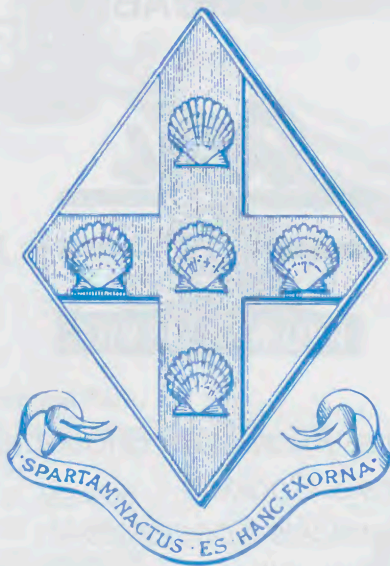


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# Midleton College Magazine

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome, ye seekers of enlightenment, to this year's College Magazine. We have a bumper crop of articles, poems and news items to share with you and I sincerely believe that there is something here for everyone.

It is particularly gratifying that several articles document the generosity and social responsibility of Midleton College students in helping those less fortunate than themselves. Such pupils had little need of Mr. Patrick Murphy's, (our Prize Day guest), advice to "give something back to their community". Long may such altruism flourish among our student body.

Alexander Pope, in one of his more optimistic moments, reminded us that –

*"Hope springs eternal in the human breast:  
Man never is, but always to be blest."*

Without hope life is empty and I can assure you our pupils inspire many of us to believe the future is hopeful. The present and recent past have been so full of tragedy, Holly and Jessica in Soham, hundreds of innocent tourists in Bali, random victims of a sniper in the U.S., that one could be tempted to despair. This we must not and will not do! However, it is clear that parents, teachers and students must at all times be vigilant and safety conscious in our increasingly dangerous world.

The past year has been an eventful one in the life of the school. Once again there have been great academic and sporting achievements and these may be read about elsewhere in this publication. In any organization change is inevitable, still it is with sadness that we note the current Headmaster's intention to retire at the end of this year. Mr. Cairns and his wife, Kay have worked heart and soul for the good of Midleton College over the past twenty two years and never could it more truly be said that "the labourer was worthy of his hire". They shall be sorely missed but we wish them a long and happy retirement and fully expect them to maintain close ties with the College.

In conclusion I should like briefly to return to the theme of hope. Even as I write the government is contemplating massive cutbacks in public spending and this will doubtless effect the education sector. But Midleton College is in great shape at the moment and will doubtless "weather the storm" of economic uncertainty. We shall continue to educate each other. I say each other because often staff learn as much from the students as ever they learn from us! To plagiarize from that beloved anthem of Anfield, we shall carry on "with hope in our hearts".

My thanks to all who contributed to this year's magazine, especially my editorial committee, and most particularly to Miss Pigott for her tireless and uncomplaining efforts. It is to be hoped you enjoy reading the magazine as much as I have enjoyed compiling it.

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# Headmaster's Notes

**RETIREMENT:** On Prize Day, 25 October 2002, I announced my intention to retire on 31 August 2003, the end of this academic year. The decision was not an easy one but after 22 years of Headship I feel it is time to go. My wife, Katherine, will also retire on the same date from her post as College Librarian and I pay her a very special tribute, not only for the great support she has given me, but for her work in completely cataloguing all the Library books, for providing in the Library an atmosphere of quietness for study, for all the preparation work she does for Prize Day and Sports Day and for all the one hundred and one things she does for Midleton College as a whole on a day to day basis.

Our years in Midleton College have been immensely happy and fulfilling and we have enjoyed wonderful support from many people.

It has been a great privilege and honour for me to be Headmaster of this magnificent school. It has been a great privilege and honour to be only the fifteenth Headmaster of Midleton College since it opened its doors to pupils in October 1717, the third Headmaster since 1928 and the second longest serving Head since 1830.

It has been a privilege and honour for me to be Headmaster of a school which, has great confidence in the future and while revelling in its past, has planned and built for that future.

I charge you all, staff, parents and pupils with the responsibility of giving this school and my successor, whoever he or she may be, the unqualified support that you have given to Kay and to me over the last twenty two years.

There is, however, a lot of 'water to flow under the bridge' before we finally go.

We plan to retire in the local area.

**MARY POWER** from our staff has crowned a magnificent career as an international hockey umpire by being selected to umpire in the World Cup. This places her in the top group of the world's hockey umpires.

**RACHAEL KOHLER** will lead the Irish Ladies in the Hockey World Cup in Australia. She is a former captain of our Senior Girls' team when a pupil at the College. With well over 100 international caps she is our greatest ever sports person. We are very proud of Rachael and her total commitment and hard work make her an ideal role model for young people.

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**SARAH LEVIS:** A magnificent result 7A1s (600 points – maximum possible) now reading Medicine in University College Cork – where she has received an Entrance Scholarship.

**ELAINE ROSS** has been awarded an Entrance Exhibition by Trinity College Dublin, where she is reading Physiotherapy.

**LAURA CUDDY** was selected to represent Ireland at the Future World Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. in March 2002. She was one of only five students from the Republic of Ireland to attend this prestigious conference.

**MARIAN McGRATH:** Marian has shown great courage over the last year in coping with major health problems and has received great support from staff and her fellow pupils. In recognition of this Marian presented the school with a framed Munster Rugby Football jersey signed by the Munster Captain Jim Williams.

**HEATHER DEANE** and **CAROLYN SMITH** parachuted from 9,000ft. and raised €7,788 for the Chernobyl Children's Project.

**YVONNE MOYNIHAN** was in Belarus during the summer as a volunteer worker in an orphanage.

**CHERNOBYL:** Once again we were delighted to host the Chernobyl BBQ for the children from Chernobyl staying with local host families.

**CHARITY BICYCLE RIDE:** Nine College boys raised €5,500 for the restoration fund of the magnificent St. Mary's Church in Youghal, by riding from Youghal to Co. Donegal.

**TRANSITION YEAR (FORM IV)** raised €2,800 for GOAL and with the help of proceeds from the Mini-Company and the Tuck Shop raised money for the Alzheimer's Unit in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Midleton.

**MIDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION:** The Midleton College Association continues to be a vital link between the College and former pupils. I thank the Association for continuing to sponsor two of our pupils each year to sail in the Asgard. The President, Jonathan Fleury and Ivan Wolfe gave up a day's work to interview all 18 applicants in September. Those selected this year were Rebecca Murphy and Laura Moore. Unfortunately Asgard had an accident and the date of the original cruise had to be changed to a later one. Rebecca was unable to go and so Laura McCarthy Cronin was selected in Rebecca's place.

**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION:** At the AGM of the PTA the new committee was selected and the officers of the Association are Mr. Ian Fleming (Chairman), Mrs. Rosemary Stronach (Secretary) and Mrs. Mary Ryall (Treasurer).

**C of I CHAPLAIN OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK:** Our former Dean and Rector Rev. George Hilliard has taken up his appointment as Chaplain at U.C.C. and we wish him, his wife and family every success and blessing in the future.

**NEW DEAN OF CLOYNE UNION:** It has just been announced, at the time of writing, that the new Dean of Cloyne and Rector of the Cloyne Union is Rev. Alan Marley current Rector of the Fermoy Union. We wish him, his wife and children every happiness and blessing in their new home in Midleton.

**BEREAVEMENT:** Once again a number of our pupils suffered the pain of bereavement and we extend our sympathy to them all. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Miss Sheila Kelleher, our former cook, and to the families of Jamie McNally and Billy Ryan both young former pupils.

**MR. JAMES DORAN:** I take this opportunity of paying a tribute to Mr. James Doran for the huge amount of work he has done on our cricket grounds to improve the quality of the playing surface and for the many hours he and other members of the Midleton Cricket Club have put into the coaching of our players. It is good to see our beautiful cricket ground used all summer and in such excellent condition.

**STAFF:** I thank my colleagues on the staff past and present for all their support, encouragement and hard work over the years and wish them all well in the future. Miss Ann-Marie Keane has completed her Diploma of Education and leaves us – we thank her for her contribution. We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Ken O'Neill on the birth of a daughter.

**MAGAZINE:** It is with great pleasure I commend this magazine to you. I congratulate and thank the Editor, Mr. B. Hickey, and his Editorial Committee for all the hard work which has gone into its production. I commend our advertisers to you and thank them for their support as I thank the Advertising Editor, Mr. M.J. Daley and his Committee for their work in obtaining that vital advertising revenue. I thank Miss Pigott for the huge job involved in the typing of the manuscript and preparing the disc. I thank Mrs. Courtney for her supervision of the business and revenue aspects of this publication. I also thank Mrs. Cairns for preparing so much of the factual material and the Jottings for the magazine and Mr. Levis and his assistants for looking after the distribution.

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE** receipt of magazines from the following: Belfast Royal Academy, Methodist College, St. Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, Coleraine Academical Institute, Rockwell College, East Glendalough School, Glenlola Collegiate School.

# Another Great Year of Achievements

Once again we had another year of excellent achievement academically, culturally, on the games field and successes achieved by individual pupils and groups.

ELAINE ROSS (Trinity Entrance Exhibition), LAURA CUDDY (Future World Leaders Conference), HEATHER DEANE and CAROLYN SMITH (parachute jump for charity and YVONNE MOYNIHAN (volunteer worker in Belarus) are all mentioned in the Headmaster's notes.

ELAINE ROSS (555 points), ANDREW O'BRIEN (525 points), COLIN SCANLAN and SUZANNE PHELAN (500 points) were the top Leaving Certificate students.

STEPHEN NICHOLLS, following his musical successes of last year, won the Senior French Horn competition in Feis Ceol in Dublin and is a member of the Irish Youth Orchestra.

GRACE O'REGAN came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Under 15 Violin class in Feis Maituí in Cork.

CAROLINE LEVIS and ROSE PONSONBY represented the College at the Esat Young Scientist of the Year Competition.

LAURA CUDDY won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in the Cobh and Harbour Chamber of Commerce French Language Competition. GORDON HOPKINS was highly commended in the same competition.

REBECCA MURPHY is once again a member of the Munster Girls' Hockey U18 team.

SENIOR GIRLS HOCKEY SQUAD under the captaincy of Elaine Ross won the Munster B Cup in a nail biting final.

RORY CARROLL played for the Munster Schools XV. ROBERT MOORE, ANDREW O'BRIEN, PHILIP MORRIS, BRIAIN CURTIN and JOHN DEVANEY all played for the Munster 'A' side last year and this year BRIAIN CURTIN, CIARAN PHILLIPS and JEFFERY HITCHMOUGH are members of the Munster 'A' squad.

BRIAIN CURTIN has the honour of captaining the Munster 'A' Schools team. THE SENIOR RUGBY TEAM won the Munster Development League Trophy, for the second year in succession having won the O'Brien Cup the previous season – three trophies in successive years were fitting rewards for a squad which showed great promise right from Under 13 days.

PAU PASCUAL played for the Munster Under 16 Hockey team and this year ANDREW LEVIS is a final trialist for the Munster U18s. At time of writing the final squad has not yet been selected.

In cricket ROBERT SMYTH, JEFFERY HITCHMOUGH, ANDREW LEVIS, MICHAEL WHITE and BRIAN OWERS all played for the Munster schools at U15 level and HAL HODSON, EMMET LONG and SIMON BROOKES played for the Munster Under 13s.

GEORGE KENEFICK sailed for Ireland in the Optimist Class and was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in Ireland.

VANESSA TAIT and DEVRON TOMBACCO came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Munster Championships in their age group in their respective karate disciplines.

OGRAS, our Irish Youth Group, was presented with a €300 prize by the Ogras Development Officer for excellent participation in the Irish Language and Music.

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**Transition Year Co-Ordinator:** Miss A. Prendergast

**Matrons:** Miss J.C. Gash and Miss T.L. Strickland, B.A.

**Chef:** Mr. R. Graham

**School Secretaries:** Mrs. E. Courtney and Miss M. Pigott.

**Head Boy:** Andrew Nicholson

**Head Girl:** Carolyn Smith

**Senior Day Boy:** Adam O'Keeffe

**Senior Day Girl:** Heather Deane

## PREFECTS:

**GIRLS:** Yvonne Moynihan, Laura Moore, Emma Cleere, Laura Cuddy,  
Maeve Stronach, Shirley Roberts.

**BOYS:** Ciaran Phillips, David De Mey, David Magee, Benjamin Upmeyer, Alistair Ross,  
Rory Browne, Andrew Levis, Briain Curtin, Neil O'Connor, Stephen Nicholls,  
Richard Flood.

# Examination Results 2002

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2002

Note: H = Higher Level; O = Ordinary Level; F = Foundation Level.

<b>Elaine Ross</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Chemistry, Biology. O Irish, French.
<b>Andrew O'Brien</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Chemistry, Economics. O Irish.
<b>Colin Scanlan</b>	H English, History, Geography, French, Chemistry, Economics. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Suzanne Phelan</b>	H Irish, English, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology. O Mathematics, French.
<b>Alan O'Connor</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Chemistry, Biology.
<b>Robert Moore</b>	H English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Business, Economics. O Irish, French.
<b>Edward Rhys Thomas</b>	H English, History, Geography, Chemistry, Biology. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
<b>Joni Kirwan</b>	H English, History, Geography, Biology, Art, German. O Mathematics.
<b>Ann Ahearne</b>	H English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Art, Home Economics. O Irish, French.
<b>James Thompson</b>	H English, History, Geography, Spanish, Biology. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Zara Hornibrook</b>	H English, Geography, French, Biology, Business. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Gordon Coleman</b>	H English, Mathematics, Geography, French, Spanish, Physics. O Irish.
<b>Jonathan Cowhey</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Art. O Mathematics, Biology.
<b>John Devaney</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, Geography, Physics, Biology. O Spanish.
<b>Kate Canning</b>	H English, History, Geography, French, Music. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Naomi Faris</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Spanish. O Mathematics.
<b>Gillian Breen</b>	H Irish, English, Geography, French, Home Economics, German. O Mathematics.
<b>Jonathan Fuller</b>	H Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Home Economics. O Irish, English, Mathematics, French.
<b>Philip Morris</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, Business. O Mathematics, French.
<b>Maeve England</b>	H Irish, English, Geography, Biology, Music, German. O Mathematics.
<b>John Phillips</b>	H English, Geography, Chemistry, Biology, Home Economics. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
<b>Patrick Dibildox</b>	H English, Geography, Spanish, Physics. O Mathematics, French, Biology.
<b>Mariana Pereda</b>	H English, Geography, Spanish, Physics. O Mathematics, French, Biology.
<b>Rory Carroll</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Economics. O Irish, French.
<b>Daragh Garde</b>	H English, Geography, Chemistry, Biology, German. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Ruth Hackett</b>	H Irish, English, Geography, Chemistry. O Mathematics, French, Biology.
<b>Chloe Farnham</b>	H English, Geography, Music. O Irish, French, Biology. F Mathematics.

<b>Anna Minihan</b>	H English, Geography. O Irish, French, Biology. F Mathematics.
<b>Therese O'Rourke</b>	H English, Biology. O Irish, Mathematics, French, Physics, Home Economics.
<b>Karen Brien</b>	H English, Geography, Chemistry, Biology. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
<b>Peter Brookes</b>	H Geography, Business. O English, Mathematics, French, Biology.
<b>Daniel Canty</b>	H English, Geography, Art. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
<b>Zarah Hussain</b>	H Geography. O Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Biology.
<b>John O'Brien</b>	H English, Mathematics, Geography. O French, Physics.
<b>Anthony O'Leary</b>	H Irish, Geography. O English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology.
<b>Christopher West</b>	H Geography. O Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Physics, Chemistry.
<b>Bryan Wright</b>	H Geography. O English, Mathematics, French.
<b>David Moore</b>	O English, Mathematics, Economics.

### JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2002

H= Higher Level; O = Ordinary Level; F= Foundation Level.

<b>Barbara Deane</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
<b>Meriel Smith</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
<b>Denis Daly</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
<b>Daniel Oosthuizen</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
<b>Lucinda Peters</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, CSPE. O Mathematics, Art.
<b>Timothy Fuller</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE. O Irish.
<b>Michael White</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
<b>Kymerly Ryall</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
<b>Tara Browne</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE.
<b>Simon McKeown</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE.
<b>Janifer Wright</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE. O Irish.
<b>Sibohan Young</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, CSPE. O Music.
<b>Niall Hawes</b>	H Irish, English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE.
<b>Rachel Kenefick</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, CSPE. O Irish, Art.

<b>Claire Holland-Schedrin</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE.
<b>Robert Smyth</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, CSPE. O Irish, Art.
<b>Vaughan Clarke</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE. O French.
<b>Jeffery Hitchmough</b>	H English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Clare Nicholls</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, Music, CSPE. O Irish.
<b>Brian Owers</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, CSPE. O Irish, Music.
<b>Aoife Kelly</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE. O Mathematics.
<b>Patrick O'Donovan</b>	H English, History, Geography, French, Science, Business Studies, Music, CSPE. O Irish, Mathematics.
<b>Vanessa Tait</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, CSPE. O Mathematics, Art.
<b>Lavinia Tait</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Spanish, CSPE. O Irish, Art.
<b>Aschling Finn</b>	H Irish, English, History, Geography, French, Science, Art, Spanish, CSPE. O Mathematics.
<b>Samuel Daunt</b>	H English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
<b>Lorcan McCormack</b>	H English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE. O Irish, Mathematics, French.
<b>Shane Fleming</b>	H English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Science, Music, CSPE. O Irish.
<b>Ruth Barry</b>	H English, Geography, French, Science, Art, CSPE. O History, Business Studies.
<b>Seamus Hollywood</b>	H Geography, French, Science, CSPE. O English, Mathematics, History, Business Studies, Art.
<b>John Crowley</b>	H English, History, Geography, Science, SCPE. O Irish, Mathematics, French, Music.
<b>Neil Strasman</b>	H Mathematics, Geography, Science, Business Studies, Art, CSPE. O English. F Irish.
<b>Dermot England</b>	H History, Geography, Science. O Irish, English, Mathematics, French, Art.
<b>Mark Stapleton</b>	H Art, CSPE. O English, History, Geography, Science, Business Studies.
<b>Derek McCarthy</b>	H History, Geography. O Irish, English, French, Art, Spanish. F Mathematics.
<b>Alex Fung</b>	H Mathematics. O Science, Business Studies, Art. F English.

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THE HEADMASTER AND MRS. CAIRNS  
SEND CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS  
To all Pupils (Past and Present), Staff and Friends of the College

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## Outstanding Pupils 2002

Our **Leaving Certificate** results this year were again outstanding; our 2<sup>nd</sup> best results ever. The top 11 students were :

- Elaine Ross** – 555 points including 4As and 2Bs.  
**Andrew O'Brien** – 525 points including 2As, 3Bs and 1C.  
**Colin Scanlan** – 500 points including 3As, 1B and 2Cs.  
**Suzanne Phelan** – 500 points including 2As, 3Bs and 1C.  
**Alan O'Connor** – 495 points including 1A, 5Bs and 1C.  
**Robert Moore** – 490 points including 2As and 4Bs.  
**Edward Rhys-Thomas** – 470 points including 2As, 2Bs and 1C.  
**Joni Kirwan** – 460 points including 2As, 1B and 2Cs.  
**Ann Ahearne** – 455 points including 4Bs and 2Cs.  
**James Thompson** – 445 points including 1A, 2Bs and 2Cs.  
**Zara Hornibrook** – 440 points including 1A, 2Bs and 2Cs.

Another 8 students also gained over 400 points.

Our **Junior Certificate** results were again very pleasing this year. The top 6 students were:

<b>Barbara Deane</b>	10 Honours	5As, 4Bs and 1C.
<b>Meriel Smith</b>	10 Honours	2As and 8Bs.
<b>Denis Daly</b>	10 Honours	1A, 8Bs and 1C.
<b>Daniel Oosthuizen</b>	10 Honours	3As, 4Bs and 3Cs.
<b>Lucinda Peters</b>	8 Honours	4As, 3Bs and 1C.
<b>Timothy Fuller</b>	9 Honours	2As, 5Bs and 2Cs.

### MUSIC AND DRAMA EXAMINATION RESULTS 2001-2002

#### ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Name	Grade	Result	Instrument
Jop Nozza	VIII	Honours	Piano
Harriet O'Rourke	I	Honours	Piano
Caroline Murphy	IV	Merit	Piano
Grace O'Regan	V	Merit	Violin

#### LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC

Name	Grade	Result	Activity
Laura Van Coppenhagen	II	Pass	Piano
Roisin Stronach	III	Pass	Piano
Anna Preston	IV	Honours	Piano
Katie Flood	III	Merit	Singing

## *Prize List 2002*

**MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Elaine Ross

**WEBSTER MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Andrew O'Brien, Colin Scanlan, Suzanne Phelan, Alan O'Connor, Robert Moore, Edward Rhys Thomas, Joni Kirwan.

**INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SHIELD:** Barbara Deane.

**MIDLETON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PRIZE:** Meriel Smith, Denis Daly, Daniel Oosthuizen, Lucinda Peters.

**BISHOP HEARN MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Ann Ahearne, James Thompson, Zara Hornibrook, Gordon Coleman, Jonathan Cowhey, John Devaney, Kate Canning, Naomi Faris, Gillian Breen, Jonathan Fuller, Philip Morris, Timothy Fuller, Michael White, Kymberly Ryall, Tara Browne, Simon McKeown, Jenifer Wright, Siobhan Young.

**J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE for LEAVING CERTIFICATE CHEMISTRY:** Elaine Ross.

**J.H. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE for SCIENCE:** Barbara Deane, Meriel Smith, Daniel Oosthuizen, Lucinda Peters, Timothy Fuller, Michael White, Simon McKeown, Niall Hawes, Vaughan Clarke.

**JAMES McNEILL WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for MATHEMATICS:** Elaine Ross, Andrew O'Brien, Robert Moore.

**TIMOTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for MATHEMATICS:** Barbara Deane, Denis Daly.

**AIB LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE for ENGLISH:** Colin Scanlan, Suzanne Phelan, Naomi Faris.

**BAGWELL PRIZE for LANGUAGES:** Barbara Deane, Meriel Smith, Daniel Oosthuizen, Lucinda Peters, Michael White, Siobhan Young, Niall Hawes.

**ALAN McBETH MEMORIAL PRIZE for LANGUAGES:** Alan O'Connor, Gordon Coleman, Gillian Breen, Naomi Faris.

**DEAN RIDLEY BARKER LECTONARY PRIZE:** Heather Deane.

**ISAAC BUTT MEMORIAL PRIZE for HISTORY:** Elaine Ross, Andrew O'Brien, Colin Scanlan, Edward Rhys Thomas.

**J.W. SMYTH PRIZE for LEAVING CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY:** Elaine Ross, Andrew O'Brien, Suzanne Phelan, Joni Kirwan, James Thompson, Philip Morris.

**MAURA LEE WEST PRIZE FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT:** Laura Cuddy.

**LEAVING CERTIFICATE PRIZE FOR BUSINESS:** Robert Moore.

**LINDSAY MAING PRIZE for JUNIOR CERTIFICATE GEOGRAPHY:** Barbara Deane, Daniel Oosthuizen, Timothy Fuller, Michael White, Simon McKeown, Jenifer Wright.

**DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for HOME ECONOMICS:** Ann Ahearne.

**MRS E.F. BENNETT MEMORIAL PRIZE for MUSIC:** Kate Canning, Chloe Farnham, Kymberly Ryall, Clare Nicholls, Patrick O'Donovan.

**IRIS OLIVE ATKINS PRIZE for BIOLOGY:** Elaine Ross, Alan O'Connor.

**DR F.M. HILLIARD MEMORIAL PRIZES for FORM V:** Laura Cuddy, Gordon Hopkins, Heather Deane, Maeve Stronach, Stephen Nicholls, David De Mey, Adam O'Keefe, Brian Massey, David Horgan, Richard Flood, Rory Browne, Andrew Nicholson, Andrew Levis, Carolyn Smith.

**MIDLETON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION PRIZE:** Niall Hawes, Rachel Kenefick, Claire Holland-Schedrin, Robert Smyth, Vaughan Clarke, Jeffery Hitchmough.

**HEADMASTER'S PRIZE:** Elaine Ross, Robert Moore, Maeve England, Colin Scanlan.

**SINGING PRIZE:** Kate Canning, Chloe Farnham, Clare Nicholls.

**LONG MEMORIAL PRIZE for IRISH:** Meriel Smith, Kymberly Ryall, Siobhan Young.

**ART PRIZE:** Ann Ahearne, Jonathan Cowhey, Meriel Smith.

**DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for JUNIOR CERTIFICATE**

**ENGLISH:** Barbara Deane, Lucinda Peters.

**DOROTHY WEST MEMORIAL PRIZE for JUNIOR CERTIFICATE**

**HISTORY:** Daniel Oosthuizen, Lucinda Peters, Tara Browne.

**HOUSE PRIZES FORM VI:** Maeve England, Zarah Hussain, John Phillips, Rory Carroll, Karen Brien.

**FORM III:** Samuel Daunt, Vanessa Tait, Mark Stapleton.

### **CLASS PRIZES:**

**Form IV:** Equal 1<sup>st</sup>, Cory Glenn, Peter Faris and Clare Lucey; 4<sup>th</sup>, Sarah-Jane Phelan, 5<sup>th</sup>, Diarmuid Connolly; Equal 6<sup>th</sup>, Ann De Mey, Rachel Wilson, Equal 8<sup>th</sup>, Jason McCarthy, Darragh Curriuan.

**Form II:** 1<sup>st</sup>, Ian O'Brien; Equal 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ryan Bourgeois and Shane O'Brien; Equal 4<sup>th</sup>, Tom Eastaway, Leanne Whitford, Rose Ponsonby and Jackie Flynn; Equal 8<sup>th</sup>, Yvonne Jermyn, Orla McCarthy.

**Form I:** 1<sup>st</sup>, Roisin Stronach; Equal 2<sup>nd</sup>, Caroline Murphy and Alan O'Regan; 4<sup>th</sup>, Devron Tombacco, 5<sup>th</sup>, Polo Crosbie; 6<sup>th</sup>, Sinead Lucey; Equal 7<sup>th</sup>, David Oppermann, Charlotte Spink; 9<sup>th</sup> William Oppermann; Equal 10<sup>th</sup>, Emma Cotter, Harriet O'Rourke.

## *Hail And Farewell!*

### **AVETE**

The following entered the College at the beginning of the academic year. We bid them welcome and wish them happy and rewarding careers in the College.

**Boys:** ALAN ALVARADO, KEVIN ANTKOWIAK, JEFFREY BYRNE, ALVARO BUENDIA, SANTIAGO CASTANEDA, CHRISTOPHER DAY, DAMIEN DENNEHY, ADAM DOUGLAS, STEPHEN FLOOD, EOIN FOLEY, DAVID GALLARDO, ALVARO GONZALEZ, JESUS GONZALEZ, PAYAM HABIBI, JONATHAN HACKETT, SEAN HARRIGAN, HAL HODSON, COLIN JERMYN, ANTON KOLOBOV, EGOR KOLOBOV, JONATHAN LANGFORD, RICHARD LEDWIDGE, EMMET LONG, MICHAL MADERA, SHANE MARKHAM, DENIS MURPHY, SHANE MURPHY, ROBERT MCCARTHY, GEORGE MCLAY, DAVID O'CALLAGHAN, JAMES O'CALLAGHAN, GERALD O'CONNELL, MARK O'DWYER, JOSE OLIVERI, BRIAN O'ROURKE, AARRON ROBERTS, CLIVE ROSS, EVAN RYALL, NICOLAS SIMONIN, MICHAL SJATKOVSTY, RYAN SWANSCOTT, BILL TWOMEY, DIEGO VILLASENOR, STEVEN WHITE, NIALL WILCOX.

**Girls:** ISABEL AISA, ELLEN ANDREW, EMILY BOWKER, CHRISTINE BRIEN, SARA CHOW, KATE COLBERT, CAIT CORKERY, MARIA GUREEVA, REBECCA HERRERO, LOUISE JOHANSSON, MIRIAM KELLEHER, STEPHANIE KINGSTON, ELISABETH LOOS, MERLE

MANNHARDT, MICHELLE MOLONEY, VICKY MULLINS, LAURA MCCARTHY-CRONIN, DENISE MCGRATH, FIONA NICHOLSON, REBECCA O'KEEFFE, MARI OOSTHUIZEN, SARAH OPPERMAN, JESSICA OTTMAN, SERENA OTTMAN, VICTORIA PETERS, ANNA PRESTON, ANA REGUERA, JANE RINN, EMMA ROSE, KATHRYN ROSS, CAITLIN SHERIDAN, LAURA SYMS, LAURA VAN COPPENHAGEN, CHARLOTTE WESTON.

## VALETE

ELAINE ROSS: Trinity College Dublin (*Physiotherapy*)

ANDREW O'BRIEN: University College Cork (*Commerce*)

COLIN SCANLAN: University College Cork (*Business Information Systems*)

SUZANNE PHELAN: University of Brighton (*Pharmaceutical Science*)

ALAN O'CONNOR: University College Cork (*Environmental Science*)

ROBERT MOORE: University College Galway (*Commerce*)

EDWARD RHYS THOMAS: University College Cork (*Arts*)

ANN AHEARNE: University College Dublin (*Civil Engineering*)

JAMES THOMPSON: Gap Year then U.C.C. (*Environmental Science 2003*)

ZARA HORNIBROOK: Dublin Institute of Technology (*International Business & French*)

GORDON COLEMAN: University of Limerick (*Mechanical Engineering*)

JONATHAN COWHEY: University College Cork (*Arts*)

JOHN DEVANEY: University College Cork (*Environmental Science*)

KATE CANNING: University College Cork (*Arts*)

NAOMI FARIS: Gap Year with Presbyterian Youth Team then University of Ulster, Coleraine 2003 (*Spanish & English*)

GILLIAN BREEN: University College Cork (*Arts*)

JONATHAN FULLER: University College Cork (*Biological & Chemical Sciences*)

PHILIP MORRIS: University College Cork (*Arts*)

RORY CARROLL: Cork Institute of Technology (*Business Studies & Accounting*)

MAEVE ENGLAND: University College Cork (*Psychiatric Nursing*)

MARIANA PEREDA: La Trobe University, Australia (*International Business*)

PATRICK DIBILDOX: University in Mexico (*International Business Studies*)

KAREN BRIEN: Dublin Institute of Technology (*Food Technology & Pharmaceutical Technology*)

CHLOE FARNHAM: University of Maynooth (*Music Degree*)

JOHN PHILLIPS: Cork Institute of Technology (*Tourism & Marketing*)

PETER BROOKES: Skerries Business College (*Business Studies & Marketing*)

RUTH HACKETT: Cork Institute of Technology (*Applied Biology*)

ZARAH HUSSAIN: Tralee Institute of Technology (*Business Studies*)

THERESE O'ROURKE: Cork Academy of Hairdressing

TONY O'LEARY: Cork Institute of Technology (*Electronic Engineering*)

CHRISTOPHER WEST: Cork Institute of Technology (*Electronic Engineering*)

ANNA MINIHAN: P.L.C. (*Childcare*)

DANIEL CANTY: P.L.C. Coláiste Stiofán Naofa, (*Music Management & Sound*)

BRYAN WRIGHT: University of Glamorgan, Wales (*Construction Management*)

DARAGH GARDE: Gap Year in Germany.

DAVID MOORE: Farming.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Year Studies:

John O'Brien

## Prize Day 2002

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Prize Day under the current Headmaster was held on 25 October in the Silver Springs Moran Hotel. As usual Professor T.T. West, the Chairman of the Board of Governors presided over the event. This year's Guest Speaker was Mr. Patrick Murphy, who was invited in his capacity as Chairman of the Arts Council of Ireland.

In a departure from the usual format Professor West announced that Mr. Murphy would speak first, with the Headmaster's report to follow. The reason for this was soon to become all too apparent. Mr. Murphy began his speech in humorous mode, acknowledging that his main association with Midleton was the distillery and its many excellent products. This was not to suggest that he was a dipsomaniac, but rather that for many years he had done business with Irish Distillers when he worked for Irish Malt Exports. Having spoken fondly of his own schooldays, and time at Trinity College, Mr. Murphy quoted the maxim that "Education is the key to success", and he proved to be a shining example of the truth behind this statement. His employment with the Central Bank, Guinness Brewery and latterly Irish Malt Exports was all due to a good education and a willingness to work hard.

It was while working in Malaysia and West Africa, (setting up new Guinness breweries), that Mr. Murphy became interested in and began collecting native art. This was to be the beginning of a life long passion for the arts. He strongly urged our students not to neglect the arts, no matter what path in life they chose, because art and literature are what enrich our lives and make them worth living! Back in Ireland in the 1980s it was C.J. Haughey that invited Mr. Murphy to become a member of the Arts Council (one of his better political appointments!). Eventually he became the Chairman of the Council and continues to do sterling work in this position. Mr. Murphy concluded by urging the students to be optimistic about the future of Ireland, to strive to attain their goals in life and above all to give something back to the community in which they lived.

This brought us to the Headmaster's report. It began on a sad note as he spoke of the recent death of several past pupils and staff of the College (see Obituaries). The gloom was soon dispelled as he laughingly admitted to being delighted to eat his words regarding last year's Form VI. They were not regarded as being particularly academically inclined but had produced excellent Leaving Certificate results. In fact they got the second best results we have had in the school. This was all the more impressive considering how many of them had also been deeply committed to school sports teams throughout the year. He gave the example of Elaine Ross who with great diligence gained 555 points in the Leaving Certificate and had also captained the girls senior hockey team throughout the year.

The Headmaster next mentioned the many great sporting and non-academic achievements of the past year (most of which are to be found listed in this magazine). Without wishing to gloss over these successes, it is the conclusion of the speech which I want to focus upon. Mr. Cairns surprised and saddened everyone, staff, students and parents by announcing his retirement at the end of this academic year. It was a very emotional moment for all concerned. After 22 years i.e. almost four entire school generations at Midleton College it seemed impossible to imagine the school without him. Mr. Cairns spoke very movingly about his good relations with the staff, (especially the various vice-principals), the students and the parents. Ultimately all good things must come to an end, and at age sixty he had decided that he and Mrs. Cairns should make the difficult decision to move on. However, he reminded the current form VI that he wasn't gone yet, and that he expected their results to be spectacular so as to usher him out "trailing clouds of glory".

Professor T.T. West in his closing address expressed his gratitude to the Headmaster for his years of service. With his permission we reproduce that speech here.

### **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As the Headmaster has informed you, he, and Mrs. Cairns, are retiring after twenty-two years of distinguished and dedicated service to Midleton College. On behalf of the Board of Governors, and I am certain, of everybody else here, I wish to pay tribute to them both for their absolutely outstanding contribution to the life of the College.

Examination results and our sporting successes within the past twenty two years have exceeded anything in the 300 year history of the school. It is remarkable also to learn of the wide range of other activities undertaken in the College. Brian's experience in Methodist College, Belfast has widened our perspective of education in Ireland. His ideal of sporting combined with academic achievement has helped to keep the appropriate balance. The

Headmaster has given distinctive leadership to which staff, pupils and parents have nobly responded. The completion of the Jameson Institute for the Teaching of the Natural Sciences, the Samir Naji Computer Centre and (within the past few months) the magnificent new fully lighted synthetic turf playing pitch in the Cave Field are self-evident tributes to his foresight, determination and shrewd financial management.

His wife, Katherine, through her invaluable experience as Librarian with the Belfast Telegraph has transformed our School Library into a most valuable educational resource and has taken on many other vital roles in the life of the College.

We thank them for their fairness and openness, for their great sense of humour, (an oft neglected but vital factor in our educational experience):- for their impeccable honesty, their skillful management; for their robust Christianity and, not least, for their warmth and hospitality.

I close by quoting a tribute to Brian and Katherine from Brian's former boss Dr. Jim Kincade, distinguished Headmaster of Methodist College, Belfast – who presented the prizes here just a few years ago:-

**He wrote:**

'Brian Cairns was one of the very best Heads of Boarding in Methodist College and I knew that he would be a first class Headmaster. He was strong on discipline, but he was caring and very fair, above all, he was a shrewd judge of people. He always looked for the unexpected depths in seemingly ordinary pupils.

I salute Brian and Katherine for a shared lifetime of remarkable service given to education in general and to Midleton College in particular.'

Finally, Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish you to know that the Board has already set in train the process of selecting the next Principal of Midleton College.

Also on Prize Day, several past pupils that had distinguished themselves academically were presented with special awards, these were J. Dungan, C. Cuddy, P. Treacy and R. Nolan.

- Ed.

## THE PERFECT PREFECTS!



*Shown above are this year's Prefects wearing their badges of office.  
Back Row L-R: Heather Deane, Adam O'Keefe and Carolyn Smith,  
respectively Head Day Girl, Head Day Boy and Head Boarding Girl.  
Front Row L-R: Mr. Patrick Murphy, the Headmaster and  
Andrew Nicholson, the Head Boarding Boy.*

## *Christmas Concert 2001*

Musical talent was well to the fore in this year's Christmas Concert. Whether your taste was for jazz or classical, dance or instrumental, all were well catered for. The concert opened with Yvonne Moynihan dancing to "I'm Real" ... eat your heart out Shakira ... you've got competition! This contrasted with Eoin Kavanagh playing "Boo-lavogue" and "Off to California in the Morning" on solo tin whistle. "Plethora" the band played "If you Tolerate This" and an instrumental by David O'Mahony. Jazz fans were delighted with "Hooligan Strain" played by Devron Tombacco on alto saxophone, accompanied by Jop Nozza on piano. Iberian talent came in the form of Maria Palomo, Teresa Lecanda and Teresa Garcia who rattled the stage with "Tu Seres Mi Amanecer" and "Porque Me Cantas", in great flamenco style!

Grace O'Regan played "Walking on the Air" on violin accompanied by Yvonne Jermyn on piano. What a joy it is to see young students performing on a solo instrument and accompanied by a classmate. Pride of place this year must go to the main musical item which was a Lloyd Webber medley, produced by Mrs. Anderson. There was some fine solo singing here from Clare Nicholls, Caroline Levis, Vanessa Tait, Rachel Wilson, Katie Flood, Chloe Farnham, Kate Canning, Philip Morris, Steven Galvin, John Devaney and a large and talented chorus. This item was a treat for music lovers of all ages. Jop Nozza played a piano solo. Lorcan O'Mahony, Steven Kavanagh, David O'Mahony, Eoin Kavanagh, Andrew Levis and Neil O'Connor gave us "The Showdown". Briain Curtin and Steven Galvin sang and played "Wildwood" and "With or without you". More jazz came with "Pennsylvania 6-5000" played by Patrick O'Donovan. Roisin Connolly and Caroline Murphy danced "Tu Pac/Changes".

No teacher was safe from "Archangel Scrooge and the Seven Teachers" with Form VI. John Devaney, Chloe Farnham and James Thompson finished with "Lay Me Down".

All in all a very musical and talented concert. Well done to all involved.

- A. Prendergast

### STARS IN THEIR EYES



*The cast of the concert performing some of a Lloyd Webber medley. The indefatigable Mrs. Anderson is just visible in the foreground as she "tickles the ivories".*

## *Organ Transplant a Success!*

On Sunday, 30 June a 'new' organ was dedicated in the beautiful and unique Holy Trinity Church, Gurranekeeffeake, commonly known as East Ferry.

The 'new' harmonium is 110 years old and formally resided in the Matrons' sitting room in Midleton College. The old harmonium in the church finally gave 'up the ghost' after many years of great service and a replacement was needed.

Midleton College was delighted to donate its harmonium to keep music alive in the church. By coincidence the two instruments were identical and the replacement fitted into the space perfectly. During the installation process the date 1892 was found on the keyboard. Coincidence continues, in that both were made by the same company in Woodstock, Canada and were probably purchased at the same time.

It is fitting that the College harmonium should go to Holy Trinity as the relationship between College and Church is a long one. Rev. Dr. Edward Pringle Hodgins, then Headmaster of the College, served as Pastor to the East Ferry people, conducting services in the School House (now Church Cottage) from 1856 to 1863. From 1863 to 1867 the Rev. Dr. Thomas Moore, who succeeded Rev. Hodgins as Headmaster, continued to hold services in the School House.

The present church was consecrated and dedicated to the Holy Trinity by Bishop John Gregg, Chairman of the Midleton College Board of Governors, on Saturday 31 August 1867. The first Rector was the Rev. Moore, at that time still Headmaster of the College, and the site of the church as given by Mr. Richard Gould Adams, also a member of the Midleton College Board. Rev. Moore, with a short break of only a few months, continued as Rector until his death in 1901.

It was a great blow to Rev. Moore and their seven children when his wife, Liliias, died on 27 January 1866 within only three years of coming to Midleton College. She died as a result of a major outbreak of Scarlet Fever which reached epidemic proportions in the area at that time. Her memory is perpetuated in three stain glass windows in Holy Trinity Church.

We, in the College, greatly value our association with Holy Trinity – long may it continue.

- B.D. Cairns

### **A QUARTET IN HOLY TRINITY**



*L-R: Mr. Moorehouse, the church organist, Dean George Hilliard, the former Rector, Alison Tait, organist on the Day of Dedication, the Headmaster.*

# *The Secret Life of the Common Vegetable*

This year we attended the Young Scientist Exhibition held in the R.D.S. Dublin from 8 to 12 January 2002.

During 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year we met our science teacher Mrs. Curtin weekly in the labs. For our project we investigated pH indicators in common household vegetables. After a lot of hard work in the lab and on computer, our project was accepted for the exhibition. We travelled to Dublin on 7 January guarding our precious box of test tubes and vegetables! We spent the week in Jury's Hotel, Ballsbridge and manning (womanning), our stand at the RDS. The week was very enjoyable and was a great educational and social experience from which we learned a lot.

There was nightly entertainment organized for the students. Discos and shows which proved to be very popular and great fun !!

Three judges came to speak to us about our project and asked us many questions. During the week second year from our school came to visit the exhibition – it was lovely to see our friends again. The prize giving was very impressive with both President Mary McAleese and An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern speaking to us all.

All in all we greatly enjoyed our visit to the Young Scientist Exhibition and would encourage everybody to take part in future years.

- Caroline Levis and Rose Ponsonby (Form III)

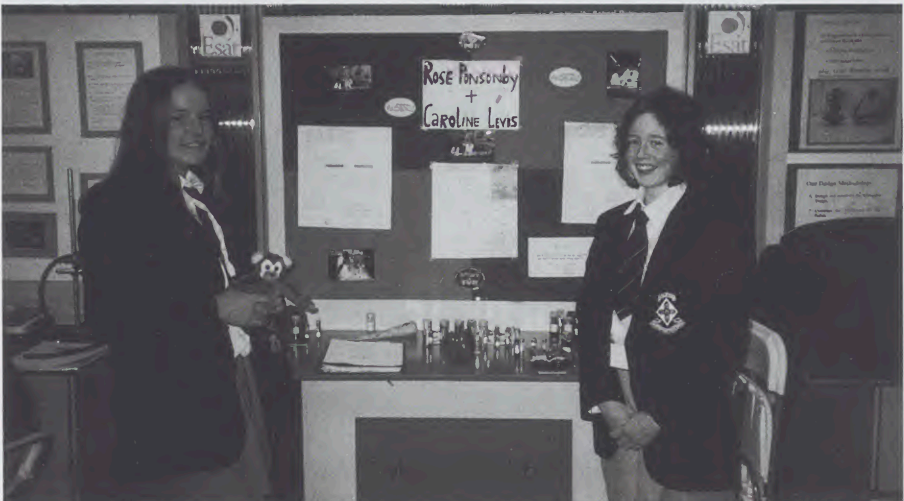
## **Egyptians**

Egyptians  
Lived very  
Long ago  
With one  
Long river which used to flow  
Sorry it  
Didn't have

Pizza but it had  
The Pyramids of Giza  
The ancient  
City is no More because  
The walls  
Crashed to the floor.

- D. Tombacco (Form II)

## **AN UPMARKET STALL ON MOORE STREET!**



*L-R: Caroline Levis and Rose Ponsonby, showing the Dubliners the future of fruit and veg. retailing!*

## *A Mother's Touch*

The mother looked down for as far as she could see. It was cold, it was very cold for this time of year, she thought. She stood at the edge of the cliff with her young baby. Beneath her the sea boiled and frothed like soap bubbles in a washing machine. Waves thundered on the black rocks as if in deadly battle.

Today is the day she thought, it must be today, winter will be here early this year. Gently she pushed the baby nearer and nearer to the edge of the cliff. At first the baby looked with alarm into its mother's eyes.

She saw the fear in her baby's eyes but still she did not turn back. Closer and closer she pushed the baby to the edge of the cliff. And with a touch, the last touch and only as gentle as a mother's touch can be, she pushed the baby off the cliff.

Down he fell, faster and faster towards the raging sea below.

Now, now, now she cried with all her power, at that moment for the first time the baby eagle spread its wings and soared up high into the air.

A mother's touch may be sometimes hard and sometimes soft but it is always a loving touch.

- Sarah Oppermann (Form I)

### **If Only**

If only I had cleaned my room,  
Before I went to bed.  
If only I had brushed my teeth,  
Before watching "Father Ted".  
If only I had done my work,  
Or had watched what I had said.

If only I had eaten all my food,  
Before going back for more.  
If only I had trimmed the shrubs,  
Or closed the outside door.  
If only I had washed my hair,  
Or gotten the groceries at the store.

If only I'd taken out the trash,  
Or even bagged it up.  
If only I had some extra cash  
To buy another cup.  
If only I could lie real well,  
Or shine at sucking up.

If only I had apologized  
For the things that I had said.  
If only I had fed the cat  
Or straightened up my bed.  
I wouldn't be grounded!

- Caitlin Sheridan (Form I)

## *Double Dutch!*

On Friday 22 March this year, before the dawn had greeted the new day, (well not quite that early, in fact more like half nine but you get the idea) we departed Midleton upon our bi-annual Geography tour. We were awoken from our slumber upon the bus to Shannon by the cheery faces of Mr. "Bud" Morrissey and Mr. Leopold, something that was to become a common occurrence over the following week. After a brief tea/caffeine injection at Shannon Airport we boarded our flight to Charleroi. Once landed, we were herded straight onto a bus bound for Noordwijk, the location of our hostel and our base of operations for the length of the tour. We more or less headed straight for the comfort, (well supposed comfort), of our rooms, knowing little of the rude awakening we were to endure the next morning, and indeed every morning.

At the wonderful, magical time of half past seven, bleary eyed and short of wit, we were greeted by a horrendous banging upon our door, eventually forcing one of the occupants to relieve the clamour. Oh how we regretted letting that door swing open, in came the infamous "Bud and Leo", not the teachers they are more commonly known as but the elite Wake Up squad deployed on all such tours. You knew your sleep was up once you heard the all too familiar sneer "Guuyyyss, what's this?" soon followed by any number of suitable nicknames spewed out by Leo in an attempt to hustle their victims out of bed. Once a tolerance for this attack pattern was built up they resorted to somewhat more brutal methods, such as forcibly hauling people off the top bunk, poor David Horgan will never be the same. Oh but we were to have our revenge!

On day one proper of the tour our first port of call was to be the Polders – these being areas of land reclaimed from the sea. We carried out our first farm study, before hand we joked with the teachers, (or so we thought), at just being dropped off at a random farm and told to make our own way, surely they would have something organised? Not at all, that would be to easy, and so in a morbid game of Russian roulette we braved vicious dogs, manic farmers and flocks of killer chickens all in the name of Geography. Another aspect of the fieldwork carried out was the land transects, how we came to dread that word. The radio would quietly fizzle to naught but a crackling, then over the speaker system we would hear that most feared phrase "rights guys, transect". After a tour of the polders and a visit to the New-Land Polder Museum we headed for Edam and a cheese farm visit, which was most enjoyable. Among the flavours were smoked, goats, sheep's and our own personal favourite...DYNAMITE. Having stocked up on cheese we headed back for our evening meal, a few hours study and a game of bowling, (which was won by Emma Cleere).

Different morning, same old drill. Turfed out of bed rather crudely and down to breakfast. Day three consisted of a local church service and a visit to the Delta Expo. This centre explained the geographical changes upon the land due to reclamation and the uses of dams and dykes to implement this. The afternoon was again filled with numerous land transects, farm and town studies. After our evening meal we then headed to the Dutch equivalent of the Aqua Dome, and out of the 3 teachers present, only Mr. Leopold was brave enough to face the slides with us students.

Day four saw the earliest start of the campaign, as we were to head for the flower market of Aalsmeer. This is the worlds largest flower auction, with 14 million flowers, destined for the four corners of the Earth passing out of this 630,000 square metre complex each day. Consisting of 5 separate auction rooms and open for trade from half seven till half eleven, this was an operation of massive proportions and a sight to behold. After finishing with the market and partaking in a few more farm studies and land transects we stopped off in Amsterdam. Now this may come as a shock to many of you, but it wasn't us students that were tempted into the Red Light District, no no, but rather your very own Geography department staff of Mrs. Levis, Bud and Leo, on a supposed errand for none other than Miss Prendergast! Apparently to get a bottle of perfume ordered by Miss Prendergast, it all seemed highly suspicious to us. We had an hour or so to stroll through Amsterdam and find

some lunch before assembling for a boat tour of the city, leading us along some of the cities 50 canals that divide the city into 100 islands linked by over 40 bridges. Back on the bus by 3 and off we went to the Zaanse Schans, a 17<sup>th</sup> century village complete with working windmills and old-style dwellings. Then it was back to the hotel for dinner, study and bed.

Day five, the last working day of our tour. This was to be spent around the port region of Rotterdam, the world's largest port and an industrial centre only matched in Europe by the Black Forest. A tour of the harbour was provided by a boat trip outlining the gradual growth and change of the region. That afternoon we were sent up the Euromast Space Tower, a 185 meter tower with a rotating glass lift travelling up its height. A few of the teachers turned very green after this particular event. Once down from the dizzy heights the glorious time came, the very last Town study and Land transect, how we celebrated their departure from our lives, not so Mr. Morrissey, who was seen to shed a tear at the loss of his beloved transect for yet another 2 years. That evening we were taken to the smallest village in the world. What's that, Aglish you say, Aghada? No it is neither, but rather a

## GEOGRAPHERS WITH ATTITUDE!



*L-R: Chris "Rocky" McGrath, Andrew and Adam (the authors), David Horgan and Eoin Kavanagh. This working party looks ready to scour the whole of Amsterdam in search of geographical data.*

miniature replica of some of Holland's, and the world's most famous landmarks. And so it was we headed back to the hostel for our last Dutch dinner and final study period before settling down before our next day's travel, and the day of revenge.

Five long days had we suffered the agony of early morning wake-up calls at the hands of the Bud and Leo hit squad, no more! Mrs. Levis who has remained rather quiet throughout this recollection was to play the biggest part in their downfall, for it was she that let our crack team of students, armed with pillows and cameras into the room of the unsuspecting Bud and Leo. And revenge was sweet, the plan was simple, get in, batter with pillows, take pictorial evidence, get out. Sweet.

After Breakfast we again boarded the bus back to Charleroi, departing Belgium at 4.30 and arriving in Shannon an hour later. Tired, bruised, and sick of Geography, (only joking), we arrived home, glad to have gone on the trip. Thanks to the teachers for making it such an interesting, (if not always comfortable), and enjoyable tour.

- A. Levis and A. O'Keeffe (Form VI)

## *Multi-activity Day at Oysterhaven 2002*

Every summer term Mrs. Curtin and I bring our 2<sup>nd</sup> year students for a 'fun' day at Oysterhaven. This has a safe shallow bay for water activities and plenty of qualified instructors are present to supervise. The students are divided into teams and half the day is spent on the sea learning the basics of canoeing and wind surfing. Wet suits and life jackets are provided.

After lunch at the centre, the other half of the day is spent enjoying team games and challenges. These are always great fun as well as being rewarding for those with initiative and leadership potential. These activities include crossing water on rafts, slippery poles and aerial ropeways. Often people fall in, but this all seems to be part of the fun and many an interesting photograph has been taken to be treasured in later life. I have been organising this day trip for nearly twenty years now and it always amazes me how much the students seem to enjoy it, especially if the weather is good.

- R.R. Little

### **"I'M NOT WAVING, I'M DROWING" - CLIFFORD T. WARD**



*Members of Form II look on, as Stephen Kavanagh finds out the hard way that only one man has ever successfully walked on water!*

## *Ógras Mainistir Na Corann*

Bunaíodh Ógras i Mainistir na Corann sa bhliain 1993 faoi stiúir an t-Uasal ó Mathúna. Ag an am ní raibh mórán deiseanna ag daltaí, Gaeilge a labhairt lasmuigh den seomra ranga. Tré páirt a ghlacadh sna cruinnithe agus sna h-eachtraí sóisialta feiceann na daoine óga go bhfuil úsáid ag an nGaeilge ina saolta eile, taobh amuigh den scoil.

Chomh maith le h-eachtraí eagraithe ag an scoil, (díoscónna, turasanna, babhláil 7rl), bíonn deis ag daltaí Mainistir na Corann bualadh le baill Ógrais na tíre.

Tagann an Ghaeilge aniar – aduaidh orthu sa t-slí seo seachas í a bheith foghlamtha.

Is iad an t-Uasal ó Mathúna agus Iníon Ní Bhuachalla atá i mbun an chlub. Tá timpeall tríocha ball imbliana againn agus dream spreagúil, anamúil iad i ndáiríre.

Táimfid ag súil go mbeidh duaiseanna Náisiúnta á bhuachaint againn imbliana mar a bhí anuraidh.

- Gobnait Ní Bhuachalla agus Lionáird Ó Mathúna

## Work Experience in Form IV

I began my first day of work experience with that awful feeling of butterflies in my stomach. Butterflies as a result of not knowing what to expect because I had never done anything like this before. The whole concept of working in a “nine to five job” in a real business was hard for me to grasp!

After a bit of trouble finding the office on the first morning I realised, to my horror, I would have to speak over an intercom for them to let me in! Not entirely sure what to say, I simply squeaked an – “Err, hi, it’s Rebecca Murphy...your Transition Year student...?” I soon got used to this task though, for every day from then on I really took pleasure in announcing my arrival back in the office!! It always made me feel very important!

The first day went by without any major hitches. The people who I was working with were very friendly and really easygoing. They made my first day far less nerve racking! The head of the office, Mr. Fewer, set me up with my own desk. He really made me feel part of his “team” of workers. I was given a number of jobs to do. Drawing, model making and highlighting plans of sites, so I was kept busy for most of the day.

Going into work on my second day my nerves were calmed, for I knew what to expect. Today I was given a plan of a house and I had to change the scale of the drawing. This was a real challenge for me, as I am not the most “mathematically minded” person! I did my best with the calculations...but I do hope the drawing wasn’t too important!

It was after my third day I realised that all the work I had done so far had been of benefit to me. Of course this was a good thing, but I then remembered how other people had told me, that as a transition year student in an office your time is usually spent filing, photocopying and making coffee! I then began to feel very guilty!! So I decided that I would suggest doing this on the Thursday morning.

When I went in to the office on Thursday morning, the first thing I did was suggest I do some filing or photocopying for them...their reactions were quite comical...they all broke down with laughter!! I presumed this meant that I would be doing no filing or photocopying for the rest of the week!

Thursday was spent doing elevations of a house on a computer. This was really complex work. I realised if I drew one line wrong the whole drawing was out. I had not finished the drawing by the end of the day, but it was starting to take shape.

Friday was my last day in the office. I had really taken to it. I was treated very much like an adult, and I felt I had a lot of responsibility. Throughout the week I learned a huge amount about the working environment, about myself and about the types of work I like. Before I went to work in the architects’ office I really had no intention of becoming an architect in the future, but now I would seriously consider it, having got a more in depth view of the type of work involved.

I enjoyed this week hugely. It was a really valuable experience...one which I will never forget!!

- Rebecca Murphy (Form V)

### TAKING OFFICE!



*Rebecca shown here happy in her workplace, at the architectural firm of Boyd, Barrett and Murphy-O’Connor. Blissfully unaware that her next job may be to sort through the accumulated clutter in the background.*

## Skibbereen Shenanigans!

The Form IV of 2001/2002 started out well on our way to the legendary "Skibbereen". Excitement mounting (and the noise level), our water-proof gear remembered and actually on time, when there was a shout from the back of the bus "the boot is open!" "Ya, Ya," thought Miss Clifford, "another fourth year prank, and I thought they had matured this year." But as the bus skidded to a halt she realised that somebody's rucksack was indeed somewhere on the road side outside Bandon! All was recovered safely and the daring rescue caught on camera by Craig! What excitement, and all before 10.00 a.m. on our first morning!

As soon as we arrived, we were given our first taste of team work by having to stand in groups on a boat (a sheet of plastic) and, as the boat sank (as the sheet was folded), we had to crowd closer and closer together, until people fell off the boat and were eaten by sharks. This exercise wasn't so easy for the taller members of the group as they were the "life rafts" for the shorter members, and soon enough, we had been eaten by the killer sharks.

On the first evening, we had a competition, where each group had to create an outfit out of bin liners, newspaper and sellotape and choose one unfortunate per group to model. The dining room table being used as a catwalk. One of the most memorable experiences was the "Night Line". We were all blindfolded and led by rope along a path in the dark. John, the instructor thought that it would be funny to lead us through a river, after insisting that we wear our dry shoes, as we would definitely not be getting wet.

On the last day, we went camping in the woods. It wasn't your every day camping trip – we had to construct our own tents, we were given plastic sheets and twine, and then our outdoor survival skills were really tested to the limit. Most of the tents turned out well, except for the boys' tent, which looked like it had barely survived a bad storm. The boys thought it would look more authentic if they covered it in branches and leaves, but instead of authenticity, it looked more like a bush. Who knew men aren't always more skilled when it comes to outdoor survival?! Dinner was burned on a blazing campfire (guarded by Eddie) that lasted all night, and at about 2.00 a.m., we were so cold that half of us packed into one of the bigger tents for warmth.

After about a week's recovery we were begging Miss Prendergast to take us back for another week. During our stay we realised that co-operation and responsibility are the most important factors for making a project like Transition Year work. The year in all became much closer and we learned how to act as a team while all the time having fun. This was definitely the best part of Transition Year!

- Ann De Mey and Clare Lucey

## BUMPS ON THE LOG OF LIFE



*Assorted woodland wanderers of Form IV.*

*L-R: M. Zü Salm-Salm, L. Fitzgibbon, E. Kavanagh, B. Nicholson, L. Pascual, C. Lucey, A. De Mey, P. Pascual, J. Tait, R. Morgan, M. Palomo, L. Andere.*

## *World Future Leaders Summit 2002*

I was selected to attend the Future World Leaders Summit in Washington D.C. from 23 March until 29 March 2002, along with four others from the Republic of Ireland and five from the North of Ireland. I was the second person from my school to be selected for this trip in the last three years and was delighted to receive the honour of being chosen to travel as part of the Irish delegation.

The members of the Irish and Northern Irish delegations met in Dublin on the evening of Friday, 22 March for a group orientation and an overnight stay. I was quite apprehensive about meeting the rest of the group, but I've never met a group of people who got on so well in such a short space of time. It was remarked by many in Washington that it was if we'd always known each other and the fact that we'd only met a few days before was met with looks of complete disbelief!

We arrived in Dublin Airport for our 6.45 flight and arrived in Amsterdam at 9.30 local time. On arrival at the departures desk, we discovered that our flight was overbooked and only five of us were guaranteed seats onboard. Nevertheless, we navigated through tight security to the departure gate in the hope that we would catch the remaining seats, only to be told that six of us would have to fly to Newark and catch a connecting flight to Washington Dulles Airport. Needless to say we were less than impressed! We split up into the two groups – five of us boarding the flight to Washington Dulles and the remaining six (including the group leader) flying to Newark.

We arrived in Washington Dulles at 2.30 p.m. local time and passed through customs within an hour, looking heavily over-packed after collecting the luggage of all eleven people that had been checked through from Dublin! After much searching and calling over the PA system, we finally found the Presidential Classroom Representative and collapsed to wait until the 5.00 p.m. shuttle to the Georgetown University Conference Center – our base for the next week. After the marked confusion over only five of us arriving at registration, we received our name tags, which were to become a part of us over the next week, so much so that they were missed after the trip!

After wandering through the halls for a few minutes, I finally bumped into a room-mate who showed me to our room. I was the last of the four staying in the room to arrive. I was staying in a room with two girls from America and one from Honduras. After a change into the formal dress code for the week, we fought our way to a place in the much prized lift and went to the General Opening Session. I was amazed at the number and variety of people and nationalities I encountered as I entered the room. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming, especially when they learnt we were Irish. Eventually, when the babble of chatter subsided, we were introduced to our week ahead, the interns and instructors, and of course, the rules and regulations! I must admit we were slightly alarmed at the prospect of such a busy week!

All four hundred participants of the summit then divided into the sixteen delegations. I was in the Western European Delegation, which was composed of students from Ireland, Northern Ireland, France and Australia, consisting of five Irish, five Northern Irish, one French, one Australian, the remaining being students from the United States who were role-playing. We were one of the smaller delegations, with a total of about 21 members. We chose our Working Groups out of the ten offered – Arms Control, Environment, Health Concerns, Human Rights, International Aid, Nationalism, Peacekeeping, Refugees, Terrorism and Trade. I chose Peacekeeping and after the selection, we made our way to the various Working Group meetings scattered throughout the hotel.

Our Working Group consisted of almost 40 members, each representing a certain delegation. We had a leader and an intern working with us and our aim was to produce a communiqué that would be accepted by each delegation at the final summit meeting. The first meeting was very daunting. I suddenly found myself without a word to say, which is quite unusual! I thought I would never get to know all these people and as for remembering their names – well that was where the name tags would come in handy! I silently laughed when our leader told us at the end of the week that we would be in tears when saying goodbye to each other. It was then that I noticed the fascination everyone had for collecting

badges to pin on our name tags. Irish pins were highly prized and held great bargaining power as they were in short supply!

The next morning began with a frantic preparation for the country presentations that were to take place that day. The rest of our party had arrived at 11.00 p.m. the previous night and so, through a combined effort, we put together a presentation on Ireland and Northern Ireland consisting of an introduction in Irish and an English translation, a short talk on Northern Ireland – as we discovered that many people were unaware of the exact situation – and a traditional Irish dance which we managed to teach to all the delegation (the fact that none of us knew how to Irish dance was beside the point!). A huge amount of preparation had gone into some of the presentations, notably those of the previously mentioned Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka and Honduras and it was then we realised ours could be slightly inadequate! Nevertheless, we persevered and won a round of applause for our efforts.

Over the course of the week, we negotiated very tight security to visit a number of famous sights including the Smithsonian Museum, Union Station, the military facility of Fort McNair, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Monument, Capital Hill, the Supreme Court, Libraries of Congress, the U.S. Department of State, the British Embassy, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation of American States, the Jefferson Monument, the Holocaust Museum, the Ronald Reagan Building and the White House (although we weren't allowed to go inside), to name but a few. As well as this, we had Working Group meetings and Delegation Meetings every evening to prepare our communiqué.

We also had many seminars by Ambassadors and Congressmen and had the opportunity to speak on the floor of Congress in Capitol Hill. We had a class photo taken in front of Capitol Hill – on the only day it was raining! I have to admire the perseverance of the photographers in trying to organise 450 people to stand still long enough for the photo to be taken!

The World Trade Game took place later in the week and was certainly one experience I will never forget! The object of the game was to trade supplies so as to sufficiently provide for your country, while at the same time trying to make as much money as possible. The blood, sweat and tears flowed freely as we grappled and wrestled over pieces of coloured paper. It was a thoroughly enjoyable game, which consolidated friendships but also resulted in the formation of enmities and grudges – both of which were forgotten about as quickly as they had been made!

Our last day began with the Summit Meeting with a final presentation and vote which was fraught with tension as we waited to know if we would reap the rewards of our work. Unfortunately, our communiqué was rejected by two delegations and so failed. Only three communiqués out of ten passed in total. The Summit Meeting resembled a UN Summit and was the part of the week I enjoyed the most.

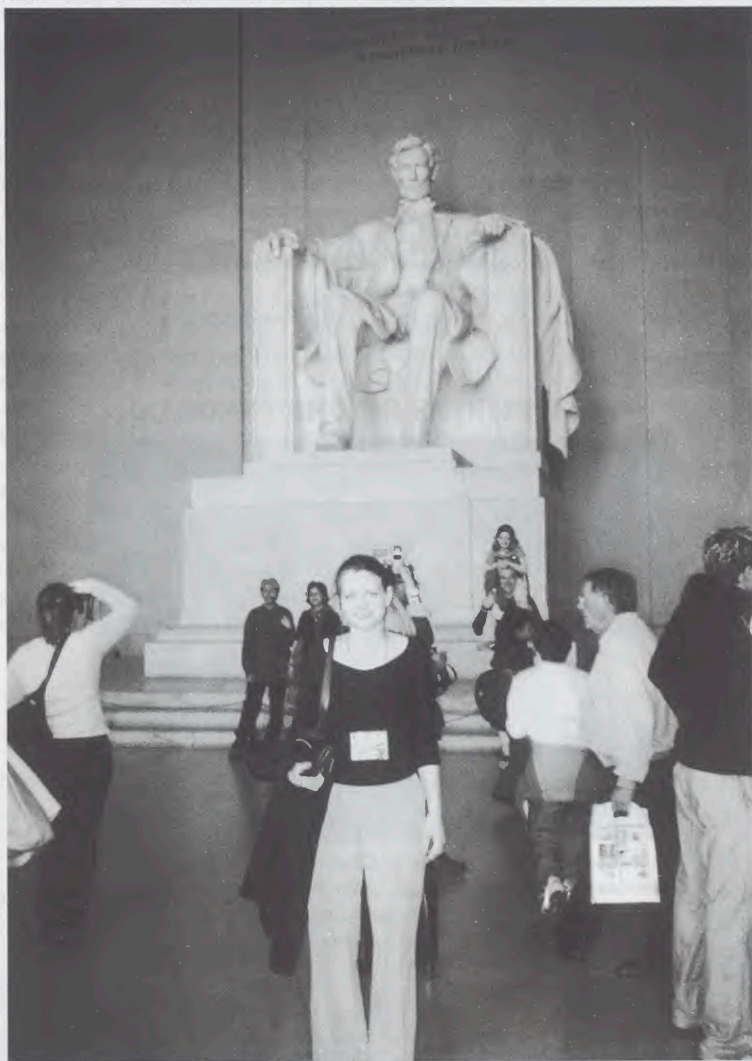
The banquet, held in the Grand Ballroom, was definitely a high point of the week. I was seated with members of my delegation. The banquet began with the entrance and performance of a traditional band, followed by the recital of musical pieces and speeches by fellow participants. After dinner, we were treated to a photographic slide show of the week, which brought back some truly great memories.

After the banquet, we had our final Working Meeting, in which we were presented with our graduation certificates and contact addresses for everyone. We returned to the Ballroom for the Commencement Dance until 12.30 a.m. when we started saying our goodbyes. I had to admit that our leader had been right – I was in tears saying goodbye to everyone. We had formed great friendships over the week and it was hard to be parted. After an early rise the next morning and twenty four hours travelling, I finally arrived home to recover from one of the best weeks of my life.

The Future World Leaders Summit was definitely a once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget. I met many different people from so many different countries and I have remained in contact with many of them. I cannot express in words my gratitude to the McGowan Foundation and to EIL Ireland for their sponsorship, to Fiona O'Leary, our group leader, Mr. Hickey for all his help in making this trip possible, and to everyone for all their support and words of wisdom!

- Laura Cuddy (Form VI)

## HONEST ABE MEETS ABLE LAURA!



*Laura Cuddy pictured in front of the Lincoln Memorial during her time in Washington. She very capably represented her school and her country at the conference and there is no truth to the rumour that her I.D. badge actually read "If found, please return to Midleton College".*

## Hands Across the Border

On a Tuesday morning in November we set off for Glencree to attend a conference on Cross-border Co-operation. When we arrived in Dublin we met up with the rest of the Compass group. From there we travelled by bus up into the Wicklow Mountains until we found ourselves at our destination, 14 miles from civilisation. The place was quiet and remote. We were shown to our rooms and then the programme began.

We went up to the conference rooms and sat down to a discussion about the problems in Northern Ireland between Catholics and Protestants. Afterwards we had a debate for and against a United Ireland. We then watched a video about four Protestants and four Catholics who were isolated on an island. It was very interesting to see the reactions and the attitudes towards the opposite religion. On the second day we began the discussions on the Travelling Community and how they are not accepted in society. In the afternoon we worked on prejudices and stereo types. That night we had a quick discussion on Racism in Ireland before heading down to watch Ireland v Switzerland. After the match we had a general knowledge quiz. On the third day we were awarded prizes for our participation during the sessions. Then said our goodbyes to our new friends and left much the wiser and more aware.

We got back to Cork to find the smiling face of Miss Prendergast.

- S. Fleming and M. Smith (Form IV)

## ALL POINTS OF THE COMPASS



*On their return from the Glencree Conference some of the Southern delegates encountered "Pascal", from the soap opera Fair City. Middleton College students are back row far right, Meriel Smith, middle row seated, Barbara Deane and Shane Fleming.*

### Last Breath

Slowly he tilted his head sideways  
Squinting at the mirror.  
So close he could feel the coldness  
On the tip of his nose.

His shaking breath appearing  
And disappearing in rhythm.  
His fists were clenched so tight.  
His nails dug into his sweating palms.  
His reflection made him sick.

His head was throbbing so hard  
That the music started to blend  
Into one, noisy drone of confusion.

On the verge of madness,  
He bit his lip and with his fist  
Smashed the mirror into a thousand pieces.  
Each jagged piece falling in slow motion  
On the bedroom floor.

The crack in the curtains let in a slither of light  
The last light he'd ever see.  
As he reached for the bleach and drank,  
The tears rolled down his face.

His parents would call an ambulance  
When they got home,  
And everyone would be sorry when they heard.  
Too late.

- Lucy Peters (Form IV)

## Midleton College Choir

This Christmas the College choir will perform its traditional 'festival of nine lessons and carols' and at Easter, for the 'Music for Passiontide at Easter', it will include Maunder's 'Olivet to Calvery'!

The College choir's enviable tradition of the performance of Sacred Settings at St. John the Baptist Parish Church, Midleton and elsewhere, is something of which the school in general, but the choir in particular is very proud.

The choir's ability to undertake the serious settings that it does is due, to a greater extent than we might realise, to the regular singing of hymns at College Prayers each morning.

The Headmaster must be congratulated for continuing this invaluable tradition and for his own very singular singing ability, which will be sadly missed when he leaves us next year.

- I. Sexton - Director of Music

## A Life on the Ocean Wave

In July 2002 I went to the Optimist European Sailing Championships in Tavira, Portugal. I qualified after three weekends of Trials all around Ireland for the top 50 sailors in the country. Only eight people qualify in each country every year, of which three have to be girls, so the racing was tough going in the trials with every race counting.

When we got to Portugal and settled into the hotel which was full of fellow competitors from all corners of the earth, we were given our boats and four litres of water a day. We had a couple of days out training with the Irish Coach trying to get to know the area in which we were sailing, i.e. tides, wind direction, etc.

After this training and one day off in which the team travelled to Seville for the day, the Europeans began. It was five full days sailing, sometimes going out at 10.00 a.m. and coming back in at 6.00 p.m. in light shifty conditions, but spirits remained high and I ended up finishing 121<sup>st</sup> out of 331 boats. This made me the top Irish sailor in the regatta with a Spanish boy winning overall for the second year in a row.

- George Kenefick (Form II)

## "THE (NOT SO) ANCIENT MARINER" - AFTER S.T. COLERIDGE



George in the yacht with Ireland on its sail finds time to wave at his American opponent. To misquote Coleridge again, is it a case of, "water, water everywhere, but let's not fall in the drink".

## *The Usual Suspects*

RORY BROWNE	- Into the West
EMMA CLEERE	- Gone with the Wind
LAURA CUDDY	- A Beautiful Mind
BRIAIN CURTIN	- Big Daddy
KEVIN DAY	- The Quiet Man
HEATHER DEANE	- Erin Brockovich
DAVID DE MEY	- Honey I Blew Up the Baby
RICHARD FLOOD	- ET
ROBERT FULLER	- The Field
STEVEN GALVIN	- Reservoir Dogs
SIMON HEALY	- Pulp Fiction
GORDON HOPKINS	- Dead Poets Society
DAVID HORGAN	- Groundhog Day
EINO KAVANAGH	- Jack
MARGO KELLY	- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
ANDREW LEVIS	- My Father the Hero
DAN McCARTHY	- Fight Club
CHRIS McGRATH	- Rocky
JOHN McEVOY	- Dumb and Dumber
DAITHÍ MAGEE	- Shrek
GARY MAHER	- The Hustler
BRIAN MASSEY	- Dude Where's My Car
LAURA MOORE	- Legally Blonde
YVONNE MOYNIHAN	- Bedazzled
STEVEN NICHOLLS	- Shine
ANDREW NICHOLSON	- The BFG
NEIL O'CONNOR	- Deliverance
ADAM O'KEEFFE	- Spice World
GARRY O'KEEFFE	- Forrest Gump
DAVE O'MAHONY	- A Bug's Life
LORCAN O'MAHONY	- Mr. Bean
GREGG O'SULLIVAN	- Ali G in Da House
CIARAN PHILLIPS	- Planet of the Apes
SHIRLEY ROBERTS	- Little Women
SOPHIE ROBSON	- Girl Interrupted
ALISTAIR ROSS	- Unbreakable
CAROLYN SMITH	- Miss Congeniality
MAEVE STRONACH	- The Princess Diaries
BEN UPMEYER	- What Women Want

- The Gang

## “STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH”



*Helen Murphy seems to be sharing a joke with her friend “Mr. Ed”. This picture was taken during Helen’s Form IV work experience at S. Cotter, Horsestables, Carrigwohill.*

## “A WORD TO THE WISE”



*L-R: Jennifer Dungan, Mr. Patrick Murphy, Carolyn Cuddy and the Headmaster on Prize Day. These two “wise women”, were awarded prizes for each gaining 1<sup>st</sup> class Honours Degrees.*

**“A LONELY IMPULSE OF DELIGHT, DROVE TO THIS  
TUMULT IN THE CLOUDS” - W.B. YEATS**



*The intrepid Heather Deane, just moments before she parachuted 9,000 feet to raise money for Chernobyl children. We salute her and Carolyn Smith, for their bravery and generosity of spirit. See their article on page 37.*

**“THREE LITTLE MAIDS FROM SCHOOL ARE WE”**

- GILBERT AND SULLIVAN



*L-R: Emma Cleere, Carolyn Smith and Maeve Stronach enjoying a trip on the canals of Amsterdam during the Geography Tour. “Much safer than parachuting,” says Carolyn. See article page 20.*

## “THE CHOSEN ONES”



*Pupils of the College shown making their Confirmation in St. John the Baptist, C. of I. Church, in February 2002. L-R: Rev. Watterson T. Eastaway, J. Moloney, J. Hornibrook, C. Levis, the Headmaster, J. Deane A. Van Wolvelaere, J. Van Coppenhagen, Rev. George Hilliard, and in the centre, looking resplendent in his robes, the Right Reverend Paul Colton, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.*

## “WE FEW, WE HAPPY FEW, WE BAND OF ...SISTERS”

- AFTER W. SHAKESPEARE



*Taking time for a much needed rest during the Senior Girl's Hockey Tour to Wales. (See article page 39)  
L-R: S. Cross, B. Nicholson, N. Ryall, H. Murphy, C. Lucey, H. Deane, K. Brien and M. Stronach.*

## “THE WATERBABIES”

- A.K.A. TAMMY ‘N’ TEDDY



*Drenched, but delighted, Tamrisk Kells and Teddy Hornibrook take a break from proceedings during the Form II trip to Oysterhaven. (See article page 22)*

## “LOITERING WITH INTENT”



*L-R: Liz Fitzgibbon, Susan Kelly, Katie Flood, Louise O’Dwyer and Sarah-Jane Phelane. The girls were camping during the Skibbereen trip, but surely the tent should actually be above them.*

## *"Thy Rod and Thy Staff"*

- HEADMASTER      The most satisfactory thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of oneself to others.  
*- Pierre Zeilhard de Chardin*
- MR. LEVIS      There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.  
*- Henry Kissinger*
- MR. DALEY      I killin' myself workin, an he struttin' about from morning till night like a paycock!  
*- Sean O'Casey*
- MR. LYONS      The only man who wasn't spoiled by being lionized was Daniel  
*- Herbert Tree*
- MR. LEOPOLD      How marvellous of you to know exactly the right hat to wear at 7 in the morning.  
*- O. Wilde*
- MR. MORRISSEY      The marvellous thing about a joke with a double meaning is that it can only mean one thing.  
*- R. Barker*
- MRS. LEVIS      No man in his heart is quite so cynical as a well bred woman.  
*- W.S. Maughan*
- MISS POWER      Speak in French when you can't think of the English for a thing.  
*- Lewis Carroll*
- MR. O'MAHONY      The school teacher is certainly underpaid as a childminder, but ludicrously overpaid as an educator.  
*- John Osbourne*
- MR. PRESTON      Good gracious, you've got to educate him first, you can't expect a boy to be vicious till he's been to a good school.  
*- Saki*
- MISS PRENDERGAST      They're working hard to restore the old Gaelic. If they're not careful, they'll learn to speak it and then they'll be sorry.  
*- Stephen Leacock*
- R. POWER      Jogging is for people who aren't intelligent enough to watch television.  
*- Victoria Wood*
- MS. PENNY      Being a specialist is one thing, getting a job is another.  
*- Stephen Leacock*
- MRS. RUMLEY      I think Margaret plans to wean our child straight onto calculators.  
*- Alan Ayckbourn*
- MRS. JOHNSTON      Things I like; ice, snow and numbers.  
*- Anon.*
- MS. O'REGAN      If you want art to be like ovaltine, then clearly some art is not for you.  
*- Peter Reading*
- MRS. CURTIN      I just can't bear to run out of Acetylmethylolemethyloelamidphenythyolrazine.  
*- James Agate*



## *Take a Parachute and Jump!*

The past year, fifth year has been an exciting and challenging one for us in many ways. It is a year when you must train your mind to focus back to academic work, while at the same time entertaining new found motivations and social aspects, transition year has helped to provoke. In the words of Mr. Levis we must “strike the right balance between work and play”.

We have been aware of the Chernobyl Children’s Project from a young age, which you are probably well aware helps thousands of children affected by the world’s worst nuclear disaster in the Ukraine, 16 years ago. Its effects have been devastating and it is through the work of the CCP that some relief has been brought to the situation.

And so, it was during the past year that we decided it was time to take some action and return something to those kids who had brought us such enjoyment and reward in the months they had spent in our homes during the past summers. A month here can prolong their lives by two years and “offer them hope to live”.

Being part of the Summer Rest and Recuperation Programme is the perfect remedy to make you realise just how lucky you are to be growing up in Ireland and not a couple of thousand miles further east in Belarus. The kids that visited us were like all kids; you had the angelic ones and those that made you cry while they were here and even more as they were leaving. However, behind it all they are just like Irish kids, to quote a poem written by children from the disaster area “We want to live, to laugh, to grow”.

No one ever claimed fundraising is an easy job, but you do need to be a little crazy to undertake it and we didn’t want to do something ordinary! After a lot of brainstorming, it came to light that we had both marvelled at seeing people jump lunatically out of a plane, staking their life on a “secure parachute”. Before we had properly weighed up the consequences, the money was rolling in and there was no looking back. Little did we know it would take almost six months to wrap the project up and that Offaly would greet us three times.

People warmed to the originality of the task and they readily reached into their pockets, opened their purses and took out cheque books. The money we raised was to be used to totally refurbish the laundry of The Slutsk Babies Orphanage in Belarus and partially towards the Summer Rest and Recuperation Programme.

It was an early start on Saturday, 2 March, as we set off for The Irish Parachute Club in Co. Offaly with parents, siblings and supporters in tow.

The adrenaline was pumping as we arrived, saw the plane and signed our lives away. As we received training from our tandem masters the adrenaline gave way to unstoppable nervous laughter for one of us and for the other the prospect of over-coming the greatest fear of all – heights!

We were unaware of the perfect conditions we would require and during that first day low cloud, showers, high wind and a water-logged runway intervened. With the reports that more favourable weather would follow on Sunday, we decided to overnight. But we returned home on Sunday evening not having completed our task. It had been a long weekend as we waited for any possible chance of a break in the cloud or a brief lag in rainfall. Each time the radar showed a possible change, the stomach muscles would tense, the panic attacks start and the adrenaline run high. Just as fast the wind would change and these feeling dissolved into a weak feeling of disappointment and relief.

The novelty was beginning to wear off by the next date, seven weeks later.

Maybe this was a blessing in disguise as we continued to ask, plead and beg for sponsorship and so our cash total increased steadily by the day.

Eventually on 16 June we set off from Cork at some ungodly hour. The dawn broke on the skyline and the heavens opened up for us! We arrived at 7.30 a.m. and to say that things moved quickly from then is an understatement.

8.15 a.m. We were forced to leave our breakfasts unfinished and were bundled into our suits.

8.35 a.m. We raced to the small plane and began our ascent in very cramped conditions.

8.05 a.m. We had reached 7,000 feet ...

9.00 a.m. 9,000 Feet – IT WAS TIME TO FLY!! It had taken us twenty-five minutes but it felt like three or four.

9.01 a.m. The door opened and the noise level rose in our tiny plane. Our only way down was out that door!

- 9.02 a.m. Heather was ready for take off and plummeted 5,000 metres in twenty five seconds.
- 9.03 a.m. Now Carolyn was in the same position, watching Heather get smaller and smaller. Gone! Free-falling 120 m.p.h. is an amazing feeling, the wind certainly hits you at this height and the silence is pleasantly deafening.
- 9.04 a.m. By now both chutes had opened safely. Heather was passed by Carolyn, due to that brave warrior been blown off course! However, minutes later she's back on track and enjoying the views of Dublin Bay and Northern Ireland. To quote Mr. Morrissey in astonishment "It was a geographical experience as well!"
- 9.09 a.m. We landed perfectly, of course, sending shocked sheep on our landing pad frolicking away!

In eight hours we had travelled 300 miles and fallen 9,000 feet and also got home in time for kick-off in the crunch World Cup match versus Spain.

In the end our total came far above what either of us had expected, just short of €8,000.

Having the children to stay is really the icing on the cake but you have to fundraise to make it possible for them to come. We were astonished and overwhelmed by the support and generosity we received from everyone, as coffee mornings/evenings, raffles, sales, church and school collections, donation boxes and beetle drives were organised at the drop of a hat.

We dedicate a big thank you to everyone in Midleton College and especially our friends who supported us in every way, but they could not resist those little digs as the big day drew closed; "What if the chute doesn't open?" – "Do you think they'd go splat or sink right down?!"

All said and done this was a very worthwhile experience. All you need for a parachute jump is a good mixture of confidence in yourself, enthusiasm and perseverance.

- Carolyn Smith and Heather Deane (Form VI)

## RETURN TO TERRA FIRMA!



*A much relieved Carolyn and Heather, having just completed their parachute jump. I suspect they may have followed the Papal example by kissing the ground upon landing safely! Happiness is the sight of your parachute opening!*

### Happiness

Happiness is the smile on Mum and Dad's face,  
 Happiness is being told, I can travel up to space,  
 Happiness is seeing my brand new puppy,  
 Happiness is playing happily in the sand,  
 Happiness is getting no homework every day of the week,  
 Happiness is not getting into trouble for giving cheek,  
 Happiness is getting rid of all those unwanted foes,  
 Sadness is when all that happiness goes.

- Sarah Oppermann (Form I)

## *Cardiff Hockey Tour 2001*

It all started very early on 24 October 2001. At 5.00 a.m. the mood was a mixture of excitement and exhaustion, considering we had stayed up late the night before doing last minute packing and chatting excitedly about what great fun we were going to have on our first official hockey tour.

In a daze we got onto the bus at 5.45 a.m., before we knew it we were in Rosslare and Ian Dempsey was wishing us luck “representing our country in Cardiff” from Today FM.

At this point the excitement was really beginning to kick in as we almost sprinted onto the ferry in eager anticipation at what the duty free had in store for us.

A few hours, (and a lot of cheap duty free chocolate), later we were glad to get off the ferry and leave the overplay of George of the jungle behind us.

It took us 2.5 hours to get to Cardiff, after the usual stop at McDonalds. By the time we reached the hotel the thrill of a new city was going to our heads and we were ready and eager to explore. We checked into the Sandringham Hotel at the heart of the city and we took the steps three at a time to see what our rooms were like. They were just what we needed. After a few wrong turns and the intervention of Miss Power we arrived at the ice-rink. It was a brilliant start to the trip. As you can imagine, due to Ireland’s lack of ice, we weren’t the most graceful skaters. While some could just about manage to keep up with the pace of the Welsh, there were others who, once we began to move, realised we didn’t know how to stop! The barriers around the side became great friends to many of us.

Miss Power and Mr. Leopold enjoyed our antics from a distance and captured our many falls and slip-ups on several disposable cameras, needless to say they enjoyed it as much as we did.

The next morning, bright and early again!, we got up and had a huge greasy (and very healthy) fry-up in the hotel before packing up the bus with as many hockey sticks and water bottles as it could take and headed off to our first match against Bridgend, where our skill shone through. It was very quickly followed by our second match against Pontypridd which was considered one of our better performances.

We got back to the hotel safe and sound, thanks to our bus driver Dinny, who indulged us in all Cardiff had to offer. After the hair and make-up were perfected, 19 Irish stunners trekked out into Cardiff’s thriving night life, but due to our dedication as “professional hockey players” we returned early and were sound asleep while the rest of the city was only getting going.

Next day, after a welcome cup of tea we made our way to the hockey pitch and managed, somehow, in the torrential rain to put up a good fight against a much stronger Newport side.

At this stage fatigue was setting in and due to the horrendous conditions we encountered in the previous match our spirits were not at their usual high level.

As darkness descended, we stepped out into the Swansea club’s state of the art water based pitch. This was to be by the far the toughest match of the four and it brought out strengths as a team we didn’t know existed. We left the pitch with our heads held high after a fantastic group display of guts, determination and spirit. We felt we had done our school, (and country), proud.

Now that the games were behind us, it was time to relax, unwind and bring a little Irish spirit to the city.

After the last match presents were bought and all the bags were on the bus, we left, feeling a twinge of sadness having to end what was considered by all the squad a fantastic tour, full of laughter and excellent hockey playing.

The touring squad would like to thank Mr. Leopold for his commentary and enthusiasm throughout the trip, Miss Power for her great umpiring and helpful advice both on and off the pitch and finally to Mr. Seale, for his great coaching and for all the work he put into organising the tour and us throughout the year, without him we would not be the tight-knit squad we are and we would not have had a thoroughly enjoyable tour.

## *Roll on Barcelona!*

### **Results**

25 October 2001	Midleton v Bridgend	-	2-1
25 October 2001	Midleton v Pontypridd	-	0-0
26 October 2001	Midleton v Newport	-	1-3
26 October 2001	Midleton v Swansea	-	1-4

Touring Party: N. Ryall, L. Moore, M. Stronach, S. Kelly, L. Lucey, R. Murphy, L. Cuddy, E. Ross (captain), Z. Hornibrook, K. Flood, H. Deane, L. Fitzgibbon, B. Nicholson, C. Smith, H. Murphy, L. O'Dwyer, Z. Hussain, K. Brien, S. Cross.

- Laura Moore (Form VI)

## **WELSH WIZARDS NO PROBLEM FOR MIDLETON MAGICICANS**



*The touring party shown with yet another trophy on their triumphal progress through Wales.*

## *Concern Fast*

In April 2002 the 2<sup>nd</sup> year students of Midleton College held a twenty-four hour sponsored fast to raise money for Concern.

First of all we organised who was in which group and what each group would be doing. There were three groups, the first group rang up the Concern help line and got a date for the fast, also they got the website address so that we would be able to look up more information on the people that we would be helping. The second group did a lot of art work so that we would be able to advertise that we would be doing the fast. And the third group made up sponsorship cards on the computer.

Nearly everybody did the fast and the ones that were not able to do the fast still got sponsorship. I was very glad that I took part because I felt it enlightened me that little bit on how the starving feel. We were very pleased with the amount of money that was raised and I on behalf of all the second years would like to thank you all for helping us raise over €500.

Also I would like to thank Ms Buckley because without her we could not have done the fast! Thank you.

- S. Phillips and L. Morgan (Form III)

## Belarus

In the sultry month of July 2002 I travelled to 'Novinki', an orphanage for children with psycho-neurological disorders in Belarus. I spent eleven unforgettable day in the capital Minsk, however the moments which are most memorable were ones of poverty, neglect and the realisation of how we take everything for granted.

Along with twenty other volunteers, I prepared for the work ahead of me with the 'Belarussian Orphanage Project'. We spent a weekend in Kerry getting to know one another prior to the trip. We also learned some Russian vocabulary and studied the conditions of the children we were to be working with. Fundraising played a major role in getting sponsorship to fly us over. Along with door to door calling and donations from friends and family, my main fundraiser was a disco in Midleton College which raised €500 out of the €2000 raised altogether.

Novinki is a derelict, poverty stricken area, outside Minsk, where the orphanage is situated. The children were up to eighteen years and had various conditions such as Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Epilepsy, autism and deafness and many more rare diseases, most children had more than one condition. Many had been signed away by their parents on rejections forms because in Belarus it is regarded as shameful to have a child who is not normal. As I previously worked in Lota, with children of similar conditions, I was prepared and not nervous about what I was to face, unfortunately I saw worse than expected and on leaving it took a lot out of me.

The orphanage was behind a 6ft wall and a malevolent iron gate but behind it were bright, happy faces, eager for fun. The living conditions were appalling however, the one thing that remains strongest in my memory is the smell, the smell of excrement in the scorching heat. Children were half clothed and cramped in overcrowded dorms. All is not dull, with the work of the Belarussian Orphanage Project over the past few years, a playground has been established, a disco hall and wheelchair garden have been erected and rooms and a stage where the children put on one hell of a show for the Irish!

Each day we would get the bus out of the city and the passengers, (including chickens), would stare at the pale skinned Irish all clad in blue. On arrival at the orphanage we would meet the children in the playground and go crazy for a few hours. The language barrier was not a problem, most children could not talk anyway. All you had to do was make them laugh or smile. Some days we would go to a nearby wood and have a snack in the shade, followed by a refreshing, yet tiring splash in the lake. Other days we took day trips to the city, some children had never been outside the walls of the orphanage.

During their siesta from 2-4 we would work on the outdoor classrooms, varnishing, staining, painting, raking, all in the sweltering heat.

During my stay I became very attached to a few children and on the last day when we were leaving, the children understood and broke down crying as did we. It was very hard to leave as they would have no fun until next summer. In the winter months they lead a miserable existence, lacking attention and bored. I witnessed some children banging their heads and hitting themselves for stimulation. I also noticed how every child grabbed for food and swallowed it without chewing. Others regurgitated their food and ate it again. This is all as a result of institutionalisation.

Belarus and Novinki was an incredible experience, a real eye opener. It felt surreal to witness what I did. It makes one very appreciative of the simple things in life. The continual donations to the project will help nourish and cloth the children of Novinki and at least they have the memories of their summer with the mad Irish to keep them going till next year. Hopefully I will return in the near future. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and especially Miss Prendergast who helped organise the disco.

- Yvonne Moynihan (Form VI)

### “BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE”



At the Midleton College fund raising disco are L-R: C. Smith, E. Cleere, Yvonne herself and the D.J. for the night.

## Hospital Visits

As you walk up to the Home, it seems to tower menacingly over you and you find you're shaking. But once you enter the double doors and are greeted by the warm friendly faces, you loosen up.

Talking to the pensioners seems hard at first but as you relax and they get more comfortable you have a great laugh. They are very inquisitive and ask lots of questions, loving every word we tell them about our lives.

By the end of the week Meriel and I had made great friends with everyone. I had a pair of lovely mittens knitted for me and was read a very clever poem called 'Adult Life', as published in the magazine.

You may think that all that pensioners do is sit around, this couldn't be further from the truth! They play bingo, play cards, knit, crochet and Meriel and I even experienced dancing! Yes, Mary was up and showing us her Irish dancing, waltzing and was even dancing to Eminem! I can't see why I was nervous!

- Jenifer Wright (Form IV)

### Adult Life

#### 21 Years - Coming of Age

Springtime of life.

Young, full of energy and bounce.

Ready to set the world to rights.

Know better than elders.

All for pleasure.

#### 42 Years - 2nd Coming

Summer has arrived, more settled.

Know where you are going and what you want.

Ups and downs, but all works out.

Enjoy, best of companionship

With adults and children and stability.

#### 63 Years - 3rd Coming

Autumn with all its glory.

You are mellowing with time like nature all around you.

Retiring time – being able to enjoy

All that you were too busy for earlier.

Travel – exploring all sorts of new things.

#### 84 Years - 4th And For Most, Final Coming

Winter is upon us.

Can be saddest, loneliest and most painful of all.

Slowing down without consent – physically  
if not mentally.

Every little kindness appreciated and cherished.

Every little slight or hurt exaggerated and made  
into a mountain.

Long for past independence and being of some use  
in society.

Too much time to think and be sorry for oneself.

A Pensioner

Susan McCready

## Debating

This year as usual there were many students keen to participate in the oratorical arts. Following some practice runs, John Phillips, Edward Rhys-Thomas, Kate Canning and Gillian Breen were selected to represent Midleton College in the Concern debates.

The 1st round was away to Loreto Convent Fermoy and we were opposing the motion that "For the Developing World Child Labour is a Necessity of Life". All four of the team gave well researched and impassioned speeches but ultimately Loreto won the day. Undaunted we began preparations for round two which was held on 12 November in St. Mary's High School, Midleton. This time we were proposing the motion that "Sanctions Against Rogue Nations Should Be Supported" and our opponents were St. Mary's B team. It was a very close competition and the adjudicators deliberated long and hard before finding for St. Mary's B.

Coming into the third and final round our spirits were somewhat low, this was compounded by the fact that due to other commitments Kate and Gillian had to opt out. Fortunately two very able substitutes David Magee and Lorcan O'Mahony were available. We hosted this round and proposed that "The U.N. is a White Elephant" against St. Mary's A team. Despite some excellent and humorous contributions from the revamped team we again narrowly lost to St. Mary's High School.

Well done and thanks to all who took part.

- B.H.

## Public Speaking

On 25 October 2001 Junior Chamber Midleton, in association with T.S.B. held their Annual Schools Public Speaking Competition. Many Midleton College students volunteered to enter and eventually four students were chosen. In the Junior Category Seamus Hollywood and Jenifer Wright (Form III) gave three minute speeches, while Yvonne Moynihan (Form V) and Suzanne Phelan (Form VI) gave 5 minute speeches.

Seamus Hollywood spoke on "Waging War on Polluters". It was a well researched speech but was marred by a hurried and nervous delivery. While commending Seamus' willingness to have a go it must be remembered that facing an audience is never as easy as one imagines it to be. Next Jenifer Wright gave a talk on the topic "The Youth are Obsessed with their Image". This was in every respect a good speech and one that she had obviously put a lot of effort into. The other junior speakers came from other Midleton Schools, Cobh, Fermoy and Youghal. Ultimately it was to Coláiste Muire Cobh that the best speaker prize was awarded.

Suzanne Phelan spoke on "Young People Have More Need of Models than Critics". This was a topic which she obviously felt strongly about and her speech was excellent. It blended humour, personal experience and general observation into a highly entertaining 5 minutes of prose. Our final entrant Yvonne Moynihan chose to speak on "It's a Woman's World". She looked at both sides of the argument before concluding that if women do not quite rule the world yet it is only a matter of time before this is put right! She was the strongest of our speakers on the night and certainly impressed everyone in the audience. Sadly the prizes were awarded to other young orators. All competitors received certificates for taking part and also the very valuable experience of addressing an audience with confidence and style.

My thanks to all four participants.

- B.H.

## Hockey Heroine! U-18 Hockey Interpro for Munster

The trials started back in September. Having been dropped from the U16 squad the previous year I was fully intent on making it on to the team this year. After weeks of trials I finally found out in class, on the morning of Prize Day, that I had succeeded. The excitement was huge. To be mentioned by Mr. Cairns in the same breath as Rachel Kohler was quite extraordinary for me.

The training weekends before the Interpros were intense, and the change in attitude of the girls on the team after the final 16 had been chosen was unbelievable. We really began to work as a unit and were geared towards the event. There was also added pressure on us as they were to be played on home grounds, although we were delighted to learn that like the away teams we were to stay in a hotel.

The night before the big weekend I had a very nervous sleep, knowing that the following day I'd be playing a well built Ulster side. I had dreamt for years about this moment, playing

for Munster, here was my big opportunity and all I now hoped for was to be left on the bench! I got my wish for 15 minutes, then I was asked to warm up. Where was I going?? ... right wing? ...But I play right back. Not only that, I was on the side with all the spectators. No wonder, as Mr. Leopold said, my usual rosy cheeks were as white as a sheet!

Anyway, after surviving that I felt I was up for anything.

I really started to learn from and enjoy the tournament. We played 4 matches in total. We won 3 and drew against Ulster, finishing second in the tournament

The thing that I remember most about this weekend was the feeling I got when I walked on to the pitch with the team, the unbelievable sense of team spirit and pride, the feeling of looking over at the supporters and knowing that they were all there to watch us.

This time around I can't wait to play for the team again and I hope that my experience from the last time will stand to me ... and keep my cheeks rosy!

I would also like to thank the teachers for the amazing support they gave me and continue to give me.

- Rebecca Murphy (Form V)

### THE DEFENDER



Rebecca in Munster colours, she is fiercely determined that "none shall pass".

# Elephants

For several years I have had a huge interest in the welfare of the elephant, which is slowly but surely becoming extinct. Eventually, it will be considered a rarity to see an elephant living in its natural habitat. Instead we will only see them locked in cages in a zoo. I finally decided that I wanted to do something to help preserve this amazing animal by raising money for two charities.

The perfect opportunity came around when I was reading an "animal welfare", magazine and I read an article about a woman named Somina Salwala, who is a native of Bangkok. She was a wealthy woman, who had inherited the family jewellery business and lived a life of luxury. One day while walking down the street she heard miserable screams of pain from across the road. When she glanced over she saw an elephant, lying helpless on the road side, being beaten by a merchant. The animal was unable to stand as it was obviously suffering from malnutrition and dehydration. She approached this man and asked him what was going on and the man replied. He had captured it from the wild, when it was young and has had it ever since. He then walked away and left the animal there to die. Unfortunately this is a regular occurrence in this area. These animals are captured and worked and worked until they drop. This was the day Somina Salwala's life was to change forever.

The first thing she did was to sell her business to raise a substantial amount of money. She then set up the African Asian Project. She contacted vets and other people she knew and decided she was going to set up a sanctuary for these elephants. Ten vets replied promising to contribute as much time as they could to help her cause. Somina put all her money and time into getting this project up and running as soon as possible. It really gave her an extra incentive when she found an elephant with a huge nail embedded in her foot. Because it had been there so long and the elephant had been worked so hard, the area had become badly infected and as a result she had been left by her keeper to die in the forest. A team of thirteen vets, with a lot of equipment were on the scene as soon as possible and before long a huge operation was undertaken. The nail was successfully removed. After a series of injections, the elephant made a full recovery and within a few weeks was back to full health and back to her natural habitat. It costs money to develop the shelter Somina Salwala had in mind and it would have been impossible for her to do it alone. Due to sponsorship by many different people from around the world including actors, businesses and ordinary people, Somina has successfully seen her dream come true. A sanctuary has been set up which will tend to elephants and many other animals that have been taken from the wild and abandoned when they can no longer work.

When I had read this article, I felt so much admiration for Somina Salwala's courage and her belief in doing what she thought was right, even though she had received numerous death threats and attempts had been made on her life, that I looked up her website and began trying to raise money for her. I wrote letters to businesses including AIB from which I received generous replies. I have so far made in excess of €900 and I have not finished yet!

I think everyone can make a difference in doing something good, whether it be big or small, any contribution goes a long way.

- Emma Cleere (Form VI)

## The Bully

As I watch I feel helpless, wanting to,  
but unable to help.

I look at the victim's face: anger, fear and  
hatred flow like a tide. I look

at the Bully's face: Pure bestial rage,  
anger from unknown or undiscussed wounds,  
physical and mental, and strangely, sadly enjoyment.

I look around me at the onlookers, some watching sadly,  
others jeering, others waiting for their turn to humiliate the victim.

I watch helpless as it continues,  
knowing that if I help I will be dragged in and probably make the  
victim's suffering worse.

As the bully walks away with his so called friends I pity him,  
because the cycle will continue to infinity.

- Anon.

## *Hells Angels – on Acoustic Motorbikes!*

In order to raise funds for the restoration of St. Mary's Collegiate Church in Youghal, Siobhán, Ciaran and John Phillips, Adam O'Keeffe, Andrew Levis, Alan O'Connor, Eddie Rhys Thomas, Stephen Nicholls, Garry O'Keeffe and I set out from on a charity bike ride to Donegal. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Dominic Gleeson and the Cogan's, who supplied the jeep, were our support team.

We got a great send off from Youghal Town Hall complete with a police escort. On the first day of our journey Andrew, Ciaran and Garry cycled from Youghal to Middleton, where we stopped for a meal compliments of Midleton Park Hotel. Following this Adam, Stephen and I took up the reins and cycled as far as Cork where we then went collecting. Unfortunately John, Eddie and Alan could not join us on our first day as they were all in school studying hard for their Leaving Certificate. That night we all stayed in Cork so we could set out early at 7.00 a.m. for the second part of our trip ... Cork to Cashel.

At Rathcormack I had to leave the party to play a very important Gaelic Football match and left them to reach Cashel themselves. So, I missed a comic interlude when Stephen got left behind in Fermoy!

We continued on our way to Donegal with overnight stops at Athlone and Sligo, we had a great night out in both towns.

When we reached Donegal it was a big relief for all concerned. However, Donegal was not as interesting as we had hoped so we decided to spend a second night in Sligo.

Some days later we discovered we had raised €5,500 which was a major achievement for all. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Phillips for coming up with the idea (not Ciaran), Dominic for driving us up and down the country and Mr. and Mrs. Cogan for their jeep and help when collecting. A special thanks again to Jack and Breeda Phillips for cooking our meals and arranging accommodation.

Everybody who went had great fun and I think it is brilliant that people who have never even seen St. Mary's Church, took part in raising money for such a worthy cause.

- Neil O'Connor (Form VI)

### **"BORN TO BE WILD"** (WELL UNRULY ANYWAY)



*Shown departing from Youghal Town Hall having just met with the Chairman of the U.D.C. are, L-R: A. Levis, N. O'Connor, G. O'Keefe, the Chairman, A. O'Keefe, S. Nicholls and C. Phillips.*

## Sixth Form Dinner

The Board of Governors hosted their annual, eagerly awaited, Reception and Dinner for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form in the Garden Suite of the Midleton Park Hotel on Friday, 17 May. This is the event that pupils look forward to from their first year in school and is the highlight of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form year.

The evening is a 'dress affair' and all the girls looked absolutely stunning in their evening dresses and the boys transformed in their dinner jackets. Much thought and preparation is put into the buying or making of the girls dresses and the excitement reaches fever pitch on the night!

After many photo calls in the garden an excellent meal was served and the usual speeches took place before the dancing began. A presentation was made to the Headmaster and staff, by the senior prefects on behalf of the whole 6<sup>th</sup> Form, of a beautiful Waterford crystal bowl and stand. This will be a lovely memento of the class of 2002 and we wish them all God's blessing in the future.

- K. Cairns

### "GUYS AND DOLLS" - D. RUNYON



*An array of the "beautiful people" of last year's Form Six, enjoying the atmosphere of the Midleton Park Hotel – but they could not escape the papperazi on the day.*

#### Social Life

I was heading to the disco,  
My uncle and aunt told me "be home at twelve,"  
I planned to come home at four.  
I thought it really wouldn't hurt that much  
If I stayed on the dance floor  
A few hours more.

By the time I was home,  
And unlocked the back door,  
It was half-past four.  
I knew I had stayed out late, but I didn't care,  
I didn't turn a hair  
Until I heard a creak on the stair . . .

It was my aunt,  
In hairnet and dressing gown  
Looking an awful state.  
She cried "Where were you?"  
"I was worried sick you stayed out far too late."

I'm grounded  
For a week at least,  
I'll be home early next time.  
Even though I got in trouble,  
I still remember every bit  
Of that wild night of mine!

- Sinéad Lucey (Form II)

# Rugby

## Senior

An ability to field an unchanged side from one game to the next is desirable in any code of sport. Last seasons team often picked itself barring one or two exceptions. We were also fortunate enough to have a strong and therefore valuable group of substitutes. It all made for another very successful season, the third in a row for a core group of senior players. We shouldn't have been overly surprised. Barring a hiccup at Senior Level, (a debilitating flu!) they had won medals every year. They lived with the added pressure of being expected to do well with an assured confidence in their own ability. I would have to say that in all my years of coaching the senior group in the school they rank as the best all round team that I have had the pleasure to deal with. There were no 'passengers' and in many key positions we had very talented players and indeed match winners.

Retaining the league title won the previous year was a major objective. All games in the league section were won with a bit to spare. The pack regularly won 'quality ball' and the back line were rarely slow to put the scores away. Winning our section of the league gave us a home semi-final against Portumna. Although played in early December we were fortunate to have dry conditions under foot which suited our brand of running rugby. We were lucky enough to get an early score but then the visitors settled down and put up some stiff opposition for a twenty minute period. Fortunately this wasn't to last and we eventually ran out 36-0 winners.

It was mid-March before we got to play our league final with St. Josephs of Galway in Limerick. I was somewhat concerned that some of the senior players were not feeling well on the bus up to Limerick, (shades of Tarbert at J.C.T. level!). I realised, of course, that sick or not they all intended playing. For me the abiding memory of the day was Rory Carroll feeding a scrum deep in his own '22' and then proceeding to run the full length of the pitch to score in the left hand corner of the ground to put the game beyond St. Josephs. He then proceeded to leave his packed lunch beyond the dead ball line! We deservedly retained the league trophy 24-14.

We broke new ground with our inaugural entry into the Barry Cup in January. The early date in January necessitated a couple of training sessions over the holidays to go to Limerick some way prepared to play Crescent. A potentially difficult assignment was overcome with an 18-10 victory. The next match had to wait until we had played our Senior Cup matches. Our first round match was Bandon at home. Despite our league victory against the same opposition in November, no one was under any illusions that this would be an easy encounter. We were not to be disappointed and it turned out to be another epic battle. For a long period we led 13-12 and we sustained fierce pressure inside our '22'. We eventually lifted the siege and a brilliantly taken drop goal by Andrew O'Brien in the dying moments sealed victory for us 16-12. Our next match proved somewhat of a mismatch, a 50-0 romp against Cashel. We now faced Glenstal away in what was to be the Mungret Cup semi-final and what many billed as the 'real' final. It was to be unfortunately the only day that this group did not do themselves justice. For some unknown reason they just didn't have that self belief which so often throughout the season was a prominent characteristic. On the day we were well beaten 31-12 by a strong Glenstal side.

Heads had to be lifted for the Barry Cup semi final against P.B.C. the following Sunday. What happened that day has been well documented. Suffice is to say that we scared the daylight out of a strengthened P.B.C. side whilst going down 15-20. Despite the defeat it was a magnificent performance, leading one to think if only they had played that well four days earlier in Limerick.

Rory Carroll having been disappointed to sit on the bench for Munster 'A' the previous season leapfrogged his main rival to get a place on the bench for Munster schools. This promotion was thoroughly deserved. His undoubted ability has been recognised this year by U.C.C. with the award of a precious rugby academy place. Philip Morris the school captain played open side for Munster 'A' with distinction and was very close to a Munster schools place. Both Briain Curtin (prop) and Robert Moore (2<sup>nd</sup> row) played in the victorious Munster 'A' pack against a huge Connacht side. In the backline Andrew O'Brien finished as inside centre and John Devaney was sub for both games. Again it was a measure of the talent in the side that we were able to produce six interprovincial players in the one season. I suspect it will be many seasons indeed if at all, that such a feat will be achieved again.

I have deliberately tried to avoid mentioning individual players in this account because as I have already said it was the quality of the squad and therefore of the team that made this group so special and memorable. Many of them played close to fifty first team games over a

three year period and that alone was a remarkable achievement for those individuals. Sadly in schools rugby players move on. The King is dead! Ling live the King! They are gone but certainly not forgotten, and I look forward to following rugby careers in the years to come. The end of three special years that I will cherish – Thank you all!

*Panel:* P. Morris (capt.), A. O'Brien, J. Devaney, R. Browne, J. Htichmough, A. O'Connor, R. Carroll, R. Moore, J. McEvoy, R. Morgan, G. O'Sullivan, B. Curtin, C. Phillips, D. Magee, T. O'Leary, A. Levis, A. O'Keeffe, G. Coleman, A. Ross, D. De Mey, R. Mohally, N. O'Connor, D. Moore, D. Curriuan, D. Garde, J. O'Brien.

- M.P.

## JCT

Some years teams surprise everyone. Expectations for this year's JCT were moderate. Their performances on the field and in training were exemplary. Once again we got solace from victories over Newtown, Waterpark and Bandon...results that both surprised and pleased all involved.

Our cup draw supplied us with some good and not so good news. On the plus side we were to play Patrician Academy Mallow who we felt we might have a chance against. The bad news came in the form of St. Nessans of Limerick. If we managed to get through the first round they would be our opponents in the second.

Junior Cup matches always produce a mixture of nerves and excitement. This year was no exception. The pitch in Mallow was heavy going following some poor weather. Our greater organization, on the day, saw us through comfortably with tries from Denis Daly, Timmy Garde, Dermot England, Sam Daunt (2), Brian Owers and Peter Brougham. Cathal McSweeney kicked four of the conversions.

The match against St. Nessans was a different affair. While we put in a stout performance they were definitely the better team. They capitalised on any mistake we made. We were disappointed with the final score of 22-0. While St. Nessans deserved their victory, it was felt that the margin of 22 points did not truly reflect the game. It was to the teams credit that they stuck to their task right to the bitter end. Dermot England as captain, led by example. At the start of the season he was teased about his fitness. He had trained hard during the year and there certainly was no evidence of poor fitness in this performance. It was a disappointing end but on reflection the season as a whole measured up well when compared with previous ones.

*Panel:* D. England (Capt.), S.Daunt, R.Smyth, S.McKeown, B.Owers, M.White, T.Garde, C.Whyte, S.Hollywood, N.Hawes, D.Daly, P.Brougham, C.McSweeney, J.Deane, P.Pascual, I.O'Brien, S.O'Brien, D.Connelly, M.Stapleton, I.Glonyagin, N.Strasman, S.Fleming.

- R.St.J.P

## Under-14

Though small in number this squad had a successful season. They were keen and trained well. The two highlights of the season were the victories over both Bandon Grammar School and Newtown.

Shane O'Brien captained the team at number eight. An outstanding prospect – his serious knee injury early in the season was a severe blow both to himself and to the team. We look forward to his return.

In the pack, John Twomey, Stephen Waters, George Kenefick, Conor Brougham, Sam Wilson, Darren Farrell and Alan van de Kerckhove were all under 13 and coped really well. Ian O'Brien, the 'senior man' was solid in the scrum and continued to improve in ruck and maul.

In the backs Denis Daly was very reliable at full-back. Cathal McSweeney was the leading try scorer playing in the centre and is one to watch in the future. He was partnered by Polo Crosbie a promising Under 13 player. Alan Ross and the 'flying Russian' Ilya Glonyagin played in the wing. Both were relative beginners but improved with every outing. Joseph Deane, a plucky scrum half struck up a good partnership with Peter Brougham at out half. This pair controlled many games effectively.

Congratulations to Cathal McSweeney who won the Minor Cup for being the best under 14 player of the season.

*Panel:* S. O'Brien (capt.), J. Twomey, S. Waters, G. Kenefick, C. Brougham, S. Wilson, D. Farrell, A. Van de Kerckhove, J. Deane, P. Brougham, C. McSweeney, P. Crosbie, I. Glonyagin, A. Ross, D. Daly, J. Kennedy.

- J.L.

## SENIOR SQUAD 2001-2002



*Back Row: Mr. Preston, C. Phillips, D. Moore, T. O'Leary, G. O'Sullivan, D. De Mey, R. Nolan,  
B. Curtin, J. O'Brien, the Headmaster*

*Middle Row: A. O'Connor, R. Moore, A. O'Brien, P. Morris (Capt.), D. Garde, J. Devaney, G. Coleman  
Front Row: J. McEvoy, R. Mohally, A. O'Keefe, J. Hitchmough, N. O'Connor, A. Ross, D. McGee, R Browne*

## HOCKEY

### Senior Boys

Last season brought a welcome conclusion to thirteen years of exhausting travel to Cork for astroturf facilities. Our own magnificent sand-dressed, artificial surface became available in November. A thumping 5-0 victory in our first match on the pitch was a fitting baptism.

A sincere thank you! to all players and parents who, over the years, showed admirable patience and support as we attempted to keep pace with the changing game of astro-turf hockey. Tribute must also be paid to my fellow coaches in Midleton, who suffered the long trek to, firstly, Harlequins and then to Garryduff. In the early years before the East Cork infrastructure was developed to its present state, it was a torturous journey involving a round trip of two hours' travel for one hour's hockey. I would also like to thank Daphne Hales of Garryduff and Norman Deane of Harlequins for facilitating us so readily at both venues.

On perusal of the match statistics for last season, the senior boys were very much the draw specialists. Playing thirteen matches, they won two, lost four and drew seven. In a season where the league never materialised due to an administrative mix up, we exited the cup to the eventual winners, Ashton (B), after two titanic struggles. We really left the tie behind us in Midleton. Having led by two goals, we were pegged back to 2-2 but still had the better chances to win the game. In the replay we came back from two goals down only to give away a soft winning goal in the end.

John Devaney, our player of the year, was a very fine captain. Showing composure, vision and strength, John was a very useful playmaker. Ciaran Phillips was a courageous goalkeeper who made some fine saves. Rob Smyth, at sweeper, developed into a very good player and his confidence grew with each game. Neil O'Connor was a solid and committed right-back with a flair for going forward. Eddie Rhys-Thomas, a fine attacking player on the right-hand side of the pitch, obligingly filled the problem centre-back position. Eddie was the experienced man in the defence and played some very good hockey. Greg O'Sullivan, who returned to the game after absenting himself for a couple of years, played some solid games at left-back. His competitive nature made up for any understandable rustiness in his basic skills.

Andrew Levis, was an aggressive and attacking right-midfield. Pacy and possessing a good shot, his work-rate and commitment were never in doubt. A bit more work on his tackling technique could see him develop into a very good player. Rob Moore has been a

wonderful servant to Midleton hockey since he first played for the senior team three years ago. Possessing pace, skill and strength to go with a great engine, he was a huge presence in midfield. He also contributed five goals last season.

Up front, Colin Scanlan was a very quick right-sided forward. A good reader of a game, his running off the ball was quite superb at times. A more consistent and accurate shot would have seen him score many more goals. Pau Pascual, a Catalan import, at centre forward, was our leading scorer with eleven goals. A player with very good technique and fast hands, he gave us an added dimension at short corners with his ability to drag flick. Pau was deservedly selected for Munster U16s and performed so well at the Interprovincial tournament in Limerick that he was offered an Irish trial!! Chris West played some neat and effective hockey as a left-sided attacker and scored six goals.

Others who participated and performed well when called into action were: Dermot England, a potentially useful centre-forward; John Phillips and Jeffery Hitchmough no nonsense defenders, while Simon McKeown showed promise as a brave and agile goal-keeper.

As always I am very grateful to the following people: Mary Power and Clive Seale for their support and umpiring, Bud Morrissey for his support and help especially in Dublin, not to mention his incomparable statistical work, the Matrons and Rory Graham, our chef, for their medical and catering back-up respectively.

- I.L.

### **Under-16**

The under 16 panel played a total of six matches this season, culminating in reaching the final of the Munster U16 B Cup. It was a very exciting game in which they eventually succumbed 2-4 to a very good Bandon side.

Dermot England was our top goal scorer with eight goals, and there were very good performances also from Rob Smyth at sweeper and the midfield trio of Brian Owers, Michael White and Jeffery Hitchmough. Simon McKeown a late addition to the panel caught the eye in goal.

These were a very pleasant group of players and I look forward to their development at senior level in the new season.

*Panel:* R. Smyth, T. Fuller, E. Leung, S. O'Brien, M. White, J. Deane, B. Owers, J. Hitchmough, D. England, J. Breen, P. O'Donovan, P. Fairs, C. Whyte, P. Pascual, S. McKeown, D. Connolly, J. Tait, L. Andere, J. Fleming.

- M.P.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Year Boys**

The 1<sup>st</sup> year boys had a busy season, playing 8 friendlies and 2 six-a-side tournaments. First off was a 6-a-side blitz in Bandon. We entered two teams with both sides doing very well, conceding only 'goal each, and scoring a massive 22 goals in total. Craig Moore was leading goal-scorer with nine goals in this blitz, a further three in the next blitz in Ashton and six in the eight friendlies that followed. Of these, we won 4-0 against Ashton, Villiers, Ashton again and Douglas. We drew twice against Bandon and once against Newtown with our only loss coming against Newtown. This group showed great promise for the coming years with Craig Moore, Mark Deane, Darren Farrell, Nicholas Murphy and Jack Charlesworth playing particularly well over the season.

*Panel:* G. Kenefick, M. Deane, A. Ross, C. Brougham, D. Oppermann, W. Oppermann, C. Moore, C. Walsh, N. Murphy, C. Smyth, J. Charlesworth, O. Daly, S. Waters, P. Crosbie, D. Farrell, R. Jeffery, D. Quill.

- L.C.

### **Senior Girls**

The Senior squad played a total of 20 matches recording 4 losses, 3 draws and 13 wins. The season began with 2 friendlies against Ashton School and UCB winning 2-1 and 4-0 respectively.

Then we started the league campaign with a 4-0 win against Loreto Fermoy and 1-0 against Mount Mercy.

A break from competitive action which gave us time for a 4 match tour to Cardiff resulting in a win, draw and 2 losses.

On our return from tour we had league and cup games against Scoil Mhuire winning 3-0 in the league and 4-2 in the Cup.

## SENIOR BOYS 2001-2002



*Back Row: Mr. Leopold, S. McKeown, J. Hitchmough, G. O'Sullivan, J. Phillips, C. Scanlan, C. Phillips, the Headmaster.*

*Middle Row: P. Pascual, R. Moore, J. Devaney (Capt.), E. Rhys-Thomas, C. West.*

*Front Row: R. Smyth, A. Levis, N. O'Connor, B. Owers.*

After Christmas we played Villiers and Mount Mercy A in a friendly winning 2-1 and losing 4-0 respectively. Time for round 2 of the Cup which we won 4-0 against UCB. We played another friendly against St. Angelas A winning 2-1. It was now time for our last two league matches of the season. We beat Ursuline College Blackrock 2-1 in a very tough game bringing the last league match down to a play off against ourselves and Regina Mundi whoever won were in the Munster Senior B league final. After a very close game we came out on the losing end by 1-0. A week later we were in our Cup semi-final against Presentation, Thurles winning by a 3-0 margin. It was now time to prepare for the cup final in which we played Cobh Ladies Hockey Club drawing 2-2 and winning the Past Pupils match 2-1.

The day had arrived, Ursuline Convent Thurles in the Munster Senior B cup final in Garryduff Sports Centre. The game was very close all through the first half leaving it 0-0 at half-time and still 0-0 at full-time. It was extra time and if there was no result after extra time it was penalty strokes. The nerves were still high with a draw after the first period of extra time. With nine minutes remaining Ursuline Convent Thurles scored making it look like a tough way back but with four minutes remaining we were awarded a penalty stroke. Up stepped Rebecca Murphy which was the most pressure any school girl could ever be under, score and we will be in a penalty shoot-out, miss and the final is lost. However, the penalty was scored and we were in the penalty shoot-out.

After a break of five minutes we had picked our five penalty takers and at the end of the shoot-outs we were Senior B Cup Champions by a 3-1 margin which was the highlight of a very successful season.

I would like to congratulate Rebecca Murphy on being on the Munster U18 Hockey Team. Elaine Ross who led by example as captain with a willingness to fight for every ball and work rate for every second she was on the pitch. Our top four goal scorers were

R. Murphy - 14, K. Flood - 8, E. Ross - 6, Z. Hornibrook - 5.

In conclusion I would like to thank Mr. Ivan Leopold and Miss Mary Power for their help on tour and also umpiring and Mr. Barry Crowley for his willingness to umpire.

*Panel:* N. Ryall, L. Moore, M. Stronach, S. Kelly, C. Lucey, R. Murphy, L. Cuddy, E. Ross (capt.), Z. Hornibrook, K. Flood, H. Deane, L. Fitzgibbons, B. Nicholson, C. Smith, H. Murphy, L. O'Dwyer, A. De Mey, Y. Jermyn, B. Deane.

- C.S.

## SENIOR GIRLS 2001-2002



*Back Row: Mr. Seale, N. Ryall, L. Fitzgibbon, L. Cuddy, M. Stronach, L. Moore,  
C. Lucey, the Headmaster*  
*Middle Row: R. Murphy, H. Deane, E. Ross (Capt.), Z. Hornibrook, K. Flood, S. Kelly.*  
*Front Row: B. Deane, Y. Jermyn, B. Nicholson.*

### Senior Seconds

Captained by the very capable Karen Brien, this year's Senior Seconds team were an enthusiastic and energetic bunch. Although our league is small, with few games, the girls never complained and were a pleasure to coach.

Winning two out of the four league matches and their friendly against Carrigtwohill the girls did both themselves and the school proud. Some excellent defending backs, Kate Canning, Karen Brien, Zarah Hussain and Shirley Roberts, kept the team out of danger, while our midfield kept feeding some lovely balls up to our front line. Louise O'Dwyer, Sally Cross and Naomi Faris chased every ball down and never stopped, even when they were tired! As for our goalie Ann De Mey, she was outstanding! Formidable in presence and stature, Ann guarded our goal with great determination, pulling off save after great save.

To those leaving I wish you all the best in the future and to those remaining I look forward to coaching you again next year.

*Panel: A. De Mey, Z. Hussain, K. Brien, S. Roberts, K. Canning, J. Murphy, S. Cross, H. Murphy, B. Nicholson, L. O'Dwyer, N. Faris, M-A zu Salm Salm, M. Palomo, Y. Moynihan, M. Kelly, J. Kirwan.*

- J. Mackey

### Under-16 Girls

It was a very enjoyable and relatively successful season for the U16 girls last year. We played a total of 11 games recording 6 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses, (including an unfortunate 3-11 loss on penalty strokes in the league final and a 2-0 cup replay loss, but more on those later). In the 11 games we scored 10 goals – 5 by Rachel Kenefick, our captain, 4 by Yvonne Jermyn and 1 by Siobhán Young.

The season started with a friendly against Ursuline Convent Blackrock. We won the game well, by a 2-0 scoreline, showing great promise for the season ahead.

We kicked off our league campaign with a testing fixture away to Fermoy. We came away with a positive result of 2-0 which gave us the start to the league that we wanted. Next in the league came Presentation College, Tralee in Garryduff. Again, a 2-0 win was the outcome,

with the captain, Rachel, getting both goals. This was a game we could have won by a greater margin, but we went home happy with our win anyway.

Next up was the first cup game for our season, another challenging away game, this time to Scoil Mhuire. Once again we came away with a positive scoreline, with Rachel adding to her goal tally.

Our next match was in the league again, against a very determined Coláiste Cholm side, but once again we came home victorious, with a goal from . . . yes, you guessed it, 'Captain Rachel' again. Two days later we had the next round of the cup at home to Fermoy. We went 1-0 down early on, but kept fighting and late in the second half Yvonne Jermyn scored the equaliser. Through sheer grit and determination we maintained our 1-1 scoreline and lived to fight another day.

Our final game before Christmas was a league match against St. Aloysius, Carrigtwohill. We made the long, hard trek, (all fifteen minutes away), to find a very determined Carrigtwohill side waiting. A scoreless draw was the outcome, which was probably the fairest result, as both sides had their chances but just couldn't seem to score, because of both good goal-keeping and poor finishing.

In the first week back after Christmas we travelled to Fermoy for the cup replay. It proved to be too long a Christmas break for us and we went down to our heaviest competition defeat of the season. It was a bit disappointing to go down 2-0, when we had fought so hard and earned our draw in the home match.

Next up was a friendly in Newtown. The least said about this encounter the better. We looked tired after a long season and lost 3-0.

Regina Mundi was our next game, which we originally thought was the league final, but were later informed that it was the semi-final. We came into the game with a positive attitude and a close fought game was decided by a single goal from Yvonne Jermyn. Now we were really through to the league final, although we had a long wait ahead of us before the game.

The final showdown was to be the most demanding game all season, an away fixture to Bandon. It was a fantastic match and was worthy of a league final, with both teams playing some excellent hockey and a few seemingly impossible scores from close range pulled off by Lucy Peters. Both teams, somehow, managed to get through the match without scoring bringing us into extra time which also somehow remained scoreless, leaving a nail biting finale . . . the dreaded penalty stroke shoot-out. This just proved too much for us and we were edged out by a 3-1 scoreline but every one of the girls did themselves proud, and definitely saved their best team performance for the final game of the season.

*Panel:* L. Peters, C. Levis, V. Tait, T. Browne, M. Smith, B. Deane, Y. Jermyn, A. Charlesworth, R. Kenefick (captain), S. Young, G. O'Regan, A. Kelly, J. Wright, L. Tait, L. Whitford, A. Finn, C. O'Leary, T. Florian, H. O'Shea, R. Hitchmough.

- L.C.

### **Under-14 Girls**

The under 14 girls hockey season kicked off with a friendly against Kineton, a touring English side. The end result was a 2-2 draw, with both goals coming from Rebekah Hitchmough. Our first league match was away to Fermoy. It was a match we could have won, but had to be content with a 1-1 draw, Laura Fitzgibbon providing the goal. Next up was another away game, this time against Scoil Mhuire. A 0-0 draw was the best result we could force from this encounter.

Coláiste Choilm was our next game. Gillian O'Shea found the back of the net twice, resulting in a 2-0 victory. The last league match was against Coláiste Mhuire, and once again we scored twice, (Gillian O'Shea and Jackie Hornibrook), and won the game 2-0. The next game was a friendly against Villiers. They proved too strong for us and a 4-0 loss was our heaviest defeat of the season. A cup match was the next game against a very strong St. Angela's side. We battled hard but came away with a 3-0 loss.

Those who played particularly well over the season were Rose Ponsonby (captain), Hilary Smith, Rebekah Hitchmough, Caroline Murphy and Gillian O'Shea.

*Panel:* R. Connolly, S. Lucey, H. Smith, L. Fitzgibbon, H. O'Rourke, K. Phelan, R. Ponsonby (captain), L. Morgan, C. Murphy, R. Hitchmough, G. O'Shea, J. Hornibrook, M. McGrath, A. Coleman, R. Stronach, A. O'Donovan, J. Fleming, A. Kelly, J. O'Shea, J. Moloney.

- L. C.

## Table-Tennis

This was a very quiet season by our usual standards, with the league not starting until after Christmas, which allowed us time to play most teams once rather than the usual home and away fixture. We entered three teams into the schools league, competing in Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

We had rather mixed fortunes overall – the senior team played four matches, recording two wins and two losses. Rob Smyth proved to be the most consistent player winning three singles and three doubles out of the possible four. Other players who featured were Eddie Leung, Brian Owers, Rob Fuller, Jop Nozza and Jonathan Fuller.

The B team played five matches, winning twice, drawing twice and losing once. Simon McKeown and Denis Daly both played four of the five matches, winning two singles each. Others who made appearances were Gordon Coleman and Eddie Rhys-Thomas who formed a successful partnership and Andrew Levis and Matias Ojeda.

In Division 4, our C team, most of whom were playing in the schools league for the first time played three games and lost all three, but improved over the season and gained match practice that will help them continue to improve. The team consisted of David De Mey, Rebecca Murphy, Maria Palomo, Mark Stapleton, Pau Pascual, Dermot England and Katie Flood.

The internal championships were dominated by Robert Smyth and Brian Owers. Robert won the Senior Cup in the fifth game. The Junior Shield final also went to a final game which Brian won 11-9. They also reached the final of the Senior League won by Brian, but their monopoly was broken in the junior league won by Denis Daly with Brian finishing runner-up. Owen Daly completed a family double by defeating David Oppermann in the final of the U13/First Form Championship. Clare Lucey won the Girls Cup by defeating Elaine Ross, reversing the result of the League Final between them earlier in the season. Given their dominance of Senior and Junior titles it was no surprise to find Brian Owers take the Player of the Year Award with Robert Smyth as runner-up.

In the Stephen Perrott Cup Peter Kelly staged a wonderful comeback to end a three year losing run against Ben Haughton. In a thrilling final Peter won 5-11, 12-14, 11-9, 11-4, 11-9. In the Plate Final Andy Long defeated Andrew Tait.

- B.M. and L.C.

## Tennis

The shorter than usual summer term made for a very busy time in the world of tennis. Tennis coaching was organised for 35 girls running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The internal school competitions had to be played at three different age levels for both boys and girls with over 60 players entered.

Most of the competitions were held on the Wednesdays with some interesting surprises and some assumed certainties.

Results of our school championship are as below.

	Winner	Runner-up
U14 Girls	Aisling Kelly	C. Murphy
U14 Boys	P. Crosbie	D. Farrell
U16 Girls	Aoife Kelly	C. Levis
U16 Boys	R. Smyth	S. McKeown
U19 Girls	E. Ross	K. Flood
U19 Boys	A. O'Brien	A. Levis

- C.S.

## Golf

The season began with Youghal Golf Club hosting the East Cork Section of the Phil O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy. The team, G. Maher, T. Garde, C. Glenn and V. Clarke played very well and enjoyed the day.

The Irish Schools Golf Championship South Munster section was hosted by Lee Valley Golf Club. The team were as follows: G. Maher, T. Garde, C. Glenn and V. Clarke. They all played well and enjoyed the outing.

The School Golf Competition was held as an eighteen hole Stableford Competition in East Cork Golf Club and included a pupil teacher competition. T. Garde won the Pupil's Competition

by a narrow margin with 42 points playing off a handicap of 12. He was followed closely by G. Maher and V. Clarke. Eleven pupils took part and enjoyed the day. The staff were represented by M. Daley, R. Power, L. O'Mahony and Mary Power.

Our thanks to East Cork Golf Club for the use of their course. Golf on the school course was still very restricted due to the development adjacent to it.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Daley for the time and effort put into golf during the year and our grounds man Mr. Dineen for maintaining the course.

- T. Garde

## *Chess*

It must be stated at the outset that this was a most unsatisfactory season. Many Midleton College students were eager to play chess and attendance at practice was very good, however actual competition games were few and far between. We entered a team in the Cork Schools Chess League, Division 3, which we expected to do well. The team consisted of Robert Moore (captain), Jonathan Fuller, Jop Nozza and Alistair Ross. Our main difficulty lay not in the ability of our players but in the casual approach of our opponents to actually setting a date to play the matches.

Eventually in January we finally played two of the three fixtures. Firstly we faced Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh in Midleton College. The home advantage was not enough to ensure outright victory and we ended with a 2-2 draw, Nozza and Ross winning their games. Next we played away to Deerpark C.B.S. Despite playing very well we again ended in a 2-2 draw, this time with Moore and Ross winning their games.

We should have played Clonakilty Community B team but they would never commit to a date and late in the year dropped out of competition. This created a bizarre situation of having to replay our previous opponents in order to determine an outright winner for the final round. This has still not occurred!

This year we also entered 2 teams in the E.S.B. Checkmate Nationwide School's Chess Competition. Our A team consisting of Dirk Gomez, Lorcan O'Mahony, Jonathan Fuller, Jop Nozza and Timmy Fuller were drawn to play against Mitchelstown C.B.S. They were very tough opposition and we lost 4-1, with only O'Mahony's win to save us from a whitewash. Our B team of Devron Tombacco, Alex Fung, Alistair Ross, Bryan Wright and Robert Moore were to play Coláiste an Chraoibhin, Fermoy but they withdrew from the competition. No replacement team was forthcoming, thus ending our involvement.

In the summer term we played our annual internal school chess competition. There were a small number of entrants in the junior section and we soon came to a final between Simon McKeown and Timmy Fuller. Playing the best of three games Fuller's excellent tactics made him a worthy winner with McKeown a gracious runner-up. The senior final was contested between Robert Moore and Alistair Ross. They had some very close games before the Ross Chess gene asserted itself and Alistair won through.

Thanks to all who participated during the year.

- B.H.

## *Cricket*

### **SENIOR**

The senior squad were an enthusiastic and talented group who enjoyed their cricket. Unfortunately the weather was the great spoilsport. Difficulties in finding fixtures and a short term were other frustrations. Nevertheless, the overall memory is of a most enjoyable term's cricket.

Our first match was against Midleton Cricket Club who batted first. The rain soon started and we spent 15 overs trying to convince ourselves that it really wasn't that wet. In the end, sense prevailed and we verified the Ron Little principle that as soon as you put those funny 'sticks' in the ground it invariably starts to rain!

The only match we completed was against the Old Boys and what a splendid match it was! We batted first and scored 102 runs in the 24 overs with everyone getting to the wicket. Jeff Hitchmough's knock of 44 runs was the mainstay of the innings and included a fine array of strokes. Brian Owers scored 21 runs when the score needed to be pushed along. Andrew Levis opening and Rob Moore later, also contributed well with the bat.

The Old Boys innings was notable for a fine innings by Jim Doran who scored 31 runs and carried his bat. He was well supported by Kelvin Hitchmough (17) and Ivan Wolfe (15). The school gave a magnificent display of fielding holding five catches in the process.

Rob Smyth and Brian Owers took two wickets each.

Jeff Hitchmough captained the side admirably. He is a keen student of the game and sets high standards. He kept wicket impressively and was selected on the 'Munster Reds' squad later in the season. Occasionally he took off the pads and bowled his leg breaks! Rob Smyth was our best bowler and our most natural batsman. Simon McKeown and Diarmuid Connolly are younger players who show good potential with both bat and ball.

The single wicket final on Sports Day morning was contested by Jeff Hitchmough and Eddie Rhys Thomas. Jeff won a disappointing game. The fielding cup was won by Andrew Levis, the bowling cup by Rob Smyth, the batting cup by Jeff Hitchmough and Brian Owers won the All Rounder Award.

Finally, a word of appreciation for Jim Doran for the hours spent working to improve the wicket and for his enthusiasm at net practice. His bowling machine greatly improved the effectiveness of the net sessions. We are very fortunate to have him coaching our beginners.

*Squad:* Jeff Hitchmough, Rob Smyth, Andrew Levis, Brian Owers, Michael White, Simon McKeown, Rob Moore, Eddie Rhys Thomas, Ciaran Phillips, Diarmuid Connolly, Richard Flood, Dermot England, Patrick O'Mahony.

- J. Levis

## SPOT THE BALL!



*During the Old Boy's Match, John Moore waits expectantly for the ball so he can complete the over. Ivan Wolfe, keeping wicket, seems relaxed as do Brian Owers and Jeff Hitchmough batting, but Mr. Levis seems concerned that someone may pinch his bales!*

### JUNIOR

We had a very fine team in 2001-02, it is simply a pity that we did not get to play more games! Only two schools were able to provide cricket teams against which to test our mettle.

The season began with a twenty overs match at home against Bandon Grammar early in May. Midleton opened the batting in confident mood but after just 2 balls our captain Jeffery Hitchmough was out for a duck, this was not in our script at all! Had we fatally underestimated our opposition? Reassurance was close at hand as Robert Smith proceeded to score 38 and Dermot England a vital 51 to give us a strong lead. More runs came as the overs passed until we finished on 126 for 7 off 20. This was more like it, but how would our bowlers perform in the second innings? The answer was not long in coming. Brian Owers quickly took the first wicket and after that the floodgates opened with Smyth, Simon McKeown and Tom Eastaway all taking two wickets until suddenly the game was over. Bandon all out on a total of 34 runs.

Our final match was against Newtown on 23 May and was also played at home. Having so comprehensively beaten Bandon and being informed by Newtown that they had a weak side we decided to reverse our batting order to make the game more of a contest. We got more than we had bargained for! Newtown having elected to bat first soon showed they had at least two quality players and at the end of the innings had a very respectable 76 for 6. Now we were going in with our lower order batsmen facing some quality bowling. Within 8 overs we had lost 5 wickets for a total of 5 runs and it was with some relief that we saw McKeown make 22 and Owers a very necessary 39. With our best batsman still in reserve we could breath again and a simple 2 runs from D. England combined with wides gave us a victory of 77 off 19 for 6. Both matches were enjoyable and played with great spirit and we eagerly await next summer!

The junior single wicket competition was a quiet affair this year with just four competitors. In one semi-final Simon Brookes narrowly lost to Peter Brougham by 1 run, while in the other, Mark Stapleton had a strong win of 25 runs against Seamus Hollywood's 12. The morning of Sports Day should have seen an interesting final between Stapleton and Brougham, however Stapleton was nowhere to be found so his place was taken by Hollywood. The competition moved swiftly along and Brougham was a convincing winner on the day.

My thanks to all who played cricket this season.

*Panel:* J. Hitchmough (capt.), R. Smyth, D. England, S. McKeown, B. Owers, S. Brookes, S. Fleming, S. Hollywood, P. Pascual, T. Eastaway.

- B. H.

### U13 Cricket

Despite the fact that the month of May this year was, in fact, a thinly disguised November the U13 cricket team bravely took the field on three occasions and no player was lost (surprisingly) to pneumonia, hypothermia or lightning strike (a real possibility in our one home fixture!).

This year's U13 squad contained many promising young cricketers and ample demonstration of their potential came in their first match away to Bandon Grammar. A captain's innings of 18 from Jack Charlesworth at the top of the order was backed up by Craig Moore's 14 and David Oppermann's 10 not out in a Midleton total of 72 for 6 off 16 overs. But the match-winning performance was provided by the entire team's fielding talents, highlighted by excellent catches taken by Nicholas Murphy, Richard Jeffery and Craig Moore and tight bowling from Daniel Pennington, David & William Oppermann, Nicholas Murphy and Craig Moore as Bandon were restricted to 58 runs in their allotted overs.

In the next game away to Harlequins we were less convincing in the field, conceding 30 wides, mainly due to the pitch being shorter in length than our bowlers were used to. However, excellent bowling spells from William Oppermann with 1 wicket for 5 runs off 3 overs (including a wicket maiden), David Oppermann whose three overs also cost a mere 5 runs and Craig Moore who conceded 9 runs in his 3 overs helped to keep the Harlequins score down to 72 off 20 overs.

Midleton passed this total with two overs to spare due to a fine batting display led by Craig Moore's undefeated 23, ably supported by Alan Ross with 13, the Oppermann twins who both scored 9 and Conor Brougham's 8 not out.

High hopes of concluding the season unbeaten evaporated at home to a West Cork eleven who coped better with the truly miserable weather conditions in a match memorable only for coining the new cricketing phrase, 'bad lightning stopped play'.

For the record Midleton's total of 44 in 20 overs was eclipsed by West Cork with 6 overs to spare, a scoreline which illustrates curiously enough that Midleton's more accurate bowling was easier to score off on the slow, damp track than West Cork's.

Apart from those players already mentioned Polo Crosbie, Owen Daly, Darren Farrell, Alan O'Regan, Craig Smyth & Stephen Waters also contributed to the U13 XI's short but highly positive cricket campaign this year.

My thanks go to all squad members, to Mr. Nick Ashton for his most welcome assistance at training sessions and matches and finally to Mr. John Levis for his invaluable support and enthusiasm.

- J. D.

## Other Cricket News

In 2002 eight Midleton College cricketers won interprovincial honours at U15 and U13 level.

Jeffrey Hitchmough and Robert Smyth were capped for the second year in a row at the U15 interprovincial series held in Ulster in July, with Jeffrey receiving the further honour of captaining the side. They were joined by Andrew Levis, Brian Owers and Michael White who were making their debuts at this level. Simon Brookes, Hal Hodson and Emmett Long were selected to represent Munster at the U13 tournament in Cork, also in July, and proved to be key members of the most competitive Munster U13 eleven of recent times.

Under the auspices of Midleton Cricket Club, Tom Eastaway, David, William and Sarah Oppermann, Daniel Pennington and Simon Casey, (who attends St. John the Baptist National School), took part in a kwik-cricket exhibition game at the lunch interval of the Ireland v MCC international match at the Mardyke in Cork in August. They played a timed game against a West Cork XI, which included Simon Brookes, and were unfortunate to lose by one run.

- J.D.

### “60 – NOT OUT!” OR THERE’S LIFE IN THE OLD CRICKETER YET



*A photo taken just after the Headmaster’s 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday, shows him attending a cricket nets session during the summer. The session was run by Mr. Gerry Murphy, a former international cricketer for Ireland and a former Irish rugby coach.*

*L-R: Prof. T.T. West, S. McKeown, H. Hodson, M. White, B. Owers, J. Hitchmough, Mr. Murphy, the Headmaster and R. Smyth.*

## Past Pupils’ Golf

Looking back over my reports on previous seasons I often seem to say “another great season”. This could be because I am boring or it could be because it has been “another great season”. Our experiment with seven events produced mixed results. Overall we had slightly increased numbers but the average attendance at each event was slightly down. The format for next year will be much the same with one notable difference; but more about that later.

The venues visited this season are listed here along with the top three placed competitors at each course:

Water Rock	T.Beamish	P.Johnston	N.Stephenson
Mahony’s Point Killarney	R.O’Neill	L.Long	P.Kelly
Harbour Point	H.St.Ledger	K.Chambers	A.McCarthy
Dundrum	C.Jermyn	A.McCarthy	R.O’Neill
Cahir	I.Beamish	T.Tait	T.Ahern
Dungarvan	J.Tait	M.Hegarty	N.Stephenson
Bantry Bay	L.Long	I.Beamish	M.Hegarty

Last season there were as many as seven players who could have won the Player of the Year trophy depending on their final round in Bantry. This year there were only four who had a reasonable chance. As is now traditional the leading three in the order of merit go out together in the final group. On this occasion none of them seemed to be on form. At the end of the round it was really a case of "as you were". The prize giving was as always in the cosy comfort of O'Sullivan's Bar in Crookhaven.

The Player of the Year for 2002 was Rory O'Neill. He deserves this win. He has been a very regular participant in our outings over the years and his scores show great consistency (with the one exception of Bantry). Ivan Beamish put in a great defense of his title to finish as runner up this season. The third place went to Andy Long.

The Junior Category, Player of the Year trophy was won this year by Trevor Beamish. He had this trophy in the bag almost since his outlandish 43 points in Water Rock way back in May. The only thing that might have prevented him from doing so would have been if he had won the overall trophy. He only missed out on this by one point.

The end of year evening in Crookhaven lived up to the high standard of previous seasons. This is all made possible by the huge hospitality extended to us by the O'Sullivan clan. Our thanks as ever go to them.

The two sections of past pupils met up once again in Beechpark Golf Club in Rathcoole outside Dublin. Hugh St. Ledger, Ivan Beamish and Trevor Beamish joined the Fleury brothers in the competition this year. This season the team performed better than last year finishing joint third overall.

Our fixture list for the year is now almost complete. This is the tenth year of our existence as a society. To mark this we have decided to play for the first time at a links course. Since most Links courses are a reasonable distance away it was felt that this would need to be an overnight fixture. This then led us to the idea of playing two rounds on the one day. This situation is currently being explored with Dooks Golf Club in Glenbeigh Co. Kerry.

The venues and dates are listed here:-

Water Rock	April 6 ( Sunday)
Mahony's Point	May 10
Dooks	June 7
Dundrum	July 19
Harbour Point	September 6
Bantry	October 11

As I write this I am greatly looking forward to next season. In the mean time I can content myself with the knowledge that we have the Christmas outing to look forward to.

- R.St.J.P

## "THE BOGEY MEN"



*Rory O'Neill receiving the Player of the Year Trophy from Ray Power.*

# *Midleton College Association*

## COMMITTEE 2002/2003

*President* J.A. Fleury

*Vice Presidents* B.D. Cairns, D. Keegan.

*Hon. Secretary* D. Beamish; *Membership Secretary* R. Chambers

*Hon. Treasurer* D. Hall, *Hon. Auditor* P. Hitchmough.

### *Committee*

J. McHugh, J. Cuddy, J. West, J. Payne,

R. Wood, G. St Leger, A. Gunn, J. Smith, C. Elmes.

The A.G.M. of the Association took place on 28 January 2002 at the Midleton Park Hotel, when I was elected your President for the next term of office. I would like to thank John McHugh and his out going committee for their work on your behalf during a difficult period. It was not possible to hold any meetings for quite some time due to the foot and mouth restrictions.

Since my last tenure as President in the early 90's many events have taken place, both for the Association and Midleton College. We have lost members and friends with the passing of time, however it has been very encouraging to meet new people who have joined and taken an active role in the Association during the intervening years and contributed to its development.

Our web site is up and running! You will now be able to communicate with greater ease and speed with your former colleagues. Written communication costs have been one of the biggest drains on our finances for many, many years. We will be posting all relevant information and notices through this medium in future, in addition to the insert in the magazine. Next year will also see a change in the format in the collection and payment for the distribution of the magazine. A separate notice regarding this will be issued in due course. Please take note of the Notice of Motion under item No 5 on the agenda for the A.G.M. on Monday, 27 January 2003.

The Asgard sailors, Laura Moore and Laura McCarthy Cronin, finally got to sea on the 6th November, somewhat later than planned, delays due to refitting in dry dock after some unplanned modifications to the hull by a third party on the high seas!!! I would like to thank Ivan Wolfe most sincerely for undertaking the interviews with myself over the past 13 years. We find the interviews both exhilarating and challenging.

The usual round of sports activities took place during the year. We hope those with a keen interest in sport will return again with new participants next year. By the time you have received this report some members will no doubt be poorer and wiser, or may be richer, as a result of their visit to the Cork dog track. A great social evening of gambling and grub, thanks to Daphne Spillane our ever efficient secretary.

I cannot finish this report without saying thank you both personally and also on behalf of the members, to Kay and Brian Cairns for all the support they have given unstintingly to the Association over the past two decades and more. They have given us a great deal of their time and commitment. We wish them health and happiness in their forthcoming retirement.

- Jonathan A. Fleury (*President*)

# Midleton College Association

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above Association will take place on Monday, 27 January 2003 in the Midleton Park Hotel at 8 p.m. It is hoped that all members will do their utmost to attend.

- D. Beamish – Hon. Secretary

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting.
  2. Apologies.
  3. To receive and consider the reports of the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
  4. To receive and consider nominations for the election of:
    - (a) President
    - (b) Vice-President
    - (c) Honorary Secretary
    - (d) Membership Secretary
    - (e) Honorary Treasurer
    - (f) Honorary Auditor
    - (g) A committee of seven members.
  5. To consider notices of motion. For Rule 14. School magazine is hereby amended to read as follows: The school magazine shall be recorded as the official magazine of the Association.
    - a) a copy of magazine shall be forwarded free gratis to each new member to his/her registered address for a period of five years, provided he/she joins the Association within one year of leaving Midleton College.
    - b) After five years membership, the cost for further magazines will be levied as determined by the Committee.
    - c) For existing and non members a cost for further magazines will be levied as determined by the Committee.Proposed: J. Fleury Seconded: P. Hitchmouth.
  6. To transact any other business relating to an Annual General Meeting.
- P.S. Please note that Notices of Motion must be received by the Secretary 7 days in advance of the meeting.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

1. January 27 Annual General Meeting in the Midleton Park Hotel at 8p.m.
2. March 28 Invitation Table-Tennis Tournament for the Stephen Perrott Cup.
3. March 29 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Rugby matches and Ladies' Hockey match versus the College: followed by a get-together at the Mill Wheel, Midleton. Food and Music provided. All past pupils and friends are welcome.
4. May 30 Cricket match. Past Pupils Taverners XI v College at 6.30p.m.
5. May 31 College Sports Day.

### NOTICES

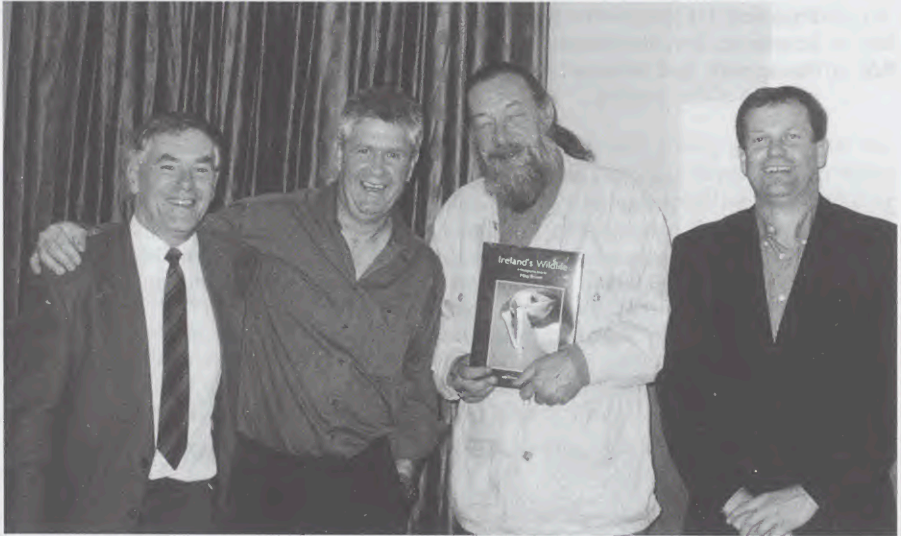
1. The Membership Secretary would be grateful for information on members for whom we have no addresses.
2. Midleton College Association Ties are available through the School Office. Price €12.00.
3. The College would be grateful for any information on past pupils for inclusion in next year's jottings. Please contact the Editor or write to Mrs Cairns at the College. We thank all those who wrote to us during the year. Letters from former pupils are much appreciated.

## “MIDLETON MEDIA MOGUL!”



*Carl O'Brien, a past pupil of the College, is shown with his Young Journalist of the Year Award. Carl, a writer with the Irish Examiner, has won the award for the third consecutive year, truly an outstanding achievement!*

## “WILD AND WONDERFUL”



*Michael Brown, a past pupil of Midleton College, recently published a photographic study of Ireland's wildlife. He is pictured here with his arm around Mr. Levis (one of our endangered species here in the school!) It is a visual feast of a book and would make an ideal Christmas present.*

*L-R: J. Levis, M. Brown, R. Warner (broadcaster), and I. Leopold.*

Midleton College Library

## Obituaries



*Sacred Heart of Jesus  
have mercy on the soul  
of*

**SHEILA KELLEHER**

**MISS SHEILA KELLEHER:** The death of our former cook, Miss Sheila Kelleher, in July 2002, while perhaps not unexpected, nevertheless was a great shock and a blow to us all. She retired just over a year ago after over 30 years of selfless, devoted and loyal service to this school. She thought nothing of baking bread at 6 o'clock in the morning and catered with patience, for the dietary idiosyncrasies of both pupils and staff.

She struggled bravely against cancer for a number of years – without complaint or any thought of expecting sympathy – that was not her style.

A fluent Irish speaker, she came from Ballyvourny on the country bounds, technically in Cork, but there was no doubt that her allegiance lay further West.

Her funeral service in Ballyvourny was a celebration of her life and a thanksgiving for the privilege of knowing her.

B.C.D.



**JAMIE McNALLY**  
*R.I.P.*

**JAMIE McNALLY:** The death of any young person is tragic and heart rending and we were deeply shocked by the death of Jamie McNally as a result of a freak accident – just 23 years of age. A handsome young man who had just graduated from the university of Glamorgan and was ready to enter a new phase of his life. We remember him well at school; full of life and fun; a good games player; quite a character; immensely popular with his peers and his teachers.

The tragic irony is that he died on 12 August 2002 exactly 10 years to the day, when the Tomlins children, James and Katherine, died on the Celtic Pride also as a result of a freak accident. Jamie was in the same form as James Tomlins and he attended James and Katherine's funeral service in Glounthaune church – the same church as his own funeral service 10 years later. Present were the Tomlins parents to express their sympathy and support based on their own terrible experience.

Jamie's funeral was a very dignified but heart rending experience and the huge number of former Midleton College pupils present were visibly stunned and deeply saddened by his passing. As Jamie's coffin was carried down the aisle, the choir sang the traditional Midleton College hymn, 'Guide me O thou Great Jehovah', I am not ashamed to say that the poignancy of the moment quite overcame my wife and myself – we had lost one of our own.

B.D.C.

**BILLY RYAN:** We record with regret the death of Billy Ryan at the age of only thirty-seven. He died suddenly in England on 16 October. Billy entered the College in September 1977 and left in June 1983 having completed his education. While at school he was a pleasant and hard working pupil. Billy was the eldest of three children and younger brother Paul was a pupil at the school from 1981 – 1987. Paul was a keen and excellent cricket player while at school and captained the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in his final year.

We send our deepest sympathy to Paul and all the family circle in their bereavement.

K.M.C.

### Engagements and Marriages

Suzette French, Ken Grandon, Paul Horgan, Kevin O'Neill, Clodagh Tait, Annie Fitzsimmons, Jonathan Orr, Graham Nicholson Reeves, Andrew Potter Cogan, Rachel Dungan, Elizabeth Hume, Gillian Beamish, Tara McCarthy, Robin Potter Cogan, Jarvis Ottman, Nicky Roberts, Andrew Thompson, Andrew Nicholls, Rebecca Haughton, Louise Forrest.

### Births

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Lynch (Heather Hume), Mr. & Mrs. Tarrant (Angela Flynn), Mr. & Mrs. Collins-Nolan (Julie Collins), Mr. & Mrs. Redmond Kelly.

## PAST PUPILS JOTTINGS

I commend these my final jottings to you all. I know all past pupils 'home in' on these when the magazine arrives and I exhort you all to keep the news coming in future years to who ever inherits the jottings column. I have enjoyed writing them over the years. Please keep in touch with us after our retirement. We will never fail to be interested in your careers and lives after Midleton College. K.M.C.

A letter from the BOURKE family gave us news of NICHOLAS who is Chief Officer on a B.P. Gas carrier. MARIKA is still at college doing a degree course in Commercial Softwear development and NATASHA, after missing so much schooling through illness, did her Leaving Certificate and got 480 points.

We had a postcard from ROB COGAN in May from Bolivia where he was taking part in a sponsorship drive for 'Enable Ireland'. It was a ten day trek and at the time of writing they had raised over €100,000.

RICHARD COOKE was profiled in a Business Article in the Sunday Times in November. Richard with his sister Lisa is co-founder of the well established Lisa Richards Agency which they set up in 1990. He has also been director of the Murphys Cat Laughs Comedy Festival since its inception nine years ago. He is married to actress Pauline McLynn.

CAROLYN CUDDY was honoured on Prize Day for gaining a 1st Class Honours degree in Computer Science from U.C.C.

Our congratulations to DAVID CUDDY who qualified as a Chartered Accountant (A.C.A.) in November. His sister MAUREEN is studying to become an Accounting Technician.

SHANE CURTIN has returned to his native Cork from London to continue his Dentistry career. RORY is working in New York with DAVID MOHALLY. SIOFRA is still working and enjoying life in London and ROISIN continues her studies at U.C.C. Youngest brother BRIAIN, now in his final year at Midleton, has had the honour of being appointed Captain of the Munster Schools A Rugby team.

News of the DUNGAN family. RACHEL is managing a pharmacy in Fermoy. She also lectures to the Irish Pharmaceutical Society from time to time and gives talks in schools. She has recently become engaged to accountant Padraig O'Neill and they plan to marry next May. SARAH is working as a Medical Scientist in Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin. She also completed a two year course and obtained a Diploma in Counselling from Maynooth this year. JENNIFER spent last year at the University of Glasgow doing a post graduate Diploma in Primary School Teaching and now teaches 3rd class at a school in Greystones, Co. Wicklow. She keeps up her Spanish and obtained a Diploma in Spanish from the University of Navarra during her Gap Year in 1997. JENNIFER gained a 1st Class Honours degree in Mathematics from Trinity College Dublin in 2001 and was honoured at Prize Day this year. DAVID having spent the last three years with a computer company in Bray and studying at Dublin Business School in the evenings has recently moved to Cardiff where he is involved in sales.

We met up with CLAIRE ELMES recently. On her return from England she was appointed Catering & Leisure Centre Manager of Garryduff Sports Centre. Claire graduated from the University of Gloucester in 1997 and has had much experience in this field and in the area of Food Hygiene and Health and Safety Awareness. We wish her well in her new post.

Old Boy JERVIS GOOD, an ecologist specially involved with the value of "Wildlife Corridors", has recently published a series of papers which make a case study of the land at his family home 'Glinny House Farm'. Jervis was Young Scientist of the Year back in 1979.

It was good to see ALAN DELLER when he popped in one day to see us. Alan is working in Jury's Hotel in Edinburgh while doing his graduate course in Hotel Management. He spent an enjoyable year in the States while doing his Diploma Course at Birmingham College of Tourism and Hotel Management.

CLAIRE GEARY has completed her Child Care Course and is now doing a Health and Hygiene Course.

Our congratulations go to 'old boy' KEN GOOD on his elevation to the Bishopric of Derry and Raphoe. Ken was formally Archdeacon of Dromore. We wish him God's blessing in his future ministry. Ken was consecrated Bishop in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on 11 June this year. My husband and I met him briefly at the C of I Synod in June and were able to give him our congratulations in person.

Another older 'old boy' JOHN GOW, from Canada, visited the College in June this year. He attended Midleton from 1938-41 during the 'reign' of Tim West. From a farming background, on leaving school John went on to Gurteen Agricultural College and then to a farming career in Canada.

A newspaper article gave us news of BETH HAUGHTON and husband HAROLD LYNCH. They both seem to have a pretty hectic life style. Beth runs a fashion boutique in Douglas and Harold runs his restaurant Citrus next door, juggling jobs with parental duties to two year old Nathan. We congratulate younger sister REBECCA on her recent engagement.

CARL HOMEYER visited the school, also in June this year. Carl left school in 1999 and went as a exchange student to a school in Salem, Missouri for a year. He enjoyed America so much he went on to University and has just completed his 2nd year at the S.E. Missouri State University where he is studying International Business and German; Travel and Tourism. Carl was an excellent basketball player while at school and has now also played American football.

GEORGE HUSSAIN has started his Computer Course at Teeside.

EDMUND IRWIN now has two pharmacies and he and his wife are expecting their first child. THERESE is working in Sydney until next April and is enjoying the Australian way of life. CATHY and her husband live in Midleton. Their father Eddie died in December last after losing his battle with cancer. Eddie was the well known former restaurateur and host of the Berkeley in Cloyne.

GAVIN KEANE visited the school in late August and was amazed to see how the school had moved forward in the 12 years since he left. Gavin had been working for 2.5 years in Hong Kong as 'International Commercial Manager' of B & Q, a U.K. based retail group, but has now moved to take up a new post of 'Commercial Director' of B & Q China in Shanghai.

B & Q are currently the biggest foreign DIY retailer in the world and hope to expand their business even further. In a recent letter he wrote that he is finding Shanghai an exciting and dynamic city and is also enjoying his new and challenging job. He hopes to come back to see us all again in the not too distant future.

PAUL KENNY is lecturing at U.C.D. in Architectural Science and Building Physics. He recently completed a Ph.D. in Light Dynamics. GRAHAM is Vice President in Pioneer Investments at the IFSC in Internet Solutions.

We congratulate RACHEL KOHLER on her captaincy of the Irish Ladies Hockey team and hope that they will have acquitted themselves well at the World Cup in Australia.

A letter from the McCARTHY family in October gave us news of all the family. KIERAN is working as Engineer with a building firm in Cork. EVIN qualified from Blackhall Place during the summer and is working with Beauchamps & Co. in Dublin. MARIAN is studying at U.C.C. for her Higher Diploma in Midwifery. COLIN is in his final year at the University of Limerick doing a B. Tech in Electronic Systems.

ELIZABETH McHUGH is now assistant Operations Manager of AXA Insurance. Younger sister STEPHANIE is Irish Manager of the House of Lancaster Cosmetics and is married and living in Bray.

It was good to hear from PATRICK NEWENHAM who emigrated, with his wife Val and their three children, to Australia in 1990. They have their own Mushroom farm producing around 3 tonnes of mushrooms per week. They have recently set up their own vineyard and had their first crop last April, apparently a 'very nice drop of Petite Verdof' a full bodied Australian red. Perhaps if he comes back on holiday some year he will bring us back a sample!!

The NICHOLLS family gave two wonderful concerts during the year. The first one 'Music for a Summer Evening' was in St. Mary's Collegiate Church in Youghal on 26 June in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. It was a magical evening of music with COLIN on piano and organ, RICHARD on violin, STEPHEN on French Horn and CLARE singing. Richard, the eldest son was educated at the College and has a degree in Maths and Music from U.C.C. He also has an advanced Diploma in Violin Studies from the Welsh College of Music and Drama. He currently teaches violin at the Kilkenny School of Music. STEPHEN, in his final year at school, is a very talented French Horn player and is a member of the National Youth Orchestra. He hopes to study music when he leaves school next June. CLARE is a girl chorister and soloist with St. FinBarres Cathedral Choir where father COLIN is Organist and Master of Choristers. Colin was for many years Music Teacher and Director of Church Music at the College. He is also Lecturer of Organ at the Cork school of Music and is conductor of the East Cork Choral Society. It is always good to welcome Colin and wife Angela back to our Easter Music and Carol Services when Colin plays the organ for the choir. Then on 28 September the whole family gave a superb concert in St. FinBarres Cathedral to an invited audience, which filled the body of the Church. This time Richard and his wife played together and younger brother Andrew announced his engagement. Angela played a duet with Colin on piano and the whole family, including in-laws, gathered to sing a special arrangement of 'Happy Birthday' in honour of Colin's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday the following week.

ROSS NOLAN was honoured, in absentia, on Prize Day for his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Degree in Psychology and Business from the University of Southampton.

CARL O'BRIEN has been named 'Young Journalist of the Year' for the third consecutive year. This means he has now won it outright. A remarkable achievement.

Footballer JOHN O'FLYNN has returned to play for Cork City from Peterborough United and had an immediate effect on the team scoring for them in two of his first matches getting the Cork side off to a fine start in the Premier Division this season.

EOIN O'MAHONY has graduated with a 2.1 in Social History from U.C.C.

An e-mail in March from TERRY O'MALLEY tells us that he still keeps up his concern for the people of Afghanistan and was planning a trip back there to replace the trip postponed due to September 11 last year. He told us that DAVID KEEGAN is doing much 'bird watching' in Bantry.

We had an e-mail from another older 'old boy' in March, JOHN PARKER who left Midleton in 1948 when he shared the Moore Memorial Prize with Roy Smith. John went on to a career in Medicine (Paediatrics). Though now retired he still writes in the electronic BMJ and other medical journals. He lives in British Colombia.

DAVID PEARE and family are living in Kinsale where he runs a restaurant and foodstore. He still keeps up his interest in the world of theatre.

NICKY PHELAN is in his final year of his diploma course in Classical Animation. His final year syllabus is to produce individual animated short films. With his wonderful talent I am sure he will do very well. SUZANNE who left in June, is doing Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Brighton.

LOUIS ROGERS wrote to Mr. Levis in May telling of his exploits in the academic world since leaving the College in June 1991. He graduated from U.C.C. in 1995 with an honours degree in Chemistry and worked for Novartis in Switzerland for two years until 1997. He then moved to St. Andrews in Scotland where he did his Ph.D. in Organic/Medical Chemistry. His thesis was submitted and passed in March of this year.

It was great to see ROMAN de PONTAC and his girlfriend when they visited the College on 28 August. He is still in the family Wine Business and now has a house in Bordeaux. He was most impressed with all the new development at the College since he left in 1993. Rumour has it that he is thinking of settling down!

I had news of the SCOTT BAIRDS in October. SEAN is working for a firm called Soundtrak in Cork. He is also doing some freelance sound engineering and playing bass guitar with various bands. COLM had been working as a sound engineer and technician in Cork but has recently returned to England as lead guitarist with a band over there. He also

works by day doing sound engineering and installation of equipment. Máiréad graduated this year from U.C.C. with a 2.1 degree in Geography and Archaeology. She had decided to take some time off to travel the world but is waiting until after Sean's wedding in August 2003 and is at the moment saving money for the trip and working as an overqualified waitress at Ballymaloe! EIMER is in her final year of her 4 year degree course at Harper Adams for her B.Sc. Hons. Degree in Animal Health. She worked for the summer at a grain company in Hampshire analyzing grain samples.

RICHARD STREET and his wife Jenny are running the Grangecon Foodstore and Café in Co. Wicklow. They got an excellent write-up in the April edition of the Food and Wine Magazine.

DR. CLODAGH TAIT got married in August. The title of her successful Ph.D. Thesis submitted to NUI UCC was entitled 'Harnessing Corpses'. Death, Burial, Disinterment and Commemoration in Ireland 1550-1655. A strong stomach needed I feel for that thesis!! On a lighter note former headgirl ALISON TAIT played the 'new' organ at a dedication service at East Ferry on Sunday, 30 June. There is an article elsewhere in the magazine, written by the Headmaster, about this very special occasion.

TRISTAN TAIT, who is a member of the East Cork blues band Stagestruck, played recently at An Spailpin Fánach, Cork, following the Rory Gallagher Lecture, on the opening day of Cork Art Fest. He was looking very well in the photograph of the band which appeared in the Examiner the following day.

PATRICK TREACY never fails to call in to say 'hello' when he is home. Patrick was awarded a 1st Class Honours Degree this year in Biochemistry from Imperial College, London. He also won the Umanze Prize for the best final year project. Patrick was top student of his year in 1997 and now plans to travel for a year before going on to do his doctorate at Berkeley University, California. His world trip will take him through America, Australasia and Asia but he tells me that it is all subject to change due to Arabs, mosquitoes and sharks! Perhaps he will write an article for next year's Magazine. Patrick was honoured in absentia, for his 1<sup>st</sup> Class Degree at Prize Day. Both Ross Nolan and Patrick's graduations were the previous day and it was impossible for them to be back to receive their awards in person.

It is rumoured that KEITH WATTS appeared on television during the year on a 'blind date' programme and went on a date to Zurich!

I end my jottings on a very sad note – the death of two young former pupils. BILLY RYAN who died suddenly in England on 16 October 2002. Billy left school in 1983 and was the elder brother of PAUL.

JAMIE McNALLY had only just graduated from the University of Wales, Glamorgan earlier this year when a tragic accident took him from us on 12 August this year, exactly 10 years to the day that another freak accident took his class-mate James Tomlins and also James' sister Catherine on 12 August 1992. Jamie was a loveable 'rogue' of whom I was very fond and his funeral in Glounthaune church was a very emotional experience. Many of his former school friends and rugby team mates came back to mourn his passing, as only Midleton College pupils do at a time of extreme sadness. I spoke to Daffyd Upsdell, over from England and Headboy in 1996, who like ourselves and the rest of his family and friends was quite overcome with emotion. Obituaries to these two young men and to other former pupils appear elsewhere in this magazine.

- Katherine Cairns

On 23 December the Class of 1992 are having their 10 Year Reunion.  
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Jill O'Brien

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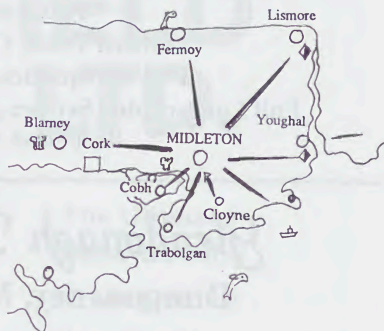
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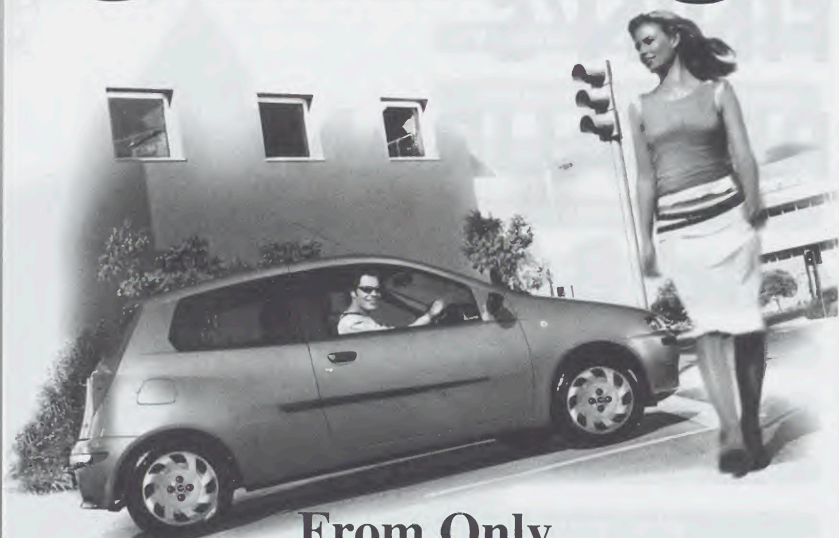
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