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CCF CADETS ON QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY FLYPAST

15 June 2013



Flt Lt Howes accompanied by three RAF Cadets, Cpl Zamani, Cpl Taylor and

Cpl Barrett from St Bartholomew's School RAF CCF Contingent had the great privilege to participate in the Queen's Birthday flypast over Buckingham Palace on Saturday, 15 June 2013. This was the first time cadets were able to participate in such a momentous occasion.

We arrived at RAF Brize Norton at 7.30, where we were checked in and went through security clearance before boarding 10 Squadron Voyager, which is the latest and largest aircraft in the RAF. It will operate as a transporter and air-to-air refuelling tanker ensuring the RAF's Strategic Global Air Mobility well into the 21st century.

After a long wait the time had finally come and we were ready to board the plane.... We took off at 10.30 hrs and were informed by the crew that we would be in a holding pattern until the actual flypast over Buckingham Palace at 13.00 hrs.



RAF Personnel looked after us exceptionally well. We were fed and watered and cadets were shown around the cockpit of this fantastic new air craft. We were shown an on-board movie and then the unbelievable happened:

To our amazement we were flanked by two Tornado GR4s, followed closely behind by two Typhoons, who put up a spectacular display for us.



The flypast comprised 30 aircraft of 12 different types from the famous Lancaster bomber of the RAF Memorial Flight to modern multi-role Typhoon fighters, the Red Arrows

Aerobic Team and the RAF's latest and largest transport aircraft, Voyager. The formation was divided into eight elements, 30 seconds apart, acknowledging the history of the RAF; this year being its 95th anniversary, and the roles that the Service currently undertakes.



This is what it looked like from the spectators view.

Flt Lt Howes



NATURE RESERVE OPENED

The nature reserve in the school grounds, which has been created from scratch, was opened by headteacher, Mrs Christina Haddrell, on 14 June when she planted an oak tree. A celebration of hard work by students, staff and parents took place among the wildflower meadow, bluebell wood, orchard and pond area.



Led by Dr David Fitter, students in Year 10 who opted for Horticulture as their Key Stage 4 Extra Programme have spent Friday afternoons digging, propagating and planting as well as creating a spectacular 12 feet high bird feeding station. Parents and staff have helped in the evenings and at weekends and the rewards are now being seen by the school community. A large number of species has already been recorded in the nature reserve, including a healthy population of newts. Over the summer it is planned to establish an official record of species found on the school site.

The nature reserve brings added benefits to learning across the school and the science faculty regularly uses it for classes to learn about sampling and identification.

FOOD FESTIVAL AND FETE

Food Related Stalls ...
Bookings Being Taken

The Parents' Association is looking for food related stalls at the fete (please no cakes or salads).

Stalls can be booked for £20 and anyone interested should email the PA at stbartspa.craft@gmail.com for a booking form

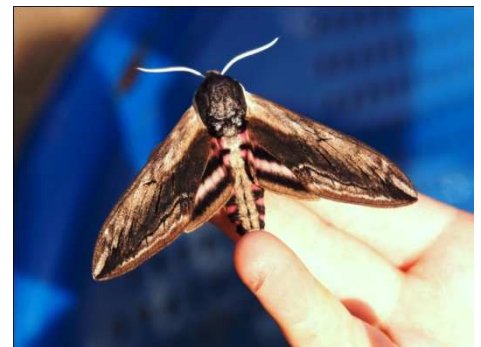
MOTH CLUB

The first moth club of the year took place last Wednesday morning. Despite suffering a broken bulb on the school moth trap, Dr Fitter put his own trap out at home and brought in some of the moths for this meeting.



We were lucky enough to see and hold some of the amazing hawk moth species native to Britain, including a Poplar Hawk and Privet Hawk.

We hope to start a list of the species caught on the school site as part of our inventory of school wildlife.



BEER, PIMM'S.



- Barbecue & hog roast
- Pimm's & beer tent
- Speciality foods
- Ready Steady Cook competition
- Pets corner
- Live music
- And much more...

ST BART'S FOOD FESTIVAL & FETE **COME & LUNCH WITH US**

Saturday 6th July 12pm - 3pm
Outdoors if Sunny - Indoors if Rainy



**St Bartholomew's School,
Buckingham Road, Newbury RG14 6JP
Parents' Association www.stbartspa.net**



HERITAGE GARDEN

The new Heritage Garden at the front of the school has been developed by staff and students. It is

designed to reflect the school's history, the legacy of the Houses, and to remind us of the lives of former students and staff. It was landscaped over the Easter holiday and this term it has developed, thanks to the fantastic work of Dr Fitter, a number of staff and students in the Horticulture group.

The design of the path and the flagpole area with the school motto was carried out by Mrs Rusbridge, whose son, Jamie, Year 12 designed the signs that you will see in the Nature Reserve.

The planting of the Heritage Garden was designed in sections to meet the purpose of the garden as a place for reflection and tranquillity, but also to consider the shady planting conditions caused by the magnificent, but very large oak tree.

As students approach the school, the first area, that surrounds the flagpole, will be a Mediterranean-style area, with lavender, irises and some free-flowering specimen plants arising from gravel.

Down the Wormestall side, shade tolerant perennials have been planted, leaving room between them for the later addition of bulbs, such as cyclamen and tulips for interest in the winter and spring.

The back of the Heritage Garden has been designed as a Japanese Fern Garden. This has three species of fern, selected for their ability to withstand the particular soil conditions, which surround five Japanese Acer trees. There are initial plans for the construction of a water feature to complete this area. Finally, on the Sports Hall side, there are four areas, defined by sleepers, which represent the Houses. The plan for these is to use plants with foliage which link to the House colours – quite a challenge!

The bulk of the planting is now completed for the summer. It has taken a huge number of hours of very hard work and it is wonderful that so many people from the school community have been involved. The Year 10 Horticulture team, and the staff who support

them have shifted many tonnes of stones to prepare the ground, dug out thousands of weeds and planted over 200 box plants to form the formal low hedge. The staff who turned out after school on Friday 7 June, planted out over 300 plants and particular thanks must go to Mr Williamson and to Elizabeth Barnes (Y13) for their regular support of this project. Elizabeth has personally committed approaching 20 hours of her time to the Heritage Garden project.

Before the end of term, plaques will be arriving and incorporated into the space.

As we walk towards the Heritage garden, the first plaque we see will read "*Time present and time past*

Are both perhaps present in time future" T.S. Eliot.

These lines, from a poem called '4 quartets', remind us of the importance of the past and our heritage; how the past can influence our lives now and in the future. How the past is something not to be forgotten.

A second plaque chronicles our School History - that of the Boys' Grammar School, dating from its foundation by Henry Wormestall in 1466 and the Newbury County Girls' Grammar School, which was founded in 1904, with Miss Luker as first Headteacher. Our current school brought the two grammar schools together as a comprehensive in 1975. And in 2010, these fine buildings were opened by HRH The Countess of Wessex.

In the Heritage Garden, around the flagpole and Ad Lucem motto, we shall be laying four stone circles to commemorate our four Houses. When we have our Remembrance service in November, we shall include this area in our commemoration.

In the centre of the garden is a semi-circular garden which will be the Memorial Rose Garden. Each faculty in the school is donating a rose for this garden and it will be tended by Mr Hart.

The names of the few students who have died whilst still of school age, and whose families had asked that their child be remembered with a name plaque in the old memorial Garden, will have a new small name plate in the Rose Garden.

Unlike the former Memorial Garden in a courtyard on the old school site, our new Heritage Garden is very public. We need to use it differently and appropriately. It is a space that we can look at and appreciate as we arrive every day. In a community of nearly 2,000, it is appropriate that students continue to use the main paths and simply appreciate the garden without walking across it, please.

We shall be including the benches which were in the old garden for staff use.

In the rose garden section, the plaque, will read,

‘Pause and remember those who have passed away, but remain in our hearts.’

As you pass by, it may be that you think about the school’s heritage and also the lives of former students and staff.

Mrs Haddrell, Headteacher

OPTIONS AT 18

Wednesday 26 June 2013


7.00pm, Hall

**Information Evening for
Parents/Carers of
Year 12 Students**

**To reserve your seat email
sixthform@stbarts.co.uk**

**Details have been sent to parents
of Y12 students via Schoolcomms**

DIARY DATES



Wed 26 June	Options at 18, 7pm, Hall
Fri 28 June	Sixth Form Induction Day 8.40am to 3.30pm
Mon 1 July	Y6 Induction Day
Tues 2 July	Summer Dance Performance 7pm, Hall
Fri 5 July	Founder’s Day Service, Y7&8 St Nicolas’ Church
Sat 6 July	PA Food Festival & Fete 12 noon to 3pm



**St Bart’s Dance
Department**

Presents the

SUMMER DANCE PERFORMANCE

**Tuesday 2 July
7.00pm, School Hall**

**Tickets £3/£5 available from the
art office (top floor or the
Curnock block) during first break.**

WORLD CHALLENGE MOROCCO

Between 26 May and 2 June, 55 Year 9 students with eight staff and the four World Challenge leaders travelled to Marrakech for the start of their exciting expeditions in the Atlas Mountains.

Time was spent trekking, camping, enjoying local cuisine and culture. The teams were involved with traditional bread-baking, music and dance and football games with local children.



The scenery was spectacular as impressive fold mountains, lush green valleys and gorges made for great photo opportunities. The bustling main square of Marrakech offered sights of snake charmers, monkeys and dance displays and freshly squeezed orange juice was enjoyed by many!

Thank you to the staff involved with this successful expedition.

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHY TREE

During their final week of study, the Year 13 geographers continued a theme started last year, by planting a tree to replace some of the paper used this year.



They were pleased to be contributing to the lovely grounds of the school and thanks to Dr Fitter for helping us to organise this event.



CHINESE VISIT TO ST BART'S

The school is looking forward to welcoming a group of Chinese students next month from the Aurora School in Shanghai. The visit is the reciprocal part of this year's China Challenge "Easter Study Tour" during which 21 of our Year 8 students travelled over to Shanghai and visited the Chinese at their school. During their time here the Aurora students will be staying with families of some of our Easter Study Tour students, getting a true experience of home life here in the UK. In addition they will be shadowing our students in school and going out on day trips to London, Portsmouth and Windsor amongst others.

We would like to thank all our students and especially our host families for their help in making what we anticipate will be a very successful visit for our Chinese visitors.

Aurora & St Bart's students from last year's visit



BOYS' PE

County Rugby – 2013-2014 Season

Congratulations to Cameron Barr and Rhys Thomas (Year 10) who have both been selected for the Berkshire U16 County Rugby Squad and Ben McCarthy (Year 7) who has been selected for the U13 County Rugby Squad.

County Football

Well done to Charlie Knight (Year 9) for being selected for the U15 County Football Squad for the 2013-2014 season.

ATHLETICS

Newbury Relays

Well done to all the students who represented the school at this year's Newbury Relays event.

Our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 boys' teams all came 2nd. Our Year 7 girls' team came 1st, Year 8 girls 1st, Year 9 girls 3rd and Year 10 girls 1st which meant they were overall girls winners.

Winchester

Well done to the junior and inter boys athletics teams who travelled to Winchester for a Regional B Athletics Final. The inter boys had a good day finishing 4th.

Newbury Relays - Girls

Thursday 13 June, Crookham Common

Once again there were some excellent performances from the girls' relays.

Over 15 1400 medley relay

A Graham, A Hogson, E Tindall, N Morgan – 2nd

Year 10 600m medley relay

L Beechey, C Fane, A Prudden, M Calkin – 1st

Year 9 standard relay

J Kirk, S Jarman, A Jarman, O Lockyear – 3rd

Year 8 standard relay

G Sanderson, I Sanderson, T Sonubi, A Mangan – 1st

Year 7 standard relay

D Ematulli, H Tilly, L Bell, L Norman – 1st

Some excellent results which led to the girls receiving the best overall trophy.

Mrs L Leach

Year 7 Girls' Area Athletics Results Friday 7 June, Palmer Park

This was the last of the area competitions and the Year 7 girls had their work cut out to continue the success from the U15 and U17 teams, both of which were placed 1st.

They started on their field events with some notably excellent results. Issy Lainsbury 1st in high jump as was Lauren Bell in javelin. On the track Millie Pope was 2nd in the 600m and Molly Dummett 2nd in the 1000m. The relay team of Hannah Tilly, Davina Ematulli, Lilia Norman and Lauren Bell also came home in 1st place. With these excellent performances all four girls have been selected to represent the county on 27 June and we wish them good luck.

The team worked hard to achieve as many points as possible and they were justly rewarded being placed 1st equal with Downe House, scoring 87 points. This was a superb achievement among 13 other local schools competing.

Congratulations to all the athletics –
D Ematulli, H Tilly, L Bell, L Dove, B Wolak,
M Pope, M Dummett, S McAllen, L Norman,
K Berrospi, I Lainsbury, S Harrop, B Pinfold,
H Perry, J Allum.

Girls' County Athletics

Congratulations to the following who took part in the county athletics on Saturday 8 June with some superb achievements.

M Calkin 200m 1st – national qualifying time
Y Ryder 1500m 1st – national qualifying time
R Stanton javelin 1st – national qualifying distance

A Prudden 300m 3rd

G Bradford 800m 3rd

G Sanderson shot 8th

T Sonubi shot 3rd

S Drake 1500m 8th

A Bradford discus 1st

E Seymour discus 2nd

L Beechey shot 2nd

Mrs L Leach

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**For all year groups, including
Sixth Form**



If your child is absent from
school please ring the hotline number

01635 576372

Leave a message with the following details:

- Your child's name and tutor group
- Reason for absence
- Likely date of return
- Contact telephone number