

# Vines & Friends

2003/4



Claire Acock - Guess the number of eggs!



FoV Pre-Prep Pancake Race



## FRIENDS OF VINEHALL

It was a very positive year for the FoV and its hard-working committee. Under Claire Acock's chairmanship, the committee focused on social events and began with a drinks evening in the library, leading onto a highly professional wine-tasting evening in the Pre-Prep hall. More new events followed, such as the pancake race in Pre-Prep and Easter bunny's visit. Various coffee mornings and fund-raising events such as the Rwanda sale and new parents' lunch developed the social nature of the Committee's work and flowers were provided for the Salehurst Church flower festival. The Friends held a farewell party for Mrs Pollitt and ended with the focus of the year's work, the Vines Day Fete which was a triumph of organisation over poor weather!

Although mainly a social committee, the FoV raise some funds towards school equipment and extra items such as electronic equipment and ovens for the cookery club. We are very grateful indeed for the support of parents.

## VINES NEWS

Thanks to the work of Mrs. Chaplin and Mrs. Close, Vines are kept up to date through a newsletter that chronicles their achievements. Here is a selection of recent news:

- Piers Ashfield** has been on exercise with the Grenadier Guards in Kenya
- Jessica Avery** swam The Channel for Great Ormond Street Hospital
- Tom Avery** has written a book, *Pole Dance*, about his expedition to the South Pole and now plans to go to the other pole.
- Freddie Berthon** is captain of golf at Sherborne
- Isobel Bidwell** went to Kenya in the summer to build an orphanage
- James Bowie** is in the Sussex U18 cross country and U16 hockey and swimming teams
- Oliver Broderick-Ward** mounted an exhibition of his art work (and is to visit Vinehall)
- David Chaplin** has become Administrator of the diocese running the Cyangugu Rwanda Mission with Bishop Barham. Many Vines have contributed to this excellent cause through the years and the work of The Lawrence Barham Memorial Trust goes from strength to strength. David is currently working in Rwanda for the Trust.

- James Chaplin** is Deputy Head at Hall Grove School, Bagshot
- Sally Chaplin** is working for GAP Activity Projects
- James Hamblin** is playing cricket for Hampshire
- Nick Lloyd** is now Platoon Commander with the Royal Gurkha Rifles, based at Folkestone.
- Catherine Pelton** plans to take part in the World Challenge expedition to Borneo in 2005
- Tim Smit** continues to impress with the Eden Project
- Julian Stapleton** has launched a book, *Off Screen: Four Young Artists in the Middle East*

On Vines Day the **Stuart-Menteath Cup** was presented to **Hugh Cooper**

**The Head's XI** were victorious in the annual cricket match, which was only decided on the final ball!