

## 50's Nights Shows

Students wound the clock back to the 1950's before Easter, with shows on the last two nights of term. Art, Comedy, Music, Songs and Dance all featured in a two and a half hour spectacular, with over 120 performers playing to a packed hall on both nights. Students relived the fashions and dances of the decade – the start of rock and roll. Some highlights: the soloists - **Sally Fothergill** sang *Blue Moon* accompanied by the jazz group, and later sang Peggy Lee's *Fever*, accompanied by **Miss Stokoe** on piano, John Smith on double bass, and a group of friends on finger clicking. **Sophie Jude** was Marilyn Monroe singing *Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend*; **Robyn Harrison** sang *Que Sera Sera*; **Maddie Brunton** sang the Julie London hit, *Cry Me A River*. **Florence Spaven** and **Stephanie Bedford** sang *Fly Me To The Moon*, and **David Keeling** joined up with Mr Sturmheit to sing Sinatra's *Well Did You Ever*. **Nicola Gledhill** did two solo dance routines, and rock band **Hedcage** performed *Summertime Blues*. **James Young** gave a fine rendition of *Johnny B Goode*, accompanied by the guitar group that is learning to play guitar with visiting tutor Matthew Wheeler. Comedy was provided by **Jon Bentley**, **Henry Morley** and **Roseanne Batty** with a Tony Hancock sketch, and Sixth Form students performed a Goons sketch. The school orchestra, junior and senior choirs, jazz band and seven dance groups, including the Year 10 GCSE music group, completed the programme.

The evenings were a great success. What was particularly special was the support from students in the audience for their fellow students who were on stage performing - enthusiastic but respectful shouts of encouragement for all the acts gave them a real boost. One of our problems now is that there are so many students putting themselves forward for our theme night shows that it is becoming harder to finish at a reasonable time - the first night we clocked off at 10.20 pm. - but we cannot think of any act that we should have missed out! It is wonderful to see the talent that exists amongst these young people, and they seem to get better year after year.

What is next year's theme? Suggestions so far include Colours and Shades, 90's Night and Beatles Night. Your thoughts are welcome.

## Science Morning

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March the 2<sup>nd</sup> primary science day was held in the new laboratories at Malton School. This day focused on the use of chemistry in fun and exciting ways, and is jointly organised by Malton School and Norton College. 60 students from 16 primary schools attended and undertook a variety of experiments; burning metals, making chemical worms and chemical gardens, learning how to make custard bounce. Feedback from parents and children was very positive. Students commented on how exciting it was to see crystals grow and magnesium burn.

## Annual CSL Debating Competition

Three students - **Peter Clarke**, **Nicole Ponton-Brown** and **Ben Seed** - represented Malton School at the annual debating competition, which is organised by the Central Science Laboratories, Sand Hutton. The students had to investigate the areas of stem cell research and the impact of organic foods on human health. Malton School was the only school that attended the debate from outside the York area. We made our way through the competition as far as the finals and unfortunately were just pipped to the post by Huntington School. Ben Seed was awarded the prize of best overall speaker. The students represented Malton School in the best possible light as a school of mature competent students that are second to none.

## Sports Development

We are delighted that Ryedale District Council has selected Malton School as the preferred site for a Sports Hall for all who live and work in Central Ryedale. A Sports Hall would significantly add to the range of the physical education programme at the school especially for those students following GCSE and A-level courses. The District, the Consultants employed by the District, School and North Yorkshire are currently in discussions about how any future sports hall could be financed. Thank you to all parents, students and friends of the School who attended one of the two public consultations before Easter.

## UKMT Mathematical Challenge 2005

The UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Challenge was taken by 188,127 pupils across the country, from Years 9,10 and 11. It is a 1 hour multi-choice paper, asking challenging questions on all areas of mathematics.

Results this year at Malton were very good. Best in School was **James Baker** (Y9). There were 7 Gold – **James Baker, Simon Gaskell** and **Bryony Goddard** (Y9), **Jack Davies, Sarah Burns, Sam Wicks** and **Robin Goforth** (Y11); 9 Silver - **Daniel Pratt** (Y9), **Rebecca Davidson** and **Monica Marshall** (Y10), **Bobby Goodwill, Oliver Peck, Sally Fothergill, David McGlen, Russell Goddard**, and **Claire Szuman** (Y11). There were 12 Bronze certificates awarded.

Three high-achieving pupils were invited to enter the second round of the competition:

**Jack Davies** of Year 11 was invited to sit the “European Kangaroo”, which is taken by 1000 pupils spread over 25 countries - only those achieving a certain level on the first challenge are invited to take part, and Jack deserves congratulations for this achievement.

**James Baker** and **Simon Gaskell** both of Year 9 scored extremely well in the Challenge and have been invited to sit the Intermediate Olympiad. This opportunity is only awarded to 400 pupils across the country and is an exceptional achievement for James and Simon. Congratulations again to James and Simon for these excellent results. Good luck to all pupils who are now awaiting the results of their second round challenges!

### Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

On the final Monday of term we entered four teams in this competition organised by Rotarians from Scarborough, Pickering and Malton and Norton. We were the only school in the area to enter every age category, and were delighted with the performance of all our teams. The junior team of **Jasmin Asquith, Emma Bean** and **Stephanie Bedford** excelled by winning their section, and the senior team of **Sally Fothergill, Sophie Monkman** and **Liam McDonald** were just pipped into second place by two points.

### “Spotted in Harrison Builders’ InSite Newsletter!”

#### Young man!

Introducing you to our youngest member of the team – Daniel Fish (15) from Malton School, who has shown a keen interest in the company and currently works at the Kirkbymoorside site one day a week.

Daniel arrived with an initial desire to become a bricklayer and has shown a natural flare for joinery. Kirkbymoorside’s site manager, Vic Hick, says, “Daniel is doing extremely well, his contribution is a great help and is showing all the signs of becoming a promising young tradesman.”

### Y11 Photographs

On 1<sup>st</sup> March, the East Wing Gym was filled with anticipation as the current Y11s had their annual photographs. The Event started with a whole year group photo along with several members of staff with one Y11 boy (Simon Callaghan) going red faced as the year spontaneously sang ‘happy birthday’.

The individual photographs then followed, with students lining up in form groups. After this, a select number of pupils decided to have friendship group photos - a treasured memory forever.

Overall, it was an experience that marks the beginning of the end of our school days and the beginning of the upcoming future.

*Sophie Hyde, Y11*

### Tree-planting

Sunday morning 13<sup>th</sup> March saw a dozen 6<sup>th</sup> formers meet up with Mr Fearnley and Nick Cooke from Castle Howard Nurseries, to plant a mixed hedgerow around the school’s conservation area, shrubs in the area next to the new Science labs, and six oak trees on the Broughton Road field perimeter. This was the latest in a series of activities as part of a two-year environmental project sponsored by Barclays New Futures. We can still provide trees for any primary schools or other organisations out there – contact Mr Fearnley if you are interested in taking up this offer.

**Malton, Norton & District Lions Club  
Charity Bike Ride, Sunday 8 May 2005**

The bike ride will begin from Malton Market Place at 10.30 am. There will be a choice of three routes – 12, 25 or 40 miles to suit all ages and abilities. It is not a race, all routes are fairly flat and take part on mainly quiet country lanes in beautiful Ryedale.

The aim is to raise sponsorship which will be split 50/50 for Lions Club charities and the charity of the entrant's choice. Entrants can either be individuals or teams of four. There will be a prize of a bike, kindly donated by R Yates & Sons Ltd., for the entrant raising the most money and cup or shield for the team raising the most money.

Remember this is not a race, please come along, have some fun and help raise some money for charity. It is hoped that families, schools, pubs and clubs will send either individuals or teams to the event to help make it a fun day. Anybody requiring sponsor forms please contact Lion **Peter Bell (01653 694096)**. If anybody would like to join the ride but is unable to get sponsorship, just turn up on the day and for a small donation (£5 (£2 for under 14) ride along!

### **Ski trip**

At 2.30 a.m. on 5 March, 45 students and 9 adults set off for Manchester Airport. A two-hour wait and two queue changes later they boarded the plane for Valloire, though some of their luggage did not!

Skiing was good, but there were some painful falls on and off piste, and in the snowpark, earning nicknames such as "Tree Boy". Bingo, quizzes, more bingo, a disco and bowling filled the evenings (the bowling competition was won by 9-year old Sophie Miller!). Scott took a shine to a certain French waitress, with advice from George. Emma W. rushed down a mountain on a stretcher – but she was OK and back ski-ing by the end of the week.

We all had a great time. Thanks to the teachers for taking us.

*By Emma Marsden, Fiona Marsden, Beth Young.*

**METAL CANS are no longer allowed in school. This is a Health & Safety issue as cans left on the field are cut up by the mower and can then cause injury to students.**

## **Sports News Scarborough and District Schools Gymnastics Competition**

On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, the Annual Gym competition took place at the Pindar School Sports Centre in Scarborough. Teams were entered at junior and intermediate level from Malton School. Competitors had to perform floor routines and two different vaults – scores being combined to make up a team total.

Our Junior (Year 7) team comprised: Yasmin Brown, Charlotte Stevens and Amy Szuman on floor and Annie Bentley, Esther Quinn and Lydia Spender on vault.

Malton's Intermediate (Years 8 and 9) were: Francesca Hall and Nicole Butterworth on floor and Rebecca Swallow, Sophie Thompson and Jenny Gibbon on vault.

With a total of 13 teams entered and many club gymnasts taking part the standards were extremely high and the competition a tough one. The Malton students had worked hard all year to put their routines together and perfect their vaulting and this really paid off on Saturday when we were placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Junior Team event and awarded silver medals. Francesca Hall collected individual honours in the Intermediate section and collected the runners-up shield. It was a great day and all the gymnasts were a credit to themselves and to the school. Very well done everyone!

### **Football**

Year 11 boys enjoyed an afternoon of football coaching in March by former Malton School student and current York City footballer Darren Dunning. Darren passed on some valuable advice to the boys from his experiences as a professional footballer and coach. A special mention must go to Year 11 student James Staff for organising the event.

### **Table Tennis**

Years 10 and 11 boys were given the opportunity to play table tennis during PE lessons in February and March. Funding was secured for five new table tennis tables and expert coaches coached the boys the basic skills of the game. Malton School would like to thank Gerald Cousins and Brian Quinn for giving up their time to coach the boys and also for securing the funding for the five new tables.

## **Sainsbury's Active Kids 2005**

Malton School is participating in the Sainsbury's Active Kids Campaign 2005, with the aim of inspiring pupils to get more active. Until 30<sup>th</sup> June, for every £10 you spend at Sainsbury's, you will receive one Active Kids voucher. The campaign encourages children to exercise and also highlights the importance of a healthy balanced diet. So, as an added bonus, you can earn one extra voucher for every £5 spent on fresh fruit and vegetables. Jackson's Supermarket in Malton will also be donating a proportion of all their takings in the coming weeks.

Any vouchers that you collect can be given to your child to post in the Active Kids collection box located in West Wing reception. These vouchers and the donation from Jackson's will then be used to purchase sports equipment and kit for use in school.

Please support the campaign and spread the word to family and friends that we are collecting vouchers.

## **Healthy Eating Update**

As you may recall, the school now has a "Healthy Eating Group" comprising students, governors, teachers, the cook and representatives from County Caterers.

The pre-election campaign over Easter saw healthy eating in schools catapulted to the top of the political agenda. It would have been hard to comprehend such a thing ever happening when I was a pupil consuming school dinners – not giving too much away, but three-day weeks and the TV going off the air at 10.30 were the main considerations then!

Anyway, the work of the group continues. Various initiatives are already evident, including "themed" days where healthy eating is encouraged through the provision of an "all-in" meal offer based around a food theme (Italian, Indian etc). The whole idea is to try and make healthy eating attractive and to encourage students to try different things.

Planned for the forthcoming term is a competition for pupils to design their own menu for the week, based around the healthy eating guidelines of

course. Hopefully the cook and her staff will use the prize-winning entry, at least in part.

Finally, you will notice elsewhere in this newsletter that, from now on, the bringing of drinks cans into school is prohibited. It has not been possible to purchase drinks in cans in school for several terms now. One of the reasons for the prohibition is safety (cans dropped on the field getting shredded by the mower). However, of course, the other issue is the adverse effect sugar filled drinks have on the consumer. We are all aware of the evidence to this effect. On the other hand, water is far cheaper and better for you. The provision of water in the dining hall has been improved. In addition, of course, plastic bottles of water (or fruit flavoured water) are a great substitute for the can of fizzy drink (and re-usable)!

*Alan Young, Parent Governor.*

## **Special Assemblies**

Assemblies during the first week of the Summer Term were taken by Sgt Edens of Malton Police. He pointed out that Ryedale District has the second lowest crime figures for the 300+ districts in England. This is a great tribute to the local population of all ages and a pat on the back for the work of the local police. He highlighted three issues of concern: graffiti, vandalism and illegal drugs use.

The police are currently targeting these issues. He stressed that anyone found in possession of cannabis or any other illegal drug will be arrested. He reminded students of the wide circle of family, friends and fellow students who suffer from one person's use of drugs: mood swings, apathy, violence, poorer performance at work or school.

## **Parent Governor**

Philippa Hare has been re-elected, unopposed, as Parent Governor. Her term of office will last for four years. Many thanks to Philippa for her continued and valued work as a Governor and for giving up so much of her time on behalf of the school.

## STAFF NEWS

Malton School seeks:

**Cover Supervisor - 30 hours per week term-time, salary points 14-17, (£13953 –£14931) pro-rata, pay award pending**

Applicants should have the ability to supervise whole classes during the short-term absence of teachers and be prepared to undertake lunch-time supervisory duties. You do not need to have a formal teaching qualification, but must have an aptitude for working with children and a willingness to be flexible in undertaking other non-teaching duties.

This established post is available from 1 May 2005. The closing date is 18 April 2005.

For application form and details for the above post please contact Mrs Wise, the Head's PA: phone (01653) 692828, fax 696871, e-mail: [admin@malton.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@malton.n-yorks.sch.uk) or write to: Malton School, Malton, YO17 7NH.

### Malton School PTA

#### Line Dance Party Pie and Pea Supper

To be held at Church Rooms,  
Langton Road, Norton

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7:30 – 11:30pm

There will be:

- Line Dancing
- Pie and pea supper (if vegetarian please specify)
- Tea and coffee (feel free to bring your own alcohol)
- A raffle

Tickets £5

For tickets and further information phone  
01653 695696

## SUMMER TERM 2005

### April

M	04	09.00	Summer Term begins (Wk 1)
W	06		Y12 Reports issued
M	11	17.00	Y9 Parents' Meeting with Subject Teachers
T	19	19.30	Y9 Parents' Information Meeting
Th	21		Y13 Reports issued
T	26		Post-18 Information Evening

### May

M	02		Bank Holiday
T	03		Y9 SATs + examinations begin
Th	12		Y7 and Y8 examinations begin
M	16		GCSE and AS written examinations begin
M	23		Y10 examinations begin
F	27	15.35	End of Half-Term

### June

M	06	09.00	Summer Term continues (Wk 1)
M	14		Y12 start A2 courses
M	13		Y13 A2 written examinations begin
M	20		Y10 Work Experience begins (2 weeks)
T	28		Y10 GCSE Science module
Th	30		School closed to pupils (Staff Training) (Malton Show)

### July

Th	07	19.00	Open Evening
T	12		Y7 Reports issued
W	13		Sports Day
Th	14		Y10 Reports issued
F	15		Y8 Reports issued
M	18		Tennis Tournament finals
T	19		Junior House Matches
W	20		Senior House Matches
Th	21		Citizenship Day (Activities)
F	22	15.35	End of term

### August

Th	18		GCE A and AS results
Th	25		GCSE results