



NEWSLETTER

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		Mike Reading

Junior Mathematical Challenge

We have once again participated in the Junior Mathematical Challenge, organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust. This consists of up to 30 really difficult problem solving activities and schools all over the country enter their most able Mathematicians.

Congratulations to the 120 boys who took part and in particular to the 52 boys who gained Silver and Bronze Awards.

Special congratulations to the following who achieved very high marks indeed and gained Gold Awards.

Year 7

Matthew Layton (best Yr 7 in School)
Nolan Tairu
Luke Cozens
Rajarajan Gowribalan
Lawrence Baker
Max Bucknell
Matthew McIntyre
Harry Woodcock

Year 8

Cory Stobart (best Yr 8 in School)
Charlie Ward
Nicholas Ingleton
Kieran Harden
Thomas Watson
Austin Wellbelove
Ross Godbolt
Richard Wood
George Holden
James Lloyd
Jason Savage



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

As it is the 50th Anniversary, the Scheme is finding it has to change and adapt. The scheme, as run at Carre's, is no different. In the past few years there have been personnel changes, workforce reforms and changes in people's personal circumstances. This is also no different to other schools and organisations.

As with other successful establishments, a constant review of best practices ensures that they stay successful. To this end, we have found that a lot of students who enter the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme perform the expedition section, and perform it well, and then for whatever reason do not go on to complete

the rest of the sections in order to obtain the award at any of the three different levels.

Therefore, from next year, we have decided to introduce World Challenge. This is an extended

expedition for 20 or so boys, planned by the boys, funded by the boys, with an environmental project to be completed at the end of a seven day acclimatisation trek, professionally supported by World Challenge throughout. The expedition will take place in



2008, at the end of the summer term, after exams, and continue into the summer holidays.

At the present time, this is in the very early planning stage and more information will be released in September 2006 in the form of a Presentation Evening for both parents and students of Years 10, 11 and 12 (Academic Year 2006/07).

A website www.world-challenge.co.uk is available for more information.

This will not affect the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, which will continue to be offered to all students in the Sixth form and run externally, but in conjunction with the Kesteven and Sleaford High School.

Sporting News - Cricket



The first game of the season for the **Year 8s** was to take place at the St George's oval on the 15 June . After the fill-in the Captain lost the toss for Carre's and the St George's Captain put us into bat. Even though this was the decision we did not want, the opening three pounced on the opportunity with Luke Tupholme retiring at 25 not out. The other opener, Nick Bates, however, got out early due to a dodgy umpiring decision!

Sam Ogden also had to retire when coming in at number three and hitting 26 not out in a short space of time. Another impressive hitter on the day was James Wathen, hammering the St George's bowlers all over, hitting boundary after boundary. By the end, the big man had to retire on 21 not out. The rest of the batsmen played their part and by the end the Carre's team had finished out on 102 - 2. An interesting point, however, is that after seven overs, the batting team was only on 24. Tupholme and Ogden had to get the run rate up fast, and succeeded in their job, before Wathen made the target more 'juicy' and leathering the ball all over.

The St George's bowlers had struggled with the batting attack's aggression right from the start. However, their key bowling opener, D Kew, had some good figures, but no wicket. He ended out with bowling four overs, one maiden and seven runs on paper.

When the St George's team came into bat, the weakened, but still quality bowling attack, claimed early wickets for little runs. B Williams had an effective over, with one wicket for six runs.

D Kew, seeming to be the only stable batsman for St George's stayed firm before the return of Oliver Starbuck! With this in mind a number of slips were introduced as edges were flying through there. After being injured for quite a length of time, this was Starbuck's first set of overs in a game. Basically, Starbuck smashed straight through Kew's once solid defence and snapped the off-stump bail in half forcing the umpires to have to pause play to find more bails. The bails of Kew's wicket smashed all over the place. Once Kew was gone, wickets soon dropped and by the end Starbuck ended out with bowling three overs, nine runs and three wickets. Some other great bowling by N Bates on his first ball of his first over in the game took middle stump having some great figures of one over, one wicket and three runs.

By the last over, victory was secure enough to put in eight slips and a fielder in close just to show our dominancy. With great hopes of an edge coming throughout the game anyway, a slip or two were always present. Even though there were some lazy drops, C Ward, the wicket-keeper, made some great catches, along with T Vertigan.

The game was a comprehensive win and a great feeling to have whitewashed some of the St George's lads! It was the first game for us, we were maybe a little bit rusty, our next game is against Spalding Hawks at the Spalding Arena, so hopefully we will have a change to polish up on the edges there.

By **Luke Tupholme - 8Z**

Nick Bates - 8Z tells us about the visit to Spalding.

Carre's travelled in force, taking Year 8, 9 and 10 teams to the Spalding Oval. After a pitch inspection, Carre's Captain, Bradley Russell-Webster shockingly lost the toss and 'The Spalding Warriors' elected to bat.

It started well for the Carre's team, as after four overs Spalding were 9/2, after some rapid bowling from the Carre's star, Tom Knapper. After 15 overs, Spalding were 62/2, but then 'the Knapster' (as his fans refer to him) bowled excellently, leaving Spalding on 63/6. Knapper's figures were 3 overs, 1 maiden, 2 runs, 4 wickets. Carre's started with Luke Tupholme and Nick Bates. In the second over Nick got run out to what he thought was a shocking decision. Bradley Russell-Webster joined Tupholme to score a quick 25, with Tupholme scoring the same, winning the game for Carre's in 83 overs.

A convincing win for the Carre's lads, as Carre's stole the show with wins by the Year 9 and 10 teams to make it a clean sweep.

Year 9 v Spalding (away). The team took off in high spirits for this game after a cup win over the Sir William Robertson School from Welbourn. Even though some of the players only found out they were playing the day before, on the way back from the Battlefields trip, Carre's started the game positively as Spalding won the toss and elected to bat. Although it was only a friendly, everyone was pumped up and some quick bowling from Sam Burrows and Tom Monson brought quick early wickets. After they'd had two overs each, Carre's used a further six bowlers to give everyone a chance and still restricted Spalding to 63 off their 16 overs.

With such a low score to chase, Carre's reversed the batting order and despite the loss of 5 early wickets, the batting improved as Tom Best and Ben Pollard steadied the ship until both went in quick succession. Spalding were becoming quite confident after taking all these wickets, although they didn't realise our top four batsmen were still waiting to bat. Another wicket fell and with 12 overs gone, Sam Burrows struck the winning runs and we ran out easy winners. A good victory, giving everyone a chance to prove themselves!

By **Oliver Guilliat - 9W**

More Cricket News



Sam Gascoyne - 7C gives us the following write-up:

Carre's played Boston Grammar on Wednesday 25 June. Shockingly, Bradley Russell-Webster won the toss and elected to field (after a long wait for the Boston Grammar School team, who turned up in a fancy mini bus). Bradley Russell-Webster led us out onto the field after a warm-up from the coach.

The skipper set the field out and Knapper ran in to bowl the first ball. It was a good over after the first few balls and the ball started to swing.

That is how the rest of the game seemed to go - Starbuck and Knapper both bowled well - their figures were: Knapper had 4, 0 maidens, 10 runs and one wicket. Starbuck had figures of 4 overs, 0 maidens, 17 runs and no wickets. The other two good bowlers were Shorthouse, with figures of 4 overs, 0 maidens, 17 runs and 1 wicket. Gascoyne had 3 overs, 0 maidens, 15 runs and one wicket. The bowling was good until it came to the skipper - he bowled one wide, which he claimed pitched on, middle stump and swung about a metre outside off! The fielding was good and there were few mistakes in the field.

The innings ended on 99 for 3, so we needed 100 to win. We went in for a team-talk to find coach Chris Morley telling us that we should win it and that he would speak to us later. Shorthouse (Shorty) and Bates (Batesy) opened the batting and got us off to a good start. Batesy was run out for 15, Bradley Russell Webster came in at 3 and finished us off with 15 not out. Shorty was 52 not out at the end, which meant Carre's won by 9 wickets.

The next and last game of the season is on Wednesday 12 July, away at King's, which is a must win match to make it a clean sweep all round. The team should also be back to full strength, with the only player, Luke Tupholme, missing.

Outstanding Student Achievements

Liam Earth - 11Z has added yet some more medals to his already vast collection. He recently competed in the Irish Tae-Kwon-Do championships and got a Bronze medal in Patterns and a Silver in Sparring.



Congratulations yet again Liam!

Phillip Matthews - 8X has the honour of being nationally ranked (4th) in his sport of canoeing.



He started canoeing when he was about six years old and in fact his whole family participate in the sport. Philip competes in his single playboat canoe and earned his ranking for doing "tricks on a wave" at the Nene Valley Watersports Centre in June.

He trains three times a week at both Holme Pierrepont, near Nottingham and Tattershall Watersports centre. Philip is inspired by a talented young man called Stuart Parry who is sponsored by Wavesport (a national canoeing company).

Well done Phillip, we look forward to hearing more about your sporting achievements in the future.

Schools Challenge

The Carre's team travelled to the National Finals of the Junior Schools Challenge 2006 on Sunday 25 June at Bromsgrove School. Previously they had beaten Stamford School in the Inter-regional round which took place at Carre's on 14 June.

Eight teams competed for the title, but unfortunately Carre's lost out, in somewhat controversial circumstances, in the semi-final stage to Llandaff - the score being Carre's 550, Llandaff 690. Llandaff went on to win the overall title.



Congratulations to the Carre's team, who did extremely well to get to the final.

Sporting News - Athletics

On Wednesday 28 June Carre's headed off to the District Athletics Tournament at Grantham stadium.

The team had very high hopes after such a successful sports day (7 records broken). The boys competed in their age groups and the outstanding results are as follows:

Year 7

Adrian Aguinaldo – 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m, 1st shot put; **Nick Lynch** – 1st triple jump

Matthew Bee - 2nd 800m ; **Alistair Macpherson** – 2nd javelin

Year 8

Adam Maddy – 2nd hurdles, 1st shot put; **James Wathen** – 2nd 100m, 1st javelin, 1st high jump (James was awarded Victor Ludorum for whole district)

Jermaine Olowofela – 3rd 200m; **Joe Dunderdale** – 2nd 1500m; **Simon Parr** – 3rd 400m

Luke Tupholme – 2nd discus; **Alex Bevan** - 1st triple jump

Relay team - 3rd (Year 8 team 2nd in District)

Year 9

Nathan Maggs – 2nd hurdles; **Julian Bicknell** – 3rd in 200m, 2nd 400m

Sam Wright – 1st 1500m; **George Whattam** – 3rd shot put

Steven Carey- 2nd triple jump, 2nd long jump

(Year 8 Team 3rd in District)

Year 10

These boys came first in the entire district

Jack Evans – 1st in hurdles, 2nd long jump, 3rd high jump;

Callum McConchie – 2nd 100m, 2nd 200m

Joe Braithwaite – 1st 1500m; **Liam Hassan** – 3rd 400m;

Ben Thompson – 1st javelin, 2nd discus

Nathan Thompson – 3rd triple jump

Relay – 3rd



Sporting News - Cricket - Carre's v Australia

On Tuesday 4 July Carre's played an Australian team from the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association. They have 30 teams from which the best 16 players are picked and taken on tour. The team had a two week programme which involved playing 11 games in 14 days and lots of sight seeing! They played a wide range of schools from public schools in the south, including one First XI (18 year olds playing against 13 year olds). On Monday they played Boston Grammar.



The Carre's team bowled quite well and we thought we were in for a shout when we got them to 191 off 40 overs and were confident going into bat. Burrows – 7 overs, no maidens, 30 runs, 2 wickets. Harding 8 overs, 1 maiden, 37 runs, 2 wickets. However, we had under-estimated the Australian's bowling prowess and struggled to get the ball off the square. Ben Pollard was top batsman with 34 and Stephen Carey hit 13.

Awards were:

Best Batting – **R Clements** (Mornington) 33

Best Bowling performance – **M Drummond** (Mornington) 5 overs, 3 maidens, 3 runs, no wickets

Mornington's Players Player chosen by Carre's – **Nathan Martin** (Captain)

Carre's Player's Player chosen by Mornington – **Ben Pollard**

The Australian's claimed the game with the Carre's lads being bowled all out by 89 runs.

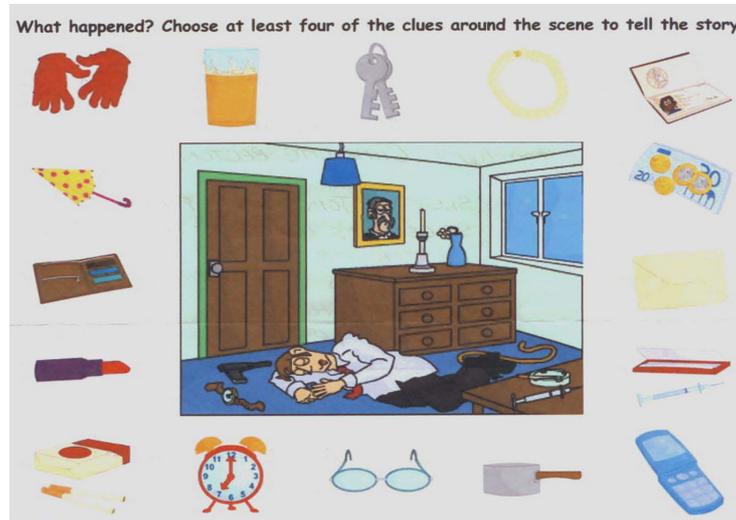
A very good day was had by all!



Carre's and Mornington cricket teams - 4 July 2006

Outstanding Student Achievements

Congratulations to Jack Kiely of Year 13. Jack entered a National writing competition (see below) for students of French and won first prize of £50. His entry, 'L'Histoire de l'homme qui dort' can be seen on the website: www.alleast.org.uk



Year 12 Visit to Christ's College, Cambridge - 29 June



"Full of snobs!". "Only accepts people from private schools!" "You have to be a genius to go there!" "Only for the rich!" - some of the many misconceptions people harbour about the infamous

"Oxbridge" Universities. Don't be put off by all of these; reading either of their prospectuses will dispel these rumours. Many of us have the ability to go there, it is just a case of making the effort before it's too late.

A coach full of students from the Joint Sixth Form, plus Mrs Hickmore and Miss Broughton, arrived in Cambridge to a warm welcome (on a warm day) from a former member of the High School (not a private school, just to prove a point!). We were introduced to both the University and the beautiful college of Christ's. The University is made up of 30 colleges and all are typically old, picturesque and full of fascinating architecture. We were shown around College grounds and buildings and the University by a number of very down-to-earth students.

We had the opportunity to explore Cambridge too, which seems like a great place to live and learn for three or four years. Lunch was provided and we

were able to chat to students about our course interests and life at Cambridge University in general. It all seemed so good to be true! We also experienced a mini lecture about the science of pain (very appropriate when you consider the costs involved with universities!), and it gave us a feel for life at Cambridge.

We had some light relief from staring slack-jawed at the University, provided by Hamish and his (now famous) wheelchair, borrowed from Jesus..... the College!

We were all agreed at how fantastic the University is and how much of an opportunity it would be to study there. We could easily prattle on for days about that, but we won't! The catch is, of course, how hard it is to get accepted. The string of A grades isn't always enough, it's much more complicated than it appears. Any potential Oxbridge applicants should already be aware of how hard it is to get in, and that every decision - from your choice of A level subjects to your course - can be affected by extra-curricular activities and your academic potential.

So think; think long and hard, and with a lot of work and a little luck, you could be one of the 12,000 or so Cambridge students in the near future.

Written by Ross Irvine and Liam Lawlor

Music Lessons



Could students who have Music lessons PLEASE remember to inform their Music tutors (and give the reason) if they are unable to attend their lesson. Also remember that ONE TERM'S notice is required if you wish to cancel lessons.

Unless students have other school commitments - i.e. exams, sports day etc (or a broken arm of course!) all music lessons will need to be paid for. The school cannot be responsible for students who simply 'forget' to turn up.

Students going on study leave should talk to their music tutors if they do not intend going to music whilst on leave.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Tina Green - Bursar's office

Skiing 2007



Just a reminder that ski money can be paid in any time before the summer to avoid being left with a large lump sum to pay.

Carre's Grammar School Book

We still have copies of the 400th Anniversary Commemorative publication on sale at the school - written and designed by Lloyd Harmston with Douglas Hoare. The book, which is packed with photographs, interesting facts and stories from the school's history, costs £20. If you would like to purchase a copy, please contact the school office.

Fitness Suite Opening times

The opening times of the Carre's Grammar School Fitness Suite are:

Monday to Friday 5 pm to 9 pm
Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 3 pm



Summer holiday opening times:

Mondays 5 pm to 9 pm
Tuesday to Friday 2 pm to 9 pm
Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 3 pm

If you are already a member of the Fitness Suite, please come along as often as you can. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Nigel Stephenson, Fitness Manager, on 01529 308741 or 07922 162603.

Use of Mobile Phones, MP3 Players, PSP & Nintendo Dual Screen

Mobile Phones.

- Allowed in School but are the student's responsibility
- Can only be used at breaktimes and lunchtimes - **NOT** between lessons
- At all other times mobile phones must be switched off
- Inappropriate use of mobile phones, i.e. texting/photos for bullying purposes will lead to confiscation and implementation of bullying procedures

Penalties: First time - confiscated: to be collected at 3 45 pm from school office. Second and subsequent times - confiscated: parents to collect

MP3 Players

- Allowed in School but are the student's responsibility
- Can only be used at breaktimes and lunchtimes - **NOT** between lessons
- Only one earpiece in at a time
- Can be used in lessons **BUT** only at the discretion of the teacher
- Can be used in private study time in the Library, provided it does not disturb other students and staff.

Penalties: First time - confiscated: to be collected at 3 45pm from school office. Second and subsequent times - confiscated: parents to collect.

PSP (Play Station Portable) & Nintendo Dual Screen

- **Not allowed in School, because they interfere with School wireless network**

Penalties: First time - confiscated: to be collected at 3 45 pm from school office. Second and subsequent times - confiscated: parents to collect

Castle Rising /Castle Acre Visit - June 2006

Operation Garderobe History fieldwork - Castle Rising and Castle Acre Y007, have been sent by M(F) on a secret spying mission to Castle Acre and Castle Rising to find out about how to attack and defend the Castle Rising and to find out about what it was like to live in a monastery at Castle Acre.

Edwin Carter - 7C tells us about his day at Castle Rising.

We all got onto the bus and ready to set off at about 9 15 am. Once we got to the castle, we were given a letter saying "Top Secret" on it. We opened it and it said that we needed to find information on the Castle, because we were going to attack it.

So, we set off for a tour around the Castle. Firstly we went around one of the two dry ditches. The dry ditch was about 25 metres deep. The reason we only went around one of the ditches is because the other one had adders breeding in it! After we went around the ditch, we went into the grounds just outside the Castle. We sat down and Mr Fenton told us a little bit of information about the Castle and also what information we needed to find out about the Castle. He then gave us about 40-50 minutes to look around the Castle and find the information we needed for this top secret task. We then had our lunch and went to the gift shop before getting back onto the bus.

Alexander McLean - 7C writes:

At 9 30 am on a hot sticky Wednesday morning, we boarded our coach for a trip down to Norfolk. After a journey of just over a hour we were relieved to arrive at Castle Rising, where the sun was still shining and we could go off and explore.

We first walked around the outer ditch and next explored the Castle itself. Some rooms were empty, others had been reconstructed; most of the upper floors had fallen through so we could only see it from afar, but still it had an historic feeling to it. We then walked around the grounds and round the bank.

We were glad to enjoy our lunch under some shady trees, before descending on the Castle shop. We boarded the coach again for the short drive of around 20 minutes to Castle Acre Priory, where we were given a list of objects to find. Most of the Priory was destroyed, but some artefacts still remained, along with parts of the building. We left to wind our way home and arrived back at school at 4 45 pm - a good day was had by all!

Castle Trip - by Chris Doyle - 7B

The students of Year 7 went on a trip to Castle Rising and Castle Acre Priory in early June. The Castles are located in Norfolk near Kings Lynn, England. We went on the trip for History and surveyed the Castle defences and what they were used for.

At Castle Rising, built in the 12th century, we took pictures and notes for a report that we would do later. The best part of Castle Rising was walking between mounds of earth used to defend the Castle and going into the shop!

At Castle Acre Priory, a monastery partially destroyed by King Henry VIII, we climbed around the ruins and did exercises on a worksheet. What I enjoyed the most about the monastery was just looking around because it was very big.

My favourite Castle was Castle Rising because it was still intact and we were able to look around it and understand what it all meant. The trip was a very good experience, which helped me to understand the Middle Ages and I would like to go again, as there is always more to learn.



Castle Rising /Castle Acre Visit - June 2006

HISTORY'S BEAUTIFUL GAME

History fieldwork, as we all know, is a game of two halves and **Carre's All Star Historians** 7th team (Carrz Socka Boyz) took this to heart in their annual away fixture at Castle Rising in Norfolk.

All thoughts of WAGS were banished as Year Sven were totally focused on the game and getting a result. They abandoned last year's Christmas tree configuration in favour of a 40-50-10 formation, realising that they had to play an attacking game whilst having a solid defence to deal with any counter-attacks from William d'Albini's men at the Castle.

They had good holding players in the middle of the park, supplying cover and support for the more intelligent playmakers. They only had 45 minutes to launch at attack with their WMD's, but first they gently probed and investigated the oppositions defences. The big men at the back provided cover and tracked the opposition to snuff out any threats.

As the game progressed the team took on more width, but still maintained their formation and balance. Good set pieces resulted in some near misses as the target men sprung the offside trap with neat little one-two's (and some suitably placed ballistas). Eventually they managed to work out how to break don the defences. There were no yellow cards, despite the intense effort, but a draw looked on the cards.

The second half at Castle Acre Priory was altogether a much more different state of affairs. The team contemplated a life of poverty, chastity and, above all, obedience, and yet in a more subdued and subtle performance. Years of hurt had still not ended and with no extra time, or thankfully, penalties, there will have to be a replay next year!

At the end the coach said "The boys done good. We played them off the park. I'm over the moon about their performance, but I'm as sick as a parrot about not getting a result!"



Yr 12 Visit to Lincolnshire Archives

On Tuesday 4 July, what must have been one of the hottest days of the year, the A Level History group went to the Lincoln Archives. After meeting Mr Fenton and Mrs Rayfield at the Railway station it was an adventure to find out where the building was, as no-one admitted they had been there before!

The day was split into two parts. In the morning we were learning about the Archive in general. There was an introductory video which explained what was included in the Archive and how the sources were stored. After the video we had the opportunity to go down to where the sources were. It was a treasure trove full of history. There were organised cardboard boxes as far as the eye could see, full of parish registers, business books, council records, prison records; the list goes on.

When we returned to the classroom in the Archive building, we were shown how someone would try to trace the history of an ancestor or even a building. It was like being a detective, all the information you need to solve the puzzle is there, you just need to make the right connections and use all available resources in order to crack it. Our character to investigate was an apprentice called Samuel Kirkby who was transported to Australia for poisoning his master. In Australia he was commended for bravery when fighting a fire, and then had permission to marry (which was very rare for a convict). He then owned a Pub and a Hotel, however, in a sad twist to end the tale, he committed suicide from poisoning himself - was this because of the guilt he had to live with?

After lunch came the second part. We were looking forward to returning to the air-conditioned and humidity controlled environment of the building, where we had access to archives that were directed to our course. Instead of just reading the sources in textbooks, we were actually handling the piece of paper it was written on. I found it hard to imagine someone over 200 years ago writing on *that* piece of paper and it is still here today. All the sources were written in the most ornate handwriting, however, we found it difficult to read (yes, even worse than mine), but it is something you get used to apparently.

It was interesting to find out about schooling in the 1800's. In schools they would use the cane for offences such as eating fruit or laziness - and these were the ones that had been recorded!

If anyone needs to do any research on a particular topic in the local area, I would definitely recommend popping in and asking them for help. It is a fantastic resource, which may not be as well known as a library. It clearly takes a dedicated team to preserve the material for future generations; we would like to thank them for their time and help. The group would also like to thank all the staff that organised the trip.

By **Matthew Hesketh - L63**

Parents', Teachers' and Friends' Association



On **Sunday 2 July** we held our main fund raising event for the year - *The Annual Summer Barbeque and 5-a-side Tournament* and we raised over £500.

We had teams from Years 7, 8 and 9 competing and the side stalls and games provided fun for all the family. A BBQ lunch was served with salad and desserts.

Many thanks to all the teachers, boys and their families who supported the event and to Mr Reading for going in the stocks - the boys enjoyed throwing wet sponges at the Headteacher!

A special thanks to the PE Staff for organising the 5-a-side football and to Caythorpe and Fulbeck Mini- Soccer Centre for the loan on the goalposts.

The success of the day was the result of the great effort of the PTFA committee and the valuable support of our 'Helpers' - many thanks to all involved.

NEXT YEAR'S DATES

- **AGM - Wednesday 4 October 7 00 pm**
Please come along and say "hello"
- **Wine and Wisdom - Friday 13 October - 7 30 pm**
Thanks to Mr Moss (Head of Maths) for volunteering to be our quizmaster - he has been warned that there may be more wine than wisdom!



How can you help?

- 1) **Join the committee** (we meet 4-6 times a year)
- 2) **Add your name to the 'Helper's List'**
We give you a call to help at events - making teas, selling raffles, setting up etc
- 3) **Do you have any special talents or contacts?**
* designing posters * ideas for new events * asking for raffle donations
* know a butcher or wine retailer? * know useful businesses
- 4) **Support our fundraising events**
* 100 Club, * Gift Aid, * Quiz Night,

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ANYONE FOR TENNIS!

Sleaford Tennis Club would like to invite all students to their Open Day on Saturday 15 July between 10 am and 2pm.

Tennis coach Rick Bourne is available for coaching and advice on what should be a good fun day for anyone with an eye for a ball. For more information call Rick on 01529 302988



Messages from the School Office

Lost Property.

- We have several almost new pairs of football boots
- a pair of England trainers (in Reebok bag).
- A couple of swimming kits - one in Adidas drawstring bag, the other blue/black Nike bag.
- A Umbro bag containing polo shirt, black shorts, white trainers and red socks
- 3 watches - one trophy; one silver with three dials on face; one Umbro (you will be asked to describe them).
- 2 sets of keys - one with yellow meter key, the other containing 2 keys

If any of these items might be yours, please call at the office.

Security of Personal Possessions

Unfortunately, despite many warnings, boys are still leaving valuables unattended. It is imperative that nothing of any value is left in PE changing rooms, or in blazer pockets on the field etc. Please give items to staff in PE lessons to take care of - do not take any chances and think that it can never happen to you!

“Thank you” from the new Mrs Batten. Lesley (formerly Andrews), Mr Reading’s PA, would like to thank everyone who rang in to congratulate her on her recent marriage to Dave. She had a lovely wedding day and the sun shone right on cue!

Happy Summer. Karen, Lesley, Mel and Tracey in the office would like to wish you all a very happy summer - see you in September!



Tesco Computers for Schools

A big thank you to everyone who sent in their vouchers to the school. The total so far this year is 31261, including some banked from last year. These have now been sent off, but boys can still bring in any vouchers until 18 September and these will be banked for next year. We will be purchasing a laptop and case with this year’s vouchers.

Jackie Burrows
ICT Technician



Dates for Your Diary

- **17 July** - Yr 12 reports issued
- **18 July** - Staff v Students’ Golf Day
- **19 July** - Founder’s Day Service 2 - 3 30pm
- **20 July** - Old boys’ Cricket
- **21 July** - School closes for Summer
- **17 August** - AS/A2 results
- **24 August** - GCSE results
- **4 September** - Staff training day
- **5 September** - School returns
- **6 September** - Yr 7 & 10 Photos