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## News from the Study

### *Dear Parents, Friends, and Old Shebbearians*

How important it is to enjoy ones school days - they are supposed to be the best days of your life after all! I recently had the pleasure of showing two Old Shebbearians, who are organising a 40 year on reunion at the end of May, around the College. They were struck by our variety of modern facilities, the enthusiasm and politeness of our pupils and the way we have successfully blended innovation with our history and traditional values.

I am proud of our school and their visit reminds me that our ultimate goal is to provide our young people with a first class education in a safe, supportive and happy environment. This term has been a success in so many ways, memories of which include our whole school approach to fund raising for the Tsunami appeal, the revival of the inter house competition, the end of term music concert, the Primary schools 5-a-side football competition, our show jumping competition and of course the staff and sixth form pantomime. These are just some of the events of this term, please enjoy the newsletter.

### **The Headmaster**



The Head Boy and Girl with some of the 'younger' members of the OSA at the annual Reunion Dinner



The '40-Years On Reunion' gets a boost when John Harding and Mike Heath meet up with The Headmaster and Jo Barnes to cheer on its progress. For further news see [www.m-ms.co.uk/28may](http://www.m-ms.co.uk/28may)

A record-breaking 92 Old Shebbearians, including 20 ladies, attended this year's Reunion Dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, London. Headmaster, Mr Bob Barnes and his wife Jo, were stunned to realise that they had taught over fifty percent of those present!

An excellent dinner was followed by speeches from the President of the OSA, Major Michael Johns, the Headmaster, Head Boy and Head Girl Rob Wade and Imogen Giddy respectively. Finally Mr Mike Heath mentioned the forthcoming 40 year-on Reunion at Shebbear College and the Devil Stone Inn for the 1958-65 Year Group and friends.

Guest of Honour was Lady Daphne Vane, one of the very first female pupils at the College and daughter of the late and very much respected Second Master Mr Jackson Page. Lady Daphne was awarded an Old Shebbearians' tie and in turn presented the OSA War Memorial Scholarship Prize to Holly Thomas. Holly is currently studying Pharmacy at Bath University and it seemed fitting that Lady Vane was there to present the prize, being herself the widow of an eminent scientist in the same discipline.

The Friends of Shebbear College were represented by Mrs Sara Chappell and Mrs Jane Down, the latter having recently retired as Secretary of the Association. She was warmly thanked for all her hard work over many years.

Major Michael Johns was congratulated on an excellent year's Presidency and Mr Michael Buckingham was designated as new President of the OSA with Mr Simon Birks as Vice.

Finally, Mr David Haley was thanked for all his hard work in organizing the event and the assembled throng sang the school song "Integer vitae" with great gusto.

Anyone interested in keeping in touch with Old Shebbearians please visit the OSA website [www.shebbearian.co.uk](http://www.shebbearian.co.uk)

## Fundraising



Come on Katy—You know you like getting wet!!

### The Small School with the Big Heart!

Shebbear College has responded to the Tsunami Appeal admirably. Fran Haden headed the appeal. She spoke to all students in the opening assembly and asked them for ideas that would raise a lot of money - FAST!!!

During the following week gangs of soapy pupils spent lunch times washing Staff and Sixth form cars; meanwhile the collection of unwanted Christmas gifts was building in preparation for a giant Bring and Buy Sale; break time soup and a roll, courtesy of Mesdames Sara Chappell and Sue Harrod, was a popular treat; the auction of John Buist's red woollen tie and a fantastic cake sale at the end of the week helped greatly by parent Mrs Thomson, added up to a very busy week of money-raising for this worthy cause. In addition, logs were offered for sale by the College's hardworking maintenance team. Add to this the amazingly generous donations from parents to give the tremendous grand total of £ 1,800, raised in just five days!

"We have been overwhelmed with the generosity and dedication that the students have shown this week and are thrilled that we have raised so much money." said Miss Haden. £1000 has been donated to the Shelter Box Trust based in Helston and the rest has been donated to the Methodist Development Relief Fund for the Tsunami.

**Shebbear College - the small College with an enormous heart!**



This looks like a good read



What's the surprise Charlie?



Cheque Presentation



**Congratualtions to the Junior netball team, joint first place winners in the St Joseph's Netball Tournament**



**Well done also to our Junior school who came runners up in the annual Vil-lages Five- a -Side Competition losing to Bradworthy in a very exciting penalty shoot-out!**

## Youth Speaks

Shebbear College sent four teams to this year's Youth Speaks Competition organized by the Rotary Club and held at Great Torrington School.

The three Intermediate teams all performed well; Emma Jones talking with some enthusiasm about Homework, Portia Light explaining the role of hounds in a hunt and the winners, led by Ruth Hatton, describing her visit to Samoa, one of the islands she visited during her family's recent round-the-world trip.

Ruth was well supported by Alice Lake (chairperson) and Natalie Lynn (vote of thanks) and although they did not go on to win the Area Final at North Devon College, once again they performed well.

The College's only senior team, made up of Gareth Tidball, Tilly Pates and James Scott also finished second, with a lively and informative talk from Gareth about cruelty to animals.



## On a Musical note

Due to the overwhelming popularity of his last gig at Shebbear, Kevin Montgomery returned to the College Memorial Hall for two nights at the end of January and this time he brought his band, The Road Trippers.

Although many of the concert goers had not previously heard of Kevin, most were avid fans by the end of the evening!



Mr Parker, is delighted to report that Rebecca Betambeau has been awarded a 4yr scholarship at the prestigious Birmingham Conservatoire. "She has worked extremely hard to attain such a high level of musicianship and has a glittering future ahead of her". She is also a highly accomplished pianist and has recently taken up the drums to add to her musical life.



Alice Lake has 'run' herself into the National finals for cross-country running. "In my spare time I am part of the Shebbear College Cadet Force and recently we entered a series of cross-country competitions. I'm through to the Nationals which will be held in Cumbria and will be going there for the weekend to compete against other national cross-country runners and I'm really looking forward to the challenge!"



Ski Trip 2004 ... Vars France

Once again the Alps reverberated to the sound of excited Shebbear students struggling to master the art of sliding around on long pieces of wood! A very full coach left college about noon on Saturday December 11th and 23 hours later was pulling into the picturesque village of Vars in the southern French Alps. A lack of early snow had meant that only a few resorts anywhere were open, but fortunately Vars was one of them, thanks to a significant fall of snow two weeks before, and some extensive snow making machinery around the resort.

The snow showers also provided one of the evening highlights - an Inter-house snowball fight! Which House actually won is in dispute! Another evening saw most of the students descend to the basement of the hotel which housed the local discotheque! - here they were able to mingle with students from another English school. A pool competition was organised, won by Jay Whiting and Rob Gibbs, who trounced Head of Games, Steve Chapman and his partner Patrick Fuller in the final! Many students also felt the need to eat huge quantities of pizza, to top up the four meals they had eaten in the restaurant! Four Sixth Formers, who will remain anonymous, especially the Head Boy, learnt a valuable lesson in eating out abroad ... the *râclette* ( a bit like a fondue ) they thought was going to cost 20 euros for four ( a bit unlikely ! ) turned out to be 20 euros each ! An expensive mistake! Their wallets would have been even lighter but for the intervention of French teacher Mr Merfield, who managed to persuade the restaurant owners to let them off their bar bill! A great time was had by all.

## Gareth Tiball in



Gareth Tibball was chosen in September 2004 to tour South Africa in February 2005 with the Devon Development Squad (U14 and U15). The tour consisted of 8 matches including a 2 day game. Gareth's own performances with the bat were consistent with a top score of 24. Against Western Province, he opened the batting and batted for 80 minutes against some very fast and hostile bowling. Due to an injury to the wicketkeeper, Gareth actually kept wicket for most of the tour .

The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Newlands Cricket Ground on his birthday when he was presented by the Head Groundsman with a stump used in the previous Test Match.



## Netball Success for Shebbear Sixth Formers!

Shebbear College U19 Netball teams played host to West Buckland School recently and played superbly to ensure victories for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams. The 1<sup>st</sup> teams from both schools played to a very high standard with superb shooting all round. Shebbear's fantastic team work never faltered and they one 34-29. The Shebbear 2<sup>nd</sup> team also had a close game winning 14-12.

This double success was repeated when the teams travelled to Plymouth College. The U19 1<sup>st</sup> team won 26-5 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team 13-2. Many of the Shebbear College Netball girls also play in the North Devon Netball league and the school has close links with Bude Bay Netball Club. Two pupils also represent East Devon. These results mean the U19 1st team is unbeaten in local fixtures this season- Well done girls!!

## DIARY DATES- SUMMER 2005

Boarders return Mon 11th April  
School starts Tues 12th April

Half term Fri 27th May  
Boarders return Tues 31st May

School starts Wed 1st June  
School Closes Fri 1st July