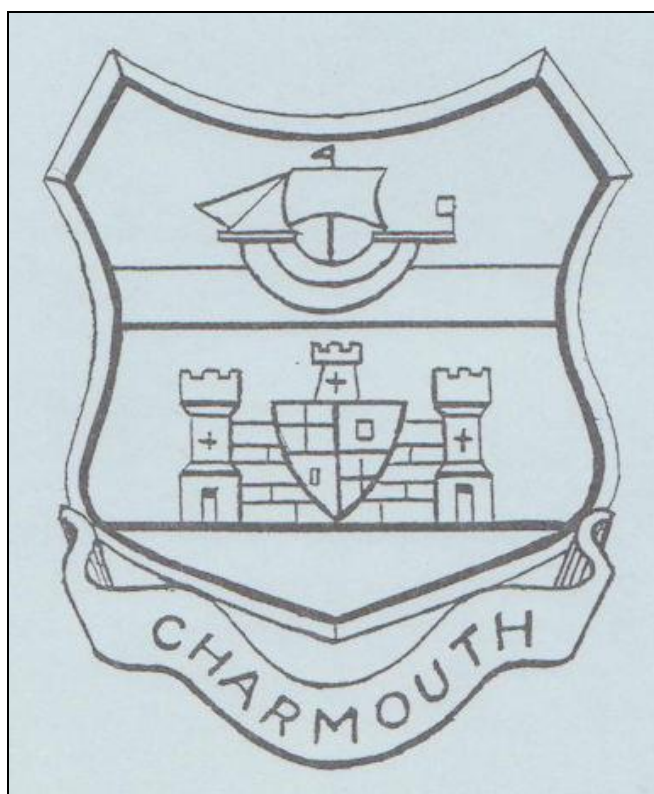


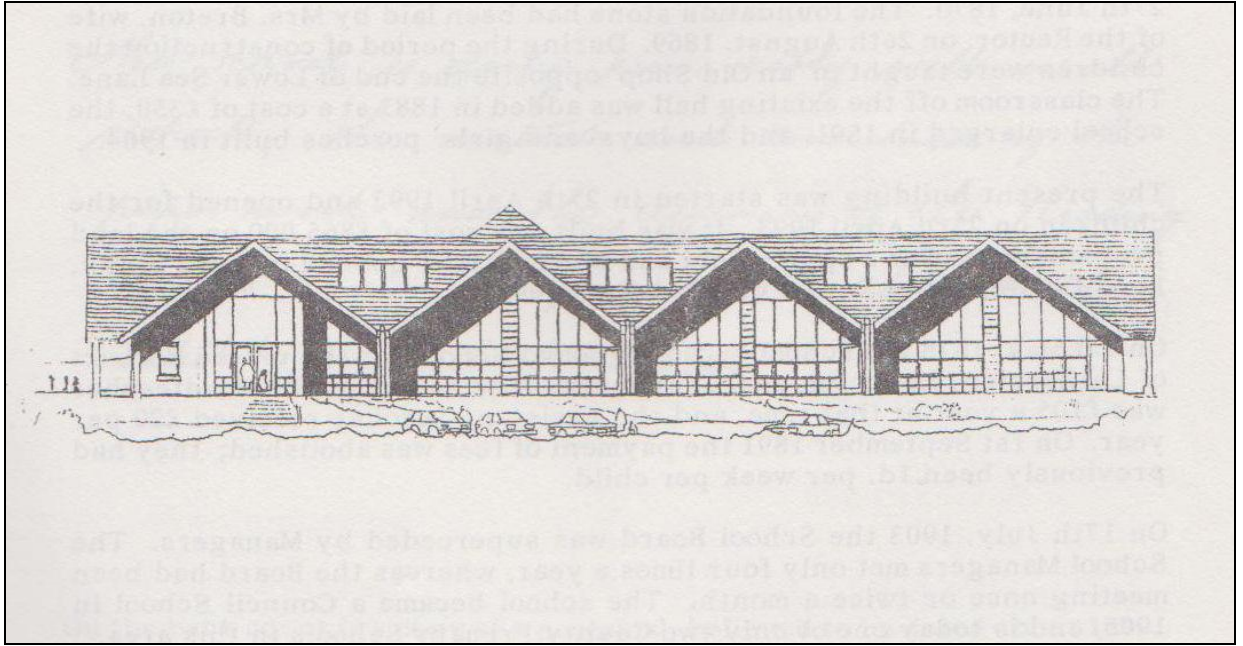
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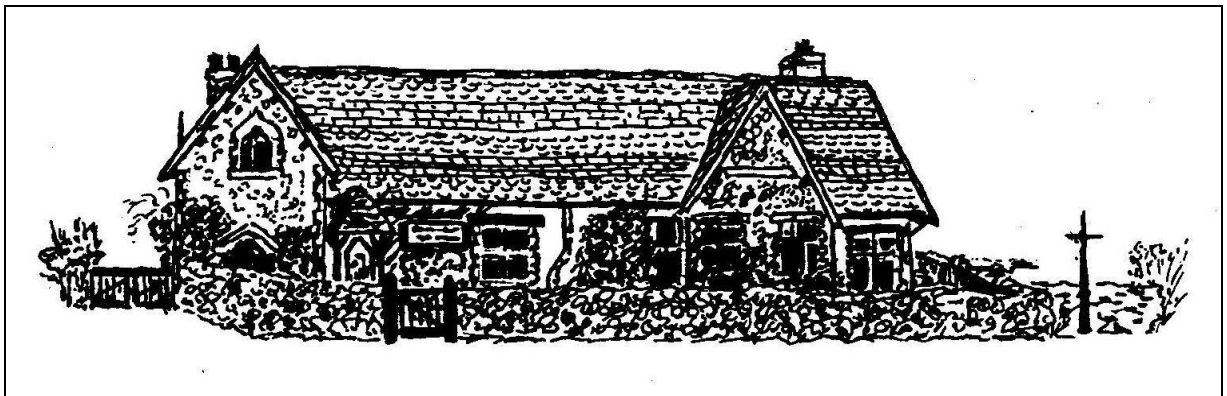
Mr Don Dampier, Chairman of the Manager's in the 1970s and 80s, found the above design on a postcard while he was on holiday in Wales. The crest was adopted by Charmouth Parish Council as the official emblem for Charmouth. The school also decided to adopt the crest and it appears on all the children's T shirts and sweatshirts as well as the school headed notepaper. The crest was also etched onto the huge pain of glass over the main entrance. There is a carved wooden version of the crest in the Parish Council Office.



This drawing of the old school was by Anna Wiscombe a Year 6 pupil in 1992.



This sketch was taken from the original plans drawn up by Mr Stephen Forsyth.



This drawing of the old building was done by Sarah Thomas Year 6 1992.

The last group of children to spend a whole year in the old building, transferring to their secondary school in September 1992, wrote down some of their thoughts about the old school building. Below are some of those ideas, written for a book which was to be put into a time capsule to be opened after 25 years.

The book also contained pictures by the children and photographs of the activities they particularly enjoyed during their time at the school. Unfortunately, the construction company omitted to create a space for the capsule. The selections below are from children of all abilities.

It was interesting that, although these children appreciated how the new building would be better in many ways, they were not sorry they were not going there, because they preferred to be able to remember the school as they had always known it.

Charmouth School 1992

Charmouth is a happy place
Where no-one's afraid to show their face
Everyone's included none are left out
But teachers still find the need to shout

When I walk into our class
Each person smiles as they go past
Charmouth is not bare and cold
Everyone's welcomed into the fold

We do have clubs, assemblies too
Our school colour is royal blue
We have a variety of different classes
Everyone has fun so time quickly passes

Now our new school is under way
There'll be even more room for children to play
I'd like our school to stay the same
And still continue its very good name

by Zoe Butling

Charmouth School 1992

When I first came to this school I thought that it would be better than my old school. It looked and felt nice. When I first started coming to school I liked it because I began to know my way around and I had made new friends. I was sort of scared because I thought none of them would like me. But when I made some new friends I got rid of feeling shy. I started going in with clubs after school for lessons in the morning. We have maths then a break. After that we have a English lesson then we have a long break before we have our dinner then the whistle is blown and we come in for a lesson on humanities or science or art after that we have another break. We have Christmas plays. We also have quiz assemblies where parents can come in and watch us. We also have a school pond with flowers all around it. We have two school pets. I think who is a rabbit and Huffy the guinea pig. We have to set out the dinner tables in our first break. I like athletics because I got a gold medal. We have a special times table for the computer. Before I came to this school I didn't do tables. Well I will miss this school. I do not want it to be knocked down.

by Keira Foot

Charmouth School 1992

On my first day here, I liked it because it was small. When I had been here for a year, I liked it better because I was always playing Jesus in plays. But my real joy was sports day, it was quite fun for a beginner by that time I had made friends with Tom and Harry. In class two Miss Read was kind but sometimes she would blow her top at one of us but we got used to it, in the second year she was more stricter on us but we weren't use to that. In Miss Ferris class it went quickly and it was the same with Mr Curtis but now here we are in the best school in the world.

by Jonathan Wickes

Charmouth School 1992

Charmouth school is a nice place to come although I sometimes fall out with my friends and the teachers. Charmouth school feeling nice, also looks nice as well. It has a very nice main building with a hall, kitchen, offices, TV room and a classroom coming off it. Charmouth school being old its self has four portable modern classrooms round the back of it. We also have a play space and grass area round the back as well. Down the road there are two large football pitches. This is where they will build the new school.

by Will Shannon

Charmouth School 1992

At Charmouth School we do different things for different events. We do a big play for Christmas which involves the whole school. In the play we have an orchestra and also lots of solo and accompanied singing. In previous years we have shown Snow White, The Pied Piper, The Christmas Story, The Wizard of Oz and also the Magic Snowflake. We also do an Easter Play. One year a class did the play as a Musical with only two words spoken. We often have open assemblies done by one class each taking turns. We have quite a lot of sporting events like Sports Day and West Dorset.

I think Charmouth is a very good and happy school and I will be very sad to leave the teachers, my friends and the school behind.

by Jc Blocham

Charmouth School 1992

Charmouth School is fairly small. It has a main school hall, and as classrooms there are water cabins. The uniform is very nice with the school crest on it. I'm glad I'm not going to the new school because I've been to this school for six years and it would be strange moving to a new Charmouth School. Every morning we have an assembly which a member of staff takes every day. I like the assemblies but I don't like the radio broadcasts that Miss Ferris does so much. In the first half of the morning we have maths then we have a break and sometimes we have crisps. In the second half of the morning we have English for 15 hours. We have both lessons with Mr Broadhurst. After English we have our lunch break for one hour. After lunch Mr Stratton teaches us science, humanities and art for the rest of the afternoon. We also have out of school activities like cricket, short tennis and athletics. Unfortunately we can't do rowers. We last year because I enjoyed it. We also have two school pets a rabbit and a guinea pig called Bunting and Tuffy.

By Tom Summers

Charmouth School 1992

At Charmouth School we have the usual subjects, English, Maths, Science, Humanities and P.E. We have a Christmas production and an Easter Play. Our playground is split into two parts. We have two school pets, a rabbit called lightning and a guinea pig called huffy. We have four portable classrooms and a classroom in the main building. During the summer we are allowed on the grass. We have to know our tables up to twelve times twelve. In English we mainly do writing. Geography is things around the world. Science is mainly experiments. And P.E. is using sport skills. We have sports day near the end of term in which we have races of different kinds. We have monitors for jobs that need to be done. In all there are twenty-two monitors.

By Gareth Wiscombe

Charmouth School 1992

Charmouth School is a really beautiful school. You have lots of friends and the teachers are very nice. We do netball and football and lots of very exciting sports. Once a year we have a sports day, which includes lots of running, obstacle, dressing up, egg and spoon and lots more races. It is good that there are break times otherwise it could be quite boring doing work all the time. There are two 15 minute breaks and a longer one for lunch. The school looks very respectful. We have a main hall, I.V. room, kitchen, staff room and 3 class rooms. I like this school better.

By Vicki Turner.

Charmouth School 1992

This School is full of warmth. I enjoy playing with my friends Gemma Coomber and Kerra foot in the playground. I enjoy the lessons that we do like English, Maths and Art work.

I enjoy the after school clubs like French and Art Club. I like the plays we put on for our mums and dads at Christmas and our open Assemblies in the mornings on a Wednesday. My feelings for this School for this S are warm and caring, and I enjoy working and doing the lessons with the teachers.

By Rachel Hughes.

Timetable

Charmouth C. P. School.

Arrive at School at 8.45 am

Short break (15 minutes)

9.00 am assembly

9.30 am lesson

10.30 am 15 minutes break (Have a snack)

10.45 am lesson

12.00 pm Lunch (first sitting) Break for children who

have second sitting

12.35 pm Lunch (second sitting) Break for children who

have first sitting

1.00 pm lesson

2.15 pm 15 minutes break

2.30 pm lesson

3.25 pm Bus left (Bus children go home)

3.30 pm Home bell (Children who walk or pickup by their parents go home).

By Jo Neale. Age 11.

Charmouth School 1992

When I first came to the school in 1985 I saw a massive wide open area with lots of large children running around very fast. I only knew about 2 people in the school. I didn't know what to do. I was frightened. But now I have overcome that. I have lots of friends and I am now the fourth oldest in the school. Now I still see the school as a wide open place, but also as a warm and welcoming place. The teachers are all kind. Mrs. Morgan teaches class 1. Mrs. Ford teaches class 2. Miss Fergus teaches class 3. Mr. Curtis teaches class 4. Mr. Broadhurst (headmaster) teaches class 5. Mr. Sturt teaches class 6 in the morning and some of class 4 in the morning.

We do maths and English every morning and in the afternoon we will do science or humanities, Art, P.E., netball and music. We have football, netball and cricket, french swimming and gymnastics clubs for after school. We have a break in the morning and afternoon for 15 minutes and a break for lunch for an hour.

The school was built in 1869 and I have no idea what it was like in those days.

I am eleven years old. I will move to Woodroffe in September. We have a 6 week holiday in the summer. We have a 2 week Easter holiday and we have 3 weeks Christmas holiday. In the middle of each term we have a 2 week holiday. In the morning we have an assembly where we sing a song, say prayers and have stories read to us. School hours are from 9 am to 3.30 pm.

By Virginia Bay.

Charmouth School
1993

Charmouth School is a very warm happy school. Everyone knows everybody, their names and personalities. There is a main school hall where we go for assemblies, practices and our lunch. There are five classrooms. One is joined on to the hall this is class three. Its teacher is Miss Fenns. It is a small room and a small class. There are four classrooms left. Class one is run by Mrs Mallalorne. This class is for smaller children than four to six then there is class two their teacher is Mrs Fife. It is also quite a small class. After class three is four this classroom is Mr Curtis. He is also our music teacher. Now its us we are class five. We have two teachers our morning work is taken by Mr Broadhurst. This is Maths and English. Our after-noon teacher is Mr Stratton he teaches us Humanities, science, art, PE and some geography. We also have Mrs Smith and Miss Johns they both help with class one. Mrs Blodham is the secretary and Mrs Wiscombe, supply teacher and our PE coach. Mr Broadhurst also teaches football and is the headmaster. We have three breaks one in the morning when we are allowed to eat crisps, one for half an hour before lunch and another in the afternoon. We do a Christmas play each year and an assembly or play at Easter. We have a sports day when we do different races. We have a Superschools where a famous athlete comes and performs for us. We each do an assembly with the class and a class trip each year. We have various clubs after school. In the winter football, netball, gymnastics and swimming and in the summer cricket, rounders, athletics, short tennis, swimming and orchestra. It really is a great school! Our uniform is a grey shirt, white blouse, silver and blue tie and our school sweater with our emblem and summer is the school jumper and a blue and white summer dress for the boys they have grey shorts or trousers, the jumper, shirt and tie. There is a school garden and pond with flowers and trees, we also have a grey rabbit called Lightning and a guinea-pig called Hugs. Everyone loves the school!

By Anna Wiscombe

The new building was first occupied on 23rd April 1993 and the Year 6 children were asked to write down their very first impressions of their new school. Below are just a few of what they wrote on that first day.

First impressions 23 April

My first impressions of the new school were that it was bigger and brighter and more up to date but it was a bit smelly. There is lots of glass the cupboards have curtains instead of doors the most material used is brick a wood. We have old desks but they have been refurbished there lots of lights and heaters are near the top of the walls.

Barry Sampson

First Impressions

When I walked to the play space I stepped back in amazement. It was lovely, when we had to line up I didn't know where to go. But we were showed to the class room and then the nags, they were wonderful with shelves to put are bags on. In the toilets we had hand dryers and warm water, even mirrors. It is big and there are so many windows, I like the school emblem engraved in a a window. The corridors are very long.

Cara Moore

The New School

When I arrived at school and saw it inside it, it smelt all new, of paint. When I went into the hall it looked empty, and bare. I like the idea of the bell going after lessons. My first impression of the building was how bright the classrooms were. I like the windows with the blue tint. I think the new school is a wonderful place.

Sarah-Jane Mildenhall.

The New School.

It was modern and bigger than I'd thought but my real first impression was I would miss my old school. Nothing was on the walls so it was echoey and cold. The desks were polished and we had new chairs and an extra room for painting and washing our hands. The playspace is big and the hall was empty apart from a piano.

Ruth Benson.

First Impressions

I thought that the new school was very good. It seemed very futuristic and it had a lot of glass. I was surprised how high the walls were. There were lots of pipes, nuts and bolts showing and I thought that the big round lights would fall on top of me. I think that I will enjoy being here.

James Davis

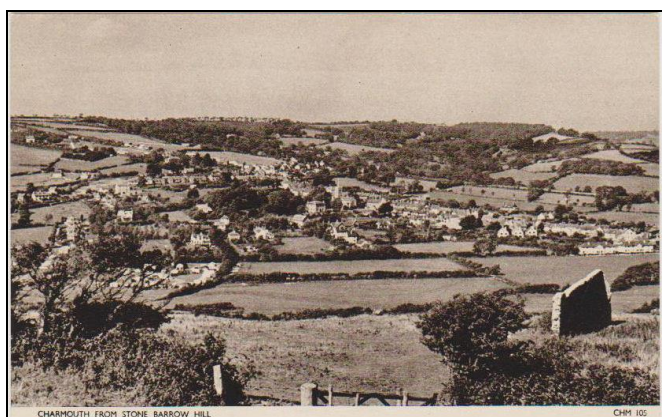
First impressions

I felt the school was smart and tidy it has lovely bright rooms and very neat wood work. I was so excited last night, I didn't know what to expect.

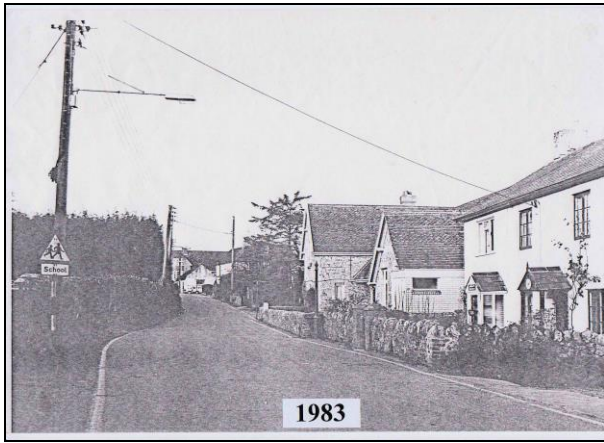
Mrs Wiscombe and Mr Broadhurst have worked very hard! So have the other teachers. I think it's lovely! We are lucky!

Pippa Norris

Other photographs not included in the main part of the book.



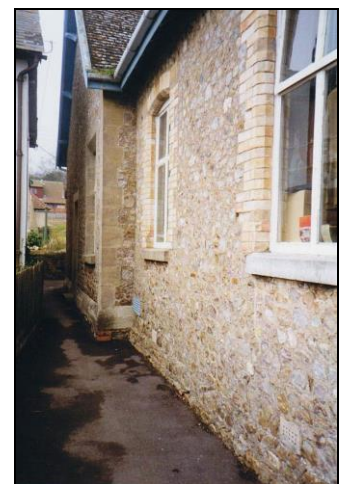
Views of Charmouth from Stonebarrow showing the position of the school in the early 1900s.



The old building from Lower Sea Lane and the gate leading to Wesley Close.



The infant girls' and boys' temporary toilets and the path from the mobile classrooms to the main building. The children going to the hall with their lunch boxes.



The dinner ladies in the school kitchen and the path leading around the side of the main building.



A group, lead by Mrs Heather Dauncey, knitting vests for babies in Ethiopia, and another farm evening photo.



Fourth year children with their Easter play in 1980 written by Mr John Foot.



Two other Easter productions in 1992 and 1993.



The 1979 Leavers' Concert, 'The Silver Penny and the Apricot Tree' based on a poem by Charles Causley adapted by the class teacher Mr John Foot.



Recorder players at the Music Festival held at Woodroffe School and an Infant Nativity Open Assembly.



Children at work in one of the four temporary classrooms and in the one classroom off the main hall which was only big enough to accommodate 24 children seated at their desks.



Two more photographs of the children in the temporary classrooms, one showing them preparing for PE.



The reception children ready for an outdoor PE lesson. All the pictures of the classrooms show how every available space was used to display the children's work.



The infant classroom furniture was different from that in the Junior classrooms in that they had tables, whereas the Juniors had wooden locker type desks. The black and white pole in the centre of the classroom was placed there as a safety measure because the roof was deemed unsafe and liable to collapse. Beams were also placed across the outside to ensure the children's safety.



The children preferred these wooden desks.



Lunchtime in the hall.



The older children preparing to watch the 1981 Milk Race (The cycling Tour of Britain). Lloyds Bank had a branch in Charmouth at that time. It is now a café. Braggs Grocery Store run by Mr and Mrs Andrew Peach is now the Chemists.



Lunchtime in the staffroom.



Children going to the hall for lunch.



Sports Days on the field where the school is now.



Sports Day pictures from the Lyme Regis News.



Kenway Cup Teams. Charmouth were runners-up in 1980, 1981 and 1982.



Sports Day prize winners 1981 presented by Mrs Vivien Smith, a School Governor

Sir John Colfox presenting the runner-up cup to the captain Tony Broadhurst



The West Dorset football team 1977. Charmouth's only representative, Alan Dampier, goalkeeper.



The 1979-80 School football team.



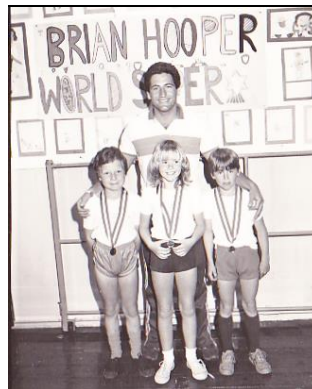
School football teams – 1980-81



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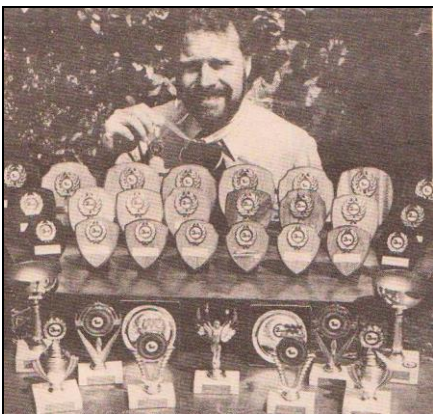
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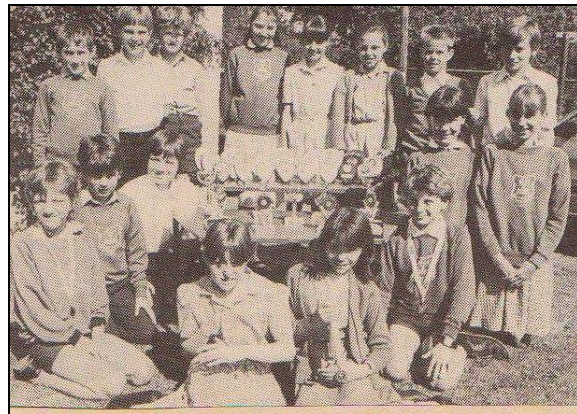
Brian Hooper with John Luxton
Joanne Craddock & Simon Emmett.



David Young in the
Fun Run.



Martin Young, Race Organiser.



Prizes for the 1986 Fun Run and Challenge.



The football teams of 1989



1993



Miss Belcher's class 1978.



Miss Giles' class 1978



Mrs Anderson's & Miss Ackroyd's class 1978.



Mr Harris' class 1978



Mr Foot's class 1978.



Miss Belcher's class 1980.



Miss Giles' class 1980.



Mr Harris' class 1980.



Mr Foot's class 1980



Mr Broadhurst's and Mrs Varndell's class 1982



Mr Broadhurst's and Mrs Varndell's class 1985



Mr Broadhurst's and Mrs Foot's class 1986



Mr Broadhurst's and Mrs Foot's class 1989



Mr Broadhurst's and Mrs Wiscombe's class 1993



Mrs Mallabone's class 1994



Mr Stratta's class 1994



Mrs Hobbs' and Mrs Bennett's class 1994



Mrs Bollen's class 1994



Mr Curtis' class 1994



Mrs Wiscombe's class 1994



Netball teams 1994



1997



Football teams 1994



1997



Pictures above and below of children taking part in the Fancy Dress Parades at the Summer Fetes.



3rd and 4th year children about to set off on the four day trip to London in October 1979. There were also some children from Symondsbury School.



Children in London in October 1997. Adam Penney and Sean Milligan at the front are carrying the groups' packed lunches.