



THE OCELLUS

The termly newsletter of our school

Peter Cranham MA (Cantab)



The unexpected death of Peter Cranham (1950-2006) on Thursday 23 November 2006 has deprived the School of one of its most gifted teachers. Over the past 30 years, he demonstrated his breadth of scholarship, zest for learning and perceptive appreciation of the needs of his students, and for many his classes were the high point of their studies. From the countless letters received since Peter's death, comments from past pupils serve to sum up the collective thoughts and feelings of the community:

'For me and many of my friends, Mr Cranham has stood for years as the shining exemplar of everything admirable about Cokethorpe and the intellectual life: love of books, wide curiosity, immense learning, intellectual probity and courage, respect for each individual and, above all, devotion to his subject and his students... we shall not see his likes again.'

'Mr Cranham was the first teacher I encountered at Cokethorpe School and the teacher that inspired me, and so many of his other students, to become a teacher. Of course, we admired his immense learning and his devotion to his subject and to us. But perhaps his influence came, most of all, through his faith in our ability to inquire and to understand, which, in turn, enabled us to have faith and confidence in ourselves.'

Peter was not only a brilliant teacher but his dedication to liberal education had a broad and deep impact on the lives of his students beyond the classroom.

The Headmaster



ROUND UP

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The School Shop Product List

Girls Blazer
 Boys Blazer
 Boys Grey Bermuda Shorts
 Boys Morning Stripe Trousers
 Mid Grey Elastic Back Trousers
 Grey Junior Girls Trousers
 White Long Sleeved Shirts - 2 (Boys)
 White Short Sleeved Shirts - 2 (Boys)
 White Twin Pack Blouses (Girls)
 White Short Sleeved Blouses - 2 (Girls)
 Girls A-Line Skirt
 Girls Junior Skirt
 Girls Inverted Pleat Skirt
 Navy Junior Pullover
 Pullover
 Girls Cardigan
 Copeland Winter Coat
 Mid Grey 3¼ Socks (Boys)
 Grey Short Socks Twin Pack (Boys)
 Grey Ankle Socks (Boys)
 Grey Mens Socks (Boys)
 Charcoal Socks 5 Pack (Boys)
 Navy Tights, Single and Twin Pack (Girls)
 70 Denier Black Tights Twin Pack (Girls)
 Navy Opaque Tights (Girls)
 House Ties and Colours Ties
 School Scarf
 Backpack
 White School Polo Shirt
 Gold Cotton Polo Shirt
 Navy Gym Shorts (Girls)
 Navy Cycle Shorts (Girls)
 White PE Shorts (Boys)
 White PE Shorts Longer Length (Boys)
 Hockey Skirt (Girls)
 Navy PE Skirt (Girls)
 Rugby Shirt (Boys)
 Rugby Shorts (Boys)
 White Sports Socks Twin Pack
 Hockey/Rugby Socks
 Navy Swimtrunks
 Junior Waterproof Suit
 Tracksuit Bottoms
 Tracksuit Top
 Windbreaker
 Royal Stripe Dress (Girls, Summer)
 Summer Blouse
 Cricket Trousers with Navy Trim
 Cricket Shirt with Navy Trim
 Mouthguards
 Rugby Headguard
 Kicking Tees
 Shin Pads/Ankle Protectors/Shin Guards
 Navy Scrunchies and Ponios
 Swim Goggles

Website and prices available from
www.frank-harrison.co.uk/cokethorpe

Front Cover:
Whole School Open Morning



The School Shop

The beautifully fitted out School Shop in the Round House, run by the retailers Frank Harrison, is now firmly established as the supplier of School Uniform and other essential items (see list opposite).

School Prayer and Hymn Book

Towards the end of the Summer Term it was proposed that a School prayer book should be put together. Under Miss Townsend's guidance, staff and pupils suggested prayers, and pupils submitted

some they had written themselves. In order to combine this with a hymnal, a list of well-known hymns was suggested by Mr Henderson and others. At the same time the Headmaster was visited by a representative of Gresham Books (a respected local publisher of school prayer books and hymnals) and the cover, logo and typeset were chosen. Before the end of term, in record time, the book had been finalised, and by the beginning of the Michaelmas Term they were ready for use.



Teachers' French Exchange

Over the May bank holiday weekend, 12 intrepid members of staff (principally Department of Modern Languages) visited Argentan in Normandy. This was part of a much-promised reciprocal exchange with teachers from Collège Jeanne d'Arc, the school with which Cokethorpe arranges pupil exchanges. After travelling overnight on the ferry as foot passengers (with no cabins!) they were met at 7.30am by their hosts and, bleary-eyed, whisked off for a revitalising breakfast. They then became true tourists, visiting Caen and its castle on the first day and Monet's garden at Giverny the next day, which was much enjoyed despite the pouring rain. A first



class dinner was held in their honour at the school, where two Cokethorpe members of staff are rumoured to have provided an impromptu but impressive vocal cabaret.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Holmes who was married to Adam Souter on the 19 August at Friars Court, Clanfield. The Cokethorpe umbrellas came in very handy in the poor weather!



ACADEMIC

Pre-test

Demand for places has reached record levels. An innovation this term has been a 'pre-test' day for those applying to Year 9, to help establish at an early stage whether they will be joining the School. The first pre-test attracted pupils from a wide range of Prep Schools who enjoyed a day of lessons, interviews, assessments and challenging things to do devised by the Director of Studies.



Examinations

Unlike many schools, at Cokethorpe Year 11 pupils sit mock examinations in November. Whilst this is early in the year the impetus that it provides to study habits and the information that it provides to inform teaching decisions are invaluable. The Year 11 pupils

are also grateful that they do not have the spectre of January examinations looming over their Christmas festivities. Results of their seven days' hard labour are available in the first week of the Lent Term, when the run-up to the summer session can begin in earnest.



Geographical Association World Wise Regional Quiz

Three budding Year 11 geographers took part in a regional quiz in November. Alex Mayhew, Simon Atkinson and Charlie Bennett answered challenging questions ranging from the landforms in Kazakhstan to the nationality of the world's leading ping-pong player. The team performed extremely well, coming fourth overall and beating Radley and the European School.



Scholars' Evening

The new scholars put together an enjoyable and offbeat evening as their welcome into the Corinthian Society of Scholars. The challenge was to do something different; Charlie Krol (All Round) hosted a night's filming at a television studio and Darrell Porter (Drama) presented 'The Darrell Show', before the after-show buffet in the Mansion House. Others were camera technicians, musicians and cue-board holders - a fun evening that showed off the scholars' talents.

ISCO Profiling

Profiling in Year 11 took place to look at the individuals' different aptitudes; tests involved thinking hard, thinking quickly and writing quickly. Career suggestions followed, assisting with subject choices, identifying preferred learning styles and highlighting potential.

ISCO and Futurewise

ISCO is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 1973 to provide careers education and guidance for young people. They have a long history of helping member schools implement the highest professional standards.

Futurewise is ISCO's personalised careers guidance and planning service, delivered in partnership with schools. It provides support and developmental tools to help students make important decisions about higher education and employment. Futurewise provides each young member with personalised guidance and support services from enrolment to their 23rd birthday.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are an invaluable way of giving feedback about pupils' progress. Each year group has one parents' meeting per year. Honest and straightforward feedback is provided and pupils are welcome to attend.

Michaelmas Term 2006

Thursday 7 September
Lower Sixth Parents' Guide to Sixth Form
Tuesday 12 September
Year 10 YELLIS Assessments
Thursday 14 September
Year 10 Parents' Guide to GCSE
Tuesday 26 September
Year 11 Work Experience Evening
Tuesday 3 October
Year 11 Options for Sixth Form Evening
Monday 30 October
Sixth Form Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 November
Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening
Week beginning 20 November
Year 11 Mock Examinations

Lent Term 2007

Thursday 11 January
Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 23 January
Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thursday 8 February
Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 February
Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 15 March
Lower Sixth Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20 March
Careers Convention (Years 9-13)

Senior Maths Challenge

Joint Best in School and Silver Awards:
Deon Yip and Jessica Williamson

Silver Awards:
Erica Jennison
Amy Minch
Edward Le Coyte

Bronze Awards:
Tom Gay
Tikki Chung
Thomas Mcloone
Sophie Russell

ACADEMIC CONTINUED

Work Experience Presentations

Prizes awarded:

Best Diary: Josephine Pilling, Vanbrugh
(Parkwood Veterinary Group)

Runner up: Michael Staples, Swift
(Renault F1 Team)

Best Review: Edward Brooks, Feilden
(University of Oxford
Physics Department)

Runner up: Peter Kruip, Swift
(Cozart)

Languages

English is ranked top of the list by the number of sovereign countries in which it is the official language (51 countries). However, taking into account population and number of native speakers the top five most widely spoken languages in the world are as follows:

- 1 Mandarin Chinese (1051m)
- 2 English (510m)
- 3 Hindi (490m)
- 4 Spanish (425m)
- 5 Arabic (255m)

Kilimanjaro Talk



Suzi Smith, from Blake, Laphorn & Linell Solicitors, gave an illustrated talk on 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro' to the Year 10 Geography students. The late and much loved Mr Cranham

described her as a good role model - 'something like Lara Croft, professional, intelligent and adventurous'.

Mandarin

In recognition of its growing role as an international business language, Mandarin is now part of the curriculum for all Year 7 pupils. Miss So runs an exciting course intended to give pupils an introduction to this fascinating language - both written and spoken - and to Chinese culture. In addition a group of parents have taken advantage of the Headmaster's offer and are facing a whiteboard on a Thursday afternoon

in order to secure a basic understanding of this language of the future. A number of the Sixth Form students have also seized this opportunity. It is hoped that teaching of the language may expand in years to come.

Work Experience Presentations

The evening was an opportunity for the now Year 11 pupils to recognise the value of their work experience last year and to receive a certificate from Mrs Fenton. Parents and employers also attended, photographs of pupils in their placements were displayed, there was an address by the Headmaster and cheese and wine was enjoyed by all.



THE SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Responsibilities

Head of School Erica Jennison
Deputy Heads of School Kate Ferrier
Deon Yip

Head of Feilden Lena Beardsell
Head of Gascoigne Tom Burpitt
Head of Harcourt Kate Ferrier
Head of Queen Anne Eleanor James
Head of Swift Lucy Jezzard
Head of Vanbrugh Andrew Stallard
Student Counsellor Sarah Walton
Junior School Prefects Fay Davidson
Dominic Hagues

School Prefects Rubehn Enjily
Patrick Grant
Alex Sayers
Oliver Berger

UCAS Statistics

In 2005/2006:

- 2,285,596 applications
- 522,155 applicants
- 405,369 accepted
- 342,765 via main scheme
- 28,795 through Clearing

City Challenge Day

In keeping with the major changes for the Sixth Form at Cokethorpe it was felt that a new innovative Induction Day was called for. City Challenge certainly provided that! The students were divided into ten teams which had to tackle a series of challenges against the clock, deciphering clues and discovering little known facts about the city of Oxford. A prize-giving ceremony at Exeter College at the end of the day saw medals being awarded to the winners.

Options Evening

Year 11 pupils and external candidates gathered to hear about life after GCSEs.



A Level Drama Performances

In November, the A Level Theatre Studies students performed 'Iraq - Secrets and Lies', a powerful and controversial presentation exploring the pro and anti-war arguments. The performance utilised the multi-media opportunities now available in The Shed. It was a moving, informative and sometimes shocking piece of drama that included war songs, poetry, true life accounts of soldiers, prisoners, politicians and civilians as well as images of war.

Business Sponsorship Scheme

An exciting new initiative, offering Sixth Form sponsorship awards, was launched in November.

Christmas Celebrations

The Sixth Form celebrated Christmas with a shopping trip to London and a dinner at Smollensky's in Oxford.

Year 13 Pitts River Museum

Art A Level students visited this unique and inspirational museum in Oxford.

THE SIXTH FORM

Biology Trip to South Devon

The A Level Biologists' annual pilgrimage to Slaptonley involved intensive study of the local environment. Saturday was devoted to studying Slapton's famous gravel bar, followed on Sunday by a competition study of some of the surrounding terrestrial and aquatic organisms. Once again this was a highly enjoyable and productive trip.

Law Trip to London

At New Bridge Street Chambers the A2 Law students had an excellent talk by Mrs Todner (criminal solicitor) and Mrs Nadine Radford QC, a criminal barrister and Recorder Judge. They then visited



the Old Bailey for a murder trial and the Royal Courts of Justice for a criminal appeal case on money laundering. It was a most exciting day, making the law come alive.

Photography and Art Trip

In November 15 students visited the Hayward Gallery in London as part of their A Level studies. They were met with an armchair suspended in the centre, its contents flowing to the ground, around it were similar works with strange and surreal ideas, making the whole exhibition into a crazy world of art. The next stop was The National Portrait Gallery, showing more traditional art, with big halls and classic paintings with oil on canvas. Photography students benefited from an exhibition on portraits.

Sixth Form Facilities

This term, the Sixth Formers have thoroughly enjoyed the privileges of the Costa Coffee and Sixth Form facilities.



Politics Conferences

Politics students joined around 500 others at two conferences in London, at which they saw many well-known faces.

Geography Lectures

The Year 13 geographers attended two prestigious lectures, one 'The Impact of Glaciers and Ice Sheets on Britain' and the other 'Are Slums the Future Face of Cities? - Monsters in the Closet'. The latter was an eye-opening account of the horrendous living conditions in the increasing number of slums worldwide - in a slum next to a sugar factory people threw food into the streets to keep the rats (as big as cats) outside, and slept in hammocks.



Prefects' Ice Skating

An impromptu ice-skating trip to Oxford, following a Monday prefects' meeting, was highly entertaining.

The Winter's Tale

Some Sixth Form students spent two weeks 'paddling palms and pinching fingers' and generally telling tales - just as the first major scene of Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* tells them to do - a coursework text for AS English Literature. They were aided in this seasonal merriment by workshops from Oxford's Tomahawk Theatre Company, a group of academics, professionals and Cokethorpe's Gerrard Smith (Year 11, Swift). Students, staff and parents also saw the play at Stratford-upon-Avon, in the RSC's highly rated promenade version ('fine...witty', with an ending that 'prompts one to tears', Michael Billington, *The Guardian*). Both experiences proved illuminating.



The Golden Ratio

Think of any two numbers. Make a third by adding the first and second, a fourth by adding the second and third, and so on. When you have written down about 20 numbers, calculate the ratio of the last to the second from last. The answer should be close to 1.6180339887...

What's the significance of this number? It's the 'golden ratio' and, arguably, it crops up in more places in art, music and so on than any number except pi. Claude Debussy used it explicitly in his music and Le Corbusier in his architecture. There are claims the number was used by Leonardo da Vinci in the *Mona Lisa*, by the Greeks in the Parthenon and by ancient Egyptians in the Great Pyramid of Khufu.

What makes the golden ratio special is the number of mathematical properties it possesses. The golden ratio is the only number whose square can be produced simply by adding 1 and whose reciprocal by subtracting 1. If you take a golden rectangle (one whose length-to-breadth is in the golden ratio) and snip out a square, what remains is another, smaller golden rectangle.

The appeal of the divine proportion to the human eye and brain has been scientifically tested. Dozens of psychological tests, beginning with those of Gustav Fechner in the 19th century, have shown that, when subjects are presented with a range of rectangles, they invariably pick out as most pleasing ones whose sides are in the golden ratio.

But the most surprising thing is that a number deemed aesthetically pleasing by human beings also crops up in nature and science. Take the arrangement of leaves on the stem of a plant. As each new leaf grows, it does so at an angle offset from that of the leaf below. The most common angle between successive leaves is 137.5° - the golden angle. Why? Because $137.5 = 360 - 360/G$, where G is the golden ratio. Why does the golden ratio play a role in the arrangement of leaves? It's all down to the 'irrationality' of the number. Irrational numbers are ones that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two whole numbers - for instance, $5/2$.

The golden ratio also crops up in the hard sciences. Take the growth of 'quasi-crystals'. These have 'five-fold symmetry', which means they make a pattern that looks the same when rotated by multiples of one-fifth of 360. In the 1990s, physicists in Switzerland and the US imaged the microscopic terrain of the surface of such crystals. They found flat 'terraces' punctuated by abrupt vertical steps. The steps come in two predominant sizes. The ratio of the two step heights? The golden ratio!

(Extract from article in The Guardian 16.1.03)

THE ARTS

History of the Albert Hall

The Royal Albert Hall of Arts and Sciences is an arts venue dedicated to Queen Victoria's husband and consort, Prince Albert. It is situated in the South Kensington area of London.

The hall was originally to have been called The Central Hall of Arts and Sciences, but the name was changed by Queen Victoria when laying the foundation stone. It forms the practical part of a national memorial to the Prince Consort - the decorative part is the Albert Memorial directly to the north in Kensington Gardens, now separated from the Hall by the heavy traffic along Kensington Gore. The hall also accommodates the largest pipe organ in the UK, and is the home of The Proms.

www.royalalberthall.com

Tom Howard 'Home Again'

Tom Howard (Year 13, Swift) - a veteran of many Cokethorpe productions - is to appear in a pilot episode for a new BBC Drama - Home Again.

BBC Dramas

The British Broadcasting Corporation has been a producer and broadcaster of television drama since even before it had an officially established television broadcasting network in the United Kingdom. As with any major broadcast network, drama forms an important part of its schedule, with many of the BBC's top-rated programmes being from this genre.

From the 1950s through to the 1980s the BBC received much acclaim for the range and scope of its drama productions, producing series, serials and plays across a range of genres, from soap opera to science-fiction to costume drama, with the 1970s in particular being regarded as a critical and cultural high point in terms of the quality of dramas being produced.

Lunchtime Music Recitals

21 September: Vocal music, from Bach to Bernstein, by Miss Anderson.

5 October: Range of piano and vocal pieces by Year 12 Music students

23 November: Coursework performances by Year 11 GCSE candidates.

Textile Competition Winners

From over 40 entrants:

1st Charlotte Wenman (Year 9, Vanbrugh)
2nd Daisy Chilton-Murphy (Year 9, Gascogine)
3rd Amy Williams (Year 7, Swift)

Visits to the Albert Hall

The first of two trips was for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's 60th Anniversary Gala Concert, a performance of Mahler's 'Symphony of a Thousand'. The name reflects the enormous number of people involved - a 130-strong orchestra, five choirs, two brass bands, eight vocal soloists and the monumental Albert Hall organ. The music ranged from the barely audible to the staggering finale with all performers playing and singing at full volume - truly breathtaking.

Knife Culture

The GCSE Drama production in Year 11 involves a serious contemporary issue. This year 'knife culture' was chosen as it has been very much in the news recently. Next term the subject will be 'the dangers of drugs'.

Organ Recital

In November Cokethorpe's new Wyvern organ had its first major outing in an inaugural organ recital by Mr Harker. The programme was varied, from Bach and Brahms to Lefébure-Wély. Particular highlights, composed especially for the occasion by Mr Heaney, and warmly received, were 'Into Thy Hands' and 'November Blackspot'.



Another Turn of the Screw

The brass and string ensembles and haunting melodies of the chamber choir set the tone beautifully for the eerie magic of this end-of-term production. The play was adapted by Mr Theodorou from the original Henry James novel, the country house becoming Cokethorpe Park. It was a technically difficult play with several scenes in darkness or candlelight (but no less work for talented lighting technician Peter Small, Year 9). Congratulations to Lucy Jezard in Year 13 who took on the major role of the Governess with great aplomb.

Lunchtime Drama Recitals

The Year 8 Lunchtime Theatre Presentation is a new venture involving 22 students. As an introduction to Physical Theatre the students had

been working on creating 'Machines Not Yet Invented'. They devised ways of advertising their creations through improvisation, the performances including some hilarious and wonderful work including 'The Cowenator 3000', 'Sandwich-A-Licious', 'The Moo Burger 2000' and the 'Piggy Perfect' machine.

Textiles and Fashion Competition

Open to boys and girls in Years 7 to 9, the challenge was to make a wearable evening dress using a black dustbin bag, 1m of black netting, 1m of black cotton fabric and embellishments.



THE HOUSES

Inter-house Music Competition

The competition was most professional, adjudicated by Mr Tambling, Director of Music at Downside School. Overall winner: Swift (defeating Queen Anne, winner for past two years). Other winners; Solo voice, James Cull, Queen Anne; Piano solo, Lucy Jezzard, Swift; Instrumental soloist, Duncan Bruce, Vanbrugh; Group ensemble, Swift; House song, Harcourt; Ensemble, Swift; Best individual contribution, Luke Keegan, Feilden.



Inter-house Hockey and Rugby

The inter-house hockey competition took place on the excellent new Astroturf pitches and benefited enormously. There were two categories, Years 7-9 and Years 10-13, and after adding up all the points, Swift was declared the winners. On the rugby fields, Gascoigne were declared the inter-house rugby champions.

Vanbrugh Bowling

The evening started with a meal at Frankie and Benny's followed by competitive but good-natured bowling, with Nicholas Harvey the winner. (Note, Mrs Pratley and Mrs Copeland were not last!)



Crawford Relay

This year the course of the relay had to be changed due to the temporary Sixth Form centre blocking the way. 72 runners took part but the overall winners were Harcourt in a time of 10.32, with Swift, Vanbrugh, Gascoigne, Feilden and Queen Anne following respectively.



House Advent Services

The House Advent services were delivered with the usual seasonal spirit, and with the addition of the new organ, parents and pupils alike enjoyed the ambience. Mulled wine and mince pies made an excellent start to the evenings of traditional carols and readings.



Runners in Crawford Relay

Feilden:

Patricia Birmingham	Tom Biggs
Jessica O'Brien	Hannah Conlon
Teague Bond	Claire Hudson
Katja Beardsell	Charlie Simpson
Paris Banerjee	Susannah Goodhew
Charlie Bennett	Guy Biggs

Gascoigne:

Elspeth Saunders	Tom Burpitt
Matthew Wrigley	Emile Metcalfe
Jack Morton	Ella Craske
Jacob Wilson	Francesca Ellis
Alyce McNaughton	Noel O'Brien
Luciana Di Mascio	Joshua Poole

Harcourt:

Brin Gleeson	Jackson Curtis
Vicky Gibson	Gorgia Lisi
Jack Parker-Jones	William Bishop
Fran Ferrier	Sophia May
Hannah Gleeson	Freddie Curtis
Jamie Amer	Abi Cooper

Queen Anne:

Hope Boyd	Thomas Wells
Amy Gaertner	Aonghus Van Raalte
Paul Berry	Perri Game
Gurdeep Bhella	Olivia Plummer
Chris Constantine	Jacob Geekie
Marc Johnson	Hannah Brown

Swift:

Gabby Evans	Finn Dawkins
Nick Bridle	Marianne Pearson
Isabelle Evans	Richard Stevens
Abi Berger	James Cheal
Chris Lord	Sarah Bridle
Olliver Berger	Francesca Roberts

Vanbrugh:

Amy Minch	Rubehn Enjily
Anthony Green	Ellie Frearson
Danielle Couper	Max Rawlinson
Guy De Vos	Shona Stanley
Alex Wallace	Lydia Farrell
Katya Kustova	Rory Pickford

Junior Staff:

Glen the groundsman
Jan Rees
Chris Cook
Brett Gaertner
Mark O'Connor
Michael Cooper

Senior Staff:

David Williams
Andrew Uglow
Diane Jackson
Sadie Lapper
Andrew Purdie
Rebecca Jarrett

Recommendations

Year 7: Amy Williams (Swift)
Year 8: Abigail Rawle (Queen Anne)
Year 9: Caroline Jenkins (Queen Anne)
Year 10: Louise Ford (Swift)
Year 11: Simon Atkinson (Gascoigne)
Year 12: Alya Gutnkikova (Vanbrugh)
Year 13: Erica Jennison (Harcourt)

Overall winner: Abigail Rawle
House winner: Gascoigne

SPORT

Sports Results

This term has been the busiest ever at Cokethorpe with over 122 rugby and hockey matches played not including tournament matches. Both rugby and hockey had an overall win of 75%.

Colours Awarded

Half colours

Hockey: Amy Minch
Megan Hope
Rugby: Andrew Shellard
Patrick Grant
Oliver Berger
Tom Shellard

Full colours

Hockey: Fay Davidson
Kate Ferrier
Rugby: Rubehn Enjily
Henry Swailes
David Wells

First XI Hockey Squad

Kate Ferrier (captain)
Amy Minch (vice captain)
Joanne O'Neill
Fay Davidson
Megan Hope
Emily Landon
Hannah Brown
Clara Young
Charlotte Krol
Victoria Gibson
Francesca Roberts
Jessica O'Shea
Isobel Landon
Francesca Ferrier
Nicola Morris
Sarah Davey

First XV Rugby Squad

Rubehn Enjily (captain)
Tom Shellard (vice captain)
Chris Lord
Ollie Berger
Henry Swailes
Elliott Bennett
Jordon Tabor
Pat Grant
Andrew Stallard
Darrel Porter
Patrick Plummer
Robert James
Ben Neal
David Wells
Tom Biggs
Chris Cox
Tom De Vos
Josh Kim
Brin Gleeson
Marc Johnson
Jake Geekie

Sri Lanka Sports Tour - Fundraising Dates

Race Night	3 February
Golf Day	19 April
Fundraising Dinner	12 May

Hockey

The first season of hockey after the introduction of the two new Astroturf pitches has been very successful. The girls have spent considerably more time training and playing which has had a positive effect on the results of the fixtures.

Each team has played an average of 7 fixtures against local schools and nearly all teams represented Cokethorpe in North Oxfordshire Tournaments.

The Year 7 team managed to win every game in their pool in the North Oxfordshire Tournament and faced Tudor Hall in the final, of which they won 1-0 to lift the title. The Under 16s also won the title of the North Oxfordshire tournament in their age group, and the 1st XI came a very close second to a good Henry Box team in the final of their tournament.



Paddling

The Michaelmas Term has been an exciting time for the Canoe Club with national or regional racing nearly every weekend. The paddlers have done extremely well with Lena Beardsell representing Britain in the sprint Under 17 Olympic hopefuls in Slovakia in September. In marathon racing Tim Muller has reached Division 4, Ed Brooks and Fred Reif Division 5, and Louis Taylor has either won or been placed in all his Lightning races. The final race of the term was the Ross Warland Memorial Relay Canal Challenge where Cokethorpe's K2 relay teams came first (Tim, Ed, Fred and partner from Wey) and second (Ellie, Dom, Ollie and partner from Wokingham). The Cokethorpe Club hosted a regional race for the first time and passed the official inspection with flying colours, thanks to all the hard work of the coaches, teachers, parents and of course the paddlers.

ACF

It was another busy term for the cadets, who as well as their usual training in

The Under 14 and Under 16 teams represented the School in county tournaments, and both performed well. The Under 14 team came a respectable seventh out of 16 and the Under 16 came fifth out of 14. Hopefully we can build on these successes next year.

Overall the girls from Year 7-11 have played in 42 fixtures against other schools, they have won 27, drawn 1 and lost 14, a 64% success rate which is pretty good considering the size of many of schools that we compete against.

Notably the Year 7s have had a fantastic season, and they will continue to train hard to represent the School in the county tournament in March. There have been many outstanding team players in each age group, and all the girls have shown good commitment towards improving their skills and winning games. Overall, a good season was had by all.



School went away for a weekend's shooting practice with the rest of Somme Company. This provided a good opportunity for the new recruits to gain some valuable training experience. As the Cokethorpe Detachment they were also involved with both the Remembrance Day Parade and the Fireworks Evening in School. For the parade they worked hard at their drill and put on a good performance and during the latter they directed the traffic and enabled the smooth flow for parking at the ever increasingly popular fireworks event. Congratulations to Cadets Thomas De Vos and Edward Jennings on their much deserved promotions to Lance Corporal.



SPORT

Rugby

This season the Cokethorpe rugby teams have once again set new standards in the quality of their performances and the results achieved.



The 1st XV won all eleven of their regular fixtures and narrowly lost out on being County Champions when they lost 27-18 to Henley Sixth Form College in the final. The Junior Colts went one better in winning their County final 29-3 against Burford School and in reaching the last 64 of the National Daily Mail Cup.

The Foals and Terriers all showed potential for the move up into the senior section and the Yearlings made good their needs by their wit, winning all their matches against teams of their own age and losing only to an Under 13 side. The promise is clear to see from this bunch of rugby lads.



Sports Dinner

In November, the Hockey and Rugby first teams celebrated the term's successes with a Sports Dinner. Players of the season were Kate Ferrier (hockey) and David Wells (rugby). Most improved were Emilie Metcalfe (hockey) and Chris Cox (rugby) and players' players Nicola Morris (hockey) and Jordan Tabor (rugby).

Sports Tour

50 pupils from Years 11 to 13 are heading to Sri Lanka to play rugby, hockey, netball and some football for a trip to remember.

Cross-Country

Shona Stanley, Year 9 and Nick Bridle, Year 8, competed in the SE Athletics Association inter-counties Cross Country championships in London in December. Nick was the first runner from Oxfordshire to cross the line and Shona did exceptionally well, running in the Under 15 race at age 13.

Equestrian

On 1 October, the School took part in the 'Eventer Challenge' at Fox Hill Equestrian Centre in Northamptonshire, with 270 competitors from 47 schools. The Cokethorpe Chasers, (Alfie Bradstock, Vicky Tuck and Chloe Pickford) came first in the Open event, with Vicky Tuck coming tenth individually.

Staff Hockey Match

On Monday 11 December, the staff played the 1st XI hockey team and won 3-1, with Isobel Landon scoring a powerful goal in the last minutes of the game.



Rugby Results

First XV

Stowe	W 45-3
Rendcomb	W 68-10
Gosford	W 54-0
Bloxham	W 34-6
Shiplake	W 22-5
King Alfred's	W 32-0
Park House	W 48-8
Kingham Hill	W 52-15
Lord William's	W 45-5
Burford	W 38-5
King's Gloucester	W 13-10
Henley College	L 27-18

Under 16 (Colts)

Pangbourne	L 22-10
Rendcomb	W 39-5
Bloxham	L 54-0
Sibford	W 29-0
Shiplake	L 25-0
St Edward's	L 27-0
Stowe	W 24-0
King's Gloucester	L 24-14

Under 15 (Junior Colts)

Woodgreen	W 38-5
Sibford	L 28-0 (B)
Pangbourne	W 14-7
MCS	L 38-0
Kingham Hill	W 71-0 (A) L 19-7 (B)
Gillots	W 38-0
Bloxham	D 7-7 (A) W 40-3 (B)
Chipping Norton	W 70-0
Sibford	W 29-12
Shiplake	W 21-7 (A) 26-23 (B)
Farmors	W 43-0
LWS	W 15-12
BHBC	L 34-0
St Edward's	L 42-12 (B vs their A)
Bartholomew	W 30-14
Carterton	L 24-17 (B)
Burford	W 29-3

Under 14 (Foals)

Pangbourne	L 8-5
Bloxham	W 25-7
Matthew Arnold	W 53-0
King's Worcester	L 21-17 (B)
Bartholomew	W 51-0
Kingham Hill	W 64-0
St Edward's	W 58-10
Warriner	L 27-12
Bloxham	L 24-0

Under 13 (Terriers)

Winchester House	L 61-0 (A) L 39-5 (B)
Bloxham	D 10-10 (B) L 12-10 (B)
Cheltenham	L 34-17 (A) W 12-0 (B)
The Dragon	L 42-5 (A) L 10-7 (B)
King's Worcester	D 17-17 (B)
Farmors	L 43-0
Oratory	L 50-12 (A) L 20-17 (B)
Josca's	L 22-0 (A) W 57-5 (B)
Kingham Hill	L 28-0 (B)
St Hugh's	W 14-5
St Edward's	L 7-0

Under 12 (Yearlings)

Winchester House	W 61-5
Dragon	W 71-0
Josca's	W 53-5
CCCS	W 19-5
St Edward's	W 48-27 (A) W 25-15 (B)
Abingdon	W 12-7 (A) L 40-5 (B)

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Prizewinners for the Term

1JR	Annabel Clarke
2JR	Luke Garbutt
3LO	Oonagh Ryley
3RO	Keely Harding
4MM	Cate De Buriatte Moglia
5HL	Jonathon Lane
5JD	Annabelle Hulewicz
6MOC	Jonathan De Vos
6GMHJ	Saskia Kovandzich
6MGC	Charlotte Brain

Inter-house Sports Matches

Hockey

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

Rugby

The final was between Queen Anne and Gascoigne. Queen Anne were the winners, helped by three tries from their captain Francis Plummer.

Congratulations

Matthew Jopling (1JR) - trophy for Carterton Under 8s football.

Jason Cardy (5JD) - trophy for the Abingdon Under 10s rugby club and a medal for the Under 11s.

Francesca Donovan-Brady (5JD) - Levels 6 and 7 in the British Gymnastic Proficiency Awards.

Ellen Garbutt (5JD) - the 'Tweeny Merit Award' for Swimming at Witney and District.

Elisha Evans (3LO) - medals and a trophy for the Under 9s Oxfordshire Gymnastics competition and medals for the Abingdon Gymnastics Under 16s.

Rory Atkins, Charlie Dyde and Archie Fellows (4MM) - the 'bow' trophy and medal each, playing for Witney RFC Under 9s.

Erika Davies (4MM) - Reading Certificate for becoming a Reading Agent at her local library in Abingdon.

Elliott Bowden (4MM) - two badges for staying away at camp for seven nights with the Cubs.

Charlotte Bury (2JR) - qualified for the National Pony Society Summer Championships 2007 and took part in the Young Handler of Britain Under 11 competition at the International Showing Championship.

Henry Grimwade (4MM) - travelled to Swansea Bay and ran a 1km race in the time of 4 minutes 53 seconds.

SS Great Britain

On Wednesday 1 November, Year 5 visited the SS Great Britain in Bristol, enjoying two workshops on Tudor Exploration and Passengers on the SS Great Britain and learning about Bristol in Tudor times and about the conditions on board.



Roald Dahl Museum

On Tuesday 10 October, class 4MM visited the Roald Dahl Gallery at Bucks County Museum. Half of the Museum tells the fascinating story of Roald Dahl's life. The other half focuses on the process of creative writing.

www.roalddahlmuseum.com



European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26 September, each class found out about a new country and learnt a little bit of the language. Activities included songs, costumes, flag making and even maths in Norwegian. After a European themed lunch, the pupils watched presentations from each class in The Shed. Many thanks to all the language specialists, both staff and parents, who helped out.



Pre-prep Christmas Play

On Friday 8 December the youngest members of the School gave a heart-warming performance of 'The Innkeeper's Breakfast'.

Junior Christmas Concert

The inaugural performance of the Junior School Band opened the show with Old MacDonald and Jingle Bells; a splendid display of burgeoning talent. The Year 3 play, 'The Little Eagle', had everyone laughing as there were some unforgettable chicken impressions! Years 4, 5 and 6 told 'The Christmas Story' with a touch of humour: Mary with the swollen ankles and the villager with 'donkey trouble' were particular favourites. The Junior School Choir performed 'The Christmas Cantata' where, during the Year 6 solos, it was noted that many of the audience were seen surreptitiously dabbing their eyes.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Supermarket Sports Vouchers



A large amount of equipment was purchased following a very successful collection of vouchers from Tesco's and Sainsbury's.

National Poetry Day

Celebrated on Thursday 5 October, Years 1-4 had an assembly with a poetic focus and the Upper Juniors wrote their own or chose poems to read aloud to their class in the front Entrance Hall.

Year 4 Cocktail Day

The pupils of Year 4 enjoyed an afternoon making their own cocktails!



Design and Technology Day

Years 5 and 6 were treated to a Design and Technology Day involving the construction of a Lego town. Mr Roger



Junior School Music

For the first time in the Cokethorpe Junior School, an orchestra has been formed, run by Mr Harker in the Senior School. It rehearses on Monday afternoons and was invited to perform at the Christmas concert. The Junior School choir also performed at the concert, singing a Christmas Cantata.

Shakespeare Appreciation Week

On Monday 6 November, as part of the Junior School Shakespeare Appreciation Week, Years 3-6 visited the New Theatre, Oxford to watch the Shakespeare 4 Kids production of 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'. This was followed by a workshop where they reinacted some of the scenes.

New Reception Class!

Cokethorpe is delighted to announce the opening of a reception class in September 2007. There will be an introductory open afternoon on Thursday 8 February, from 2.00-4.00pm.



Garside was chairman of the town planning committee, and 87 children constructed their own building over two afternoons.

Sports Results

Rugby Under 11s

On Thursday 30 November Cokethorpe held the Cokethorpe U11 Rugby Tournament. There were eight teams and Cokethorpe came a creditable fifth. They also had three great wins over Hatherop Castle, Sibford (36-7) and Christ Church Cathedral School (58-0), with only two defeats from Josca's and Rencomb.

Rugby Under 9s

The U9s, captained by Charlie Dyde, successfully completed the season unbeaten, playing Christ Church Cathedral School (40-5), Sibford (20-10), Rendomb (35-5), Hatherop Castle and Querns Westonbirt. They scored a total of 170 points, and only had 55 points scored against them. They also won the Querns Westonbirt Tag Rugby Tournament.

Girls Hockey

The Under 11s, Under 10s and Under 9s played 6 matches between them, against Chandlings Manor, St Hugh's and Hatherop Castle. All the results were very close but unfortunately they were unable to come away with a victory.

History of Lego

The name 'LEGO' is an abbreviation of the two Danish words 'leg godt', meaning 'play well'. It's their name and their ideal.

The LEGO Group was founded in 1932 by Ole Kirk Christiansen. The Company has passed from father to son and is now owned by Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, a grandchild of the founder.

It has come a long way over the past 70 years - from a small carpenter's workshop to a modern, global enterprise that is now, in terms of sales, the world's sixth-largest manufacturer of toys.

The world's children spend 5 billion hours a year playing with LEGO bricks. Approximately 15 billion LEGO bricks and other components are made every year - equivalent to approximately 1.7m items an hour or 28,500 elements a minute. There are about 2,000 different parts in the LEGO range. Plus 55 different colours and 20 different materials. On average every person on earth has 52 LEGO bricks.

At the beginning of the 21st century the LEGO brick was acclaimed 'Toy of the Century' - first by Fortune Magazine and later by the British Association of Toy Retailers.

VISITORS

General Studies Speakers

This term the Sixth Form have enjoyed lectures from the following visitors:

Friday 29 September

Dr Martin Holmes: *'Brown v Cameron: The Coming Confrontation'*

Thursday 12 October

Francis Beckett: *'The British Press'*

Thursday 2 November

Cyril Aydon: *'What is the nature of money?'*

Tuesday 7 November

Robert Hardy: *'The Great War Bow'*

Monday 27 November

Dr Garry O'Connor: *'John Paul II: A Pontificate in a Complex Age'*

The School is always keen to receive suggestions on topics and possible speakers. Please contact the Headmaster's secretary on 01993 703961 or email hmsec@cokehorpe.org.

Remembrance Day

On Friday 10 November, the School held a service of commemoration, conducted by the Chaplain and with flag-bearers from the British Legion and other friends of the School.

Prep School Heads

There has been a continued programme of visits from Heads of Prep Schools.

Open Morning

The main Open Event of the year took place in October, with a record number of visitors and many complimentary letters. The poetry spoken by statues had brought tears to one mother's eyes.



Drugs Education

At the beginning of October, all pupils in the Senior School took part in seminars on drug abuse, led by staff from Evolution in Oxford. Their talks also involved all staff at the School as well as an evening dedicated to parents. Both speakers were ex-drug addicts and had experienced life at a very low level. They shared these experiences, sometimes with graphic detail, and were keen to inform their audiences of the various types of drug commonly available. The content was informative, and left all involved under no illusions as to the possible consequences of drug use and abuse.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Helen and Douglas House

Helen & Douglas House is a registered charity providing respite and end of life care for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions, as well as support and friendship for the whole family. The two hospice houses are bright, vibrant and positive places, where the emphasis is on living life to the full, even when that life may be short.

www.helenanddouglas.org.uk

Mustard Seed Relief Missions

In addition to routine humanitarian aid, each Christmas since 1992 the charity has operated the 'Love-in-a-Box' appeal, in which people throughout the country are invited to pack shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for children. In 2004, just over 60,000 shoeboxes were handed out in this way, in schools, churches, refugee camps, orphanages and hospitals in Croatia, Bosnia, Romania, Ukraine and Iraq.

www.msrm.org.uk

Whole School Fast Day

On Friday 24 November, the whole school participated in a fast day in support of Oxfam, contributing £240 to vital water projects in Africa.

World Vision

Instead of Secret Santa, Year 9 Gascoigne elected to support World Vision, which has an alternative gift catalogue. They chose to provide a goat to a poor family in Africa which would help provide an income to send their children to school. They were all very excited and pleased to know that their gift is changing the lives of a community in the developing world!



Christmas Boxes

The Junior School 'Operation Christmas Child' was again a huge success, with 222 Christmas boxes contributed.

A Pound a Poem

The Juniors' Harvest Appeal, a pound a poem, raised £115 for Cancer Research.

Helen House

The Sixth Form sold literally hundreds of delicious truffles for their chosen charity.

Love in a Box

This was the Senior School's contribution to the Mustard Seed Relief Missions and the number of boxes exceeded all targets.

ADVENTURES AND EXPEDITIONS

Year 7 Trip to Woodlands

At the start of October, all Year 7 visited Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre in Wales. Activities included canoeing, climbing and caving with all pupils taking part. For some, making their own beds proved to be a test in itself and the stay confirmed that children's bedrooms are not always the tidiest of places. Team spirit was at its best throughout their stay and many of the pupils proved to themselves that they could overcome challenges set down by the three day programme.

Year 7 History Trip

On Friday 29 September, the whole of Year 7 joined the teachers of the History



Duke of Edinburgh Nature Trail

Development of the educational nature trail has continued. The meadow land is growing, the pond has been dug out, the woodland trail designed and a route cut through the woods. Bird boxes have been built and pupils are feeding and recording the birds. This is a national scheme called Bird Aid that is organised by the RSPB. Areas still to be developed are the butterfly garden, the labyrinth and the viewing areas. A map and information packs are also to be devised and local schools and groups then invited in.

Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

In September Silver and Gold award pupils travelled to the Brecon Beacons for an action packed training weekend. This involved camp craft, cooking, navigation training in the hills, map reading, timings and pacing and use of compass bearings, all in testing weather.



Department in a trip to Reading Museum – home of the only full-size woven replica of the Bayeux Tapestry in existence. Torrential rain failed to dampen spirits and, once safely inside, pupils were able to follow the story of William the Conqueror's famous victory over his Saxon rival, Harold Godwinson.

Year 7 also took advantage of the Museum's impressively interactive 'Box Room' exhibit, where they were able to handle historical artefacts and quiz Museum staff. After a brief stop in the Museum shop to stock up on souvenirs, it was back on the coach to return to school in time for the buses. An enjoyable time was had by all.



The Bronze award pupils had their assessment weekend at the end of September in the Forest of Dean. Again the torrential rain did not hinder the pupil's determination and motivation. All the groups performed well and made it to camp on schedule on the first day, and again on the next, despite even more rain that made walking very difficult.

In October the Silver and Gold award pupils take part in a skills session. First was first aid training, needed before they are allowed on any expeditions. The next day was for micro navigation. In ideal foggy conditions the pupils were trained how to use a compass, pacing and timing to navigate in difficult conditions. The pupils subsequently used the ideal and extensive School grounds to test their newly-learnt skills.

Expeditions will start up again in the Spring Term.



The Bayeux Tapestry

The Bayeux Tapestry is a 50cm by 70m (20in by 230ft) long embroidered cloth which depicts scenes commemorating the Battle of Hastings in 1066, with annotations in Latin. It is presently exhibited in a special museum in Bayeux, Normandy, France.

A full-size replica was finished in 1886 and is exhibited in the Museum of Reading in Reading.

www.readingmuseum.org.uk

Woodlands OEC

Woodlands is located on the outskirts of the village of Glasbury on Wye, in the Welsh county of Powys. The centre is a late Regency building set in ten acres of grounds and is of listed status. Overlooking the River Wye and the Black mountains, Woodlands is also within easy reach of the Brecon Beacons National Park and the limestone area to the south. The courses make full use of this outstanding and spectacular area of natural beauty.

Woodlands can accommodate up to 48 students and 6 staff. Other facilities include a student lounge, two classrooms, drying room, staff lounge, dining room and an equipment store.

Woodlands enjoys an exemplary safety record with experienced staff holding a wide range of National Governing Body Awards. The Centre is licensed under the Activity Centre (young Peoples) safety act 1995, and is registered to provide specified activities under the following headings: caving, climbing, trekking and watersports.

Woodlands offers a wide range of challenging outdoor activities, for example: mountain walking, overnight expeditions, open canoeing, kayaking, orienteering, caving, rock climbing, in grounds rope course and environmental awareness. Evenings are structured and will typically involve problem solving activities together with review sessions designed to enable the individuals and groups to assess and reflect on daily progress.

Splashdown

On Saturday 11 November, 23 pupils from Vanbrugh House went to the south coast to Splashdown and Bowlplex. The water slides were superb and the bowling was very competitive. Rides included:

Black Thunder	Tennessee Twister
Louisiana Leap	Barons Revenge
Red River Roller	Screamer
Mississippi Drifter	Zambezi Drop
Grand Canyon	Space Bowl
Colorado Coaster	Dragon's Lair

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

On Saturday 9 September, the School Chapel welcomed visitors on the annual Oxfordshire Historic Ride and Stride in which 540 churches are visited by over 900 cyclists and walkers. The Chapel is on the Cumnor, Standlake and Bablockhythe route.

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust was set up in 1964 aiming to help with grants to repair and restore the churches of Oxfordshire, and encourage wider interest in them by raising funds for these purposes. There are some 550 churches of all denominations in the county, some 300 of medieval origin and many dating back 1000 years.

www.ohct.org.uk

Other Users of Cokethorpe Facilities

Local churches golf day with picnics. Cokethorpe School of Tennis - courses at Easter and summer, and for parents. Visit www.fairplaytennis.com for details.

U15 Southern Counties Hockey

Cokethorpe hosted this year's Under 15 inter-county hockey matches on the magnificent Astro turf pitches.

West Oxon District Council

The Shed was used for a seminar by the district council, to consider issues such as drugs, underage drinking and night safety.

Triathlon Day

This annual fundraising extravaganza included clay pigeon shooting, archery and golf and drew in 20 teams from the local and wider business communities. The Cokethorpe team came first, and over £2,000 was raised for local charities.



Sea Scouts

The 1st Standlake and Cokethorpe Sea Scouts now meet at the School each week. Having achieved RN recognition they look forward to more time on the water and affiliation to a naval base in Portsmouth. The Scouts are open to boys and girls over the age of ten - Skip is always on the 'look-out' for new jack tars!



THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

The Committee

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Dates for your Diary

Reunion Dinners:

Thursday 24 May (1987-1996)
Friday 25 May (1977-1986)
Wednesday 30 May (1967-1976)
Thursday 31 May (1957-1966)
Friday 1 June (1997-2006)

Birthday Party: 15 September
Old Boys Rugby: 29 September
Former Pupils Hockey: 29 September
Triathlon Day: 30 September

Contact Details

If you have not yet completed the update form, please do so as soon as possible. Download from website, complete online or email for an electronic copy to ksfr@cokethorpe.org.

FCP Mailing

Over 1,800 letters were sent (all round the world!) to Former Cokethorpe Pupils, which threw up a number of unknown addresses. If you know of any FCPs who did not receive this please let us know.

Request for News

Information on births, deaths, marriages and extraordinary news (with photos) needed for a special double-page spread.

From the Chairman

2007 marks the 50th Anniversary of Cokethorpe School; we look forward to the celebrations and to many past pupils attending. Thanks to the School for the



great effort in contacting past pupils.

With great sadness we heard of the untimely passing of Peter Cranham. All who came into contact with him over his 30 years at Cokethorpe will have fond memories of him. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife and family.

From the Archives

The left-hand photo is of the 1963 rugby team; the year/place of the other is unknown. Can you help? The School is building up a photographic archive (some on website soon) and would be grateful for photos along with captions. The Foundation Office will ensure safe return.



THE COKETHORPE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



The Murder Mystery

The CPA's first murder mystery dinner, 'Murder at Peacock Hall', was a resounding success. Tickets were sold out two weeks before the event and one

hundred would-be sleuths met together, over curry and a well-stocked bar, to solve the crime. The Cokethorpe Players put on an excellent performance, stretching the intrigue to the very end.

The Cokethorpe Fireworks

The moon was bright and the weather was perfect for the fireworks evening with its bonfire and fairground. A record number of guests consumed three pigs (picked to the bone), a hundred hamburgers, over a thousand cups of mulled wine, at least four gallons of soup and countless cups of tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Over £2,500 was raised towards the next project.

Forthcoming Events

Events for the Anniversary Year are T4, the Ball (see opposite) and Fireworks.

Parents in the News

Charles and Annabel Asbridge accompanied their parents Sir Jonathan and Lady Asbridge to Buckingham Palace to watch Sir Jonathan being confirmed as a Knight Bachelor by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, for his services to Health Care. Sir Jonathan was until July the National Clinical Director for Emergency Care at the Department of Health, and inaugural President of the Nursing and Midwifery Council. *(More news of parents please - Ed.)*



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Forthcoming Events

The Talent Show - T4:

- start practising for Saturday 28 April
- application forms available in February
- competition increasing year by year
- professional sound system and panel of professional judges
- four categories: Battle of the Bands, Song and Dance, Solo and Duet.

The Golden Peacock Ball:

- gratifying enthusiasm for the Ball on Saturday 14 July
- unless marquee can be increased in size all tickets already sold
- for waiting list contact Linda Mace (above).

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Fiftieth Anniversary Events

A 'What's On' programme of the 2007 celebrations is being sent to all those connected with the School.

Armorial Bearings

An exciting and timely development is the granting of armorial bearings for the School by the College of Arms - a coat of arms and motto. Over the years the crest of the Harcourt family (original owners of the estate), the familiar peacock and other badges of the history of the estate and school have been used on blazer pockets, newsletters, letter heads and various communications.

Now they have all been brought together in a most attractive way to reflect and emphasize the School's history and purpose. The coat of arms makes a fitting 'identity' for the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations.



New Developments

Pupils and parents will have noticed the sudden appearance of the 'Lunch Tent' in the Lower Quad. As temperatures began to drop it became clear that, with an extra 50 pupils this year, the Dining Hall had reached capacity and could not absorb those who had hitherto been eating under the umbrellas in the mild autumn sunshine. This warm, waterproof and popular solution has worked extremely well but - detracting from its surroundings as it does - it is not desirable except in the very short term.

A new Dining Hall, long recognised as needed, has therefore leapfrogged the list of priorities and now ranks alongside new Sixth Form facilities and a Practical Arts Centre as one of the next major building project. Exciting conversations are taking place with planners and bank managers!



The College of Arms

The College of Arms is the official repository of the coats of arms and pedigrees of English, Welsh, Northern Irish and Commonwealth families and their descendants. (More information at www.college-of-arms.gov.uk.)

In August 2006 the College wrote: 'Garter has approved the entire design of the armorial bearings for Cokethorpe School with the following blazon:

Arms: Or on a Fess between three Peacocks in their pride proper three Lozenges Or

Crest: Upon a Helm with a Wreath OR and Azure Statant on a Rock Sable encircled by alternating Lozenges Or and the tops of Peacock Tail feathers proper an Owl affronty Or holding in the beak a Quill Pen bendwise Azure

Motto: INOPIAM INGENIO PENSANT'
(£20 to the first to spot the translation)

What's On

For a copy of the programme please contact the Box Office on 01993 892338/9 or email the Events Manager at ap@cokethorpe.org.

TAIL FEATHERS

Ave Atque Vale

Christine Cook

Joins as Head of Junior School after 12 years at Chandlings (from its opening, latterly as Director of Studies). Previously taught in secondary state system, W. Australia and The Dragon.

Michael Cooper

Joins the Junior School after a degree in Earth Science at Oxford and PGCE. He enjoys a wide variety of sports and awaits the birth of his first child.

Iago Cornelius-Jones

Iago joins Cokethorpe from Walton High School, having previously taught for six years in two British style schools in Southeast Asia, and prior to that worked for the BBC. He is teaching English and Media Studies. As a cellist and singer, he has a particular interest in baroque music. He enjoys badminton, squash, table tennis, running and Scuba Diving.



Ryan Hughes

Joins fresh from Harvard University, teaching Business Studies and Mathematics. Enjoys football, swimming, and ultimate frisbee.

Elena Somenzato

Elena arrived in England in 2004, after graduating in Modern Foreign Languages in Venice, her home town. She spent two busy but rewarding years

Vale

Carl Holdaway, Rebecca Nicholson, Eileen Walmsley

There is insufficient space to say proper farewells to these valued colleagues who have left for pastures new. Full justice to be given to them in the next edition.



teaching English and Languages in comprehensive schools while completing her PGCE. Her main interests are theatre, art in general, skiing, volleyball, and tennis.

Sadie Lapper, Sophie White, Karen So, Adrienne Hughes

Due to pressure on space, details will be given in the next edition.

Andrew Uglow

Joins to teach History after recent PGCE from London and History degree at York. Enjoys number of sports and travelling, particularly in Southern Africa, where he coordinates a school-building project (a Sixth Form trip is planned).



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Ben Heaney and his wife Zoë who gave birth to George Christopher Heaney at 4.09am on 15 November, weighing in at 7lb 7oz.



Ben Strutt

Ben joined as a popular sports assistant in September to 'try out' teaching, but - with no reflection on Cokethorpe - he leaves us to join his brother in industry.



Open Evening

Thursday 18 January: 4.00-6.30pm

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.

Headmaster's address: 4.40pm, 5.40pm

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

Admissions Dates

Junior School Assessment Day:

Thursday 25 January

Assessment and Activities Day Year 7 entry:

Saturday 27 January

Sixth Form Scholarships:

Week beginning 24 January

Entry and Scholarships for Year 9:

Week beginning 12 March

Introduction to Reception Class:

Thursday 8 February

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