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SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

High Flyer

Cadets in the Community

Sea Cadet

CHRIS THORPE, THE SCHOOL CARETAKER, plays an important role in the community with his work with Sea Cadets. Here is his account of the organisation he loves:

The Sea Cadet Corps is one of the oldest youth organisations, dating back to the Crimean War in 1856. In 1955 they created a Marine Cadet Corps to run alongside the sea cadets and the Girls' Nautical Training Corps. However, the biggest change came in 1980 when the Girls' Nautical Training Corps combined with the Sea Cadet Corps and for the first time boys and girls trained together under one flag.

My role in the Sea Cadet Corps began as a teenager. I was a cadet for about four years at that time. For the last four years I have made a return, first of all as a civilian instructor and after nine months a probationary Petty Officer (PPO). Then, after a number of training courses and weekend training, I went to HMS Excellent. At the end of a week and a lot of exams, I became a Petty Officer.

Now I have a role on board TS Sheffield. I am the master at arms and I am in charge of the day to day routines and discipline. However, I still have a hands-on role in the training of Cadets. The Cadets cover everything from basic training in seamanship and cook stewards to canoeing, electrical and mechanical engineering, sailing – and we also have a band.

The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme is also available to all cadets and, as many tasks within this scheme are covered as part of the Sea Cadet training, it is a great opportunity to take part without taking up much more of your spare time.

Winter is quiet and gives cadets a chance to complete task books and training for various competitions against other units within our district, which covers South Yorkshire and Humberside. Our first event of the Millennium is our Easter camp at HMS Bristol, and another year of training courses on many naval bases begins again.

Army Cadet

ARMY CADET, LOUISE MARRIOTT Y11, has been promoted to Corporal which makes her the highest ranking cadet in her detachment of the Duke of Wellington Regiment. This means she gets to take parade – standing at the front and giving orders!

The Cadets meet twice a week at Endcliffe Hall and also go away for weekend camps in Nottingham, Staffordshire and the



Reporting for duty: Stephanie Harding, Chris Thorpe and Louise Marriott.

Scottish Borders. Training includes navigational skills with map and compass, and shooting with air rifles and semi-automatic machine guns – using *blank* ammunition for battle simulation. Louise has recently achieved a Marksmanship Award for shooting with a semi-automatic Light Support Weapon (LSW to the initiated). Obviously a girl who knows how to look after herself!

Police Cadet

STEPHANIE HARDING Y11 joined the Police Cadets this year and has already been promoted to female leader of her group.

Entry to the cadets involved examinations in Maths, English and Aptitude and an interview. Emphasis is placed on communication skills and the cadets regularly give presentations and talks.

Stephanie has been shown round police headquarters, including the operations room which monitors the hundreds of daily 999 calls (less than 100 of which are real emergencies!) and has been given training in radio communication. She has also learnt about data protection, official secrets, health and safety, police powers, domestic violence, public order and crime prevention. All this in a few short months!

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Care in the Community

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Adams and Rebecca Artschan of Y7 who have won the South Yorkshire competition 'Lifestyle 99'. This is a Police Community Project which the girls entered through their Junior School, Dalton Listerdale in Rotherham. Their project involved elderly people and their lifestyles. The girls have won a holiday to Florida in August 2001.



Sport News

Personal Achievement

ALICE THELWELL, aged 11, from Bolsterstone has been skiing her way to success over recent months. In the British Ski Slope Championships in Edinburgh she achieved 9th place in the Slalom and 10th in the Giant Slalom. In the North of England Ski Association Championships in Sunderland she came a spectacular 3rd in the Under 12 Female category.

As a result of this success, she has been awarded the Snow and Rock Club award for the Most Improved Skier of the Year and the Yorkshire Alpine Ski Achievement Award for 1999.

Stephanie Dalton, aged 15, represented the North East in the English Schools Athletics Multi Events Finals in Peterborough and

achieved 7th place, was selected for England against Scotland, came 3rd in a county combined event and was North East combined events champion.

Stephanie has now been awarded the Sheffield Schools' Personality of the Year – the Alderman Sewell Award – by the Sheffield Federation for School Sport.

Elizabeth Gomersall, aged 16, has represented the school at a variety of sports but her favourite sport is football. She has captained Sheffield Schools and Yorkshire under-16s and she is a member of the Doncaster Belles squad in the Women's Premier League. She became the first female to score at Wembley when she captained the England under-16s against Scotland. She was also the youngest player to play in the Reebok National Tournament where she helped to beat Arsenal in the final.

Elizabeth has been awarded The

Chairman's Award for contribution to school sport by the Sheffield Federation for School Sport.

Caroline Ellingham Y11 has achieved a place in the England Under 16 Hockey Squad.

Rachel Grunwerg Y11 represented Great Britain at the JCC Maccabi Games in America and returned with 3 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Laurie Anthony Y8 was selected to compete for Great Britain in the European Junior Water Ski Championships.



Left: Caroline Ellingham in action (white shirt).
Above: Liz Gomersall and Stephanie Dalton at the SFSS awards.

School Success

Under 19 Netball team	South Yorkshire Champions
Under 16 Netball team	South Yorkshire Champions
Under 16 Hockey team	South Yorkshire Champions
Under 15 Netball team	Sheffield Tournament Champions
Under 15 Hockey team	Sheffield Tournament Champions

Now the girls look forward to the Hockey and Netball Tour planned for AUSTRALIA in Summer 2001. Sponsors welcome!

How do you live on 26 pence per week?*

TWENTY-SIX PENCE – that's the amount the Russian government provides for each child in care. Alex Cooke, co-ordinator of the British-based charity *Love Russia*, told us this and other horrific details of the lives of the hundreds of thousands of Russian children whose parents have abandoned them to the state, in the wake of the country's economic crisis.

We invited Alex to talk to the School in November, after he had written asking for help to fund the Charity's new project, a half-way house for sixteen- to eighteen-year-old orphans. 'We want them to join the jobs market



with a skill, so that they don't have to turn to crime to feed themselves,' explained Alex.

Alex' talk generated a very warm response. We

now have a group of sixth-formers determined to raise as much as possible for *Love Russia*. Just before Christmas we held a raffle, and staff donated money they would normally have spent on Christmas cards. We raised £148.22. Watch this space for more news of our efforts.

** Only by living without meat, new clothes, medicines, hot water and toiletries. Russian orphanages now have to grow all their own vegetables.*

Reading...

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS are always busy reading, both in and out of school, but there have been two special reading events this year.

Once again, Y7 girls took part in a sponsored read to raise money for *Listening Books*, an organisation which provides audio books for those who have difficulty reading for themselves. This year the sum raised was a tremendous £1414 – a good read and a good week's work! **Helena Heaton** raised the largest sum of money from her generous sponsors: £106.35. **Emma Kearsey** read most books: 34 in one week.

Y8 and Y9 assisted in the selection of the Children's Book Awards, presented at the Crucible Theatre in November.

The girls read all the books on the shortlist and then chose the one they considered best. Their choice, together with the choices of other schools throughout Sheffield, was then submitted to the judges. Some of the reviews the girls wrote were published in *Yarn*, the magazine of Sheffield Children's Library Service, in their Young Adult Reviews section.

The girls also had the privilege of attending the presentation ceremony at the Crucible. The winning book was *Abomination* by Robert Swindells. It won two prizes: the longer novels category and overall winner.



...and Writing

TANYA CHADHA, aged 12, gained national recognition when she won First Prize in the Royal Mail Schools Letter Writing Competition. She won a personal cheque, and a cheque for the school which has been used to purchase television and video equipment for the English Department.

Susan Miller, aged 17, was one of 20 winners in the UCL/Glaxo Wellcome Essay Competition for Women in Science and Engineering. She was presented with a certificate and cheque by Professor Janet Thornton FRS at a ceremony held at University College London. Susan intends to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering.

The National Literacy Strategy – for Parents

GIRLS IN THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT have been participating in the NLS since its introduction in September 1998, but Monday, 4th October, provided the opportunity for many of their parents to undergo the same experience. Well over 100 parents and members of staff from the Senior School's English Department crowded into the hall of Melbourne House to discover the joy of big books and just how valuable they are in the teaching of literacy. Mrs Hardwick's storytelling skills and the beauty of the illustrations in *The Owl Babies* had everyone enthralled. The process of group writing was then demonstrated. The evening ended with parents in small groups working, under Mrs Jones's direction, on a text used in Year 6 – many commenting on how demanding the task was! The evening was a great success and we hope that it provided parents with the opportunity to understand the rationale and methods of the NLS and how these have been adopted at Sheffield High School.

See you next year for the National Numeracy Strategy?

Hallelujah Concert

THIS YEAR THE Hallelujah Concert was held a little earlier than usual, on November 10th. It has grown enormously over the last two years and has changed its name to 'Young World Concerts'. It always raises a great deal of money for charity and this time the money was donated to the Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal.

47 girls from Year 6 took part in the event and worked hard to learn the wide variety of songs which were to be performed by a choir of 5,000 children from all over the region.

It was amazing being part of such a huge group of singers. The choir took up the whole of the horseshoe end of the Sheffield Arena and the musicians were situated on a platform below. The conductor seemed a long way away but he managed to hold all the music together and the singing sounded magnificent.

In between the songs, soloists, dancers and up-and-coming bands entertained us all. It was a long but enjoyable and exciting evening.

Millennium Fireworks

THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW CENTURY was celebrated two weeks early with an enormous bonfire and a fantastic display of fireworks at the school field.

Weeks of planning, ticket selling, refreshment-van organising etc. culminated in an event of which the whole school could be proud. Members of the FOSH committee and staff worked together to produce a truly family occasion which was very well supported by all – from Prep One to Upper Six.

The skies above Sheffield were lit by the spectacular display, while below we listened to the Concert Band's carols and queued for hot-dogs and burgers, wrapped in many layers to protect us from the sharp December frost. It was a memorable way to end the term and to begin the new millennium.

Particular thanks to Mr Popat of The Chinese Firework Company, Mr Melia, for his unceasing efforts in every area, including a Chemistry teacher's approach to bonfire lighting, and to Martin and Penny Greenshields for providing (and building) most of the bonfire.



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Meal Deals

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<p>4 Large Hot & Spicy Zinger Meal Zinger Fillet, Large Fries, Large Drink</p> <p>MEAL 4 Usually £3.59 NOW £2.59</p>	<p>BUY 2 PIECES OF CHICKEN AND LARGE FRIES and get same again FREE</p> <p>2 MEALS FOR £3.35</p>

Forward Dates

- April 6-12** German Trip to Bonn
- April 8-16** Ski Holiday, Italy 2000
- April 13-19** Eastern Mediterranean Cruise 2000
- May 11** Senior Music Concert
- May 19** Senior School Leavers' Service, St Mark's Church, Broomhill
- June 30** Melbourne House Sports Day
- July 5** Getting to Know You Day
Y6 visit to Senior School
- July 10** Senior School Sports Day
- July 11** Melbourne House: 'Summer Celebration'

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