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**St Bartholomew's
School**

**Christmas Gift and
Craft Fair**

Sunday 19th November
11.00am to 3.00pm

**Over 60 stalls – Wide selection of
homemade crafts and gifts – All price
ranges, from stocking fillers to that
special gift**

Refreshments, Lunches, Teas, Mince Pies

Admission £2.00
(concessions £1, under 16 free)
Buckingham Road, Newbury RG14 6JP

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There is a full size poster on page 8 of this issue which you are welcome to print out and display in your local community and workplace.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2 November 2017

5.30pm – 8.30pm



St Bart's Sixth Form provides exceptional opportunities and our students secure excellent results.

In 2017 25% of all grades were A*/A grades and 80% of all grades achieved were C grade or better.

Come to our Open Evening and find out about more than 40 subject courses and the vibrant Sixth Form life at St Bart's.

**There will be presentations by the
Head of Sixth Form at 5.30pm and 7.00pm**

Subject information available
throughout the evening.

**Plan your visit; the evening's programme
is on the website at <http://bit.ly/2g3YH1r>**

Applications open immediately
following the Open Evening.

Tel: 01635 576368

Email: sixthform@stbarts.co.uk
@St_Barts_School
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HARVEST CONTRIBUTIONS

The harvest contributions have been safely gathered in and thank you to so many students who have contributed tinned food products.



This year we are supporting two local charities, Fair Close Day Centre and Loose Ends. The donations will be delivered to them in November.

Mrs Boardman, pictured above, expressed gratitude for the items being sent to support the homeless through Loose Ends. Also pictured are Shreeya, Lara and Thanvi in 8C1.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Each half term there will be a photography competition to enter and the theme this half term is...

OPENINGS

Deadline: Wednesday 13 December 2017
Email entries to pturner@stbarts.co.uk with your name, tutor group and a brief description

NEWBURY TOWN INTERSCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION

A sixth form team took their seats in the Newbury Town Council Chamber for the local debating competition last week. The students were up against other nearby state and independent schools with the first topic *Are prisons too soft?*

St Bart's debated confidently taking them through to the final which was battled out on the topic *Should grading for students be abolished?* Following a tense moment whilst the judges made their decision, St Bart's students were crowned winners and presented with a shield and medals.



Well done to Isaac Fernandes, Emily Carr, Jacob Adams and Ollie Smithson.

DIARY DATES

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| Thurs 2 Nov | Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-8.30pm |
| Wed 8 Nov | Y12 Safe Drive Stay Alive, Hexagon, Reading (afternoon) |
| Thurs 9 Nov | KS4 Awards Evening (Y12 students), Hall, 7pm |
| Fri 10 Nov | Remembrance Day Service 11am, Luker Hub |
| Wed 15 Nov | Y12 Subject Parents' Evening Curnock Block, 4.30-7.00pm |
| Fri 17 Nov | Children in Need Non Uniform Day |



PICTURES ON THEME OF 'LINES'

Another great crop of images for last half-term's photography competition.



Baxter Fletcher produced an interesting, rather abstract image of car headlight (and taillight) trails. It is clear that the cars are

coming over a hill towards us because we can see their headlamps rising and their taillights dipping, but if you look more carefully you can 'see' an interesting additional detail: the hill means there is a horizon 'line' - but is not visible to us because of the darkness!

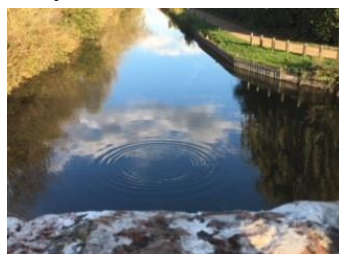
Hester Berger has a lovely image taken inside a tube 'line' containing the railway 'line' and the platform edge 'line' along with a 'line' of people. A very clever multi layered image which works exceptionally well in monochrome.



Henry Garrety has shown us a deceptively simple view of the school. It captures the side of the block with its vertical and horizontal lines but if you look carefully you will see that the horizon 'line' stretches right across the frame, partly as a genuine

horizon and partly as a reflection. An imaginative image, Henry; well done.

Emily Jardine has given us an image containing the straight lines of the man-made wall and canal, contrasting with the



natural elements, especially the perfectly circular ripples on the water. The light is just right to capture the ripples and yet get the long straight canal well exposed too, causing your eye to move through the image beautifully.



Mrs Hamblin has an interior image that shows the complex nature of the roof from the inside showing tiles, struts and battens, but simultaneously suggests the simple nature of the roof, that being that it

offers protection from the elements. The really clever part is the 'elements' being not only the wind, rain and sun, but also the tiles, struts and battens that make up the roof.

Ms Thomson has shown us a wall. On first look a wall is a line, one that separates one area from another, but again, if you look more closely, you will see that the wall is made from rock containing several 'lines' or layers. This makes the image work both at a larger scale and a far smaller one!



The remaining images are also from Ms Thomson and are nice illustrations of other ways to look at the theme. The harbour shows a wall, some steps and some rope and even though you cannot see it, this image is all about boats on the sea. The fern shows lines in nature

rather elegantly and the statue is a pleasing example of a technique known as 'leading lines' which direct the eye over the image and straight at the point of interest.



This term's **winner** is another difficult choice as all of the images have a certain something about them! I have gone for the one from Hester, because her image captures the idea of 'line' in several different ways. **Mr Turner**

STAFF EXPEDITION

The 2017 St Bart's annual staff expedition took place on 8/9 September with an exploration of the wild places of South Yorkshire and Derbyshire. A prompt 1530 departure was managed under the watchful eye of AJP, and CRE took the minibus wheel for Sheffield. Despite some early navigational challenges, the party convened at Butler's Balti House to enjoy some traditional regional cuisine, and retired to the exotic delights of the Travelodge.

A hearty 0700 breakfast got Saturday off to an energetic start, and civilization was rapidly left behind as the convoy headed into the Peak District. It soon became clear that the expedition had inadvertently been scheduled in the monsoon season; however, no members of the party were granted permission to retire to local hostelrys for the day, and Base Camp was set up in Edale Station car park. Only a small delay ensued while expedition leaders gathered local currency for parking fees.

Once on the move, rapid progress was made through the Vale of Edale, and height gained rapidly up the south side of the valley. Some overenthusiastic front runners, having repeatedly ignored orders to slow down and let the more leisurely walkers catch up, were ordered to summit the subsidiary peak of Back Tor in order to survey the next stage of the route. On descending, they found that the rest of the party had actually nicked off along Barker Bank. Which took some catching up.

It is possible that the 360 degree views from Hollins Cross are spectacular. Days may occur when the sight of the Mam Tor landslips and the collapsed road at the base of the hill, along with the panorama of Hope Valley, command gasps of awe from onlookers. Clear skies and calm breezes may allow for the sighting of birds of prey, gracefully stooping through the firmament. There is always next time.

As ever, when hillwalking, perseverance was rewarded. At some point along Rushup Edge, the clouds lifted, and the rest of the route became clear, with the Kinder Plateau in the distance. A bedraggled fell-runner was applauded on his way. Boggy paths were left behind, for trails of flagstones recycled from demolished cotton mills.

Brown Knoll, the second high point of the day, was reached in conditions which allowed for photography and, for younger members of the expedition team, the "trig jig". Seniors looked on.



The weather held off long enough to catch a glimpse of the edge of Kinder, and the steep defiles of the Cloughs, across from the intimidating descent of Jacob's Ladder. During the picnic at the bridge across the Noe, there was just enough time for PRB to demonstrate Bear Grylls-style foraging and GRE to offer tastings of 100% cocoa "chocolate" before the deluge recommenced. The party headed on, eventually reaching the toilet facilities and the opportunity for dry clothes promised by the return to civilization in sunny Edale.

Back in the minibus, and at Leicester Forest Services, while steaming gently, all agreed that this had been a particularly successful expedition, and one which deserved to be repeated. The expeditionary committee intends to organise some day walks, to which all staff are warmly invited, in preparation for next year's voyage into the unknown: PRB will be delighted to hear expressions of interest.

And Brighton won. So AJP was happy.

Expedition participants: T. Baikie, M. Bosley, H. Brooker, Maj. P. Brooker, A.I. S. Cantwell, 2nd Lt. R. Dickson, Capt. C. Edwards, H. Edwards, G. Evans, Maj. A. Patrick, C. Savage, Lt. H. Scourfield, Lt. E. Wright, J. Wylie.



CCF

An active start to the new school year for the CCF

AT w/e, 22-24 September.

The Isle of Purbeck was very much enjoyed by all. Based at

Tom's Field campsite in Langton Matravers, the two groups were rewarded with ice creams and a walk along Swanage harbour after a great day's walk to 'Old Harry' in fine weather. The shorter walk on Sunday to the west on base camp proved just as enjoyable even though the weather was a little less kind.

WHT w/e 30 September- 1 October.

All who attended the weapon handling test (WHT) weekend eventually passed on the A2 rifle. The standard of weapons handling was very high. Sgt Wyatt from the cadet training team (CTT), who completed most of the testing, was very impressed. Several Navy cadets turned up to complete the whole Skill at Arms Course with Capt Edwards in preparation for the DCCT (an indoor electronic range) on their forthcoming Field Day. All cadets must be tested every six months on the A2 rifle. Many RAF and Army cadets passed their WHT first time with real competence having completed the test at least once before.

Capt. Edwards.

Army/RAF Nightex, 6-7 October – Operation 'Crouching Tiger'.

Army night exercise was a great success and very much enjoyed by all. Five sections of cadets made up of both Army and several RAF cadets competed two sequences of battle drills with blank firing. They were ably lead by their NCO's throughout the exercise, completing many tasks including sentry duties and recce patrols. The recce patrols at night are very intense as the enemy are actively hunting the patrols and opening fire upon them. Kieran Caulfield can be very pleased with the way his team led their sections. The atmosphere in the harbour area was very positive and supportive. The 'invincible enemy' in the form of Major Brooker and Mr Cantwell did an excellent job of provoking each section into battle. The enemy were on every occasion thoroughly beaten into a fighting withdrawal.

Capt Edwards.

Field Day, 13 October.

The Army Field Day was extremely well attended and the behaviour of all cadets was very good. All cadets engaged in three activities.

The camouflage and concealment exercise included personal camouflage which involved cam cream on the face, neck and hands and then attaching foliage to the arms and helmets. Many cadets managed to over-achieve in this task appearing literally as a tree by the end of their preparation.

The patrolling and observation exercise included hand signals and learning how to move as a section in file and single file. Each section was challenged with spotting all 24 objects hidden on the route, observing the enemy's position and then creating a map of it. The cooking and basher building included eating a great deal of the ration packs and learning how to safely heat food and boil water in the field. The shelters, also known as bashers, are constructed to sleep under on night exercises.

I now hope many cadets are already looking forward to joining us on Army Camp next July.
Capt. Edwards

ATTENDANCE HOTLINES



Remember to ring the attendance hotline if your child is absent from school. This is for all school years, including Sixth Form.

01635 576372 (Years 7 – 11)

01635 576366 (Years 12 - 13)

Leave a message with

Your child's name

Tutor Group

Reason for absence

VACANCIES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL

The following are part-time vacancies at St Bart's. If you know anyone who may be interested please pass on the information.

- **Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages – Spanish** (fixed term, 1 – 3 hours per week) to start as soon as possible
- **Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages – German/French** (fixed term) to start 1 January 2018
- **Teacher of Biology** (fixed term) to start 1 January 2018
- **Technician: Science** (permanent) to start 3 January 2018
- **Teaching Assistant** (permanent) to start as soon as possible

Please keep an eye on the school website

<http://www.stbarts.co.uk/contact-apply/working-at-st-barts/>

for further information and how to apply.

Closing date: Sunday 12 November 2017

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS enhanced check along with other relevant employment checks.

Tel: 01635 521255

E-mail: recruitment@stbarts.co.uk

BOYS' PE

Rugby v Lord Williams's

Y9 won 50-0 before the match was stopped early. Man of the match Johann Mascarenhas

Y10 won 56-36

Y8 lost narrowly 4 tries to 5 and played with a squad of 26 players

Y7A and B teams both lost

Y10 v Reading School, National Cup

The St Bart's boys were 19-10 up with ten minutes to go, but Reading went ahead in the last play of the game to win 20-19.

1st XV v Park House Won 31 – 7

The 1st XV were keen to get back into action against Park House after their character testing and much praised spirit against Bishops Wordsworth School in the National Mail Cup. The tonic of a local derby v Park House was a perfect test. Under the scrutiny of A Level PE player cam Harry Stevens gave St Bart's the ideal start touching down after just 25 seconds. Ben McCarty was next to cross the white wash running a great support line from the Trojan Stephen Ansell whose lovely offload created the score.

Dan West the other player on A Level Player cam was next to cross for a sniping score and the man of the match Paddy Beal subsequently converted. Captain Tommy Webster capped a very impressive all-round performance with two tries to complement his ferocious tackling and carrying throughout. Special mention must also go to Henry Painter who continues his impressive form from last week's trial game and also Toby Gale for a great first team debut whilst still in Y11.

The squad look forward to a busy period after half term with a quarter final in the County Cup v Forest, King Edwards Southampton in the National Plate, the remaining floodlit fixtures and to conclude the annual match versus the ONA.

Football

Y9 v Blessed Hugh Faringdon, National Cup
Won 2-1. Goal scorers Mark Chidi and Dan Power. Man of the match Jensen Knight for his excellent goal keeping.

GIRLS' PE

Y10 6 A-Side Football Tournament

The girls performed well against fierce competition from John O'Gaunt, Theale Green, The Downs, Park House and Kennet.

Well done, a great effort in the rain.



Netball League Games v John O'Gaunt

Results and players of the match

Y8 won 25-3 Zhara Kateregga

Y9 won 32-1 Bianca Vicaria

Netball Friendly Games v

St Helen & St Katharine

Y10 lost 25-4 Maddie Barnes

Y11 lost 36-11 Sophie Stancombe

6th form lost 34-4 Emily Harrison

CROSS COUNTRY

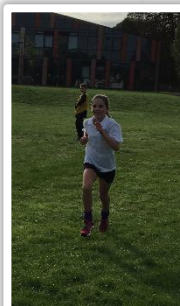
Following last week's House cross country results, here are some photos from the competition.



Sports Leaders were truly inspiring!



Patterson Year 8



Robertson sisters won the double for Curnock

PENTATHLON GB SOUTHERN REGION

Regional Schools' Biathlon Championships

Elsbeth Crane, Lucy Emberlin, Lucy Colston, Georgia Humphreys and Mabel Stewart competed on 7 October in the Southern Biathlon Championships held in Aldershot. The event consisted of a 100m free style as well as a 1600m run. There were some exceptional performances in the swim:

Elsbeth: **1.09.13** *4 sec PB

Lucy E: **1.14.12** *PB

Lucy C: **1.35.27**

Georgia: **1.11.46** *3 sec PB

Mabel: **1.16.08** * 2 sec PB

The runs were equally matched with good times and some good overall total points by the girls. Elsbeth Crane and Georgia Humphreys finished just outside the top 10 in 11th (U14) and 12th (U13) respectively.



Netball News

Well done to our Sixth Form Form Netball team who beat Theale Green in a friendly fixture last week. The score was 15-14 and Ruby Soellner was awarded player of the match.



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