

The School's outing to Coventry's Whitefriars

Bringing history alive makes it easier to learn,
provides for pupils' progress a great return.

Coventry schools organise trips to historic places
to give their students a good educational basis.

The friary was founded in 1343 for the Carmelites.
The town's folk called the brothers "Satan's frights".
The Brother Superior threw Satan against the wall;
The impression of the cracked head isn't small.

The Order was dissolved by Henry in 1538,
only the main cloisters survived that fate.
John Hails made it home, till the Guardians of the Poor
bought it and turned it into an eyesore.

The guide led the pupils up to the long room
they saw the figure of a woman hanging in the gloom.
For many years the building was a workhouse for the poor,
many committed suicide; for them it was the only cure.

The main room had been lined with beds for the inmates.
Lady Hale's ghost used to walk through, knowing their fates,
she had looked sad, pointing her finger
at those who in that hell hadn't long to linger.

The pupils entered the upstairs room set with a feast
from money the Education Department released.

They were all dressed in the XVI century attire

the pewter tableware they had to admire.

The stew was served with coarse brown bread,

The teachers sat at the table head.

Simnel cakes were served for a sweet

But, full up, no more could they eat.

Every sight, every bite related to the past

so the pupils could understand their history at last.