



THE OCELLUS

The termly newsletter of the School

From the Headmaster



The weather, being a law unto itself, can behave in very odd ways and we, in our conceit, blame it on our modern way of life. Perhaps it has always been thus, our ancient forebears placating the elements with sacrifices, sometimes human.

This year spring came early and the wonderful displays of flowers and birdsong have been a joy, mixed with some warm, sunny days. An elderly relation recently told me that when she was small, the winter walk to school could be miserable and the first signs of spring were eagerly looked for, best of all the weird and wonderful sticky buds of the horse chestnut tree. This conversation reminded me of my own first days at school, of our teacher covering a table with fresh white paper and writing on it 'Nature Table'. Sticky buds always stood magnificently at the back in a large vase, and before them, willow catkins and daffodils. Ranged over the table were fishpaste jars filled with buttercups and daisies, dandelions and speedwell, also a fir cone or two, some sea shells and, I remember, a fascinating dried worm. That was there for years. Neatly beside each exhibit the teacher would write the name of the donor. I even recall 'A well sucked peach stone found by Damian', though it was not I who did the sucking - I simply found it and considered it a treasure.



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Holiday Projects

Summer 2006

- New Junior classroom on top floor of Mansion
- Redecoration and refurbishment of Junior School classrooms and corridors
- Relocation of Junior School Library
- Refurbishment of Junior toilets on top floor of Mansion
- Replacement of Mansion boiler
- New Physics Lab, and refurbishment of two old labs
- New classrooms for Music and Drama created on the top floor of Vanbrugh
- Renovation of boys' toilets
- Refurbishment of English department
- Old Sixth Form Centre refurbished to create Photography Suite and Law classroom
- New locker space next to Learning Support
- Mansion floors sanded and waxed
- Exit drive repaired and re-tarmaced

Michaelmas 2006

- New heating system in The Shed
- New gangway lights up steps on seating in The Shed
- On-going repairs to the Ha-ha

Lent 2007

- Planting of trees up the entrance drive and around Astroturf pitches
- Improvements to girls' changing rooms

Front Cover:

Whole School production of *Grease*



Ski Trip to Austria

During the Christmas holidays, 39 pupils and 5 teaching staff travelled to Stubai, Austria for eight days of skiing. Organised by Mr Rees, they endured a long coach journey to reach the Stubai Valley, but the beautiful landscape and the abundance of snow was worth the wait.

During the day the group enjoyed the snow and skiing the Stubai glacier, whilst much fun was had off-piste too, including a night out bowling and a number of shopping trips! Lydia Farrell won the

best beginner prize and Nicola Morris won best overall skier.

'Having never skied before I can now ski! I've never been to Austria and I have never been on a coach journey for so long! Standing at the top of a really steep ski slope was the most scariest thing for me on that trip. The adrenalin rush and the freezing cold air whooshing past my face was a fantastic experience as I skied down. The views of the snowy mountains are beautiful and on top of all that I made some great friends!'

Francesca Ellis, Gascoigne

Costa Coffee Shop

Costa Coffee - opened last term - is more popular than ever! The new manager Val has cheerfully decorated the café with fresh flowers and students can catch up with world events via the newspapers or just relax and listen to music whilst sipping their cappuccinos or lattés. More exciting innovations are in the pipeline for next term!



'PARIS' Training

When most staff and pupils were all still sleeping off the excess and excitement of Christmas and New Year, Cokethorpe played host to a number of senior managers from schools in the local area and beyond. A total of 21 Deputy Heads, Heads of Sixth Form and Senior Teachers, plus three Cokethorpe staff, were in the LRC for training in the use of PARIS, a software system used by the School to help track, predict and improve performance throughout school but ultimately at GCSE and A Level. The visitors, from as far afield as Coventry, Bristol and London, converged on

Cokethorpe to be trained by some of the authors of the software from Durham University. The course, organised by the Director of Studies in conjunction with the Curriculum Evaluation and Management Centre at Durham, attracted plenty of interest and was an excellent opportunity to market the School and make contact with other like-minded colleagues. Feedback from the visitors was overwhelmingly positive, not least about the excellent buffet lunch provided by the School's own catering staff, but also about the facilities and environment.

ACADEMIC

Assessment and Activities Day

One cold, bright morning in January almost one hundred pupils from a total of 33 different feeder schools (which is thought to be some kind of record) descended on Cokethorpe to try their best to gain one of the 65 or so places available in Year 7 for 2007. Having all been interviewed earlier in the week the candidates were starting to feel at home and the parents looked a lot less nervous than they might. The morning was spent undergoing rigorous examinations in English, Mathematics and Reasoning, which pupils found taxing and tiring. After a rejuvenating pasta lunch the light relief and excitement of two activity sessions made it a really fun day and a good snapshot of life at Cokethorpe - work hard then play hard. Candidates left clutching masks from art, door wedges with wobbly heads from DT, party posters from ICT, having sung and played for



Epiphany Reception

The beginning of term saw the staff and governors come together for the Epiphany Reception, held before the Governors' Education Meeting. The music department were asked to provide some entertainment, and - with the help of a few extra singers - performed three Epiphany carols which were well received.

Careers Convention

The Cokethorpe Careers Convention in the Sports Hall provided pupils with the opportunity to explore many Higher Education and career opportunities. There were 43 colourful and excellent displays, with props ranging from a barrister's wig to computer graphic displays to a human skeleton. The whole event involves collaboration with employers who give generously of their time to discuss career progression within their companies, and it could not take place without the support of parents who also give their professional time in an ever increasing variety of areas from acting to Biochemistry to nutritional therapy. Gratitude and thanks to all who took part, especially Mrs Keegan.

the assembled parents or maybe just exhausted from a strenuous sports session or strutting their dramatic stuff in The Shed. As demand rises for places, selection becomes more and more a part of entrance to the School and the day gave the Registrar, Headmaster and Director of Studies plenty of information on the many different criteria used to decide who will form the next cohort of Year 7 pupils, eager to start in their new uniform in September.

Scholarship Assessments

Scholarship assessments are held for entry to Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form and all the assessments for next September took place this term. In all three age groups there were some extremely clever and talented candidates and competition was intense. All those taking part, not just the award winners, made a very good impression with the organisers and decision makers.



Poetry Live Trip

The Poetry Live event in January, involving nearly ninety students from Years 10 and 11 and a group of Year 13 literature students, was a resounding success. The opportunity to hear poets perform and witness the realities of the writing process was a rare treat. John Agard's show-stopping, unconventional brilliance and the wry wit and Northern charm of Simon Armitage provoked the most positive reactions, and others were entranced by Gillian Clarke's lyricism and Carol Ann Duffy's poignant delivery. It is hoped that this event will become an annual event on the English calendar. Many felt that the experience had opened up new and exciting possibilities.



Scholarship Awards

Year 7

Lily Bradstock, Gascoigne (Academic)
Ryan Bunce, Wanborough Primary (Academic)
Ewan Johnson, Ferndale (Academic)
Molly Williamson, Vanbrugh (Academic)
Lizzie Ferrier, Harcourt (Sport)
Francis Plummer, Queen Anne (Sport)

Year 9

Allen Scholarship (top Academic Award)
Marianne Pearson, Swift (Re-award)

Travis Scholarship (Modern Languages)
Jacob Booty, Swift (Academic re-award)

Goldsmith Art Scholarship
Letitia Cookson, Harcourt (plus Academic)

Academic Scholarships
Wonseok Chung, from Korea
Letitia Cookson, Harcourt (Re-award)
Amy Gaertner, Queen Anne (Re-award)
Natasha Jones, Vanbrugh
Victoria O'Shea, Vanbrugh

All Round Scholarships
Jack Bennett, Josca's
Jack Cully, Feilden

Music Scholarship
Duncan Bruce, Vanbrugh (Re-award)
Georgina Brooks, Gascoigne

Drama Scholarship
Louis Taylor, Feilden

Sport Scholarship
William Bishop, Harcourt (Re-award)
Alfie Bradstock, Gascoigne (Re-award)
Lydia Farrell, Vanbrugh
Alyce McNaughton, Gascoigne

Sixth Form

Strickland Scholarship (top award)
To be awarded

Academic Scholarships
Simon Atkinson, Gascoigne (Re-award)
Charles Bennett, Feilden
Rafael Hambleton, Harcourt
Joshua Hap  , Gascoigne (Re-award)
Rebecca Herd, Queen Anne
Alex Mayhew, Vanbrugh
Tim Muller, Vanbrugh
Callum Staff, Highworth Warneford School
Stuart Weston, Feilden

All Round Scholarships
Christopher Lord, Swift

Art and Design
Sarah Bridle, Swift
Kate Potter, Swift
Michael Staples (for DT), Swift

Sports Scholarships
Jake Geekie, Queen Anne (Re-award)
Izzy Landon, Harcourt (Re-award)
Jack Reardon, Wood Green School
Adam Maskery, Wood Green School
Daniel Wakeman, Wood Green School

ACADEMIC

Maths Challenge

Best in School, Gold Award and Qualifier for the European Pink Kangaroo Competition:
Helena Jennison 93

Gold Award Winner and Qualifier for the European Grey Kangaroo Competition:
Luke Withey 83

Gold Award Winners:
Rebecca Herd 80, Edward Hunt 78

Silver Award Winners:
William Lawson 76, Hannah Jones 73, Alex Claydon 71, Josh Happé 69, Rafael Hambleton 69, Simon Jones 65, Daniel Blackwell 63, Stephen Hornsey 63, Alison Roberts 63

Bronze Award Winners:
Michael McLoone 62, Daniel Humphrey 62, Isobel Landon 61, Tim Muller 61, Elice Willett 60, Caroline Jenkins 56, Fred Reif 55, Stuart Weston 55, Joe Cook 54, Charles Bennett 51, Michael Staples 51, Kathryn Potter 50, Perri Game 50, Ross McKee 50

The cut off marks were:
Gold ≥ 78 Silver ≥ 63 Bronze ≥ 50

Maths Challenge

Students in Year 9 with scores of 78 or above and students in Years 10 and 11 with scores of 86 or above qualify for the European Kangaroo Rounds of the Challenge. This will be on Thursday 15 March and will be a one hour, multiple choice question paper. This round is by invitation only and the School is delighted to have two qualifiers.

Students who did not get an award can obtain their scores from their Mathematics teachers. There were 202,238 entries submitted this year. Congratulations to all award winners and thank you to everyone for taking part and making this year's challenge so successful.

French Exchange

The French Exchange for Year 9 and 10 got off to an excellent start when a group of 32 students from the Collège Lycée Jeanne D'Arc in Argentan, Normandy, arrived on 15 March for the first leg of the visit. They were accompanied by 3 teachers one of whom, the indefatigable Madam Marvie, had been here many times before. The unpredictable English

weather did not dampen their enthusiasm for the trips to Oxford, London and Thorpe Park. Their English partners were lucky enough to be granted a day off school to go to the theme park too and great fun was had by all. They also enjoyed the in-school activities which were arranged for them: Science, Drama, Art, English and Music to name but a few.

They were a great bunch and in the short space of a week many had formed lasting relationships with their English families - copious tears were shed by some when it came to their departure and all are now looking forward to the adventure of the return visit in May.



THE ARTS

Chipping Norton Music Festival Entries

George Lawson:
Preliminary Piano Solo class

Lewis Williams:
Piano Solo Grades 3-4 class

Alyce McNaughton:
*Piano Solo Grades 3-4 class
(distinction and received certificate)*

Thomas McLoone:
*Grades 5-6 Solo Woodwind class
(clarinet)*

Emily Sayers:
*Grades 5-6 Solo Woodwind class
(clarinet)*

Georgina Brooks:
*Grades 5-6 Solo Woodwind class
(saxophone; received particular acclaim, gaining a certificate and an invitation to return to perform in the Culmination of the Festival, the Showcase Concert in Chipping Norton Town Hall)*

Chipping Norton Music Festival

Six pupils represented Cokethorpe in solo classes in this year's Chipping Norton Music Festival. The School Chamber Choir competed in the Small Choirs and School Choirs, singing arrangements of Castle on a Cloud, Bridge over Troubled Water and Anything Goes. The Chamber Choir gained a Distinction and brought back the certificate for coming first in their class.

Opera Trip to The Coliseum

On the final day of half term a coach of pupils and teachers departed through snow-covered roads to visit the London

Coliseum and Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. This is Cokethorpe's first - but by no means the last - opera trip. It was a most enjoyable production set in Edwardian England, and a great introduction to the genre.

Music Examinations

A number of musicians and singers took their music examinations in the last week of the Lent Term. Results to follow.

Lunchtime Music Recitals

Luke Keegan (below) treated staff and pupils to a lunchtime recital in the Corinthian Room to coincide with his Music A Level performance.



THE ARTS

Life Drawings

As part of the Year 11 and Year 12 Art and Design course students undertake a number of life drawing sessions. Life drawing is a significant feature within the A Level syllabus, allowing students to prepare and practice drawing work for their portfolios. The students are



following a great tradition of artists from the more traditional such as Michelangelo and Rubens right up to more contemporary artists such as Lucien Freud. Life drawing classes are held at least twice in the academic year. The sessions last an entire afternoon and are open to students doing A Level Art and Design. Examples of students' life drawings are on display within the department, with many more drawings within each student's sketchbook.

Year 10 Art Trip

On Friday 2 February, the Year 10 Art pupils travelled to London to visit the Victoria and Albert Museum as part of their GCSE course.

A Level Drama Performances

On 7 and 8 of March, the AS and A2 Theatre Studies students performed in front of two examiners as part of their A Level course. The first presentation was 'Top Girls' by Caryl Churchill which was directed by Mr Martin-Oliver. It was a sparkling production concerning women in the workplace featuring 80's music and an all female cast. The characterisations from all the girls were strong and diverse, with Emily Highton giving a hilarious portrayal of her character Shona.

The second AS group was Harold Pinter's 'The Birthday Party' directed by Mrs Hooper. This was a dark and menacing piece set in one room of a run down house inhabited by the lost and lonely. The performances from all members of the cast were outstanding and often unsettling, with Robert James providing a terrifying portrayal of McCann. There were audible gasps from the audience during moments of high tension, and many were moved to tears during the final scene.

Lastly, the A2 group presented John Whiting's 'The Devils'. This final

performance from the accomplished Year 13s drew the audience into the claustrophobic world of Jeanne, the Prioress of St Ursula's Convent who becomes obsessed with a priest and battles inner demons. The professionalism of this group was apparent throughout with some truly remarkable performances.

These two evenings were testament to the hard work and high standards achieved in Drama in the Sixth Form, with many people still talking about what an enjoyable experience it was to be a member of the audience.

GCSE Drama Performances

Devised performances took place on 15 March on the subject of 'the dangers of drugs'. Each group of Year 11 candidates had to present a 20 minute piece of devised drama based on the set theme. The performances were assessed and filmed in The Shed as the final contributions to their GCSE practical drama mark. This year's candidates presented a strong and mature analysis on the challenging issue of drugs and marks were high.



Lunchtime Music Recitals

23 January A selection of Year 11 GCSE Music Candidates
Gemma Bruce, Bassoon; Dominic Cannon, Piano; Jack Frith-Powell, Violin; Josh Gale, Drum Kit; Josh Happé, Music Technology; Gerard Smith, Voice; Chris Lord, Guitar

6 March Luke Keegan A Level Guitar Recital
Gran Vals by Francesco Tarrega; Cavatina, theme from the Deer Hunter by Stanley Myers; Two arrangements by Tommy Emmanuel: 1. Blue Moon by Richard Rogers, 2. Day Tripper/Lady Madonna by Lennon & McCartney

28 March Mr Harker, Piano solo
Prelude & Fugue in A minor (Well-Tempered Clavier Book II) by J S Bach; Sonata no. 90 in E minor, first mvmt by Beethoven; Nocturne no. 1 in C major by F Poulenc

The Fach System

Singers and the roles they play are classified according to their vocal ranges using an especially organised system of classification called The Fach System.

Male singers are classified as bass, bass-baritone, baritone, tenor and counter-tenor. Female singers are classified, as contralto, mezzo-soprano and soprano.

Each of these classifications has subcategories, such as lyric soprano, coloratura, soubrette, spinto, and dramatic soprano, which associate the singer's voice with the roles most suitable to the vocal timbre and quality and its range, or tessitura.

Opera's Origins

Opera started in Italy during the Renaissance and the word comes from the Italian opera *in musica* meaning 'a musical work'. The very first opera *Dafne* (1597) was by Jacopo Peri and was a dramatic play. Over the last 400 years new operas have been created all over the world.

Coliseum Facts

The Coliseum Theatre (also known as the London Coliseum) is one of London's largest and best equipped theatres, opening in 1904. The Company changed its name from *Sadler's Wells Opera Company* to the *English National Opera* in 1974 and bought the freehold of the building for £12.8m.

THE SIXTH FORM

Audrey Hepburn on 'Beauty'

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.

For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.

For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.

For beautiful hair, let a child run his or her fingers through it once a day.

For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed; never throw out anyone.

Oxbridge Programme

The 17 potential candidates have:

- Taken part in group meetings and discussion groups with the Headmaster and Director of Studies
- Written essays, such as:
 - 'What is the difference between an argument and a disagreement?'
- Put together group presentations on one of the following:
 - 'Can a computer have a mind?'
 - 'Is it possible to alter the past? If so how? If not why not?'
 - 'This sentence is false, is it?'
 - 'What is the best argument against democracy? Explain your choice'
 - 'The value of a work of art is entirely dependent on the amount of pleasure it produces in its audience. Discuss'
- Been provided with information on the application process.
- Been allocated to one of nine mentors (teaching staff) who will give guidance and support over the coming months.

Sixth Form Conferences

A Level History: 'Britain and Germany 1919-1939', London

AS Level Politics: Visit to London

Oxbridge and Lesotho group: Moving Mountains talk, Oxford

Media Studies students: 'Censorship and Regulation' seminar, National Film Theatre, Southbank



Girls' Grooming Evening

The Sixth Form Girls' Grooming Evening was eagerly anticipated by all involved. Junction Hair and Beauty, co-owned by Julie Talbot and Maggie Wicks, had set up a wonderful display of make-up and hair products. The ladies had brought with them a team of five assistants - three beauty therapists and two hairdressers. The evening began with a very informative talk from Julie about beauty treatments ranging from manicures to facials and Maggie gave the girls some invaluable advice about hair care.

After a break for supper, the Headmaster bravely came in to serve champagne whilst the girls sampled the buffet. The second half of the evening saw the beauty team demonstrating their skills. Three lucky girls - Amy Minch, Hannah Brown and Ellie James had their make-up done and a further two students Sarah Walton and Megan Hope were hair models. To round off a very enjoyable and successful evening the girls had a lovely surprise as the Junction team presented them with a 'goodie bag' containing several beauty products.

Oxbridge

An extensive programme of support and information has been put in place for a group of able Sixth Formers with their sights set on Oxbridge.

Moving Mountains

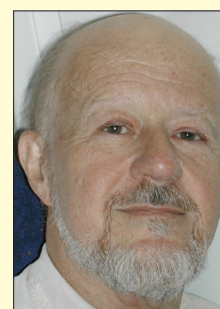
On Monday 26 March, a group of Sixth Form students went to Oxford Town Hall to listen to Clare Bertschinger - the nurse whose interview with Michael Buerk in 1984 was the inspiration for

the original Live Aid movement - talk about her experiences as a member of the International Committee of the Red Cross, operating in conflict zones across the world. The students, from the Oxbridge Group and those going to Lesotho in the summer, were able to ask questions and, later, speak to Claire personally. The talk raised a number of very poignant issues - not least about the role of violence in society, and how best to deal with the world's inequities.

General Studies

The General Studies lectures came to an end for the current academic year with two very contrasting talks. The lectures, given to all post-16 students with the current aim of broadening their outlook on the world, are held roughly twice per term and draw upon a range of speakers from all walks of life, experience, achievements and academic disciplines.

Professor Barrie Jones gave an illustrated talk about the current searches and speculations regarding Life in the Universe. Sir Max Hastings, previously editor of the Daily Telegraph, delivered the last of the speeches, contemplating what it is to be a hero.



The talks will, as always, avoid the busy examination period of the third term and continue in the new academic year, with Mr Cornelius-Jones taking the helm from the late Mr Cranham.

THE SIXTH FORM

Business Sponsorship Interviews

23 Cokethorpe students from Years 11 and 12 put themselves forward as part of the School's ground breaking Business Sponsorship initiative. Students were competing for the opportunity to carry out an internship for several weeks with a leading business. This is a radical departure from the traditional British model of encouraging young people to carry out a one or two week work experience programme. The Business Sponsorship Scheme enables students to carry out a placement of significant quality involving a wide breadth of activities and responsibilities as well as the company making a contribution to their fees.

Students were able to select from a wide range of possibilities involving law, engineering, manufacturing, automotive, communications, construction and market research. The interviews were fairly challenging and gave the students a good idea of what to expect as they eventually pursue their careers after graduating from university.

The feedback from the business representatives has been excellent and it is no exaggeration to say that they have been impressed with the way in which all the candidates have presented themselves. The School is extremely proud of all its students and they were all perfect ambassadors for Cokethorpe.

The important thing for all those involved to remember is that regardless of whether they were ultimately successful in their application or not it is hoped that they will look favourably on the whole process. The opportunity for the students

to put themselves forward for such an innovative opportunity and receive feedback on their performance, so they can make improvements for the future, is one to be valued.

It was a real pleasure for the organisers to be involved in the process and the Head of Sixth Form is filled with great optimism at the prospect of the already talented Sixth Form accommodating such dynamic and ambitious Year 11 students.

Boys' Wine Tasting Evening

Earlier this term the Sixth Form were asked by the Headmaster to choose a General Studies lecture that would particularly appeal to them. The gentlemen chose to learn more about wines, their production and the social norms associated with their consumption. Ted Sandbach, the owner of the Oxford Wine Company, delivered a first rate talk on 'wines of the world' in the most appropriate of settings - the Corinthian Room.

Later in the evening there was an 'open tasting' of three different whites and three different reds and, following this, a blind tasting competition. Oliver Wenman triumphed by correctly identifying all six wines and was awarded a bottle of Champagne. It was a thoroughly enlightening and enjoyable evening and Mr Sandbach was keen to be quoted as saying 'What a superb level of interest your young gentlemen have shown. I have been most impressed with the quality of their questions.' As yet, the School is not offering an A Level in Viticulture.



Business Sponsorship Awards

The following pupils have been awarded a Business Sponsorship, with the Company as shown:

Isobel Landon:
Data Plastics (Manufacturing)
Tim Muller:
Siemens Technology Ltd (Manufacturing)
Peter Jones:
Kaim Todner (Solicitor)
Megan Hope:
Kaim Todner (Solicitor)
Alex Mayhew:
Chamber of Richard Ferguson QC (Legal)
Claire Humberstone:
Creston (Market Research)
Daniel Blackwell:
STL (Communications)
Charlotte Krol:
STL (Communications)
Elliott Bennett:
JSP (Engineering)
Ben Green:
JSP (Engineering)
Callum Staff:
AKS Ward (Construction)
Tom Biggs:
The Ridgeway Group (Automotive)

Wine Tasting

Wine tasting is the sensory evaluation of wine, encompassing more than taste, but also mouthfeel, aroma, and colour. The main aims of wine tasting are to:

- assess the wine's quality
- determine the wine's maturity and suitability for aging or immediate drinking
- detect the aromas and flavours of the wine
- discover the many facets of wine, so as to better appreciate it

The wines tasted on the evening were:

Whites:

New Zealand Sauvignon
French Chardonnay
Italian Pinot Grigio

Reds:

French Claret
Australian Shiraz
Spanish Rioja

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 Jezard
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
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SPORT

Colours Awarded

Half colours

Netball: Lucy Jezzard
Hannah Brown
Soccer: Ollie Berger
Luke Keegan
Tom Burpitt

Full colours

Netball: Fay Davidson
Victoria Tuck
Soccer: Brin Gleeson
Rubehn Enjily
Jordan Tabor

Hockey Results

Under 12

Winchester House W 2-0
Oxford High W 2-0

Under 13

Winchester House L 3-0

Sports Dinner

The following awards were made at the termly Sports Dinner in the Corinthian Room on Monday 26 March.

Netball

Players' player: Suzy Russell
Most improved player: Hannah Brown
Manager's player: Megan Hope
Captain for 2008: Megan Hope
Vice-captain for 2008: Hannah Brown

Soccer

Players' player: Jack Parker Jones
Manager's player: Jordan Tabor
Most improved player: Brin Gleeson
Captain for 2008: Brin Gleeson,
Vice Captains: Tom Biggs
Chris Cassettari

Netball First VII Squad

Fay Davidson GS
Sarah Davey GA
Megan Hope WA (Captain)
Izzy Landon C
Suzy Russell GD
Victoria Tuck GK
Amy Minch
Lucy Jezzard
Clara Young

Soccer First XI Squad

Brinley Glesson (Captain)
Rubehn Enjily (Vice Captain)
Oliver Berger (Vice Captain)
Tom Burpitt
Luke Keegan
Chris Cassettari
Tom Biggs
Charlie Bartlett
Marc Johnson
David Wells
Jordan Tabor
Jack Parker Jones
Andrew Tucker
Jake Geekie
Ryan Traill
Matthew Wrigley
Billy Webb
Jamie Amer

Netball

The girls have played 66 matches including several tournaments and have had a very successful season despite difficult conditions of rain, wind, snow and hail. Having the Astroturf pitch for training and matches has certainly made a difference and the overall percentage of wins has gone up to 67%.

The 1st VII performed well in all matches, showing excellent team work. The U16s only had 7 girls available for selection, but they made training enjoyable and always put in 100% effort. The U15s have had a successful season, though the cancellation of their tournament was a disappointment. The U14 team are the team of the season; after a turbulent start they produced some remarkable results. The U13 team has had an outstanding season and the U12s had an excellent year, only losing one match, and this team offers a lot of hope for the future.



Paddling

The Cokethorpe Kayaking Team has had an excellent term's racing in the long distance marathon races. The Waterside Series, which consists of four races over six weeks, increasing from 14 miles to 35 miles and 35 portages (running over locks with the boat on the paddlers' shoulders), was dominated in the junior classes by the Cokethorpe Team.

The Team, which included Lena Bearsell, Tim Muller, Ed Brooks, Ellie Frearson, Dominic Cannon, Ben Green and Fred Reif, won the Shield for the fastest Junior Team. Individually, Tim Muller and Ed Brooks were just pipped



Soccer

The soccer season has been a positive one on the whole, though hampered by bad weather. An unprecedented 15 fixtures were cancelled, but despite this 35 matches were played of which 19 were won, 4 drawn and 12 lost. This gives a win ratio of 55%, but more impressively Cokethorpe outscored their opposition by 105 goals to 69.

The 1st X1 had an encouraging season with an especially young squad. The best performances were two excellent draws against Henry Box and The Oratory, traditionally the strongest opposition. Throughout the other age groups, performances were also of a high standard. The 2nd X1 had a frustrating season, with many fixtures cancelled. The U15s and U13s both had a very good season, with the U14s worst hit by cancellations.

For full reports see the School website.



by the ex-Cokethorpe kayakers, Tim and Phil Pearce, and Fred Reif and Paul Yates from Wey took third place in the Junior K2 boys. Ellie Frearson and Dominic Cannon won the Shield for the Junior K2 mixed and took second place in the K2 mixed (seniors and juniors). Congratulations to a fantastic team.

Golf

In the first round of the Independent Schools Golf Association national championships Cokethorpe beat Radley College 2:1. The team was Andrew Tucker (the School's best player), Elliott Bennett and Daniel Wollner. They lost 2:1 to Hampton School in the regional semi-final in London.



SPORT

Hockey

A highlight of the term was the mixed hockey match against Burford School.



Cross-Country

The U15 team took part in the County Schools competition at Radley College. Ideal conditions meant there would be some quick races. The girls' team of Shona Stanley, Alyce McNaughton, Lydia Farrell, Sophia May, Sophie Fisher, Rachel Wood and Natasha Jones all performed well with Shona finishing in



an excellent 14th position, gaining her a reserve position in the County team. The boys' team of Nicholas Bridle, Toby Raban, Julian Watkins, Alex Avery, Oliver Godwin, Richard Stevens, Jackson Curtis and David Ratcliffe also performed well in a highly contested race. Nicholas Bridle finished 15th, also making him a reserve for the County squad. In the Year 7 County Competition held at Cokethorpe School, the best Cokethorpe girl was Isobel Berger (20th) and for the boys Freddie Curtis (23rd).

Badminton

The Lent Term heralded the start of a new sporting venture. An U16 boys badminton team dipped their toes into some competitive matches against other schools. One defeat and one victory was a great start especially as some had played very little before. There is now a very firm foundation on which to work and next season promises to be a good one with the introduction of new teams in different age groups. Squad members: Tim Forrest, Josh Gale, Will Lawson, Alex Grinstead, Hugo Harrison, James Metcalfe and Ian Kirkman.

Rugby

Year 7 took part in a tournament at Oxford Rugby Club.



Staff Sports

A staff Badminton club has been running on Thursday evenings this term. It has had brilliant attendance, a mix of gender, full courts and much enjoyment by all.

Ladies fitness has been introduced on Mondays, involving circuit sessions and a number of dedicated participants.



On Wednesday 14 March the 1st VII Netball Team played the Staff. The match was supported by a large audience in the Sports Hall. Lucy Jezzard and Amy Minch were strict but fair umpires. Neither team took a strong lead, yet Mr Rees' 'rule-breaking' allowed the 1st VII to take the advantage in the second half. The 1st VII won 9-5 after an enjoyable and eventful game.

Clay Pigeon Shooting

The U16 Squad took part in the Midlands Region Championship in March. The 6-strong team came second overall, James Nettlefold came third individually, James Godden fifth and George Millin second in the father and son competition.



Netball Results

First VII

Henry Box	L 17-11
Kingham Hill	W 22-8
Bloxham	L 18-16
Bartholomew	W 19-7
North Oxon Tournament:	
Burford	W 5-3
Marlborough	W 8-2
Henry Box	L 4-1
Tudor Hall	L 15-4
4th overall out of 9 teams	

Second VII

Kingham Hill	L 7-5
Bloxham	L 8-5

Under 16

Wychwood	L 24-11
Carterton	W 19-11 (with U15)
Bartholomew	L 21-9
Burford	L 13-11
North Oxon Tournament:	
Marlborough	W 7-2
Warriner	W 5-1
Burford	W 5-2
Henry Box	L 5-1
Gosford Hill (semi-finals)	L 5-4
3rd overall out of 9 teams	

Under 15

Gosford Hill	W 27-4
Burford	D 3-3
Carterton	W 19-11 (with U16)
Oxford Hill	L 14-3 (A) 8-6 (B)
The King's School	W 16-8
Bloxham	W 25-4
Henry Box	L 12-8

Under 14

Gosford Hill	L 9-4
Burford	W 5-2
Carterton	W 21-2
Oxford High	W 12-10
Bloxham	W 42-4
Henry Box	W 35-4
North Oxon Tournament:	
Bloxham	L 7-6
Marlborough	W 9-0
BGN	W 6-2
Burford	W 7-3
Tudor Hall (semi-final)	L 8-7
3rd overall out of 10 teams	

Under 13

Carterton	W31-1
Bartholomew	W 29-3
St Hugh's	L 23-8 (A) L 21-2 (B)
Gosford Hill	W 19-6
Oxford High	L 19-4 (A) L 14-1 (L)
Burford	W 26-13
Woodgreen	W 18-3
North Oxon Tournament:	
Bloxham	W 7-6
Gosford Hill	W 6-0
Banbury	W 6-1
Burford	W 6-3
Warriner	W 4-3
Woodgreen	W 4-2
Marlborough (semi-finals)	W 6-2
Tudor Hall (finals)	L 5-3
2nd overall out of 13 teams	

Under 12

Carterton	W 11-0
Batholomew	W 24-0
St Hugh's	L 30-5 (A) L 15-0 (B)
Gosford Hill	W 23-1
Burford	W 17-7
North Oxon Tournament:	
Bloxham	L 1-0
Warriner	D 2-2
BGN	L 3-2
Gosford	W 4-1
5th overall out of 10 teams	

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Forthcoming Events

Summer Term

April

- 19 Sri Lanka Tour - Golf Day
- 21-22 National Hockey Festival
- 26 Jubilee Lecture - Bryan Cowgill
'Mr Action Replay'

May

- 1 May Day Madrigals
- 3 Jubilee Lecture - Martin Holmes
'Suez to Iraq: Britain at War in the last 50 years'
- 11 Movie Night - Old Yeller
- 12 Sri Lanka Tour - Fundraising Dinner
- 23 Corinthian Dinner
Principal guest Professor John Wood
- 24 Reunion Dinner (1987-1996)
- 25 Reunion Dinner (1977-1986)
- 30 Reunion Dinner (1967-1976)
- 31 Reunion Dinner (1957-1966)

June

- 1 Reunion Dinner (1997-2006)
- 2 Witney Jazz Festival
- 7 Jubilee Lecture - Michael Walsh
'Brothers in War'
- 22 Movie Night
- The Curse of Frankenstein

July

- 4 God's Golden Acre - Zulu Dancers
- 5 Jubilee Lecture - Tim Furniss
'Space Walking'
- 13 Prize Giving
Guest speaker David Cameron, MP
- 14 Golden Peacock Ball
- 14-28 Sri Lanka Tour

August

- 2-5 Jack - The Musical

Michaelmas Term

September

- 13 Jubilee Lecture - Janice Hadlow
'Television's Times'
- 15 Birthday Party
- 15 Garden Opera
- 29 Open Day
- 29 Rugby & Hockey vs Former Pupils
- 30 Triathlon Day - Parents, pupils,
former pupils competition
- 21 Movie Night
- The Pure Hell of St Trinians

October

- 4 Jubilee Lecture - Hugo Vickers
'The Queen, Five Decades on the Throne', Open to all
- tba Unveiling of the Commemorative Work of Art
- 19 Movie Night - An Affair to Remember

November

- 2 CPA Fireworks Extravaganza
- 8 Jubilee Lecture - Lord Hurd
'Political Reflections'
- 30 Movie Night - High Society

December

- 1 The Jubilee Midnight Lecture
- The Headmaster
- 4 Advent Service

National Youth Jazz Orchestra

Members of NYJO - the National Youth Jazz Orchestra - started to arrive in The Shed first thing in the morning, joined by Cokethorpe pupils. Their previous engagement had been three nights at Ronnie Scott's club in London and the Oxfordshire January morning no doubt seemed especially fresh that day.



Nonetheless they began a workshop with the pupils with everybody playing the same few individual notes. Before anybody realised, this had turned into a musical phrase, and then into the main tune for an improvised piece. Within minutes, the youngest were jamming along with the most experienced of all of the musicians.

As the morning went on, NYJO started to play some written-out arrangements, and Cokethorpe's pupils were given some of the feature solo spots.

The workshops continued through the afternoon and the School's musicians played with NYJO from the scores of some of their professional-standard arrangements. Singers got to work with one of the NYJO vocalists on standard repertoire, as well as songs written by the band's conductor, Bill Ashton MBE.

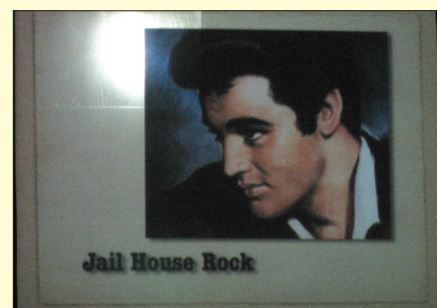


Cokethorpe's Jazz Band began the concert in the evening by playing a few numbers themselves. Then they settled back in the packed Shed to hear two hours of inspiring playing from some of the country's top young performers. Two of Cokethorpe's pupils joined the stage for the finale of the concert to sing with great confidence and with the accompaniment of the whole band. Cokethorpe pupils were clearly becoming accustomed to performing with some of the best young musicians in the country.

Nights at the Movies

With coloured lights, usherettes and an authentic popcorn machine, The Shed

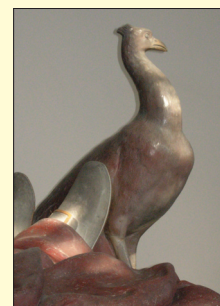
became an atmospheric and nostalgic venue for the 1950's series of films.



Jubilee Lectures

The series of Jubilee Lectures opened with a talk by Mr John Tolson, parent of a former student, who had spent time in Antarctica filming 'In the footsteps of Scott' for the BBC. He highlighted the dangers of this beautiful landscape being 'owned' by any country, and enchanted the audience with stories of how Scott's original hut is still standing, with everything as it was when Scott left for the final time. The talk was accompanied by some superb photography.

The Chairman of Governors, Mr Michael St John Parker was eloquent and informative on the subject of the Harcourt family and the history of the Cokethorpe Peacock. The School has continued with the Harcourt family tradition by having Peacocks as a part of its new Coat of Arms.



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Grease

With tickets sold out weeks in advance for all four nights, the excitement surrounding the show reached fever pitch for all concerned.

For the directors, musicians, cast and crew, the months of planning and rehearsals suddenly disappeared and opening night arrived. A gleaming, chrome laden 1950's Cadillac purred its way up the drive to play the vital part of Grease Lightening and thanks to the hard work and creative talents of Mrs Furneaux and Mrs Mace the costumes, hair and make-up were stunning.

The professional sound of the band was equalled only by the hideous-ness of those polyester shirts! Opening night was rain-free much to the relief of the backstage crew who had dozens of scene changes to cope with (and to those parents and friends who waited outside on the off-chance of a seat!). The opening number was a high energy



flash of colour that had everyone enjoying themselves immediately. The vocal performances were strong and the choreography energetic.

Patrick Grant's portrayal of Danny Zuko was mean, moody and cool, which played well against Bronté Coppock-Cudd's shy Sandy. The stage show, rather than focusing on the two lead characters, really gave other cast members an opportunity to shine.

Many congratulations are due to the vast number of people involved.



Jack Gibbons

Mr Gibbons' previous visits to Cokethorpe had been arranged by the late Mr Cranham, and Mr Gibbons dedicated this performance to his memory. The recital ranged from the exuberant complexity of the music of George Gershwin to the delightful intimacy of a Chopin etude - included as a particular favourite of Mr Cranham's.

One of Mr Gibbons' tales about the hazards of performing was the time he crossed his left hand over his right to play a high passage of music, only to find that his hand had gone up his other sleeve rather than onto the keyboard!

Mr Gibbons left us in no doubt about his mastery of the piano: his performances of some of the most demanding pieces of Nineteenth Century piano repertoire, and three of his own compositions, were followed by a performance of Gershwin's complex Rhapsody in Blue.

For Mr Gibbons, the demanding solo piano part was clearly not enough and uniquely he included the full orchestral parts as well.



Grease: The Cast List

Sandy	Bronté Coppock-Cudd
Rizzo	Charlotte Krol
Marty	Megan Rawle
Cha-Cha	Francesca Roberts
Jan	Louise Ford
Frenchy	Sian Keegan
Miss Lynch/Radio Voice	Lucy Jezzard
Patty Simcox	Clara Young
Danny	Patrick Grant
Doody	Toby Pugh
Roger	Alexander Mayhew
Kenickie	Oliver Berger
Johnny Casino	James Cull
Teen Angel	Gerard Smith
Sonny	Darrell Porter
Eugene	Thomas Howard
Vince Fontaine	Gerard Smith

Backing Vocalists

Girls	Boys
Lena Beardsell	Alexander Sayers
Hannah Brown	Dominic Cannon
Charlotte Yules	Louis Armstrong-Jones
India Pool	William Lawson
Rebecca Wheeler	Laurie Gibson

Teen Angels

Rosanna Cull
Lydia Farrell
Rio Coppock-Cudd
Marianne Pearson
Sonal Mandalia
Gabriella Evans
Amy Williams
Hope Boyd
Lucy Furneaux

Ripieno Boys Chorus

Huw Williams
William Draper
Samuel Unwin
Ellis Sargeant-Long
Harry Fellows
George Lawson
James Ellacott
Alexander Booty

Grease

Grease is a musical by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

It takes its name from the 1950s United States working-class youth subculture, the greasers. The musical, set in 1959 in fictional Rydell High in Chicago, tackles such social issues as teenage pregnancy and gang violence.

The Broadway production opened 7 June, 1972 at the Broadhurst Theatre, transferring to the Royale. and then the Majestic, where it closed on 13 April, 1980, after 3,388 performances.

The show went on to become a West End hit, a hugely successful film, a popular 1994 Broadway revival, and a staple of regional theatre, summer stock, community theatre, and high school drama groups.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Scholarships

Congratulations to Lily Bradstock and Molly Williamson for being awarded Academic scholarships and to Lizzie Ferrier and Francis Plummer for being awarded Sports scholarships for entry into Year 7 next academic year.

Prizewinners for the Term

1JR	Antonia Haar
2JR	Alex Reid
3LO	Matthew Clarke
3RO	James Crook
4MM	Matthew Pavitt
5JD	Charles Tobin
5HL	Laura Cardy
6GMHJ	Tabitha Stew
6MOC	Rosie Turner
6MGC	Elizabeth Gardner

Netball Results

Under 11

St Hugh's	W 15-6
Sibford	W 7-0
Our Lady's Convent	W
Hatherop Castle	W 19-3 (A) W 7-1 (B)
The King's School	W 33-0
Chandlings Manor	L 15-7

Under 10

St Hugh's	L 14-4
Sibford	L 5-3
Our Lady's Convent	W 2-1
Hatherop Castle	W 7-1
Chandlings Manor	L

Under 9

Sibford	W 9-2
The King's School	W 15-5
Dean Close Prep	W 10-5

Soccer Results

Under 11

St Edward's Cheltenham	L 3-1 (A) L 3-1 (B)
Rencombe College	L 2-0
New College School	W 1-0

Under 9

St Edward's Cheltenham	L 6-1 (A) L 8-1 (B)
CCCS	W 7-0 (A) L 3-2 (B)

Tournament at Hatherop Castle:

Kitebrook House	W 1-0
Sibford School	W 1-0
Tockington Manor	D 0-0
Querns	D 0-0
St Hugh's	L 1-0
St Edward's Cheltenham (semi-final)	W 1-0
St Hugh's (final)	W 2-0

Year 2

New College	L 4-2
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Junior School Music Recital

The Junior School Music Recital was a resounding success. Years 5 and 6 provided the audience with a varied and exciting programme ranging from Piano Minuets to a rousing finale of The White Stripe's 7 Nation Army. The standard was extremely high, with all the performers displaying great skill and confidence.



Reception Class Open Afternoon

The only way up is down! Or so it could be said on Thursday 1 March when the Junior School opened its doors for the first Reception Open Afternoon. The children followed the colourful footprints to find toys and friends to play with, and entertaining art and craft activities. The parents enjoyed the varied presentations and tea. This is a new and exciting venture for the School.

Mexicolore

On Tuesday 20 March a man came in to teach us about Aztecs. We re-enacted an Aztec ball game called Tlachtli! We learnt how to count to 4 in Nahuatl. We also learnt about their calendar and sun stone. The whole experience was amazing.

Saskia Kovandzich, 6MGC



Declamation Evening

The Declamation Evening was the culmination of a whole Junior School competition to learn and recite a published poem. Those performing were the winners of their class competitions.

There was an amazing range of poetry performed from the work of renowned modern poets such as Roger McGough and Roald Dahl to classic poems by



William Blake and William Shakespeare; and as always the Judges had very difficult decisions to make. (See blue column.)

The pupils also recited a range of French verse and a short play. To conclude, the three Year 6 classes performed a range of very funny pieces from Allen Ahlberg and Roger McGough, and the well-known Albert and The Lion by Marriot Edgar (with Lancashire accents!).

Infants Poetry Reading

The Year 1 and Year 2 children also chose poems to learn. They recited them in front of their parents and to the Year 3 and Year 4 children at Lower Junior Assembly in the Corinthian Room. They all received a certificate for their participation.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 4 Trip to Corinium Museum

On Monday we went to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. It was really fun. We travelled by coach. When we got there we split into three groups. We were given sheets on the Romans and we had to answer some questions. There were lots of pottery and mosaics. After lunch we had to do some activities. We got to play real Roman games and dress up in Roman clothes with real jewellery. We also looked at food and made mosaics. There were lots of Roman remains of armour and pottery and jewellery and mosaics. At the end of the trip we got a goody bag. I got a soldier holding a standard and a bag to keep money in. I really enjoyed the trip and I learned a lot about Romans.

James Duffield, 4MM



Junior Netball

The Junior netball teams have been exceptional this year. After a good hockey term the girls had a lot to live up to, and they did this very well. The Year 6 team were excellent all year and played some netball far better than their years, led splendidly by Captain Charlotte Mobbs. The girls had 6 fixtures against local prep schools and won the majority of their games (see blue column) which demonstrated their high levels of skill.

Sibford were first on the fixture list and all the girls played extremely well, especially the U9 team who were mainly Year 3 against a Sibford Year 4 team.

Chandlings Manor were the only team this year that caused serious problems. They are known for fielding strong teams and both the Under 11s and Under 10s lost, but the Year 6s played especially well to only lose 7 goals to 15.

The King's School were the last opposition of the season and the girls worked well to pull off a fantastic win.

This has been a very successful season for all three junior teams. They have worked very hard and have reaped the rewards. Special mention to the U11 squad for a truly brilliant season.

Year 6 Trip to Witney Hospital

On Monday 26 February and Monday 5 March, Year 6 visited Witney Hospital as part of the Injury Immunisation Programme for Schools which advises children about accident prevention. This included a video about common injuries, how that occur and how they should be treated and the children were taught CPR and what they should do if they find someone unconscious.

National Poetry Competition

Congratulations to Rem Cuppock-Cudd who has won a place in the final of the National Poetry Competition in aid of Cancer Research UK. Rem's poem was one of 16 finalists chosen for the Pound a Poem book (from over 2,000 entries), to be published later this year.



Under 9 Soccer Victory

The U9 team played in the annual 6-a-side tournament at Hatherop Castle School. Cokethorpe won this event last year and the team of Matthew Pavit, Rory Atkins, Charlie Dyde, Charlie Dunmall, Archie Fellows, Noah Hustler, Alistair Grime and Michael Hook were determined to bring back the winners' trophy. Winning their group, they met St Edward's Cheltenham in the semi-finals, a team they had lost to a few weeks previously. The boys powered themselves to a 1-0 victory to meet St Hugh's in the final. In a hard battle they scored a vital goal from a corner and with sustained pressure a second goal just before the final whistle. All the players worked incredibly hard and their battling enthusiasm and determination was a credit to themselves and the School.

Year 2 Soccer

The Year 2 boys played against New College School, narrowly losing 4-2. It was a match that saw end to end action throughout. Having gone 2-0 down early on the boys battled back to 2-2 with goals from Matthew and Harry Jobling, but the opposition made some changes and scored two very late goals. Well done to all the Year 2 boys who showed great energy and enthusiasm.

Declamation Evening Winners

Year 3: Jessica Williams - *I'm Cold said the Snowman*

Year 4: Elliot Bowden - *The Veggy Lion*

Year 5: Fred Orme - *It's Winter*

Year 6: James Gobbi - *Sammy*

Overall: Ellen Garbutt - Roald Dahl's *The Anteater*

The Dragon Fruit

By Rem Cuppock-Cudd

Inside the fiery spikes is the scorching beach.
Inside the scorching beach is the black eye.
Inside the black eye is the hot sand.
Inside the hot sand is the white inside.
Inside the white inside is the tropical breeze.
Inside the tropical breeze is the black stone.
Inside the black stone are the swaying trees.
Inside the swaying trees are the crimson spikes.
Inside the crimson spikes is the tropical ocean.
Inside the tropical ocean is the dark eye.
Inside the dark eye is the swaying in the wind.
Inside the swaying in the wind are the fiery spikes.

Inter-house Cross Country

The race was run in three age groups.

Year 1 and 2 Boys

- 1st Luke Garbutt
- 2nd William Howard
- 3rd Matthew Jobling

Year 1 and 2 Girls

- 1st Annabel Clarke
- 2nd Anna De Buriatte Moglia
- 3rd Evie Garbutt

Year 3 and 4 Boys

- 1st Charlie Dyde
- 2nd Matthew Pavitt
- 3rd Matthew Roche

Year 3 and 4 Girls

- 1st Elisha Evans
- 2nd Erika Davies
- 3rd Jessica Williams

Year 5 and 6 Boys

- 1st Francis Plummer
- 2nd Jonathan Harling
- 3rd Sebastian Evans

Year 5 and 6 Girls

- 1st Beth Stanley
- 2nd Anna Withey
- 3rd Molly Williamson

THE HOUSES

Recommendations

Year 7: Amy Williams, Swift
 Year 8: Alyce McNaughton, Gascoigne
 Year 9: Huw Williams, Swift
 Year 10: Harminder Bhella, Queen Anne
 Year 11: Jake Nash, Queen Anne
 Year 12: Jay Amin, Gascoigne
 Year 13: Deon Yip, Feilden

Overall winner: Alyce McNaughton
 House winner: Queen Anne

Inter-house Netball

Swift

Captain: Francesca Roberts
 Top goal scorer: Louise Ford

Vanbrugh

Captain: Fay Davidson
 Top goal scorer: Fay Davidson

Harcourt

Captain: Vicky Jones
 Top goal scorers: Kate Ferrier
 Vicky Jones

Gascoigne

Captain: Megan Hope
 Top goal scorer: Sarah Davey

Feilden

Captain: India Pool
 Top goal scorer: India Pool

Queen Anne

Captain: Vicky Tuck
 Top goal scorers: Hannah Brown
 Charlotte Krol
 Emily Stafford

Inter-house Soccer

Overall Points Table and Final Positions:

Position	House	Points
Winners	Gascoigne	21
2	Queen Anne	14
3	Swift	10
4	Harcourt	9
5	Feilden	8
6	Vanbrugh	5

Years 11-13:

Position	House	Points
Winners	Gascoigne	7
2	Queen Anne	5
3	Swift	4
4	Harcourt	3
5	Vanbrugh	2
6	Feilden	1

Year 9 and 10:

Position	House	Points
Winners	Gascoigne	7
2	Queen Anne	5
3	Harcourt	4
4	Feilden	3
5	Vanbrugh	2
6	Swift	1

Year 7 and 8:

Position	House	Points
Winners	Gascoigne	7
2	Swift	5
3	Feilden	4
4	Queen Anne	3
5	Harcourt	2
6	Vanbrugh	1

Inter-house Netball

On Wednesday 17 January, the inter-house Netball matches took place in very good spirit despite difficult weather conditions.

The girls were divided into two groups according to their age and competed in a round robin tournament. Each house had one or two captains who were well-organized and very supportive of their teams providing advice and guidance to the younger players.

In the Years 7, 8 and 9, the Gascoigne team was above the rest. They drew one match and won all their others.

In Years 10, 11, 12 and 13, it was very close between Gascoigne and Queen Anne but on goal difference Queen Anne won this category.

Overall Gascoigne was a clear winner and Megan Hope the captain was delighted with her Netball players.

Some strong Netball players came to light during the House Matches. Suzy Russell in Year 10 joined the 1st VII team as well as Izzy Landon and Sarah Davey from Year 11. Perri Game in Year 9 joined Year 10 and became a regular member of their team.



Inter-house Soccer

On the Wednesday before the end of the very busy Lent Term the boys let off some steam by competing in the inter-house Soccer competition. The afternoon weather allowed the tournament to be enjoyed by all and some superb soccer skills were illustrated across a combination of the 9 soccer pitches, vigilantly well-kept by the School's groundsman. Once again, Gascoigne repeated last year's performance by triumphantly coming top in all three age groups.



Vanbrugh House Tree

A case of history repeating itself - exactly one year on, after a relatively warm end to the winter, the temperatures plummeted causing the wind, sleet and snow to chill a small group of Vanbrugh students to the bone.

They were checking up on the health of the Western Red Cedar - a slow growing specimen, granted, but strong and determined nonetheless. They are proud to report that their tree is now one year old.



ADVENTURES AND EXPEDITIONS

Year 12 Geography Trip

The Year 12 Geographers ventured to Snowdonia in North Wales to learn how to carry out fieldwork data collection techniques. As well as practising some human techniques in Betws-Y-Coed they measured variation in a river's characteristics from its source to a downstream point.

On Sunday they measured sand dune succession which had added excitement due to a dead porpoise washed up by the high tide and crazy sand storms whipped up by the high winds and hail. It was a successful trip from which



International Netball Match

On Monday 22 January the first Netball Match test series between 6 countries got underway. Cokethorpe netball girls from Year 9 and above went to see England play South Africa. After a reasonably long, but entertaining bus trip in two minibuses, we settled down into our seats and watched the two World Class teams complete their warm-up.

Both sides came out strong from the first whistle and the score was quite even at the start and in the first quarter. However England soon started to dominate South Africa. In the second quarter England improved on their lead and established a good rhythm with a strong defence. At half-time, England was winning 30 goals to 16.

During the half-time break, many took the chance to buy some merchandise or in some cases, food. England carried on with their strong performance and in the



everybody learnt a lot especially how to keep warm in weather extremes.

ACF Training Weekend

The ACF March training weekend at Read House saw first aid course passes and the senior cadets joining the newly formed Rifles Regiment for some advanced hands-on experience.

Year 11 Social

The Year 11s ended the term with a social in which a hog roast was thoroughly enjoyed before dancing the night away in The Shed to the band Silverchain, fronted by Chris Lord.



last quarter England had many shooting opportunities. The final score was 67-30.

For one of the minibuses it was a straightforward trip back but for the other it was another experience on top of the spectacular netball match. Firstly finding our way out of Birmingham was challenging but we were soon back on track for an apparently straightforward journey home. After dropping some girls in Oxford, we thought we would be back at school for our 11pm target. Mr Williams soon discovered that this was not going to be the case, as the bus wouldn't start. By now the girls were cold, tired and wanted to get home but then it started snowing, which cheered everyone. We called our parents who came and collected us. Many of us did not get home before 1am but it was certainly a great and memorable trip.

*Kimberley Mallett and Suzy Russell
Gascoigne and Swift*



Kendal Mint Cake

Facts:

- Kendal Mint Cake was carried to the top of Mount Everest in May 1953, on the first successful expedition to the summit
- Kendal Mint Cake can now rank as one of the world's most travelled sweets

History:

- Mr S T Clarke, the founder of the Lake District company that manufactures Kendal Mint Cake (and is now run by the fourth generation of the family), started out as a sweet wholesaler when he was invalided out of the 1914-1918 war
- When he was unable to obtain supplies of Kendal Mint Cake during the summer season he purchased an old recipe and started manufacturing his own
- This proved successful, but was given a tremendous boost when after advertising in a climbing magazine Mr Clarke was approached by the 1953 expedition to Everest, to see whether he could supply mint cake within 7 days
- It had to be packed in high altitude packs for inclusion in the supplies to be sent on ahead, hence the need for haste
- Fortunately he had sufficient stock to meet their needs, and his staff willingly gave up their sweet ration coupons to comply with the law
- These coupons were later refunded by the Ministry of Food
- Sir Edmund Hilary and Sirdar Tensing ate this mint cake on top of Everest as they gazed at the countryside down below. Tensing also left some to appease his 'gods'
- The publicity surrounding this event increased sales of mint cake to hikers and climbers, and to visitors to the Lake District

How it is made

- Mint cake is still made in traditional copper pans on gas boilers
- It is made by combining sugar, glucose and water then boiling more fiercely in smaller pots
- After cooling for several minutes, half an ounce of oil of peppermint is added to every 40 lb of mix
- The blend is poured by hand into shallow trays where it hardens quickly
- Kendal Mint Cake has a subtle but stimulating flavour, cool in summer, fiery in winter and has a unique blend of textures, smooth and hard, but always creamy

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Rafiki Thabo Foundation

The Rafiki Thabo Foundation is a newly formed charity designed to provide financial assistance for community initiatives in Africa. Currently, the focus is on Lesotho, where Cokethorpe School is helping to raise funds for a secondary school project, Kenya and Uganda. In each instance, the Foundation responds to the needs of the community, as identified by our representatives on the ground. We aim to work closely with the communities in an attempt to reach personal need. If you are interested in finding out more, email Mr Uglow on aeu@cokethorpe.org

Sale of Daffodils

The grand sum of £157.35 was raised by sale of daffodils to pupils and staff in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal.

Whole School Fast Day

Friday 9 March was the School's termly 'fast day', when only soup rolls are served in the Dining Hall and all other 'treats' are disallowed throughout the day, for staff and pupils alike.

Year 7 Cake Sale

Cokethorpe students appear to have a reputation for investing heavily in their stomachs. On Tuesday 30 January, they descended upon the marquee with unrestrained glee, desperate to buy some of the delicious cakes the Year 7 pupils were challenged to provide; they had responded admirably, with Gabriella Evans winning the prize for the most impressive effort with a delicious carrot cake. A grand total of £270 was raised - a fantastic effort. This, coupled with the £500 raised through the 'Home Clothes' day, will be taken to Lesotho, a tiny mountainous country in Southern Africa, where it will contribute towards



an educational development project. In July, a group of Sixth Form students will visit the village and spend some time working with the children there before heading into South Africa to try and find the 'Big 5' at Hluhluwe Umfolozi Safari Park.

Marie Curie

The staff at Cokethorpe hold an annual ball organised by members of Common Room. This year it was themed as The Daffodil Ball and, as it coincided with the Great Daffodil appeal, it was decided to hold a raffle in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care to be drawn at the ball. The raffle raised £257.60 for this very worthy cause.



THE CPA AND STAFF NEWS

Committee

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Talent Show Postponed

Unfortunately the hectic schedule of the Lent Term has taken its toll on the number of applications for the Talent Show. The CPA has decided to postpone the event until February 2008, giving lots of time to plan and rehearse twenty excellent acts.

Forthcoming Events

The Golden Peacock Ball:
14 July 2007 - Sold Out.
A Murder Mystery Dinner:
13 October 2007

CPA Donation

The CPA is pleased to announce that with the well-tuned investigative powers of Mr Hedgecock, it has been able to find and purchase a top quality sound system for the school. It will be used for Drama and Music and many major events of the School and the CPA.

The Daffodil Ball

Eynsham Hall provided the perfect backdrop for a beautiful Spring Ball for the staff on 9 March. The evening began with a delicious 3 course meal followed by music and dancing into the early hours. An enjoyable evening was had by all.



Marathon Runner

Mrs Haste, the School Nurse will be running the London Marathon on 22 April in aid of Spinal Research.

A Fishy Business

Returning from a meeting in February, Mrs Timms, the Headmaster's secretary, found that the bowl of Cokethorpe-branded sweets which sits on her desk for visitors and well deserving pupils, had mysteriously turned into two goldfish!

They have been named Hansel and Gretel, but it is still unknown who organised the 'swap'.



THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Year 7 County Cross-Country

Once again, Cokethorpe's impressive parkland was ideal for the annual Year 7 County Cross-Country competition. 22 schools took part, 150 boys in one race, and 142 girls in another.



County Hockey Tournaments

Cokethorpe have been delighted to host a number of County hockey tournaments over the term including the U13 girls and boys. The reputation of the School as an excellent location for hockey is ever increasing; the above photo was taken from a match between Magdalen College School and Stowe. Wychwood Ladies Hockey Club have used the pitches every Saturday for their matches.

Scouts Minibus

The First Standlake & Cokethorpe Sea Scouts are very proud to announce they have a new minibus with the Scouts logo.

Forthcoming Events

Easter and Summer Tennis Academies: 16-20 April, 6-10 and 13-17 August

Oxfordshire Junior Young Farmers Charity Clay Pigeon Shoot. 5.30-7.30 20 April.

Parents' Tennis Academy: Saturdays 2-4pm from 9 June until 14 July

National Hockey Festival: 21-22 April

Cokethorpe Summer School Activities Holiday: 16-20 and 23-27 July

County Cricket Nets in Sports Hall: 6 week course over Easter holidays and beyond

County Cricket Festival: 30 May-1 June

Oxfordshire Senior Schools PSHE Seminar for 70 teachers: 27 June

Oxford Inspires/Age Concern. 1000 years of Oxfordshire; 1 September, 11am-10.30pm

Oxfordshire primary schools PSHE seminar for local children: 24 May

Host venue for 9 cricket matches for The Downs Cricket Club Gentlemen's 11, over course of Summer Term.

PROJECT 2007

Project 2007 was launched as a fund-raising target for the anniversary year.

The School has many plans for the future, and would like to make it possible for people to contribute to a permanent memorial of the anniversary year. Project 2007 is the vehicle for this, a way in which contributions can be made either for a specific purpose or to a general fund.

The School has a wide-ranging portfolio of development projects. With increased competition, upward pressure on fees and political and economic uncertainties, independent schools are more dependent than ever on the support of their current parents, former pupils and friends to continue their mission.

The financial support of parents and former pupils at Cokethorpe was last sought over 20 years ago to help fund the current Design Technology and Art building in the Upper Quad. The cost of the School's Development Plans for the next ten years - to enhance the quality

of the School's provision for current and future generations of Cokethorpe pupils - could exceed £8 million, and not all of this could be realistically funded from cash-flow or prudent borrowings.

Consideration is therefore being given to a Fund Raising Campaign to raise say £2 million, £1.5m for capital projects and £0.5m for a Bursary Fund, to be launched in 2008. In the meantime Project 2007 is a relatively small campaign to raise £50,000 during the Fiftieth Anniversary Year, in order to make a start towards some of the projects, probably half for capital projects and half for bursaries.



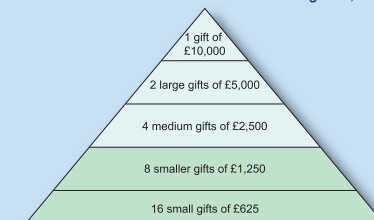
Possible Development Projects

Project	Cost £
Bursary Fund	500,000
Sports Pavilion	250,000
DT/Art Extension	100,000
Dining Hall/Sixth Form	2,500,000
Total	£3,350,000

For further details, information on how donations can be enhanced by Gift Aid and for a donation/Gift Aid form, please see the 'What's On' programme.

Project 2007 - £50,000

Possible breakdown of donations totalling £50,000



To arrange a discussion with the Foundation Director, Mrs Rutland, with a view to contributing to/helping with Project 2007 or a future Capital Campaign, email foundationoffice@cokethorpe.org.

THE SCHOOL CHURCH

Headmaster's Assembly Hymns

Michaelmas Term

6 Sep He Who Would Valiant Be
 11 Sep O Jesus I Have Promised
 18 Sep O Jesus I Have Promised
 25 Sep Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer
 2 Oct Be Thou My Vision
 9 Oct All Things Bright And Beautiful
 16 Oct Now Thank We All Our God
 30 Oct God Is Love, His The Care
 6 Nov Lord Of All Hopefulness
 13 Nov For All The Saints
 20 Nov Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer
 27 Nov Immortal, Invisible
 4 Dec All People That On Earth Do Dwell
 11 Dec On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry
 13 Dec Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Lent Term

8 Jan Now Thank We All Our God
 15 Jan Immortal, Invisible
 22 Jan At The Name Of Jesus
 29 Jan Be Thou My Vision
 5 Feb O Worship The King
 19 Feb Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation
 26 Feb He Who Would Valiant Be
 5 Mar Tell Out My Soul
 12 Mar Fight The Good Fight
 19 Mar When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
 26 Mar Praise To The Holiest In The Height
 30 Mar Thine Be The Glory

Choral Evensong: 25 January

It was dark outside and there was a chill in the air, but members of the congregation were happy to let their haggis wait for a wee while this Burns Night. Pupils, parents and staff joined together for evensong after school.

The service followed the order of evening prayer in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, and the appointed readings remembered the conversion of St Paul. The Chamber Choir provided the sung elements of the service. Along with the hymns and the Preces and Responses these included: The Short Service in B minor by Thomas Weelkes; Ave Verum by Mozart; Psalm 150 set by C V Stanford.



Imposition of the Ashes

A service to mark the beginning of Lent was held on Wednesday 21 February.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will be held during the Summer Term, with the Confirmation Service conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester on Sunday 20 May.

Memorial Service

A service in memory of Peter Cranham was held on Saturday 24 February, with a wonderful selection of hymns, readings and memories. The beautifully decorated church was packed with former colleagues, friends, pupils and parents.



THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

The Committee

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 Secretary: Simon Lancaster
 Warwick Daniels
 Peter Green
 Mike Hilder
 Alexandra Whittenbury
 Philip Vaughan-Fowler

Dates for the 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) (full)
 Birthday Party: 15 September
 Old Boys Rugby: 29 September
 Former Pupils Hockey: 29 September
 Triathlon Day: 30 September

Contact Details

Please confirm contact details if not already done so. (Download form from website, complete online or email for electronic copy - ksfr@cokethorpe.org)

The 2007 AGM was, as has now become a tradition, held at The Bell Inn, Ducklington in March. Much good work was done over a pint and a good supper. The Secretary, Simon Lancaster ratified previous minutes, the Treasurer, Tony Baker presented the year's accounts and the Chairman, James Whittenbury brought fresh business to the table.

While maintaining control of the Society's management the committee agreed with and thanked the School for its offer to administer more of the Society's social, sporting and cultural functions for the alumni, through the Foundation Office.



(left to right) Philip Vaughan-Fowler, Tony Baker, James Whittenbury, Simon Lancaster, Peter Green, Mike Hilder.

Mystery Archive Photo Solved

Many thanks to all those that contacted the School regarding the unknown photo, it has been identified as the right-hand science laboratory of the Terrapin Building. Further details on the website.

FCP News

Following the School's efforts to re-establish contact with all former pupils, news and information has been received from all over the world! Left is a picture of Pete Brown and Aidan Drewett in Tibet.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In with the Old

The Foundation Office has got off to a flying start, with a project that is going to become a very important and valuable asset to the School and its alumni. 'The Archives' - ranging from photographs, meeting minutes and certificates to old newsletters and magazines - are being collated to form a comprehensive database. Shown are two photos that need dating followed by an extract from one of the first editions of 'The Bell Tower', a newsletter still produced by pupils today. Please help the School by sending documents or photos that relate to Cokethorpe and its history (all originals will be returned).



'Ever since 1957 there has been a set school uniform up to the V form. We are now 35 years on and starting to move with the times with new buildings, a new house system and so on. One of the newest aspects of Cokethorpe is the introduction of girls. There should now be a school uniform that's modern, comfortable and an agreeable colour. The uniform as it is of an earlier age; it is not comfortable, the colour is embarrassing and when it rains the sports jackets tend to stay damp for a long time and collect a lot of dirt. Everything around us is changing so the uniform should keep up with the times.'

Scott Allingham (leaver 1992)
The Bell Tower, Vol 1, No 6, 1992



'Around the School' Quiz

Below are some of the questions asked in Vol 3, No 3 of The Bell Tower (1994). A prize for the most right answers - email foundationoffice@cokethorpe.org

- 1) What is the date of the main building?
- 2a) Who opened Vanbrugh house?
2b) What year?
- 3) What does 'thorpe' mean in Cokethorpe?
- 4) At which end of the school church is the alter (point of compass)?
- 5) Name the head boy in 1970
- 6) How many blocked out windows are there in the main building?
- 7) Where is the sundial?
- 8) What direction does the main school entrance face?
- 9) Who is Esther?
- 10) Which Cokethorpe house is like a bird?

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

New Website

On Thursday 8 February, the School was closed due to snow. When parents and pupils 'logged on' to see if the School would stay closed for the Friday, they discovered that the School website had been given a 'refurbishment'. This is

the first steps towards communicating with everyone connected to the School via electronic mediums on a more regular basis. Current parents can now register to access the secure pages. It is constantly being updated so keep looking!



The Internet and the Web

The Internet and the World Wide Web are not synonymous: the Internet is a collection of interconnected computer networks, linked by copper wires, fiber-optic cables, wireless connections, etc.; the Web is a collection of interconnected documents and other resources, linked by hyperlinks and URLs. The World Wide Web is accessible via the Internet, as are many other services including email and file sharing.

As of March 10, 2007, 1.114 billion people use the Internet according to Internet World Stats (that's 16.9% of the world population).

A 2002 survey of 2,024 million Web pages determined that by far the most Web content was in English: 56.4%; next were pages in German (7.7%), French (5.6%) and Japanese (4.9%).

The Indexed Web contains at least 14.06 billion pages (Friday, 23 March, 2007).

TAIL FEATHERS

Ave Atque Vale

September Arrivals

Sadie Lapper: Sadie arrived from Gosford Hill as Head of Girls Games, having previously studied Sport Science with Geography at Worcester University. She has a keen interest in hockey, playing and captaining Witney Ladies 1st team and coaching Kidlington Juniors and the U13 Oxfordshire team at weekends.

Sophie White: Originally from Yorkshire, Sophie studied English and American literature at the University of Manchester. She taught at comprehensive schools in the North before four years at an International

School in France. She is actively involved in hockey and tennis, both inside and outside School. Interests include reading, theatre and the visual arts.

Carol So: Carol arrived in England in 2004 after finishing her Master's degree in Hong Kong, and is now working on her DPhil in Sociology at Oxford. She has taught Chinese language and culture in the UK for two years; she teaches Mandarin to Year 7 and some parents.

Adrienne Hughes: Adrienne has joined the expanding Psychology department. She previously taught for 10 years in Further and Higher Education. She enjoys horse riding, skiing and music.



January Arrivals

Holly Hiscox: Holly joined Cokethorpe to teach History and Politics, having recently completed her degree at Oxford University in Modern History and Politics, with a special focus on Twentieth Century Economic History. She enjoys a number of sports and activities including horse riding, netball and cricket.

Sara Fraser-Paterson: Sara previously taught at the Henry Box School and, as second in the Maths department, at Burford School. Her main interests are Music, Latin, Genealogy, Scuba Diving, and a daughter in the Junior School!

Nouara Larabi: Nouara grew up in France, studying English language and literature at university. She came to England to learn the language but loved it so much that she decided to train here; after working as a French Assistant for a few years she graduated last June and started here in January.

Andrew Forsey: Andrew completed his teacher training at Loughborough University after graduating there in Industrial Design and Technology with Education. During his time at university, he worked in Kenya on the construction of a large water tank and ran a similar 3 year project at Hurstpierpoint College. He has assisted with Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme assessments and run a martial arts club. He has travelled to Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and Indonesia. He plays the piano and guitar, loves cars and misses his old MGF!

Paul Bradford and the Catering Team: More details in the next issue.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michael Cooper and Sarah on the birth of Evie Grace on 21 December, to Catherine Phillips and Chris on the birth of Imogen Emily on 24 December and to Mark Shingleton and Alison on the birth of Edward on Monday 5 March.

Open Evening

Wednesday 9 May: 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 Information

A Reception Class is opening in September, completing the full range of primary and secondary education.

Almost all year groups are full for September 2007 - there are a small number of spaces in the Junior School.

Contacts

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The Headmaster particularly welcomes email correspondence during the Headmaster 'Live' hour between 8.00 and 9.00pm on the first Monday of every month during term time. dje@cokethorpe.org. At other times please contact The Headmaster's Secretary, Mrs Timms: 01993 892325 or pbt@cokethorpe.org.

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