



# BRIGHTON COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## A new world record!



The college played host to the most unusual event in recent history – an attempt by four Old Brightonians to enter the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest game of croquet. They achieved their aim – a little over 24 hours of non-stop play from 4pm on Friday to a little after 4.30pm on Saturday. The attached photo taken by Ben Collie shows how much they enjoyed the experience of overnight croquet in winter. They wandered off site late on Saturday afternoon muttering the words “sleep” and “beer”, but not necessarily in that order.

The U5th parents who were in for the parents evening were very generous – £350 plus was raised just on Friday, and the Prep School visitors kept donations going well in to Saturday as they had their Open Day. It was a great effort all round for their trip to Sri Lanka – and all involved wanted to

say a huge thank you to the college for their help. Our congratulations go to Jack Maughan, Bradley Vanstone, Adam Tarr and Jamie Proctor on an innovative, and fun, diversion from the cold and grey of January. *Further donations would be welcomed via <http://www.justgiving.com/greatschooltrip>*

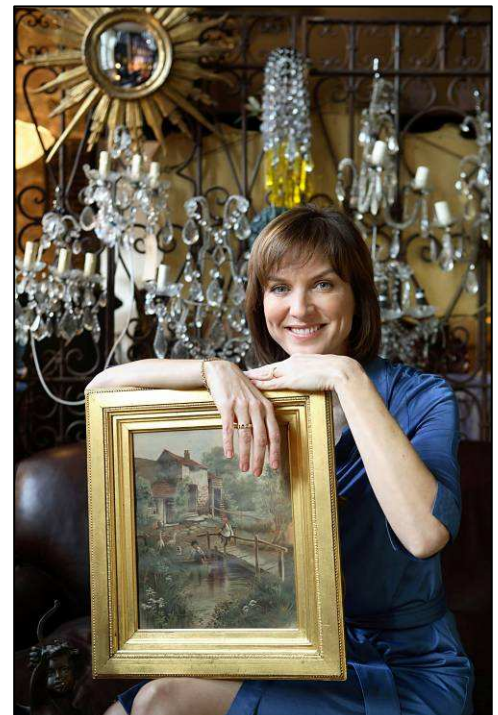
## Antiques Roadshow at Brighton College

BBC ONE's ever popular Sunday evening programme **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW** will be filming for its 33rd series at Brighton College, on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2010**. The doors open at **9.30 am** and close at **4.30pm**. Entry is free. Some of Britain's leading antiques and fine arts specialists will be on hand to offer free advice and valuations to visitors, who are invited to raid their attics and bring along their family heirlooms, household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection by the experts.

People with large pieces of furniture or other big items can send details and **photographs** of their objects to: **ANTIQUES ROADSHOW, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol BS8 2LR** or e-mail them to: **[antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk](mailto:antiques.roadshow@bbc.co.uk)**. It may be possible to arrange to look at the item in advance and organise transportation to the college.

## Cake Sale for Haiti

The Lower fifth pupils in Williams gave a thought provoking house assembly on the history, disaster and subsequent relief operation in Haiti. The presentation was supported by recent photographs of the rescue operation supplied by a family friend of Phoebe Lower who had just returned from Haiti, which gave a personal side to the presentation. Following the assembly the girls raised £175 selling the fantastic cakes, cookies and brownies that they had brought in. Congratulations to the girls for their generous spirit and fantastic baking skills, and a big thank you to all the staff and pupils who supported those affected in Haiti by buying at the cake sale.



## Head Master interviewed on *Today*

The college is often in the news but it is almost unique in the college's history for a serving Head Master to be interviewed about education on the BBC Radio 4 flagship programme, *Today*. Richard Cairns bravely battled a heavy cold and endured the indignity of being interviewed in the cramped conditions of a radio van parked in an East London car park to tackle the crucial issue of social mobility. Minutes later he addressed the 100 Group Conference of the country's leading head teachers who were drawn from the maintained and independent sectors.

## Lord Carlile

The Scholars' Lecture on Tuesday, 9th February will be given by Lord Carlile of Berriew QC, who will be speaking on "Counter-Terrorism Law and Human Rights". Lord Carlile is the government's independent reviewer of counter-terrorism legislation, and, in his distinguished legal career, also famously defended Diana, Princess of Wales' butler, Paul Burrell, against charges of theft. The lecture will take place at 4.00pm in the Rose Lecture Theatre. Parents are warmly invited to attend.



## What did God die of?

Dr Michael Tanner from Corpus Christi, Cambridge, is going to be speaking on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm. His talk will be entitled '*What Did God Die Of?*' Dr Tanner is an expert in nineteenth century German philosophy, with a particular interest in Hegel and Nietzsche.



## Tough Guys!

Sam Whitworth and Samir Al-Khafaji both braved the severe weather conditions to compete in the notorious 'Tough Guy' event in Staffordshire last weekend. Some 5,000 brave (or foolish?) souls from across the world took part in the 13km assault course which involves underwater tunnels, frozen lakes, barbed wire, electrified fences, severe inclines and burning hay bales. In the hardest conditions ever, about 600 people didn't manage to complete the course. Samir suffered from hypothermia and Sam sliced his legs badly on the 'crawling through tyres' section. However, both deserve respect for competing in this journey of self-discovery and have raised money for Breast Cancer. They are even crazy enough to contemplate doing it again next year with a contingent of Aldrich 6<sup>th</sup> formers. A very good effort!

## Scene Productions: Doctor Faustus Workshop

Following their entertaining and authentically Brechtian production of '*Threepenny Opera*' last term, Scene Productions returned to Montague last week with something different: a scene from 'Doctor Faustus' performed in three different non-naturalistic styles, followed by a mini-workshop in each style in which all audience members could take part.

First there was an Artaudian presentation of the scene, with blindfolded audience, unexpected contact with the performers and extremes of noise, all in accordance with Artaud's doctrine of 'The Theatre of Cruelty'. This was followed by a Brechtian interpretation of the same material, in which Faustus was depicted as a mundane bourgeois wage-slave who provoked by the ennui of his life, succumbs to the temptations of becoming a pop star signed to 'Hell's Records' by Mephostophilis. Finally, the company presented the scene one last time but in the style of Steven Berkoff, complete with precise mime, exaggerated soundscape and grotesque characterisation.



In the ensuing workshop pupils tried their hand at mimed slow motion tennis (no ball, no racquets), making complex political and gestic tableaux and creating bold and intense soundscapes. It was very encouraging to hear the performers comment that although they have toured this production to many schools and colleges, they came across more fresh invention by pupils at Brighton College than they had encountered anywhere previously.

## Theatre Royal on 28 February

Limited tickets are still available for this annual event presenting our performing arts in the splendid surroundings of Brighton's Theatre Royal. Families, who have not yet requested tickets are strongly encouraged to reply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If your letter has gone astray, please be in touch with Louise Moore at the college, who will provide a copy. [lmoore@brightoncollege.net](mailto:lmoore@brightoncollege.net)

## Confirmation Classes

There are three opportunities for pupils to attend Confirmation Classes with Father Robert this term. All take place at 8 Walpole Road, with the added incentive of tea and doughnuts. The times are Wednesdays between 4-5pm, and 5-6pm or Thursdays 4-5pm. Hopefully all those interested will be able to come to one of these sessions.

## Headmaster's Dinner

On Wednesday evening some of the Fenwick girls enjoyed a dinner with the Headmaster, along with two very fortunate Durnford boys who were allowed to join the bevy of beauties. It was an excellent evening of delicious cuisine and great entertainment. The pupils would like to thank the headmaster for his time in hosting these dinners.



## Head Master's Awards

Abraham – **Armin Varshokar** (L6), is commended for his outstanding effort marks this term, and his grace and good humour around the house.

Aldrich – **Kris Sales** (U6), is commended for gaining 1.67 in his last interim and speaking well in House Assembly on Fears and Phobias.

Chichester – **Georgina Tyas** (L5), is commended for her huge contribution to school sport and her continued excellence in the classroom.

Durnford – **Robert Vyse** (4<sup>th</sup>), is commended for recognition of his contributions to the house during Green week

Fenwick – **Lucy Wild** (L6) is commended for her involvement in organising the boarders' green debate.

Hampden – **Cameron Dashwood** (L5) is commended for his sustained effort and high achievement in the classroom

Leconfield - **Henry Duprey** (U5) is commended for designing and creating an excellent 'upcycled' chandelier for the House

Ryle – **Ed Greenslade** (L6) is commended for walking four miles in to school on Green Transport Day, and for being a positive role model around the House.

School - **Jake Shoolheifer** (L6) is commended for winning the Green Week boarders' debate for School House, along with Luke Redstone.

Seldon – **Alex Lambert** (U6), is commended for achieving an unconditional offer for Photography at Falmouth and for having kept smiling despite recent difficulties.

Williams – **Lissy Foulds** (L6), is commended for her infectious enthusiasm and the contribution she made in supporting green week.

Lower School - **Jack Wheaton** is commended for another outstanding set of interim grades

**Christina Yousif** is commended for her contribution to sport over the last term and a half. She has put in a lot of effort and improved consistently as a result.

## Distinctions

Congratulations to: Tom Ballinger, School; Jack Bowskill, Aldrich; Abraham Bredin, Hampden; Annie de Belder, Seldon; Alastair Foote, Aldrich; Florrie Gates, Fenwick; Michele Gilling-Ulph, Chichester; Alia Jones, Chichester; Lucy Knott, Williams; Megan Larner, Chichester; Harry Lord, Durnford; Lydia Maude, Fenwick; Izzy Meikle-Small, Chichester; Georgia Naar, Fenwick; Charlotte Royall, Williams; Emily Simmons, Williams; Ella Simpson, Chichester; Connor Smith, Hampden; and Marcus Taylor, Durnford.



### **Netball v Ardingly**

Every quarter was evenly matched, however 1<sup>st</sup> VII managed to stay ahead throughout the game to win 25 - 21. The defence worked well together and were able to bring the ball back into attack with some thoughtful and patient play. In the centre court the pace of the match was fast and hard fought, but as the match continued both Louisa Papanicola and Emily Keighley worked well together and passed accurately into the circle. Emma Thomas and Rosa Griffiths had a tough job in the circle against some very tall and well drilled defenders, they worked well together and some of their passing and dodging was excellent. As the game went on, the shooting was much more consistent. 1<sup>st</sup> VII 25 Ardingly 21

After a really tough match against strong opposition the 2<sup>nd</sup> VII just lost out 20-21. Tara Bhimji was 'player of the match' with superb centre court play, calm and precise with incisive feeds into the circle. Alice Fodder and Fran Gladwin got to grips with the dynamics of the defensive circle taking good rebounds and marking strongly, with Lauren Palmer finding good space in the centre court and creating opportunities for turn over ball. 2<sup>nd</sup> VII 20 Ardingly 21

The 3<sup>rd</sup> VII played well against a determined Ardingly side. Strong performances in defence from Emma Stapley and Laura Hill made it difficult for the Ardingly shooters to score, especially during the first half. A fantastic performance throughout the match from Sarah Maidment as Goal Shooter ensured a convincing victory for Brighton. 3<sup>rd</sup> VII 28 Ardingly 11

The Under 16 Bs put in a spirited performance against Ardingly Under 16 As. Centre Sophie Benton started the game with plenty of energy but within 5 minutes was out of the match with a badly sprained ankle. This meant only sub, Izzi Grainger played out of position but showed real determination. It was a physical match and Brighton were always on the back foot and could not close the gap on Ardingly whose shooters were in excellent form. All the players showed real fight and stamina by playing the entire match without subs and the final 5 minutes demonstrated how good this team can be with some great passing and speed. Faye Tidmarsh played well at GA despite injuring her hand in the first quarter and Emily Gaffney had a great game and never gave up as GD. U16 Bs 11 Ardingly As 39

The score line did not reflect this match as the Under 15 Cs lost to Ardingly B Team. It was a closely contested match with the defence of Catherine Anderson, Rebecca Shilling and Jenny Exley playing very well. The difference between the teams was the opposition GA. She was pushed out to the edge of the circle, but still managed to score from there, making it very difficult for the team. U15 Cs 8 Ardingly Bs 18

The Under 15 Ds played a superb first match of the season filled with energy, aggression and passion despite the cold weather and icy winds. Catherine Macfarlin was on top form as goal shooter, while Clara was kept very busy in the centre court trying to get free and feeding balls through to our circle. The girls started off strong and despite the opposition's hard approach and tight defence they put their hearts into it and displayed a nail biting last quarter. Heads were held high and a great sense of competition was felt by all. U15 Ds 20 Ardingly Cs 22

This was a much improved performance by the Under 14 B team who narrowly lost to Ardingly A team 12-10. Bella Hornby had a good game at GS and WA. Player of the match, Sophia Razvi controlled much of our attacking play and shot consistently well throughout the match. The whole team should be delighted with their improvement so far this season. U14 Bs 10 Ardingly As 12

The Under 14 Cs dominated the game from the start and with superb centre court defending from Isabella Bainbridge, Sally Gowen and Billy Schlich it was difficult for the opposition to move the ball throughout the court. Olivia Briggs and Natasha Darcy were outstanding in the circle together converting most of the opportunities they had. An overall excellent team performance for which the team should be very proud. U14 Cs 27 Ardingly 2

### **Netball – U12s v Towers**

The Under 12s played excellent netball when beating Towers 19 – 3. The passing was direct and accurate with everyone showing great determination. Katie O'Nunain and Bethany Clarke intercepted many balls, while Charlotte White dominated the attack providing fellow shooter Jacqueline George with many opportunities which she converted. U12 As 19 Towers 3

## **Netball – U16 Regional Championships (National Qualifiers)**

The Under 16s travelled to High Wycombe to play in the Regional Finals where they faced the best 2 schools from 6 other counties. They achieved some excellent results and won their section by beating Marist (9-6), Portsmouth Grammar (10-5), Cowes High School (13-2), Tudor Hall (11-8) and Wycombe Abbey (7-5), and losing just one game against Cottesloe (5-7). Only St. Gabriel's stood between them and a place in the National Finals. Sophie Scourfield's team played with great spirit but were beaten 8-14 by a team with height advantage and a pair of very confident shooters.

## **Football v King's College, Wimbledon**

The 1st XI were beaten by a very strong KCS Wimbledon side. Conceding in the first couple of minutes set the tone for the tie and although Brighton worked hard throughout the match, mistakes and inability to clear the ball put them on the back foot. Brighton had their chances with Hornby hitting the bar and Will missing a good chance from the left wing, but it was the strength and experience of KCS side that shone through in the end. 1st XI 0 KCS 6

The score line of this match does not reflect the quality and effort on the pitch today. They showed urgency about the ball and took chances on goal which were unsuccessful. Passing and communication seem to be weak throughout and must be improved if we are to start piecing together some great plays. 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 0 KCS 12

The 4<sup>th</sup> team had little time to practice before their first match and as a result were disorganised and sloppy in defence and midfield. They lacked motivation and team spirit which then dropped further once they let in a few goals. 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 0 KCS 12

The under 15 As had a disappointing result against KCS Wimbledon, losing 7-0. The boys started slowly conceding an early goal and never really recovered in the first half – losing 5 further goals before half time. However, after the interval the team battled hard for every ball and limited KCS to one further goal, which was a super long range effort. Special mentions should go to Milo Thompson and Kiran Rajkumar for their commitment and leadership during the second half.

Ultimately the slightly stronger side won, but this was a terrific contest in which the Under 15 Bs resilience kept the score at 0 - 0 for three quarters of the match and an away win looked an increasing possibility as time went on. However, the turning point was the first KCS goal, which was frustratingly scored by a player who was 3-4 yards off-side. Greg Elvidge, Charlie Brotherson and Jed Fletcher were imperious in defence and Tom Greenhalgh made some magnificent saves. Yet, the college still attacked and caused frequent problems for KCS usually through Jamie Brathwaite in midfield and the use of long throws or corners by Fletcher and Dylan Armin. Overall this was a terrific battle in which all the 11 players should be proud of their efforts. U 15Bs 0 KCS 2

Brighton started the game brightly, but KCS proved tough opposition. Brighton's best period of the game followed half time where they fought hard to keep KCS out. Max Pope and Harry Marchbank battled hard and prevented more goals. U15 Cs 0 KCS 8

The Under 14 As made a bright start against a strong KCS side. For much of the first half it was Brighton that created the best goal scoring opportunities. However a scrappy KCS goal on the verge of half time gave the opposition a renewed confidence after the re-start and when they scored a remarkable second it somewhat took the wind out of the sails of Brighton College. For the last 15 minutes of the game it was KCS who had the majority of play and the scored a third goal which meant the final score was an undeserved 0-3 loss.

Ten minutes into the second half with the score 1-1 the game had been a good contest, but the home side simply lost its concentration and KCS punished them with a five goal spree in the final fifteen minutes. The goals for the Brighton side were scored by Matthew Pearce and a late consolation from Ben Lee. U14 Bs 2 KCS 7

## **Rugby – U15s v Wimbledon College**

The Under 15 A team adjusted quickly to a delayed kick off and switch of the fixture to the artificial surface at Brighton rugby club. They took an early lead, and while there were too many mistakes made, they never looked like losing the match. BC 33 Wimbledon College 5

## **Netball v Lancing**

Lancing started strongly, but the U19s turned on the pressure & the result was never in doubt. Circle defenders, Chloe Benford & Phoebe Unwin, tied down the Lancing shooters but it was at the other end that the game was won. Rosa Griffiths played a text book game of dominance around the post, combined with high shooting percentages. Emma Thomas drove into the circle & took some excellent short passes; she was also on good shooting form. The whole team played well & the score line does not do justice to the strength of the opposition. 1<sup>st</sup> VII: 47 Lancing: 25

The 2<sup>nd</sup> VII girls played so well in whatever combination to beat Lancing 44-30. Rose Davies shot superbly as did Alice Fodder. Tara Bhimji and Jenny Rowlandson were dynamic centre court and Nathania Hall grabbed amazing turn over ball from interceptions.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Team won a scrappy game 34-23 but Brighton College managed to win through with some superb netball moments. Katy Siegler seemed to dominate the centre court with great back-up by Laura Vanstone. In the final quarter Brighton College finally managed to succeed in pulling away from Lancing's threat of a come-back and extended their lead to 11 goals making it a convincing win.

#### **Netball – U12s v Cumnor**

A closer match than the score suggests. Quality of passing was the difference between the teams, inaccurate overheads from the Brighton girls resulted in wasted chances particularly at the start of the match. Erin James Holmes & Isabel O Nunain were strong in both attack & defence. Daisy Eden scored the goals & Gemma Benham had a good game as Wing Attack. U12B VII: 4 Cumnor House: 8.

#### **Netball - BMW League U16 As v Roedean 1<sup>st</sup> VII**

This was a fabulous high quality netball match played in great spirit. From the outset Roedean took the lead and at quarter time we were trailing by 11 goals to 16. Georgina Tyas and Caroline Jeffrey worked tirelessly all evening to find tactics that worked against a very tall talented GS. Our 3rd quarter was our best quarter - we managed to panic a very slick Roedean team and win that quarter by 9 goals to 5. Excellent shooting again from Izi Noakes kept the team in contention throughout the match but once again team work was our strongest tactic. Mention tonight must go to the 3 girls who stepped in at very short notice when other players let the squad down - these are:- Alice Fodder, Jenny Rowlandson and Tabitha Worsley. Brighton College 30 - Roedean 40

#### **Rugby - U12s v Worth**

The U12As lost in a close encounter with Worth on Wednesday. Brighton dominated the first half of the match but spurned several gilt-edged chances to score. Finally Worth scored against the run of play and although the U12s hit back immediately with a try from Ryan Deol, converted by Peter Sowerby, the score was 7-7 at half-time. The second half started with a few minutes of superb play from the Brighton side, using the whole width of the pitch and making good use of the strengths of the team. Unfortunately, Worth scored again and, despite many attacking efforts, Brighton were unable to hit back, losing the match 14-7.

#### **Rugby – U15 Daily Mail Vase (Round 7) v Framlingham College**

The college Under 15 Rugby team made it in to quarter finals of the Daily Mail Vase winning a close and tense game on the home ground. They led from start to finish with penalties from Henry Anscombe and a try from Kiran Rajkumar. The Quarter final will take place on the Home Ground on Monday against a school from the south-west.

#### **Squash – U15s v St Bede's**

The squad of Under 15 squash players was out in action again on Tuesday, this time against St Bede's. Ultimately the opposition proved too strong in depth, but Harvey Von Biel, our Number 1 player and captain, scored another notable victory. Bryce Williams-Watson, Owen Male, Tristan Sava and Jamie Connell all played well and continue to show promise.

#### **Indoor Cricket – U15 Lady Taverners Tournament**

Brighton College entered two teams in to the preliminary round of the Lady Taverners Indoor Cricket Tournament hosted by the College on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. The day began with Brighton College B team (consisting of 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> form players) took on the much revered St Bede's team. The girls led ably by Tabitha Jackson set the tone for the day by posting 79 runs in their innings. Tight bowling from all the bowlers in particular Jacqueline George who took two wickets in an over and some excellent fielding meant that St Bede's just couldn't get close to the big target set by Brighton College B. They ended up 20 runs short. This win was a huge boost for both teams and when Brighton College A team easily won their first two games it looked like the final game of the day between the Brighton College teams would be the deciding match. However, Roedean showed improved performances throughout the day and proved too strong for the B team in the penultimate match despite a spirited effort from Katherine George with the bat. The final match showed the strength of Brighton College A team with captain Rebecca Silk retiring on 25 runs for the third consecutive match and the A team posting the largest total of the day of 103. This was just too much for the B team who were eventually all out on the last ball of the game 50 runs behind. Special mention should go to Chierol Lai and Emily Simmons the wicket keepers who were superb all day. Brighton College A are now through to the County finals day on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***And finally...***

The college's first ever Green Week has been extremely well supported and, we hope, will lead to long term changes in the way we live our lives. A full report will be included in next week's newsletter. Meanwhile, only print this newsletter if you really need to...

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