

Trade and Travel

CHAPTER FOUR:

“Citizens of a Global Village”

1974 to the present

The Story of the Journeys to, from and by Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School and its predecessors as told through the school magazines, the local press and the memories of the participants. A work in progress

**The fourth in
a series of four occasional papers on school travel and trips especially written for
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Four questions with which to start Chapter Four

This paper has been prepared for Heritage Open Day, and raises some interesting points in the context of an institution which currently exists, hence the questions.

When does History start?

When does an event become History?

Can participants in events write about them as History?

Is it too soon to write about the History of Lincoln Christ's Hospital School?

Preamble

This final chapter is as yet incomplete, partly, to be honest, because the writer ran out of time. The remit of The Garton Archive essentially ends with the reorganisation of 1974, but at the same time the years are passing and the 40th anniversary of the present school will be in 2014. "Forty Years On" will certainly be a moment to look back. At some point, a somewhat artificial line will have to be drawn by future historians as we have already done in 1919 and 1950, so that the story of a period can be told. Perhaps the establishment of the Academy in September 2011 will be seen as the watershed by our successors, or perhaps a future political and social movement will restore schools to some sort of local authority control, and academies, like grant maintained schools will fade into the memory.

Moreover, there are other factors in play here too as illustrated by the four questions. It is perhaps too soon to be writing history. One factor is that there are now new and different sources for those looking at past events in addition to the school's current publication, 'The Leader', edited by Mr. Lyon. These include the cuttings files initiated by Mr. Williams in the 1990's and the school's website currently steered by Mrs. Forbes.

In the final years of the twentieth century reporting on school events provided a rich source for 'The Lincolnshire Echo', especially when it had daily deadlines, and the lost but not forgotten weekly 'Lincoln Chronicle'. Reports were no longer lists of prizewinners and a reprint of the headteacher's Speech Day oratory, but sharply focused on individuals, preferably with a good photograph. There was quite fierce competition between schools for coverage in the paper.

At national level radio, television and the internet have largely taken on the newsgathering and reporting role previously dominated by the printed press which has assumed more of a commenting role. At regional level news stories often come and go in an audio or visual form with the words uttered on 'BBC Radio Lincolnshire'. 'Lincs FM'. 'BBC Look North', 'Calendar' and other media outlets making a fleeting impact before being overtaken by the event. At Lincoln Christ's Hospital School registers and other records are largely electronic, created on keyboards or by scanning, passed easily and instantly from office to office and around the world, and capable of being wiped out by a careless operator, a system crash or a virus. However, there are many members of staff who have not yet fully adapted to the idea of the paperless office, and hard copies are often kept both for security and also to facilitate audits and inspections of various kinds. This will be most helpful to historians in the future, especially when the copies and photographs are titled and dated.

And then there are the people themselves. The writer of this series of papers is unlikely to be challenged on his narrative in Chapter One by people who participated in the events, although of course there will be corrections, amendments and enriching additions. Progressively the balance in the completeness of narrative and the confidence in the interpretation changes, hence the increasingly tentative nature of Chapters Three and Four. Moreover, the pupils and staff members involved in recent events have their own stories to tell, and are keen to tell them. They

have become citizen journalists with blogs, Facebook pages, Twitter accounts and digital cameras, increasingly accessible through a single hand-held device owned by more and more people as the market expands and the prices fall.

This all creates a new challenge for historians and archivists.

Introduction

When the four schools merged in 1974, they brought together four separate traditions and thus four separate patterns of school trips and overseas links. One more edition of 'The Lincolnian' was produced after the re-organisation. It included reports on a Geography field trip to Whitby in March 1976, a visit to Haworth colliery and youth-hostelling in Wales. Fixtures certainly changed because there were now more local institutions in the Lincoln area against which competitive sport could take place, although this has had a downside in that larger year groups meant that a much smaller proportion of pupils could actually represent the school unless second XIs and VIIs were mustered.

Sixth Former Valerie Baynton joined a pioneering trip to the Soviet Union organized by a teacher from Birmingham. An article entitled 'Going Dutch' described a hockey tournament in the Netherlands to which Mrs. Goss, Miss Hickman and Mr. Best took the First XI and Under 15s. After they had overcome the problems arising from an unexpected overnight stay in Hull docks because of industrial action, the seniors went on to win their mini-league against four Dutch teams. There was also fund-raising so that the school could contribute £130 to an eye project in India, a precursor to the school's sponsorship of the Indian Orphanage in Bangalore developed by Mrs. Green since 2008.

"The Lincolnian" also referred to the impact of some county spending cuts, which was a decision to remove language assistants from the school. From the perspective of 2012, this has a familiar ring.

1981-1982

WORK IN PROGRESS !

We hope that this Heritage Open Day event will encourage former pupils and staff members to uncover and then share memories of this school year in relation to the 'Trade and Travel'. The four main headings are:

Fixtures

Incoming speakers

Visits in the UK

Visits abroad

1991-1992

Overview of the decade

In terms of trade and travel, a key moment came in September 1985 with the appointment of Headmaster, David Cox, who was convinced of the benefits of international travel as a major element in school life. Closer to home, there were other mobility issues.

Until the late 1980's Lincoln Christ's Hospital School drew most of its pupils from north of the City of Lincoln, with many Sixth Formers coming from the northern villages of Nettleham and

Welton. Three political decisions altered the balance here. The first two affected primary-secondary transition. The secondary modern at Sturton-by-Stow was closed in July 1989 because of falling numbers, while the removal of rigid catchment areas by the Thatcher government gave parents the right to choose a secondary school for their children. Mr. Cox, Mr. Williams and Mrs. Onyon remember an afternoon meeting with tea, orange squash and biscuits in the Library at which six families from Saxilby and one from Sturton-by-Stow asked to come to LCHS. This was agreed. The first vehicle was a minibus. Over the next decade the numbers coming in from the north-western villages grew to over 200 and several buses were required.

The third decision was at the senior end of the spectrum when William Farr finally achieved its own Sixth Form in 1995. As a result the numbers joining LCHS slumped as Nettleham and Welton sixteen year olds naturally chose to stay on the school in which they had sat their GCSEs. This reduced the intake by about 40 Sixth Formers per annum. In terms of 'trade and travel', this was a significant loss to the school for several years until larger numbers of 'home grown' pupils began to come through in the new century.

Some annual international activities already had existed at the start of the 1990's such as the ski-trip, a year trip to Boulogne and links with Neustadt-an-der-Strasse through the civic partnership. Headmaster Cox had also encouraged the Iceland and circuit of Mount Blanc expeditions of the late 1980's and early 1990's involving enthusiasts such as Mr. Benson, Mr. Milnes and Mr. Trahearn, and initiated some one-off activities such as a visit to Russia and a music trip to Salzburg hosted by an Austrian school. Members of staff such as Mr. Korolyk (Music) and Mr. Scarisbrick (Drama) went on three week post-to-post exchanges with colleagues in Italy and Greece. Others went further and stayed for a year on similar arrangements e.g. Miss Quarmby (USA).

Pupil exchanges developed quickly in this period through partnerships established in a variety of ways, which will in due course form the basis for another occasional paper. There were four main ones:

- Canton, Pennsylvania (1989 to 2000): after an initial cultural visit, there were three band exchanges;
- The ROTA project (1991-present) with schools in Belgium, Germany, France (replaced by Netherlands in 2000) and Spain, initially in Zaragoza and then near Madrid;
- The CED+ project (c1992-present) with schools in the Czech Republic, Denmark and later France;
- Tangshan, China (1997-present) with the first face-to-face contact in August 2001;

This period also saw the start of the annual Normandy and Spain trips.

Towards the end of the decade the school won several European Curriculum Awards, including a major one during the UK Presidency. The prize was 50 Eurostar tickets to Paris, and so 50 staff and pupils spent a triumphant day in the French capital travelling on the newly opened service through the Channel Tunnel. In the summer of 1999, Lincoln Christ's Hospital School achieved the International Schools Award for the first time from the British Council. With subsequent reaccreditations it was one of only 17 UK schools to have received the Full ISA four times by 2009. The results of the 2012 reaccreditation are currently awaited.

The year in question: 1991-1992

WORK IN PROGRESS !

As with 1981-1982, there is work to be done here. Following the earlier framework, it would be good to hear about the following in words and pictures from the participants in the events of 1991-1992:

Fixtures

Incoming speakers

Visits in the UK

Visits abroad

One significant event in 1991-1992 was the first ROTA conference with British, French (Sarlat), German (Hattingen) and Spanish (Zaragoza) delegations meeting in Brugge in Belgium. ROTA continues today with three of the original schools still firmly engaged in the partnership – Lincoln Christ's Hospital School, the Gymnasium Waldstrasse in Hattingen and St.Lodewijkskolleg in Brugge

2001-2002

WORK IN PROGRESS!

September 2001 was notable for the start of the Specialist Language College status with building changes in the MFL corridor and the first teaching of a non-European language. On the final day of preparing this paper for the HOD event on 8th September, the writer unearthed a forgotten summary document on his hard drive, which lists 36 international activities through the staff involvement. This is attached as Appendix 1 with a gap un-noticed for the last decade now filled.

Arguably the significant event came in the summer holiday of 2001 with the first LCHS visit to China. This started with over two weeks language tuition in Beijing before three days and two nights in Tangshan. The first Chinese group to Lincoln in February 2002. This link continues, and Tangshan International Links Manager, Liu Min, is still very much involved.

However, as with 1981-1982, and 1991-1992, there is work to be done here. Following the earlier framework, it would be good to hear about the following in words and pictures from the participants in the events of 2001-2002:

Fixtures

Incoming speakers

Visits in the UK

Visits abroad

2011-2012

In the twentieth century the international dimension of the present school and its predecessor had largely been shaped by Lincolnians travelling to other places on short visits, for larger placements, or as permanent settlers. Only a very small number of migrants came to Lincolnshire, in stark contrast to many larger urban centres in England over the centuries.

However, there were exceptions, such as service personnel remaining after World War Two, and rarer examples before then.

A century ago, Ahmed Rafique from Lucknow had spent a year as a boarder at Lincoln School between stays at Arnold House School in Chester and 'further education' at Ipswich College. His father's occupation as a Circuit Judge is mentioned in Chapter One. In a rather different example the previous school of another boarder from the 1900's is recorded as 'Collège des Frères, Cairo'. The father of Nicholas Curtis is shown as being an engineer to the Egyptian government. Nevertheless boys such as Curtis and Rafiq were the exception rather than the rule, and must have had a novelty status as well as some good tales to tell. Ahmed Rafique could well have been bullied, or perhaps acquired a position in a clique (or gang) like the Hurree Ramset Jam Singh, a member of the Famous Five at the fictional Greyfriars. But as they say, that is another story. There is certainly an opportunity for further research into the identity of all the boarders and the possible explanations for them being at Lincoln School.

A few families from non English-speaking backgrounds and ethnic minorities were well-established in Lincoln by 2000. However, the scene changed dramatically in the first decade of the new millennium for a variety of reasons. These included international jet travel and communications, the opening of the then University of Lincolnshire and Humberside, the enlargement of the European Union in 2004, refugee status and the availability of work on the land or the Newark cake factory which local people seemed reluctant to take. There was also a general perception amongst the new immigrant population that life was better here than in their own country for a variety of reasons, some less controversial than others.

In July 2004 there were nine recorded non-native-speakers of English at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School – Farsi 4, French 2 and one each with 'Chinese', Russian and Yoruba as their native languages. It was also recognized that there were additional pupils of Sri Lankan, Chinese, and Arabic-speaking origins in the school. Some had connections with the restaurant trade, pharmacies, and posts at the County Hospital. These children often used English at school and another language at home.

By September 2005 there were 36 English as an Additional Language (EAL) pupils including ten Polish and eight Farsi speakers from Iran and Afghanistan with 16 languages listed. By January 2011 the total had risen to 128 EAL pupils with 27 languages listed. These included 36 Poles, 23 Lithuanians and five or more speakers of Arabic, Farsi, Latvian, Mandarin, Russian, Tagalog and Thai. There were also eleven pupils who were the sole speakers of their languages in the school community. These soloists generally found it easier to improve their English than those with siblings and other compatriots in the school. Gradually both the school, its indigenous staff and students and the new arrivals adjusted to each other, supported by the newly formed EAL department, some timetabling flexibility, improved knowledge of some of the countries of provenance through visits, and the appointment of teachers and assistants such as Basia Ligudzinska, Chen Qiumei and a succession of Comenius Assistants funded through a European Union programme.

'The Leader' and the school website are now the main source of information about school activities including major sports fixtures, incoming speakers, visits inside the UK and those outside whether commercial or exchanges. For the purposes of this paper, a list from the website provides a quick route to sample the range in 2011-2012 as listed in Appendix 2



The final item wasn't from a school trip. When Jess Hendry in Year 9 had the chance to fly over the school in the summer of 2012, she took a lovely photograph, and the pilot kept further away from the clock turret than 'The Daily Mail' plane in August 1912! What goes around, comes around.



A footnote for Heritage Open Day September 2012

And, finally, to return to the global nature of ‘Trade and Travel’, we finish with the latest English as an Additional Language (EAL) figures for the September 2012. Some of these children will have been in the UK for several years and so will have acquired a good grasp of Lincolnshire English at their primary schools, but others will be ‘new arrivals’ needing a lot of support: Polish 12, Lithuanian 7, bilingual Latvian/Russian 4, Mandarin 2, and one native-speaker of each of the following: Cantonese, Farsi, Italian, Kazah/Russian, Latvian, Portuguese and Tagalog.

In an intake of over 200 Year 7 pupils, over 12% were not born in the United Kingdom, a sign of the global economy at work.



‘Trade and Travel’ have indeed had a significant impact on the life and work of the pupils and staff of schools in Lincoln for the last century and longer

Sources: The Lincolnian and Lincoln Girls High School magazines as stated in the narrative. In the months ahead it is hoped that participants will add their own memories and that we will be able to carry out a systematic trawl of the cuttings files in the Garton Archive and also make links to reports already on the school website

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Appendix 1.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION Staff involvement : 2001 – 2002

1.	Sept.2001	School granted Specialist Language College status	Whole staff
2.	Sept.2001	First Chinese Language Assistant starts	Zhou Xiaoyun
3.	Sept.2001	First Spanish Language Assistant in several years	Maria Galache
4.	Sept.2001	Music and language exchange with Hattingen (first leg in Hattingen)	Sally Mansfield Ed Korolyk
		(Y8-13: week)	
5.	Sept.2001	Planning in Brugge for Seven Joys event in April/May 2002 with colleagues from St.Lodewijkskolleg, Brugge, Belgium Gymnasium Waldstrasse, Hattingen, Germany Eldecollege, Schijndel, Netherlands, Escola Secundaria, S.Rogue d.Pico, Portugal Gymnasium Arabska, Prague, Czech Republic Club Francais "ca va", Moscow, Russia Lyceon I Kalamaria, Thessaloniki, Greece (weekend)	David Cox Clive Young Jane Rylands-Bolton
6.	Oct.2001	Presentation at Central Bureau conference on China	Chris Williams
7.	Oct.2001	CED IV planning in Haslev with colleagues from Gymnasium Jiriho Ortana, Kutna Hora, Czech Republic Haslev Gymnasium, Denmark	John Benson Gil Barker
		(weekend)	
8.	Nov. 2001	Reception at Chinese Embassy	Barbara Buckenham Zhou Xiaoyun
		(evening)	
9.	Nov.2001	Music and language exchange with Hattingen - return leg in Lincoln	Ed Korolyk Sally Mansfield
		(Y8-Y13: week)	Catherine Turner
10.	Nov.2001	European Festival of Languages – Robert Pattinson	MFL team
11.	Nov.2001	Comenius planning in Hattingen	David Cox
		(weekend)	
12.	Jan.2002	I-Probe planning in Alden Biesen, Belgium (4 days)	Chris Williams
13.	Jan.2002	Ski trip to Val d'Aosta, Italy	Jem Barker Emma Pickett
		(Y9-Y13:week)	
14.	Jan.2002	Diocesan meeting on links with China (evening)	Chris Williams Zhou Xiaoyun
15.	Jan.2002	Singing and presentation at St.Giles Infants in	Maria Galache,

		presence of Cheryle Berry, Director of Education	Zhou Xiaoyun
16.	Jan.2002	Training placement for four German student teachers from University of Trier in Maths, Science, RE and History (three weeks)	Barbara Buckenham, Anne-Marie Parkes, Julian Spicer, Chris Milnes (host) Barrie Westgate, Andrew Wright (History) Dave Meredith, Joan Bradley
17.	Jan 2002	Rehearsals for Hans Christian Andersen (Y8/10:3 days)	Theresa Inman
18.	Feb.2002	Normandy visit (Y8: 5 days)	Di Randall, Andrew Wright, Ged Cranny, Cath Dutton
19.	Feb.2002	TIPD ICT visit to San Sebastian, Spain (week) (LEA/Central Bureau)	Emma Birkett Anne-Marie Parkes Julian Spicer
20.	Feb.2002	Visit by Tangshan school (Y11 hosts: 4 days) - gymnastics/music; language. Key role of Mayor of Lincoln – city twinning	Chris Williams, David Cox Chris Milnes (hosts)
21.	Feb.2002	Information briefing for Director of Education	David Cox
22.	Mar.2002	Specialist Colleges conference in Madrid (3 days)	Chris Williams, Phil Scully
23.	Mar.2002	CED IV on democracy in Haslev (Y12: week)	John Benson, Gil Barker
24.	Mar.2002	Hans Christian Andersen in Haslev (Y8/10: week)	Theresa Inman, Chris Williams
25.	Mar.2002	Hosting County German Day (1 day)	Sally Mansfield, Catherine Turner
26.	April.2002	Visit to Tangshan by mathematicians (Y12: week)	David Cox, Barrie Westgate, Beth Frost
27.	April 2002	Brugge, European Cultural Capital, for ‘Seven Joys’ event in April/May 2002 with colleagues from St.Lodewijkskolleg, Brugge, Belgium Gymnasium Waldstrasse, Hattingen, Germany Eldecollege, Schijndel, Netherlands, Escola Secundaria, S.Rogue d.Pico, Portugal Gymnasium Arabska, Prague, Czech Republic Club Francais “ca va”, Moscow, Russia (Y12/Y13) Lyceon I Kalamaria, Thessaloniki, Greece (week)	Chris Williams (3 days) Clive Young Jane Rylands-Bolton Chris Williams (weekend)
28.	June 2002	Calais day trip (Y7: day)	Cath Dutton, Julie Ellis Julie Butler

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| 29. | June 2002 | Y8 European Awareness Day | (Y8 : day) | Julie Butler + team |
| 30. | June 2002 | Chu Yuzhu, visitor from British Council | (day) | Phil Scully + team |
| 31. | June 2002 | I-Probe Planning meeting in Bucharest, Romania | | Chris Williams |
| | | Ten nation network on School Self-Review | (5 days) | |
| 32. | June 2002 | Visit by five Lebanese inspectors | (day) | Jane Rylands-Bolton, Anne Barnes
Rachel Gardner, Michelle Vivian |
| 33. | July 2002 | Eurodisney | (Year 8 - 36 hours) | Chris Milnes, Ged Cranny
Michelle Vivian + team |
| 34. | July 2002 | Preparing new International Dimension Policy (mtgs) | | Chris Williams, Julie Butler
Hannah Jackson, Chris Milnes
Barrie Westgate, Laurence McGrath |
| 35. | August 2002 | Mandarin Immersion Course, Beijing | (3 weeks)
(Year 10) | Julie Blyth, Anne Barnes,
Chris Milnes, Maureen Smith
Sally Mansfield (2 weeks) |
| 36. | August 2002 | Briefing tour for British Council, China | (5 days) | Chris Williams |
| | | (Linked to no.35 – leading workshops on ‘working environment of British schools’ – four cities) | | |
| Addendum (August 2012) | | | | |
| 37. | March 2002 | Visit to Lille for Year 10 French | (3 days) | Jo Applewhite, Cat Ogereau |

This version: Chris Williams: 17th July 2002

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Appendix 2

Sample of 'Trade and Travel' activities 2011-2012

Some of the visitors to the school

March 2012: Visit by Ghanaian Sports Partnership teachers

June 2012: An Olympic Torch bearer came to the school with the torch she had used

June 2012: Eamon Hunt from 'Master Chef'

Visits inside the UK

June 2012: Year 10 – visit to the Holderness Coast - Geography

June 2012: Representatives of several year groups – Lincolnshire Show – Business class (Personal selling) and Team Potato (Schools Challenge);

June 2012: Year 10 – Business Language event at RAF Cranwell – Germanists;

June 2012: Year 10 – Galleries of Justice, Nottingham – Historians;

July 2012: Year 7 - Humanities days in Lincoln – Bishops Palace, The Castle, The Collection;

International activities:

September 2011: incoming group from partner school in Tangshan, China;

October 2011: return visit to China;

October 2011: Spain visit – Hispanists;

November 2011: Austria visit – Germanists

February 2012: Auschwitz visit – two Sixth Form representatives

February 2012: ski-trip to the Alps– PE in half-term holiday

February 2012: Year 8 - Normandy visit - Historians

March 2012: Year 12: CED+ conference in Czech Republic with Danish and French partners;

March 2012: Year 12: ROTA conference in Belgium with Dutch, German and Spanish partners;

May 2012: 'The Big Dance' with Moroccan partner and others;

May 2012: Years 8 and 9: Eurosoccer tournament in Germany with Dutch school. We won!

June 2012: Mrs Spence cycling to Normandy as part of the sponsored D-Day Challenge;

June 2012: Year 12: Romania – Travel and Tourism;

July 2012: Year 7: Boulogne day trip;

July 2012: Mrs Green at Divya Deep, Bangalore, which the school sponsors

.... And proposed for 2013, a return to Iceland for the first time since 1989. What goes around, comes around.