



Chapel

This was a difficult year for the Chapel building, as the refurbishment of the Athlone Hall resulted in the Chapel being used for exams and music lessons. Nevertheless, the routine of services has been kept up as far as possible and the activities of Chaplaincy have continued.

The Autumn Term saw 'getting to know everyone' socials in the Chaplain's garden for all new boarders, and throughout the year the Chaplain was timetabled to teach all Year 9, which was a great help. There was the routine of Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday, with the change with Advent towards a Christmas feel in Chapel with candlelit evening services and Carols at the end of term; over the last two years much work has gone into the décor of the Chapel reflecting the seasons, and towards the end of term the Chapel was certainly a very atmospheric place. Charity is important for the soul and the Dickens' evening at the beginning of Charity Week was a hearty start to thinking about giving to others.

The Spring Term started with Founder's Day and later 10 pupils being Confirmed by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Thoughts increasingly turned to exams and the difficulty of keeping the routine going as Year groups left, trips took place and the Chapel was used for other purposes.

Overall the Chapel continues to provide a place where alternative ways

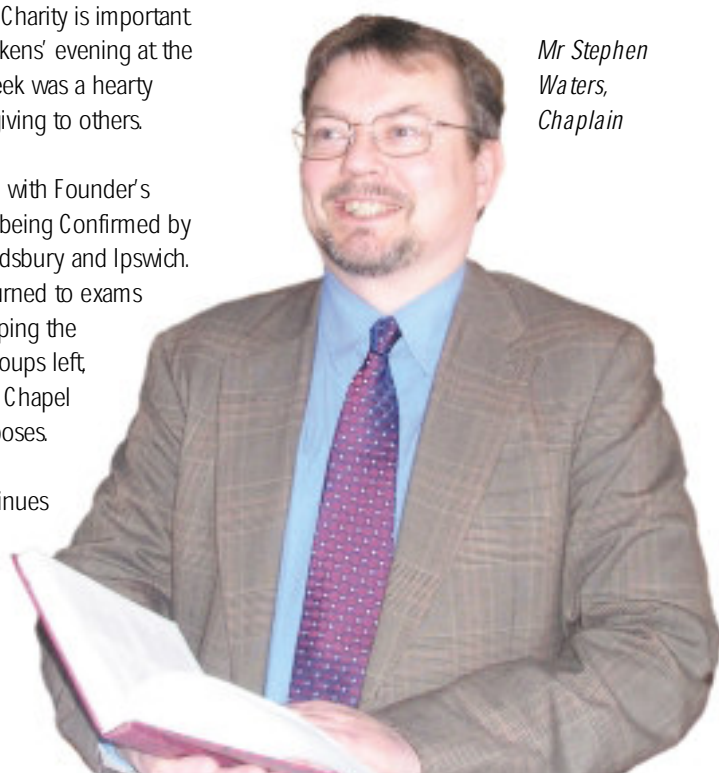
of living and believing, attitudes and ethos are presented to the College Community. An element in society which is becoming ever more precious as time passes by.

Mr Stephen Waters, Chaplain

Charity at the College

Several events were held during the year with own clothes days, cake and jewellery sales proving to be very popular. The Charity week held at the end of the Autumn Term resulted in the latest bizarre outfits at the fashion show, staff dressed as gorillas and werewolves, slaves being bought and sold in Paul's Court Marketplace, pupils keeping vows of silence and 'fandily' dressed hockey players. We were delighted that just under £4000 was raised for charities chosen by staff and pupils.

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The Framlingham Youth Volunteer Service

Twenty students have been involved in the Framlingham Volunteer Service. This activity generates an opportunity for students at the College to participate and make a difference in the community they live in. They do so by contributing an hour of their time each week to, either being involved in the Framlingham after-school club or providing companionship for the senior citizens at Mills Meadow (the local retirement home). At the after-school club, the students entertain the children from Sir Robert Hitcham's Primary School by joining them in various play activities.

A five-week in-service training is undertaken to enable the students to know what is expected before they take up their various chosen responsibilities. In addition to this, the training develops the pupils' awareness of the aims and objectives of The Volunteer Service and helps develop empathy. The students in this service are aware of the vital link between themselves and the community in which they live and do a tremendous job. They realise that they are not only the future but are also the present and so take action to reflect this importance.

Michael Austin, a Year 13 student in Kerrison House has been a dedicated volunteer, visiting Mills Meadow twice a week. He writes, 'I have been a volunteer at Mills Meadow retirement home for 8 months, carrying out both residential and day-care work. It's been a great experience, and I have gained a real sense of satisfaction. It has really helped develop my communication skills, as well as giving me a perspective on what it is like to be a senior citizen. It is a rewarding experience because you know that you make a difference to someone's day even if it is just a quick chat and a cup of tea. - So, my advice is make a difference and volunteer.'

The contribution of our volunteers is valuable and much appreciated by those who directly benefit from their service. I am confident that the number of students involved in this service will continue to grow in future years.

Mrs Liz Ward