



ONWARDS

December 2006



This has once again been a busy term with students involved in many and varied events as you will see from this newsletter. Music, drama, sport, the sixth form Citizenship Conference and Young Enterprise are some of the many activities that have taken place. There are twenty students who have had interviews for places at Oxford or Cambridge Universities and we wish them all luck. I am sure they will all do well. (Mrs Stratton)

One of the most exciting events this term was the official opening of the new music block by Cllr Patrick Paisey. The ceremony took place before a group of invited guests and the occasion was marked by the cutting of a cake, decorated with the South Wilts logo, especially made by the school canteen. We are very grateful to the Friends of South Wilts for their fundraising efforts which resulted in the purchase of eight new pianos and ten piano stools. (Mrs Stratton)



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Charity Events

South Wilts has been very active since September raising money for charity. Our two designated school charities this year are the Mayor's charity (Alabaré Christian Care Centres) and Naomi House, which offers respite care for children with serious medical problems. There have been several very successful afternoon cake sales, raising money for the school charities and other charities like Great Ormond Street Hospital and Children in Need. Other charity highlights from the first term were: a Halloween Fair; 211 shoe boxes full of Christmas gifts for Romania; 13 larger boxes of Christmas gifts for Belarusse; a sponsored line dance for LEPRa and a non school uniform day for "Jeans for Genes" on Friday 20th October.

The Second Term has also seen a lot of charity activity: some Year 12 girls have been running a weekly Oxfam Fair Trade stall; 10E organised carol singing at Waitrose; there was a sixth form SWGS / BWS netball match; candy canes with a Christmas message were delivered to SWGS / BWS pupils; Christmas biscuit sales and Christmas fairs have taken place and a non school uniform day on the last day before Christmas. There are lots of other interesting ideas in the pipeline, so watch this space!
We would like to congratulate all those who have taken part in all the charity events. Well done. The girls have made a difference to a lot of people here in Salisbury and in other parts of the world. Keep up the good work next term! (Mrs Tallis, Mrs Morland)

School Uniform Shop

We are very pleased that the new school uniform shop will be up and running from Thursday 11th January at 12 noon and will be situated in the room down the stairs behind the Small Hall. Parents may email orders to uniform@swgs.wilts.sch.uk or by telephone 01722 343774, as well as by visiting the shop. Please see the attached introduction letter from the Direct Clothing Company for details.

The opening times will be Tuesdays from 8.30am to 9.30am, Thursdays from 12 noon to 1pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month from 9.30am – 11.30am. The first Saturday opening will be on 20th January. (Mrs Stratton)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from us all.



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South Wilts Business Expo September 2006 at the City Hall, Salisbury

A-level Business Studies students attended the Expo Exhibition organised by Salisbury District Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and were able to see the vast variety of services that local businesses have to offer.

Ansel Henry, a finalist in the highly-competitive battle to become Sir Alan Sugar's next 'Apprentice' opened the event and students attended a seminar given by him. (Mrs Moody)



**Ansel Henry
South Wilts Business
Expo**



South Wilts Business Expo



**Mrs Stratton, Robert Key (MP) and Mrs Moody
Citizenship Conference 2006**

Year 12 Citizenship Conference

On Wednesday 18th October all of Year 12 from BWS and South Wilts came together for a Citizenship Conference based at both schools.

The conference was an opportunity to learn about citizenship, the problems our world faces and ways we can tackle these issues.

The conference started with a speech from local MP, Robert Key, on 'It's your life ...it's your call' in which he spoke about all the issues that we face as a generation. There were seminars throughout the day with different organisations; Alabaré Christian Care Centre, Amnesty International, CAABU, Christian Aid, Defence Schools Presentation Teams, Ethnic Minority Achievement Service, People and Planet, Press Complaints Commission, Save the Children Fund, Students Exploring Marriage, Traidcraft, The Holocaust Educational Trust, The Magistrates Association, UNICEF and Voice and Influence.

It was an enjoyable day and one of the rare opportunities when the whole of Year 12 get together. It was also a chance for everyone to learn about different issues that affect us; Islamophobia, the role of the media, child abuse and the holocaust.

Thank you to all those who were involved in organising the day, and especially to Mrs Moody who set up the conference. (Elena Barclay 12I)

Thank you to all who helped make this day so educational and exciting. (Mrs Moody)



**Defence Schools Presentation Seminar
Citizenship Conference 2006**

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Autumn School Concert

This was a concert full of variety, enthusiasm and talent. The Senior Orchestra opened each half of the concert with exciting performances of the 'Danse Macabre' and Rossini's 'William Tell' overture. The Chamber Orchestra played a beautiful 'Prelude' by Vaughan Williams. This was followed by an energetic version of the traditional English folk song 'Dashing away with the smoothing iron' by the Junior Choir. Our two string quartets, only recently formed by Mrs Parsons, showed huge promise. The Training Orchestra played us out of the first half with such rhythm and vigour. Senior Choir amazed us all with strong and vibrant singing. It took a while to get the vast numbers of singers in the Hall!

They showed dedication, and love for the music they were singing. A Cappella's singing from Britten's 'Ceremony of Carols', and Chamber Choir's chorus from Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' demonstrated immense talent. The Brass Ensemble and the Wind Band entertained us fully. Some of us will never forget the members of Choir and Training Orchestra who appeared at the back window during the performance of Y.M.C.A. gesticulating wildly! All in all it was a marvellous celebration, as always, by our thriving Music Department. Well done to all singers and performers. (Mrs Timperley)

New Music Suite

We are delighted that we can now use our magnificent new rooms and facilities. The new pianos donated by the Friends of South Wilts are making an enormous difference and classes are enjoying being able to use the new technology in their lessons. (Mrs Poppleton)

Practicemania

Congratulations to all who took part in Practicemania, which raised £380. Emma Sainsbury (9N) won the prize for the raising the most money and doing such an impressive amount of practice. Thank you very much to everyone and to the Music Captains for their help in organising this event. We will soon be able to let you know how the money has been used. (Mrs Poppleton)

Concert at St Martin's Church

Christmas for many of us started this year with the December Concert at St Martin's Church.

The girls of the A Cappella Choir opened with a sparkling performance of Britten's joyous Ceremony of Carols and ended with Mozart's Missa Brevis in Bb, sung most beautifully by the full, mixed voice choir. One of the delights of the Evening was to hear so many of the girls – 13 in all – sing solos in the Britten and the Mozart, their voices carrying with such sweetness and clarity right across the church.

Chamber Orchestra, Flute Band and a newly formed Wind Quintet played a number of instrumental pieces between the two choral works. The musicianship in all these performances was remarkable, and particularly lovely was a lyrical Prelude by Vaughan Williams played by the Chamber Orchestra.

The performers clearly enjoyed the concert as much as their very appreciative audience. The ease and confidence with which they all sang and played could make one forget the many hours of hard work and preparation that go into a concert of this calibre, but anyone who has passed the Music Block or Small Hall at lunchtime will remember. None of this would happen without Mrs Poppleton's outstanding leadership of Music throughout the school, and in particular of the A Cappella Choir, and we are very grateful also to Richard Parsons, Glenn Dutfield and Ros Wiseman for preparing and directing the other ensembles. (Mrs Phelps)

Carol Service at the Cathedral

It was very moving to see so many participants taking part in our Carol Service again this year – over 200 in all. Everyone sang and read beautifully, communicating the Christmas message with confidence and joy. We are very grateful to the men who give their time and skill so generously joining our choirs for several of the carols. (Mrs Poppleton)



Bloody, bold and resolute

A Student Run Production of Macbeth

A sold out lecture theatre, combined with sinister and dark atmospherics created by scenery, sound and lighting (and aided greatly by the British weather outside), provided the setting for an impressive entirely student run production of Shakespeare's Macbeth. Isabel Blake and Beth Coldridge's take on the Scottish play drew together many talented actors from South Wilts and Bishop Wordsworth's to create a poignant, powerful and traditional production, proving that even nowadays Shakespeare can be most effective when presented in its original form.

Joz Norris gave a mature and convincing portrayal of Shakespeare's most famous protagonist. Equally laudable action came from Kate Ryan, as Lady Macbeth. She gave an exceptional performance during her famous sleepwalking scene, supported by Clare Daly as the gentlewoman. The true intensity in the closing scenes of the play came from Macduff (Ollie Malam)'s lament for his dead family. Of course, where would Macbeth be without its witches? The weird sisters, played brilliantly by Emma Thorman, Samantha Scott and Alice Taylor, were wonderfully sinister and added an extra visual effect to the play. This was also aided greatly by Fenella Kennedy's great cameo as an apparition. Obviously, the actors would not have been able to give their fully brilliant performance in an empty lecture theatre and so congratulations go to the production team for ensuring this was definitely not so. Under the management of Helen Fowler and Emma Garnett, the team did a great job transforming the theatre into the blasted heath (and also a banqueting hall, a castle and a forest where appropriate!) that formed the main background to the play. Charlotte Adang's costume design and scenery gave the play an extra dramatic dimension. They raised approximately £400 for cancer research. Altogether, a highly commendable performance from all involved! (Kirsty Day, Year



McBeth

Well Done Naomi Cornish

On Friday, 24th November I travelled to the Salter's Hall in the City of London to join about 100 very proud parents and teachers. 20 talented, hardworking students were to receive awards from the Master of the Salter's Company (Chemistry and Biology) and the Master of the Horner's Company (Physics). Naomi Cornish had scored the highest mark in the country for her Salters A-level Chemistry last June. She was awarded the first prize of £250 by the Salters Company. (This was in addition to the prize awarded by the Royal Society of Chemistry given to Naomi at Speech Day). Afterwards the Masters, resplendent in their (very warm) fur lined robes, other members of the two Companies, representatives of industry, the Salters Project and OCR exam board circulated amongst the prize winners and their guests during an informal buffet lunch. Naomi is studying medicine at Cardiff University. Very well done and good luck. (Mrs Wrighton)



**Announcement - This Year's School Production
'Our Day Out' by Willie Russell**

This year's school production is going to be a play by Willie Russell. It is aimed at any students in Years 7- 10 at SWGS in the first instance with some roles needing the older students in the school to take to the boards! 'Our Day Out' tells the comic yet touching story of a boisterous group of inner city school kids who are taken on a school outing by their caring and supportive teacher Mrs Kay. Conflict looms however with the appearance of the unsympathetic and out of touch Deputy Headmaster Mr Briggs who goes along to make sure order prevails.

Auditions for this production will take place during the first week back on Tues 9th and Weds 10th January at 3:50 - 5:30 in the Lecture Theatre on both days. Interested in being a part of what promises to be a fun production with many great parts? Then come to one of the auditions to find out what it's all about. If you want further information on this event then contact Miss Steele on the school number. See you there! (Miss Steele)

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Netball

It has been a fantastic season for all age groups so far. In fact it couldn't get any better as all teams are undefeated in the Salisbury District Netball League! Here are some of the best league results to date:

U12 A v Godolphin	16-6 win		
U13 B v Godolphin	20-10 win	U13 A v Godolphin	14-10 win
U14 A v Avon Valley College	48-2 win	U15 v La Retraite Swan	31-1 win
U16 v Godolphin	8-7 win		

Back in October the U12 festival and coaching day was held at Salisbury High School and with just one training session a squad was selected to represent SWGS. It proved to be a very successful day with the U12 A team beating Godolphin A team in the final and coming first. SWGS B gelled together perfectly and won 10-0 gaining 3rd place overall.

U14 and U16 teams both reached the County Tournament at Marlborough College by winning the District competitions. This was an achievement in itself but their performances at the county Tournament should make SWGS very proud.

The U14 team had convincing wins against Kingsdown and Bradon Forest School. The matches against Godolphin and Devizes were closer but SWGS were still the victors 8-5 and 7-5 respectively. The only defeat was against Marlborough College (2-4) who were the overall winners. As the runners up SWGS go through to the regional finals at Millfield School in January. (Mrs Hole)

SWGS U15 Football Team

The U15 Football Team won 7-1 at home against Cowes High School, Isle of Wight, in round 4 of the English Schools Football Association U15 Schools Cup for Girls.

Goals were scored by Hayley Ranachan (4) of 9E, Hannah Billingham (1), Naomi Goddard (1) and Hannah Smith (1) all of 10W.

The team now go forward to round 5 with their next match due to be played before 13th January 2007.

Team members:

JJ Rushworth, Frances Carney, Stephanie Biggs (10A), Emma Keegan (10E), Sarah Mills (10N), Olivia Jennings (10W), Laura Beal (9B), Mairead Sheehan, Rachel Kidner and Louise Sleeman (9E)

CONGRATULATIONS and a huge thank you to coach Symon Pickett, Mr Blundell for his fantastic support and Football Sports Prefect Blanche Lumb. (Mrs Godber)

Cross Country Wiltshire Championships

Results

U13 Girls Results 2300m

1st Imogen Wolsey	8.41	*
2nd Amy McDermott	8.42	*
3rd Holly Kirkham	9.02	*
11th Lucy Butt	10.08	
27th Rosa Whiteley	12.26	

The first team * qualified for South West Counties Championships

U15 Girls Results 3200m

8th Sophie Davie	11.35
21st Jenny Spring	13.36

Sophie Davie qualified for the South West Counties Championships

U17 Women 4500m

5th Nadine Rowe	16.12
6th Alice Butt	16.19
9th Jemma Davie	21.24
10th Emma Spring	22.09

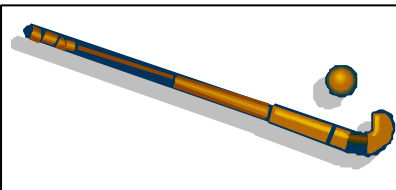
All U17's qualified for the South West Counties Championships



WELL DONE SWGS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

U13 Cross Country Team
Holly Kirkham, Amy
McDermott, Imogen
Wolsey, Lucy Butt, Rosa
Whitley

Hockey



All hockey teams at South Wilts have experienced success as we reach the halfway point of the 2006-7 season. Well done to all girls for their commitment to training and superb match play over the last few months. (Miss Salen)

U12

The 'A' squad battled against tough opposition and awful weather to place second in the Dauntsey's tournament on 1st December. The only match they lost was to the home side, but South Wilts raked up 9 goals against the remaining three schools.

Well done to Ellie Copping, Amy Welch, Anna Carter, Libby Stannah, Hannah Brown (Captain), Rosanna Grant, Florence Powell and Louise Davison. (Miss Salen)

SuperSchools 2006

Well done to everyone who participated in the SuperSchools event held at South Wilts on Wednesday 8th November with Great Britain gymnast James McGranaghan as star guest throughout the morning. Years 7, 8 and 9 all took part in a fitness circuit to raise sponsorship money for the charity that helps support up and coming athletes from around Great Britain. At lunchtime James treated us to a taste of his elite gymnastic skills, culminating in the fantastic 'leap of death' over several South Wilts girls and a brave Mr Hunt! Many thanks to the Sports Prefects who helped the morning run so smoothly and to all girls who raised money through sponsorship or donation – South Wilts raised a total of £540! Well done!

U14

The girls entered the Wiltshire tournament at Dauntsey's School on 2nd November with high hopes of reaching the final. Having beaten Godolphin and Dorcan College in the first round they went on to face Dauntsey's in the final. Following a tense 20 minutes of play, South Wilts were crowned Wiltshire Champions with a 1-0 victory over the home side – a fantastic achievement! The U14 squad therefore went on to represent Wiltshire at the West Tournament Finals at Clifton College on Sunday 26th November. As expected the opposition was very tough, but the girls battled away and improved as the tournament progressed, both individually and as a team. Their final placing was 6th out of 8 in the entire West of England! This is an achievement that the girls should be extremely proud of. Congratulations go to Kirsty Ballard (Goalkeeper), Aine Tiernan, Holly Angel, Emily Brown (captain), Jenny Spring, Rebecca Belcourt-Weir, Hannah Gidney-Bullard, Katie Hoddinott, Maddie Hancock, Lydia Griffiths, Karina Roche, Izzy Grigg, Alice Butler. (Miss Salen)

U16

The squad fought well at the Wiltshire tournament on 17th October to place 2nd in Pool A, losing out to a well drilled Marlborough College team who eventually went on to win the tournament. The girls were back on winning form at the pre-Christmas Salisbury tournament on 21st November and held St Edmunds to a 0-0 draw and beat Godolphin 2-0, to place 1st. Well done to Michelle Todd (Goalkeeper), Mamie Atwell-Thomas, Gemma Young, Emma Redgrove, Rosie Peters, Emma Sibbald, Tamara Giles, Louise Carter, Charlotte Stone, Sam Crosby and Emily Bennett. Many thanks as well to Izzy Grigg, Emily Brown and Rebecca Belcourt-Weir for filling the gaps! (Miss Salen)

Orienteering

This season's orienteering has been a great success and all the girls who have taken part have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had a SWGS team taking part at the British Schools Championships. We had many individual placings in the top 5.

Individual:

Alice Butt 1st, Lucy Butt 2nd, Jemma Davie 3rd.

Team results:

Year 9 team 3rd, Year 8 team 3rd.

Well done to everyone and see you next year in the forest!



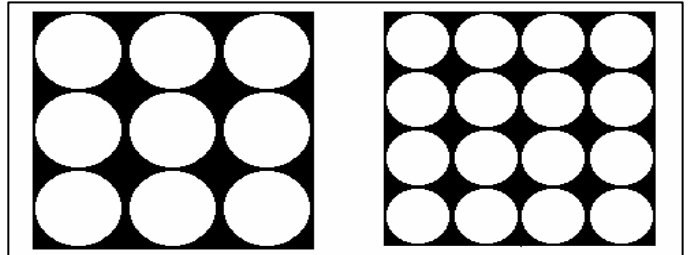
**Jamie MacGranaghan
SuperSchools 2006**

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The following are some maths problems taken from the Year 7 & Year 8 Masterclasses.

Black and White.

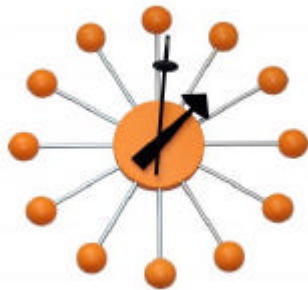
Which of the four diagrams below has the greatest shaded area ? (All squares are of equal size).



Hands Together

Sometime during every hour the minute hand of a clock lies directly above the hour hand.

At what time between 4 and 5 o'clock does this happen?



Tesco Computer Vouchers

Thank you to all parents and friends who collected vouchers and sent them into school before the July cut-off date. We had banked our vouchers from the previous year, so the combined total was enough to obtain a high-specification PC for the Art department. This will enable students to work at their designs in one of the art rooms rather than having to find a free PC in a computer suite. The scheme is likely to run again in spring 2007, so we would appreciate your help once again. Please note that we must receive all vouchers by the end of June each year. Although the vouchers carry a message on the reverse stating that they will be accepted by Tesco up to the end of September, in practice we cannot use them after June if we wish to exchange them for equipment. (Mr Parks)

E-Mail

Like many organisations, increasing amounts of junk e-mail ("spam") clog up our network. Would all users please remember to keep their e-mail use for essential items only. In particular, the transmission of photos and images that are not work-related is not permitted under the terms of use. (Mr Parks)

Setting up home computers to print on A4 paper

We are experiencing a large number of printing problems caused by pupils bringing work started on home PCs that have not been correctly configured for A4 paper size. A4 is the standard size for European printing; America uses "letter" size. Many home PCs have been left configured for letter size, and this causes problems on our current network Kyocera printers. The printers generate an error message because of the size mis-match, then jam if we do not cancel the print-job. This can be a real problem if a whole class is waiting to print work. Could parents please check that Windows has been correctly set up to print A4 on your home printer? Check this via either the "Control Panel" or "Printers & faxes" command on the start menu. Often a right-click will allow you to inspect the properties and alter the paper size setting. (Mr Parks)

1000 Club - First prize £200!!!

That would be the prize money if every family in the school had a membership of the 1000 Club. Why not make it a New Year's Resolution to join and help increase the money pot? See the School website for an application form.

If I have sent you a note regarding your current membership PLEASE respond! I can be contacted on 01980 590543. (Mrs Hughes)

1000 Club Winners

September 06

1 st	No 12	Mrs F Saunders	£80
2 nd	No 172	Mrs C Young	£45
3 rd	No 259	Mr Ross Christie	£30

October 06

1 st	No 342	Mrs Rosemary Chapell	£80
2 nd	No 135	Mr Wayne Sanders	£45
3 rd	No 276	N McAbendroth	£30

November 06

1 st	No 289	Mrs Elizabeth Walsh	£80
2 nd	No 148	Mrs A C Eve	£45
3 rd	No 315	Mr R E Moors	£30