

OGC *news*

The Newsletter of The Leeds Girls' High School
Old Girls' Club

Charity CD – recordings from present members of GSAL choirs and old girls from LGHS



*Where's the
Mousman
Mouse?*

Each issue we will be hiding the Mousman mouse somewhere within the newsletter for you to find...

The track 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' from the GSAL CD *With A Warm Heart* was featured on Aled Jones' *Good Morning* show on Radio 2 on Easter Sunday morning.

The CD was recorded in St Mary's Church, South Milford by a combined choir of girls and old girls, as a present for Sue Fishburn, former Head of LGHS and Dean of GSAL who retired in summer 2009. It is now being sold in aid of Malawi and Haiti.

Composer John Rutter sent a message. He said, "It was a great treat for me to hear your lovely performance of 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You'. This piece has happy memories for me because I wrote it in memory of my school music master, who was a wonderful teacher and first got me interested in composing. The Malawi project sounds exciting, and I hope that your CD sells lots of copies to help with raising funds. I wish you a huge success with it."

Copies of the CD, which comprises of a great variety of music, can be purchased from Mrs Gillian Brighten, music secretary, priced £10.

LGHS Old Girls' Dinner and
Golf Competition 2010 ...
see page 4 for further details...



News from Chris Bamforth

President of the OGC



It has continued to be a very busy school year. The Autumn term flew by and the Spring term followed suit. We now find ourselves with little more than four weeks of term remaining. We are in full swing with external exams for the older pupils and internal exams for the younger ones but the long summer holiday is just about in sight!

At the beginning of May I was able to attend the Old Girls' Reunion Dinner at Sand Moor Golf Club. Unfortunately my commitments at GSAL did not allow me to join in the golf which preceded the dinner. Nevertheless it was a very enjoyable evening and it was lovely to catch up with Old Girls I had taught, those I had known as parents along with other Old Girls and former colleagues. The company was excellent and the numbers attending very encouraging. I look forward to attending next year at the Otley Golf Club.

A question I have been asked recently is with regard to the panelling in the library at LGHS. I have contacted Sue Fishburn and she has been able to confirm that the panels were included in the main auction organised by Tennants Auctioneers. Unfortunately, the panels were not sold on the day but were sold to a private buyer after the sale. The money raised was added to the Bursary Fund. Some items of furniture such as the Librarian's chair, the clock and the planter presented by the Old Girls' Club in memory of Miss M M Ferguson (1921-1958) now reside at GSAL and celebrate the heritage of the school. The Sports Honours Boards have recently moved from Headingley and are now displayed in the GSAL Sports Complex.

Sue Fishburn's portrait now completes the gallery of LGHS Headteachers which is now housed in the GSAL Senior School. She sits alongside former Heads of LGHS starting with Catherine Lucy Kennedy (Head from 1876-1891). The portraits complement those of past LGS Heads.

In the OG News Winter 2008/9, Sue Fishburn reported on the fundraising to support projects in Malawi. At that stage more than 20 tonnes of medical, educational and humanitarian goods had been dispatched. The tradition of fundraising for Malawi is continuing and thrives at GSAL. We are approaching the £250,000 mark for funds raised and 44 pupils eagerly await the next tour to Malawi which will take place during the summer of 2011.

Finally, Bronwen was very busy right up to her last day in school before going on maternity leave ensuring that the leaving Upper Sixth girls all received their Old Girls' Club pack. I look forward to seeing many of the leavers at future events and hope that they will return to Leeds for Speech Day in November.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing Summer.

Christine Bamforth

Message from GSAL's New Principal and CEO



It is a privilege to assume the leadership of The Grammar School at Leeds and I look forward to meeting many former pupils over time. The warmth of the welcome I have received has been most heartening and it is a considerable honour not only to take over from Mark Bailey and Sue Fishburn, but also to be heir to such tremendous traditions established over the years at both Leeds Grammar School and Leeds Girls' High School. The pride and affection which generations of students have for their school is self-evident. It is great that there are such vibrant organisations of former pupils keen not just to take those traditions forward but to work to sustain the sense of camaraderie and belonging which characterises so much about the schools both past and present.

I look forward to a long and happy association with GSAL and with yourselves and, if the opportunity presents itself, please do say hello if you are visiting the school.

Mike Gibbons

Welcome New OGs!

Our Year 13 girls have now left the school and have become fully fledged Old Girls. We welcome you all, wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to meeting you at our events!

Win Free Tickets to the Leeds Flower Show at GSAL this August!

Please don't forget to see the Calendar of Events on page 5 for details on how to win a pair of tickets to the Leeds Flower Show to be held on the 7th and 8th of August! **We have 25 FREE pairs to give away.** Winners, please send in your pictures!

LONDON BRANCH NEWS

School Visit to Finland circa 1955

Does anyone remember the visit arranged by Miss New? A number of pen-friendships were made as a result of this visit. We have been asked whether or not any of those friendships have been sustained. One of the members of that school party would like to remake contact with any of the Finnish girls before it is too late! If you have kept in touch and have names and an address, please contact Virginia Graves, London Branch Secretary, on 02392 375482.

Our next London Branch meeting has been arranged at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, SW1X 0BD, 2.30pm, Saturday 16 October. The talk will be 'Dyes and Textiles', by Penny Rappak (nee Walsh, OG1963).

After weaving the famous scarf with Miss Harrington at LGHS, Penny Rappak was inspired to study textile design at Leeds College of Art and the Royal College of Art. She has worked as a studio weaver on commissions, as a designer for industry and as a teacher at Goldsmiths and Chelsea Colleges. Present interest is in trying to develop natural dyes for textiles and in trying to retire to spend more time with her tapestry loom.

Those on the branch mailing list will be informed by post. Others will be most welcome but should contact Virginia Graves on 02392 375482 or Jackie Chalmers via email: jackie.chalmers@ntlworld.com, so we know how many to expect.

BRISTOL BRANCH NEWS

Seven members of the Bristol Branch met on a sunny afternoon in April at the home of Judy Witchell (nee Denton), in Clutton near Bristol. Judy and her sister, Anne made us very welcome and it was a treat to be able to eat in the garden. Some members travelled a distance to be there - Margery Rutter (nee Haygarth) from Winchester and Wendy Stevens (nee Watson) and the Secretary, from South Dorset. Others present were Anne Scholefield (nee Denton), Jean Moore (nee Clegg) and Caroline Harris (nee Simpson).

The Branch covers a wide area and extends from Hampshire in the East to Devon in the West and the M4 in the North. At one time, members attended regularly from as far as Cheltenham and Plymouth! We were sorry that Anne Bretherick (nee Randles), Elizabeth Hearn and Ann Helliwell (nee Woods) were unable to attend because of family commitments. After a short 'business' meeting including the latest news from the School, the rest of the afternoon was spent exchanging news and reminiscences. The 2011 meeting has been arranged for Saturday 30 April at the home of the Branch's Secretary, Sylvia Young (nee Smith) in Bournemouth. She would be delighted to welcome any OGs in that area, even if not current members of that Branch. Please contact Sylvia Young via telephone: 01202 395 888.

Development Office Update

Welcome to the latest edition of OGC news. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I will be covering for Bronwen on her maternity leave. We are thrilled to hear that she had a baby girl, Florence Matilda May, on 29 May, and both are doing very well! Congratulations to Bronwen and her family!

If you would like to submit an article for the next edition, the deadline is Tuesday 30 November. Please send copy and pictures to the Development Office via email: maryellen.wyard@gsal.org.uk or by post to the school address. We welcome your news, memories and achievements. Please keep them coming in! A copy of the latest magazine is always put on the website under Former Pupils at www.gsal.org.uk

Governors' Annual Review

The 2010 Governors' Annual Review is due to be published this autumn when it will be posted on the school website for everyone to read. If you would like to receive a printed copy as well, please ring any member of the External Relations team on 0113 229 1552 and ask them to add you to the Annual Review mailing list. In future years, only former pupils whose name is on this list will receive a printed copy of the Review.

Appeal

Finally, we would also like to hear from any OGs interested in giving a talk to our pupils about their chosen career path/industry. Please contact me on 0113 228 5159 with your details.

Have a great summer!

Mary-ellen Wyard

LGHS Old Girls' Dinner and Golf Competition 2010

May 7th was an enjoyable day, meeting friends who were at school from the 1940s through to the 90s. It was a delightful mix and everyone chatted to both new and familiar faces.

Thanks are extended to Victoria Littlewood and Sand Moor Golf Club for hosting this Reunion.

During the afternoon, nineteen golfers played the Sand Moor Golf course. Penny Allen had a 'hole in one' and so the evening sparkled as we toasted her success. We thank Penny for her generosity and again add our congratulations.

Forty-five Old Girls filled the dining room for the evening meal and the golf presentation followed. It was no surprise to find that the Trophy winner with 44 points was Penny Allen who left school in 1992.

In the Silver division Elizabeth Holbrook, from Lincolnshire, won second prize.

We look forward to next year.

Sheila Yeadon has arranged a meal and golf competition on Friday May 6th at Otley Golf Club. Hopefully the sun will shine, do come and join us!

Further arrangements for 2011 will be detailed in the next newsletter.

Lynn Aspland

OLD GIRL EVENTS

If any of you are organising an event and would like it publicising in this newsletter, or would like help organising a reunion, please contact Mary-Ellen Wyard in the Development Office.



Penny Allen wins the Trophy.



August 2010

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 August

Leeds Flower Show

Venue: GSAL

Time: 11am-5pm Saturday
and 10am-5pm Sunday

NEWS FLASH For your chance to win a pair of FREE tickets to this fabulous event, we are GIVING AWAY 25 (pairs) to the first to ring in. So, please ring in and contact any member of the External Relations team via the main switchboard on 0113 229 1552 and provide your name, address and the name of the newsletter you receive. Tickets will be sent out late July/early August to the first 25! Winners, please send in your pictures!

September 2010

Tuesday 28 September

OGC Leeds Branch Meeting

Venue: GSAL, Senior School Conference Room

Time: 6.45pm

October 2010

Saturday 16 October

OGC London Branch Meeting

Venue: St. Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1X OBD

Time: 2.30pm

Speaker: Penny Rappak (nee Walsh) OG1963 –
'Dyes and Textiles'

For further details, please contact either Hon. Secretary, Virginia Graves on telephone 02392 375 482; or Hon. Treasurer, Jackie Chalmers via email: jackie.chalmers@ntlworld.com

November 2010

Saturday 27 November

Old Girls' Christmas Buffet Lunch

Venue: GSAL Senior School Staff Meetings Room

Time: 12 noon - 2pm (to coincide with the PFA Christmas Fayre at Rose Court)

Cost: £7.50

See order form enclosed or contact Mary-Ellen Wyard in the Development Office for further details. As well as the chance to catch up with old friends, there will be a special tour of the school. All welcome!

Please reply by 2 November 2010.

January 2011

OGC Leeds Branch Meeting

Details to follow in the next mailing.

April 2011

Saturday 30 April

OGC Bristol Branch Meeting

Venue: home of Mrs Sylvia Young (nee Smith), Bournemouth

Please contact Bristol Branch Secretary Mrs Sylvia Young via telephone: 01202 395 888 for further details.

May 2011

Friday 6 May

Old Girls' Dinner and Golf Competition

Venue: Otley Golf Club

Do come and join us. All welcome.

Details to follow in the January Newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM

Diana Overend (nee Armitage)

died in March 2010, aged 86

Diana was brought up in Ben Rhydding near Ilkley and left the school in 1941 or 1942. She was widow of the late Geoffrey Overend and leaves a daughter and a son.

Valerie Rich

(nee Cooke) OG1955 died in 2009

Valerie sadly passed away in Israel, having moved there five years ago with her husband, to join her two daughters and eight grandchildren. She worked almost 40 years as a teacher and Deputy Head in Leeds, and was very happy in her retirement, particularly in her final years in Israel. She enjoyed reading the LGHS magazine, following the progress of the school and keeping in touch with news of Old Girls.

Bobby Shackleton

died 22 March 2007, aged 59

Angela Kilbride

died in 2009

Her niece Karen Morgan has sadly informed us about the death of her aunt, Angela Kilbride. She wrote, *'In spite of her health in later life, Angela continued to pursue many interests, she was a real "doer"'. Friends were also hugely important to her and I know she was so happy to keep up with the Old Girls' Club.'*

Dr Hilary Shimmin (nee Worthy)

OG 1946 died in 2010

Hilary was a pupil at Leeds Girls' High School from 1938-1946 and was Head Girl in her final year. Her older sister, Sylvia also went to the School. Hilary studied medicine at Girton College, Cambridge 1946-49 and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London 1949-53. After early hospital jobs, she joined a General Practice partnership in Cambridge from 1957 until her marriage in 1960. She then settled near Leeds and did clinic work in Yorkshire while raising her two children. She maintained various connections to LGHS through involvement with the Old Girls' Committee, as a mother of a pupil (Sylvia Worthy at LGHS 1967-81) and as Governor of LGHS 1985-98, and as the representative of Yorkshire Ladies Council of Education. She was also a member of the Leeds University Council 1975-1991 and Leeds University Court 1975-1998. She moved to Newcastle in 2004 to be near to her daughter and two grandchildren, and pursued her interests in art, literature and music.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

LGHS girls who left in the ...

50s...

Joan Abbott-Chapman (nee Abbott)

OG1959

Since leaving LGHS, Joan became a Professor of Education, University of Tasmania and Fellow of the Australian College of Educators. She was also published as author or co-author for eight books and over 900 book chapters, articles and conference papers on the Sociology of Youth Studies. She is married to Barry, now retired and has one daughter and a grandson, Macseu.

Anne Smith (nee Mellor) OG1952

After leaving LGHS in 1952, she trained as a physiotherapist at the United Leeds Hospitals. After her admission as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1985, she practised Commercial Law and became a member of the Faculty of Law at the Queensland University of Technology in 1991. She has since resigned from her teaching position and no longer practises as a commercial lawyer but simply as a mediator of disputes of all kinds. Her home is only half a kilometre away from the Pacific Ocean in Australia, so her favourite exercise is walking on the lovely sandy beach at Skirmish Point (so named by Matthew Finders in 1799). For her, being semi-retired 'is great' as she gets a chance to see her family and friends more, enjoy her garden, study French again, go to music appreciation classes and read as widely as she can!

60s...

Jennifer Beaton (nee Bell)

OG1960

On leaving school Jennifer went to work at the Pathology Laboratory in St James' Hospital in Leeds. She studied at night school and obtained a Fellowship of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology. She then went on to teach Horticultural skills to people with learning difficulties and has since retired.

70s...

Jane Bower OG1973

During Jane's nine years of primary teaching near Lancaster, two of her stories were broadcast on BBC's Play School, and she began to devise and perform her own one-woman shows. Since then she has juggled teaching, writing and acting and loves the variety in her working life. After a one-year post as Arts Co-ordinator for four schools in the Lakes, she became Arts Advisor for primary schools in South Cambridgeshire and has lived in Cambridge ever since. All advisory posts were made redundant in

1993, so she set up on her own as an independent consultant to schools in the UK and beyond. She has also written several books and work packs, such as for BBC schools drama, and writes regularly for *Child Education* and *Junior Education* magazines, along with Fiona Freer (nee Plane, still her best buddy from LGHS days). She has also taught PGCE art, drama and dance for a number of years at Cambridge University's Faculty of Education.

In 1999 she achieved her Equity card and was able to start performing her one-woman shows (on the lives of remarkable women). In 1992 she was made an Elder of her Church, Emmanuel United Reformed, which is also a Cambridge Arts venue.

Her passions include voracious novel-reading (no change there), choral singing with the Cambridge Philharmonic Society (a love fostered by Donald Hunt at LGHS), travelling to and discovering the cuisine of other countries, and entering consumer competitions, particularly those involving writing or slogans!

Jill Arsiott (nee Parkin) OG1976

Jill went on to obtain a degree in English Literature and an MA in Renaissance Studies from the University of Sussex. She is currently a journalist writing features, mainly for the Daily Mail.

80s...

Sarah Craven OG1988

Former Head Girl and captain of the rounders team, Sarah is now a full time GP partner in Harrogate. She is married and has a daughter, Daisy. She still plays netball and is with the Harlow Hawks in Harrogate.

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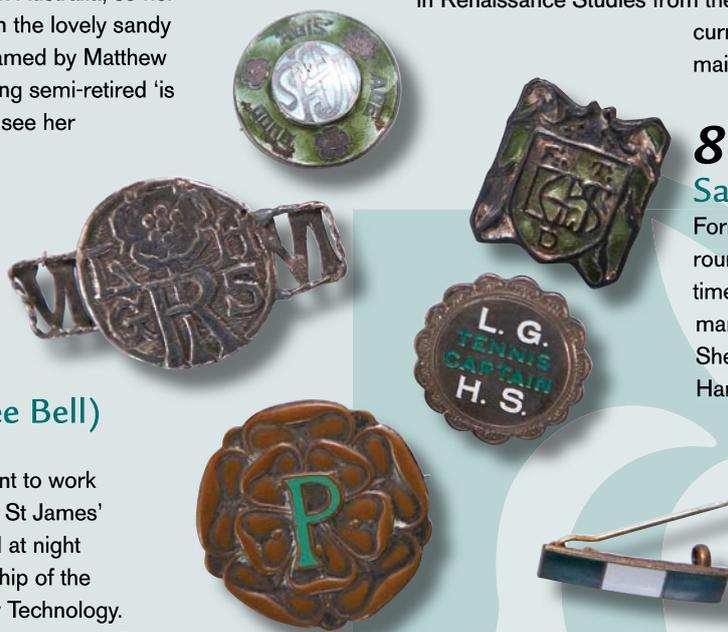
Fiona Sanders-Hewitt (nee Womack) OG2000

Fiona went on to obtain an MA in Archaeology and

Anthropology and Classics at Downing College, Cambridge. She became a Financial Controller for Cambridge Enterprise, the University of Cambridge's Technology transfer company. She had previously qualified as a chartered accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers. Fiona is still singing and now running 10k and half marathons. She married fellow Cambridge graduate Sam Sanders-Hewitt.

Emily Newson OG2003

Emily went on to the University of Bristol to study a BA in English followed by a PGDip at the University of Cardiff in Magazine Journalism. At the time of writing in she worked in the Development Office at Exeter College, Oxford.



London Stage Beckons for Former Pupil of Leeds Girls' High School

Former pupil of Leeds Girls' High School and Leeds actress, Emma Gordon, saw her dreams come true as she landed a part in a one-woman play, 'A Big Day for the Goldbergs'. She went from Marketing Assistant to taking centre stage and reports, 'Following the sell-out run in London at the New End Theatre, we then booked for a one-off performance of in a 300-seat venue in June and sold the last ticket a week ago! We will also be performing as part of the 10th anniversary Leeds Jewish International Performing Arts Festival (which the show was commissioned for) on June 7th and 10th. We are also currently raising sponsorship to take the show to Edinburgh for a full fringe run.'

Brian Daniels, New End theatre owner, wrote the play for Emma, 28.



Photo by Rob Booker

TOP AWARD For Charlotte

Former pupil Charlotte Sapier attained the highest mark in the country for her food and nutrition coursework at A2 level last summer.

Her coursework focused on the nutritional adequacy of health related convenience foods in the diets of teenage girls aged 16 – 18 years.

She was presented with a certificate and £100 at a special ceremony run by the British Nutrition Foundation. Head of Food Technology Mrs Yvonne Wilson also attended and accepted a cheque for £200 on behalf of GSAL.

Charlotte is now studying physiotherapy at Birmingham University.

Charlotte Sapier is photographed with Professor Beddington, chief scientific adviser and Head of the Government Office for Science.



Welcome to Our New Principal

Mr Michael Gibbons has taken over as Principal and Chief Executive of GSAL.

Mike Gibbons, who has an outstanding track record in education, joins GSAL from Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield where he has been Headmaster since 2001.

Mr Gibbons expressed his delight and honour to be assuming the leadership of GSAL.

He said: "I cannot think of another school that combines such tradition with such modernity, it is a very exciting opportunity. I look forward to getting to know the pupils, staff and parents, as well as the wider Leeds community."

He was born in Durham, but went to school in Leicester before going on to King's College, London University, obtaining both a degree in History and a diploma in Theology.

After a brief period working in London, he returned to King's to complete a PGCE and has been a teacher ever since. He taught for a couple of years at Ardingly College in Sussex before transferring to Rugby School (of Tom Brown's Schooldays fame) where he became a Housemaster. A stint as Second Master at Whitgift School in London followed, prior to his move to Yorkshire as head of QEGs Wakefield.

Mr Gibbons is a member of the Headmasters' Conference, for which he is the elected representative of the North East Division on the Education and Academic policy committee. He is also Chairman of the Forum of Independent Day Schools.

He is married to Penny and has a son at York University and a daughter studying A-levels.



Michael Gibbons (right) is welcomed to GSAL by Chairman of the Governors, David Gravells.

New Head Girls and Boys

Congratulations to GSAL's new head girl and boy team Hugo Govett, Abhishek Oswal, Felicity Jordan and Alice Hutson.

The team will represent the school on public occasions and open days, speak at speech days and house assemblies, as well as organise the sixth form ball and year book.



(L-R) Hugo Govett, Alice Hutson, Abhishek Oswal and Felicity Jordan.

GSAL Through to Maths Olympiad

Young mathematicians at GSAL are celebrating a raft of honours in regional and national maths competitions.

A team of Y8 and Y9 pupils has won the regional final of the Team Junior Maths Challenge.

In the Intermediate Maths Challenge (Individual) GSAL entered 144 students from years 9, 10 and 11, gaining 27 gold certificates, 41 silver and 42 bronze.

The highest scorers qualified for the next level IMOK (Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad and Kangaroo). This part of the competition is by invitation only.

GSAL Students Celebrate Oxbridge Offers

Eighteen GSAL students are celebrating offers of places at Oxford and Cambridge universities.

Sixth formers with offers under their belts are Naomi Ackerman, to study classics at Girton, Cambridge; Laura Ayres, linguistics at Queens', Cambridge; Joe Dawson, classics at Corpus, Oxford; Grace Dickinson, French and Spanish at Homerton,

Cambridge; Sarah Gouldesbrough, classics at Queen's, Oxford; Sarah Hopkins, philosophy, politics and economics at Magdalen, Oxford; Owen Jones, biological sciences at Worcester, Oxford; Jason Lu, mathematics at Churchill, Cambridge; Georgia Lynott, mathematics at Trinity, Oxford; Tom MacHugh, English at Christ Church, Oxford; Pooja Menon, law and French law at St John's, Oxford; Alex Philpott, mathematics at

Christ's, Cambridge; Claire Rogers, law at Jesus, Cambridge; Camilla Rooney, natural sciences at Robinson, Cambridge; Lucy Stone, French and German at Emma, Cambridge; Alex Watson, engineering at Pembroke, Cambridge; Laura Wetherly, politics, psychology and sociology at King's, Cambridge; and Rachel Zagajewski, economics and management at St Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

Back (L-R) Owen Jones, Jason Lu, Alex Watson, Joe Dawson and Alex Philpott. Middle (L-R) Lucy Stone, Camilla Rooney, Pooja Memon, Grace Dickinson, Naomi Ackerman, Sarah Gouldesbrough and Georgia Lynott. Front (L-R) Laura Ayres, Rachel Zagajewski, Claire Rogers and Sarah Hopkins. (Not in photograph Tom MacHugh and Laura Wetherley.)



The Poetry Show



Pictured with their GCSE Poetry Anthologies are some of the Y11 judges. They are (L-R) Amy Reynolds, Chessy Whallen, Callum Kenny and Hugo Bell.

GCSE English classes in Y11 attended The Poetry Show at Wakefield Theatre Royal, a combination of education and entertainment. Using the format of a talent show, the students were invited to judge three actors as they performed a selection of their GCSE poems using costumes, props, lighting and sound effects. A number of GSAL students were appointed and were asked to comment on the interpretation and performance of the actors. The students learned a lot whilst observing some outstanding performances from poems such as the anger and frustration in 'Havisham' by Carol Ann Duffy to poems from different cultures.

Amy Reynolds, who was one of the student judges, said: "The show was both exciting and captivating as it helped us to see the poems in a new light."

Salman Zimri – Press Gang

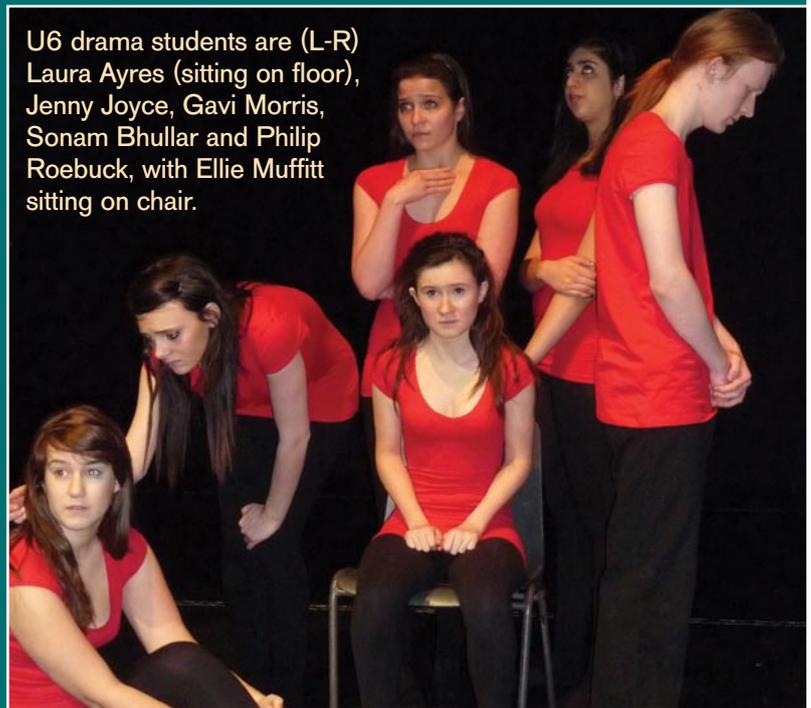
It's Question Time

U6 drama students brought the problems of racism, immigration and the holocaust to life in a powerful and highly emotional play.

The six students tackled the controversial themes in their devised play *It's Question Time* for their A2 performance examination.

They scripted the hard-hitting piece using material gathered from a number of sources, including the BNP leader Nick Griffin's appearance on BBC TV's *Question Time*, an episode of *The Jerry Springer Show*, transcripts from computer chat room conversations, interviews they had undertaken with shoppers in Barnsley and personal family experiences.

Commenting after the 45-minute performance in the school theatre, drama teacher Miss Beth Harris said: "This play was both shocking and extremely moving. We are very proud of our students and what they have achieved."



U6 drama students are (L-R) Laura Ayres (sitting on floor), Jenny Joyce, Gavi Morris, Sonam Bhullar and Philip Roebuck, with Ellie Muffitt sitting on chair.

Enter The Drama Dragons...



Ready to enter the Dragon's Den with their drama pitches and props are back (L-R) Philip Roebuck, Ellie Muffitt, Jenny Joyce, Gavi Morris and Laura Ayres. Front, Sonam Bhullar.

A2 drama students Ellie Muffitt and Sonam Bhullar write about their experiences when the *Dragon's Den* came to GSAL...

In a re-enactment of TV's *Dragon's Den*, A2 drama students pitched their directorial ideas on Timberlake Wertenbaker's *Our Country's Good* as a finale to their work on the play.

Chief dragon and head of Drama, Mrs Antoinette Keylock, was in charge as six nervous students attempted to slay the judges with their directorial intentions and design initiatives for a share of the prize fund.

Although all six projects were fuelled with passion, there could only be two winners. The chief dragon declared Laura Ayres and Ellie Muffitt the victors and rewarded them with a bag of chocolate coins each!

There's No Stopping The Girls...



Kate scoring the 1st XI at the Annual Past v Present fixture last season.

Another girl excelling in a boy's world is Y10 student Kate Hunt whose scoring talent on the cricket pitch is such that she was invited on the GSAL tour to Sri Lanka at Easter.

Kate, who joined the school a year ago from Harrogate Grammar, became the first girl and possibly also the youngest pupil, to score for the GSAL 1st XI cricket team.

She was also invited to score for the Yorkshire U19 cricket team in their annual cricket festival at St Peter's School, York in July, and has been invited back in 2010.

Kate also scores for Pannal CC 3rd XI and has done since she was in Y5 of Junior School.

British Gymnastic Success

Y11 student Nicole Hinds has competed for Yorkshire in the British National Gymnastics Championships. This is a team event and Nicole was selected to compete for Yorkshire in a team of four.

Nicole was part of a team of four and the squad finished fifth out of 14 other counties across the UK, including Wales, Scotland and Isle of Man. This was the first time in about 15 years that Yorkshire had reached this position.

Nicole trains at Wetherby Gym Club for between 15 and 19 hours a week. She started



Nicole with her national finals ribbon.

her gymnastic career when she was seven years old and specialises in women's artistic gymnastics which involves four pieces, the beam, asymmetric bars, vault and the floor.



Clean SWEEP for U13 Hockey Squad

The U13 hockey team were successful in the second round of the North East semi-finals of the seven-a-side mini-hockey National Tournament and have become the NE outright winners.

The full squad comprised Becky Hutson, Catriona Campbell, Amy Smith, Rebecca Birch, Katie Birch, Liberty Ogbonson, Alicia Cranston, Lucinda Obank, Kirsty Beckwith and Amrita Singh-Morgan.

The team played Emmanuel School, Northumberland, and won 5-0, then beat a strong Giggleswick team 2-0, before winning 2-0 against a previously unbeaten Kings school from Tynemouth. They played Pocklington finally, beating them 1-0, with no goals against them in the whole competition.

Charity success ROUND-UP

Chocolates and Cookies for Charity



Pictured (L-R) are customers Eliza Milhaire, and Sophie Ruston with Mrs Diane Norton. They are being served by Jacob Ziff, Steven Moore and Sam Myerson. Not photographed is Lewis Renwick who also helps on the stall.

Students and staff at GSAL raised more than £3200 to help communities in the developing world last year...by indulging their love of chocolate and cookies!

Religious Studies teacher Diane Norton runs a popular Traidcraft stall at break time along with a team of keen students, and colleagues Daniel Watkins and Lucy Brown.

Trade is so brisk that GSAL has also been able to pay £18 per month from the profits to support a child in Rwanda.

Baking Buns For Malawi



Queuing for goodies in aid of Malawi.

A bun sale in the theatre foyer raised more than £100 for Malawi...in just 20 minutes!

Students and staff queued to buy the homemade cakes and biscuits during morning break. The sale was organised by English teacher Mrs Judith Kerr, who was helped on the day by L6 students.

Photography Show In Aid of Naomi's Fund

A Leeds photographer has pledged all the proceeds from an exhibition of her work to Naomi's Fund.

The fund was set up in memory of Naomi Lindsay, a student at Leeds Girls' High School, and raises money to help young people in crisis and to offer guidance for people who have lost someone to suicide.

Local photographer Helen Turton displayed 365 photographs which she took one a day for a year from February 2, 2009 until February 1, 2010. The exhibition in the Enoteca bar

upstairs at Salvo's in Headingley ran for three months from February to May. Entry was free and each framed photograph could be bought for £25.

Many of the photos were taken by Helen on her iPhone and feature the local community including people and transport, unusual weather shots, and beautiful scenery.

For details of the exhibition log on to www.salvos.co.uk or www.helenturton.co.uk, and for more information about Naomi's Fund look at facebook and search for Naomi's Fund.

This Year's Charities

Senior School has raised £20,683 so far this year for: Guide Dogs for the Blind, Martin House, Macmillan Cancer, Jeans for Genes, Salvation Army, St. Anne's Shelter, Dogs Trust, Joint Educational Trust, NSPCC, Water Aid, St. Gemma's Hospice, Cancer Research UK, Mary's Meals, St. George's Crypt, Starlight, Acorn, RSPCA, Diabetes UK, Mountain Rescue, Wheatfields Hospice, Children in Need, and the Breast Cancer Campaign.

After Easter there has been fundraising for: Anthony Nolan Trust, Brainstrust, Lepira, World Wildlife Fund, The Centre for Healthcare Associated Infections, Leeds Community Foundation, RNLI, Kidney Research UK, Lord Mayor's Charity: Riding for the Disabled and the Samaritans (Leeds Branch). There will also be a non-uniform day for Malawi projects.

For more information visit the website at www.gsal.org.uk or contact Mary-Ellen Wyard in the Development Office via maryellen.wyard@gsal.org.uk, telephone: 0113 228 5159 or by post to the school address.