



# ONWARDS



## Head Girl Teams

The current Year 13 students are a credit to the school and have helped in many ways over their time at South Wilts. I particularly want to thank the Head Girl Team of Lucy Stevens and Emma Atkinson (Head Girls) and Abigail Moore and Charlotte King (Deputy Head Girls) who have all done a fantastic job. The new Head Girl Team for next year is: (back row) Laura Atkinson and Blanche Lumb (Head Girls) Lucy Phipps and Emily Bridewell (Deputy Head Girls).



Head Girl Teams

The sixth form committee have done an excellent job this year and are now looking forward to the Summer Ball. A special thanks to Chloe Herrington, Jessica Rees and Miriam Reiter.

Thank you to Jenny Lantair who has been invaluable help in the library assisting Mrs Wood in many ways. (Mrs Stratton)

## Lost Property

Lost property is full of girls' belongings collected over the last few months. There are coats, jackets, trainers, umbrellas, lunch boxes, scarves and nonschool uniform all un-named! If your daughter has lost anything in school since last September please ask her to come and look. Lost property is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.30-1pm or contact Mrs Taylor on the school number. Parents are welcome to check Lost Property. Please do name all items that could be lost.

Un-named items are stored for six months and then disposed of. (Mrs Taylor)

## Well Done Mr Blundell

Mr Blundell ran the Flora London Marathon in very hot conditions to raise money for Naomi House. Money is still being collected and we will let you know the final total next term.



## Second Hand Uniform Sale

On the 4th July at 3pm Friends of South Wilts will be selling second hand uniform in the Main Hall. Please come along if you wish to purchase second hand uniform. (FOSWGS)

## Science Technician Vacancy

32.5 hours per week, term time only, Salary APT&C scale 2, £10322 to £10820. Pay Review Pending-We require an experienced technician from 1st September to join two others working in a busy and well-resourced science department. The work will be across all subject areas but particularly Biology and preferably including A Level. The person appointed must be a team player, able to work to deadlines and assist the science department with administration. Flexible working hours or job share would be considered.

Application forms and further details are available on the school website: [www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk) or from Mrs G Hemming, Bursar. Applications will be accepted by email or post. Closing date for receipt of application forms is 8<sup>th</sup> June.

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### Report on the 2007 Ski Trip to Sunday River ski resort in the state of Maine, USA.

This was a very successful trip. The physical demands of skiing combined with the skills that need to be learnt and applied, certainly help to improve a student's fitness and understanding of Physical Education. Girls of all skiing abilities completed a full five-day course, coached under the guidance of instructors from the American Ski School. At the end of the week the instructors rightly praised the girls for their efforts, good humour and politeness.

The trip provides an opportunity to observe and participate in the culture of the United States. We arrived in Boston, one of the most historic of New England towns and the site of the start of the War of Independence. Driving out of the city girls were able to see several different sides of America, from the down town skyscrapers of the modern city to the remaining 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century town-houses of the old city. Day one of our trip involved a visit to the historic New England town of Freeport, where traditional white-painted wooden steepled churches stand alongside the famous 19<sup>th</sup> century store LLBean.

Midweek nearly a foot of snow fell, making this one of the best Easter ski seasons for years. In the evening the girls went ten-pin bowling, shared in the thrills of Laser-tag, competed in a quiz night, enjoyed the Sunday River firework display or rested watching one of the sixty television channels available in their rooms. At the end of the week the group returned home tired but happy. There were no injuries on this trip, staff worked hard and the girls were great. (Mr Dennis)

### Latin GCSE Tuition

Having gained Language Specialist School status Bishop Wordsworth's has recently put on Latin to GCSE in two years for Year 10 students. In September, the second cohort will begin. Due to the numbers at BWS five places have become available to South Wilts students who are currently in Year 9. It would mean studying after school at BWS for 1 hour a week and obviously there could be implications for travel and homework. If interested please see Mr Owen as soon as possible. (Mr Owen)

### German Exchange

The link with the Maria Ward Schule is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. Pupils from the Maria Ward Schule in Landau were in Salisbury from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May. This year 47 pupils were involved: 13 from Year 12 and the rest from Year 10.

This is the largest number of pupils involved for several years. Visits included Salisbury Cathedral Tower, Bath, Stonehenge, Bristol and a day in London to see the main sights including a tour of the House of Lords. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May a barn dance was held in the main school hall for exchange participants and their families, this was a very enjoyable occasion.

The SWGS group will be returning to Landau from 25<sup>th</sup> June until 4<sup>th</sup> July. Some of the older pupils will be doing a short work experience placement in a primary school or kindergarten. It is a real opportunity for all pupils to practise language skills and get to know more about German life and culture. (Mrs Tallis)

### Greece Trip 2007

The Classical Civilisation "Walking Tour" to Greece this Easter was an event that will, no doubt, live on in the minds of its participants for many years to come, full as it was with enough fond memories, not to mention enough ham and cheese sandwiches, to last a lifetime.

Twenty-two of us, in the capable hands of Mr Owen, Mr Wood and Miss Copley, set out early on Friday morning, faced with a day of long plane journeys and very little sleep. Such discomfort could conceivably be constructed as a "bad start." But as soon as the trip got properly underway, we quickly forgot all our misgivings...( For the full report please see the school website) (Josiah Norris, BWS)



Greece Trip 2007

**Young Enterprise**

This year's Young Enterprise Company has continued the success of its predecessors. Selling pashminas, hand-made jewellery and seasonal items both in and outside of school, Soirée have run a professional and fun business, and their achievements have not gone unrecognised. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, along with two teams from Bishop Wordsworth's School, they travelled to Swindon to compete in the Local Area Final. This involved setting up a trade stand, interviews with the judges, and a short presentation. In addition to this a full company report had to be submitted beforehand. The evening was extremely rewarding, as Soirée were awarded shields for Best Company Report, Best Company Presentation and Overall Winner. The judges' comments were extremely positive, and all advice was quickly put into place for the County Final.

The County Final was held in the beautiful setting of Bowood Golf and Country Club, where Soirée and six other teams from Wiltshire competed for shields and the HTV trophy for overall winner. It was an extremely successful night as Soirée walked away with shields for Best Company Presentation and Best Trade Stand, and also the prestigious Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Award for Good Governance. Unfortunately the team was not awarded overall winner, although it had been a very close race and the judges were particularly impressed by Soirée's professionalism.

The team's year-long hard work and dedication should be recognised as this has been achieved alongside working towards AS Levels. I am immensely proud of all the girls and feel very fortunate to have worked with such a fun group. (Miss Russell, Young Enterprise Link Teacher)



**Young Enterprise**

**Student Learning**

6 students from the Student Council visited Bitterne Park School to experience a day in the life of a student at an inner city Comprehensive School. They will host 6 students from Bitterne Park on 24th May. More details to follow. (Mr Blundell)

**Wessex Walks 2007**

On the 13th of May, we went on the Wessex Walk to raise money for Save The Children. It was fifteen miles long and was horribly tiring, very wet and very muddy – we were not expecting such terrible weather! The walk followed Whitesheet Hill and finished at the Guildhall. The four of us combined raised about £250-we were very pleased. Others from our school also joined in including some teachers.

Afterwards we were very happy to have finished, but we were very tired. When we reached the Guildhall, we were rewarded with cake and a certificate. Even though it was exhausting, we would recommend it to anyone and it was very comforting to think about how many children's lives we helped. (Katie Hall, Lucy Colwill, Charlotte Phillips & Sophie Miller 8B)



**Charity News**

Thanks to all who donated shoes to the Blue Peter Shoe Biz Appeal. On 13th May a small group of pupils and several teachers took part in the Save the Children Wessex Walks in atrocious conditions and raised more than £350 for the charity. All the pupils and staff finished. Mrs Milkins walked with another group from Lavington and completed 20 miles. Well done everyone!

So far we have raised just under £3,300 for the school charities (Alabaré Christian Care Centres and Naomi House) and almost £1,650 for other charities. That is a wonderful achievement and we would like to thank parents and girls for their support. We hope that any form which has not yet organised a charity event for the school charities will do so in the final term. (Mrs Tallis and Miss Morland)

**Geography Trip to Iceland 2007**

Hot, cold; flat plains, mountains, beaches, rivers, waterfalls, volcanoes-Iceland is a land of contrasts, and one of the most interesting countries any of us had visited. From the moment we got out of the airport to the time we arrived back at the airport to go back home, it was jam-packed with nuggets of knowledge from our tour guide, Andy. Whether we were at geothermal power stations, waterfalls, volcanic craters, hot springs, glaciers... he could tell us everything we needed to know.

Our Hotel, Eldhestar, was very lovely and even had Icelandic Pony riding. One of its best features (no, not the smart board, where Mr Harmsworth's Power Point presentations graced the screen every evening) was the 'hot pot'- the hot tubs very much favoured in Iceland.

The scenery was stunning. For a geographer, geologist, or someone who just appreciates scenery or indeed, photography, Iceland is the place to visit. On the first day there, we went to visit the spectacular three-tiered Gullfoss- the golden waterfall. Waterproofs essential! Much of Iceland's landscape is due to the extreme variations in the geological structure of the country. We visited the incredible crater of the Kerið, and due to the height of the water table, it had a small (frozen) lake at the bottom-we were told it has been the location of two massive outdoor concerts.

We of course visited the much awaited Geysir- the site of the geysers. Although Geysir itself no longer blows, its neighbour, Strokkur, shoots jets of hot water into the air every 6 minutes or so. It's fascinating to watch as it seems to breathe, the water in the middle eventually bubbles up a luminous blue swell and the plume of steam is blown up about 30 metres. It is not to be missed.

Last but my no means least, thank you to all the teachers who came on the trip with us- Miss Parkhill and Mrs Stratton who stepped in at the last minute, Mr Harmsworth who organised everything, and Miss Eggington from Bishops. It truly was a trip to remember. I would love to recount more of the tales from the trip, but... well, you'll just have to visit and see for yourselves. (Emma Joyce 13W)



**Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards**

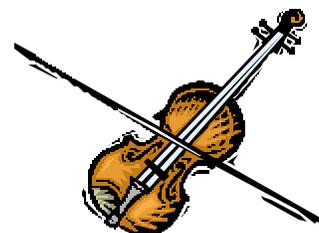
Cherry Newsam, Year 13 (right of photo) has achieved her Gold Award this term.

This reflects real determination and commitment to reach this stage while still at school. She has been awarded her badge in assembly and awaits an invitation to St Jame's Palace to receive her certificates from the Duke himself. Well done Cherry. (Mrs Herbert)



**Extra-Curricular Activities in and out of School**

It is very rewarding to see a huge number of girls taking part in the wide range of extra-curricular musical activities in and out of school.



Victoria Clarke should be congratulated on leading the Wiltshire Youth Orchestra in an extremely challenging programme in their April concerts, in preparation for the tour they will be undertaking to Italy in the summer. Sixteen members of the orchestra are current or past South Wilts students.

## Music Exam Results

A great number of girls have recently achieved successful results in individual instrumental and singing exams. In particular the following should be congratulated on passing grades 7 and 8:

Grade 7: Bethany Ahluwalia – Singing with Merit, Frances Copp – Singing with Distinction, Rhona Kuszynski-Violin, Hannah Mansell – Singing with Distinction, Alicia Mould – ‘Cello, Susanna Nodder – Viola with Merit, Mary Price – Singing with Distinction, Charlotte Vie – Singing with Distinction  
Grade 8: Harriet Ayling – Clarinet, Beanie Ayling – Saxophone with Distinction (her second grade 8 Distinction!), Amelia Bromley – Piano with Merit, Jessica Hamilton – Flute with Merit, Alice Hoole – Flute with Merit, Catherine Pleass – Flute with Merit, Carmel Porter – Flute with Merit. (Mrs Poppleton)

### Hampshire Music Award

Well done to Victoria Timms who has recently been given a Hampshire Music Award! This represents a great achievement.

### Guitar Concert

Malcolm Wilkinson, his guitar pupils and several vocalists treated us to a very enjoyable evening's entertainment on May 14<sup>th</sup>, performing a very varied and enjoyable programme. The guitar ensemble played very well and several girls sang and played solos. The audience was very appreciative in their response. Thank you very much to Mr. Wilkinson for arranging this concert and for his enthusiasm in working with this group.



### Forthcoming Events

#### Concert with St. John's Singers St. Martin's Church - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm

Some of A Cappella will be joining the St. John's Singers to give a performance of Karl Jenkins' *Requiem* and Fauré *Requiem*. We are very much looking forward to singing in Japanese for the first time in the Jenkins.

#### Open House at SWGS Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00-9.00pm

This event will feature some ensembles, including Junior Choir and Chamber Choir singing numbers from *Cats*, and will provide an opportunity for a great number of girls from the younger part of the school to play solos in a number of rooms simultaneously. Further details will follow but please keep the date free as this should prove to be hugely enjoyable.

### SWGS and BWS Joint Choral Concert

On May 5<sup>th</sup> SWGS and BWS came together to give a choral concert. The schools began with a stunning joint performance of Parry's *I Was Glad*. This was followed by Frances Copp singing Dido's *Lament* and James Hall singing *Music for a While*. Both performances were of a very high standard and received much applause. BWS Choir then sang a very impressive and enjoyable programme of pieces. The second half opened with both choirs singing Purcell's *Te Deum* which featured several soloists, including Katie Jarvis, Jessica Page, Alice Phelps and Emma Thorman from SWGS – all of whom acquitted themselves very well. South Wilts Senior Choir and A Cappella sang a range of classical and lighter music, including the popular James Bond *Nobody Does it Better* featuring Charlotte Liddington on drums and Ruth Scott on bass. They sang with conviction and panache reaching the top Cs with great confidence. The concert concluded with a sparkling joint performance of Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*. This was a wonderful evening with music-making of an extremely high standard and it was most rewarding to see such enthusiasm and support from all who took part. We are, as ever, immensely grateful to those adults who join us to sing and play, giving of their time and expertise with such generosity. (Mrs Poppleton)

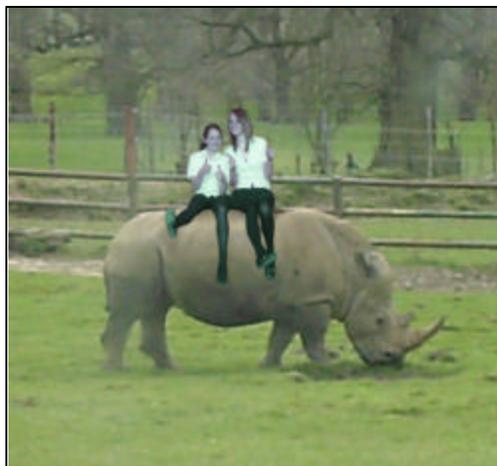


SWGS and BWS Joint Choral Concert

### A Cappella Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral

On April 19<sup>th</sup> A Cappella greatly enjoyed singing Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral. They sang Walmisley in D minor Canticles and the anthem I Saw the Lord by Stainer.

The choir sang these double-choir settings absolutely beautifully. We are very grateful to the men who join us to sing in this choir and give us the opportunity of experiencing this wonderful repertoire and to Mr Fay for playing the organ so sensitively. (Mrs Poppleton)



### 'Our Day Out'

To the untrained eye it may have looked like chaos had erupted in South Wilts school hall on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April, however it was simply the school production 'Our Day Out.' The theme tune to Grange Hill created the atmosphere of the play from the onset and when accompanied by streams of unruly students from all entrances the audience certainly knew the evening was going to be one of fun and entertainment.

With a cast of students mainly from Years 7- 10, for some it was the first time they had been in a performance and they all rose to the challenge admirably. Nikki Webber from 9A took the lead role of Carol and brought a great sense of maturity and sensitivity to the character.

Jess Verity and Laura Mason provided entertainment through their performances as Reilly and Digga, the school bullies, while Rachel Beagrie and Anna Mahoney took on the parts of the school tarts Linda and Karen.

A big thank you goes to the members of the sixth form for playing the teachers in the production. Ollie Mallam played the part of Briggs the Deputy Head Master with Sam Scott and Rob Davies playing Susan and Colin. I joined students on stage to play the part of Mrs Kay and have to admit to loving every second of it! I think it was clear to the audience just how much fun the students were having and the production is a credit to all their hard work and commitment to making it a success.

Thank you to the sixth form drama prefects Kate Ryan and Justin Alford for their hard work this year and who helped with the technical side of the show and I think I will have the image of Lauren Pitman stealing a giraffe in my head for some time to come! Thank you to everyone who supported this event, much fun was had by all. (Miss Steele)



### British Mathematical Olympiad

This is a National competition which is entered by invitation. Competitors are selected on the basis of their outstanding performance in the Senior Maths Challenge. It is a great honour to be selected.

Congratulations to Catherine Pleass who was awarded a certificate of participation and Kirsti Biggs who was awarded a certificate of distinction in the Olympiad. (Mrs Offner)

### Intermediate Maths Challenge

The Intermediate Maths Challenge was held in February 2007. It is a national competition open to students in Years 10 and 11. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded certificates in the Intermediate Challenge:

Kleveleine Redique (gold), Gemma Barmby, Mollie Allen, Catherine Palmer, Alice Hoole and Hannah Wood (silver), Emily Barnes, Charlotte Gerwat, Emma Sibbald and Elise Donaghy (bronze). (Mrs Offner)

## Fabulous Football

### English Schools National Cup for Girls 2006 / 2007

For the first time since football began as a competitive extra curricular activity at SWGS (in 2003), South Wilts entered an U15 and an U18 team in the ESFA National Cup for Girls.

The U18's first round match required a fast trip to the Isle of Wight to play Cowes High School. The crossing was a bit rough as was the tone of the game with SWGS returning home defeated by 7 – 1. The U15's however faired much better and very quickly established themselves as the team to beat. Their Round 5 match v Toynbee (last year's U14 winner and BBC Team of the Year) which they won 3 – 1, gave coach Symon Pickett and the 16 strong squad real hope for a top four placing. During terms 3 & 4 Charters School from Ascot and Oldfield School from Somerset also crumpled under the pressure of the South Wilts attack and solid defence.

The quarter final against Goff's School from Cheshunt however was a different story. Played in 20+ degrees the score was 3 – 3 at full time, 4 – 4 at the end of extra time and at the end of penalties, 6 – 6!! Nearly two and a half hours after the first whistle had been blown Mairead Sheehan stepped up to take her penalty under Sudden Death rules. She landed her penalty beautifully and the Goff's reply was easily blocked by SWGS keeper JJ Rushworth, so South Wilts had a place in the semi-finals!!

Thorpe St Andrew School travelled for five hours from Norwich for the semi-final match, which was held at Victoria Park on Friday, 27 April. In a well matched, hard fought game neither team could find their mark and so went to the changing rooms at half time, 0 – 0.

South Wilts showed more domination in the second half but a goal to clinch the game was still elusive. With fifteen minutes left to play, Thorpe's Charlotte Groves made a break which ended in a chip over our keeper's head to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. For the remainder of the match South Wilts played valiantly with many excellent attacks by Hayley Ranachan and superb defensive play by Naomi Goddard, but to no avail. Thorpe St Andrew returned home with the knowledge that they had a place in the final of the ESFA National Cup for Girls.

The achievement of the SWGS Under 15 Football team speaks for itself;

- ?? Out of the 523 schools who entered SWGS U15's placed in the final 4 in England
- ?? The SWGS U15's scored 32 goals in 7 matches, an average of 4.5 goals per match
- ?? They concede 12 goals
- ?? Hayley Ranachan was Top Scorer for the team with 15 personal goals
- ?? Captain Hannah Billingham scored 11, Naomi Goddard 3, Rachel Kidner 1, Emma Keegan 1 and Mairead Sheehan 1

JJ Rushworth was outstanding in goal. She was fearless, fervent and totally focussed, determined to do everything possible to defend her team's goal.

A very special thank you to the substitute players who supported every fixture with enthusiasm and commitment. Thank you to parents, sixth form students and senior management for their support at home fixtures, and an enormous THANK YOU to Symon Pickett who not only provided kit but also the expertise and guidance needed for the team to believe in their exceptional talent and to find a little bit more in every game.

**The Team:** Year 10-Hannah Billingham (C), Stephanie Biggs, Frances Carney, Naomi Goddard, Olivia Jennings, Emma Keegan, Sarah Mills, JJ Rushworth, Hannah Smith.

Year 9 – Laura Beal, Samantha Brown, Zoe Cullen, Rachel Kidner, Hayley Ranachan, Mairead Sheehan and Louise Sleeman.

**Results:** Won 4 – 0 v Highcliff, Won 5 – 2 v Budmouth, Won 7 – 1 v Cowes, Won 3 – 1 v Toynbee, Won 3 – 0 v Charters, Won 3 – 2 v Oldfield, Won 7 – 6 v Goff's, Lost 1 – 0 v Thorpe St Andrew. (Mrs Godber)



Picture courtesy of Treble Photography

### Games Captain and Sports Prefects Newly appointed for 2007– 2008

The Sports Captains and Prefects have done an excellent job this year assisting Mrs Godber in many ways. Thank you to Ellie Rayner (Games Captian), Annie Taylor (Deputy) and Amy Hicks (Deputy).

CONGRATULATIONS to the following senior students who have recently been appointed as leaders in Sport at South Wilts for the next academic year:

Nadine Rowe (Cross Country / Games Captian), Louise Badham (Deputy Senior Netball), Caoimhe Tiernan (Football), Rachel Buckingham (Athletics), Sarah Denman (Badminton), Storm Kirkham (Basketball), Nancy Pallas (Cricket), Jemma Davie (Deputy Cross Country), Louise Carter (Junior Hockey), Laura Arrandale (Senior Netball), Megan Hollinghurst (Junior Netball), Martha Fishwick (Deputy Junior Netball), Alice Butt (Orienteering), Sophie Morson (Rounders), Alice Foster (Rugby), Ellen Heathcote (Deputy Rugby), Amy Whetstone (Swimming), Lyndsey Phelps (Tennis), Alex Edwards (Trampolining), Rachel Jackson (Volleyball).

Once appointed each Prefect automatically becomes a member of the South Wilts Games Committee. The first meeting of the Games Committee is on **Wednesday 27 June**, at 12.10pm in the Seminar Room. (Mrs Godber)

#### Athletics

##### May Meeting at Dauntsey's

This year South Wilts were invited to compete at the Dauntsey's May Meeting which is a friendly local competition against schools like Devizes Sports College, Lavington, St Mary's (Calne) and Godolphin. Year 9 students could not attend due to SATS exams so a team of Year 7 & 8 athletes set off in the rain. After some difficulty finding the venue South Wilts settled to the task in hand and systematically demolished every track event for their age group. Six personal bests were recorded and South Wilts came away clear winners of the Year 7 & 8 event.

**Results:** Phillippa Hollinghurst 1<sup>st</sup> 100m & relay, Aine Tiernan 1<sup>st</sup> 200m & relay (PB), Imogen Wolsey 1<sup>st</sup> 800m & relay (PB), Amy McDermott 1<sup>st</sup> 1500m (PB), Emily Kalik 4<sup>th</sup> long jump (PB), Katie MacLeod 4<sup>th</sup> shot & 5<sup>th</sup> javelin and Jessica Nobles 2<sup>nd</sup> discus.

South Wilts also won the medley and 4 x 100m relays convincingly. Well done!

The June Meet at Dauntsey's is scheduled for **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, which will include a team of Year 9 athletes as well.

#### ESAA National Cup Competition

The first round of the prestigious National Athletics Cup for Schools was held at the Salisbury track on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. South Wilts entered a strong Year 10 & 11 (Intermediate) team and a very strong Year 8 & 9 (Junior) team. All competitors acquitted themselves very well in overcast conditions with a number of personal bests recorded. The Juniors scored 289 points and have qualified for the 'A' final at **Millfield on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. The Intermediates scored 237 points and have qualified for the 'B' Final in **Bournemouth on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**.

#### Area Sports

The Salisbury Schools Area Sports were held on the Salisbury Track on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May in atrocious weather conditions. Torrential rain and threatening electrical storms did not however dampen the determination of the competitors who were running so fast that one South Wilts sprinter was heard to say, "I didn't even feel the rain!"

South Wilts dominated the track events with at least one competitor in each final. Field events did not fair so well but strong performances were recorded by Nancy Pallas (Intermediate Shot) and JJ Rushworth (Intermediate javelin). In the jumping events Rosanna Grant won the Minor girls long jump, Abby Dalziel won the high and long in the Junior girls, and Naomi Goddard jumped a personal best to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Intermediate long jump.

Athletes selected from the Area Sports will now compete at the Wiltshire Championships on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June** at the Salisbury Athletics track. (Mrs Godber)

### Under 13 Cricket-Regional Finals 25th March 2007

Ten counties came together to compete for a place in the national finals at Edgbaston. South Wilts were in a pool with teams from Somerset, Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Buckinghamshire.

The nature of the competition is that clubs or schools can enter and there is naturally an advantage for the clubs who can select their team from a range of schools. We enjoyed success against each of the teams and took more wickets than we conceded in the tournament. However with only one win we did not progress to the play-off, but we have learned valuable lessons for the future. Thank you to Mr Wood and the parents who came along to support us. (Mr Owen)



**Under 13 Cricket Team**

#### Well done

Well done to Shu Kay Chan (12A) who completed a sky dive in aid of the school charity on 31st March and raised over £400.



#### SWGS Team Tetrathlon Success

Emily Kalik, Rosanna Grant, Victoria James and Jess Wheeler represented SWGS in the Inter-School Junior Tetrathlon Competition held at Sandroyd School on 13 May. The four phases of the tetrathlon include Shooting, Swimming, Riding and Running. The individual scores for each competitor, for each discipline, are added together to make a final team score

The day started well for Jess who shot 920 out of a possible 1000 and came 2nd in the shooting phase. Emily also had a good shoot finishing 4th individually for that discipline. The swimming was next and SWGS dominated this with Emily, Victoria and Rosanna coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. This put the team in a strong position prior to the riding. In spite of atrocious conditions with torrential rain and a slippery surface all the girls rode well. Soaked to the skin they then prepared for the last phase: the 1500m cross-country run. Again, SWGS dominated with Victoria winning in a time of 5.36 and Emily and Rosanna finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively with times of 5.45 and 5.49.

The girls came home with bags full of wet kit and armfuls of rosettes with Emily coming first individually, Jess second, Rosanna fourth and Victoria seventh. SWGS also won the Junior Team Event convincingly. (Rosanna Grant 7E)

#### Basketball Round Up

The final league matches, fun competitions and presentations were held at Tidworth Leisure Centre for the Wiltshire Basketball Club League on Sunday 22 April (U14 & U16) and 29 April (U11 & U13).

Most Improved Player (MIP) and Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards were presented plus certificates and medals to the winners and runners up in each age group.

League Results: U13A – 1st, U13C – 3rd, U13B – 4th. MVP's Holly and Hannah Kirkham, Lily Rose and Hannah Brown, MIP's Penny Mashford, Evie Gentle, and Grace Stocker.

U14 – 1st equal with St Edmunds. MVP Sasha Kirkham, MIP's Katie Patrick and Louise Sleeman.

U16 – 3rd. MVP Storm Kirkham, MIP Katie Glover.

\* A Social Summer League for U16, U18 and U20 players will run at Tidworth Leisure Centre on Sunday 10th and 24th June, 10am – 1pm. See Mrs Godber for entry details.

**Tesco Computer vouchers 2007**

Tesco have now stopped the issue of computer vouchers in their stores. Please ask your daughter to bring them into school and put them in one of the three collection points around the school (reception, M20 and outside O12).

Tesco are very strict with their cut off date which is the end of June. This is when we have to send them to Tesco head office. Each year we receive several hundred vouchers well after the deadline.

Tesco only accept one despatch from each school.

Thank you for your help. (Mr Parks)



**Help Needed with Mock Interviews for University**

Every Autumn Year 13 are offered a practice interview for Higher Education and we rely heavily on parents to help with this.

**Could you spare a couple of hours in late October?**

We particularly need people with relevant experience to interview students applying for medical / veterinary courses, law, social science and architecture, but experience in any arts, humanities or science subjects would be very welcome too.

If you are able to help please contact Julie Hamilton by letter, phone or e-mail her at juh@swgs.wilts.sch.uk

**1000 Club Prize Winners**

You have to be in it to win it!!! See the School website for an application form.

**If I have sent a note via your daughter, please respond or we will have to use funds for the Royal Mail!!** Many thanks.

**1000 Club Winners**

**Feb 07**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 358	Mrs Ann Greaves	£80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 280	Mr Paul Ware	£45
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 177	Mrs D Musgrove	£30

**Mar 07**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 110	Mrs J Poynting	£80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 308	Carol Landon	£45
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 226	Mrs Heather Formhalls	£30

**Apr 07**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 311	Jane Warner	£80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 189	Mr & Mrs P Arrandale	£45
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 259	Mr Ross Christie	£30

**South Wilts Grammar School Uniform Shop**

Shop Telephone Number: 01722 343774

Shop Email : uniform@swgs.wilts.sch.uk

Normal Opening Hours (Term Time only)

Tuesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m. and Thursdays 12-1 p.m.

The 1st Saturday of the month 9:30-11:30 am

**Summer 2007 Shop Opening Times**

Thursday 5th July	12-1 pm
Saturday 7th July	9:30-11:30 a m
Tuesday 10th July	8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 12th July	12-1 pm
Tuesday 17th July	8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 19th July	12- 1 pm
Saturday 21st July	9:30-11:30 am
Tuesday 28th August	9:30-11:30 am
Thursday 30th August	12-3 pm
Saturday 1st September	9:30-11:30 am

**Internet Safety**

The DfES has recently produced a CD-ROM for parents that introduces some of the problems associated with the use of the internet by young people. We have ordered enough copies to supply parents with daughters in next year's Year 7 – Year 10. We hope to distribute these via the information pack that is sent out over the summer.

Please take the issue of internet safety very seriously. We have several incidents each year that are the result of students being allowed to have unrestricted and unsupervised use of the internet from home. We know that some of our students access unsavoury material from home PCs, make inappropriate use of social networking sites and form online relationships in chat-rooms with people they have never met.

The recommendation from the government, the police and from child support agencies is that internet access for young people from home should only be from a computer in a supervised room unless the filtering system is totally reliable. The latter is very difficult to achieve because of the recent growth in the number of proxy by-pass sites. The web addresses of such sites quickly spread among the local teenage population. (Mr Parks)

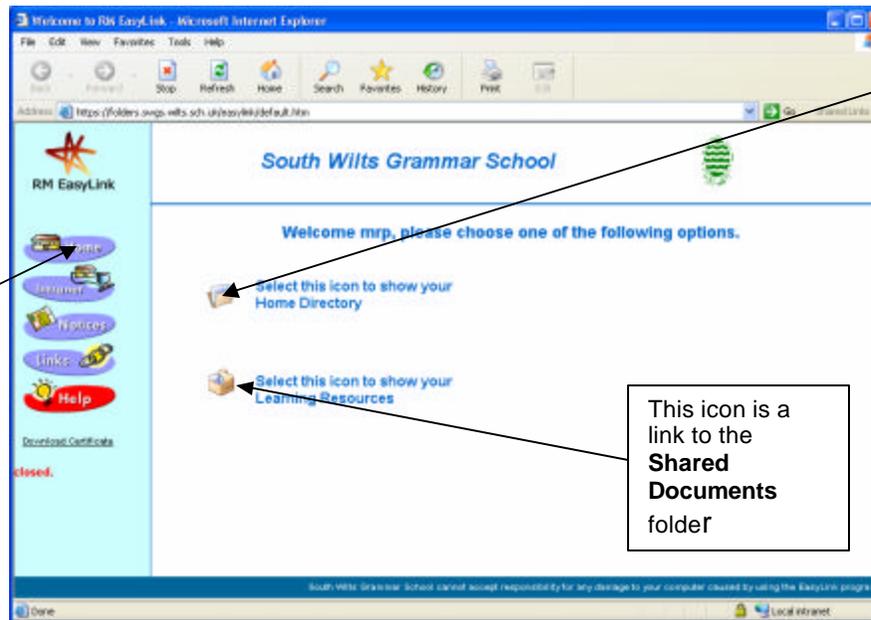
## YOU CAN ACCESS YOUR NETWORK “MY DOCUMENTS” FOLDER FROM HOME

- ?? The EASYLINK service will allow you to transfer computer files to and from school by using your home computer. This may be more convenient than using e-mail to send work files as attachments.
- ?? We still recommend a USB memory stick to transfer files as the first choice. Easylink has the advantage of allowing you to connect directly to your school files, so you can work on an item that you have forgotten to bring home. It is also useful if you are unexpectedly ill, but still want to work.
- ?? Easylink also allows you to view pages on the school intranet.

### EASYLINK INSTRUCTIONS

The easiest method is by visiting the school website at <http://www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk> You will find an information page on Easylink that has a hyperlink to the log-on screen. Log in to the system by means of your normal network ID and PASSWORD. You may receive a series of security messages; click on CONTINUE if these appear.

The picture below shows the Easylink home page:



This icon is a link to the **Intranet**

This icon is a link to your **My Documents folder**

This icon is a link to the **Shared Documents folder**

We recommend that you add the RMEasyLink home page address to Favourites. This saves you the bother of entering the full URL each time you use Easylink.

### IMPORTANT POINTS

- ?? DO NOT double click on a file that is at school while using Easylink from home.
- ?? Instead click once to highlight the file, then choose COPY from the EDIT menu.
- ?? Open a folder on your home computer then choose PASTE.
- ?? Open this copy of the file.
- ?? Close it once you have finished working, then find the file and use COPY/PASTE to copy it back into school. This method ensures that you always have two copies of the file, and prevents the file being damaged if your internet link stops working while you have the file open.
- ?? If you have any problems, report them as soon as possible to the ICT technicians in M20. (Mr Parks)