Ross Battersby (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne) who deftly captured the sweet melancholy of loss with the nightmarish screeching of warfare and 'all hell let loose'. Praise must also go to all the members of the costume, props, lighting and sound departments and the stage crew who worked very hard to make the series of disconnected sequences look beautiful and transition seamlessly.





Frantic Assembly Theatre Trip

Sixth Form Drama and Theatre Studies students returned to Warwick Arts Centre in March to see Frantic Assembly's compelling and disturbing thriller *The Believers*. This darkly comic and visually entrancing production was a theatrical experience that made a strong impression on the audience.



Lower First Soap Operas

Pupils in Lower First have been creating their own original soap operas. Exploring various creative elements such as characterisation and devising scripts, the pupils have worked in small teams to create some dynamic cliff-hangers which were then filmed and evaluated.



Secrets and Lies

As part of the Exploration of Dramatic Performance unit, the A2 Drama candidates presented an original, devised piece of theatre to a full house in The Shed on Tuesday 4 March. *Secrets and Lies* was the set stimulus which the ensemble used to create a unique and sometimes hard-hitting production.

The social, cultural, historical and political issues included the exploration of the Hillsborough tragedy, the invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan, corruption in the BBC, the treatment of suspected terrorists, phone hacking and the secret experiments carried out by MK Ultra. This mature and creative production provided plenty of food for thought and demonstrated the student's high level of ability in Drama.



War Horse Theatre Trip

On Friday 27 March the Fourth Form Drama students travelled to London to see the National Theatre's production of *War Horse* at the New London Theatre. For those pupils that made up the cast for the recent production of *Oh! What a Lovely War!* this theatre trip could not have been more poignant. The horror and needless sacrifice of man and animal was brought to the stage with grace, beauty and ingenuity.



Physical Theatre

The Upper First Drama pupils performed a selection of pieces in the style of Physical Theatre. Born out of their superbly vivid imaginations, the audience were treated to a futuristic prison break in a deadly game show, a journey through the history of video games and a surreal adventure into a land made entirely from food. This highly enjoyable performance demonstrated the co-operative skills of this very talented group.

Arts Academy

This term the groups have been preparing for their LAMDA exams which will be held in early May. Alex Cooper (Third Form, Gascoigne), Alex Reid (Third Form, Queen Anne), Lawrence Scott (Fourth Form, Swift) and Ella Mattinson (Lower First, Harcourt) are working for their Grade 5 exam and will be performing *Blackadder*. The other group consisting of Anna de Buriatte Moglia (Third Form, Harcourt), Louisa Mattinson (Third Form, Harcourt), Rosie Hunt (Third Form, Gascoigne), India Hurford-Jones (Third Form, Swift), Sofia Ward Naranjo (Third Form, Queen Anne), Katie Foster (Third Form, Harcourt) and Lydia Wannell (Third Form, Feilden) are entered for their Grade 6 Bronze Medal and are performing *Arabian Nights*.



Practitioners Workshop

In an independent learning project, Fourth Form GCSE Drama students researched three different theatre practitioners; Stanislavski, Artaud and Brecht and then ran a practical workshop to impart their knowledge to the rest of the class.

In order to illustrate their learning, each group was given an identical stimulus, the tale of *Little Red Riding Hood* and created their own devised interpretations of the story in the style of their chosen practitioners. This yielded some outstanding results and has given the cohort a solid understanding of three major theatrical practitioners.



Music Exam Results

Debut

Thomas Hart	Drum Kit	Merit
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Grade 2

Finley Wightman	Drum Kit	Merit
Scarlett Howard	Singing	Merit
Thomas Flory	Singing	Distinction
Charlie Clarke	Singing	Distinction

Grade 3

Joseph Ciampoli-Messiou	Guitar	
Harry Brown	Guitar	
Luke Garbutt	Drum Kit	
Megan Cambrey	Singing	Merit
Athis Knox	Singing	Merit

Grade 4

Luke Garbutt	Trumpet	
Florian Goette	Piano	
Edward Woolley	Alto Sax, Jazz	
Lukas Russell	Piano,	Merit
Anna De Buriatte Moglia	Singing	Merit
Billy Morrison	Singing	Merit
Charlie Clarke	Piano	Merit

Grade 5

Anika Patel	Singing
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Grade 8

Katherine Woolley	Oboe	
Ross Battersby	Clarinet	Distinction

Woodwind Recital

The Woodwind Recital proved to be an excellent showcase for Mr Adlington's pupils. In contrast to previous Recitals this term, the programme was dominated by GCSE and A Level students. Philip Thornton (Fifth Form, Harcourt) and Henry Leonard-Taylor (Fifth Form, Swift) each performed confident solos on the clarinet. This was followed by a polished performance by Katherine Woolley (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) on the flute, and then an equally polished musical rendition of *The Mountain* by her brother Edward (Fifth Form, Queen Anne) on the saxophone. The programme was concluded with two Grade 8 clarinet pieces performed stylishly by Ross Battersby (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne), after which he was joined by the clarinet group - Henry, Phillip, Florian Goette (Third Form, Queen Anne), Richard Turner (Fourth Form, Feilden), May Manning (Upper First, Swift) and Hannah Berry (Upper First, Feilden) for a rendition of *Tum Balalaika* and *Deep River*. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Abbey Chamber Concert

On Sunday 6 April Cokethorpe students and staff performed in the series of Abbey Concerts at St Nicholas Church in Abingdon. The concert featured performances by Lukas Russell (Upper First, Gascoigne), Aidan King (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne), Ross Battersby (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne), Katherine Woolley (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne), Jacob Yolland (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne), and Mr Chim; accompanied by Mrs Payne.

Music Award Holder's Recital

The Music Award Holder's Recital on Thursday 6 February proved to be a showcase of Cokethorpe's musically talented. Performers presented a diverse programme covering a range of instrumental and vocal styles. It is always positive to see pupils from all year groups delivering something collectively and there are certainly some younger pupils hot on the heels of those a few years ahead of them! Congratulations to all of the performers.



Singing Recital

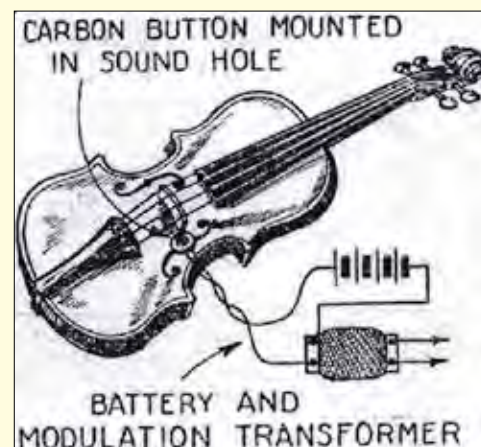
The Corinthian Room was the setting on Monday 10 February for a lunchtime recital, showcasing the talents of thirteen Senior School students all of whom take singing lessons at School. This is one of a series of concerts focussing on a particular instrument or instrument family. Lower First was particularly well represented, with Frankie Brown (Vanbrugh), Camilla Kilgour (Swift), Téó Loeffen (Gascoigne) and Hollie Jackson (Swift) giving us a lively selection of songs from stage and screen before Charlie Clarke (Harcourt), Lily Sweet (Queen Anne) and Athis Knox (Feilden) gave polished renditions of pieces from their recent and forthcoming singing exams. The Upper Firsts did not disappoint as Megan Cambrey (Feilden), Amy Didcock (Queen Anne), Scarlett Howard (Gascoigne), Freddie Gray (Gascoigne) and Sophie Wheeler (Swift)

presented a variety of songs ranging from Handel by way of Irish folksong to *Cry Me A River*. Although Drama commitments meant we missed out on the Third and Fourth Form singers on this occasion, the audience greatly enjoyed Lower Sixth Former Kathryn Norris's (Vanbrugh) characterful performance of *Popular* from *Wicked*. Many congratulations to all the performers, especially to those for whom this was their first ever solo performance.



Chris Prendergast Visit

On Monday 10 February, visiting music teacher Ian Aguado-Bush invited his friend Chris Prendergast, drummer for The Kooks and Alex Clare, into School to give his students some master classes. Chris has played on hit songs such as *Too Close* by Alex Clare and numerous Kooks songs.



Strings Magazine

Our Performing Arts Co-ordinator, Mr Heaney, has had an article published in the Strings Magazine titled *The Electric Company: A Century-Wide Look at the Electric Violin*. To read the full article go to www.allthingsstrings.com and search 'Ben Heaney'.



Gig Night 13

The audience at *Gig Night 13* were treated to a variety of music performed by pupils from Year 5 through to Upper Sixth, including performances of reworked covers and original songs. As usual the standard was exceptionally high, making it impossible to single out individual performances. However special mention should be given to two first time performers, Olivia Stacey (Year 6, Gwyn) and Frankie Brown (Lower First, Vanbrugh) who performed as if they were seasoned veterans. Thanks go to the CPA for providing refreshments during the interval of the show. If you have not made it to Gig Night, join us at the next gig to experience the outstanding musical talent we have here at Cokethorpe School.



Lunchtime Recital

There was a fantastic atmosphere at the Lunchtime Recital on Thursday 13 March. Performers were welcomed on and off stage with a warm applause by staff, pupils and parents. The Recital opened with a well known piece of music by Kazimierz Serocki which was performed by A-Level student Jacob Yolland (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne). Jennifer Hodges (Lower First, Queen Anne), made her debut performing *Hedwig's Theme* with assistance from Tara Devine (Lower First, Queen Anne) who page turned. For others like Lukas Russell (Upper First, Gascoigne), and Hollie Jackson (Lower First, Swift) the Lunchtime Recital is rapidly becoming a regular concert slot. There was some clear and sensitive playing from Will Riman (Upper First, Feilden) and Jack Gamble (Upper First, Feilden), with Harry Brown (Upper First, Vanbrugh) adding a confident dose of rock 'n' roll in to the Recital.

Youth Jazz Band Competition

The Cokethorpe School Jazz Band competed in the Youth Jazz Band Competition in Chipping Norton on Friday 7 March 2014. They did both themselves and the school proud, as half of the band members were either in France or Belgium! They played an original tune and a Stevie Vai tune *Tender Surrender*, with Aidan King (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne) leading the way with some awesome guitar. He was supported by Charlie Tobin (Lower Sixth, Feilden) on bass guitar, Jamie Langford (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh) on drums, Harry Lovibond (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) on keyboards and Richard Thompson (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne) filling in on rhythm guitar. The second tune was an original jazz/funk number that had the place rocking with Charlie Tobin showing off his bass slapping skills.

Gig Night

Performers:

Harry Creak	Eddie Binnie
Aidan King	Charlie Clarke
Charlie Tobin	George Williams
Jamie Langford	Will Riman
Harry Lovibond	Harry Brown
Richard Thompson	Joe McBride
Olivia Stacey	Billy Morrison
Charlotte Dewhurst	Thomas Christensen
Rebecca Wittchell	Katie Buckley
John Morrison	Cate De Buriatte-Moglia
Oliver Charles	Saul Garrett
Frankie Brown	Henry Plumridge
Emily Thompson	Daniel Pye
Tom Orton	Christian Ettinger
Lucy Virji	Grace Ettinger
Francesco Bisley	Tom Binnie
LuisaMae Lisi	
Ewan Johnson	

Technical support:

Hayden Camidge
Laurence Lodge
Elliott Swancott

Lunchtime Music Recital

Thursday 13 March 2014

Jacob Yolland (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)
Trombone
Andante molto sostenuto Kazimierz Serocki

Will Riman (Upper First, Feilden)
Trumpet
Bring Me Sunshine Arthur Kent

Hollie Jackson (Lower First, Swift)
Piano
Amazing Grace John Newman

Harry Brown (Upper First, Vanbrugh)
Guitar
Overrated Rock School

Jack Gamble (Upper First, Feilden)
Piano
Toccata and Fugue J.S. Bach
Na Tódce (In a boat) Feliks Rybicki

Jennifer Hodges (Lower First, Queen Anne)
Cello
Hedwig's Theme John Williams

Florian Goette (Third Form, Queen Anne)
Piano
Anne Alvedans Grieg

Lukas Russell (Upper First, Gascoigne)
Piano
Scherzo in F A.E.Müller

Next Lunchtime Music Recital:
Thursday 15 May 12.45pm – 1.30pm,
Corinthian Room

Marion Bird

Congratulations to Marion Bird (Fourth Form, Feilden) for her success in the Swindon Music Festival. Marion won the set piece category, singing *Nymphs and Shepherds* by Henry Purcell. She received the same mark for another entry, *Voi Che Sapete* by Mozart, but narrowly missed first place by a single point. She was delighted to receive the Yvonne Walker Trophy which she keeps for the year!

Enlightenment Lectures

'It was a great pleasure to be asked to speak to the Sixth Form in this anniversary centenary year of the start of World War One. As I explored in my talk, we need to look at the First World War not as a set of gates which shut off most previous social and military history, but rather the culmination of a series of social and industrial developments that occurred through the nineteenth century.'

Dr Peter Caddick-Adams

'The lecture was an illuminating account of the ways in which this war in particular has shaped our culture. Despite the many social changes the war brought about, Dr Caddick-Adams showed us that from the point of view of the military historian, the enduring themes throughout history remain the same. The focus remains on people and the paramount need for communication, contact and collaboration.'

Rosie Turner (Upper Sixth, Feilden)

'Many thanks to Cokethorpe for inviting me to talk about my research and the book I have written about the illegal graffiti subculture in London and New York. Looking at illustrations of the different forms, styles and locations of graffiti, we explored how young men can use crime, danger and the written word to construct identity and override constraints which may limit them in 'real life'. The students had some thought provoking questions and we enjoyed some animated debate and discussion following the talk.'

Dr Nancy Macdonald

'It was fascinating to have a new insight into a social phenomenon that people commonly see and simply walk past or dismiss as vandalism and nothing more. We learnt the codes and rules of the graffiti subculture, by which most artists abide, and the consequences and connotations should these rules be broken. Dr Macdonald stressed the importance of the alter egos that the graffiti writers present in their tags and the boost of self-confidence and self-awareness it gives them; such is the basis of the entire subculture.'

Aidan King (Lower Sixth, Gascoigne)



Geography Field Trip to Wales

On Friday 24 January Lower Sixth Geography students travelled to Betws-y-Coed, North Wales, to carry out fieldwork and research on rural and urban rebranding and coastal management schemes. Fieldwork took place in Llanberis and Llandudno to research how the areas have adapted to attract new visitors. The following day fieldwork continued in Criccieth to study coastal management schemes. The final day included a visit to a Welsh farm to understand the difficulties and benefits of farming styles. The trip was rounded off with a walk at Cwm Idwal which offered breathtaking views of the beautiful Welsh scenery. 📍

Enlightenment Lectures

The Sixth Form were treated to another fascinating and inspiring set of Enlightenment Lectures. The first lecture entitled *The Long Shadow of the First World War* was delivered by Dr Caddick-Adams, lecturer in Military and Security Studies at the UK Defence Academy, and tied in with the centenary anniversary of the commencement of World War One. The second lecture was delivered by Dr Amoret Whitaker, Forensic Entomologist, and was titled *CSI – Crime Scene Insects*. Dr Whitaker introduced students to the importance of the work carried out by forensic specialists and dispelled the glamorous portrayal of this discipline so often seen on TV. The series was rounded off by Dr Nancy Macdonald, Qualitative and Ethnographic Specialist, whose lecture *The Pen is Mightier than the Sword* proved to be quite a catalyst for debate. 📍



Higher Education Fair

The Higher Education Fair, held on Tuesday 4 March, enabled both parents and students to gather invaluable information regarding the application process and opportunities available after leaving the Cokethorpe community. A series of four excellent talks were given by the gap year company Frontier, The University of Bristol, Cambridge Occupational Analysts and Maastricht University, all of which engaged students and parents in a lively dialogue of possibilities. The Sixth Form Team were on hand to answer any individual questions, in addition to a host of other institutions that were in attendance on the evening. 📍



Sixth Form Taster Day

On Tuesday 4 February, Fifth Form pupils were given an insight into Sixth Form life at Cokethorpe. Mr Sheer welcomed pupils and outlined the format of the day, before putting them into groups for a competitive activity in the Common Room. For the rest of the day the pupils were treated to taster lessons in the full range of Sixth Form subjects, which were interspersed with games of pool in the Common Room and visits to the coffee shop during breaks and lunchtime. This was a hugely enjoyable and productive day and assisted pupils in finalising their subject options for next year. 📅



History and Politics New York and Washington Trip

In February half term, a group from the Lower and Upper Sixth studying History and Politics went to New York and Washington to help expand their subject knowledge. The trip started in a wintery New York where the students made the most of the brief stop and took in some iconic landmarks before moving on to Washington. Staying within walking distance of the world famous Smithsonian Museum and America's most important political buildings, the group visited the White House, the Capitol Building and



the Washington Monument. The final day included the opportunity to meet a member of an international law firm and a visit to Arlington Cemetery. 📅

A Level English Theatre Trips

On Thursday 29 January, a group of A Level English Language and Literature students squeezed into the Burton Taylor Studio at the Oxford Playhouse to enjoy a performance of Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*. The production, presented by Oxford University Students, was thought provoking in its interpretation of the text. Due to the unconventional chronology, the audience is made aware of the conclusion of the story in the first scene, allowing them to consider how their knowledge of the future alters their perception of the past. The Director wanted the audience to consider whether their memories have an inherent and perfectly constructed linear narrative, what memories look like and whether there is danger in memory. It was a challenging and engaging look at human dynamics and relations.



On Tuesday 18 March the group returned to the Oxford Playhouse to enjoy a performance of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. As with *Betrayal*, it was provocative in terms of the Director's interpretation of the text and the portrayal of Stanley has been a catalyst for considerable discussion. 📅

Enlightenment Lectures

'I was very pleased to be asked to speak to the Sixth Form about *CSI - Crime Scene Insects*. The real life of a forensic entomologist is far from the Gil Grissom glamour of *CSI*. Much of my work involves odd hours, attention to detail over several months and involves contact with people across almost every discipline. The large and interested group seemed to be very appreciative of the complexities of the work, were deeply attentive, and their questions were very perceptive too.'

Dr Amoret Whitaker

'Dr Whittaker provided our Sixth Formers with a most enlightening talk in respect of her work linked to Forensic Entomology, a field of expertise that is limited to only three specialists in this country. Dr Whittaker regularly works with the police and explained to our students how, by identifying certain species of fly at any one time around a dead body, can determine the time of death of a corpse. In legal terms this work is of crucial importance. We certainly had an audience of intrigued students which triggered a host of questions. It is surprising where a Biology Degree can take you.'

*Mrs Jenny Holmes,
University Admissions and Careers
Advisor*

University Visits

In January, Lower Sixth students started their UCAS preparations with a visit to Birmingham or Southampton University. They were able to talk with admission tutors, tour the campuses and sample a guest lecture – giving them a real flavour of university life and the experiences to come after leaving Cokethorpe. To supplement the visits the WIT programme has been used to further develop thoughts on university applications, along with a highly successful Higher Education Fair.

First Aid

On Tuesday 4 March, Bonnie Brookes, Cokethorpe First VII Netball coach and paramedic, delivered an important and enjoyable session on *First at the Scene Response*. In addition to this, Bonnie covered CPR techniques and general first aid advice. The students participated enthusiastically and all learned vital life-saving skills for an emergency. Finally, Bonnie engaged the students in a fascinating question and answer session in which she shared the benefits of her experience and gave tips on how to stay safe as a young person.

Inter-House Netball

On Thursday 20 March the Junior School had its Inter-House netball tournament. Although the cold and windy weather conditions made it hard going, all girls carried on and played admirably for their Houses.

The girls showed significant improvement since the start of the Lent Term, particularly in driving into space and clearing away from the ball when required. The overall winners were determined by the last set of games, Baker held the lead all the way through the competition and only Gwyn could stand in their way. Baker went on to win that game 3-2 and took the crown of House Netball Champions for 2014.

Results:

1st:	Baker
2nd:	Gwyn
3rd:	Symonds
4th:	Lockwood

Netball Results

U11As

Belmont Mill Hill Prep	5-15	L
St Helen & St Katharine	4-12	L

U11Bs

Kitebrook House Girls (U11A)	8-5	W
St Helen & St Katharine	2-8	L

U10As

The Manor Prep School	0-9	L
The Manor Prep School (Bs)	0-10	L
St Helen & St Katharine	3-2	W
Chandlings Manor School	0-6	L

U10Bs

Kitebrook House (U11B)	5-2	W
Chandlings Manor School	1-5	L

U9s

Kitebrook House	8-3	W
Chandlings Manor School	0-2	L

Netball at the Commonwealth Games

Netball has featured at four Commonwealth Games since its debut in 1998. The top medals have been dominated by Australia and New Zealand with both countries taking home two gold and two silver medals each. However, England have an outstanding record at the Commonwealth Games and have won three bronze medals with Jamaica taking the fourth.

With the 2014 Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow at the end of July, England are aiming to do one better and challenge for a place in the final.



Sponsored Walk

On Thursday 13 February, the Junior School took part in their Friendship Sponsored Walk in aid of the Nasio Trust. Led by the Cross Country Club runners the children embraced the wet and cold by wearing colourful scarfs, hats and wellington boots.

The walk started outside the Mansion and followed a circuit of three kilometres around the school grounds, with each child collecting a sticker at the half-kilometre checkpoints. The children collected 1510 stickers between them and covered over 700km during the hour and fifteen minutes spent walking.

The total amount raised for The Nasio Trust was an amazing £3,751. The Nasio Trust runs day-care centres in Western Kenya providing orphaned children with a daily meal, education, medical care and support. The money raised will help towards the building of a Medical Centre. As a thank you, the children received a rubber brick to remind them of the Nasio Project.

Thank you to all sponsors for supporting this very worthwhile cause, and thank you to all walkers and people who helped with the checkpoints for their enthusiasm. ☑

Netball Report

This season has been played with great energy and enthusiasm by all the girls.

The U11, U10 and the U9s performed well in all of their competitive matches securing some notable wins. The Year 6 team should be congratulated on their performance at the Sibford Netball Tournament. The team managed a 6-1 record to finish in second place overall. A great achievement by all.

Isabelle Carnell (Year 6, Gwyn) was nominated as the overall Player of the Season by Miss Woodcock. The Team of the Season has to be given to the U10s for their win against St Helen and St Katharine School, Abingdon. Overall it has been a very successful term with lots more hard work planned for next year.

Swimming

Zoë Smith (Year 5, Baker) became the first Cokethorpe Junior School pupil to represent the School in the IAPS National Swimming Championships. She swam 25m freestyle in the qualifying round at the Dragon School, Oxford. Zoe came second in her heat in a time of 17.31 seconds and is hoping that this time will be good enough to qualify for the National Finals later in the year.



Soccer Report

Due to waterlogged pitches only two fixtures were played this term, both resulting in narrow defeats. Despite outplaying the opposition in both matches they were unable to take their chances in front of goal.

At the annual Sibford 6-a-side Tournament the team played six games, winning five and losing one to end up as runners-up. The tournament mirrored the rest of the season, as the team were head and shoulders above every other team in terms of skill, but were unable to grind out a result against stubborn opposition.

The team however is made up of some very skilful players who will be able to realise their true potential in the Senior School.



Pre-Prep Adventurers

The children from Year 2 have been visiting a 'Forest School' this term on Friday afternoons. Forming part of the children's outdoor learning and curriculum enhancement, the sessions take place at Lea Wood in the Fairford Estate of Gloucestershire and are run by the Ernest Cook Trust.

A particular highlight this term was a visit to Horse Shoe Wood to learn how to make forest potions. Starting at base camp the Forest School Teacher explained how to use their sense of smell to find potion ingredients.

After sniffing out and foraging items from the forest floor the children placed a selection into their pots. Then, adding a little water and using a small stick, the potions were stirred and were ready to smell.

Lots of interesting things were found to put in their pots and the children discovered that mixing pine cones and moss made a very refreshing smell. However, mixing leaves with soil and small sticks created a woody smell but it was agreed that all of the potions created very pleasant woodland smells. ☑



Cross Country Report

The Junior School Cross Country group worked hard in challenging weather conditions throughout the Lent Term with commendable enthusiasm and commitment. A team across all age groups took part in the Chandlings Inter-School event in February with Ben Orton (Year 4, Lockwood), Matthew Bell (Year 6, Lockwood) and Isabel Buckingham (Year 6, Lockwood) achieving excellent placings in a tremendous all-round team effort. A select group was invited to accompany the Senior School Cross Country squad to the Bedfordia Cross Country Championships, providing these runners with valuable experience.

Inter-House Cross Country

On Tuesday 25 March, the Junior School House Cross Country event took place. All children took part and gave it their all in very wet and windy conditions. Congratulations to Lockwood House for winning the cup.



Inter-House Soccer

In a rather one-sided competition Baker made their way easily into the final by winning their three group matches. They were joined by Lockwood, who scraped into the final by having a better goal difference than Symonds and Gwyn.

The final was even more one-sided as Baker took the title 9-1. Amazingly all nine goals were scored by Luke Munday (Year 6), the Player of the Tournament.

Results:

1st:	Baker
2nd:	Lockwood
3rd:	Gwyn
4th:	Symonds

Soccer Results

U11As

New College School	6-1	W
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U11Bs

New College School	8-1	W
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U10s

New College School	5-1	W
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U9As

Abingdon Prep School	5-0	W
St Edward's School (Cheltenham)	5-2	W

Inter-House Cross Country

Results:

1st:	Lockwood
2nd:	Symonds
3rd:	Baker
4th:	Gwyn

Individual Winners:

Year 3 and 4 Girls:	Emily Martland (Year 3, Baker)
Year 3 and 4 Boys:	Ben Orton (Year 4, Lockwood)
Year 5 and 6 Girls:	Isabel Buckingham (Year 6, Lockwood)
Year 5 and 6 Boys:	Jack Ferrito (Year 6, Symonds)

Squash

From Monday 31 March to Wednesday 2 April, Amelia Leslie (Year 6, Lockwood) competed in the IAPS U13 Squash Tournament 2014. Amelia won four out of her five round-robin qualifying matches, dropping only three games throughout to make it comfortably through to the knock out stages. A solid 2-0 quarter final win set up a tough semi-final against the top qualifier from the other half of the draw. Amelia rose to the challenge and took the game 3-0 to secure her place in the final. After taking the first two games the nerves got the better of Amelia in the third but she fought back from four game points down to take the fourth game and the title. Congratulations to Amelia on her amazing achievement.

Junior School

Arts Week Schedule

Monday 10 March 2014

Samba Workshop

The Shed

Junior Orchestra

Dining Hall Balcony

Junior Singers

Corinthian Room

Tuesday 11 March 2014

Year 4 Tap Performance

Corinthian Room

Junior Band Open Rehearsal

Classroom

Woodwind Demonstration

Classroom

Wednesday 12 March 2014

Recreate the Picture

Front of the Mansion

Year 2 Modern Dance Workshop

Corinthian Room

Junior Choir Singing Competition

Corinthian Room

Thursday 13 March 2014

Senior School Performance

Corinthian Room

Piano Recital - Benjamin Shaw (Year 6, Symonds)

Dining Hall Balcony

Lower Junior Choir Performance - *Eddie the Penguin Saves the World*

Corinthian Room

Friday 14 March 2014

Book Character Parade

Entrance Hall

Senior Jazz Band

Dining Hall Balcony

Street Dance Workshop

Corinthian Room

Junior Choir Competition

Winners:

Soloist: Olivia Stacey

(Year 6, Gwyn)

Soloist: Chisengo Lukama

(Year 6, Gwyn)

Soloist: Rosa Birchenough

(Year 6, Gwyn)

Group: Jonathan Peach

(Year 5, Symonds)

Thomas Wardell-Yerburgh

(Year 5, Gwyn)

Onatti Theatre

On Tuesday 4 February the pupils from Years 5 and 6 joined the pupils from Lower First in The Shed to watch an exciting production from the Onatti Theatre Company entitled *Le Château*.

This was a very clever and amusing production in French and English about an English knight in Tudor times, sent to France to find a new wife for King Henry VIII and paint her portrait. The fact that he could not speak much French, and could not paint, made for plenty of confusion and comic moments. The clever mixture of French and English ensured that everyone could follow the story, which also involved some audience participation and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Arts Week

In March, the Junior School held Arts Week, an event showcasing the range of creative arts such as poetry, literature, art, dance and music, which make up a large part of the Junior School curriculum. The focus this year was on 'Take One Picture', an initiative set up by the National Gallery in London to encourage the use of one of their great works of art for imaginative cross-curricular study in the classroom. The picture chosen this year was *The Umbrellas* by Pierre-Auguste Renoir. All the year groups embraced the idea and used it as inspiration for their work throughout the week.

To start the week, the whole school was involved in an exciting morning of Latin music and dance during a Samba workshop. Visiting percussionist Sam Agard is highly experienced in running musical workshops and also plays drums with many successful artists including Professor Green!

Year 4 enjoyed Mr Adlington's woodwind demonstration and Year 5 were impressed by the instrumental performances from Lower First pupils. The Junior School children themselves were involved in several performances including a piano recital, Junior Orchestra, Chamber Choir and the Lower Junior Choir, who charmed everybody with *Eddie the Penguin Saves the World*!

There were also performances from Year 4 Tap dancers, Year 2 Modern Dance, demonstrations and workshops for Samba Band, Street Dance, and Year 6 dance and drama extracts from *Bugsy Malone*.

The week finished with a literary character parade involving all the children and staff.



Healthy Eating Competition

Well done to Libby Flaherty (Year 6, Symonds), George Langford (Year 6, Baker), Isabel Buckingham (Year 6, Lockwood), Annabel Page (Year 6, Baker), Jenny Allen (Year 5, Symonds), Hester Beer (Year 5, Lockwood), David Haar (Year 5, Symonds) and Taiga Kobayashi (Year 5, Baker) whose art designs were selected for the Healthy Eating Competition run by Palmer & Howells catering company (see AOB). The winning designs were displayed on the aprons of the catering staff. Also, congratulations to Ella Shaw (Year 5, Baker) who won the competition for identifying a selection of healthy fruit and vegetables. 📷



Viking Invasion in Year 3

On Wednesday 22 January, Thoralf the Viking came to talk to the Year 3 children about the Viking way of life. They have been studying this topic in their History lessons. The children immediately became engrossed in his presence as he proceeded to tell them exciting stories and adventures about these historic Nordic invaders. The children were shown a wide range of authentic objects such as armour, weapons, musical instruments, real furs and a quern with which to grind corn. The experience really enhanced each child's learning about this period in time. During the last part of his visit with us, he demonstrated the use of the sword, even chopping a swede in half, and fired arrows across the Corinthian Room... safely of course! Thank goodness he was a friendly Viking! 📷



Year 4 Corinium Museum

On Wednesday 19 March, the children in Year 4 enjoyed a fascinating visit to The Corinium Museum in Cirencester. This trip supported their studies in History of Life in Roman Britain. They had the experience of dressing up in Roman style clothes and wearing Roman jewellery. The children enjoyed playing the games of Knuckle Bones and Calculi, as well as examining real Roman pottery and mosaics. Many interesting facts were learnt throughout their visit, which extended their understanding of this period in time. 📷



Year 6 Victorian Museum

As part of their History topic this term on the lives of Victorian children, Year 6 visited the Woodstock Museum. They spent the morning going back in time to experience what life was like for children at school during the 1860s.

The children were made to line up in silence with their hands out in front of them to check for any dirt. Very dirty hands on a daily basis could be punished with a stroke of the cane! They soon found that learning was not as fun then as it is today; everything was drilled into them in a repetitive manner. They chanted their times tables and focussed on the 3 Rs 'Reading', 'wRiting' and 'aRithmetic'. Any mistakes were severely punished and a couple of children found out what a dunce cap was! Year 6 soon realised modern day school is not too bad after all!



Young Art Oxford Exhibition

A number of children from the Junior School have received the exciting news that their picture has been selected for the Young Art Oxford Exhibition. Over 3,400 pictures were submitted by children from across Oxfordshire and only 500 have been selected for display, so this is a wonderful achievement. The winning pictures will be on display at the Ashmolean Museum from 6-8 May 2014. The money raised from the exhibition entry and prints sale will be donated to Cancer Research UK and goes specifically towards finding cures and improving treatments for childhood cancers.

Congratulations to the winners:

Hester Beer	(Year 5, Lockwood)
Isabel Buckingham	(Year 6, Lockwood)
Kye Carrington	(Year 3, Lockwood)
Harrison Holloway	(Year 6, Lockwood)
Tabitha Howard	(Year 4, Symonds)
Kalina Kaltschmidt	(Year 2, Symonds)
Freddie Quartley	(Year 6, Lockwood)
Thomas Riman	(Year 5, Lockwood)
Lottie Sales	(Year 2, Symonds)
Ruby Sharp	(Year 3, Symonds)
Ella Shaw	(Year 5, Baker)
Thomas Smith-Donald	(Year 5, Lockwood)

Eddie the Penguin Saves the World

Cast:

Edward Allen	(Year 1, Gwyn)
Amelia Atkinson	(Year 1, Symonds)
Nancy Beer	(Year 1, Baker)
Dee Biles	(Year 3, Baker)
Monty Bolton	(Year 2, Lockwood)
Lewie Camidge	(Year 3, Baker)
Abigail Donald	(Year 2, Gwyn)
Daniel Ferrier	(Year 3, Gwyn)
Molly Ferrier	(Year 1, Baker)
Amelia Furlong-Price	(Year 1, Lockwood)
Mikail Hamid	(Year 3, Lockwood)
Jack Hammond	(Year 1, Symonds)
Eddie Hawes	(Year 2, Symonds)
Phoebe Hichens	(Year 3, Gwyn)
Kalina Kaltschmidt	(Year 2, Symonds)
Kiara Kaltschmidt	(Reception, Lockwood)
Charlie Kerton	(Year 3, Lockwood)
Findlay Knox	(Year 2, Baker)
Theo Langford	(Year 3, Gwyn)
Chomba Lukama	(Reception, Symonds)
Emily Martland	(Year 3, Baker)
Freddie Murfitt	(Year 3, Symonds)
Lily Oxby	(Year 3, Lockwood)
Max Quartley	(Year 3, Baker)
Lottie Sales	(Year 2, Symonds)
Ruby Sharp	(Year 3, Symonds)
Abigail Shaw	(Reception, Baker)
Seb Tattersall	(Year 2, Symonds)
Antonio Virk	(Reception, Gwyn)
Giovanni Virk	(Reception, Lockwood)

Music Exam Results

Grade 1		
Ella Shaw	Flute	Merit
Grade 2		
Jonathan Peach	Guitar	Pass
Grade 4		
Benjamin Shaw	Piano	Merit

Lent Term Prize Winners:

08RT	Abigail Shaw	(Baker)
01KM	Jack Hammond	(Symonds)
02LO	Charlotte Sales	(Symonds)
03JD	Lewie Camidge	(Baker)
04MM	Emily Bell	(Gwyn)
05BG	Harvey Gould	(Lockwood)
05HL	Hester Beer	(Lockwood)
06MO	Rosa Birchenough	(Gwyn)
06ND	Joshua Algar	(Baker)
06ZH	Benjamin Shaw	(Symonds)

Beekeeping

Depictions of humans collecting honey from wild bees dates back to 15,000 years ago. Today, beekeeping (or apiculture) is represented in the UK by The British Beekeeping Association who supports 24,000 amateur beekeeper members and the 3 billion honey bees they care for. For more information about beekeeping visit: www.bbka.org.uk

Cokethorpe Carousel

The Pre-Prep children continue to welcome their friends from Westfield House Nursery School twice a week for the Cokethorpe Carousel sessions.

Farmhouse Nursery

The Pre-Prep children welcomed Farmhouse Nursery, Witney for an introductory afternoon of activities. Everyone is looking forward to their next visit in the Summer Term.

Junior School Choir:

Emily Bell	(Year 4, Gwyn)
Rosa Birchenough	(Year 6, Gwyn)
Isabelle Carnell	(Year 6, Gwyn)
Isabella Clarke	(Year 4, Lockwood)
Victoria Cowley	(Year 6, Symonds)
Marni Cox	(Year 5, Lockwood)
Jarvis Drew	(Year 6, Baker)
Grace Ettinger	(Year 6, Lockwood)
Ella Freeston	(Year 6, Baker)
Theresa Goette	(Year 5, Lockwood)
Georgia Hawes	(Year 5, Baker)
Geneva Hedges	(Year 6, Baker)
Max Hichens	(Year 4, Gwyn)
Szofia Homoki	(Year 5, Symonds)
Tabitha Howard	(Year 4, Symonds)
Ella-Mae Leach	(Year 4, Baker)
Chisengo Lukama	(Year 6, Gwyn)
Annabel Page	(Year 6, Baker)
Jonathan Peach	(Year 5, Symonds)
Zoë Smith	(Year 5, Baker)
Olivia Stacey	(Year 6, Gwyn)
Tilda Wyatt	(Year 4, Symonds)



Honey and Bees

On Tuesday 4 February, the Reception Class enjoyed a buzzing visit from Dr Rohlf (Tom's Dad). The children had the chance to try on the special suit worn by bee keepers and learnt about how bees build and structure their hives to safely store their honey. As well as being delicious to eat Dr Rohlf also explained the medicinal values of honey and kindly gave everyone a jar to take home.



The House that Jack's Dad Built

On Thursday 9 January the Reception Class welcomed Mr Harris (Jack's Dad) for a hands-on lesson in building a brick house just like the third little pig in the traditional story. Starting with the mortar, everyone had a turn at putting sand in the bucket which was mixed with the cement. Then, working as a team, the children laid the bricks on top of a paving slab to build a little house that even had a door and a window. Once the cement was dry everyone had a go at trying to 'blow the house down' but it more than stood up to the test!

Junior School Choir at Chipping Norton Music Festival

On Saturday 8 March the Junior School Choir took part in the Chipping Norton Music Festival for the first time. The choir looked very smart and were highly focussed on Mrs Du Feu's conducting throughout the performance. The four contrasting songs, *Ocean Commotion*, *Lady Dressed in White*, (solo by Olivia Stacey, Year 6, Gwyn) *Can You Hear my Voice?* (solo by Jonathan Peach, Year 5, Symonds) and *I am the Wind* were very well received by the audience. The adjudicator's comments were also very positive and highlighted the great dynamic contrasts, the lovely connection with the words, the drama in the singing, the brilliant solos, movement, positive harmonies and the lovely smiles!



Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Training Weekend

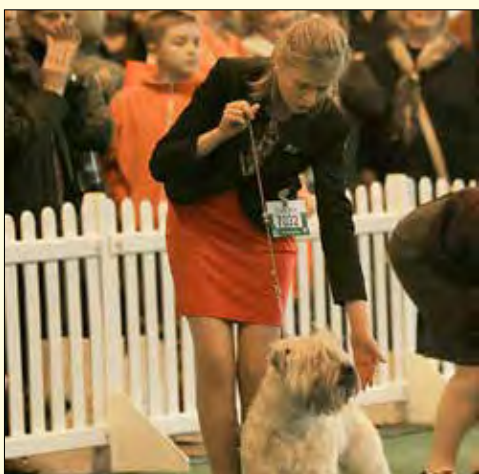
'On a cold blustery Friday evening we set off on our journey down to Dartmoor. We were greeted by our instructor Ash and given some hot soup as he spoke about the weekend ahead. On the Saturday we had a guide who talked us through navigation techniques. We cooked a feast when we got back to Runnage Farm and were sent to bed by 9.30pm. On Sunday we walked by ourselves, encountering many a cyclist along our route. Our team sat and cooked lunch by a crystal clear stream. The highlights of the trip included the ice cream at the end of the weekend and the glorious weather. We all now feel we have the tools to undertake our practice expedition over the Easter holidays.'

Jason Cardy (Lower Sixth, Feilden)



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Preparation Day

On Saturday 22 March the whole of the Fourth Form took over the school grounds for a day, in preparation for their upcoming Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Practice Expedition. They were given workshops on a variety of skills including campcraft, first aid, navigation and the countryside code. The weather held out despite being predicted to be wet and pupils had a fantastic day pitching their campsites on the rear lawn and cooking themselves a tasty Cup a Soup on a Trangia. Now all eyes turn to next half term where all pupils will undertake a two day, one night walking expedition. More details can be found on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award section of the school website.



Crufts 2014

'On Friday 7 and Saturday 8 March I competed at Crufts. I have two dogs called Kizzy and Tally, both Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers. At Crufts I competed in handling, breed classes and Young Kennel Club (YKC) stakes classes. Sadly I was not placed in handling but I came 5th with Tally and 3rd with Kizzy in breed class. In the YKC stakes classes Tally was placed 4th in a very big class.'

Olivia Busby (Fourth Form, Feilden)

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Presentation

On Monday 10 February, Katherine Woolley (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne), attended a presentation at St James's Palace to receive her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Earl of Wessex presided over the ceremony and spoke to the award recipients. To achieve the award Katherine sailed off the West Coast of Scotland, attended a choral course at Eton College, volunteered in a nursing home and gained Grade Eight in Flute.



Kari Herbert

'On Monday 17 March, Polar Explorer and travel writer Kari Herbert delivered a fascinating talk about her experiences growing up in Northern Greenland. From her tenth month to her tenth year, Kari lived a traditional Inuit life with twelve families in the remotest village in the world. In her talk to us in the Fifth Form, she recounted memories of the bare essentials of life; gaining her own huskies at the age of four and able to run a train of dogs by age ten. From polar bear trousers to hunting narwhal in a flimsy kayak, we were enchanted by the differences between our lives now and her life then, which used traditions unchanged since the Stone Age.'

Her experiences are poetically captured in her memoir *An Explorer's Daughter*, an extract of which features as an examination text in our IGCSE English anthology. The well received lecture added context and depth to our understanding of the text, helping us significantly to prepare for our forthcoming exams. We were particularly fortunate to have Kari Herbert speak to us as it was the first time she delivered a school talk and the first time she has spoken about this set extract.'

Heidi Lawson and Nancy Battersby
(Fifth Form, Gascoigne)

Healthy Eating Competition

Cokethorpe School entered the Palmer and Howells' Healthy Eating Meal Competition this term and came an admirable second with a very small percentage between the School and the winner. Cokethorpe's Catering Department created an original menu. The Junior School were eager to be involved and prepared pictures of fruit and vegetables which were displayed in the dining room. The Senior School also contributed by writing poetry and producing works of art with healthy eating as the focus.

Eating 5 a Day

We all know that it is important for us to eat a variety of at least five portions of fruit and vegetables each day, but how many of us actually manage it? Luckily, it can be easier than you think to get your 5 a Day.

Some 5 a Day dinnertime ideas:

- Add chopped carrots to spaghetti bolognese
- Add red peppers to a pasta sauce
- Mix peas into your mashed potato
- Have a salad or vegetables with your main meal
- If it's a roast dinner, make sure you've got some vegetables on your plate
- Add lentils, beans and peas to stews, bakes and salads

For more information about healthy eating and recipe ideas visit:
www.nhs.uk/change4life

1st XI Soccer Results

Abingdon School	W	4-3
Magdalen College School	W	4-0
King Alfred's Academy	L	1-3
Akeley Wood School	W	2-0
Pate's Grammar School	W	2-1
Tettenhall College	W	9-0
Oratory School	W	3-0
Burford School	W	6-0
Reading Blue Coat School	D	1-1
Wycliffe College	W	5-2

1st VII Netball Results

Akeley Wood School	W	18-9
Our Lady's Abingdon School	W	21-8
Magdalen College School	L	12-21
Tettenhall College School	W	23-13
The Henley College	L	14-22
Stowe School	L	31-36
Bloxham School	L	13-48

Boys' 1st XI Hockey Results

Stowe School	W	3-0
Sir Thomas Rich's School	L	1-5
The Kings School	W	3-0
Shiplake College	L	1-2
Rendcombe College	W	3-1
Bloxham School	L	1-0

Players of the Week

Soccer

Luke Watkins	(Lower Sixth, Swift)
Ross Tanner	(Fifth Form, Vanbrugh)
Ryan Oliver	(Lower Sixth, Swift)
Charlie Cassettari	(Lower Sixth, Vanbrugh)
Ryan Oliver	(Lower Sixth, Swift)
Scott Cade	(Upper Sixth, Swift)
Scott Cade	(Upper Sixth, Swift)
Noah Hustler	(Fifth Form, Queen Anne)

Netball

Aimee Epelle	(Lower Sixth, Queen Anne)
Holly Keylock	(Upper Sixth, Feilden)
Olivia Jones	(Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)
Pip Sayers	(Upper Sixth, Swift)
Lois Waknell	(Lower Sixth, Harcourt)
Pip Sayers	(Upper Sixth, Swift)
Olivia Jones	(Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)

U13 Plate Winners

During a rather cold Tuesday afternoon the U13 County Tournament was held at Court Place Farm in Oxford. Nineteen teams entered and were ready for a full afternoon of competitive netball.

A loss to Didcot and Headington and a draw against St Helen's meant that they had unfortunately not quite done enough to secure a place in the cup competition. This was a real blow as they would have been serious contenders. The girls however were not downhearted and made it their goal to win the Plate. They set to the task with determination and won each match convincingly to take the trophy.

Regional Netball Success

On Saturday 25 January, the Cokethorpe U14 Girls' Netball Squad made their way to Southampton for the Netball Regional Finals.

Cokethorpe were drawn in a very difficult group against some prestigious netballing schools such as Brighton, Aylesbury High, Portsmouth Grammar School, Cowes Enterprise College, Wycombe Abbey and Wellington School. The girls had prepared well for the day and were well aware that it was not going to be a walk in the park.

Throughout the day the girls produced some excellent netball and worked brilliantly as a team. They came 11th overall which was a commendable squad effort and they also scored the third highest amount of goals in the whole competition which was a superb achievement.



U12 County Hockey Tournament

On Monday 3 March, Cokethorpe hosted the U12 Oxfordshire Hockey Tournament. Having remained unbeaten throughout the season the Cokethorpe squad knew they had a good chance to claim victory and were excited in the run up to the tournament. However, injury and an early 2-1 defeat in the first game against Headington left them with a three point deficit to make up. Despite winning all their games and scoring over twenty goals in the process the U12's finished the tournament two points adrift but in a respectable 2nd place. It was a great display of hockey and an afternoon enjoyed by all the visiting teams.



Sky Sports 'Living for Sport'

Cokethorpe School has been fortunate enough to secure a project with Sky Sports to develop leadership among our Sports Award Holders as part of their national *Living For Sport* initiative.

Sport Award pupils will be engaged in a six week project exploring six different themes related to leadership which include building mental toughness, breaking barriers and planning for success. Thinus Delport, retired South African Rugby Union player, joined Cokethorpe for a planning meeting on Friday 28 February and will return to deliver a one day workshop on Friday 6 June. Thinus proved to be an interesting and motivational speaker and the pupils and staff are looking forward to his return visit.



U13 Girls' Make Regional Finals

On Thursday 20 March, the U13 Girls' Hockey Squad travelled to Reading and Sonning Hockey Club to attend the U13 IN2 Hockey Regional Tournament.

Up against some tough competition, Cokethorpe played extremely well, displaying some fantastic attacking play, in particular an incredible top right hand corner shot from Frankie Brown (Lower First, Vanbrugh). Despite a few narrow defeats, they showed excellent team work and determination.

Coming 6th place overall, the girls took a lot away with them from the day.



Individual Achievements

Badminton

Hannah Craig (Upper First, Gascoigne) has been selected for the Regional Badminton team. Hannah, who is placed 31st nationally in her age group, has also qualified for the National Finals taking place on Sunday 1 June. We wish Hannah the best of luck.



Rugby

Olivia Jones (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne) who currently plays for the South West Regional team in Rugby Sevens, has been selected for the England Rugby Pathway. This is a fantastic achievement and we will hopefully see Olivia play future games for the England Women's Team.



Soccer

Cokethorpe is rightly proud of our association with Oxford United FC. Currently five pupils, James Tanner (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh), Annabel Clarke (Upper First, Feilden), Joe Whittington (Fourth Form, Gascoigne), Joseph Wilde (Fourth Form, Harcourt) and Alex Wheeler (Lower First, Swift), attend the academy three times a week, partaking in gym sessions, coaching sessions and sports psychology. On Saturdays the pupils play matches against other academies, including well known clubs such as Arsenal.



Sports Colours

Full Colours

Soccer:

Scott Cade (Upper Sixth, Swift)
Ryan White (Upper Sixth, Harcourt)

Netball:

Olivia Jones (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)
Holly Keylock (Upper Sixth, Feilden)

Hockey:

Oliver Armstrong (Upper Sixth, Feilden)
Alexander Owen (Upper Sixth, Feilden)

Half Colours

Soccer:

Max Harrington (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)
Callum Breslin (Upper Sixth, Queen Anne)

Netball:

Pip Sayers (Upper Sixth, Swift)
Rosie Turner (Upper Sixth, Feilden)

Hockey:

Jacob Yolland (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne)
Tom Dee (Upper Sixth, Vanbrugh)

Cross Fit

Sport Academy students were given a fantastic opportunity to take part in a cross fit class in AOB on Friday 21 March. A cross fit trainer came in to take the session, where pupils engaged in some high intensity training involving push ups, step ups and shuttles. The pupils worked extremely hard and gained a lot from the session, in particular learning to warm up before exercise properly and the correct and most effective way to do so.

The Perfect Warm Up

The main aim of a warm up before you go out to play or train is to effectively and efficiently prepare your body for the actions it is about to perform.

Your warm up should repeat as many of the actions you will do in your sport, in a controlled but dynamic manner to:

- prepare your muscles for the actions they are going to endure during the match/training
- reduce the risk of muscle strains
- elicit heart rates that will be similar in the match/training

A dynamic warm up should include the following:

- General Movement - 5-10 minutes of movement that increases your heart rate
- Joint Mobility - controlled movement in a dynamic motion (to simulate the movements of your joints within your sport)
- Dynamic Flexibility- develop a range of movement in your muscles, which will replicate the movements of the match training environment.

Warwick Challenge

On Saturday 15 March the Cokethorpe Shooting Team travelled to Warwickshire to compete in the Warwick Challenge, a competition open to the Southern Region schools.

After an encouraging start nerves started to show, resulting in a disappointing score over the final two of the eight 'stands'. Competition is, of course, a very different animal to a training day.

Cokethorpe finished a very credible 4th place from over twelve teams and beat many old rivals along the way including Old Swinford Hospital, Cheltenham College, Norwich and Stowe amongst others.

The team is now very much looking forward to putting in a strong performance at the National Championships on Saturday 10 May 2014.

Team:
 Mattias Athwal (Lower Sixth, Swift)
 George Wood (Fifth Form, Gascoigne)
 Edward Mordue (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne)
 Charles Lay (Fourth Form, Swift)
 Harry Blake (Lower Sixth, Swift)

Netball Players of the Match

2nd VII
 Elly Stradling (Lower Sixth, Swift)
 Chloe Harris (Lower Sixth, Queen Anne)

U16
 Alexandra Cross (Fifth Form, Gascoigne)
 Alexandra Cross (Fifth Form, Gascoigne)
 Josie Dennis (Fifth Form, Harcourt)
 Erika Davies (Fifth Form, Queen Anne)
 Josie Dennis (Fifth Form, Harcourt)
 Josie Dennis (Fifth Form, Harcourt)

U15
 Wiz Binnie (Fourth Form, Harcourt)
 Anya Duffy (Fourth Form, Queen Anne)
 Freya Rowe (Fourth Form, Harcourt)
 Elizabeth Allen (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh)
 LuisaMae Lisi (Fourth Form, Harcourt)
 Oonagh Ryley (Fourth Form, Swift)
 Keely Harding (Fourth Form, Feilden)

U14
 Charlotte Bury (Third Form, Vanbrugh)
 Evie Phillips (Third Form, Swift)
 Jennifer Wells (Third Form, Queen Anne)
 Rosie Hunt (Third Form, Gascoigne)
 Verity Smith (Third Form, Harcourt)
 Jennifer Wells (Third Form, Queen Anne)

U13
 Katie Husband (Upper First, Harcourt)
 Emily Kent (Upper First, Harcourt)
 Emily Kent (Upper First, Harcourt)
 Emily Kent (Upper First, Harcourt)
 Annabel Clarke (Upper First, Feilden)

U12
 Lily Sweet (Lower First, Queen Anne)
 Georgie Kent (Lower First, Harcourt)
 Georgie Kent (Lower First, Harcourt)
 Anna Rose (Lower First, Gascoigne)
 Georgie Kent (Lower First, Harcourt)
 Georgie Kent (Lower First, Harcourt)

Soccer Report

A busy term in Soccer saw 83 matches played in the Senior School, with Cokethorpe winning 64% of these (78% if only A team results are calculated). A strong season from the 1st XI saw them win eleven, draw one and lose only two matches - scoring 41 goals along the way. Notable wins came against Oratory 3-0, Abingdon 4-3 and MCS 4-0. They finished 2nd in the newly formed Thames Valley League, narrowly losing out to Forest School, Wokingham in the deciding match.

Regularly this term, four Senior Teams were represented, demonstrating excellent commitment. But perhaps the most successful teams were lower down the School, the U15s in particular won all but one of their matches and they have a County Cup quarter-final to look forward to in the new term.



Hockey Report

The 1st XI Boys' Hockey Team had their most successful season to date winning the majority of their fixtures. Particularly impressive were their victories against Stowe, Rencomb College and The King's School Gloucester. Commitment and enthusiasm have not waived throughout the season and this has showed in their improvement and performance on the field. A mention must go to Oliver Armstrong (Upper Sixth, Feilden) for his excellent captaincy and solid performance in the midfield. Jason Cardy (Lower Sixth, Feilden) has dominated the right wing accompanied by Oliver Viney's (Lower Sixth, Feilden) pinpoint accuracy in front of the goal. The future looks bright with strong performances from many of the younger players coming up through the ranks.





Netball Report

The netball teams have enjoyed an enthusiastic netball term with many fixtures and quality training. Despite having eighteen matches cancelled due to poor weather, they have still played 96 matches across nineteen teams. The opposition remains strong in the County so it is fantastic that they have enjoyed some excellent wins. A special mention to the U12s and U13s who won the Plate Final in their respective County Tournaments and a huge congratulations must go to the U14s for having the most successful season and for earning the title of County Champions.

A large number of girls have received more than one Player of the Match nomination and well done to LuisaMae Lisi (Fourth Form, Harcourt) and Wiz Binnie (Fourth Form, Harcourt) for receiving the award four times each over the season. The overall Player of the Season is a rising talent, she has received six player of the match nominations and despite only being eleven years old was a vital part of the U14 squad who competed in the National Schools Regional Finals earlier this year. Congratulations to Georgie Kent (Lower First, Harcourt).



U12 Plate Winners

During a very warm and sunny Wednesday afternoon the U12 County Tournament was held at Court Place Farm in Oxford. Nineteen teams entered and were ready for a full afternoon of competitive netball.

The girls started well, dominating the first match against King Alfred's School winning 12-1, however the next match was much more competitive. Cokethorpe were slow to start and unfortunately were chasing

Tudor Hall from the start, narrowly losing this group match by one goal. Next up were Oxford High, again a tough fixture but they were up for the challenge. Ezme Pickford (Lower First, Vanbrugh) linked up well in the attacking circle with Georgie Kent (Lower First, Harcourt) but the attacks from Oxford were just too strong and they lost by just one goal. The final game was much more comfortable and they showed the crowd just how much they had learned from the group matches. Faringdon tried to stay in contention but the Cokethorpe girls were just too strong and they rallied to victory winning 16-0.

The tight results in the group stages unfortunately pushed Cokethorpe down into the Plate competition. However, the girls dug deep to finish strongly, winning each match convincingly, to take the trophy.

Kayaking

Cokethorpe Kayak Club is looking to recruit pupils to take part in the prestigious Devizes to Westminster canoe race (www.dwrace.org.uk) taking place over the 2015 Easter weekend.

If you are over sixteen years of age, on Thursday 1 January 2015, have a taste for adventure, would like to learn a new skill and enjoy challenging yourself, this might be the event for you. You will need to commit to training during school games sessions from September 2014 and several Sundays between January 2015 and Easter 2015. No previous experience is required but a sense of humour can help!

In the first instance please express your interest to the Cokethorpe School Kayak Coach, Ian White by email: ian@katakana.com

Cross Country Championships

Pupils from the Junior and Senior School competed in the Bedfordia Cross Country Championships on Tuesday 14 January. With 30 schools attending the Championships, all races were highly competitive with over 200 pupils participating in each of the races. The course was extremely treacherous, with pupils having to endure inclines, single file tracks and muddy fields.

All the Cokethorpe runners performed extremely well, with a special mention to Ben Wannell (Lower First, Feilden) who finished in 8th place, running above his age group in the Year 8 race, and to Georgie Vallance (Upper First, Vanbrugh) who finished in 12th place in the Year 8 Girls race.

Overall, Cokethorpe finished in 4th place, a fantastic result with so many schools and strong runners competing!

London Marathon

On Sunday 13 April the London Marathon saw more than 36,000 runners complete the 26.2 mile course. The Men's Elite race was won by Wilson Kipsang in a new course record time of 2:04:29 and the Women's Elite race was won by Edna Kiplagat in 2:20:21.

The London Marathon in Numbers:

- £2,330,159.38 is the highest amount raised by a single runner
- 888,552 runners have completed the Marathon since its launch
- 1,408 teachers ran this year, the highest number of any profession
- 1,200 St John Ambulance volunteers supported the event
- 196 countries show the marathon on TV
- 180 runners celebrated their birthday while running this year
- 23 water stations along the route (and 80 pubs...)

The Houses

Inter-House Drama

Results:

- 1st: Harcourt
- 2nd: Queen Anne
- 3rd: Gascoigne
- 4th: Swift
- 5th: Vanbrugh
- 6th: Feilden

Monologue Performers

Sebastian Fisher (*Lower Sixth, Feilden*)
James Bennett (*Fifth Form, Swift*)
Katie Buckley (*Upper Sixth, Harcourt*)
Jacob Yolland (*Upper Sixth, Gascoigne*)
Ed Charter (*Third Form, Vanbrugh*)
Thomas Amor (*Lower Sixth, Queen Anne*)

Lower House Heroes

Below are this term's Lower House Heroes, nominated by tutors for a range of reasons such as working particularly hard in tutor group activities, the School play, sports matches, during fundraising events or for general positive attitudes, commitment and helpfulness.

First Half of Term:

Adam Kendrick (*Lower First, Feilden*)
Anna Rose (*Lower First, Gascoigne*)
Hannah King (*Lower First, Harcourt*)
Lily Sweet (*Lower First, Queen Anne*)
Camilla Kilgour (*Lower First, Swift*)
Barney Boulton (*Lower First, Vanbrugh*)
Annabel Clarke (*Upper First, Feilden*)
Ruby Plumridge (*Upper First, Gascoigne*)
Grace Bartle (*Upper First, Harcourt*)
Ben Newport (*Upper First, Queen Anne*)
Luke Storey (*Upper First, Swift*)
Charlotte Jeffs (*Upper First, Vanbrugh*)

Second Half of Term:

Rhianna Gibson (*Lower First, Feilden*)
Dila Müldür (*Lower First, Gascoigne*)
Ella Mattinson (*Lower First, Harcourt*)
Tara Devine (*Lower First, Queen Anne*)
Matthew Christensen (*Lower First, Swift*)
Frankie Brown (*Lower First, Vanbrugh*)
Megan Cambrey (*Upper First, Feilden*)
Freddie Gray (*Upper First, Gascoigne*)
Max Lötter (*Upper First, Harcourt*)
Toby Brown (*Upper First, Queen Anne*)
Luke Jackson (*Upper First, Swift*)
Harry Brown (*Upper First, Vanbrugh*)

Upper Sixth Roles of Responsibility

Head of School	Rosie Turner
Deputy Heads of School	Brian Clarke Saul Garrett
Head of Lower House	Alexander Owen
Head of Feilden	Saul Garrett
Head of Gascoigne	Connie Gascoyne
Head of Harcourt	Anna Withey
Head of Queen Anne	Ewan Johnson
Head of Swift	Mattias Athwal
Head of Vanbrugh	George Halle

Inter-House Drama

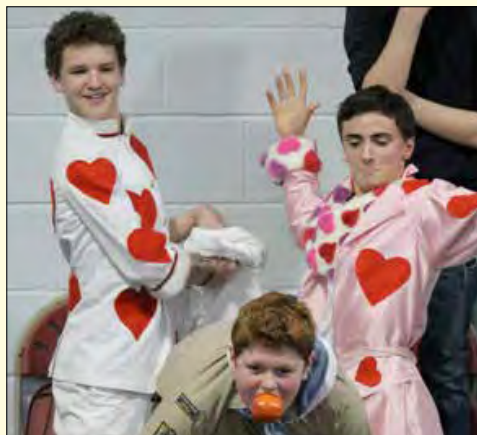
The theme for this year's Inter-House Drama competition, held on St Valentine's Day, was Love - one of the most common themes in creative arts.

As usual, the Cokethorpe pupils created some extremely impressive and entertaining drama which was shared with the whole School and four external judges in the Sports Hall.

The visiting judges this year were Katie Ebner-Landy, Molly Brown and Hannah Hurley – all from Oxford University Dramatic Society with a plethora of dramatic achievements between them. They were joined by Robin Colyer, Artistic Director of Flintlock Theatre and Founder of the Oxford Academy of Performing Arts.

All the ensemble pieces were written by the pupils themselves; the casting, directing, organising of rehearsals, procuring of costumes and props and of course the performing was entirely student led. Mr Heaney was the MC for the afternoon and ensured the proceedings ran smoothly. Technical help was provided by Mr Mullins, Laurence Lodge (Fifth Form, Vanbrugh) and Elliot Swancott (Upper First, Vanbrugh).

While the judges deliberated, the audience was treated to some musical interludes provided by The Books of Wonder which consists of Matthew Ellacott (Fourth Form, Feilden), Wilf Cartwright (Third Form, Queen Anne) and Jamie Langford (Fourth Form, Vanbrugh). Scarlett Howard (Upper First, Gascoigne) sang *Cry me a River* and Cate De Buriatte Moglia (Fifth Form, Harcourt) sang *Songbird*.



Lower House Swimming Trip

The vast majority of Lower House pupils visited the Oasis Leisure Centre for an evening of fun on the slides, flumes and riding the waves. The group included ten Sixth Form students who generously gave up their time to accompany the trip.

Hannah King (Lower First, Harcourt) said that the best part of the trip was going down the hydro-slides and being sprayed by the water cannon!



Inter-House Soccer

The Senior School boys undertook a very competitive and enjoyable series of Inter-House Soccer matches. The three age groups results were added together to produce a combined mark for each House. The individual groups were Lower House, Third and Fourth Form, and the Fifth and Sixth Form combined. Penalty shoot outs and fine goalkeeping made a significant difference to the group stages and final results produced a close competition.



Inter-House Netball

The Senior School Inter-House Netball competition was met with great enthusiasm from our Senior girls. The House Captains organised their players to ensure they were warmed up and fully prepared for the task ahead. Fortunately the weather held off to allow for a fun filled afternoon of netball. Each year the standard of netball improves at Cokethorpe and it was truly wonderful to see the different age groups working so brilliantly together. Congratulations to Gascoigne for winning the Senior competition and being crowned Inter-House Netball Champions 2014.

The following day saw the Lower House pupils take to the court to do their part for their House.

Despite the treacherous weather conditions of hail, thunder, lightening and torrential rain, this did not stop pupils displaying an excellent level of netball. Congratulations to Harcourt who did not lose a match to clinch the Lower House Inter-House Champions 2014 title.



Inter-House Netball

Lower House Competition:

- 1st: Harcourt
- 2nd: Gascoigne
- 3rd: Vanbrugh
- 4th: Swift
- 5th: Feilden
- 6th: Queen Anne

Senior Competition:

- 1st: Gascoigne
- 2nd: Swift
- 3rd: Queen Anne
- 4th: Vanbrugh
- 5th: Harcourt
- 6th: Feilden

Overall:

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

Inter-House Soccer

- =1st: Feilden
- =1st: Swift
- 3rd: Gascoigne
- 4th: Queen Anne
- 5th: Harcourt
- 6th: Vanbrugh

Ashes Cup Winners

The Ashes Cup is presented on a fortnightly basis to the Lower House tutor group that wins the most points for the number of recommendations they receive. This term the winning tutor groups (and the dates awarded) were:

Lower First Vanbrugh	17 January
Lower First Vanbrugh	31 January
Upper First Feilden	14 February
Lower First Vanbrugh	7 March
Lower First Vanbrugh	21 March

Most Recommendations

Lower First:
Ella Dalton (Swift)
Neve Macken (Vanbrugh)

Upper First:
George Williams (Vanbrugh)

Third Form:
Ollie Kerton (Gascoigne)

Fourth Form:
Elizabeth Allen (Vanbrugh)

Fifth Form:
James Bennett (Swift)

Lower Sixth:
Charlotte Dewhurst (Feilden)

Upper Sixth:
Holly Keylock (Feilden)
Chris Hutchinson (Queen Anne)

Overall Winner:
Ella Dalton (Swift)
Neve Macken (Vanbrugh)

House Winner:
Vanbrugh

Cokethorpe Parents' Association

CPA Committee

Chair: Catherine Christensen
Vice-Chairs: Kirsteen Fellows
Sara Knox
Secretary: Adi Hughes
Treasurer: Flynn Reid

Members: Damian Ettinger
Victor Faria
Julie Grime
Nick Moglia
Sarah Plumridge
Clare Priestley-Smith
Hannah Wharton
Louise Wightman
Catherine Mason

The CPA Committee meets once a month at 8.00pm in the Corinthian Room. They are always keen to welcome new members and if you are interested in joining please get in touch. There are many people who prefer not to join a committee but are willing to volunteer their help at specific events. A list of such 'helpers' is kept and the Committee is always grateful to hear from anyone willing to join it. Please email catherine@o-a-c.co.uk.

CPA Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday during term time from 8.30am to 9.15am in Cuppa.

New and existing parents are invited to socialise over hot refreshments during the Summer Term, commencing Tuesday 29 April 2014.



Burns Night

On Friday 24 January, the CPA hosted yet another successful Burns Night celebration. Guests arrived to the wonderful sounds of the piper and entered the dining room, beautifully decorated with flowers arranged by Mrs Fellows.

After the Selkirk Grace delivered by Mrs Hughs, Mr Ozgur Cavus carried the haggis in, escorted by the piper Mr Logue, who gave a great rendition of Address to a Haggis. A delicious dinner of haggis, tatties and neeps starter, followed by lamb, chocolate mousse, and cheese and biscuits fuelled everyone for dancing.

After dinner Mr Faria gave the first speech, *A Toast to the Lassies*, with the response on behalf of the lassies being given by Mrs Christensen. Then the dancing began to the excellent London-based band, Ceilidh Generation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their evening.

Forthcoming CPA Events



Summer Ball

The event will take place in the School grounds and the evening will commence with a drinks reception at 7.15pm on the beautiful lawns accompanied by a harpist. This will be followed by a four course meal served in the marquee. The evening will be rounded off with entertainment from a live band and a disco, with carriages at 12.45am. The cost of the evening will be £65.00 if booked before the Summer half term or £75.00 after this point. Please contact the Box Office for further details on 01993 892338. The Summer Ball will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year at Cokethorpe. We hope you can join us on what promises to be a very memorable and enjoyable evening.



Quiz Night

The Cokethorpe Parents' Association Quiz on Saturday 8 March saw teams of parents, staff and friends battling it out to be 2014 champions. Teams pitched their general knowledge against each other with the victors being 'You've Been Krained'. Delicious fish and chips were served during the break to keep everyone fuelled. The evening provided a good mix of testing the grey matter and having a good social night out with friends.

Special thanks go to Mr and Mrs Murrin for all their hard work in preparing the quiz, and particularly to our quiz master Mr Murrin who has done a fantastic job in this role for the last 3 years.

The CPA would like to thank Mr and Mrs Fellows for ferrying boxes of fish and chip suppers from Witney. Thanks also go to Mrs Fellows and Mr Christensen for running the bar, the Maintenance Team for their help and The Box Office for managing bookings.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

The CPA would be very grateful if you could donate any second hand uniform in good condition to support this event. It is important that items donated are current school uniform as shown on the School Blazer website. Items including blazers, trousers, skirts, tracksuits and other sports kit can be brought to the CPA coffee mornings or brought into school and left in either the Senior School Office or the Junior School Office. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 24 June.

Rover Oxford Hockey Festival

'The Rover Oxford Hockey Festival is now in its 22nd year and is played in the Easter Holidays in the magnificent grounds of Cokethorpe School. The festival, which has been at the School since 2007, is held for Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14 age groups. The typical format of games is fast and furious with 12 minute, 7-a-side matches on half a pitch with finals to decide the winners and runners-up. The festival attracts over 600 children from all over the UK, with regular visitors from Holland.'

Nick Malden, Festival Chair

Adventure Plus

'AdventurePlus (A+), based in Witney, works with over 5,000 children and young people each year in Oxfordshire and across the UK. We provide four distinct approaches to adventure youth work and outdoor education including multi-activity holidays for children from 8-12 and teens. We were so grateful to Cokethorpe School for allowing us to bring children from our Easter Adventure Holiday down to Cokethorpe to use the climbing wall. This felt very like coming home for A+ as we based our first adventure holidays from Cokethorpe back in the days when it was still a boarding school. You can find out more at www.adventureplus.org.'

Jon Cox, Executive Director



Wider Community

This term the School has continued to support a number of local groups, associations and sports clubs including:

- Standlake Beavers, Scouts and Explorers
- Wychwood Hockey Club
- Oxfordshire Science Festival
- Shipton Cricket Club
- Witney Swift Cricket Club
- Langford Cricket Club

Abdabs

'Abdabs is an amateur Youth and Community Theatre based in Witney. We work on all aspects of the performance arts arena including acting, voice, singing, movement, dance, technical production such as sound and lighting, filming, stage combat and backstage roles and techniques. We work with ages four years to adults. We recently performed *Disco Inferno*, a devilishly comedy musical, with our Adult and Seniors group in The Shed with much thanks to Cokethorpe School. The cast and the audience had a fantastic time. We are very grateful to Cokethorpe School for allowing us to use The Shed for a couple of our performances. Without this we would be unable to give our young people and adults the opportunity to perform using the skills we train them in. For more information please visit www.abdabs-yt.co.uk.'

Debbie Ruth, Principal Director

New Developments

Annual Fund 2014

The Annual Fund is an appeal made each year to every member of the Cokethorpe community to help support a selection of worthwhile and achievable projects that provide immediate, tangible benefits. The projects are designed to enhance, enrich and broaden the educational development and experience of school for all our pupils and help set Cokethorpe apart from other schools.

The Annual Fund 2013 raised a grand total (including Gift Aid) of £162,000. Thank you to our generous and dedicated supporters who have made the Annual Fund such an incredible success. We hope, with your support, that we can build on this success and make the Annual Fund 2014 our most successful year to date. For the Annual Fund 2014, we have selected the following projects:

- Student Radio Station
- Red Telephone Box Book Exchange
- Outdoor Production Staging
- Hymn Books for the Chapel
- Bursaries and Hardship Fund

Please do get in touch with the Foundation Office if you wish to discuss making a gift. Everyone at Cokethorpe is extremely grateful for your help.

Thank you for supporting us.



Governors' Dinner

The annual Governors' Dinner was held on Tuesday 18 March. Governors, their partners and the Senior Management Team were treated to a short musical performance of songs from *Oh! What a Lovely War!* sung by Jacob Yolland (Upper Sixth, Gascoigne) and a delicious dinner, that also marked the departure of three long serving and dedicated governors. Both Glynne Butt and Anthony Burdall have given nine years' service and were present on the evening. Unfortunately John Bond Smith who also gave nine years' service could not attend. In his speech of thanks, the Chairman spoke of his gratitude for their support and wisdom over the years. Warwick Daniels and his wife Jane were also invited to attend in recognition of Warwick's long term commitment to Cokethorpe. Warwick is retiring in the Summer after 32 years at Cokethorpe.

Mansion Works

On Monday 31 March 2014 work commenced on renovating the external building façade of the Mansion. The first stage is due to be completed by 30 June 2014 and will be finished and looking splendid in time for Prize Giving.

Turning Back the Pages

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

20 Years Ago (1994)

It was vital that the inaugural Cokethorpe Rugby Club Tour to Holland was a success and thankfully it proved to be so, beyond our wildest expectations. We were accommodated in a plush business conference centre. It was an ideal place to stay and relax after a gruelling days rugby, with its' 1000 rooms, swimming pool, sauna, squash courts.....

25 Years Ago (1989)

The end of January meant once again that Cokethorpe was engulfed in cross-country fever. However, the usual feelings of forthcoming pain and torture were somewhat mitigated by the prospect of a new, flat and more interesting course at Hardwick Leisure Park.

30 Years Ago (1984)

In the not too distant future Computer Studies and/or Programming must appear on the timetable at some stage for every pupil. Every future school leaver should be conversant with the computer keyboard and have at least some understanding of the computer's capabilities and influence on society.

35 Years Ago (1979)

The cricket report usually opens with a general broadside against the inclemency of the elements. If anything the conditions were more inhospitable than in previous years. In fact we dripped and shivered through the second wettest and fourth coldest Spring this century; it snowed in May and hailed in June.

40 Years Ago (1974)

The Boat Club - Our wonderful new 'launch' bucked in mid-stream, threw the driver on to the hand throttle and crashed into a cruiser at speed, cutting one of the hulls in two. An exciting rescue operation saved the engine from damage but repair work is still going on to the superstructure.

45 Years Ago (1969)

Cokethorpe Park Menagerie. The old greenhouse in the market garden was converted into a private zoo and the idea of having animals at Cokethorpe was born.

50 Years Ago (1964)

The Cokethorpe Society played their three 'fixtures'. The rugby match was played doggedly in blinding rain and nobody is quite sure of the score, though all agree that the Old Boys were trounced.

Diary of a Cokethorpe Boy 1960 - 1963

We are very grateful to OC David Evans for sending us the diary he kept whilst he was a pupil at Cokethorpe from 1960 - 1963. It gives a fascinating insight into everyday life at Cokethorpe School and is illustrated with photographs. Some extracts are printed below.

4 May 1960 - Age 14. Came to Cokethorpe for the first time.

14 July - Today was supposed to be the end of the world! Ha! Ha! Went rowing in a four. No television in the evening.

7 Feb 1961 - No games so rode into Ducklington. Went to see Mr Allen about joining the Navy. Almost knocked myself out on a wall in the outer courtyard when playing with Maxwell.

20 Feb - A nice day, games OK. Had a letter. Everyone said BOO! in supper because there wasn't any more bread and we all had half an hour detention.

24 March - My birthday (aged 15). Had lots of letters. Played with Spears. Watched some films shown by the police on road safety.

5 July - Went rowing and had compliments from my crew for going through the bridge. Athletics in the evening.

20 Nov - Went to see the crashed plane at Stanton Aerodrome. A bit of blood. It happened yesterday, three were killed.

8 Feb 1962 - Played rugger. Failed in History test. Buchner went down with flu. There are about eighteen boys down with it now. Not me, touch wood.

24 Feb - Had a clarinet lesson. A fire was started in the dorm.

25 Feb - We were in trouble about the fire. We went to Mr Allen who did not punish us. The film was *Ghost Train*.

6 May - Went canoeing with Andy, Jock, Pete and co. Came down the rapids with Webb. Got soaked. No film show.

26 Sept - Bought a miniature Perdio Radio for eight and a half guineas (they are forbidden in school!).

14 Oct - Took David out. We went to Benson and then to the aerodrome where we drove. The starter broke and when we fixed it we went to The Fleece for lunch.

8 Dec - The weather was very wet and we were meant to go for a run. I got Emmerson to tick my name off and watched the television instead.

29 Jan 1963 - This morning I helped clean the brass. At 2.30pm I changed and washed but couldn't find a collar stud so we bought one as we went through Cirencester.

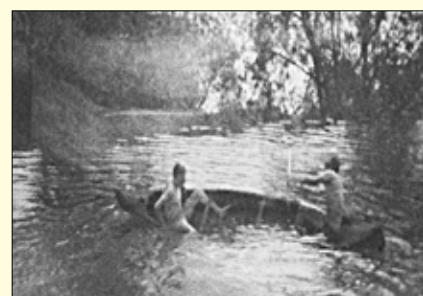
10 Feb - Freezing again and a blizzard. We set out on our bikes for the frozen gravel pits where in the summer we swim. I borrowed Gillman's ice skates and once I got started I was dragged across the lake behind a bicycle.

21 March - After lunch we rehearsed the play in the Corinthian Room.

26 March - There was a dress rehearsal this afternoon. We left at 2pm and changed in the dressing room. The scenery had not been painted and it was pretty chaotic with stage hands walking around.

30 March - The play went well, but Willesden who plays Sir Andrew did not arrive until 7.35pm and we were worried. We celebrated the final performance with cider.

13 May - Lunch consisted of two thin slices of corned beef and a dollop of mashed potato followed by stodge and custard.



Elisha Evans

OC Elisha Evans (2013, Swift), a former Cokethorpe Sports Award Holder, has been selected for the U16 England Girls Hockey team. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish Elisha all the best in her new found international status. At club level, Elisha also represents the Oxford Hawks.



Ethan Bosse

OC Ethan Bosse (2013, Vanbrugh), a former Captain of Shooting at Cokethorpe, has been elected as the Men's Shooting Captain at the University of Nottingham. Ethan will be joining Mr Daniels and fellow OCs Charles von Hoven (2013, Vanbrugh) and Jordan Gillies (2010, Feilden) at the National Shooting Championships in Buckinghamshire on Saturday 10 May.



Zoe Shipperley

Former Cokethorpe Sports Technician and Administrative Assistant Zoe Shipperley (2012-2013) won her first Great Britain Hockey cap on Tuesday 11 February. Zoe has been in San Diego with the rest of the Great Britain squad at the USA Olympic Training Centre taking part in a warm weather training camp. Zoe's international debut was against New Zealand in a game that Great Britain won 2-1.



Society Events

Society Sports Festival Weekend

This is always a popular event but it needs volunteers to participate. Please see the list of sports, dates and times below and contact Nicole Rolfe using the details at the bottom of the page to register your interest.

Friday 27 June, 17.45pm - 21.30pm
Cricket

Saturday 28 June, 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Hockey
Soccer
Netball
Clay Pigeon Shooting

If you would rather come and watch than take part, please let Nicole Rolfe know so she can plan accordingly.

Reunion Dinner

Saturday 28 June, 6.30pm – 10.00pm

This year the dinner will be open to all Cokethorpeans from any era. Partners are also welcome. Why not make up a table?

If you left Cokethorpe in 2011, 2012 or 2013 the school will pay for your meal. For all other Cokethorpeans, partners and other guests, the cost is £20 per person. This includes a welcome drink and wine with the meal. Dress code is smart (no jeans). Please contact Nicole Rolfe at the Foundation Office by Friday 13 June at the latest to purchase your ticket.

If you are interested in getting a minibus from School to either the centre of Witney or Oxford, please contact the Foundation Office to book your place and state your destination. Seat reservations MUST be booked in advance (transport will be free).

Calling all 1987 and 1988 Leavers

OC Ian Ogborn (1987, Queen Anne) has organised a reunion for 1987 and 1988 leavers in Witney on the weekend of the 4 and 5 of October 2014. Roughly 30 OCs are coming to Witney, from as far afield as Greece and America! Ian would love to hear from any leavers in 1987 or 1988. Please contact him directly on logi@btopenworld.com.

We welcome all OCs to organise their own reunions. If you would like to visit the School please contact Nicole Rolfe in the first instance to discuss your plans.

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Lost Cokethorpeans 1981

Can you help us find the following Lost Cokethorpeans who left in 1981?

Richard Beaty
Richard Choynowski
Graham Clarke
Stephen Clent
Adam Connolly
John Dixon
Andres Fernandez-Salvador
Andrew Foster
Andrew Gow
Richard Gregory
Ahmed Hammouri

Mark Harris
James Houlden
Siamak Iran
Farzan Irvani
Daniel Kanza
Gregory Kent-Coward
David Martindale
David Martineau
Sebastian Miller
David Moore
Steen Muller

Babak Nazari
Philip Pearson
Simon Reah
William Rouse
Andrew Ruffell
James Sellick
David Smith
Andrew Tee
Keith Vickers



New Zealand Reunion

Martin Lockwood (OC 1959) recently travelled to New Zealand to visit fellow OCs Richard Peirce (1960) and Barry Brothers (1957). Richard Peirce, now living in Marton, North Island, was Cokethorpe's first Head Boy and also attended The College of the Resurrection in Mirfield where our founding Headmaster also studied. Richard is a former District Councillor in New Zealand and currently a church organist.

Barry Brothers is now living in Hamilton, North Island. Both Barry and Richard send their best wishes to all old boys who may remember them and to the School.

Ave Atque Valet

Miss P Allard (Business Studies)

'Upon graduating from Loughborough University I travelled around Australia. I continued studying upon my return and qualified in Manchester. I have taught in many schools before commencing my previous post in Whitley Bay High School in the North East. I had a very fulfilling experience there, however was keen to relocate and experience a new school. I am very excited about my post here at Cokethorpe. Outside of school I am a keen swimmer and regularly train and compete. I also like reading, socialising and listening to music.'



Mr D Holder (Physical Education)

'Having qualified in Sport Science and PE I taught in Newcastle before joining the RAF as a Physical Education Officer. My roles included being the Officer Commanding the Parachute Training School at Brize Norton and the School for Exercise Rehabilitation Instructors at Headley Court where I also gained an MSc in Sports Therapy from the University of Kent. On leaving the military I coached rugby at Cokethorpe, worked as a Sports Therapist and lectured at university before taking up a full-time position at Cokethorpe. I enjoy a range of sports; supporting all Gloucestershire teams, as well as enjoying the theatre.'



Mr A Lamb (Music)

Mr Andrew Lamb joined us in September as Director of Music. A former Organ Scholar at Trinity College Cambridge he had a strong interest in choral music and ambitious plans for developing this at Cokethorpe. Unfortunately illness meant that he had to leave Cokethorpe during the Lent Term and he plans to take a break from teaching whilst he concentrates on his health. We all wish him a speedy recovery and every good wish for the future.



Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Marchbank who married Andy Peace in the Cokethorpe Chapel on Saturday 15 February.



Congratulations to Miss Maskell on the arrival of Josie Laura Pollard born Monday 16 December 2013. Pictured here with a proud big sister.



Congratulations to Mr Bown and wife Jessica on the arrival of twins Otto John and Luca Edward born on Friday 14 March.



On 25 January Mr Elkin-Jones and his wife Emma celebrated the baptism of daughter Ania Elkin-Jones in the Cokethorpe Chapel.



Congratulations to Mr Capel on the arrival of Rory Callum Capel born on Thursday 27 February in Reading. Pictured here with brother Daniel.



Congratulations to Mrs Ringham on the arrival of Busby Ernest Beer born Saturday 8 February 2014.



Open Evening

Tuesday 13 May: 4.30pm – 6.30pm

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. All welcome.

Headmaster's Addresses:

5.00pm and 5.30pm

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

Contact Information

Headmaster

Email correspondence with Mr Ettinger (dje@cokethorpe.org) is particularly welcomed during the Headmaster 'Live' hour (8.00pm – 9.00pm, on the first Monday of each month during term time). At other times please contact the Headmaster's Secretary (01993 892325 or hmsec@cokethorpe.org).

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