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Welcome to the new format BartholoNews

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY BARTHOLONNEWS!

On 12 January 1995, more than 25 years ago, the first ever edition of BartholoNews was published! Mr Robinson, the Head Teacher of the time, launched the newsletter at the start of his second term at St Bart's to distribute "valuable information about the school". In those days around 1700 copies were printed every week and sent home on a Thursday. Now we publish this newsletter on our website and the link is emailed to around 4,700 parents, students and staff each week. BartholoNews continues to provide information about forthcoming events and activities as well as celebrating a wide range of student achievements and collaborative successes. In recognition that the way in which we receive information is changing, we've redesigned our weekly newsletter to make it easier for you to read online. Please use the [blue links](#) to jump to the stories that really matter to you and the [purple buttons](#) to hop back here and find something else to read. We hope you enjoy this special anniversary edition.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

We have retrieved the first ever issue of the school newsletter from the school archives ([click here to read it in full](#)). Reading it we noticed some familiar names! For many, St Bart's is a family tradition and we are proud that those who came to school here often choose to send their own children and even grandchildren! We also love to keep in touch with our alumni and their news, indeed you will hear from the Old Newburians Society (ONA) later in the newsletter. We've been researching the current whereabouts of students from the first newsletters and we made some interesting connections and discussions.

The season ended with their captain **William Drewe** collecting the cup for the Newbury Schools Floodlit League Title.

The U14 Sportsman of the season was awarded to **Stefan Wrzesinski**

U13 XV Final Playing Record:
Played 14 Won 11 Lost 3

The Floodlit League trophy was collected by captain **James Nichols**

The U13 Sportsman of the Season Trophy was awarded to **David Toms**

U12 XV Final Playing Record:
Played 9 Won 8 Lost 1

The Floodlit League trophy was collected by captain **Tom Drewe**

The U12 Sportsman of the Season trophy was awarded to **Mark Ireland**.

Mark Ireland, who won the U12 Sportsman of the Season, went on to play rugby for London Irish and also played professionally in France. Ben Vanstone was one of the U15 boys awarded 'Sportsman of the Season'. Ben is now a TV script writer responsible for the new series of "All Creatures Great and Small" (on which he is also executive producer), "The English Game" in 2020, "Merlin" in 2008 and he has written episodes for "Eastenders" and "Holby".

Sally Anne Warren, (mentioned as selected for the County senior lacrosse team) went on to roles in health policy and delivery and is now the Director of Policy at the Kings Fund, advising and commenting on government policy and she is regularly interviewed on Radio 4.

RUGBY

U16 XV Final Playing Record
Played 12 Won 6 Drawn 1 Lost 5
The U16 Sportsman of the Season trophy was awarded jointly to **Chris Cox** and **Kevin Corneck**

U15 XV Final Playing Record:
Played 12 Won 4 Lost 8
Full colours were awarded to:
Tim Rouse, Ben Vanstone, Andrew Patrick and **Chris Chaik**
Half colours were awarded to:
Adam Raincock, Kenny Amor, Douglas Wiles, David Pooles, Jeremy Harris, William McCartney, Paul Gollop, Oliver Hill, Philip Stantiford, Tim Clegg and **Toby Smith**.

The U15 Sportsman of the Season was awarded jointly to **Tim Rouse** and **Ben Vanstone** both of whom played for the County.

Nikki Hart is mentioned in the Sports' Report several times with regard to lacrosse achievement. Nikki's daughters, Luci and Josie are both currently at St Bart's and play lacrosse for the school. Josie was named in BartholoNews as one of the players of the match in a game against Marlborough College only last month! Nikki's father, Mike Hart, taught at St Bart's and was Head of Curnock House for many years.

The U14 Sportsman of the season was awarded to Stefan Wrzesinski who now works in advertising with Nielsen. His wife, Laura, now works with the BartholoNews team and their son Lucas has just joined us in Year 7.

Our very own Miss Thorne, Leader of Learning & Achievement at KS3 and part of the PE department, is also named in the sport's report as one of the girls selected for the Berkshire U15 lacrosse team. Miss Thorne says, "It's so wonderful to see this first issue of BartholoNews after so many years. It was always nice to get a mention after a successful game. Now I am a teacher at the school it's great to see how BartholoNews still celebrates student success in all disciplines."

Why not read the [first ever issue](#) yourself, there may be names you recognise. If so we'd love to hear your recollections and stories at

bartholonews@stbart.co.uk

Eight girls were selected for the Berkshire U18 teams - **Nikki Hart** and **Catherine Tucker** for the A team and **Zoe Coughlan, Sally Anne Warren, Naomi Mildenhall, Mary Lister, Kate McMahon** and **Susie Gowers** for the B team. **Nikki** co-captained the A team to the West Championship. Five girls were selected for West trials. - **Nikki Hart, Catherine Tucker, Zoe Coughlan, Kate McMahon** and **Susie Gowers**. **Nikki** was selected for the West team for the second year running and **Kate McMahon** was named as a reserve. **Nikki** was also selected as co-captain, a great honour for her and St Barts.

Seven girls also gained selection for the Berkshire U15 A and B teams - **Kate Cocker, Katy McLeod** and **Danielle Hurd** for the A team and **Alice Winfield, Sian Astley, Fiona Walker, Helen Couteaney** and **Kelly Thorne** for the B team.

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CALENDAR

Reports issued Y12	Weds 8 Dec	
Y7CD Vocablics	Thurs 9 Dec	
Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 10 Dec	See below
CCF Sunday Walk 1	Sun 12 Dec	
Carol Service	Tues 14 Dec	St Bart's Hall - 7pm
A Level Dance Solos	Weds 15 Dec	Hall - 9.50-11.10am
MFL Karaoke Competition	Weds 15 Dec	WCC - Activity Time
Christmas Lunch	Weds 15 Dec	Canteen. 12:30 – 1:10 See page 9.

[View all school events in our online calendar, click here to go straight there](#)



Christmas Jumper Day & St Bart's Christmas Menu

On Friday, 10 December, St Bart's will take part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Students come to school in normal uniform, except that their blazer is replaced by a Christmas Jumper. Donations should be made by logging on to [ParentPay](#) please. Don't forget your masks if you usually keep them in your blazer pocket. A festive menu will be available in the canteen, please see page 8 for details.

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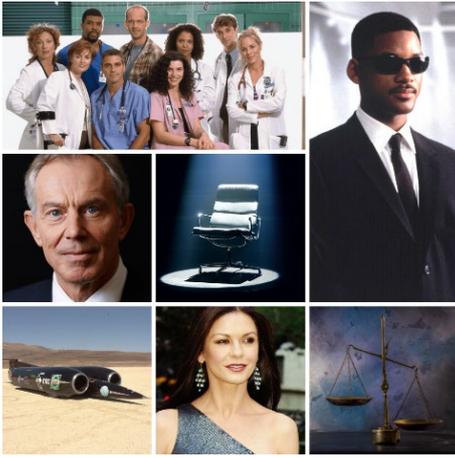
ON THIS DAY

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12 January 1995 - [1st Issue of BartholoNews](#) (then known as Newsletter)

The 12 January 1995 was a Thursday and if you were born on that day (like US Actress Lauren McGoff) you are a Capricorn with the Chinese zodiac sign of the Dog. The UK Prime Minister was Sir John Major (Conservative), the US president was Bill Clinton (Democrat) and Pope St John Paul II was leading the Catholic Church. On that day we were listening to Cotton Eye Joe by Rednex, Think Twice by Celine Dion and Love Me For A Reason by Boyzone. In that month, the most viewed movie release was Murder in the First and Martine McCutcheon made her EastEnders debut as Tiffany Raymond. If you liked video games you were probably playing Caesar II or Fatal Fury 3. Major world events included an earthquake in Kobe, Japan, and the first day of the O.J Simpson murder trial.





25 September 1997 - 100th Issue of BartholoNews

On this day Britain's Andy Green set the jet-powered car record (714 mph), the STS 86 (Atlantis 20) was launched into orbit and medical drama, ER, was performed live on TV! If 25 September 1997 is your birthday, you share this date with Mark Hamill and Catherine Zeta-Jones. If like Instagram Entrepreneur, Jayda Ayanna, you were born on this day in 1997, you are a Libra and an Ox! The US president was Bill Clinton (Democrat), the UK Prime Minister was Tony Blair (Labour) and Pope St John Paul II was leading the Catholic Church. We were dancing to Honey by Mariah Carey and Men In Black by Will Smith. In September 1997, the National Geographic Channel was launched, Magnus Magnusson hosted the final episode of Mastermind (until its return in 2003) and the live broadcast of the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales was watched by 2.5 billion viewers worldwide.

29 April 2008 - 500th Issue of BartholoNews

The 29 April 2008 was a Tuesday, under the sign of Taurus and the Chinese zodiac sign of the Dog. The UK Prime Minister was Gordon Brown (Labour), the US president was George W. Bush (Republican) and Pope Benedict XVI was leading the Catholic Church. In the UK, we were listening to American Boy by Estelle featuring Kanye West. We were watching Kung Fu Panda and the Inbetweeners, and reading Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri. Patsy Palmer returned to EastEnders as Bianca Jackson and the most popular video games included Bang Attack and Blast Works: Build, Trade, Destroy.



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BARTHOLONNEWS AND THE OLD NEWBURIANS' SOCIETY (ONA)

The Old Newburians' Association (The ONA) exists to bring together ex-students with each other and the school through promoting social and sporting gatherings as well as furthering the interests of the school. Over the years BartholoNews has recorded many events involving the ONA.



The ONA has been an integral part of St Bart's rich history for many generations of students, and the present committee continues to meet on a regular basis (when COVID allows) in order to support the School in any way possible.

The most successful events in recent years have been the sports events, with Rugby, Lacrosse, Football, Netball and Cricket all being well supported, delivering some highly competitive and enjoyable encounters with the current School teams.



The annual dinner has been an ever-present occasion each year, enjoyed by a loyal band of Old Newburians, joined by the Head Students and the Headteacher.



Most recently the annual Remembrance Day Festival in the centre of Newbury saw the ONA wreath laid on the Town War Memorial ensuring fallen Old Boys were honoured as ever.

My fervent hope is that the ONA, having played such a prominent part in the School's history, will continue in the future, promoting and endorsing the reputation of this Outstanding School.



Mike Hart - President of the ONA

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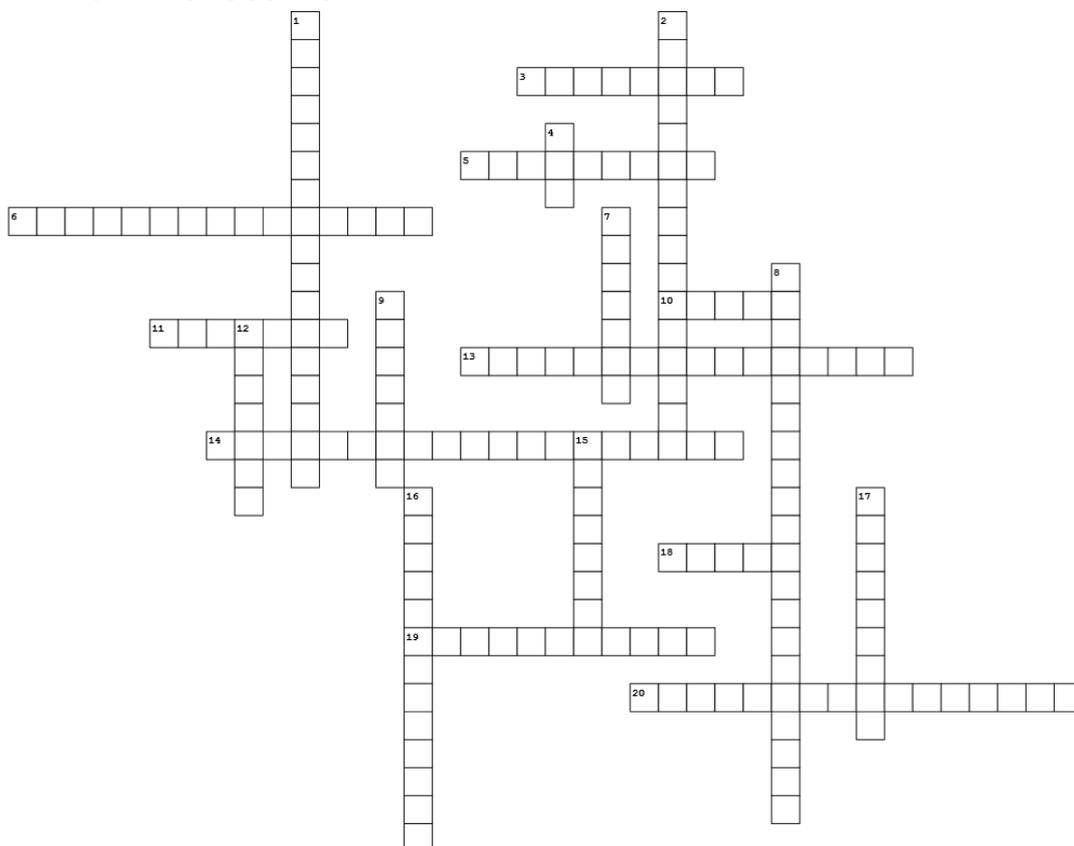
AT ST BART'S WE EXPECT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO BE...

BRAVE
AMBITIOUS
RESPECTFUL
TRUSTWORTHY
SAFE

...SO THAT WE CAN ALL BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE.



ST BART'S ANNIVERSARY CROSSWORD



Across

3. Mr Robinson introduced BartholoNews to the school. What is the surname of the Headteacher who succeeded him?
5. Who was the first Headmistress of the Girl's school?
6. Which cloth merchant left money in his will to found the school in 1466?
10. Name this BART'S Value.
11. What is the surname of the longest serving member of St Bart's? (Clue: she just completed 40 years service!)
13. Which politician visited the school in 1972 as Education minister and came back in 1985?
14. In what year did St Bartholomew's Grammar School amalgamate with Newbury Girls School?
18. Can you complete the missing word from the St Bart's School Song? 'We count him -----, we count him fool, who will not cry long live the school'
19. What rating did Ofsted recently award St Bart's?
20. What is the title of the royal who officially opened the new school buildings?

Down

1. In what year did St Bart's move to the new school buildings we use today?
2. Which royal has visited the school twice, in both 1972 and 1993?
4. What type of tree was planted when St Bart's celebrated its 550th anniversary in 2016?
7. In which month did the first issue of the school newsletter appear?
8. The full name of one of the St Bart's old boys who was killed in WW1 and gives his name to one of our houses.
9. What is the school motto?
12. Which poet is quoted in the St Bart's heritage garden?
15. On the old school site, what did 'T' denote on room signs?
16. At the time of the school development the new roads created were named after people associated with the school. Can you name this road?
17. Which house won the house championship in 2021?

[Click here for a printable version of the crossword.](#) Read next week's BartholoNews to find out the answers.

PE

Year 7 Football

Our Year 7 girls' football teams played in the finals of their West Berkshire fixtures league on Tuesday 30 November.

The B team lost narrowly to Kennet B, 1-0, but all players put in an excellent performance and can be extremely proud of themselves!



The A team played Kennet A in a thrilling final, unfortunately coming out on the losing side as the opposite keeper made a number of unbelievable saves. It just wasn't our day but the girls kept going right till the end and didn't give up. Being runners up in the first ever Year 7 West Berkshire fixtures league is a tremendous achievement and the PE Department are excited for what the future holds for them! Well done to all girls involved!

Year 7 Rugby

Eighteen boys represented the school against the Kennet and Downs Schools in the final Year 7 floodlit league matches this term. The whole team was changed at half time in each match, each boy playing a whole half of each match, demonstrating the strength in depth of this year group.

The final scores were St Bart's 50, Kennet School 5, and St Bart's 30, Downs School 5. St Bart's scored 16 tries across the two matches.

Players of the matches were Edward Hancock, Noah Casey and Iggi Duly.

This means that (unofficially) St Bart's are undefeated in the District League and are Year 7 Floodlit League Champions.

Congratulations to every boy who has represented the school in the A and B teams this term.



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CHRISTMAS MENU

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

From **12.10** To **12.50**

It's Christmas Jumper Day!

The canteen and Sixth Form servery will be offering:

Brie & Cranberry Panini

Turkey & Stuffing Panini

Baked potatoes with beans and
pigs in blankets/vegetarian cocktail sausages

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER

From **12.30** To **13.10**

Join us in the main canteen to celebrate Christmas with festive music and a special menu of roast turkey & all the trimmings.



BARTHOLONNEWS 1000 ISSUES TITLE BANNER COMPETITION

Background

Wednesday 8 December marks the 1000th edition of BartholoNews. Our school newsletter has been in circulation since 1995 and, for over 25 years, it has been a showcase of school life and student achievement. The newsletter goes out weekly to staff, students and parents/carers, with a circulation of over 4600.

Competition Brief - BartholoNews Title Banner

We are looking for a new eye-catching title design that celebrates our school and the talents of our students. **If you are studying art, graphics, photography or you just love art and design, we want you to enter.** This is a great opportunity to have your work seen by our whole school community. **It would look great on personal statements, CVs or even House Colour applications! For those looking to study art and design in further education, it's a great project to add to your portfolio.**

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Design Brief

- The design should be **bold and clear** and must feature the newsletter title **BartholoNews**
- The design can be in any style or media
- Please use the design template which can be collected at the art office (top floor Curnock). This will ensure your design has the correct dimensions. Please note you can size this template up on the photocopier if you want to work on a larger scale.

Competition Rules

- The competition is open to any current St Bart's student
- **The deadline is midday on Wednesday 5 January**
- Entries should be either sent (as a high resolution JPEG/PNG) to bartholonews@stbarts.co.uk or delivered to the art office (top floor Curnock) - remember to tell us your name and tutor group
- The winning entry will be announced and feature in BartholoNews on Wednesday 12 January and throughout 2022

