



Cubitt Newsletter

SUMMER 2010

Housemaster's Comments

The last week has been a wonderful climax to the year with the very successful Charity BBQ and Fete leading into the final weekend with House Prayers, Speech Day and the excellent send-off for our U6 at their leavers Service and Ball. The fact that we have been blessed with sunshine and blue skies throughout has helped make it a special time and I feel the week has embodied all that is good about Cubitt; the great camaraderie, the sense of commitment and the supportive nature of the whole community, including the parental body.

In addition, I am pleased to report that the trophy cabinet is now well-stocked after a successful year and much of this has been down to the talent and commitment of the outgoing U6 who I would like to sincerely thank for the way that they have led the House this year. They are a talented bunch right across the spectrum of sport, academics, music, drama (and even dance!) and they have also provided us with a lot of entertainment and fun along the way!

We have been very lucky to have had a stable, experienced and dedicated tutor team over the last three years but sadly we have to bid farewell to three members of this team this summer (the first escapees under my watch...). David Cresswell has made a tremendous impact in Cubitt in the two years he has been here but he is now

moving onto Radley College whilst Toby Moschard, who has been a most popular tutor, is leaving to take up the post of Assistant Director of Music at St Peter's, York. We wish them both all the very best for the future.

Paul Crosfield (PJC to all) makes up the triumvirate and it is hard to put into words the service he has given to the house over his 10 years. The dedication and care that he has given his tutees has been simply exemplary and he is held in genuine affection by them all. He has also given over huge swathes of his time and expertise in his role as House photographer and the montages of photos that he puts together in his own time each holiday are the envy of all other Houses. He will be sorely missed and we bid him an emotional farewell at House Prayers.

I am pleased to say that two new members of Common Room, Jonathan Monk and Kevin Weaver, are their very able replacements along with Clair Neill (Languages teacher and Gordon's better half) who, to our great delight, has agreed a transfer deal from West.

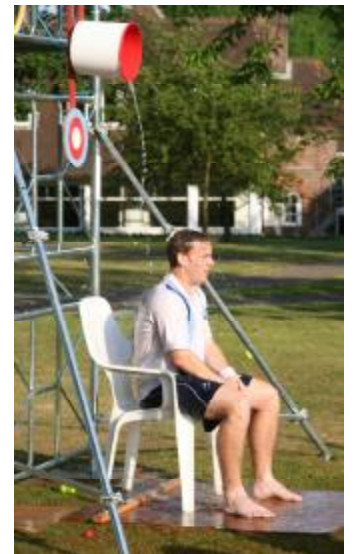
Lastly, I would like to thank our wonderful Matrons, Andrea Young and Jan Goldsmith ("Mrs G"), for the unstinting loyalty and amazing care that they provide to the boys – we are very lucky to have them. I hope you all have a splendid summer and enjoy the extended family time together.

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Cubitt Charity
Fete



Athletics

There has been a steely eyed determination amongst the Cubitt athletes this year. Having first reclaimed the cross-country title in the Lent Term, they had similar aspirations for the house Athletics cup, which had been prised from our miserly grasp by East last year. On an excellent afternoon of competitive and high calibre Athletics, we regained our title by a narrow margin, due in large part to some outstanding relay racing in the closing moments of the competition. Remarkably, outside of the relays, we won comparatively few events but the large number of second and third places secured by a wide variety of Cubittians enabled us to bask in the glory of Max Rowson going up to receive the cup during final assembly, to deafening acclaim from the Cubitt ranks.



Cricket

In cricket, we perhaps surpassed expectations in qualifying for the finals of both the senior and junior competition. In the seniors, we came up against a Loveday side who were dastardly enough to include eight 1st or 2nd XI top six batsmen in their side. We did not win. The juniors won a nailbiter of a semi-final against Loveday off the last ball in a game which ended with the scores tied but with Cubitt having lost one fewer wicket. The final against East was a hard fought affair but we were pipped at the post. Nevertheless, two second place finishes comprised a very respectable performance. We should also congratulate Charlie Cowdrey and James Trower for having captained the Under 16 As and the Under 15 As respectively, both teams having had very good seasons.



Tennis and Badminton

The tennis competition saw rackets being flapped with no little success. Particularly impressive were the junior tennis squad, comprising both fourth and lower fifth form boys, who, under the leadership of Jack Dennis secured another trophy to satisfy the pothunting instincts of Messrs Boddington and Neill. It could also be argued that Cubitt is turning into the juggernaut of the school badminton world, as Ed Sanderson and his men successfully defended the title which we won last year. Shuttlecocks all over Surrey now wince when they see a teenager in a green shirt hove into view.



Swimming

In the school swimming competition, the good news is that no one drowned and I think, by now, everyone has finished their race (there were a couple of relays where there were genuine fears that the boys might lose a bit of their summer holidays, so slowly were they propelling themselves up and down the pool). The fourth form clearly have not yet understood what representing Cubitt is all about, having such a lack of respect for the traditions of the house that they swam quite well and, most unforgivably, some, such as Theo Bowden, even won a couple of races. The Intermediates and Seniors, however, did their bit, performed appallingly and ensured that, as ever, we came last.



Charity Fete

The charity fete with which we concluded the term was a genuinely splendid occasion, with over £1200 being raised for the CHASE hospice in Guildford and we are hoping, next term, for a representative from CHASE to come to Cubitt and accept a cheque from the house. Teachers were soaked, penalties were missed, golf balls were chipped and burgers were flipped as boys and parents alike refused to allow England's ignominious performance against Germany to dampen their spirits and threw themselves into the day with characteristic gusto and good spirits.



Academics

The boys in the top three years approached their public exams with little fuss. Their organised, positive and conscientious approach over the last couple of months will hopefully translate into some excellent grades come

the summer. We were also encouraged by some really excellent performances in the internal exams from some of the lower fifth and fourth form. The Upper Sixth set a very positive example in this regard and will hopefully all be in a position to meet their university offers in August.

And finally...

It only remains, therefore, for me to congratulate in writing Charlie Henry on his appointment as House Captain and Paddy Fletcher and Tom Bachelor, on being appointed to share the deputy house captaincy. The Fourth Form Prefects will be Euan Johnston, Ben Monks and Jeremy Slynn, whilst the Games Prefect responsibility will be shared between Charles Alston and Jack Richards, and the Charities Prefect will be Jonny Atkins. Many congratulations to them all. Congratulations also go to Ollie Clark and Freddie Church for winning the House Fellowship Awards, given to the boys who most embody the qualities of encouragement, positivity, support and enthusiasm that we value so highly in Cubitt. I hope that all Cubittians and their families have an excellent summer break and that we see you all, relaxed and refreshed in September.

GJNN

Addendum

We are hoping to put together, for next term, a "Cubitt Library" in the games room. If you have any unwanted or duplicate books which you think might be of interest to teenagers, could you please give them to Gordon Neill by the start of the Michaelmas term? Many thanks in advance!



GJNN does his best to prevent PIC's departure!!