



THE OCELLUS

The termly newsletter of the School

From the Headmaster



Once it was fashionable to describe the lives of great people of the past so that pupils might be inspired to emulate them. We see traces of this idea in school songs which, although sometimes somewhat metaphorically muddled, enjoin us clearly enough to follow the footsteps of noble voices calling from the past. But even scholars nowadays dislike setting heroes on pedestals, and there has been, of recent years a spate of debunking of formerly much revered figures. Perhaps, as never before, we are made aware that every person has their weaknesses, and that so often the good that a person may have achieved in one way at one time is balanced sadly by the harm done in some other way at some other time.

So often it seems that great strength and great weakness are present in the same talented individual. Perfection, it seems, may be impossible; for virtue, like so much else, is relative.

Although it is right to recognise that heroes are not necessarily perfect, I fervently believe that we still need them. At the recent reunion dinners the influence of staff and fellow pupils was very evident. I feel sure that current staff and pupils, whose diverse achievements are so well chronicled in The Ocellus, will provide similar inspiration.



ROUND UP

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Holiday Projects

As usual, there was plenty of maintenance work carried out over the summer. The following is a list of the main areas:

- refurbishment of the Junior School classrooms to create a Reception Classroom and a new Art Room
- creation of a new Senior School Library in the Learning Resource Centre
- conversion of the Library to three new air conditioned classrooms, two for English and one as an IT suite
- installation of a new Physics Laboratory in the Maths classroom on the ground floor of the Vanbrugh building, giving integrity to the Science department on the ground floor
- move of the Maths classroom into the vacated English classroom on the first floor link between Vanbrugh and the English block
- repairs to the Senior School Office roof
- creation of a new boys' changing room
- general decoration and re-carpeting around the site
- purchase of 20 laptops for use in the Science Department
- relocation of some computer terminals from the LRC into classrooms

New Developments

As mentioned in the April and July Headmaster's letters to parents, a new Dining Hall and Sixth Form Centre are planned for 2008. Initial design discussions have taken place with the appointed architects and outline plans have been shared with West Oxfordshire District Council. Formal planning application will be submitted at the end of August.

Front Cover:

God's Golden Acre Young Zulu Warriors



Devizes to Westminster

The Devizes to Westminster Canoe Marathon (DW) is the longest non-stop canoe marathon in the world. Held at Easter, crews race 125 miles from Devizes to London, the senior crews racing non-stop but the junior crews and senior singles over 4 days. There is no respite, and every second counts.

Timothy and Philip Pearse, who left last year and now race for Reading, provided inspiration to all the Cokethorpe crews.

Day 2: Ed Brooks discovered 'the wall', the body's reaction when there is no energy left. This arose from trying to catch Fred Reif and Paul Yates (from Wey). These two crews were being chased by the Pearses (fastest crew starts last), increasingly concerned about catching the Cokethorpe crews. Ed and Tim Muller finished 10 minutes behind Fred and Paul.

Day 3: By Boveney Lock Fred and Paul had been caught by the Pearse brothers. This was a race-changing moment as Tim and Ed (fully-recovered) were able to stay with the Pearses reducing their deficit to 2 minutes (about 400 metres).

Day 4: Dom Cannon and Ellie Frearson's broken rudder from the previous day had cost them a few minutes but they were still the first mixed crew.

There were 65 boats on the start line but the Pearses, Ed and Tim and Fred and Paul were all away cleanly. Dom and Ellie raced on the inside, staying out of trouble and getting a great start.

Results: 1) Tim and Philip Pearse, 2) Ed Brooks and Tim Muller, 3) Fred Reif and Paul Yates. 13) Dom Cannon and Ellie Frearson, the second mixed crew.

National Hockey Festival

The Easter holidays saw the 15th Rover Oxford Youth Hockey Festival move to Cokethorpe this year and it was a fantastic weekend of hockey for boys and girls aged 7 to 16. Teams came from as far away as Ireland!



American Rugby Game

On the last day of the Lent Term the Rugby 1st XV played the United States national U17 team and won conclusively.



ACADEMIC

Transfer Day

On Tuesday 26 June the pupils joining Year 7 in September (those moving up from Year 6 and those arriving from a wide range of other schools) spent the day getting to know each other and the School. They were greeted by their Housemasters and Housemistresses and enjoyed a range of activities including the Climbing Wall, ICT, Drama, Art, Music and Sports. Pupils learnt their way round the School, friendships were made and contact details exchanged, all



helping to ensure a smooth transition to the Senior School in September.

Year 10 Work Experience

A large Year 10 with 94 pupils took part in a wide variety of work placements for work experience week in June. This week was an exciting opportunity for pupils to develop their experience of the world of work and their own skills.

Sports-related occupations were very popular, from Leisure Centre work to working in a PE department. Many sports were represented including golf, fishing, horse riding, tennis and rugby.

Pupils worked at varied venues including Blenheim Palace, Roves Farm and BMW. Veterinary science and

architecture remain popular occupational choices. Reviews from employers are impressive and it is clear that pupils have worked hard.



English Trip to Stratford

Year 9 pupils experienced a highly enjoyable and worthwhile day out at Stratford this term. The Waterside Theatre was the venue for an excellent drama workshop and exploration of Shakespeare's life via an interactive film.

The dramatic talents of this year group were exploited to the full, as pupils participated with great enthusiasm



and engaged in a range of drama activities designed to help their understanding of Shakespeare's Macbeth. It was pleasing to witness the pupils working alongside professional actors and directors, as they used a range of dramatic techniques in order to explore the themes of the play.

Both the high level of dramatic ability and the pupils' independent knowledge and understanding of the play were impressive. Pupils also took the opportunity to ask real-life actors about their experiences in interpreting the key roles of this enigmatic play.

The English Department hope to repeat this highly successful trip in the future and to continue to build closer links with theatre companies across the region.



Whole School Photo

The weather stayed dry but cloudy as the School prepared for the biannual whole school photograph. The pupils were patient as they lined up waiting to be arranged on the tiered stage and the result was the largest school photograph to date - 647 pupils and 95 members of staff compared to the 57 pupils and significantly smaller staff numbers that started at the School fifty years ago.

Prize Giving Awards 2007

Year Prizes for Academic Excellence

Year 7	Luciana Dimascio
	Amy Williams
Year 8	Letitia Cookson
	Marianne Pearson
Year 9	Perri Game
	Huw Williams
Year 10	William Lawson
	Adam Lodowski

Year Prizes for Progress

Year 8	William Bennett
	Jack Hammond
Year 9	Rosanna Cull
	Samuel Unwin
Year 10	Lloyd Jelfs
	Oliver Woodard
Year 11	Sarah Bridle
	Emily Stafford

GCSE Prizes for Academic Excellence

Art	Rebecca Herd
Biology	Tim Muller
Business Studies	Michael Staples
Chemistry	Stuart Weston
DT, Graphics	Edward Brooks
DT, Resistant Materials	Michael Staples
Drama	Gerard Smith
English Language	Stuart Weston
English Literature	Charles Bennett
French	Alexander Mayhew
Geography	Simon Atkinson
History	Alexander Mayhew
ICT	Thomas Brindle
Mathematics	Tim Muller
Music	Joshua Happé
Physical Education	Jacob Geekie
Physics	Tim Muller
Sociology	Tom Billings
Spanish	Simon Atkinson

AS Level Prizes for Academic Excellence

Art	Victoria Jones
Biology	Amy Minch
Business Studies	Tom Biggs
Chemistry	Jay Amin
English	Charlotte Krol
French	Ben Green
Geography	Emily Landon
History	Thomas McLoone
Law	Megan Hope
Mathematics	Sophie Russell
Media Studies	Joanne O'Neill
Music	James Winkley
Physical Education	Tom Biggs
Photography	Patrick Plummer
Politics	Jessica Williamson
Psychology	Ben Green
Physics	James Winkley
Spanish	Ben Green
Theatre Studies	Charlotte Krol

A2 Level Prizes for Academic Excellence

Biology	Erica Jennison
Business Studies	Alexander Sayers
Chemistry	Dominic Hagues
Design Technology	Sarah Walton
English	Peter Gardom
History	Dominic Hagues
Law	Kate Ferrier
Mathematics	Deon Yip
Media Studies	Patrick Grant
Physical Education	Henry Swales
Physics	Erica Jennison
Politics	Timotheos Hatzis
Psychology	Kate Ferrier
Textiles	Sarah Walton
Theatre Studies	Patrick Grant

ACADEMIC

Prize Giving Open Awards

<i>Lancia Fulvia Prize</i>	Lucy Jezzard
<i>Stephen Cookson Memorial</i>	James Cull
<i>Daniel Sumpter Sportsman of the Year</i>	Rubehn Enjily
<i>Boggis Rosebowl Sportswoman of the Year</i>	Lena Beardsell
<i>Gordon Dennis Memorial</i>	William Lawson
<i>Sonia Tollady Memorial</i>	Francesca Ferrier
<i>Kate Perritt</i>	Clara Young
<i>Martin Browne Memorial</i>	Oliver Wenman
<i>Richard Reah Prize</i>	Oliver Berger
<i>The Cranham Prize</i>	Timotheos Hatzis
<i>The Grove Prize</i>	Luke Keegan
<i>The Sparks and Clark Award</i>	Frederick Reif
<i>Headmaster's Prize</i>	Erica Jennison



Prize Giving Day

One of the major worries about Prize Giving is the weather and where the picnic tables go if it rains. The Sports Hall was ready, the music took place in the marquee, but it stayed dry anyway. It was a lovely way to end the term, Prize Giving being a great chance for the School to celebrate the achievements of all the pupils and to reward the few at the very top. Guest speaker Rt Hon David Cameron MP clearly drew a crowd. It was standing room only to hear him introduced by the Chairman of Governors Mr Michael St John Parker. Mr Cameron spoke with humour and passion about the very positive start that children here receive



but also acknowledged the School's contribution to the local community. Head of School Erica Jennison followed the speaker and did full justice to her fellow pupils with an accomplished and equally passionate exposition of her time here. The Headmaster addressed the School and gave food for thought about educational issues such as the fact that State Schools have to spend more on examination fees than on textbooks. The Headmaster's oration drew regular nods and quiet 'hear hears' from the Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition. The day ended amidst Pimm's, sunshine and fond farewells to friends and teachers.

THE ARTS

May Day Madrigals

On 1 May, the Madrigals appeared on the balcony of the Mansion House and sang a short recital to the whole of the School who were assembled in the Mansion car park.

Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts.

The Chamber Choir took part in the 81st Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts with some pleasing results.

Concert Trip to Cambridge

A small group from Cokethorpe travelled to Cambridge for a concert by the Cambridge String Players, featuring the trumpeter, Crispian Steele-Perkins and organist Anne Page.

Confirmation Service

On Sunday 20 May, Abigail Cooper, Tom Donovan-Brady, David Ratcliffe and Helen Stharmer were confirmed by the Bishop of Dorchester, Rt Revd Colin Fletcher OBE, at St Mary's Church, Cokethorpe School. Caroline Griffin and Christopher Cook were also confirmed.

Soul Singers Concert

The Soul Singers were originally started by Mr Heaney in September 2004 as an alternative option for musicians wanting to sing their own harmonies and music. After a few line-up changes and many Open Day performances a core group emerged giving their first full-length concert on 2 July. The group members each learn the melody of a given song and over many hours of rehearsal create their own harmonies. Each song is therefore given a unique arrangement.

Prize Giving Performances

The staff, pupils, parents and other visitors to the annual Prize Giving were



treated to a medley of performances from all the music ensembles and bands that the School boasts as well as some solo performances from Duncan Bruce, Zoë Mace and Rebecca Truman.

Textile Success

The Textile department's first GCSEs had tremendous success with Rebecca Herd gaining 100% for her coursework (pictured right).



THE ARTS



Year 8 Drama Festival

On Thursday 28 June Year 8 put on a production of King Henry VIII by Geoff Bamber in The Shed. There were two excellent performances by the talented cast - a matinée for the Junior School and an evening performance for parents.

The Tudor settings were beautifully realised and the costumes created by Mrs Mace and Mrs Furneaux were outstandingly authentic.

The comic timing was put across with professionalism and assurance by the

young cast and the audience responded with much laughter and appreciation. There were many outstanding performances but especially noteworthy were Jacob Booty as Henry VIII, Alex Bryson as a Narrator, Marianne Pearson as Catherine of Aragon and Letitia Cookson as the Queen Mother.

A summer production with a large cast of Year 8 pupils has become a tradition and next year's presentation is eagerly awaited.

Art and Design Exhibition 2007

The annual A Level and GCSE Art, Textiles and Photography exhibition took place on the evening of Thursday 28 June. All the students who exhibited their work eagerly anticipated the reaction of parents, students, teachers, family and friends. It was once again most exciting to see the large variety of work on display, including Textiles for the first time.



The feedback from invited guests was outstanding, many commenting on the high standard of work exhibited. The students have worked very hard during the year to produce a range of dynamic and creative pieces. It was good to see the evening so well attended, and the students appreciated the support given.

Photography students have once again really excelled in a range of digital and manual photography techniques, from spray painted negatives to pure darkroom skills, highlighting the impressive talent of Cokethorpe students and staff.

The Department are extremely proud of all the students who took part in the exhibition and look forward with optimism to the A Level and GCSE results in August.

African Warthogs

The humorous family of warthogs, designed by Louise Stobart, have arrived at Cokethorpe and are situated at the front of the Mansion. They are happily strolling across the green alongside the main field. They are being joined by a selection of friends and the School is looking forward to seeing what else arrives in September!



Music Examination Results

Initial and Preparatory Grades:

James Staples	Piano (Merit)
Robert Wishart	Piano (Distinction)
Jessica Williams	Piano

Grade 1:

Sonal Mandalia	Singing
Harry Milligan	Trombone
Myles Osborn-Banton	Jazz Clarinet
Daniel Page	Singing
Melanie Severn	Singing
Louis Taylor	Jazz Saxophone (Merit)

Grade 2:

Letitia Cookson	Piano (Merit)
William Draper	Saxophone (Merit)
Francesca Ellis	Singing (Merit)
Lydia Farrell	Singing
Ryan Greynolds	Piano
Shirin O'Neill	Singing
Myles Osborn-Banton	Singing (Distinction)
Oliver Parker	Trumpet
Abigale Rawle	Singing
Benjamin Woodard	Jazz Saxophone (Merit)
Dominic Cannon	Piano (Merit)

Grade 3:

Laura McKenney	Flute
Alyce McNaughton	Piano (Merit)
Robert Wishart	Saxophone (Merit)
Rosanna Cull	Popular Music Vocal (Merit)

Grade 4:

Jessica O'Brien	Singing (Merit)
Amy Williams	Flute (Merit)
Robert Wishart	Saxophone (Merit)
Thomas Howard	Popular Music Vocal (Merit)

Grade 5:

Georgina Brooks	Saxophone (Merit)
Marius Kynaston-Pearson	Jazz Saxophone (Merit)

First Concert Certificate:

Emily Sayers	Clarinet (Merit)
Gerard Smith	Singing (Merit)

Grade 6:

Bronté Cuppock-Cudd	Singing
Peter Gardom	Singing
Lucy Jezzard	Flute
Lucy Jezzard	Piano
James Winkley	Trumpet

Grade 7:

Lena Beardsell	Popular Music Vocal (Distinction)
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Grade 8:

Rebecca Truman	Flute
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THE SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Responsibilities

The School is pleased to announce the new Sixth Form responsibilities for the next academic year:

Head of School	Charles Bartlett
Deputy Heads	Charlotte Krol Tom Biggs
Head of Feilden	Elliott Bennett
Head of Gascoigne	Megan Hope
Head of Harcourt	Darrell Porter
Head of Queen Anne	Charlotte Krol
Head of Swift	Clara Young
Head of Vanbrugh	Amy Minch
Prefects	Robert James Marc Johnson Emily Landon Joanne O'Neill Tom Shellard James Winkley

Trip to Oxford Courts

The Law and Psychology Sixth Formers visited the Crown Court and Magistrates Courts in Oxford on Monday 25 June.

Business Sponsorship

In the Lent 2007 issue of The Ocellus, it mentions that Alex Mayhew had secured a place with the Chambers of Richard Ferguson QC. In fact the company has marvellous new premises and has re-launched under a new name. Alex Mayhew now has a sponsorship with Nigel Lambert QC (former pupil, 1965) at Carmelite Chambers.

Guggenheim Museum, Spain

The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao is a modern and contemporary art museum designed by Canadian-American architect Frank Gehry and located in Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain.

The Guggenheim is one of several museums of the Solomon R Guggenheim Foundation. The museum features both permanent and visiting exhibits featuring works of both Spanish and international artists.

The curves on the building have been designed to appear random and to catch the light. Sited as it is in a port town, it is intended to resemble a ship. It opened to the public in 1997 and was immediately vaulted to prominence as one of the world's most spectacular buildings.

The Guggenheim Bilbao became a popular tourist attraction immediately after its opening, drawing visitors from around the globe. It was widely credited with 'putting Bilbao on the map'.



Leavers' Ball

The Upper Sixth enjoyed their leavers' ball at The Randolph Hotel in Oxford. Many staff joined them to see another successful year group leave the School.

Gap Year Talk

Mike Freeman from the Right Hand Trust gave the Sixth Form a talk on gap years.



Oxford Laboratories

The AS Level Chemistry students travelled to the Oxford Laboratories for demonstrations of experiments and it was an amazing experience.



Oxbridge Trip to Bilbao

The 17 potential Oxbridge candidates were given a special treat by travelling to northern Spain for a day in Bilbao, accompanied by the Headmaster and



Leavers 2007

The School says goodbye to 31 Sixth Formers and wishes them all the best for their future. All of them will be heading to University, some taking a gap year first. Departing Head of School, Erica Jennison, is seen above left giving her speech at Prize Giving.

Young Enterprise

The new Young Enterprise company 'Sparks' is selling personalised School hoodies with the School logo embroidered on them.

A Level Biology Trip

Next year's Upper Sixth Biology students travelled to Preston Montford, Shrewsbury, for a four-day Ecology course preparing for their A2 coursework.

Prefects' Dinner

The annual prefects' dinner started with the traditional croquet games on the Mansion Lawn. This was followed by a formal dinner in the Corinthian Room.



Second Master. Amongst shopping and refreshment breaks, they visited the famous Guggenheim Museum of modern and contemporary art.



AOB AND CEW

Brize Norton AOB Trip

At the end of the Summer Term members of the Airplane Interest Club and other interested students had the opportunity to visit RAF Brize Norton and to fly as observers on a refuelling mission over the North Sea. During the three hour flight the pupils were able to talk with members of the crew, observe



operations on the flight deck and witness ten Tornado fighter jets refuel in mid-air. And of course, there were excellent views of the School and grounds when coming in to land! The experience left all with a greater understanding of the RAF presence in the community.



CEW Gliding

On the first day of CEW, 14 students plus Miss Damerell and Mrs Scaysbrook took to the skies courtesy of the Aquila Gliding Club, for the fourth year during CEW. The group were blessed with almost perfect weather conditions for gliding. After an aero-tow launch, pupils were taught basic manoeuvres by their instructors and allowed to take control. Exhilarating flights over the Oxfordshire countryside allowed pupils to experience the magic of engineless flight. Back on the ground pupils worked in teams pushing the gliders back to the launch



area from their landing sites. Tom Johnson and Isabelle Evans benefited from an instructor demonstrating acrobatic manoeuvres – including loops.



ACF Re-badging Parade

Members of Cokethorpe Detachment of Oxfordshire Army Cadet force joined other members of the Battalion at a re-badging ceremony held at St George's Barracks, Bicester. The detachment used to be part of the Royal Green Jackets Regiment but government reorganisation has amalgamated it with a number of other infantry regiments forming the Rifles Regiment – 'the British Army's elite modern Rifle Regiment'. The rain-washed parade was followed by a pig roast and provided a rare opportunity for parents of the cadets to attend an event and gain an insight into some of the many activities in which the cadets are involved.



ACF Inauguration Ceremony

Cokethorpe Detachment of the ACF provided an escort to the new Bishop of Oxford The Rt Rev'd John Pritchard when he was inaugurated at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. As a symbol of his position in the city, the Bishop processed through the city centre to the Cathedral accompanied by the Area Bishops, the Archdeacons and the Diocesan Secretary, with Cokethorpe Cadets leading and lining the procession.

An interesting but long inauguration ceremony followed before the Bishop, cadets and guests retired outside for a garden party. *Photo: Paul Judson*

'Around the School' Quiz

Below are the answers to the questions in the last issue of the Ocellus.

- 1) 1710
- 2) Lord Douglas Hurd, 1991
- 3) A Hamlet or Village
- 4) East
- 5) R B Adeniyi-Jones
- 6) 10
- 7) Over the Church Doorway
- 8) East North-East
- 9) The Cokethorpe Guide Dog
- 10) Dean Swift

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Weekend took place from Wednesday 3 May to Sunday 6 May. The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Training Weekend was unfortunately cancelled. The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Assessment Expedition, Cotswolds took place over the weekend of 16-17 June.

French Exchange

The Year 9 and 10 children made the return trip to France for the second leg of the French Exchange.

CEW Highlights

Trip to Lanzarote
 Trip to Tarragona
 Trip to Portugal: Tennins Coaching
 Surfing in Newquay
 Boomerang Workshop
 Gliding
 Trip to Alton Towers
 Music Workshops
 Trip to Wembley Stadium
 Trip to Blenheim Palace
 Genealogy
 Mountain Biking (see photograph)
 Raft Building and Sailing
 Caving
 Clay Pigeon Shooting
 Trip to Snowdome, Milton Keynes
 Canoeing
 Orienteering
 Drama Workshops
 Trip to Cadbury's World
 Cotswold Wildlife Park
 Go Karting
 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
 Trip to London Zoo
 Trip to London Eye and Aquirium
 Photographic and Fashion Workshops
 Theatre Trips
 Design and Sculpture Workshop
 Model Hot Air Balloons
 Propulsion Rockets

SPORT

First XI Cricket Results

Magdalen College School
Cokethorpe: 153 for 6 (40 overs)
MCS: 154 for 1 (21.4 overs)
MCS won by 9 wickets

South Oxon Amateurs
SOA: 64 for 3 (15 over)
Rain stopped play
Match Drawn

Kingham Hill
KH: 75 all out (25.5 overs)
Cokethorpe: 77 for 3 (16.1 overs)
Cokethorpe won by 75 wickets

St Edwards
Cokethorpe: 150 for 6 (28 overs)
Rain stopped play
No Result

Marylebone Cricket Club
MCC: 113 for 4 (27 overs)
Rain stopped play
Match Drawn

Rounders Results

Year 7
Carterton: Win
Burford: Win
Gosford Hill: Win
Henry Box: Win
Winchester House: Loss
Bartholomew: Win
Dragon School: Win
Oxford High: Win
St Hugh's: Win

Year 8
Carterton: Win
Gosford Hill: Win
Henry Box: Win
Bartholomew: Win
Dragon School: Loss
Winchester House: Loss
Oxford High: Loss
Burford: Loss

Year 9
Gosford Hill: Loss
Carterton: Win
Bartholomew: Win
Burford: Win
Henry Box: Win
Oxford High: Win

Girls' Tennis Teams

Girls Under 13:
Alyce McNaughton, Lydia Farrell, Shirin O'Neill and Georgina Brooks.

Girls Under 15:
Harriet Mullins, Jessica O'Brien, Louise Ford, Katie Bennett, Abigail Berger and Hannah Gleeson (captain).

Cricket

It was a frustrating summer for all involved with many games cancelled because of the weather and a number of matches in which rain stopped play, often after the teams had developed potentially winning positions.

The 1st XI, captained by Andrew Stallard, had a particularly frustrating time and only managed to complete four matches. The best individual performance of the season came from Paul Tyrer against Kingham Hill.

The Under 15s completed four of their seven matches with excellent wins against Henry Box and Warriner and a pleasing 115 for 8 in a game lost to a strong Magdalen College School. Notable performances were by Billy Webb and Philip Allen for batting, and Robert Uren with sound bowling.

It was a slightly disappointing summer for the Under 14s considering the undoubted talent within the squad but there were highlights nonetheless including a 154-run tied match.

A good all-round team effort summed up the Under 13 season. The highlight of the season was a win against Pangbourne College with outstanding performances from Jamie Cox and Tom Swann. They rounded off their season with two wins and two losses.

The Under 12s had the best season of all the teams, winning three of their five matches and drawing one. There was a great mid-season win over The Oratory School. Their only loss came at the hands of eventual County Cup winners Henry Box.



Tennis

The Under 13 girls' team had their first taste of competition this term and had some noticeable success beating St Helen's and Gosford Hill in a rain-affected season.

They finished third in the Southern Oxfordshire Pool of the regional competition. The Under 15 girls performed very well with four wins from their six matches. They also finished third in the regional competition.

The boys performed with real skill and determination and special mention should go to the Under 13 boys' team

who, competing for the first time, were close to making the county finals. Captain Finn Dawkins (Year 7) did not drop a set throughout the season.

The Under 15s were also close to the finals only missing out as a result of a rain-interrupted match against Faringdon. Mention must be made of Aaron Polley, Josh Atkins, Max Rawlinson and captain Will Lawson for their dedication to training in all weather and a season that establishes the School as a consistent and competitive force in Oxfordshire schools' tennis.



SPORT



Athletics

Cokethorpe had a successful meet at the North Oxon Schools' competition. Lydia Farrell came 2nd in the high jump, Shona Stanley came 3rd in the 1500m, Jackson Curtis won both the sprint

Equestrian

At the Offchurch Bury event in May the open team, represented by Chloe Pickford, Nick Lucey, Alfie Bradstock and Kimberley Mallet, won by a forty point margin. They were all individually placed in the top 10. They were a credit to the School, both riders and horses performing impeccably over the two days. In the novice class Lily Bradstock (Year 6) came a very creditable third.



Rounders

It was a somewhat disappointing term due to the poor weather, but several games were slotted in nonetheless.

Year 7 had a successful season, playing nine games, winning eight and losing only one. Batting improved immensely as the season progressed and special mention should go to Gabriella Evans, Zoë Mace and Lulu Revell. A notable win was against Oxford High, with Amy Williams taking the catch of the season in the last innings to seal the victory by half a rounder. The most improved player award goes to Hope Boyd.

Year 8 had an up and down season, winning four matches but sadly losing five. The girls showed good determination and worked hard to improve their skills throughout the season. Excellent players include Stephanie Pilling, Alice McNaughton and Lydia Farrell.

hurdles and the javelin, and Danny Burford won the shot with a National Standard throw of 13.10m. All went through to the County Championships.

Both Jackson Curtis and Danny Burford are county champions and Danny was one of five to be selected to represent Oxfordshire Junior Boys in the National Championships held at Birmingham on 13 and 14 July.

Freddie Curtis has also made tremendous progress this year with his javelin throwing. His latest performance of 40m has made him number one in the country for his age.



Clay Pigeon Shooting

The senior team came 8th out of 26 schools in the National Championships in Derbyshire, beating some well known schools. Michael Staples and James Godden tied for 32nd place out of 345 in the individuals. In the juniors George Kerr (left) came 5th out of 92 competitors. Team: Michael Staples, James Godden, George Millin, Jordan Gillies, Tom Maslin, James Nettlefold.

Year 9 only managed to play six fixtures this year, but an impressive record was achieved, the girls won five games and lost only one. Other matches were very close and the last innings was all important. This was a solid season and the team showed great determination and enthusiasm. Mention should go to Alison Roberts for excellent fielding and batting and to Mary Parker for improvement.



Sports Achievements 2006-07

(Area, County or National)

Athletics:

Danny Burford (Feilden) *
Freddie Curtis (Harcourt) **
Jackson Curtis (Harcourt) *

Hockey:

Gabriella Evans (Swift) *
Lydia Farrell (Vanbrugh) *
Hannah Gleeson (Harcourt) *
Jenna Gordon (Gascoigne) *
Isobel Landon (Harcourt) *
Shona Stanley (Vanbrugh) *

Basketball:

Natasha Jones (Vanbrugh)

Canoeing:

Edward Brooks (Feilden)
Lena Beardsell (Feilden) **
Dominic Cannon (Feilden)
Eleanor Frearson (Vanbrugh)
Tim Muller (Vanbrugh)
Frederick Reif (Vanbrugh)

Netball:

Lucia Revell (Swift) *
Suzanna Russell (Swift) *

Rugby:

Joshua Atkins (Gascoigne) *
Tom Biggs (Feilden) *
Danny Burford (Feilden) *
Christopher Clare (Vanbrugh) *
Christopher Constantine (Queen Anne) *
Guy De Vos (Vanbrugh) *
Ahlexi Enjilly (Vanbrugh) *
Jonathan Morris (Gascoigne) *
Thomas Shellard (Harcourt) *
Henry Swailes (Harcourt) *
Julian Watkins (Swift) *
David Wells (Queen Anne) *

Cricket:

William Bishop (Harcourt)
James Cox (Gascoigne)
Jordan Gillies (Feilden) *
Thomas Swann (Swift)
Paul Tyrer (Gascoigne) *
Billy Webb (Gascoigne) *

Equestrian:

Alfie Bradstock (Gascoigne)
Nicholas Lucey (Vanbrugh)
Kimberley Mallett (Gascoigne)
Chloe Pickford (Vanbrugh)

Soccer:

Jordan Tabor (Swift)

Tennis:

Benedict Calnan (Swift) **

* County, ** National

Lena Beardsall has represented GB in kayaking this year at the Marathon World Cup Junior K1 in Denmark (5th out of 6) and the European Championships Junior K2 in Slovakia (6th out of 10).

Ben Calnan is currently ranked 7th in the country at Under 16 Tennis and has been as high as 3rd during this year.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Forthcoming Events

Michaelmas Term

September

- 13 Jubilee Lecture - Janice Hadlow
'Television's Times'
- 15 Headmaster's Party
- 15 Garden Opera 'La Bohème'
- 29 Whole School 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 Lunchtime Lecture
- The Headmaster
- 4 Advent Service at the New Theatre Oxford

God's Golden Acre

God's Golden Acre Khayelihle is a non profit making charity involved in the care of children who have been orphaned or abandoned because of HIV/AIDS related illness and violence.

The project is located in the South African province of Kwa Zulu-Natal, in the Valley of a Thousand Hills.

The children and young people that form The Young Zulu Warriors are either from 'Khayelihle,' which is the orphanage run by God's Golden Acre in South Africa or from families supported by God's Golden Acre's outreach programme in the surrounding rural areas.

Jazz

Jazz is a musical art form that originated in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States around the start of the 20th century. Jazz uses improvisation, blue notes, swing, call and response, polyrhythms, and syncopation.

The word 'jazz' began as a West Coast slang term around 1912, the meaning of which varied but which did not refer to music. Jazz came to mean jazz music in Chicago around 1915. Jazz was played in New Orleans prior to that time but was not called jazz.

Reunion Dinners

The School was delighted to welcome back over 150 former pupils on five evenings when it hosted a series of Reunion Dinners as part of the Fiftieth Anniversary. Some former pupils had not returned to the School for over 40 years! Aside from enjoying some fantastic dinners in the Corinthian Room - with classic school puddings - the evenings were full of nostalgia and many tales of school days were recounted. The former pupils were given a tour of the School on arrival and many ended with singing the School Hymn. The attendee list for the final decade - those that had most recently left the School - was so large that it was held in the School Dining Hall and the guests



enjoyed a tongue-in-check Friday fish 'n' chips menu. Following these successful dinners, a Cokethorpe Society social event will now be held each year.

Clockwise from above:
1957-1966, 1967-1976, 1977-1986,
1987-1996, 1997-2006.



Witney Jazz Festival

Prayers were answered when the sun came out on Saturday 2 June for the second Witney Jazz Festival. Tickets had already been selling fast but many turned up on the day and a record 500 people took part in the festivities. 'Guitar Summit', Denny Ilett Jr, Terry Hutchins, and Jez Cook, set the ball rolling at 2pm. This was followed by Alvin Roy's Reeds Unlimited, playing swing and mainstream jazz, then the Roy Williams

Quartet, Roy being considered one of the world's leading trombonists. Martin Pickett on the piano and the talented singer Andrea Mann continued into the evening with the top of the bill being the Scott Hamilton Quartet. Alvin, Roy and Scott then finished off the festival with a half-hour jam session. The festival was accompanied by a barbecue, pig roast and beer tent, whilst picnics were enjoyed all over the grounds.



FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY



Young Zulu Warriors

On Wednesday 4 July, thanks to the generosity of Cokethorpe families a total of £2,022 was raised at the Young Zulu Warrior concert. This money will go a long way to supporting the God's Golden Acre project, caring and supporting orphaned and abandoned children in Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa. The concert was sold out and everyone who attended was staggered by the energy, enthusiasm and quality of the performance given. The stage in The Shed may never recover from the foot stomping, roof raising volume produced

by the choir! Students gathered to enjoy an impromptu second show in the Lower Quad the following lunchtime. It is hoped that next time there will be two nights of concerts and a series of dance and music workshops in which Cokethorpe students can take part.

Grateful thanks go to all those who volunteered to be host families and helped make this unforgettable night possible. Many new friends have been made and the School looks forward to welcoming them back next year.

Sri Lanka Sponsors' Dinners

There were two formal dinners in the Corinthian Room during the Summer Term, attended by parents, staff and sponsors, which helped raise some final funds for the Golden Jubilee Tour.

Sri Lanka Leaving Barbecue

On Saturday 7 July, the parents, staff and pupils all enjoyed a barbecue as the anticipation of their departure increased.



Jubilee Lectures

The term's four Jubilee Lectures have been fascinating and well-attended. Bryan Cowgill spoke about how he became known as 'Mr Action Reply', whilst Martin Holmes gave a personal view on how and why Britain has been at war over the last 50 years. Local author Michael Walsh visited to talk about his book 'Brothers in War' and Tim



Furniss gave an illustrated account of his 'Adventures of a Space Nut'. The School is looking forward to the final lectures in this series next term.



Inter-house Quiz Questions

Can you beat the pupils? The following questions were answered – not all correctly! – in this year's inter-house quiz.

- 1) What chemical has the formula C_6H_6 and a structure first suggested by the chemist Kekulé after a dream?
- 2) Which German Baroque composer and organist, born 1653 is best known for his Canon in D?
- 3) To the nearest 25 miles how long is the M25?
- 4) Who succeeded to the English throne in 1603 following the death of his cousin Elizabeth I, thereby uniting the crowns of Scotland and England?
- 5) In the French flag what colour flies closest to the pole?
- 6) How many people are on a rugby pitch during a match?
- 7) In what year is the musical 'Grease' set?
- 8) Evaporation is changing from a liquid to a gas. What is changing from a solid to a gas?
- 9) Who is TV's 'Mr Action Replay'?
- 10) What football team does Postman Pat support?
- 11) In which series of books do these characters make a brief appearance - Euan Abercrombie, Rupert 'Axe-banger' Brookestanton, Ritchie Coote?
- 12) Who founded Buddhism?
- 13) What did the British Army Officer Major-General Henry Shrapnel invent?
- 14) What sort of substances are adrenaline, cortisone, insulin and oestrogen?
- 15) Where are the mountain ranges the Mons Cordillera and the Mons Carpatus?
- 16) On a darts board, what number is directly opposite the number 1?
- 17) What colour is a female blackbird?
- 18) What is the French for parsley, a word better known as a detergent?
- 19) The Arctic Monkeys are a band. Who or what are The Arctic Terns?
- 20) The defenestrations of Prague occurred in 1419 and 1618 and helped to trigger conflict within that area. What is a defenestration?

Answers: 1) Benzene 2) Pachelbel 3) 92-142 (actually 117) 4) James I and VI (either) 5) Blue 6) 31 7) 1959 8) Subliming 9) Brian Cowgill 10) Pencaester United 11) Harry Potter 12) Siddhartha Gautama 13) Type of artillery shell 14) Hormones 15) On the moon 16) 19 17) Brown 18) Persil 19) Birds 20) Act of throwing someone out a window

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Joseph Choir

Callum Breslin
Francesca Donovan-Brady
Polly Chilton-Murphy
Lily Cooper
Cate De Buriatte Moglia
Charlie Dyde
Lizzy Ferrier
Ellen Garbutt
Christina Greynolds
Jessie Grimwade
Holly Keylock
Saskia Kovandzich
Daniel Page
Charlotte Mobbs
Fred Orme
Francis Plummer
Flossie Pugh
Melanie Severn
Rosier Turner
Anna Withey

Charity Day Stalls

Toblerone Raffle	1/2JR
Guess the Number of Lollies	1/2JR
Colouring Competition	2JR
Name and Smash	3RO/3LO
Putt the Ball	3RO/3LO
Name the Teddy	3RO/3LO
Treasure Map	3RO/3LO
Taste the Treats	3RO/3LO
Wonderful World of Lucky Dip	3RO/3LO
Taste of Guess	3RO/3LO
Blitz the Battlefield	3RO/3LO
Wheel of Luck	4MM
Laser Bug	4MM
Splat the Rat	4MM
Hook the Boat	4MM
Magnofish	4MM
Parachuting Maniac	4MM
Footy Fantastic	4MM
Torture the Teacher	4MM
Catch a Star	5JD/5HL
Splat Hockey	5JD/5HL
Road to Wembley	5JD/5HL
Sweetie Stall	5JD/5HL
Spray and Pay	5JD/5HL
Gunge Mania	5JD/5HL
Water Shootout	5JD/5HL
Apples 'R' Us/Tombola It!	5JD/5HL
Strike the Alien	5JD/5HL
Hero Wipe Out	5JD/5HL
Tricky Treasure	5JD/5HL
Smack the Rat	6MOC
Holey Moley	6MOC
Pennies in a Jar	6MOC
Pinata	6MOC
Ping Pong!	6MOC
Knock Down Soldiers	6MOC
Bouncy Castle	6MOC
Bouncy Obstacle Course	6MOC
Apple Bobbing	6MOC
Hoopa Loopa	6MC
The Space Race	6MC
Higher/Lower	6MC
You Fooz or You Looz	6MC
Keepy-Uppy Challenge	6MC
Teddy Bears' Picnic Raffle	6MC
Toys, Books, CDs, Videos	6GMHJ
Children's Raffle	6GMHJ
Adult's Raffle	6GMHJ
Mosaic Madness	6GMHJ
Golf Bonanza	6GMHJ
Conquering Croquet	6GMHJ
Flight for Freedom	6GMHJ
Popcorn Stall	Staff
Tombola Stall	Staff
Cake Stall	Staff/Yr 6

Joseph Choir

The Junior School Choir were extremely excited to enter the BBC Joseph Choir search competition, the Prize being a chance to appear on the TV show. It proved an almost impossible task to select just twenty children for the choir, which was to appear on the website. Everybody started voting and the results were very encouraging as the Cokethorpe choir started leaping up the charts! Unfortunately, it ended 43rd in the ranking out of the impressive 1000 choirs that entered. However it was a



worthwhile experience and the choir enjoyed singing the audition piece 'Entre acte', as the finale at Prize Giving.



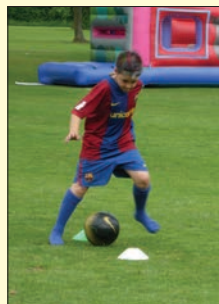
Transfer Day

It was not only Year 6 that had a taste of things to come in September. Both the current pupils and those joining the School spent the day in their new classes on Tuesday 26 June. Friends were instantly made and all left excitedly looking forward to joining or returning to Cokethorpe after the summer, especially the new Reception class.

Junior School Charity Day

The annual Junior School Charity Day was more successful than ever! The sun shone and the children enthusiastically set up over 55 stalls. 'Torture the Teacher' was a favourite and Mrs Cook dressed up as Coco the Clown! The

fantastic amount of £2,160 was raised for the Nasio Trust Charity. This will help build a second Nursery School for orphaned children in the Western Province of Kenya. Grateful thanks to all those that supported the event.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 6 Trip to France

It was a long journey before arriving at Le Château du Broutel. Many challenging activities were completed, some nice and dry (Rifle Shooting and

Fencing) and others wet and muddy (the Assault Course and the Blind Trail). The pupils tried frogs' legs and snails! It was a very exciting and amazing trip.



Peacock Mosaic

Linking with their History lessons on Roman Britain, Year 4 have learnt how to make pictures using mosaic tile patterns. The peacock emblem is a striking example of their work.



Year 3 Trip to Sulgrave Manor

Year 3 recently went to Sulgrave Manor in Northamptonshire for a taste of Tudor

life. During the visit the children, who had all dressed up as Tudors, learnt all about the lives of the rich and poor people during that period in history.



They were able to participate in a drama workshop where they re-enacted the life (and marriages!) of Henry VIII, toured the original Tudor house and even enjoyed a Tudor style packed lunch!

It was a fantastic day out and extremely interesting too.



Year 2 Cogges Museum

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Cogges Museum. They cooked scones in a Victorian kitchen, dressed up in Victorian clothes

and played with olden-day toys. They saw lots of farm animals and were entertained by two cockerels as they ate packed lunches in the barn!



Le Château du Broutel, France

Le Château du Broutel is situated on the edge of the small historical town of Rue. Le Château itself dates back to 1714 and is situated in over 40 acres of beautiful grounds.

Year 6 Leavers

The Junior School says goodbye to 51 children from Year 6. 44 pupils are continuing into Year 7 of the Senior School so the staff are pleased that they will still be able to see them around the School site.

6GMHJ

Mattias Athwal
Peter Blake
Charlotte Brain
Polly Chilton-Murphy
Samuel Farrant
Elizabeth Ferrier
Andrew Feidorowicz
James Gobbi
Jessie Grimwade
Jonathon Harling
Alec Jones
Daniel Page
Oliver Parker
Francis Plummer
Tabitha Stew
Robert Tibbetts
Anna Withey

6MGC

Jonathan Beardsell
Lily Bradstock
Harry Bryson
Laurie Cameron
Jake de Buriatte Moglia
Henry Ettinger
Sebastian Evans
Elizabeth Gardner
Saskia Kovandzich
Joshua McKenney
Charlotte Mobbs
Theodore Pangu
Dylan Rafferty-Scott
Sebastian Ross
George Talboys
Aidan Traill
Molly Williamson

6MOC

Nicholas Brain
Callum Breslin
Matteo Catrini
Alexander Davidson
Julian Davies
Grace Du Feu
Jonathan De Vos
Constance Gascoyne
Kristina Greynolds
Holly Keylock
Gino Lisi
Rowan Mitchell
Florence Pugh
Iqmal Rahim
Adam Roche
Rosie Turner
Joel Wilson

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

English Youth Ballet

Founded in 1998, English Youth Ballet presents full-length classical ballets in the regional theatres of England, Scotland and Wales. Bringing opportunity to young dancers outside London aged 8-18 years to perform within a professional setting. Each year the professional principal dancers are joined by 100 young dancers to present 7 or 8 productions in cities and regional areas throughout the UK.

www.englishyouthballet.co.uk

Prize Giving Awards

Academic Prize Winners:

1-2JR	Luke Garbutt
3LO	Jordan Smith
3RO	Jessica Williams
4MM	James Staples
5JD	Ellen Garbutt
5HL	Nicholas Caddy
6GMHJ	Francis Plummer
6MOC	Callum Breslin
6MGC	Molly Williamson

Pupil of the Year

1JR	Annabel Clarke
2JR	Anna de Buriatte Moglia
3LO	Oonagh Ryley
3RO	Anya Duffy
4MM	James Duffield
5JD	Oliver Cookson
5HL	George Grime
6GMHJ	Jessie Grimwade
6MOC	Holly Keylock
6MGC	Lily Bradstock

End of Year Awards for Effort

1JR	Antonia Haar
2JR	Alex Reid
3LO	Laura Fiedorowicz
3RO	Michael Hook
4MM	Erika Davies
5JD	Melanie Severn
5HL	Beth Stanley
6GMHJ	Mattias Athwal
6MOC	Matteo Catrini
6MGC	George Talboys

Cup Winners

Julie Stormont Art Cup:
Constance Gascoyne

Louise Bridge French Cup:
Molly Williamson

Drama Cup: Florence Pugh

Music Cup: Oliver Parker

Sports Cups: Elizabeth Ferrier
Francis Plummer
Beth Stanley

Improvement and Progress Shield:
Mattias Athwal

Junior School Cup:
Rosie Turner

English Youth Ballet

In the face of strong competition, Rosie Turner in Year 6 has successfully auditioned for the English Youth Ballet's production of Coppelia. Rosie (fourth from left) has worked very hard for this and currently rehearses 16 hours each weekend, on top of schoolwork. She appeared in performances of Coppelia at the Wycombe Swan in High Wycombe during July.



Year 4 Milestone Museum

The Year 4 children along with Mrs Marchbank, Mrs Ross and Mr Gaertner packed up their gas masks and their spam sandwiches, tied on their name labels and were evacuated back to the 1930's for the day! At 'The Milestones Museum' they discovered what life was like during World War 2. They listened to a talk from 'Maggie' who worked in a munitions factory, and 'Mrs Prewitt' showed them how to 'make do and mend'. The History topic was brought alive as they visited the replica streets, shops and an Anderson shelter.

Wearing clothes in the style of the time and planning a lunch made of rationed foods added to their experience.



Junior School Mini Olympics

The Juniors enjoyed a multitude of events during their Mini Olympics. All competitors won stickers for their efforts

and thoroughly enjoyed themselves until the rain came and dampened their enthusiasm a little.



THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Sports Day

Once again, Years 5 and 6 accompanied the Senior School to Tilsley Park for Sports Day, and broke 10 School records!



The Junior School Burfitt Award for Outstanding Athletic Performance was won by Beth Stanley.



Rounders

The Year 6 team played four matches; they lost two matches to Chandlings Manor but won two against Hatherop Castle. Unfortunately the other games scheduled were cancelled due to the rain, but this team would have competed very well as there are some very talented individuals. Special mention should go to Lizzie Ferrier, Holly Keylock and Kristina Greynolds for excellent batting and fielding all term.

Class Picnics

The Junior School 'fuelled up' before the Mini Olympics by enjoying their annual class picnics.

Life Education Centre

The Oxfordshire Life Education Centre returned again this year offering a range of programmes and resources designed to enhance the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum. All the children visited the bus and examined different aspects of health and well-being through age appropriate activities.

Junior School Prize Giving

Prizegiving began with an upbeat performance from the Junior School Samba Band. Years 1 to 4 performed a moving and poignant play about the life of evacuees during World War 2. Year 5 wowed the audience with an adaptation of Perseus The Gorgon Slayer and the finale was a magical portrayal of A Midsummer's Night Dream by Year 6.



Cricket

The Juniors' cricket season has also been hit by the bad weather. Sebastiaan Evans has captained the team well. Aidan Traill has been the best performer with the bat and Cameron Hughes has shown great promise with his bowling.

All the boys have shown very pleasing progress through the term. They have the potential to become a very successful side in the future.



Year 5 and 6 Disco

Gascoigne House arranged a disco for the Year 5 and 6 pupils in The Shed.



Sports Day Records

Junior School

Francis Plummer	
Yr 5/6 900m	3.25.0
Beth Stanley	
Yr 5/6 900m	3.45.6
Beth Stanley	
Yr 5/6 600m	2.11.5
Kristina Greynolds	
Yr 5/6 Rounders ball throw	36.20m
Alec Jones	
Yr 5/6 Long Jump	3.50m
Flossie Pugh	
Yr 5/6 Long Jump	3.07m
Rowan Mitchell	
Yr 5/6 Cricket ball throw	41.15m
Rosie Turner	
Yr 5/6 200m	35.1 sec
Charlotte Mobbs	
Yr 5/6 High Jump	1.10m
Oliver Cookson	
Yr 5/6 200m	34.3 sec

U11 Inter-house Cricket

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

Inter-house Rounders

1st	Feilden	27 1/2 rounders
2nd	Swift	23 1/2 rounders
3rd	Gascoigne	22 1/2 rounders
4th	Harcourt	20 rounders
5th	Queen Anne	19 1/2 rounders
6th	Vanbrugh	13 rounders

Victor Lodurum & Victrix Lodorum

Yr 5/6 Boys:	Francis Plummer
Yr 5/6 Girls:	Beth Stanley

Mini Olympics Events

Years 1, 2 and 3

1. Space Hopper Race
2. Football Shooting
3. Target Throwing
4. Sack Race
5. Basketball Shooting
6. Welly Throw
7. Egg and Spoon
8. Assault Course
9. Bean Bag Race
10. 30m Sprint

Years 4, 5 and 6

1. 200m Run
2. Egg and Spoon Race
3. Sack Race
4. Skipping Race
5. Hockey Dribble
6. Tennis Race
7. Football Dribble
8. Assault Course
9. 75m Sprint

THE HOUSES

Most Recommendations

Year 7: Lulu Revell (Swift)
 Year 8: Stephanie Pilling (Vanbrugh)
 Year 9: Olivia Poole (Gascoigne)
 Year 10: Alex Pearson (Swift)
 Year 12: Amy Minch (Vanbrugh)
 Overall winner: Lulu Revell (Swift)
 House winner: Gascoigne

Sports Day Records

Overall there was an impressive seventeen new records broken this year. (Also see Junior School pages.)

Senior School

Freddie Curtis	
Year 7 Javelin	31.55m
Lydia Farrell	
Year 7/8 200m	28.8 sec
Lydia Farrell	
Year 7/8 100m	13.6 sec
Alyce McNaughton	
Year 7/8 1500m	6.44.0
Jacob Wilson	
Year 9 200m	25.24 sec
Shona Stanley	
Year 9/10 1500m	6.08.5
Feilden House	
Year 5/6 Girls 4x100m	70.0 sec

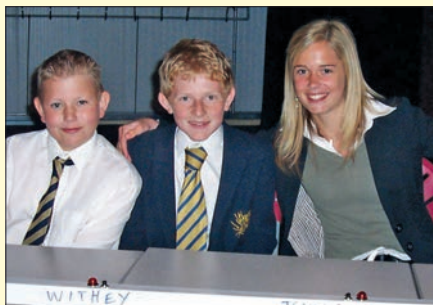
Victor Lodurum & Victrix Lorum

Year 7 Boys:	Freddie Curtis
Year 7/8 Girls:	Lydia Farrell
Year 8 Boys:	Tom Whelan
Year 9 Boys:	Jackson Curtis
Year 9/10 Girls:	Shona Stanley
Year 10 Boys:	Chris Constantine

Derrick R Burfitt 1927-2005

Notable achievements of Derrick Burfitt, after whom two Sports Day awards are named:

- Middle Distance & Cross-country Runner 1943-1953
- Belgrave Harrier - Represented A A Middlesex, Oxfordshire, ATC, RAF Combined Services & the Civil Service
- National Youth Cross-country Champion 1945
- British Junior 1 mile record holder 1946
- RAF 1 mile & Cross-country Champion 1947-1949
- AAA's Time-keeper, Swimming Teacher and Club Coach
- Chairman of West Oxfordshire Sports County 1988-1998
- Ran in first London Marathon 1981 in 3hrs 40mins aged 53 years.
- Track Stats November 2004 front page: 'Whatever happened to the boy who was better than Roger Bannister? Derrick Burfitt was once the best young miler in Britain'.



Inter-house Quiz

Inevitably entitled 'Universally Challenged' - the brainchild of Strickland Scholar Elspeth Saunders - the inter-house quizzes were held in May for the first time. Questions were written by a number of teachers, including musical tracks played backwards. A professional set of buzzers and lights meant that The Shed was well equipped and whilst teams were not sitting on top of each other this was a serious rival to the TV show of nearly the same name.

Sports Day

The event was very competitive and the house trophy was closely contested between Harcourt, Queen Anne and Gascoigne.

Gascoigne came through to win for the fourth year in a row.



Inter-house Cricket

Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10 finally managed to squeeze the house matches in between weeks of rain. Matches were as competitive as ever, with some great batting displays:

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

Inter-house Rounders

Senior School house rounders results:

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

Senior Tutor Mr Fenton played his part well as quizmaster with the Paxman invective alive and kicking and Director of Studies Mr Williams wrestled with the identification of those buzzing. The early heats were hard but not closely fought; Vanbrugh triumphed over Feilden and Queen Anne defeated Swift. The third heat was a closer affair, Harcourt narrowly pipping Gascoigne in the last minutes. Audiences started small but word got round and it was soon standing room only. A three-way final quickly left Harcourt behind. Thomas McLoone's wide and varied knowledge looked likely to win the day for Queen Anne but Tim Hatzis and his team finished as winners. Final scores were Vanbrugh 185, Queen Anne 110 and Harcourt 45.

Art and Photography

Queen Anne were the winners of this competition that has become firmly established in the School calendar.

This year Mrs Pratley donated two trophies in memory of her father, Derek Burfitt, one for the Juniors' and one for the Seniors'. The Burfitt Awards for Outstanding Athletic Performance during Sports Day were won by Beth Stanley (Year 5) and Freddie Curtis (Year 7).



Inter-house Tug-of-War

The Year 7 and 8 tug-of-war was won once again by Gascoigne.

House Barbecues

A number of the houses defied the wet weather and enjoyed house barbecues throughout the term, many before their House Jubilee Lecture.



VISITORS

Northmoor Environment Trust

Both the Junior and the Senior School enjoyed a week of presentations and workshops run by the Northmoor Environment Trust. The Junior School workshops enabled the children to learn about the environment and how they can help protect it. The workshops were varied for each year group, ranging from art and craft activities using recycled rubbish to the effect food packaging can have on the world environment. It was extremely educational and opened a lot of eyes to the way in which the children themselves can make a difference. It



was also very good fun too, learning to compost, and make milk bottle masks and creatures out of old plastic bags!

Sniffer Dogs

The School was visited by a company who train sniffer dogs for drugs and explosives. They used the School site (for training only!) as it was unfamiliar territory for the dogs who thus work harder.



Open Evening

The term's Open Event took place on Wednesday 9 May. The guides were polite and well-presented and represented the School with aplomb.



Tennis Afternoons

There were two Strawberries and Cream Tennis socials for staff, parents and friends during the Summer Term (see below right).

Afternoon Jazz

Tuesday lunchtime on 19 July saw an exceptional display as the Costa Coffee café became the venue for a live jazz performance by Mark Mullin and Colin Henney. Junior School pupils danced under the umbrellas as staff and other pupils 'bopped' along.



Corinthian Dinner

This annual event was once again a glittering occasion. The Headmaster, Governors, staff and prefects were joined by distinguished guests from the local community, other school heads and sponsors of the Sixth Form Business Sponsorship Scheme. Professor John Wood gave a fascinating and entertaining account of the sometimes mystifying world of high energy physics. The Chamber Choir provided superb music and the Catering Manager a delicious meal.



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

In April this year nearly 90 Year 7 and Year 8 pupils sat the Junior Mathematics Challenge. Yet again results continue to improve with 33 certificates being awarded.

The challenge is very popular with young Mathematicians and this year there were more than 248,000 entries received by the UKMT.

Year 8

Gold Certificates:

Duncan Bruce and Louis Taylor

Silver Certificates:

Won Seok Chung, Alyce McNaughton, Alex Bryson, Marianne Pearson, Victoria O'Shea, Charles Elder, William Lewis, Katja Beardsell, Archie Napper and Alex Lister

Bronze Certificates

Grace Wigham, Laura McKenney, Letitia Cookson, Patrick Hooley, William Bennett, Edward Parker, Ben Rencher, Georgia Smith and Charlotte Swan

Year 7

Gold Certificate:

Harry Fellows

Harry also received the certificate for 'Best in School' – a remarkable achievement for a pupil in Year 7.

Silver Certificates:

Helen Sthamer, Zoë Mace, Teague Bond and Amy Williams

Bronze Certificates:

Ethan Bosse, Luci Dimascio, Isaac Staff, Alice Duffield, Jack Cole, Lewis Williams and Saman Ridha.

UKMT Intermediate Challenge: Further News

In the last edition of The Ocellus the School was pleased to report that two students, Luke Withey in Year 9 and Helena Jennison in Year 10, both Gold Certificate winners in the Intermediate Challenge, had been invited to participate in the Pink and Grey Kangaroo rounds. These follow-up rounds are for pupils who have gained exceptional marks in the initial Challenge round.

The School is delighted to report that Helena has been awarded a Certificate of Merit, placing her in the top 25% of pupils who took this higher level test. Luke received a Certificate of Entry narrowly missing the Merit boundary.

Mathematics at Cokethorpe continues to go from strength to strength and next year's results are eagerly awaited.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Fundraising this Year

Both the Junior and the Senior School have had an outstanding year, raising a large sum of money for a variety of organisations.

- Local businesses triathlon day (funds for local primary school): £1,500
- Fast days: £750
- World Vision: £150
- Operation Christmas Child (220 boxes donated): £1,665 (equivalent)
- Cancer Research: £115
- Mustard Seed Relief Mission (170 boxes donated): £1,125 (equivalent)
- Lesotho: £1,170 and box of stationary
- Marie Curie Cancer Care: £257
- Seesaw: £200
- Nasio Trust: £2,160
- God's Golden Acre: £2,022

Approximate total: £11,114

Whole School Fast Day

This term's fast day was held on Friday 8 June.

Nasio Trust

The Junior School Charity Day raised £2,160 for their chosen charity, The Nasio Trust. Nancy Hunt from the Trust visited the School and gave a talk during Junior School assembly which included video footage of the charity at work in Western Kenya. Representatives of the Junior School, Sofia-Louise Svanikier and David Mallett then presented the cheque to Nancy. They are pictured here with Mrs Cook and Mrs Lord.



Lesotho Charity Walk

Faced with the challenge of raising money to help pay for the forthcoming Lesotho Trip, Mr Uglow and Mrs Copeland took the group to walk the length of the Malverns on the 28 April. It was a very hot day, but the group made good time, and most managed to climb each of the peaks (others 'cheated', and went around the bottom). It was a fantastic day out, and a good taste of things to come. The group are visiting Lesotho over the summer holidays and details of their trip will be in the next issue of The Ocellus.

Old Mobile Phones

The 'Fone-Aid' appeal was a great success. Over 100 old mobile phones, – from the good old 'brick' to up-to-date models – were handed in. This means that over £400 will have been raised through this simple process alone. A huge thank you to all those who parted with their phones!

God's Golden Acre

The tickets sales and refreshments and raffle from the 'Thula Sizwe' musical helped raised £2,022 for God's Golden Acre, supporting orphaned and abandoned children in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa.

THE CPA AND STAFF NEWS

CPA Committee

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Future CPA Dates

Murder Mystery Evening:
Saturday 13 October 2007
Fireworks Party:
Friday 2 November 2007
Talent Show:
Saturday 1 March 2008:

Cokethorpe Cavaliers

M T Jackson, C Maskery, M G Cooper,
G J Rees, J E Bown, M C Shingleton,
J A Pigott, A E Uglow, A W Purdie,
T J J Bostwick, M J O'Connor,
D H Williams, W H C Daniels,
Miss H Hiscock, A W Hutchings.



Golden Peacock Ball

This year's ball was 'Golden' as part of the Jubilee celebrations. After months of preparation, the only concern was the rain, but a glorious evening welcomed the guests to a drinks reception on the Mansion Lawn. The atmosphere was electric, with guests capturing the moment with a commemorative photograph. An overwhelming 430 parents, family and staff attended! A separate dance floor enabled conversation to carry on at the tables and a crooner serenaded whilst dinner was served. The dancing carried on into the night, with an interval for spectacular fireworks, and the new addition of the casino was extremely popular. This was the best ever ball; thank you for the messages of congratulations and looking forward to next year!
Photos: Mark Bassett, The Source Photography

Cokethorpe Cavaliers

The Cavaliers' season was demolished by bad weather, although it started well with a win against the School 1st XI by 50 runs. The second and final match was against New College School, a closer affair but a deserved win for the Cavaliers.

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Junior Young Farmers

The Oxfordshire Junior Young Farmers enjoyed a clay pigeon shooting lesson that Cokethorpe, in their infinite kindness, hosted free of charge on Friday 20 March.

Easter Tennis Academy

Seth Dixon held another successful tennis academy week for children over the Easter holidays.

Parents' Tennis Academy

15 parents enjoyed a 6-week programme of tennis, coached by Seth Dixon. The course was free of charge to the parents and was enjoyed by all.



Senior Schools PSHE Seminar

85 teachers from maintained senior schools from across the county visited Cokethorpe for a long day's PSHE seminar and were very grateful for the School's hospitality throughout the day.



Other Events this Term

- Church golf and social day, July.
- Wedding Blessing in St Mary's Chapel, July.
- Christening in the Chapel, June.
- Hosted the Downs CC and Oxfordshire Cricket Clubs matches, Summer Term.
- Summer Tennis Academies, August.
- Two Summer School Activities Weeks, July.
- Hosted the Wychwood Ladies Hockey Club training and matches
- Sea Scouts meeting venue

Forthcoming Events

- David Harvey using the entrance to the Mansion House and the Corinthian Room as a location for a photography shoot
- Church golf and social: 9 September
- Sea Scouts Camp: 21-23 September.
- Local Businesses Triathlon Charity Day
- Parents' Tennis Academy
- Windrush Valley Rotary Club Annual Cheese and Wine Evening
- PSHE Seminar for Oxfordshire maintained schools
- National Hockey Festival: 19-20 April

THE COKETHORPE SOCIETY

Travel Awards

Interviews (with the Headmaster and Tony Baker) were held towards the end of the Summer Term and the Cokethorpe Society has awarded gap year sponsorship to the following pupils: Peter Gardom, Tim Hatzis, Vicky Tuck, Tom Burpitt and Alice Cropper.

Sparks and Clark Prize

The School is extremely grateful to former pupils Roger Sparks (1960) and David Clark (1960) who have kindly donated a trophy to be presented at Prize Giving. The first pupil to be awarded this cup for potential and commitment in kayaking was Frederick Reif in Year 11.

Reunion Dinners

The series of five Reunion Dinners held in May for the specific five decades that the School has been open were a resounding success. Over 150 former pupils returned to the School, some for the first time in over 40 years. (See the Fiftieth Anniversary pages and the website for more information and photos.)

Christening

On the sunny day of Saturday 9 June, the Cokethorpe Chaplain, Revd Roy Turner, took a service for the christening of Zoe Bailey Cox (born 9 January 2007), the daughter of former pupils Katie Woodford (2003) and Freddie Cox (2002).



Cokethorpe Handbook

A Cokethorpe Society Handbook has been developed and will be sent to all those former pupils who have confirmed their contact details. Please email ksfr@cokethorpe.org if it has not been received.

Deaths

The Society is very sad to report the recent deaths of former pupils Alastair Stretch (1996), Matthew Curtis (2001), and Hugh Coles (2003).

The Committee

Chairman: James Whittenbury (1992)
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Warwick Daniels (current staff)
Peter Green (former staff)
Mike Hilder (1967)
Alex Whittenbury (1994)
Philip Vaughan-Fowler (1976)

Dates for the Diary

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

Triathlon Day

Clay pigeon shooting, archery and golf. Professional scoring and handicapping. Teams of four. Get the entries in now! See www.cokethorpe.org.uk/go/triathlon.

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)

TAIL FEATHERS

Vale

Phil Wilson

Phil leaves after three years, having in that time become a most valued colleague. He brought style, sparkle and humour to the teaching of Physics and even made it become cool!

Karen Coulson

Karen came to Cokethorpe intending to stay for two years – and is leaving after six! She is moving to Norwich with her family, hopefully to settle once and for all, having spent the last 22 years travelling wherever the RAF deemed necessary! She looks forward to working in a school in Norwich.

Gillian Damerell

Gillian was here for two years but is leaving to follow her desire and start a MSc in Climate Change at UEA in Norwich. She will also be missed from her valued involvement in the canoe club.

Catherine Phillips

Catherine started five years ago, having visited and lived in the area since she was 11 years old. The highlight of her time was being Housemistress of Swift. She moves to Wycombe Abbey School, to be Housemistress of a Sixth Form boarding house as well as PSHE co-ordinator.

Michael Theodorou

Michael was Head of Drama from 2003. Since then Drama developed significantly as a subject and an AOB. Michael is retiring from full time teaching to devote time to writing drama text books, plays and working as an examiner. He hopes to continue his association with Cokethorpe by returning to teach on a part time basis at some point in the future.

Joan Gentry

Joan has been an inspirational teacher, having joined the School 17 years ago. Both past and present pupils will be for ever grateful for her expertise and dedication – more recently as a piano teacher but previously as Head of Music.

Helen Brown

Helen initially arrived at Cokethorpe to cover maternity leave but knew immediately she wanted to stay and felt extremely fortunate to have the contract made permanent. Helen is sorry to have to leave but is moving to Monmouthshire with her family.



Ave Atque Vale

James Belaisse

James joined Cokethorpe in January having graduated from St Catharine's College, Cambridge with Music. He has enjoyed getting involved with the wider

musical life of the School when he is not teaching the piano. James hopes to travel to Auckland for a postgraduate degree in 18th-century Music next year.



Paul Bradford

Paul has been with Palmer & Howell for four years. He started in September as a relief chef and became full time in January. He previously worked as Head Chef at Wycliffe College, Stroud, and Head Chef at Swiss Re Insurance, Cheltenham.



Open Day

Saturday 29 September: 9.30am-12pm

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

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

Key Admissions Dates

5 November: Pre-test for Year 9 entry
September 2009 (late pre-test 2008)
26 January: Assessment and Activities Day for Year 7 entry September 2008
January: Sixth Form Scholarships
March: Year 9 Scholarships

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