

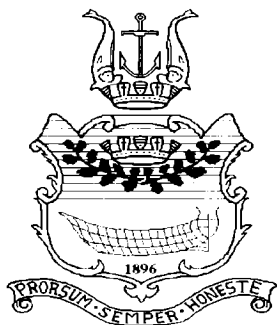
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2003 has been a momentous year for DHSB. New status as a Specialist Engineering College, new buildings completed, others in the process of construction and yet more on the drawing board together with a substantial grant from a Charitable Foundation are all good reasons to look forward to a bright new future. In our School Magazine we hope to further this feeling of optimism but also to look back and reflect on our history and heritage.

Contributions from staff and students, past and present, richly reflect the ongoing life of the school – sport, music, trips, activities and poetry are all represented.

We would like to thank all the contributors for their efforts and we hope you will find the magazine to be an enjoyable read.

The Editorial Team



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Headmaster's Report 2003

This has been an exciting and very purposeful year, starting with our commencement as a Specialist Engineering College, and ending with a full OFSTED inspection!

As a Specialist Engineering College we have had the opportunity to invest some £250,000 in refurbishing and renewing the facilities for Technology, Maths, Science and Art, providing two new state-of-the-art Engineering Laboratories and improving the public spaces in four of our grand buildings. We have been able to revolutionise our technology curriculum and raise its status and popularity by developing new courses and through the involvement of maths and science, supported by the £125,000 annual grant. Our community work with our partner schools, especially our six neighbouring primary schools, has been very rewarding. The broadening networks, across Plymouth and spreading through the country, are starting to advantage the school and our work is being recognised by educationalists as far away as the USA. This autumn we were delighted to receive a \$100,000 donation to support our work from the Gleason Foundation.



The full OFSTED Inspection in October was very demanding on us all, staff and pupils. 68 man-days of inspection is a lot to compress into a week, and the new framework, concentrating on the effectiveness of our teaching and the pupils' learning was very demanding. There is also now an extra inspection of our sixth form teaching. The good news for us is that our hard work over the past six years was recognised with the conclusion that "The school has made very good progress since the last inspection". The overall evaluation is that "Devonport High School for Boys deserves its high reputation. It is a



very good school with many excellent features. The school provides very good value for money.” The main strengths include the very good teaching; a very good curriculum; very good development of pupils’ sense of self esteem and confidence and the boys’ very good behaviour. The summary concluded that there were no major weaknesses. We provide “a powerful learning environment”.

What is very special about DHSB is that all this good classroom work proceeds in parallel to an extraordinary extra-curricular provision of activities – drama, music, debate, art, classics ... and a wide range of trips – Africa, Italy, Greece, France, Russia, Spain, Germany, Wales – just this year. The participants and I very much appreciate the staff commitment that supports this extra work. The benefit extends beyond the activity and contributes to the very good relationships that underwrite the school’s effectiveness and success.

In addition to the engineering works, we have just opened the Jervis Music Suite which is the extended and re-furbished former Quartermaster’s House. This provides a classroom and 6 practice/tutorial rooms for our wide music provision. The former music room in Edgcumbe basement is now being converted into a fitness suite. To benefit all pupils, the new bridge to the school reception and library that are to be created in the old Edgcumbe Gym, is now near completion and the whole scheme will be opened next summer. The 120 staff will then benefit from a staff room (the former library) in which they will all be able to sit down at the same time!

Have we run out of ideas? NO! We are now planning the extensive refurbishment of the Foulston Sixth Form Centre to provide 12 tutorial/study spaces, and then we move on to the Edgcumbe Hall to provide two 180-seat lecture theatres that convert to provide a 400 seat “theatre in the round”.

Watch this space!

Nic Pettit

27th November 2003

DHSB Old Boys Association

President – The Headmaster, Dr. Nic Pettit

Chairman – David Cole

Treasurer – Tom Orchard

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Minute Secretary – Alan Porter

Chairman's Letter

Internet and Website contacts

With help and support from both Dennis Rowe and David Goodwin, contact between Old Boys has been strengthened by more use of the school website www.dhsb.org and the Old Boys Forum website www.dhsob.co.uk. The Membership Secretary's email address is membership@dhsoba.org.uk with a further address webmaster@dhsob.co.uk

School Archives and Photographs

Separated from a large quantity of unsorted archive information at the school, on 14th March 2003, many log books, admission and attendance registers, photographs, press cuttings and school magazines were tracked down at the West Devon Records Office at Clare Place, Coxside. The accession reference number is 1160. Given time and adequate help, it is hoped in due course to sort out and make more secure the archives and photographs already located at the school.

Talk to School Leavers

On 15th May 2003, a talk on behalf of the Old Boys Association was given to Year 12 and Year 13 students in the Foulston Hall. Geoff Simpson, the DHSOBRFC Secretary, provided historical information regarding his Club, which was duly read out. The students' positive response to his plea for greater support is reflected in his latest highly successful report.

Annual General Meeting 2nd July 2003

Although few Old Boys attended, matters ranging from future social events and social contacts via the Internet to closer liaison with the DHSOBRFC and the selection of a suitable OBA tie were discussed. Jack Parry proposed that a plaque be fixed to the new Chapter One residential property in Albert Road to commemorate the former location of Devonport High School at this site. This was approved, and contacts have already been made with various parties to effect this proposal.



David Goodwin announced that he could no longer serve on the OBA Committee, due to other commitments. He has made a valuable contribution to the OBA regarding Internet and website development. Michael Bennett, who has previously served as Committee Secretary, offered to re-join our Committee, and his offer was gladly accepted.

The School Magazine

On 7th October 2003, the Chairman met Sarah Nicholson, School Secretary, and five student members of the DHS Magazine Committee in order to discuss the format and funding of the next Magazine. It is hoped to increase general interest and support for this annual production, which could present more personally the wide range of school social and sporting activities. Final responsibility for the actual content of the Magazine rests firmly with the DHS Magazine Committee.

Sponsorships

Annual Speech Day prizes of £50 each for two boys, awarded by teachers for all-round improvement as distinct from academic achievement, have proved successful and well-justified. At the OBA Committee meeting on 6th November 2003, it was unanimously agreed to increase the Sports Sponsorship to DHSOBRFC from £50 to £100 a year. Both a 1st XV and a 2nd XV are now playing regularly.

Future Events

Arrangements are well-advanced to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the formation of DHSOBRFC, with a dinner to be held Saturday 25th September 2004, at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel.

In the meantime, our enthusiastic member in South Australia, John Yates, is planning a get-together in 2005 to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the return of DHS to Plymouth from Penzance.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

Many thanks are due to both Dr. Nic Pettit and Jon Starkie for their continued support and our use of school facilities for meetings. Sarah Nicholson has also been of significant help during the past year.

Despite each having a spell in hospital, both Dennis Rowe and Alan Porter have soldiered on and sacrificed much time and effort on the OBA's behalf. Their dedication has been matched by Tom Orchard, who has been able to record a Credit Balance of £2,853.97 as at 31st March 2003, compared to £1,780.57 as at 31st March 2002. Liaison with the DHSOBRFC has been strengthened by the welcome inclusion of Geoff Simpson in the Committee.

David Cole (1939-1947)

Plans for the new School Library



Mrs Simmonds, LRC Manager, writes:

Plans for the new Library/Learning Resource Centre to be sited in the old Edgcombe Gym are well under way. Tenders for the facility will be due back this December and a contractor will be chosen before Christmas.

Work will be started in January 2004. A mezzanine floor will be constructed and the alterations are to include a low raised area for IT connections, power service floor plates and under floor heating. The ground floor under the mezzanine will house the main shelving area of the Library/LRC and small mobile shelving units will be sited under the windows to give flexibility.

The principal seating area will be on the ground floor in the main part of the room. The upper floor will be a sixth form study area, incorporating the higher education library with the Careers and Connexions services.

Wireless connections for laptop use are planned to serve the entire Library and benefit all users. The library will be entered via the arcade, through new doors in the small hallway outside Edgcombe Hall. The small hallway will become a lobby for the library with shelves and coat hooks.

A state-of-the-art security system will be installed to protect and control the stock. Also, audio-visual and lecturing facilities are planned to maximise the use of the new library and full use will be made of the area to display artwork created by the school.

Great care has been taken to ensure access is available for all our pupils. It is a very exciting project and one in which the whole school has been encouraged to participate.

A competition was held during the summer term. Boys from all years were invited to submit designs for the layout of the Library with no constraints whatsoever. Philip Davies 13E, won the overall prize, submitting a meticulously executed design displaying imagination and great attention to detail – see illustration. Entries were received from all years and were displayed in the current library in C Block.

Throughout the planning stage of this exciting development I have endeavoured to engage staff, parents and pupils alike to ensure we meet all needs and embrace everyone's ideas. We expect to be able to move into the new Library during the latter part of 2004. Any further ideas and suggestions will be welcomed.

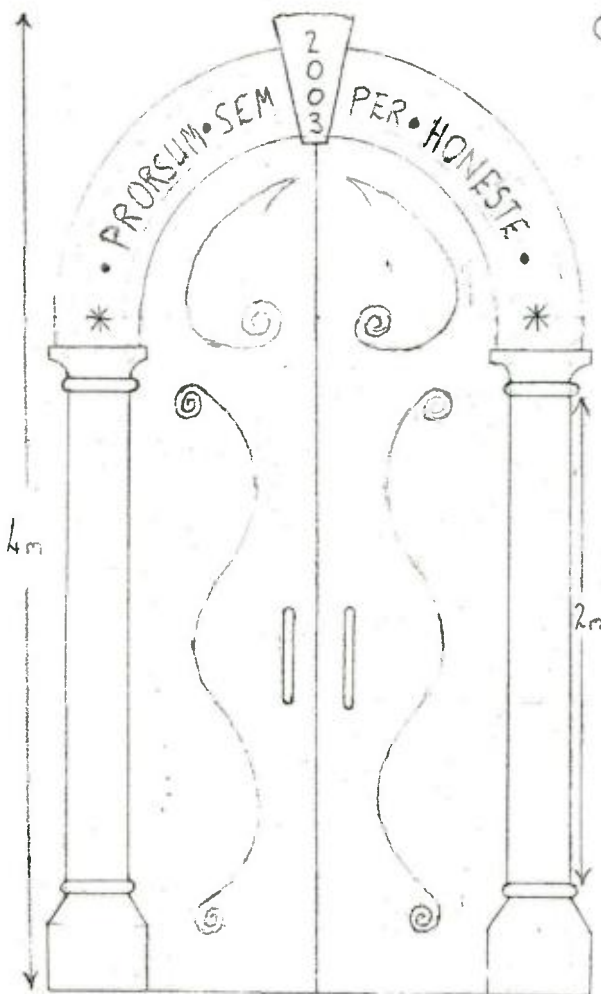
This is *OUR* Library!

Extracts from Philip Davies's Winning Competition Entry.

Right : Close up view of an ornamental gargoyle to be placed on the entrance pillars marked with an asterisk below.

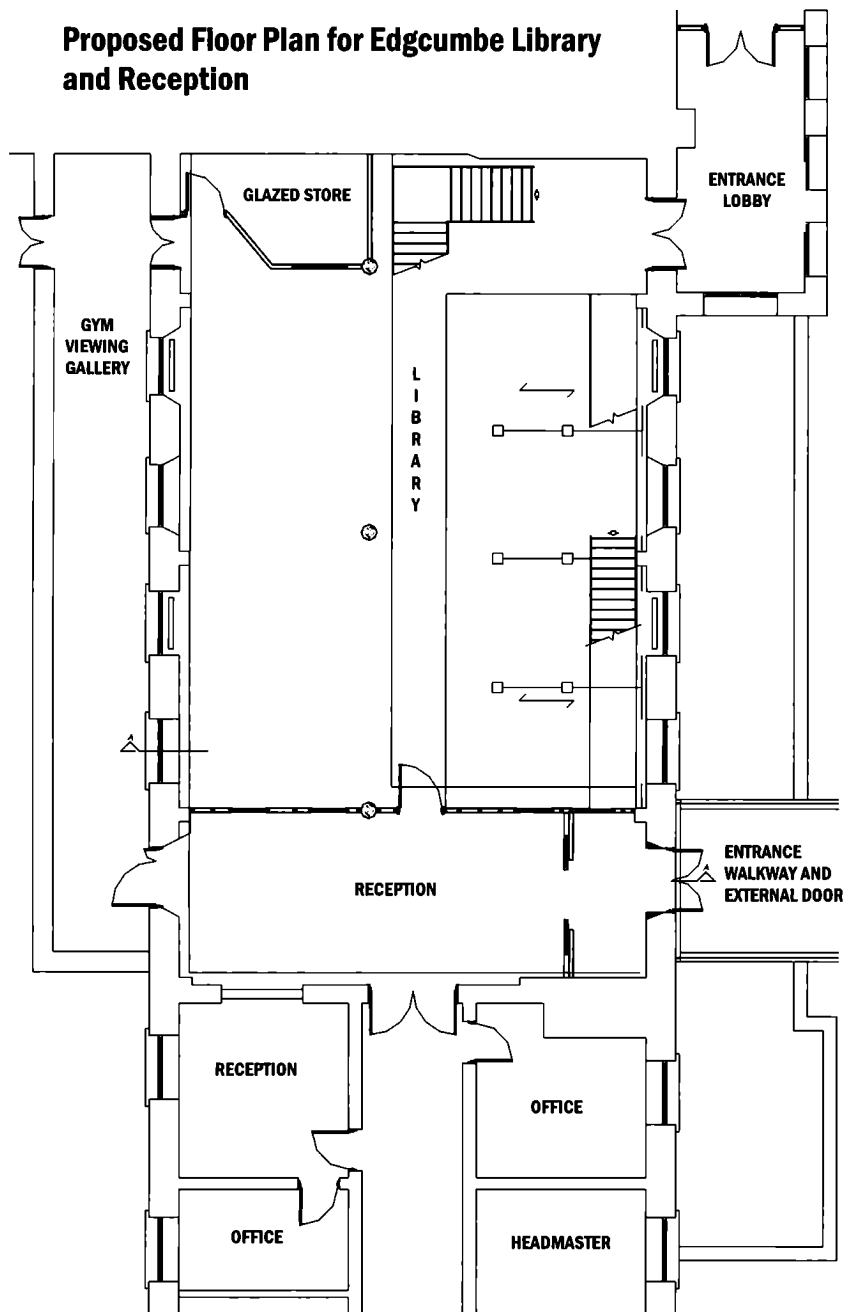


Front and Side View of the "Grand Entrance"
Showing the Door and its position in the Doorway



*Left :
The Grand Entrance*

Proposed Floor Plan for Edgcumbe Library and Reception



New Music Suite

After 38 years I have moved the music department from the dungeons of E block to a bright new home in the extended Quarter-master's house, to be known as the Jervis Music Suite. As far away from the old room as it could possibly be, and at last away from the noises around and above and the restrictions during exam times.



There is still much work to be done in the new suite, funds to be raised in order to buy equipment, shelves to be put up for storage, and the general best planning of facilities to be considered. But, even in the first few weeks of occupation the fact that all activities, except the school choir and productions, can be accommodated under one roof has made communication and organisation so much easier.

The Suite, for those of you who have not yet visited, has one large main teaching room and four smaller rooms for either instrumental tutoring by visiting teachers, or for use by the smaller option groups. It also has available a virtually sound proof office, which will, in time, be equipped as a control room for recording purposes. All we have at the moment is the wiring!

The main room has been equipped with new keyboards powered by purpose built low voltage wiring, and, once the headphone crisis has been resolved, the room should become a haven of creative peace! There is also a serious need for more IT equipment; one computer in an entire music department is no longer adequate, and boys at all key stages will undoubtedly benefit when more facilities can be made available.

The new Music Suite will in time I hope create an environment where both classroom and extra-curricular activities can flourish, and those interested can nurture and develop those skills in a wide range of music.

T K Farrow

A Brief History of DHSB

By Daniel Gaston

Devonport High School for Boys was founded in January 1896 by Alonzo J Rider, in Albert Road in order to meet the needs of boys in Plymouth and the surrounding countryside who were looking for a career in the Navy, MoD, or civil service. The school was popular and successful, with pupils gaining national recognition quickly.

The school was taken over by Devonport Borough Council in 1906, which over the following thirty years continued to develop the school, both academically and physically by providing an academic and challenging curriculum. The school was, and still is, a key supplier of recruits to the Navy and MoD as well as the Air Force; this is mirrored by the Roll of Honour read out every Remembrance Day.

During World War Two, from 1939 to 1945, the school was evacuated from its quarters in Plymouth to Penzance. When it returned, the original premises had been bombed, so the school moved into the East end of the former Stoke Military Hospital which had been built in the 1800s. It shared these premises with Tamar School until it closed when the buildings became amalgamated into the existing DHSB site.

Now the magnificent Georgian buildings provide light and airy classrooms in which to teach students and further expansion and developments are planned. A series of new building programmes will enhance the school for future pupils and expand on the success of the school being awarded Engineering College status.



The Names behind the Blocks

When Dr N.M. Pettit became headmaster of DHSB in 1993, the six blocks that made up the site were only identifiable by single letters A to F. In order to give them more of an identity the decision was taken to formally name the blocks after famous people with links to Plymouth. As a result, the block system is as follows:

A	Astor	B	Brunel
C	Cookworthy	D	Drake
E	Edgumbe	F	Foulston
G	Gibbons	H	Hansom
J	Jervis		

You will notice that there are three extra blocks listed above, G, H and J, which represent the new school Refectory, the new Sports Hall and the recently finished Music Room respectively. There is also block I, the ATC Hut which has yet to be named, so suggestions on a postcard please!

Nancy Astor

Nancy Astor was born in Danville, Virginia USA on the 17th May 1879 as Nancy Langhorne, daughter of the famous railway developer Chriswell Dabney Langhorne. Due to the family fortune, she enjoyed a lavish childhood, and in 1897 married Robert Gould Shaw in one of the year's prominent society weddings. Their relationship did not last though, and in 1903 they divorced. The next year she moved to England, where she was introduced to Waldorf Astor. Waldorf was an extremely wealthy Conservative politician, who represented the Sutton district of Plymouth in the House of Commons. When his father died in 1919, he inherited a position in the House of Lords, and appointed his wife Nancy as the Conservative candidate in the by-election.



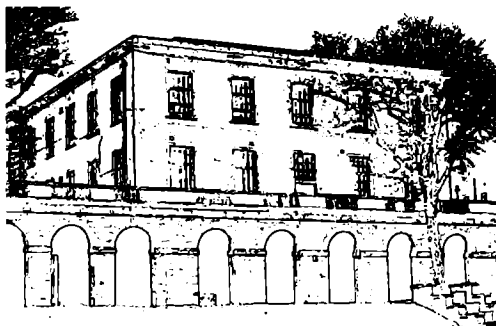
At the time, the thought of a woman standing for election to Parliament was controversial to say the least, and her rival Isaac Foot, representing the Liberals, was widely tipped for an easy win. A year before, in 1918, Constance Markievicz was elected, but as a member of Sinn Fein she had refused to take the oath, therefore disqualifying herself. The tables turned however, and on the 1st December 1919 Nancy Astor became the first woman to take the oath and be accepted into the House of Commons.

Her opening speech made it clear that she was in favour of the Temperance Society and women's rights. In 1923 she introduced a Private Member's Bill, attempting to raise the age limit for the purchase of alcoholic drinks to 18. She went on to campaign for equal rights in the civil service and women's suffrage at the age of twenty-one.

Nancy was a strong supporter of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy in the run up to World War Two, however after the outbreak of war she grew increasingly critical of his policies. In May of 1940 she voted against Chamberlain in order to help Winston Churchill become Prime Minister.

Nancy Astor was warned against standing in the 1945 General Election by her peers, due to the expected Labour Party landslide that subsequently saw Winston Churchill carried out of office. On the 2nd May 1964 Nancy Astor died, having been a Conservative MP for 26 years and recognised as one of the greatest campaigners for women's rights during the early 20th century.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel



Isambard Kingdom Brunel was born on 9th April 1806 in Portsmouth, the only son of the French engineer Sir Marc Brunel. Brunel was educated both at Hove in England and the Henri Quatre in Paris before going on to work for his father in 1823 on the great engineering project of the decade; the Thames Tunnel.

During a flood of the works Brunel was very nearly drowned, but after a significant period of rest, he rejoined the project as chief engineer, and stayed until its completion.

Brunel's next big project was to bridge the gorge of the river Avon at Clifton. Originally he designed a grand suspension bridge, but the project never left the designer's board on the advice put forward by Thomas Telford. Construction of a revised design commenced in vain and, due to cash flow problems, the project was abandoned.

Next, Brunel was to show his talents in the marine industry, designing a series of successful docks in Bristol known as the Monkwearmouth docks. Other examples were to be found at Plymouth, Cardiff, Brentford and Milford Haven.

In March 1833, at the age of just 27, Brunel was appointed chief engineer of the Great Western Railway. His work for the Great Western became some of his most famous and best remembered projects, with most surviving to the present day for their designed uses. These included the London to Bristol main line, incorporating Box Tunnel, Maidenhead Bridge and countless other viaducts as well as Bristol Temple Meads Station.

Throughout his work for the GWR Brunel used broad gauge track, 220 cm wide, rather than the 155 cm standard gauge used by the other big four. Although this did not tally with the rest of Britain's booming rail network it had been proved that it was impossible for a broad gauge locomotive like Iron Duke to be overturned. In one famous incident near Taunton, a train derailed, careered down an embankment and across a field, but still did not overturn. Brunel was also famous for the atmospheric railway between Newton Abbot and Exeter, which in principle proved a great success and was a great novelty. Financially, however, it was a dropout which left Brunel isolated from the shareholders after it had to close due to 'Persistent consumption of the leather vacuum seal by rodents'.

Despite the lack of confidence, Brunel persuaded the GWR to let him build a steam ship to cross the Atlantic. In 1838 the "Great Western" made its maiden crossing from Bristol to New York, taking 15 days to complete the voyage. It was the longest steam ship in the world at 236 feet long and a huge hit with the public. Brunel's next steam ship was the "Great Britain" which was the first iron ship in the world to be fitted with a propeller, not paddles.

Stemming from his work on steam ships, Brunel was employed in 1852 by the Great Eastern Steam Navigation company to build a ship capable of carrying four thousand passengers, powered entirely by steam. Due to the enormous complexity of this project Brunel was subject to a lot of stress. On the 5th January 1858 he suffered a seizure, and died on the 15th of the same month. Isambard Kingdom Brunel was buried on the 20th September 1859 at Kensal Green cemetery.



His last great work, the Royal Albert Bridge over the Tamar near Plymouth, was finally opened on 3rd May 1859, and became the first railway carrying suspension bridge in Britain.



William Cookworthy

William Cookworthy, the son of a Quaker, was born in 1705 in Kingsbridge, Devon. At the age of 14 he was given an apprenticeship in London by fellow Quaker and chemist Silvanus Bevan, and made the 220 mile journey there on foot.

Cookworthy was schooled in dispensing, metallurgy, Latin and Greek, and in 1726, was offered a position in Bevan's new wholesale pharmacy business in Plymouth. In 1735 Cookworthy and Bevan became partners, and were later joined by William's late wife's brother to become Cookworthy and Company. Business was flourishing, supplying merchant ships, as well as acting on their monopoly to supply naval ships, granted by Queen Anne in 1702.

It was at about this time that Cookworthy began experimenting

more and more with metallurgy and chemistry, which would lead ultimately to his biggest ever achievements in the pioneering stages of the porcelain industry. In fact it now appears that he may have come across the subject by accident when he read an article by a Jesuit missionary in the 1740s. Cookworthy set about looking for a suitable area that might yield the two ingredients of porcelain, kaolin and petunse, which were then being imported through Bristol docks from Virginia in America. He set off on a countrywide search for these materials in England, and found them close to home in Cornwall where they became known as Moorstone and Growan clay. By 1768 he had filed a patent specification, after years of experimentation with the two ingredients.

Cookworthy set up the Plymouth China Works with Thomas Pit, the then Lord Camelford on whose land he had discovered the raw materials, and together they started producing English hard paste porcelain, manufacturing household vases, cups and pots. The business did not however make a profit, and was amalgamated with a pottery in Bristol. Cookworthy also made his cousin, Richard Champion, the manager of Cookworthy and Company, and in 1774 sold the patent and his interest in the business to Champion. Materials were still to be purchased from the quarry at Camelford, and Cookworthy continued to get royalties until he died a few years later.

The original shop established in Plymouth in 1735 as a pharmacy, though also selling porcelain, continued as a pharmacy until 1974 when the last proprietor died.

Francis Drake

Francis Drake was born in the Devonshire Village of Tavistock between 1541 and 1543 to devoutly religious parents. When the Catholic Queen Mary came to the throne there were religious disturbances in Tavistock and the family left and moved to Chatham in Kent, where they lived for a while on a scuppered ship. Francis's father became a Protestant preacher, which had a profound effect on him in his younger years.

His religion stayed with him throughout his life and on all of his voyages around the world shipmates were led in religious worship twice a day. It was during his time at Chatham, at the age of 13, that Francis first went to sea and was soon taken on as an apprentice on a trading ship. When the ship's master died, the vessel was left to him, which he sold and



returned to Devon. From here he sailed on the first voyages with his relative John Hawkins to collect black slaves from Africa and then ship them to the New World.

Between 1577 and 1580 Francis Drake completed his most famous voyage, a successful circumnavigation of the world, ensuring that he would be idolised in Tudor society as a great seafarer. Many though had mixed feelings about Drake, some distrusting him and others treating him as a hero.

At the age of 25, Francis Drake married his first wife Mary Newman. She died in 1553, and Drake married again in 1555 this time to Elizabeth Sydenham,

daughter of an influential landowner. Despite two marriages, Drake never had any legitimate children.

Throughout his life, Drake was infamous for plundering Spanish, and Portuguese ships, usually laden with treasure, which he took for himself and for his Queen. It was probably the treasures that he returned with that gained him the position in charge of the British fleet. Drake has been immortalised as the man who played bowls on Plymouth Hoe whilst the Spanish Armada advanced, and were then categorically beaten by the British fleet.

Drake died of dysentery off Porto Bello while sailing in the West Indies and was buried at sea. He is remembered by a bronze statue in Tavistock and a commemorative plaque on Plymouth Hoe.



The Edgcumbe Family

The Edgcumbe family, one of the most distinguished in the West Country, can be traced back through history to the time of Edward III when in 1353 William de Eggecomb of Milton Abbot married Hilaria, heiress of William de Cotehele and established the family seat in Cornwall.

Sir Richard Edgcumbe was the first to gain notoriety when he took part in the failed insurrection to oust Richard III after which he fled the country to support Henry Tudor, then Earl of Richmond. By distinguishing himself in the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 he staved the way for the family's future prosperity. On his accession to the throne, Henry Tudor – now King Henry VII – bestowed a knighthood, wealth and land upon him as well as the roles of Monarch Comptroller and Ambassador to Scotland.

In the time of Henry VIII, Richard's son, Sir Piers Edgcumbe, established a deer park on the Mount Edgcumbe estate, some ten miles to the south of Cotehele and it was his son, Richard, who decided to build a family mansion there. The house was built between 1547 and 1553 in a spectacular position overlooking Plymouth



Sound and the English Channel. Thereafter, Richard preferred to live at Mount Edgcumbe and such was its prominence that the Spanish commander of the Armada was promised it as a reward should they succeed in their campaign. The family eventually abandoned Cotehele altogether in the later years of the seventeenth century. The family maintained their loyalty to the Crown, being



strong supporters of King Charles in the Civil War and in 1742 they were further rewarded when King George I created Sir Richard Edgcumbe the first Baron Edgcumbe of Mount Edgcumbe. Sir Richard was fiercely loyal to the crown, raising a regiment against the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745.

George Edgcumbe was born in 1730, the second son in the latest of a long line of the Edgcumbe family. Continuing to follow the family tradition, George was commissioned into the Royal Navy as a Captain, following a distinguished career and becoming Commander in Chief for Plymouth between 1776 and 1780 and Admiral of the Blue in 1789. He was promoted to the position of Clerk for the Duchy of Lancashire. In 1747 he ran for election to represent the Fowey constituency in the Duchy of Cornwall, won, and was elected twice more in 1754 and 1761. When his elder brother Richard died on 10 May 1761 the title of Baron Edgcumbe passed to him. In April 1782 he was created Viscount Mount Edgcumbe and Vallartort, reportedly by King George, and was again appointed vice treasurer of Ireland on the 16th February 1784. Richard Edgcumbe was elected to his father's old constituency, Fowey, in 1786.

During the Second World War Mount Edgcumbe house was gutted by incendiary bombs during an air raid after which the Fifth Earl moved to Cotehele. The building was left as a ruin until 1958 when the Sixth Earl commissioned Adrian Gilbert Scott to rebuild it. In 1971 the house and 865 acres were bought by Plymouth City Council and Cornwall County Council whereupon it was opened as a country park for the benefit of the population of Plymouth. The Eighth Earl moved out of the mansion in 1987 and it is now open to the public.



Cotehele was acquired by the National Trust in 1947, the first property to be gifted in lieu of estate duties. It remains largely unaltered since the family abandoned it and attracts thousands of visitors a year.

John Foulston

John Foulston was born in London in 1772, and from an early age he was determined to pursue a career in architecture. He trained in Thomas Hardwicke's office in London and, in 1811, entered a competition to design major new buildings for Plymouth Corporation. His designs were successful and he moved to Plymouth in 1812 to oversee the work. From then on he designed many of the buildings in and around the city of Plymouth, both major and minor, during the 19th century. His work has been described as the 'last gasp of good architecture' in Plymouth. He designed almost all of the terraces in Plymouth together with the majority of public buildings; his unmistakable style was everywhere to be seen. Plymouth was described as being 'a forest of scaffold poles' in the 1820s, all waiting to reveal his characteristically classical style. He carried out work in Devonport, designing St Michael's Terrace and Albermarle Villas as well as the civic centre and Naval Column.

It is apparent that the builders employed by Foulston carried his designs to the letter, showing great respect for the man and his ideas. His most notable design was the Theatre Royal, part of the original scheme which was opened in 1813.



This grand structure dwarfed other buildings, impressing visitors with its majestic Georgian portico. The site Foulston chose for the building was originally snubbed, as it was outside the boundary of the city. However Foulston was adamant, telling officials that one day the city would grow around the theatre, and that a larger building could be accommodated outside the urban area. Sadly, the building was demolished in 1937 to make way for an ABC cinema, a move that evoked strong feeling both for and against the destruction.

Of the rest of his civic buildings in Plymouth very little remains, the Second World War and redevelopment having taken its toll. The Royal Hotel and Assembly Rooms were

bombed in 1941, the Proprietary library likewise. St Catherine's Church is one of the few reminders of his great works. In Devonport, however, most of his designs remain including one of his most exotic – the former Civil and Military Library (now a church) built in Egyptian style.

In later years, Foulston formed a partnership with George Wightwick who followed in his style, being responsible for much praiseworthy architecture in 1850s Plymouth.

Foulston died on the 13th January 1842, having been Plymouth's leading architect for many years, and leaving a legacy in the form of a wealth of buildings across Plymouth and the South West.

E. Stanley Gibbons

Edward Stanley Gibbons, the son of a pharmacist, was born in Plymouth in 1840, the very year that the first postage stamp, the Penny Black, was issued, and it was to be the collection of stamps, philately, that would obsess Edward throughout his lifetime from a very early age. After schooling he became a bank clerk, though left soon after to join his father's business.

The shop for which Edward was to become famous, Stanley Gibbons, was founded in 1865, on a spare counter next to a window in his father's chemist's shop. This enterprise was built upon the acquisition of a sack of extremely rare South African triangular "Capes", purchased from two sailors for the sum of £5. Although today it would be considered a small sum to part with, in the 1850's it was equivalent to a month's reasonable wages.

Business was brisk, and he soon had acquired his own chamber and offices on the first floor, becoming the first stamp shop in the west of England, and employing a girl as a shop assistant to cope with demand. By 1862 the stamp shop, named E. S. Gibbons at this time, had exceeded the turnover of the chemist's shop below, and Edward had built up a wealth of contacts abroad, ensuring that he always carried a plentiful stock.

Upon his father's death he sold the chemist's shop, ploughing the money raised back into the stamp shop, which he renamed E. Stanley Gibbons. In 1865 he published the first price list for his stamps, both used and mint, hence the world famous monthly Stanley Gibbons Catalogue was born, accompanied a few years



later by his own brand of stamp albums and accessories for the modern philatelist. In 1872 Edward moved the shop to larger premises in Plymouth, which he outgrew in two years, and then took the great leap, moving to London in 1874. By 1879 the catalogue had expanded so greatly that it became an

annual listing of every stamp in the world, a feat still achieved today.

Edward decided upon retirement in 1890, and sold the business, including the name and all of its stock, to Charles J Philips, who turned it into a private limited company. The first stamp magazine *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal* was also

published in this year, which, in 1927, became *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*, and still has the largest circulation of any stamp magazine in the world. In 1893 the current shop was opened at 399 Strand (then 391), which has now become the most famous stamp shop in the world, and renowned amongst philatelists for their wide ranging stock.

Edward Stanley Gibbons died in 1913, having travelled most of the world, and leaving behind a great legacy. A year after his death George V endorsed Stanley Gibbons with a Royal Warrant which they still hold today, due to their pre-eminence in the field of philately.

Joseph Aloysius Hansom

Joseph Aloysius Hansom was born in York in 1803, where he embarked on his first apprenticeship, before moving to Halifax to finish his studies with John Oates. Upon finishing his training in 1828 he set up a partnership with his fellow apprentice Edward Welch, working first in York and then Liverpool. Their principal designs were churches, examples of which can be found across Yorkshire, Merseyside and North Wales, although they also built the castellated Bodelwyddan Hall. Their first major commission was to design and build the new Birmingham Town Hall in the popular noble-classical style. Spiralling costs and unforeseen problems led to the project falling behind time, and as a result the company was bankrupted. It was opened to the public for the first time on September 19th 1834, but was not finished until 1839, the construction being completed by architect Charles Edge. Hansom moved to Hinckley in

London, and diverted his attention for a while from architecture to inventing. The design that he came up with was to characterise London for years to come – the Hansom Cab. It provided both stability and privacy, as well as a feasible means of transport, and was a hit across London.

After this, Hansom made the move back towards architecture, and over

the next few years he partnered several other architects in various projects across the country. One such project was the design of Plymouth Cathedral in 1858, dominated by the majestic 200 ft spire which can be seen from most of

the city. He also undertook several other projects in and around Plymouth, including schools, convents and mansions.

Hansom's last major projects included London's St Mary's Priory, Fulham Road, constructed in 1876, and the Leicester museum building, originally designed as a Baptist Church.

Joseph Hansom died in 1882, at the end of a very successful, varied career.



John Jervis

John Jervis was born in 1735, in Staffordshire, the son of a barrister. Upon reaching the age of 14 and joining the Navy, his father gave him up and thereafter refused to support him financially. During the siege of Quebec in 1759 he served alongside General Wolfe and Captain James Cook, and later served in the War of American Independence from 1776 to 1778. By the time of the Napoleonic Wars he had risen to the post of Commander of the Mediterranean and Channel Fleets and one of his home ports became Plymouth.

Now an Admiral, Jervis became well known for his grim sense of humour and stern discipline, though it was almost certainly this which transformed the British fleet into the highly efficient fighting machine that it became. He issued daily orders, ensured that decks were scrubbed before daylight, tested the armoury every day and made sure that cloths and hammocks were washed regularly.



Despite being stern, Jarvis was also a fair man, rewarding those who deserved it, and punishing those who didn't. On one such occasion, one of his most reliable and hard working seamen had lost his entire savings whilst swimming (at this time everybody kept their money with them at all times). Jervis, in front of the whole ship's company refunded the sailor in full out of his own pocket.

Jervis operated a rotation policy, moving captains from ship to ship, including Admiral Nelson, so that order was kept on every ship at all times. He also banned the use of the Irish tongue aboard ship, and segregated the marines, enabling him to forestall mutiny amongst his fleet. A small uprising aboard HMS Marlborough was to test his approach, a plan had been hatched on the newly arrived ship to seize the ship and set her sail to Ireland. The ringleader of the mutineers was seized, and court marshalled; Jervis personally ensured that the seaman was executed by his own shipmates the following morning at 8:00am. After the siege, in which the captain of HMS Marlborough, Captain Ellison, refused to let the execution go ahead, the man was finally hung on time.

What was probably Jervis's greatest achievement, and which earned him the most acclaim, was his transformation, at the end of the 18th century, of the British fleet. This laid the footings for Nelson's heroic actions during the forthcoming battles with the French at the Nile, Copenhagen and Trafalgar. In November of

1796 he was appointed Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean fleet, and during the victorious battle of St Vincent he commanded the small British fleet from his flagship HMS Victory.

Upon his return from St Vincent, his success was rewarded with two new titles: Baron Jervis of Meaford in Staffordshire and Earl St Vincent. On top of this he was given a salary of £3000 per annum.

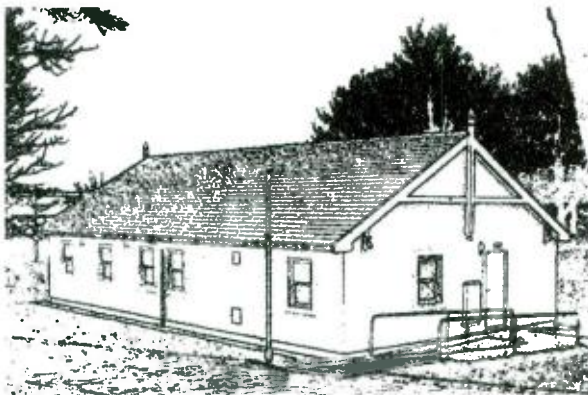
In 1802, Jervis persuaded the King, George III, to bestow the title "Royal" upon the Marines bringing honour upon those based in Plymouth.

Jervis retired from his post as Channel Commander in 1806, being replaced by Admiral Lord Keith, and became very ill. He moved to the South of France in 1818, and having partially recovered he returned to England a year later and in 1821 was promoted to Admiral of the Fleet, the first officer to hold this rank, with the exception of the Duke of Clarence. Admiral Sir John Jervis died in 1823, having had a long and illustrious career in the Navy. Throughout his lifetime he had spent long periods of time in Plymouth between duties and was a well respected member of society.



The ATC Hut

I Block – To Be Named



*Scattered through this magazine are poems based on
Lewis Carroll's 'Jabberwocky' with an unmistakable twist!*

The New Jabberwocky by James Gordon TW

'Twas brillig, and the Browning toves
Did gyre and gimble in the Ward:
All mimsy were the Bygraves,
And the Espinosas outgrew.

'Beware the Pettitwock, my son!
The jaws that crunch, the claws that are sharp!
Beware the Lillie bird, and Pugh
the furious Sheridan!'

Sir Knight took his Penton club in hand:
Long time the Hayman foe he sought –
So rested he by the Salty tree,
And stood awhile and Burt.

And, as in uffish Burt he stood,
The Pettitwock, with eyes of Shaw,
Came Watsoning through the tulgey wood,
And Faulknered as it came!

Walsh, Ward! Walsh, Ward! And Rowbury Squires
The Penton club went Tillet-Strang!
He left it dead, and removed its head
And went Rintouling back.

'How dare you slay the Pettitwock!
Come to my arms you stupid boy!
O tragic day, Jessoping Jessops!'
He choked on his tears.

'Twas brillig, and the Browning toves
Did gyre and gimble in the Ward:
All mimsy were the Bygraves,
And the Espinosas outgrew.

A History of the Gleason Corporation

By Daniel Gaston

William Gleason was born on the 4th April, 1836 in Borrisokane, County Tipperary, Ireland. When he was fifteen he emigrated to America along with his mother and brother, where they set up home in Rochester, New York. William soon found work there as an apprentice in the machine shops of Asa R Swift, and I Angel & Sons, until moving to the Colt Armory, in Hartford Connecticut during the Civil War. In 1865 William moved back to Rochester and, with his accumulated wages, established his own machine shop, ultimately to become the renowned Gleason Works.

In the early years The Gleason Works manufactured metal working tools and machines, predominately engine lathes and planers. However, in 1874 William Gleason invented the first bevel gear, which was to revolutionize the way motive power was transmitted. It allowed a rotating shaft to turn 90 degrees without any loss of power, or complicated engineering, a feat never before achieved.

During the early years of William Gleason's works, three of his children worked in the machine shop, the eldest being Kate who assisted with book keeping. She went on to study engineering at Cornell University, the first woman to do so in the history of the institute. However, before her

graduation, her father called her home, unable to manage without her. She served as Secretary-Treasurer of the company to begin with, until becoming Chief Salesperson at the age of 25. Two years later Kate travelled unaccompanied on a cattle steamer to Europe and secured many orders from companies across England, Scotland France and Germany. 1917 saw Kate the first woman to be elected to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

During World War One, The Gleason Corporation shipped cutting tools to Britain for the war effort although German submarines sank many of these shipments. This led to the British Government requesting a license to be given to a British company to make these tools, and thereafter, for a forty year period, Buck & Hickman did so on their Watford plant, near London.

Two of Gleason's other children, Andrew and James, also followed their sister into the company, having graduated at Cornell University. Andrew's main interest was the development of gear design and manufacturing processes, though he also served as Vice President until his retirement in 1934. James concentrated on machine design and production and later became President, until his death at his office

aged 94. It was clear that his outstanding contributions in the design and manufacture of cutting edge bevel gear machines, along with his industrial relations, played a large part in putting the company where it is today.

In 1959 The Gleason Works took the decision to buy the tooling business of Buck and Hickman, thus taking over their manufacturing works in Watford. In order for the move to be completed a new wholly-owned company had to be set up, Gleason Works Limited, founded in March. The success of this new venture was phenomenal and it was soon released that operations needed to be expanded to comply with demand. Due to the heavy industrialization and congestion in Watford, it was decided that a new location should be sought, and, after visiting many prospective sites, it was decided that Plymouth fitted the specification perfectly.

In 1967 The Gleason Works new manufacturing base was opened on the Estover Industrial Estate. Many of the employees had also moved with the company and lived on the nearby housing estate. Production continued to increase and new markets were opened in Europe and the Far East, resulting in the need for a further expansion within three years of opening. The sales and servicing of Gleason machines was also returned to the Foundation from Buck & Hickman in 1972, and integrated with the Plymouth operations and this meant that one year later further expansion was needed.

Today The Gleason Company's customers range from the automotive, aerospace, construction, marine, and agricultural industries. They have won several awards for their innovative products and outstanding achievements. Their success can probably be attributed partly to their wide customer base but predominantly to the combined efforts of William Gleason and his family that made this company what it is today.



Mr James Gleason unveils a plaque commemorating the Gleason Foundation's visit and generous donation to DHSB in September.

School Trips in 2003

Music Trip to Holland

This summer the DHS swing band was invited to play in a town called Vallenberg. Mr Farrow, of course, agreed, and the arrangements were made. Unfortunately, in order to get to Holland we had to go by coach and leave school at 12.30. In a great start to the trip, the coach driver got lost on the way to school and delayed our journey.

The Hotel in Holland was great – we had rooms of 4 or 5 in a separate building to the rest of the hotel, meaning that we could make a bit more noise! There was also a field nearby that we could use as a football pitch and lots of shops and cafes.

The most memorable part of the trip was our visit to Die Elterling. This wasn't, as the name suggests, some mouldy art gallery, but in fact the Dutch version of Disneyland. Here I experienced my first rollercoaster with two loop-the-loops and a corkscrew – not clever for someone petrified of heights! We performed in Vallenberg at lunch time on Market Day, where we made about 30 euros. The response from the crowd was great as everyone stopped to watch and listen.

As with all hotel meals, the food wasn't great, and so we would often go off searching for food late at night.

Overall it was a great trip and many of the band are itching to get back to Holland. Unfortunately, I won't be joining them – I'm going on the History trip to China instead.

Classics Trip to Greece

On the first Saturday of the October half-term, a party of 25 students from DHSB, DHSG and St.

Dunstan's Abbey set out, accompanied by Miss Green (the Classics teacher from St. Dunstan's), Mr Bowden, Mr Bothwell and myself, in search of the reality behind their studies of Ancient Greece. Little did they know what lay in store.

We overcame the first obstacle - heavy traffic on the M5 - and managed not to miss the plane; we

discovered our hotel in Athens - eventually - and realised just how late the Athenians stay up on a Saturday night and just how much they like revving their motorbikes... So it was a rather red-eyed group that assembled for breakfast on our first full day in Greece. We were cheered up by the view of the Acropolis from the hotel's restaurant and we had a busy morning seeing the centre of ancient Athens: the Agora (market-place and administrative centre) and the

Acropolis (the religious heart of Athens, with the Parthenon, the famous temple to the city's patron goddess). Then we made our way to the Theatre of Dionysus, the birthplace of Western drama, where all the surviving Greek plays were first performed. After a narrow escape from an over-protective stray dog, we took a trip down the coast to Cape Sounion, the southernmost tip of Attica, to watch the sun set over the Aegean by the ruins of the Temple of Poseidon. Breath-takingly beautiful - you could see why it inspired Lord Byron when he visited. Next day we left Athens for Delphi, site of the oracle of Apollo and believed by the ancient Greeks to be the centre of the world. The competitive members of the party raced the length of the stadium as a warm-up for the Olympic Games - this Pythian victory went to Jason May. We

neglected however to offer a sacrifice to ward off the plague which was descending upon us - a great mistake, as most of the party eventually succumbed to a nasty flu.

Our next stop was Olympia itself, where the museum was completely closed for refurbishment, in preparation for the return of the Olympics to Greece, next year. We were however able to stroll around the Sanctuary of Zeus, identifying the remains of temples, athletics

facilities, monuments and memorials to the victors in the original Olympic Games. We had several races in the stadium - one was declared invalid, as it was infiltrated by a female competitor; the men's race was won by Dan Hartigan and the women's race by Derin Olopade of St. Dunstan's.

After a brief stop in Sparta - once as powerful as Athens, but with almost no artistic or architectural glories to remind us now of the power of the Spartan military machine - we



returned northwards and headed back in time. We visited Lerna (where Heracles killed the Hydra) and saw the remains of Neolithic houses dating from over 5000BC and the House of the Tiles which was an administrative centre around 2500BC.

Our base for the rest of the trip was a sea-side resort called Tolo. From here we visited Mycenaean fortresses at Tiryns (where we stood in the bathroom of Diomedes, arguably the second greatest hero to fight at

Troy), Asine and Mycenae itself, where we saw the great hearth in the throne-room of Agamemnon as well as the vast bee-hive tombs built by his ancestors. A particular highlight for those who liked climbing up or down things was the subterranean passage cut down through the rock to a well, so the citadel had a water supply if besieged.

As well as another sanctuary of Zeus where athletic contests took place, at Nemea, we visited the healing sanctuary of Asclepius, at Epidauros. This is also the site of the best preserved theatre in mainland Greece.



We were very fortunate to have a number of volunteers who demonstrated the astonishing acoustic, by reading in Greek and English a fragment of Aeschylus' Persians. Laurie Wilks and Phil Davies played the ghost of Darius, King of Persia, Mrs. Bothwell and Alethea Fenton played his wife, Atossa, and the chorus of Persian elders was provided by Kathryn Stevens, Ruth Pettit, Tom Fry, Mr. Bothwell, Tom Atwill and Sam Bennett.

We gained real insight into the nature of the Greek choral dance and the significance of Dionysiac revels when we joined a traditional Greek dancing evening at a taverna on the beach next to our hotel. Everyone got involved and we really did get a taste of the tradition of hospitality which was so central to ancient Greek morality.

On our return journey to Athens, we saw the ruins of the Roman city of Corinth and made our final stop at Eleusis, where people journeyed to be initiated into the mystery cult of Demeter and Persephone, all through the Greek and Roman period.

All in all, we visited sixteen sites and ten museums in seven days, saw an enormous number of pots, inscriptions, statues and other bits of stone, experienced the weather, scenery and physical space of Greece and so added a further dimension to our understanding of ancient Greek culture - and, therefore, of our own culture.

Mrs Bothwell

Music Trip to Novorossiysk

In September this year, after a project lasting a good few years, a group of Devonport High School's 'Friday Choir' visited Novorossiysk, the twin town of Plymouth on the Black Sea Coast. Visiting Moscow either side of this 5-day trip we had the opportunity to learn a little about Russia's exciting history and its culture, visiting Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral and the infamous Kremlin. Especially enjoyable was the trip to the Bolshoi Theatre to see Shostakovich's 'The Clear Brook' on our final night.

Most people will have never heard of Novorossiysk, formerly a big Russian naval port and now an important trade route. The town itself has been unchanged, invaded, but not destroyed, by the Germans during the Second World War. The people accepted us with a generosity unmatched on any of my previous travels, with both gifts and performances being exchanged.

During our visit we were fortunate enough to be invited to two Russian colleges, both specialising in the arts. The first, as well as putting on a concert for us, also taught us about local arts. We were later told we were to perform in front of the college; a performance which was actually shown later on local Russian television! Meeting and interacting with the pupils resulted in new friendships being made. It is hoped that these relationships will be lasting ties that may result in future trips, or even a return visit.

Whilst there, we also sampled the local town's culture, under the expert, if somewhat excitable, guidance of Phillipe, one of our two Russian guides. As well as learning of the town's history, we also had the opportunity to eat on board a former communist naval ship, with men who were still serving!

Performing a variety of songs in our concerts, the choir was appreciated by the very knowledgeable audience of the local music conservatoire, as well as many of the local population. Our repertoire ranged from traditional English songs such as "I do love to be beside the seaside" to Handel's "Zadok the Priest" and "Bogoroditsye Dyevo", by the Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninov.

The trip as a whole was a great success, for both my English friends and my new Russian counterparts, whom I hope will come to England. We would like to thank, on behalf of the choir, Trefor Farrow, and all who helped him organise and run this trip.

By Tom Fremlin and Kari Davies

Sandercocky

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and Lillie in the Ward:
All mimsy were the Bygraves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

'Beware the Sandercock, my son!
The pause and might, in the tongues that teach!
Beware the Gomez bird and Hunt
The Pughmious Bandersnatch!

He took his Horrill sword in hand:
Long time for the Mintoft foe he sought -
So rested by the Salter tree,
And stood a while in thought.

And in a Brownish thought he stood
The Sandercock, with eyes of flame,
Came Cushing through the tulgy wood,
And burbled as it came!

One two! One two! And through and through
The Horrill blade went Widdecombe!
He left it dead, and went to bed,
And couldn't get up in the morning.

'And has thou slain the Sandercock?
Come to my arms my Penton boy!
Eldersshore day. Callooh! Cally!
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and Lillie in the Ward:
All mimsy were the Bygraves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

By Dennis Marsh Yr7

**Illustration by
James Dolman Yr7**

The 'Sticky' Steves and the Outernet

"Calling all Earthlings. Have you heard of magnetic bananas, Frankenstein's hamster or shape-shifting aliens?"

If so, you've probably heard of authors Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore. Apart from the fact Steve Barlow isn't Steve Barlow, he's really Steve Lowe; there's already an author called Steve Lowe, so this Steve Lowe has to be Steve Barlow—and that's just the beginning.....

When the two Steves (to put it simply) came to DHSB, it was an out-of-this-world experience for pupils and teachers (and aliens) alike!

The two Steves are authors of many best selling books, including 'The Outernet' and 'Vernon Bright' series. They even have their own website: www.gotoouternet.com

"They were truly hilarious with depth and a sense of humour." said 11 year-old Seb Tyler of 7E.



Ashley Woolly (also 7E) said: "They will make you laugh until you die."

The amazing thing about the two Steves is not only were they a big hit with the pupils but they tickled the teachers too. Mrs Delve of the English Department said "They were very funny and beneficial to the school at the same time. They had a fantastic way of telling stories".

Telling stories is what the two Steves are best at. The droll duo do talks for all ages from reception age (who they refer to as "stickies") upwards. The two Steves have had quite a few

encounters with these sticky nosed stickies, but that's a different story. All in all, the two Steves were a **GREAT** hit. We recommend these amusing books to readers of all ages. Happy Reading!



By Chris McMurran and Ben McArdie, Yr 7



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award **TAKE THE CHALLENGE**

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition Autumn 2003

On Thursday the 23rd of October a team of five Year 12 Students (Chris Askwith, James Houston, Chris Lees, Tom Phillips and Nick Ward) and two teachers (Mr Adams and Mr Pugh) left for the Brecon Beacons in Wales. After four hours of travelling we reached our destination – the Llangorse Rope centre, where we would be camping for two nights. We set up our tents in almost total darkness and rested before the first day's walking.

On our first day there we carried out a day walk with the supervision of the teachers. Our main task for the day was to improve our map-reading skills. We thought that with three ex-scouts on our team we would quite quickly improve on them but ironically this wasn't the case. Therefore this first day proved really helpful for the later stages of our practice expedition.

That evening we went into the climbing centre near to where we camping. It was a great way to chill out and the centre was fantastic. With both artificial and real rock to climb, bouldering walls and caves it was great fun.

On the next day we got off to a bad start, mainly because of the cold. On the past two nights the temperature had been roughly -8°C and what made things worse was that it had been so cold that the minibus's battery had died. So we didn't actually get moving until about lunchtime, however we did walk at a good pace. We reached the campsite with enough time to set up our tents and eat before the rain shower hit us – which we felt was a signal to get some rest.

On the previous evening we had decided to continue to work on British Summer Time rather than changing to GMT, as we wanted to get walking as soon as it was light. Therefore we woke at 5.00 and after eating and packing up we started moving by about 6.30. The day's walking was the most difficult of the whole expedition as it had the highest climbs overall. However we kept up a good pace and reached the minibus in great time.

Overall the expedition was great fun and really good practice. It taught us how to work most effectively as a team and what each of our strengths and weaknesses were. From a personal point of view, I learnt to trust my compass bearings, which was a great help. And others learnt to conquer their fear of heights at the climbing wall! We had a great time in the Brecon Beacons, but I think all would have agreed it was nice to return home to warmth!!

James Houston 12A

Christian Union

After the success of Christian Union last year under Josh Bailey, Chris Murphy and Seb Nixon, we knew that this year we had a hard act to follow. However Laurie, Tom, James and I started with a good plan at the beginning of September. We have had six speakers in to talk on a variety of different subjects such as *Swearing* and *The Bible – Fact or Fiction?* Other speakers have covered our scripture for the term – the Book of Acts.

We have made a few adjustments to the Christian Union this year. Firstly we have started playing Christian Music before the talk starts and this has gone down well as we are not playing hymns or anything like that, but rather, Christian rock and pop music including secular artists such as Stacie Orrico and POD. Secondly, we have started doing talks ourselves including topics such as drugs which we intend to continue next term.

Therefore Christian Union membership has continued to grow through word of mouth. At the beginning of the term we started with three lads and now we have a regular crowd of about 20, which is fantastic.

But this term is not yet finished – we have speakers including Bonnie Giles, a youth-worker talking about missions she has done in South Africa and the UK, and also the chaplain from Plymouth Argyle coming into speak at our Christmas party, which will include food!

And what will be happening next term? Well we will be talking about things like *The Matrix* and how it links with spirituality.

We are always keen to see new members (and old ones!) so do please come along, even if you are not a Christian, as this is not a requirement!!

DHSB CU meets on Monday lunchtimes at 12:35 in the Conference Room in D Block. For more information listen out for notices in assembly or see James Houston, Laurie Bailey, Tom Watson or James Bowden.

ATC Report

by Scott Glanville 12D



The Air Training Corps, or ATC for short, is a youth organisation designed to promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the RAF amongst young people. The ATC offers a wide variety of activities including shooting, flying and gliding as well as the famous Ten Tors Expedition and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Anyone who enjoys these activities will find the chance to improve their skills, or embark on more advanced training. There is the chance to enter competitions, specifically shooting. Last Easter I was asked if I would like to attend a conversion course for the L81A2 rifle, a very big boy's toy! Having completed the programme, I was then able to compete, during the summer holidays, in a competition at Bisley, which has an Olympic-standard shooting range, and is home to the National Rifle Association. At the end of the event I ranked 38th out of approximately 500 people who took part.

If you are interested in joining the ATC, then please contact Ms Mitchell in school, or Flt Lt Reis via the school.

The Nallywocky!

'Twas Brownig and the slithey toves
Did gyre and Tillet in the wabe
All Reevey were the Haymangoves
And the Faulkners outgrabe.

'Beware the Nallywock my son!
The Sparks that bit, the claws that catch
Beware the Hunt-Hunt bird
And shun the frumious Strangersnatch!



He took his Rintoul sword in
hand:
Long time the Bowden foe he
sought –
So rested he by the Orkney
Tree
And stood awhile in thought.

As in Martin thought he stood,
The Nallywock with eyes of flame
Came Cushing through the Starkie wood
And Harringtoned as it came.

One, two! One, two! And through and through!
The Rintoul sword went Riggs and Walsh!
He left it dead and with it's head
He went Pentoning back!

'And has thou slain the Nallywock?
Come to my arms my Burdon boy!
Oh Hardie day! Callooh! Callay!
He chortled in his joy.

'Twas Brownig and the slithey toves
Did gyre and Tillet in the wabe
All Reevey were the Haymangoves
And the Faulkners outgrabe.

By Irfon Rickard 7W

International Study Centre

Uzel



Known as the Lycee de Garcons de Devonport: Centre d'Etude International, the DHSB International Study centre at Uzel, Brittany, was founded in 1991 by Gavin Peck, the previous headmaster, and a small group of parents and governors. The Trust that they established pays for the upkeep of this superb facility.

All boys visit Uzel on a residential trip in Year 7, where they take great advantage of the site's proximity to numerous places of historical, scientific and cultural interest. There are also numerous sporting facilities nearby, including a lake perfect for canoeing.

Pupils have a chance to re-visit Uzel in Year 8, an opportunity that most pupils take.

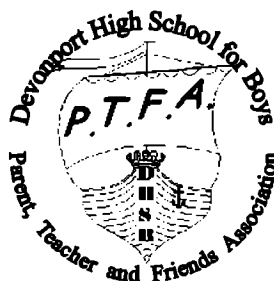
After GCSEs, tired and stressed Year 11s have the chance to go on a more relaxing visit to the centre, often involving trips to the local theme park.

Uzel also proves an extremely useful resource at A Level, especially to those doing the Foreign Languages at Work (FLAW) course, which involves a week of work experience in France.

The Facility has been made available to Friends and Parents of the school who can book dormitories in the house during School Holidays. For more information, contact the school.



The PTFA



The PTFA have had a very productive year, and have made some very valuable contributions to the school. The most notable of these is the new school minibus, presented just before the end of the last school year. This new bus made the Year 13 Duke of Edinburgh trip to the Lake District a lot more comfortable especially as it is a ten-hour trip. They have also been working hard raising money to equip the new library- you can find more information about the new library on page 8.

This money has been raised from a whole range of organised events. The annual trip to Alton Towers was its usual success, with 9 coaches filled with excited students, and a few excited teachers! The trip made a large amount of money for the benefit of the school. The PTFA-organised discos have also been a success this year with record numbers of students attending.

More recently the PTFA held its practice 11+ exam. It is intended to help possible candidates for the exam assess how well they may do; this is the third year it has been held and the attendance was extremely good. The PTFA not only invigilate the exam but also provide refreshments for the sometimes agitated parents!

The Christmas Draw tickets have been issued, a long running tradition, it brings in a large amount of income and is great fun for all involved with some excellent prizes this year including a return cruise to Spain and pantomime tickets. By the time this magazine is issued, the draw will have already taken place so congratulations to the winner of the cruise. The main aim of the draw is to raise money for the library. On a final note, the sixth form were extremely pleased with their recent gift from the PTFA, a microwave oven was presented by the head of the PTFA, Richard Lock. This is in recognition of all the work the sixth form have done in helping out with school and PTFA functions, it will make a welcome addition to the Sixth Form Common Room as the old microwave was somewhat unreliable.

PETTITWOCKY

T'was Walshing and the Slithy toves
Did Bowden and Faulkner in the wade
All Tillet were the Starkie groves,
And the Rintoul wraths outgabe

Beware the Pettitwock my son
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch
Beware the Hunt bird and shun
The Frumius Mitchell snatch!

He took his Ward sword in hand
Long time the Hardie foe he sought
So rested by the Martin Tree
And stood a while in thought

And as in Hayman thought he stood
The Pettitwock with eyes of flame
Came whiffing through the Harrington wood
And Bumbled as it came

One two, One two and through and through
The Ward sword went Strang and snack
He left it dead without his head
He went Reeveing back

And has thou slain the Pettitwock?
Come to my arms my Brown boy!
O' Coombes day! Salter! Squires!
He chortled in his joy

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By
Joshua Henning

Sport 2003

Edited by Tom Fry

Rugby

Last year was a good year for rugby at DHSB, with all teams putting in strong performances. This was somewhat surprising, as Rugby has proved unpopular with most of the boys and so been replaced by Badminton in games lessons, a new sport opened up by the new sports hall.

At the top end of the school, it was another reasonable year for the first XV, with a strong win over North Devon College in the 7's tournament and two very close games against St Boniface, in which our team was victorious both times. However, other schools had put together very strong teams with greater experience, and this showed in defeats against Kelly College, Kingsbridge and Exeter School's 7's team.

On the next level down, the Under-16 team had a fantastic season, only losing two games and with an unbeaten run of 5 matches. The squad, coached by Mr. Burt, ended their season in the 7's tournament, where 4

of the 5 wins took place, including a strong victory over Torquay Boys' Grammar. Unfortunately Plymouth College, as always, had put together a strong team, and ended the string of wins in a downbeat end to the team's season.

The Under-15 squad, coached this time by Mr Hayman, also had a good season. The team managed to get into the cup final, where they lost by 17 points to 7 against Plymouth College. They then had an even closer game against the Plymouth College 7's in the final of the 7's competition, losing by just 2 points. To top off the season the under-15 team managed to reach the semi-final of the Devon 7's competition, where they lost to an impressive team from Torquay Boys' Grammar. In the season there were some strong wins, including a 42-0 thrashing of Plymstock and another imperious win over Ridgeway 7's. Mr Orkney coached the Under-14's last year and they too managed to string together 5 wins on the trot. These included wins over Torquay Boys' Grammar 7's and St Boniface. Out of the ten games the team played, they won 6, with the 4 defeats against Tavistock 7's, Uffculme 7's, Ridgeway and Ivybridge.

All in all a good season for the year 9 squad.

The Under-13 team managed a remarkable season, getting to the Cup Final, only to lose out to Plymouth College 17-7. They also managed to reach the quarter-finals of the 7's competition, only to lose narrowly to Coombe Dean. The squad began the season with a 41-14 thrashing of Eggbuckland in the Cup, before beating Tavistock in the semi-final. They also managed to round off the season in style, with a 41-5 win over Tamarside.

The biggest surprise this season was

from the Under-12 squad, who managed to string together an impressive run of 6 games undefeated. This came as something of a shock after a mediocre 5-0 defeat by Plymstock. The team returned to draw the next game and then won the next five games without conceding a point! This included games against St Boniface, John Kitto and Tavistock, none of which were weak sides. This run was never going to continue against Plymouth College, especially without Rugby in lessons, and so the squad did well. Definitely a team to watch in the future.

The Overall Results look like this:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD
1st XV	9	4	0	5	120	195	-75
U16	7	5	0	2	125	93	+32
U15	14	9	1	4	254	130	+124
U14	10	6	0	4	102	143	-41
U13	9	5	0	4	169	131	+38
U12	8	5	1	2	85	31	+54

Football

Football, unlike Rugby, is still played in PE lessons, and, as always, proved very popular amongst the boys.

Although some teams did not get the results, they worked hard and results look set to improve in the future.

The 1st XI had an impressive season, beginning the season with a 7 goal thriller against Liskeard to emerge 4-3 victors. The game against

Eggbuckland was a little more sedate, but still the team worked hard and gained a 2-1 win. Then disaster, the team played Ivybridge, who proved surprisingly strong and ran out 7-0 victors. However, only a week later, the team had regained enough confidence to give Estover a 4-0 hiding and finish the season, two matches later, at Eggbuckland, in style with another victory.

The 2nd XI also had a good season, and although only 4 matches could be arranged, the squad played well with good victories over Liskeard and Ivybridge and a nail-biting 1-1 draw with Eggbuckland. It was a disastrous year for the Under-15 team, with a lack of match experience the team lost 11-0 to Eggbuckland and 7-0 to John Kitto. However, there was light at the end of the tunnel with an encouraging draw against Stoke Damerel Community College at the end of the season.

The Under-14s, coached by Mr Orkney, performed well, with good wins over Heles, Coombe Dean and Lipson. Anyone watching the 9 goal game against John Kitto would have had no nails left by the end, as the team narrowly lost 5 goals to 4. All in all an impressive season, and we hope for more of the same in the coming months.

In the Under-13 team two thrashings took place. One happened at Heles (5-1) and another at John Kitto (5-2 in the cup). However, such great form was impossible to maintain and there were bound to be defeats, and these happened against Eggbuckland, both at home and away.

The Under-12s had a difficult season, playing almost twice as many games as any other team in the school. As with the Rugby team, they have brought a large amount of sporting skill with them into the school and proved this by reaching the Final of the Cup, only to lose to a strong Tamarside team.

In between they managed a 5-1 thrashing of Lipson and some hard-fought draws in the 7-a-side tournament against John Kitto and Plymstock. It will be interesting to see how the team perform in future and whether they can keep up this strong start in the school.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD
1st XI	6	4	0	2	14	13	+1
2nd XI	4	2	1	1	8	8	0
U15	5	0	1	4	3	26	-23
U14	8	4	2	2	20	16	+4
U13	6	2	2	2	14	14	0
U12	14	5	5	4	14	14	0

Basketball

As always, Basketball proved a very popular sport among the pupils. This is probably because it doesn't involve getting wet or muddy, but still there is a fair amount of skill throughout the school, and the results show this.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of staff and facilities, there are fewer Basketball teams entered into the respective leagues, despite the popularity, let's hope this changes with the new sports hall.

Although Basketball is popular in DHSB, there are very few schools who actually play, and this was found by the U19 team, who only played two matches all season, against the CFE and Tamarside. The former resulted in

a 70-20 defeat, but the latter was an encouraging 51-6 victory. Fingers crossed that there will be more teams to play in future.

The amount of opposition was not a problem for the Under 15s, who managed to win all their games, and so the league. These included a 60-59 win over Estover, which is a very narrow margin indeed. The biggest score margin came against Tamarside, with a 72-22 victory.

The Under 14s also had a good season, but couldn't top the success of the U15s. They managed to come third in the schools Tournament and won 3 out of the remaining 5 games. We hope that when they step into the

shoes of the U15 team they can emulate their success. The other team entered, into the Under 13 league, also had an impressive season, with 5 close wins over teams including Plymstock and Heles. What a season for Basketball at DHS!

Below you'll see a table of these fantastic results:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD
U19	2	1	0	1	71	76	-5
U15	5	5	0	0	278	162	+116
U14	9	6	0	3	219	182	+37
U13	8	5	0	3	125	132	-7

Cricket

Finally we get on to Cricket.

Unfortunately, the popularity of Cricket has plummeted as there is now a wider range of Sport to choose from. Luckily, this hasn't stopped DHS from being one of the top teams around! The most senior age group entered was the Under 15 team, coached by Mr Strang. This team managed a Cup victory over Heles, but lost to Eggbuckland in a friendly and lost to Exeter School in the Cup Semi-final. The Under-14 team had the best season, with a run of four wins,

against Heles, John Kitto, Ivybridge and Plymouth College B, but the Plymouth College A side proved too strong and ended our season on a low point. The Under 13 team was only able to play one game all year, a defeat against Heles, with luck a few more games can be arranged in future. The Under 12s had the most games, with wins over Stoke Damerel, Ivybridge, Heles and John Kitto, but were defeated by impressive sides from Plymouth College and Mount House.

Badminton

Now that the school has had the new Hansom sports hall built a whole range of new sports has opened up. We now have a full size basketball court and several practice nets. But to me, most important of all are the new badminton courts. This means that now the school can play more of this great sport.

For the past few years DHSB has done very little in badminton. This, for the most part, was understandable. There was very little in the way of facilities to support the sport, with only one court and a few old rackets. It was also difficult to arrange league matches as it was up to individual coaches to sort this out, requiring a lot of time. It was also difficult to just choose talented individuals as the league relies on a doubles format.

Now, however, the league has been restructured. This means that all matches are played over two or three evenings in December at a set venue. This means that there is no organisation for staff other than transport. Although Devon players are ineligible, there are still a large number of skilled players that have gone unrecognised within the school. Badminton is a great sport for anyone. All that is required is a bit of hand-eye co-ordination to get going, and then a bit of instruction as to techniques, and from there it's easy. Due to the smaller

court, it relies less on fitness and more on technique than tennis, but speed is still a useful attribute.

Unlike sports like football and rugby, badminton is what we refer to as a 'sport for life'. This means that, in contrast to rugby, which most people stop playing at about 30 or 40, many people play badminton well into their fifties and sixties.

As you can see, there is a strong argument for badminton, a popular sport among the pupils, to be played competitively in school. So I recommend that we get playing.

Other Sports

HOCKEY - Although up until now Hockey has been more or less ignored by DHSB, it is a popular sport and there are boys, particularly in the sixth form, who are very keen to play at a competitive level and have even set up their own Games group.

TENNIS - Up until now a sport reserved for individuals such as Jamie Hutton (yr 12), who deserves particular note, our school now has the facilities to become a major force in Schools Tennis and so is now more of a possibility.

BASEBALL - In our school there are two extremely talented Baseball players, Damien Goodall and Barry Long, who are currently competing at National Level and deserve recognition.

ATHLETICS - There have always been skilled runners and jumpers at DHSB and occasionally they are given the opportunity to compete against other schools, this should happen more often. Bringing back the Athletics Club that ran in the 1950s could prove extremely popular.

FENCING: The school now has a successful fencing club running after school on Tuesdays. This is proving a popular sport and several boys are proving to be very talented. We would like to wish them well in future competition.

The Fitness Suite

The school moves towards the next phase of its sports development with the acquisition of a new Fitness Suite, which should be completed by Christmas 2003.

The suite, which will be located in the old Music Room at the bottom of E block, will offer the following facilities:

2 step machines

2 rowing machines

2 exercise bikes

3 treadmills

2 cross trainers

8 strength machines, with free weights

The facility will be used both for curricular and extra curricular activities and will be made available to all year groups. Details of membership will follow.

The PE Department is organising a fund raising initiative in order to purchase the necessary electronic equipment. The support of all boys is requested in order to make this the fantastic facility that they deserve.

Mr Orkney

DHSB Old Boys RFC

Report by: Geoff Simpson, Hon. Secretary

In Devon Division One the 1st XV won 1 and lost 17 matches, finishing one from bottom. This was a tremendous disappointment after the success of the previous year. It didn't help that a succession of opponents said they couldn't understand why we were in the lower regions of the table as we had been one of the better teams they had encountered. The fact was that in a string of close matches the Old Boys just missed out. Fortunately, a restructuring of the Devon Leagues meant that the Club remained at the top level for 2003/04.

In the RFU Junior Vase the Club again reached the third round and in the local Lockie Cup the first team lost by a single point in the semi-final to a powerful O.P.M's side, the eventual winners. The Wizards (2nd XV) meanwhile were having an excellent season and went from strength to strength. By the end of the season they had won the inaugural Plymouth Combination Merit Table, a tremendous achievement.

On the social side the Club again held its Annual Dinner at H.M.S. Drake with 130 in attendance. The guest speaker was Paul Stapleton, Chairman of Plymouth Argyle. A strange choice? Not at all - Paul was skipper of the Old Boys' Rugby Club in 1980.

January saw the club move its after match base from the Millbridge Inn to the newly opened Stonehouse Creek Leisure and Social Club. The Club Tour to London for the England v. Italy match was a huge success and had a Wild West theme. A match was played against Phoenix Rugby Club near Maidenhead and led to a narrow victory and the appearance of the air ambulance to ferry one of the home side to hospital after an accidental clash of heads with a teammate. I'm pleased to report there was no lasting damage.

On the administrative front IT facilities were upgraded and the Club contributed two members to the Combination committee. The Club continues its valued links with Devonport High School, the home ground for playing matches and also the venue for training on Wednesday evenings. The Club golf society, predominantly for former players, got together two or three times. The big project on the horizon now is the 75th Anniversary of the Club in September 2004.

A Dinner has been arranged for SATURDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 2004 at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel in Plymouth, 7:30 for 8:00p.m. Tickets will be £25 per head and anyone requiring further details should contact Geoff Simpson on 01752 206662.

Team Reports and Captains' Comments

Year 7 Football

After only three lunchtimes of training, DHSB played their first home game against Parkside Technology College. After a gripping first half, DHSB were already four goals up. One spectator, Mrs Brown, commented, 'I thought the boys had played the whole match well, the pace was racing and our boys were superior in every way.' During the second half, the players continued to improve, giving away little. Parkside never stood a chance; this was backed up by a final score of 10-1 to the home side. Hat tricks were scored by both Captain Tom Jeevons and midfielder Callum Hodge.

DHSB played its second match away at Lipson Community College, a quarter-final game, which had already been anticipated as being a far greater challenge. The first half ended with DHSB being 2-0 down, but the team played on valiantly, the second half was dominated by a lot of brave gut-busting action, with a last minute goal scored by midfielder Harrison Elliott, bringing the final score to a 2-1 defeat. Mr Potter, a supporting onlooker, quoted, 'It just didn't go our way!'

Manager, Mr Strang was pleased with the team suggesting that after a mere four weeks the boys 'done good!'

Julian Woolley

Year 7 Rugby

I think that the rugby team will do quite well, but some key elements of the game will need to be worked on. The team overall has a lot of talent with most of the squad playing for Devonport Services or Ivybridge.

The team will hopefully come strong and win the competitions, so far the team is unbeaten and we will want to continue this!"

Chris Stone

Year 8 Football

Last year as year 7s we got to the final of the Plymouth inter-schools cup, where we lost 5-1 to Tamarside. Unfortunately I could not play in the semi-final or final, I was really disappointed about that!

This year the football team so far has played in a competition at Manadon on astro-turf. We did very well winning 7, drawing 1 and losing 3. I thought that the whole team played brilliantly all tournament even if we missed 'sitters' and let in a few soft goals.

I think we will do really well when games start again after Christmas.

Jack Dent

Year 8 Basketball

Last season the year 8 basketball team came third in the league. I was playing for them as a year 7. We only lost one or two games last year and they were against Ivybridge and John Kitto School.

This season our team has improved. The year 8 basketball team has all changed apart from Ciaran Ellard and myself, who have also played for Devon Schools. We also have two who have the potential to play for Devon.

Four of our team play for Tamar Valley Cannons in the national under-14 league (These are Gareth Cooper, Jamie McCoy, Ciaran Ellard and myself). This season we think we can go all the way and not lose a game. We have already beaten Plymstock 38-7, Ivybridge 25-10, Tamarside 41-1 and Estover 16-6. All of our games are played at Tamarside.

Daniel Stevens

Year 9 Football

This year, the school football team have not been successful and took only 1 point from a possible 9. We have been short in all the matches due to people being ill or on holiday, or having to play in rugby matches clashing with football games.

There were excellent performances from goalkeeper David Carrol, defender Joe Eke, midfielder/striker Matthew Thackeray and top goalscorer Luke Parsons, although a good all-round effort from the whole team. We drew 4-4 with Tamarside, when Luke Parsons put 3 excellent goals past the Tamarside goalkeeper, we lost to John Kitto and also to Stoke Damerel.

The football team would like to say a special thank-you to the team manager Mr. Salter.

Sam Cameron

Year 9 Rugby

The year 9 rugby team have had a very good start this year. They have played 6 games, against Kelly College twice, Plymstock, Tamarside, Coombe Dean and Ridgeway. The school beat all of the teams except Kelly College both times, although only by a difference of 1 point in the first game. The team has had a lot of newcomers who have all made a difference. Last year the team reached the final of the cup but narrowly lost to Plymouth College, and were knocked out of the 7s tournament by Plymouth College again. This year everyone feels we can win the 7s tournament with some new 'speed merchants' on the wing. The side has also had a lot of individual success. All the team would like to thank Mr. Salter for coaching us over the last two years.

Jon Dearden

Under 15 Rugby

After a good season last year the team was hoping for more success and with many new faces in a very large turnout for training, hopes increased.

The extra players meant there was greater competition for places, especially on the wing, which made everyone train much harder. This extra work was rewarded by excellent performances in matches.

John Wright, Jake Neville and Matt Turfrey were all awesome in defence and made the many hard yards. There was excellent scrummaging and lineout play from Matthew Ash, Jamie Hannaford, Rob Jones and Michael Scott-Holland, and Patrick Poutney showed great strength fighting for every ball, despite his inexperience. Great service was provided to the backs by scrum-halves Beau McCarty and Richard Kantharia. I think that I distributed the ball well from fly half to give James Nicholls opportunities to break right through defences and Chris Lock, Ed Court and Joe Gardiner ran the angles very well to dodge, weave and out-pace their way past tacklers whilst being solid in defence. Wingers Joe Cunningham, Ben Randall, Eddie McGinley, Daniel Timmins and Jonathon Kayleigh were always there to make breaks and run in the tries. This excellent work saw the team take comfortable victories against Ridgeway School, John Kitto Community College and St Boniface.

Our last game against Plymouth College was a tightly fought affair with neither side dominating until, at the beginning of the second half, Ed Court bravely flung himself into a tackle and unhappily broke his leg. The match was then abandoned and the entire team and I wish Ed a speedy recovery.

Get well soon!

David Williams

Year 10 Football

Due to a new league format, no games have been played so far this season but they do start in January. A very strong squad performed well last season, however lost to Kitto in the cup competition. Consistent results against tough opposition in the league were achieved.

The new format consists of two mini leagues with 5 schools competing in each. The top two of each league go into a semi-final making a maximum of six games. Year 10 have done well over recent seasons and are quietly confident that this success will continue. Training has been well attended on Friday lunchtimes with a number of players pushing for places in the 1st team.

Reece Small

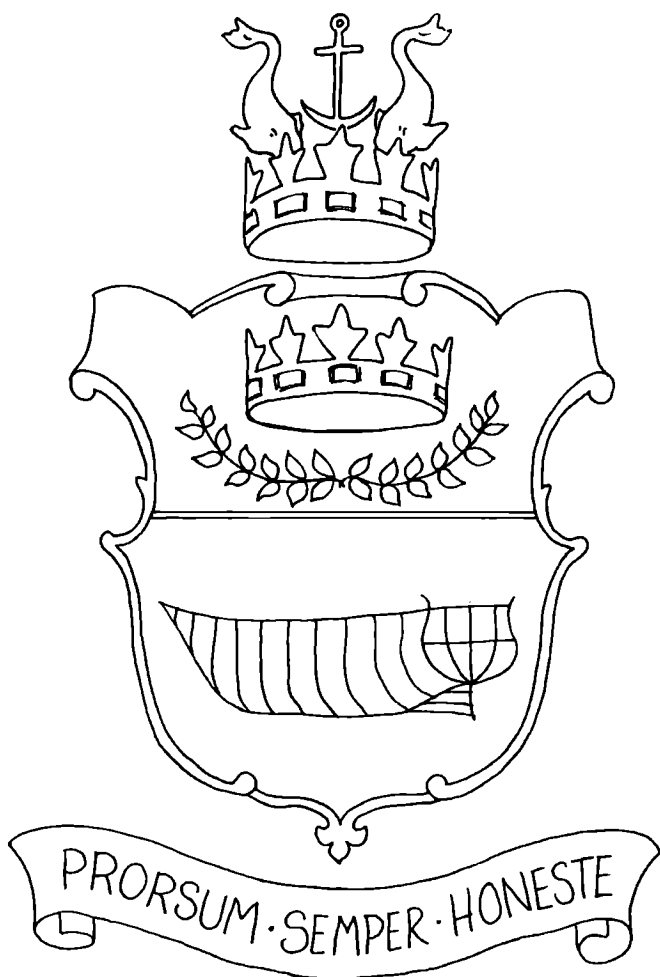
Year 10 Basketball

Last year was a good season for the Year 9 Basketball team finishing third overall in the league with a number of different achievements happening throughout. The improvement that the team made from game to game was remarkable and the standards of play got better and better as the season progressed. We had a very inexperienced team so did very well to win all but two of the matches we played. The team played very well throughout the season and deserved the results that they got. They ended the season by competing in the Inter-Schools Tournament where they finished 3rd having won four games but losing one to Ivybridge, who turned out to be the eventual winners. We now look forward to this season and are looking to improve on the results from last year. The team is very confident that this will happen and are ready for the opening games of this season against Tamarside and Ridgeway taking place over the next few weeks.

Year 11 Basketball

Last year our Year-10 basketball team was undefeated in our league and crowned Champions of Plymouth. Throughout the season we had some good times and we worked extremely well as a team. We have several players that are playing regularly at under 16 and under 18 level in the National League. These players have formed a good strong base on which we have worked well. This year our Year-11 basketball schedule has started and we have begun in the same frame of mind as last year, winning our first two games convincingly. I feel our team which is coached by Mr. Hayman, who is a key reason why we are winning, will carry on for the rest of the season to hopefully win the league again.

Jamie Davies



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