

**TALENTED BUNCH**  
... Snapshot 2013 gave people a chance to see some of the work by pupils at Abbot Beyne School.



## CENTRE STAGE FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

CREATIVE youngsters from Abbot Beyne School in Winhill had a chance to show off their work when it was included in an exhibition at the school.

Pupils from years 11, 12 and 13 were invited along to the event at the Abbot Beyne Gallery where they saw a variety of final pieces, including paintings and photography, which the young artists had completed as work for their studies.

The parents of children in these years were also invited to attend the event, which showcased the talent of youngsters at the school.

Shaun Randall, deputy director of performance at Abbot Beyne, said: "The show was very well attended by governors, students, teachers and parents with lots of praise and recognition for the high standard of work on display."

The show was called Snapshot 2013, and some of the work can be seen on the walls in the picture to the left.

# Katherine's fighting her way to fitness

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**LEUKAEMIA** patient Katherine Sinfield says life is tough following her bone marrow transplant – but she wouldn't have it any other way.

The 33-year-old from Balfour Street, Burton, received stem cells from an unrelated German woman as doctors battled to save her from leukaemia.

These cells are now being given time to engraft onto Katherine's bones to form new bone marrow.

This will then start to produce new healthy white blood cells – it was the white cells which were responsible for Katherine's leukaemia.

She said: "Each day is getting that little bit harder, but this is what we expected. I'm in the phase now where I have the late side-effects of the chemotherapy and radiotherapy, coupled with the side-effects of my new cells mixed with the new side-effects of the many drugs I am taking.

"When you put all these together, it means that I am extremely tired plus I have an extremely sore mouth. My swollen mouth ulcers and dry lips are making eating increasingly difficult.

"I am trying to live on soft foods and cold jelly, but as it hurts to swallow, even these can be a problem.

"It's very common for patients to go off food completely during this stage and to



**PROGRESS...**  
Katherine Sinfield.

take morphine for pain relief. I'm offered morphine every day but I want to stay clear of drugs for as long as possible. I'm also intent on eating for as long as I can because I am aware that I need food to grow stronger.

"My biggest annoyance is a constant nose bleed but i've just started on a drug which will help to thicken my blood so hopefully these will subside soon."

Katherine's husband and Mail journalist Stephen said: "We knew from the outset that post-transplant was going to be far harder than anything Katherine has had to endure before.

"Thankfully, there are drugs available today which reduce the side-effects and so you have to imagine how tough this process would have been 10 or 20 years ago."

Follow Katherine's progress online at:  
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## Doormice are on the decline

THE common doormouse has virtually disappeared from the region, according to wildlife experts.

The rodent is thought to have been wiped out completely in South Derbyshire, with the only suitable habitat left in the county being in the Peak District.

The Woodland Trust said the doormouse had been decimated by the loss of ancient woodland across the county over the past decade.

The trust said poor woodland man-

agement and ancient woodland loss was the main reason for the decline.

Ian White, doormouse officer at the People's Trust for Endangered Species, said: "The East Midlands is predominantly rural, and farming is an important part of the regional economy, so I'm delighted to support the Back British Farming charter and encourage more people to buy British."

The common dormouse is now found mainly in southern England and parts of Wales.



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