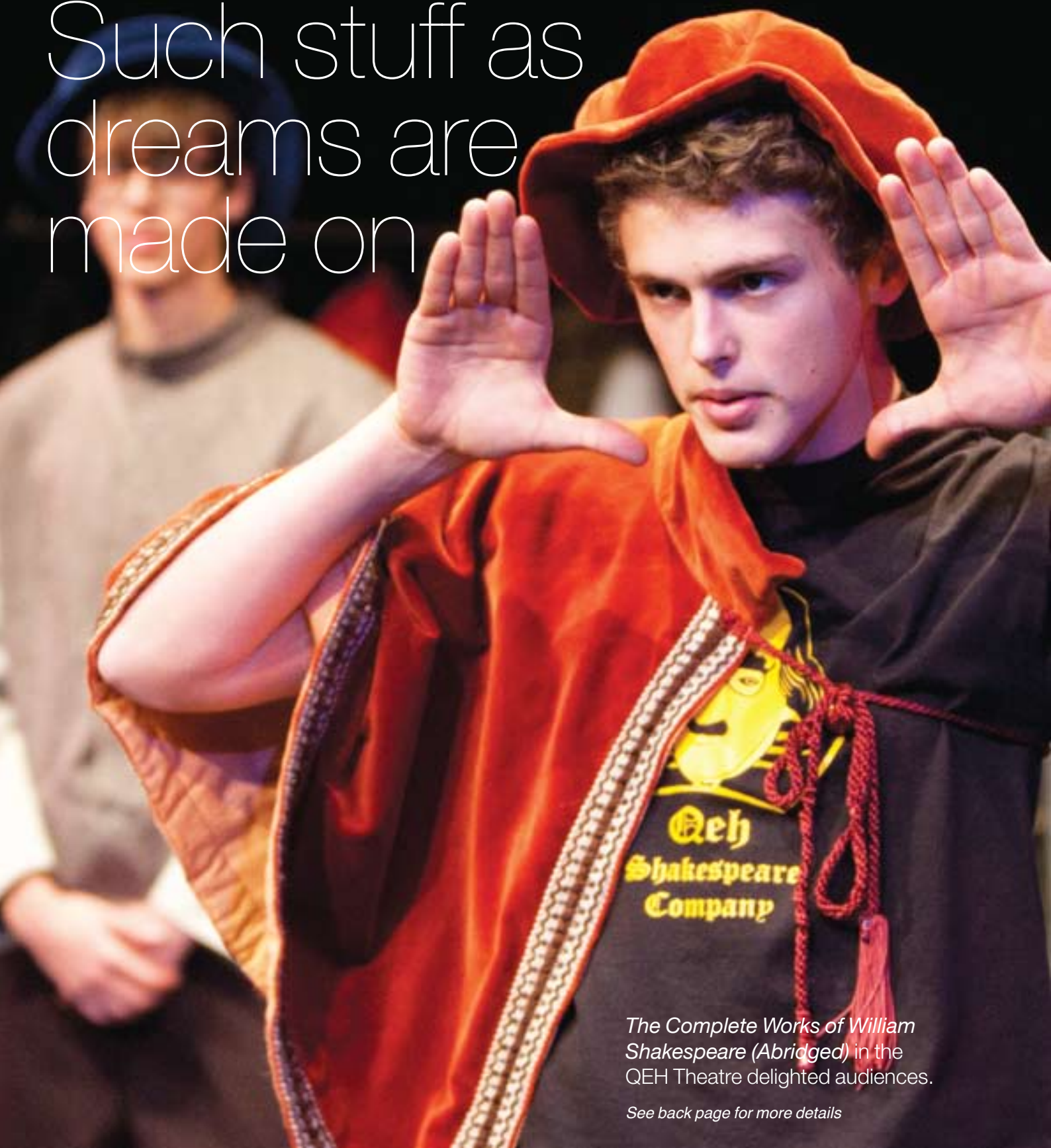


# QEH NEWS



Such stuff as  
dreams are  
made on



*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) in the QEH Theatre delighted audiences.*

*See back page for more details*

# From the Headmaster



*I hope you enjoy this edition of QEHS News which seems to capture the rich variety of School life.*

*Academic excellence is shown in our results which remain amongst the best in the country, year on year, across all subjects. It is the Value Added that probably says the most about what goes on here and we are proud not just to top the Bristol table for the third successive year but to be 10th in the country.*

*Success in the classroom stems in part from the varied extra-curricular programme at QEHS. These pages show just how busy many boys have been out of the classroom over the past few months in both the Junior and Senior Schools. The many smiling faces reflect the fun which is a daily part of School life.*

*As we move towards a new School year, QEHS is already full for September with a waiting list. I am grateful for the support of existing parents in recommending the school and thank Old Boys and others who continue to support the provision of bursaries and scholarships, which make a QEHS education possible for many boys.*

S W HOLLIDAY HEADMASTER

## QEHS Boys Divide and Conquer

**Congratulations to all 22 top set Mathematicians in Year 11 who gained the outstanding top grade of A\* in their November IGCSE exam!**

Mr Bill Ellis, Head of Maths, comments: "This is a tremendous result for QEHS and shows that excellent teaching and small class sizes really make a difference. Many go on to read maths or related subjects at top universities. For example, one boy currently has an offer at prestigious Lincoln College, Oxford".

Numerous independent schools have moved to the more demanding IGCSEs in recent years.



## Best in Bristol & beyond

QEHS received the best results in Bristol by far, according to the Government's recent Value Added tables.

QEHS is more than 30 points ahead of any other school in the city, and amongst the top ten in the country! This is in addition to topping the Bristol tables and being in the Premier League nationally in this summer's A-levels and CGSEs.

Headmaster Stephen Holliday says: "We believe that boys really benefit from a single sex environment which allows us to teach boys in ways that enable them to excel."



**TOP TEN NATIONALLY...**



# Prizegiving

WITH ASHLEY PHARAOH

*Ashley Pharaoh, BAFTA nominee and script writer, gave the Address at QEH's Prize Giving ceremony in the University Great Hall, attended by over 1000 people*



Ashley was part of a rich crop of boys who attended QEH in the 1970s. Also in that class was Hugo Weaving of *Lord of the Rings* and *Matrix* fame and Jonathan Pearce *Match of the Day* commentator.

Ashley says: "The School was absolutely critical to my development as a writer. It had a brilliant English department and some truly inspiring teachers who encouraged my interest in creative writing".

*Ashley inspecting his old history book excavated by Mr Ryan from the depths of the History cupboard*



He has a string of writing credits to his name, from episodes of *EastEnders* and *Casualty* to creating *Down To Earth* and *Wild at Heart*. And that early passion for English literature came in useful when adapting *Tom Brown's Schooldays* and *Under the Greenwood Tree*. But Ashley's career hit the big time when he teamed up with fellow screenwriter Matthew Graham in 2006 to write the Emmy and BAFTA Award-winning *Life on Mars* and its spin-off, *Ashes to Ashes*.



## 5-Star Caterers!

**Congratulations to our catering staff at QEH on their prestigious Five-Star Award, following Inspection by the Environmental Health Standards Officer.**

The School Librarian, Mrs Annette Robbins, organised a calendar of visits from high profile authors to promote wider reading amongst the boys.

Frances Kay, the children's playwright and author, visited for a Twilight session with Senior pupils, and three well known authors for boys Malcolm Rose, Graham Marks and Bali Rai visited the School enrapturing younger boys with their works.

We also participated in the very first *World Book Night* when Head of English, Mr Rory Harris, won 40 special edition copies of *Life of Pi*, 20 of which he has sent on a 'Book Voyage' to be returned by the 20 selected readers to School after a one-year journey.

The QEH/Redland High School Literary Society has taken off, and met to be a talk on 'The Lyrics of Bob Dylan' and conduct a workshop on *Othello*. The Society is open to all current or potential Sixth Form English students.

# Passion for reading



A special love of books was brought to the boys on Valentine's Day when the Library was decorated to highlight Romantic fiction.



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## Competitions...

### 1. Redland Girls Spice Up FPS

QEH held the qualifying round for the *International Future Problem Solving* 'Global Issues' program where the boys and Redland High girls exchanged ideas as part of their Future Problem Solving exercises.

### 2. Speaking the Lingo with girls

QEH boys have been sharpening their foreign language skills with counterparts at local girls' schools. Years 10 and 11 joined GCSE students at Redland High for an evening of German games and quiz activities, followed by food and drink with a German theme. French A-level students have also been working hard on a series of debates with girls from RHS as part of their oral examination whilst seven AS linguists from Badminton came to QEH for an intensive French speaking workshop with the boys.

Adding to a busy year for linguists, 32 boys from Year 9 to Year 13 took part in *The UK Linguistics Olympiad*, an intellectual competition where pupils have to solve linguistic data problems.

### 3. English Speaking Union Winners

Congratulations to our winning team in the Bristol Final of the *ESU Competition!*

The team of three boys from Years 10 and 11 won the *Overall Cup* and Fred Batstone (pictured left) won the *Cup for Best Individual Speaker* and the coveted *Eric Dehn Trophy for Best Speaker* for his speech exploring the hypothesis that, "What is normal is defined by the society that we live in". The silver tongued trio now progress to the *South West Regional Final* in Taunton.

### 4. Worldwide Quiz Winners

Both the teams QEH entered in this year's *Worldwide Quiz* made it through their qualifying rounds into the final, where they faced teams from Badminton and BGS.

Our trio of Andrew Galton, Joe Kesterton and Huw Parry narrowly edged out our other team of Lewis Harrison, Simon Angelini and Harry Sheppard, retaining the *Worldwide Trophy for QEH* for the third year in succession.

### 5. Olympiad

Congratulations to Christian Holland, Charles Day, Mohammed Amjad and Matthew Stoddart who took part in the *RSC Top of the Bench Competition* at Bristol University.



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# Teambuilding

**Year 7 set off for two days in Devon to get to know each other better.**

Despite wet weather, nothing could dampen our Year 7s' spirits. Racing the new Quadbikes (much faster than usual) was a highlight for many, along with the zipwire (apparently the second longest in the UK) and covering their faces in mud camouflage, whilst building shelters and animal traps to survive in the woods.

Some seemed to take up another challenge of how many sweets they could consume from the tuck shop but, despite that, all slept fine and got on extremely well.

*Congratulations especially to those boys who conquered a fear of heights on some of the activities.*



## Commanding Day

This was a day of contrasts and diversions, of mixing it with the army; a day designed to involve all the Lower Sixth and, in a small way, demonstrate that new doors can open if you are willing to try.

The British Army team provided a range of command task experiences, from competitive go-kart construction to pressurised mine field avoidance.



## Green Fingers

*Keen gardeners have been rooting for spades and seeds to help their club grow. Now thanks to generous support of The Friends they are enthused and set to really cultivate their plans!*



## Enrichment...

**Year 8s and their Peer Supporters headed off for Belmont Woods, adjacent to the Failand Sports Ground, for an evening of team-building activities under the direction of Mr Steve Cook, Head of Outdoor Pursuits.**



## Renaissance men...

As ever, the Paris trip proved a fascinating rite of passage for our Year 12 boys. It was a packed weekend of entertainment with the bright lights of Montmartre and the Latin Quarter being nicely offset by the spicy debate at the Politics Conference between Shami Chakrabarti, Tessa Jowell and Daniel Hannan. The boys returned as Renaissance men and many are already planning a return to explore further.

## Festive journey to Granada

**A group of staff and Upper Sixth historians enjoyed a magical pre-Christmas trip to Granada led by Mr Steve Ryan and Miss Jo Sharrock.**

They took in the Royal Chapel, last resting place of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, as well as the Cathedral and, of course, a guided tour of the Alhambra Palace. There was also time to sample the local food and wines and finish off the Christmas shopping in Malaga.



QEH and Red Maids' Sixth Form Italian students participated in an exchange programme with the Colleggio Uccellis school in Udine during the October half-term holiday. We were warmly welcomed by our host families, and treated to a week of total immersion into Italian life.



# Splendido!

# Tateful Art Visit

All A-level Art students visited London for a personalized tour of The Tate and Tate Britain.

Their host was a professional artist and selected a series of relevant art works (including both sculpture and painting) related to the theme of 'Human Form'.

The boys were challenged with higher level thinking as they were introduced to techniques and processes such as how to 'break down' a piece of art and really research into the background of how and why it was made.



Year 10 artists working at QEH with a professional street artist Chris



## True Travellers

Geographers have been travelling (and eating!) variously in Somerset (Cheddar), Dorset, Snowdonia, South Wales (The Big Pit), and last week savoured Bangladeshi cuisine during a trip to Brick Lane in London.



Year 7 boys plundered Chepstow Castle (the gift shop at least!) on a cold and blustery January day for their Castle project.



Boys went skiing to Le Corbier in December taking Henrietta the bear with them. Next December there are plans to take her to Folgardia in the Dolomites in Italy.



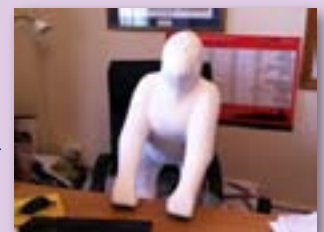
As part of their Enrichment Week, Year 8s enjoyed an excursion to the docks to take in the SS Great Britain and the Aquarium.



Classics outings included a trip to the Chedworth Roman Villa. A full complement of Year 9 boys headed for Aquae Sulis to see the wonders of the world class museum and steamy baths.



Year 11 physicists had a fascinating visit to the Bristol Museum to view the exhibition: 'Flight: 100 Years of the Bristol Aeroplane Company'.



Alfred Gorilla took over the Junior School in Headmaster Mr Morris's absence, to raise funds for Bristol Zoo's 175th Anniversary!

Year 10 Geographers

# Cash by the bucket!

Other Children in Need activities included: Sciences and Maths departments being crowned 'Departmental Dodgeball Champions'. The annual 'Soak the Teacher' competition gave intrepid Head of Science, Mr John Brown, his moment in the stocks whilst fellow scientist, Mr Tristan Dunn, bravely sacrificed his leg hair to the cause and Year 9 successfully ran the Cake Stall, raising an impressive £323.23!

*Well done to sixth formers, Rob Latham and Ben Morris, who walked the 21 miles from Weston to Bristol in the early hours raising £140 for Comic Relief.*



## 8-year high

**Our Senior boys won the Bristol Schools Climbing Competition for their first time in its eight-year history.**

Max Ayerton and George Salter were individual event winners, with Max completing the hardest route in the entire competition. The latter is ranked 3rd Nationally in Bouldering by the British Mountaineering Council.



*A huge thank you to all pupils who donated items for the Harvest collection this year. There was an amazing response, with over 800 tins donated and 5 bags of Lost Property!*

# Children in Need review

Children in Need gave QEH boys and staff the opportunity to cook up lots of good ideas to raise money.

## You're Fired... (or Baked)

Twelve staff, 6 male and 6 female, were voted in by boys to lead teams in traditional *Apprentice* fashion, each being given £30 to buy the ingredients to bake cakes. These culinary masterpieces were baked in the School kitchen and sold the next day to boys, driven by their stomachs rather than their wallets!

The winning team, announced in the boardroom, was the one which turned flour into the most 'dough', with Mr Philip Davies cooking the books and, controversially, claiming the title of Lord Bateson's next *Apprentice*.

## X-Factor

Along with the teachers' rendition of *Hero* by Enrique Iglesias in Assembly, 'Beat the Goalie' and 'Shoot the Hoop', this was one of the most inventive and enjoyable *Children in Need* fundraising campaigns in recent years.

Not wanting to miss the action, Redland High Sixth Form joined us in the *X-Factor* competition and at the end of the night we all came away with something special: not the visions of tight clothing, the boy band dancing or the unforgettable memories but the £258 raised for *Children in Need* and a reminder that QEH boys will do anything for charity. Over £4,000 was raised!

## Prestigious Sport...

About two-thirds of boys are involved in sport at QEH, many of them playing in rugby or football teams at this time of year.

Sport is played at a high level and there have been some outstanding individual performances. The Under-14s, in particular, have covered themselves in glory. Last week Sam Rees was selected to play Wing for The Independent Schools Barbarians Under-14 team which takes him to Biarritz in May. His Under-14s captain, Esher Pegrum, has led the Sevens squad to the Final at Dean Close. Added to which the Under-13s, Under-16s and 1sts Sevens teams are participating in the Rosslyn Park National Sevens – the biggest and most prestigious tournament of its kind in the world.



## VIP trip for record swimmer

**Lewis Clarke aged 13 was one of the six-strong boys record-breaking team from Bristol who swam the English Channel.**

The Bristol English Channel Swim team broke the world record in September for being the youngest team ever to swim the 21-miles, taking 13.5 hours. The boys appeared on *Blue Peter* and were presented with the show's coveted gold badges. There were further surprises when they met Prime Minister David Cameron and his wife Samantha and helped to turn on the Christmas lights in Downing Street.

The team raised £1,500 for *Children's Hospice South West* and *Surf Life Saving GB*.



# Shiver me timbers...



Junior Plays *Above* 'Treasure Island' with Years 5 and 6. *Below* Years 3 and 4 robbing the rich to feed the poor in their stage version of 'Robin Hood'.



☒ **Lego-mania with Red Maids'** – Congratulations to members of the Year 6 'Robotics Club', comprising six QEH boys and six girls from The Red Maids' Juniors, who took part in the First *Lego League South West Regional Tournament* at UWE. All the boys and girls were thrilled with a top half finish in their first visit to the event.



☒ **Run to Victory** – At the *Westonbirt Cross Country* the boys excelled themselves over the 2.2km distance with outstanding performances from Jonathan Gregory who won the *Year 5 Boys' Race* and Finlay Yates who won the *Year 4 Boys' Race*. And a huge 'well done' to Year 4 for winning the *Year 4 Boys' Competition* overall.



☒ **Gamelan** – Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of Gamelan Drumming at The Red Maids' Junior School led by Andy Warn who gave an expert lesson on the art and history of Gamelan Drumming. In one afternoon they learnt two pieces of music and performed them to parents from QEH and The Red Maids'. It was a terrific experience and Year 5 really enjoyed playing the wonderful music.

☒ **Startling Starlings** – Junior School twitchers travelled to Ham Wall RSPB to watch the starlings roost. Starlings congregate in the reed beds at Ham Wall to roost in vast numbers. There were approximately one and half million starlings and it took about 40 minutes for them all to roost. It was an amazing experience to watch.



☒ **Night in the Museum** – Year 6 boys were treated to a very special 'Science Night' run by the Science Museum in London. The boys learnt about the effects of extreme temperatures, built their own warning systems using electrical circuits and enjoyed exploring the Modern World exhibition. Eventually, boys and staff settled down to sleep... in the Space Gallery of the Science Museum with 460 other children!

Friends of  
QEH

**Carols by Candlelight** was a heart-warming occasion for over 110 guests, with traditional Christmas Carols and contemporary music to mark the start of the festive season.

**Friends' Family Quiz Night** encouraged large numbers to roll up and test their general knowledge over an enjoyable ploughman's supper... a very sociable yet mind-stretching evening!

# Development Director's Report

## Ex-QEH Boy Selected for Scotland Six Nations

Former QEH boy Jack Cuthbert (2000-2006) has won a place in the Scotland Six Nations squad after putting pen to paper on a new two-year Bath Rugby deal.



Other ex-QEH boys whose careers are flourishing are Dings Crusaders winger Pierre Tucker, who was featured in the Evening Post scoring for the Under 20s, and Alex Davies who plays for Bristol Rugby.

## Raising Awareness for CRY



Recent Old Elizabethan, James Bailey, represented *Cardiac Risk in the Young* (CRY) at a Parliamentary Reception at Westminster. CRY aims to raise awareness of conditions that can lead to Sudden Cardiac Death amongst young people.

James Bailey (pictured with singer-songwriter, dancer and actress, Pixie Lott) is now at King's College, London but was diagnosed a year ago with a heart condition after a routine medical test at QEH.

## Memorable Weekend for OEs

November was memorable for many Old Elizabethans and their families who attended one of our four Reunions and the annual Old Boys' Dinner at School. It followed the School's Service of Remembrance which was attended by Old Boys, staff and pupils where our Wreath Laying Ceremony, commemorating the fallen, took place.



The Reunions were for: 1950 Starters, 1960 Starters, 1975 Leavers and 1995 Leavers.



Attendees were impressed by the changes to buildings but were quick to point out its many familiarities and countless stories of School days were stirred and shared!

Should you be interested in arranging a Reunion for your Year Group, please do get in touch with the Development Office.

## 'Mick' Monnery – RIP

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Pat Monnery, much-respected and much-loved School Marshal at QEH from 1969–1987.



Pat, better known as 'Mick', will be sorely missed by generations of QEH boys who knew him. Our thoughts are with Mick's family, especially Elsie his wife. The funeral took place on Wednesday 26 January at Chichester Crematorium and was attended by family, friends, OEs and representatives of the School.

## Roy Stock Captain of Carr's 1932

Roy Stock, a remarkable Old Boy, passed away in March. Roy was a Bedminster boy who apparently had problems early on at School because of his Bristolian accent and was known to say "leave I bide" in response – and this became his nick name.

On leaving School he gained a first-class honours degree at Bristol University in languages, receiving his from Vice-Chancellor Winston Churchill. He went on to win the MC for bravery in Normandy where he landed on D-Day plus 3. This was awarded by Montgomery. After the war he retrained at the LSE, gaining a first-class degree in Economics. He went on to work for the OECD and had a long and illustrious career managing to fit in a translation of Mahler's biography from the original German in collaboration with his wife Alice.

## "Uncle" Art Satherley

The School has recently found out that another Old Boy is world famous! Quoted in his biography "winning a scholarship at QEH" Arthur Satherley left to go to America in 1913, and subsequently went on to become the Head of Columbia Records where he launched the careers of such notables as Jonny Cash. He is the only Englishman in the *Country Music Hall of Fame* in Memphis. He has just been honoured with a blue plaque at his Bristol home.

**We are very grateful to all our current benefactors who are supporting both our Annual Appeal and Bursaries.**

**So far this year over £50,000 has come in from a variety of sources and, as we know, these are challenging economic times. Certainly every penny is well used.**

**One of my roles as Deputy Headmaster is to interview prospective pupils. When one boy answered my stock question about what he wanted to do and why he wanted to come to QEH by saying that he wanted to make his father proud, and that his father died a couple of years ago, it makes you realise just how valuable bursary funding is.**

S P RYAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

### Autobiography by Old Boy Harridave Dutton

Former QEH boy Harry Dutton's autobiography *Up the Bumpy Lane* is for sale. The writer paints a vivid picture of post Second World War Britain, including escapades during his days at QEH! It is also available from Amazon or from Harry himself: [dave.dutton@cwcto.net](mailto:dave.dutton@cwcto.net)

### Dinner Dates

**Friday 6 May – Leeds Dinner**

**Friday 20 May – Cambridge Dinner**

**Friday 10 June – London Dinner**

Please email John Colley at the Development Office for further details: [development@qehbristol.co.uk](mailto:development@qehbristol.co.uk)



## RAF Band in Concert

We were treated to a fantastic concert from the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. It was both entertaining and inspirational for the pupils who went to watch. Alistair Husbands, Charles Day, Benedict McCaw and Patrick Bapty were invited to play alongside the band members on their respective instruments. We hope to see the band return again sometime in the future.



# The Bard Abridged

**QEH staff and Sixth Form presented**  
*The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*  
(Abridged) in the QEH Theatre to delighted audiences.

The play was a fast and furious performance of all 37 of Shakespeare's plays, including the Sonnets!

Director, Pip Cawte said: "This was not a parody of the works of William Shakespeare but rather of the pretentiousness and clichés of The Bard performed badly."

The production, complete with tights, was not only entertaining but communicated a genuine love for The Bard and some of the greatest language ever written.

*Singing at The Lord Mayor's At Home with The Red Maids'*

*Superb Sixth Form Beckett plays directed by Mr Russ Cope*

*Joint Cabaret Evening with The Red Maids' (left) Jacob Warns' group and (below left) soloist John Parsonage.*

## St George's Concert

The QEH Music Department played host to a variety of music ensembles, choirs and soloists, as well as spectacular performances on bagpipes and a tin whistle, at its annual Classical Concert at St George's.

## House Music Finals

The Finals for House Music featured a plethora of soloists from Years 7 to 13 and House Ensembles. In the Junior category, the audience was wowed with three spectacular performances from some of our youngest musicians. The Senior category presented some outstanding and very different performances.

## Band reaches final

*Omniabsence*, comprising sixth formers Ed Wren, George Fletcher, Jack O'Dea and Chris Spear, has been chosen from 10,000 entrants for the Finals of the national 'Live and Unsigned' competition.

### Summer Term Starts

Bank Holidays  
Friends' Ball  
Ten Tors Event  
Exam Leave for Year 11  
Exam Leave for Year 12  
Exam Leave for Year 13

### Half-term

Year 13 Leavers' Assembly  
Sports Day  
As Introduction Day for Year 11  
'Midsummer Festival' Drama Production  
Summer Term ends

### Autumn Term starts

Prizegiving  
**OPEN MORNING**

### Half term

Carol Service

Tuesday 26 April  
Friday 29 April & Monday 2 May  
**Saturday 7 May**  
Friday 13 – Sunday 15 May  
Friday 13 May (4.00pm)  
Friday 13 May (4.00pm)  
Friday 27 May (am)

Friday 27 May – Monday 6 June  
Saturday 18 June (9.30am)  
**Saturday 18 June (12 noon)**  
Thursday 23 June (1.00–4.00pm)  
Wednesday 29 June – Friday 1 July  
Friday 8 July 2011

Tuesday 6 September  
Friday 30 September (10.30am)  
**Saturday 8 October (10.00am–12 noon)**

Friday 21 October – Monday 31 October  
Friday 9 December (2.30pm Bristol Cathedral)

Diary Dates...