

WYCLIFFE TIMES

Summer 2010

Inspection Success

Pupils, teachers and leaders at Wycliffe College, have been praised in one of the first of a new-style report by independent schools inspectors.

The inspectors found that the school was successful in meeting its aims. From the Early Years provision, described as "effective" and "outstanding" right through to sixth form, inspectors found reasons to commend the College.

In the Prep School the inspectors reported that "the quality of the education is good" while pupils in the Senior School "make good progress and achieve well, with some outstanding performances. This results from good teaching...and pupils' well-developed learning skills."

As well as academic progress, inspectors found that the "personal development of pupils is good, with a number of outstanding aspects" in the Senior School and reported that "links with parents, carers and guardians are outstanding." In the Prep School, "the personal development of pupils of all ages is excellent" and "pupils' personal qualities are outstanding and strongly fostered by the school's open, friendly atmosphere."

The inspectors found that "almost all parents are extremely pleased with most aspects of college life." In noting significant recent



progress, the inspectors praised Wycliffe's management which had "resulted in many improvements from which pupils benefit. The college has higher quality facilities and both senior and middle leaders have a better understanding of their roles than at the time of the last inspection." The Prep School is "well led; leadership has a number of particularly strong features."

Head **Margie Burnet Ward** said, "I am very pleased that the progress we have made has been recognised, as has the clear vision for the future that has been forged over recent years. As expected, there are recommendations to implement, but it is reassuring to know that these are all things we had identified through

our annual self-evaluation and for which plans are already under way to bring about even greater improvements."

Head of Wycliffe Prep School, **Adrian Palmer** said, "We are delighted that this report has reflected the progress the school has made since the last inspection."

The inspectors were impressed by the College's development plans saying, "The future direction is clear and all are striving to make the college the school of choice in the local community and further afield."

Not forgetting Alice!

"Mrs Fynn, am I having lipstick?" "Mr Newns, are you taking photographs of everyone?"

Once again, the stage was alive with chirpy voices coming from chirpy children in the hour before the Year 3 and Year 4 production of Alice in Wonderland.

Costumes on. Hair done. Make-up checked. As the audience slowly filled the seats in the Studio Theatre, the excitement rose behind the curtains and then the music started.

Three Cheshire cats, **Joseph Anderson**, **Georgiana Gilchrist** and **Lucy Parsons**, took it in turns to tell the story as a middle-sized Alice, **Lauren Williams**, sang her way into Wonderland. One potion drink later

and she whirled into Small Alice, **Rebecca Taphouse**, and one magical cookie later, she was Tall Alice, **Georgia Ford**, with her head in a house! Needless to say this upset the White Rabbit, **Noah Murray**, who, in spite of a generously-sized pocket watch, was late again! Even a Dodo, **Tomas Welsh**, and a Doorknob, **Oliver Bays**, managed to have a chat with lost Alice.

CCF Biennial Inspection

On Wednesday 28th April, a contingent from the Wycliffe CCF welcomed **The Venerable Stephen Robbins**, Chaplain General Archdeacon for the British Army, for their Biennial Inspection.

The Chaplain General inspected the Guard of Honour and then listened to presentations by Colonel Rothwell, OC CCF at Wycliffe and some of the senior cadets.



At lunchtime, the College held The Big Curry Lunch in aid of ABF The Soldiers' Charity and raised money to support our soldiers. The Chaplain General then attended the weekly Chapel Service and addressed the pupils.

In the afternoon, the CCF officers and cadets took part in various activities and the Chaplain General then joined staff and cadets for tea before departing.

Nihongo Cup success

On Saturday 20th June, Ollie Capehorn (Year 13) and Tanya Naumenko (Development Year) competed in the finals of the Nihongo Cup Japanese Speaking Competition at the Japanese Embassy in London.

They reached the finals after being short-listed from 260 competitors from a range of top Independent and State Schools, many with Languages Specialism.

Of the 18 Finalists presenting their speeches to a large audience of judges and dignitaries at the Embassy, Tanya came first in the KS4 Category,

winning the Japanese Ambassador's Cup, while Ollie came first in the Senior KS5 event, winning the Nihongo Cup outright.

Ollie will now go on to represent the United Kingdom at the International Speech Awards in Tokyo in July.

This was an amazing feat for the pupils and I am exceptionally proud of them. Special thanks go to Satoko Suzui who has spent a lot of time helping them both to prepare for the event and for helping to keep Wycliffe securely at the forefront of MFL learning nationally.

More news to follow in the Autumn Term.

Wycliffe goes to the polls

Wycliffe caught the election fever generated by the televised leadership debates and the prospects of this election being one of the most memorable in recent history. All staff and students were invited to cast their vote for either of the three main parties as well as The Green, UKIP or the Trade Union & Socialist Coalition (TUSC). Voters seemed to relish exercising their democratic right, despite the fact that most of them would be unable to vote in the real thing.

The votes were counted using the normal Westminster 'first past the post' method, although the A Level politics students intended to use the data to analyse what the result might have been under alternative systems. The Wycliffe result was sent to Google, who are compiling a nationwide school survey to see if it mirrors that of the actual result of May 6th 2010.

In the end, there was no real surprise at Wycliffe. The Tories romped home with a landslide victory, with the Liberal Democrats – boosted by 'Cleggmania' – in second place: Labour trailed a distant fourth behind UKIP.



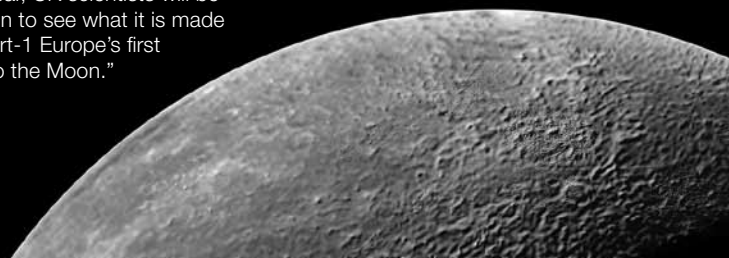
Wycliffe pupils touch the Moon

Rare samples of moon rock and lunar dust arrived at Wycliffe College on 26th April. Meteorites of different kinds also formed part of the display and pupils were able to handle and study them, observing the obvious differences in the materials they were made from.

The lunar samples, provided by the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council were collected during NASA's manned space missions to the Moon in the late 1960's and 1970's. During these missions the Apollo astronauts brought back to the Earth 382 kilograms of lunar material. Most of this material is used by scientists to study the Moon, but NASA decided to use a small portion of the rock and soil to develop lunar and planetary educational packages.

Science and Technology Facilities Council Chief Executive, **Professor Keith Mason** said, "It's incredible to think that when you hold a meteorite, you are handling something that may have travelled millions of miles to fall on the Earth. Meteorites can tell us a great deal about the places they originated from."

He added, "It's amazing that almost forty years after the lunar samples were collected, scientists are still not sure how the Moon formed! All this year, UK scientists will be studying the Moon to see what it is made of as part of Smart-1 Europe's first robotic mission to the Moon."



FINE ART



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Anna Pritchard
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GCSE



Georgina Jenkins
Sunlounger
A level

WYCLIFFE MUSIC

Wycliffe's Chapel Choir have completed a successful international tour to Belgium, singing in some of the country's finest Cathedrals. Concerts included singing in the vast St. Salvador's Cathedral in central Brugge, as well as in the Finistere Church in Brussels and St. Antony's Church in Aalst.

With choir numbers at a record high, the quality of each concert was of the highest of standards. The choir sang a mixed programme of music, including 'Steal Away' and 'Deep River' by Tippett, 'Locus Iste' and 'Christus Factus Est' by Bruckner and 'If Ye Love Me' by Tallis.

These unaccompanied works allowed the choir to fill the vast acoustic of the concert venues. The concert programme finished with a performance of 'Blessed Be The God And Father' by Wesley which uses all the stops on the organ as it reaches its loud finale.

The concerts also featured instrumental performances by Wycliffe's A2 level musicians – Geoff Stephens on Classical Guitar and Alex Macdougall on Trumpet – both of

whom performed to the highest of standards throughout the tour.

When not performing, the choir members were able to spend free time in Brugge and Brussels, viewing how chocolate is made and produced as well as shopping in the different city centres. A boat trip in Brugge, as well as a trip to the Atomium in Brussels, were arranged for the whole group to enjoy. Crazy Golf in

Bredene was also a success, despite the poor weather and the occasional stray golf ball!

Thanks goes to all the choir members who sang so well, representing the College to the highest of standards and making the tour such a success. Further, our thanks go to Mrs. Hughes for supporting Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Bristow during the tour.



Preparatory School is moving into a new era

Wycliffe's Pre-Prep Department will be moving to new purpose-built facilities on the Preparatory School campus at Ryeford from September 2010. The new 'Lower Prep classroom block', as it will then be known, will be home to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The classrooms will be spacious and state-of-the-art with a dedicated library with excellent resources and an extensive free-flow play area outside. These pupils will become fully integrated into the Preparatory school, having full access to the dining room, theatre, performing arts centre, ICT suites and sports facilities.

On the morning of Wednesday 16th June, the Pre-Prep staff and pupils visited the construction site to deliver a time capsule, ready to be enclosed in the wall cavity of the new classroom block. The children have created a selection of stories and drawings about life in the future and have also included photographs of their family and friends which have been placed in the special box to be opened at a future date.

The Pre-Prep staff and pupils are looking forward to moving to their new building and have been involved with many elements of the design. **Anne Oliver**, Head of Pre-Prep commented, "This is a very exciting time for the children and staff and we can't wait to move to the new site. The children have been looking forward to meeting the builders and seeing how their classrooms are coming along. We

are very grateful to Beam Construction, who kindly invited the children to visit the building site, so they could place a time capsule in the cavity of the new building. The builders have even supplied the children with their very own mini high visibility vests and hardhats!"

Adrian Palmer, Headmaster at the Prep School said, "The Preparatory School is moving into a new era with these exciting

developments and we are looking forward to welcoming Reception, Year 1 and 2 into the body of the Prep School. We can ensure that the 'Wycliffe Offer' is available to all children at the school. I would like to thank Stephen Ratcliffe and his team at Beam Construction and also, a special mention should go to the Design and Technology Department at the Senior School, who made the wooden time capsule especially for this occasion."



Alice In Wonderland Years 3 & 4 cont'd from page 1

Thanks to the pzazz of the upbeat Caterpillar, **Henry Crabb-La Hei**, everyone was dancing and tapping their feet to his stylish moves. Later, Alice met with the easily confused and amusing twins – Tweedledum and Tweedledee - who ended up not knowing who they were either! (Dum and Dee were to be played by our own real life twins **Brynley** and **Ethan Ruskin** but on our opening night Brynley was laid off following a cricket injury and **Noah Guerrini** kindly and successfully stepped in only ten minutes beforehand. Brynley was back on form for the second night but well done to Noah!) Ably choreographed by **Mrs Askew**, Rock Lobsters, Flowers and Cardsmen danced and paraded their way across the stage and they certainly looked very colourful in their costumes and special make-up.

Celebrating an unbrithday with a tea party, in the company of **Monty Lewis** as the Mad Hatter and **Alexander Horsemann** as the March Hare, was a novel thing to do but then meeting the King and beheading Queen of Hearts, **Taylor Niblett** and **Sophia Rai**, isn't very ordinary either. Being in court for a misdemeanour and for being called 'I'm sorry' just finished off the day nicely!

Finally, Alice's sister Mathilda, **Candace Pattison**, tried to bring Alice to her senses but where did that pocket watch come from?

- 1 Henry Crabb-La Hei
- 2 Georgina Gilchrist
Lucy Parsons
Joseph Anderson
- 3 Siddhant Gurung
Saugat Rai
Jacob Palmer
James Timms
- 4 Candace Pattison
- 5 Ethan Ruskin
- 6 Noah Murray
- 7 Lucy Parsons
Lauren Williams
- 8 Rebecca Taphouse (Small Alice)
Lauren Williams (Alice)
Georgia Ford (Tall Alice)
- 9 group image



Cotswold Farm Visit



The Pre-Prep outing to The Cotswold Farm Park, took place on Monday 24th May. We were very lucky as it was a lovely hot, sunny day. The children experienced the 'touch barn', handling rabbits, guinea-pigs, ducklings and chicks, before moving on to see Poppy the cow being milked and several sheep being sheared.

This was followed by a tractor ride, a woodland assault course, a tricky maze and fun in a super adventure playground. All this, as well as a picnic in the sun left us feeling sleepy for the coach ride home. The children behaved impeccably and thoroughly enjoyed their day.



General Knowledge Quiz 2010

Wycliffe Prep School is pleased to announce that this year's winner of the prestigious Hamptons International General Knowledge Trophy is Lincoln.

Pictured here is Lincoln's winning team: **Lisa Stelling** (GAP student), **Anna Fishwick**, **Alex Seymour**, **Henry Radcliffe**, **Katie Hampson**, **Ryan Carden** and **Tomas Welsh**. The team are proudly sharing their table with the trophy kindly

donated to the school in 2008 by Hamptons International as well as the clay owl award made by a pupil many years ago.

Individual winners of audience quizzes were announced as: Years 3 and 4 **Brogan Evans**, Years 5 and 6 **Isabella Menendez** and Years 7 and 8 **Richard Matthews**.

Well done to everyone who took part in this event!



Winners of the Hamptons International General Knowledge Trophy

St George's Day



Year One and Year Two children, some of whom are members of the Wycliffe Beavers, paraded round the playground, waving flags they had made, in celebration of St George's Day



Wycliffe College Foundation Moves Forward

Enhancing Opportunities for All – Regular Giving

The response to the Regular Giving Fund has been slow, however thank you to all those who have generously contributed. Through the donations received we have been able to allocate funds to both bursaries and educational projects, some of which we hope to get underway soon.

The size of the donation is not the major factor – the importance to us is the giving of a donation.



* Your Donation	Gift Aid Reclaimed	**Annual cost to top-rate Tax Payer	Total Value to Wycliffe College Foundation
£5 / month £60 / year	£1.40 / month £16.80 / year	£45 / year	£76.80 / year
£10 / month £120 / year	£2.80 / month £33.60 / year	£90 / year	£153.60 / year

- * These figures are for illustrative purposes only and gifts of any size and frequency will make a real difference.
- ** If you are a higher tax rate payer you can reclaim £2.50 on every £10 you donate, simply by completing the details on your tax return.



Restoration of the Chapel Organ

The College has asked the Foundation Office to put together plans for launching an appeal later this year with the objective of restoring the Chapel organ.

Sadly the organ is suffering from a lack of TLC over the years and having taken expert advice, we need to undertake a costly (c £200K), but necessary refurbishment.

In order to achieve our target we will need help, not only in raising funds, but also in assisting with running the campaign.

If you have a love of music, are one of the past students who sang in the choir, learnt to play the organ in the Chapel or just feel this is a worthy cause please support this restoration.

Legacies

In November 2009 we circulated our Legacy Brochure to over 800 selected Old Wycliffians – to date we have had a positive response, but we still need your help creating funds for future pupils and the continuing success of the College.

For further information please contact Catherine Roberts at:

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Stonehouse, Glos GL10 2JQ
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Tel : +44 (0)1453 822432

OW Day 2010

Simon Coombs (Spr. 1960-65)



There comes a time in every life when reunions seem to crowd in on one another. Whether it's the desire to revisit one's youth, or the curiosity to behold what the years have done to one's contemporaries, off we go to the reunion.

Wycliffe has changed in the fifty years since this 13-year-old left home for the first time. Many new buildings, sports facilities, a female Head, girls everywhere and Springfield demolished. Some things are pretty much the same – steady drizzle for the OW cricket match, Frank Smith looking not many days older than on that first day of term, September 1960 and the chapel still a focal point of the campus (though a Madre not a Padre in charge).



Faces glimpsed through the day and studied more fully over dinner bring back a host of memories from the earlier sixties. Seated at dinner between Henry V (1965) and A Child of our Time (1962), there was plenty to recall. Add in two Presidents of Lit Soc, one of Athletics, Madame Pernelle (Tartuffe 1961) and even a Head of School (September 1965) and the whole of those formative years started to emerge from the mist. One's only wish was that more friends and sparring partners might have made the effort to attend. Ah well, maybe next year!



A Herculean Effort

OW Emily Hughes (IG 2006 – 2009) returned to school over the Bank Holiday to complete a sponsored 25 kilometre row to help fund an exchange with a school in Ghana in June this year.

Emily, who left Wycliffe last year, set herself this daunting challenge of rowing over twice as far as she had previously to encourage generosity from sponsors and was absolutely thrilled when the school offered their help.

Although the row was, at times, very challenging with strong winds and choppy conditions, it was made easier by the tremendous support and kindness of Emily Walker-Smith. Emily offered to act as pacemaker and, in doing so, clocked up her first '25k' as well, and that after an outstanding win at Evesham two days before!

The girls completed the row in single sculls in a little over four hours (including a short re-fuelling stop!) with what was rightly described by one of the supporters as 'a herculean effort'. Well done to both of them!



PRIZE WINNERS - SUMMER 2010 OW 200 Club

1st	116	Ralph Bird	SH	1939 – 1942	£244.00
2nd	65	David Dimery	J SH	1977 – 1988	£91.50
3rd	32	Peter Venning	SH	1956 – 1960	£61.00
4th	83	Donald Clark	P J H	1937 – 1948	£30.50
5th	35	John Hayes	J SH	1945 – 1952	£15.25
6th	14	David Woodcock	P J H	1947 – 1955	£15.25
7th	51	David Vick	P J SH	1945 – 1955	£15.25
8th	37	Ian Whistondale	W	1970 – 1974	£15.25

Archiving

Over the next few years one of our projects will be to modernise the way our archiving system works, but to achieve this we need your help!

The vision for the future is to make the history of Wycliffe College easily accessible to all of our community using our website – Wycliffe Online.

If you can help in any way or can put us in touch with someone who can assist, please contact us. ow@wycliffe.co.uk

The Italian Job – Charity Bike Ride!

This summer a group of five - 3 OW's, 1 OW relative and a friend – have set themselves the challenge to cycle down a considerable amount of Italy in aid of The Meningitis Trust.

'Over the 3 weeks we are away we will cover somewhere in the region of 900km (563 miles), cycle up three mountains and take in four of Italy's major cities, Pisa, Florence, Rome and Naples as well as visiting Pompeii, all in the heat of the Summer! We hope you will help support our chosen charity and we look forward to letting you know how we did.'

Jeremy Fletcher (J C 1995-09)

Please sponsor us by visiting – www.justgiving.com/Joshua-Maddison



The Group -
Jeremy Fletcher
Guy Murray

Joshua Maddison
James Booth
Simon Childs

and if you're on Facebook feel free to check out or join our group – 900km Italian Cycle Tour for Meningitis.

To view a map of the route and read full details of their trip please go to Wycliffe Online – News articles or type <http://community.wycliffe.co.uk/netcommunity> in the address bar on your computer.

First win to Wycliffians in Hockey Match

Back in March, the OW hockey team played the current Wycliffe 1st team. After a couple of late drop-outs it was apparent that the team was to consist of only eight players. The confident 1st team therefore decided to even it out by lending us their goal keeper and another player, bringing us to ten.

After an enthusiastic start, the obvious difference in fitness began to show! Undeterred goals soon started to be scored by both teams. There was an apparent lack of practice from some of the OWs with open goals being missed and confusion being caused by this season's rule changes. Fortunately the half time score only saw the 1st team with a goal lead of one.

The second half started enthusiastically and quickly the score line was even. Going into the final ten minutes it was 6 - 6 and the tension

on the field was high. After some solid defence with a number of mid-air picks and sheer persistence in attack the OWs eventually scored and won the game 7 - 6!

OW Team -

Jeremy Fletcher (J C 1995 – 2009)
James Sturgeon (R 2004 – 2009)
Jon Buckley (Current Pupil)
Joshua Maddison (C 2001 – 2009)
Steven Buckley (J C 1994 – 2009)
James Booth – (OW Relative)
Guy Murray (J 2002 – 2009)
Alex Campbell Hill (C 2004 – 2007)
Thomas Jenns in Goal (Current Pupil)

This was a great start to what we hope will be an annual event, so if you are interested in joining the team next year, please contact the OW Office on ow@wycliffe.co.uk

OW Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 6 **Autumn Term Begins**
- Thur 23 **OW Golf Society Autumn Meeting**
Peter Beynon 01873 854725
peter.beynon@kolvox.net
- Sun 26 **The Five Valleys Walk**
OW Office 01453 820439
ow@wycliffe.co.uk

OCTOBER

- Fri 1 **OW Lodge Meeting**
Stroud 17:30hrs
James Miller 07733250069
carbonjames@hotmail.com
- Fri 15 **Half Term Begins**
- Sun 31 **Half Term Ends**

DECEMBER

- Sat 4 **Wycliffe Small Boats Head**
Phil Clements 01453 732033
events@wycliffehead.co.uk
- Sat 4 **OW Carol Service**
The Chapel 18:00hrs
OW Office 01453 820439
ow@wycliffe.co.uk
- Fri 10 **Autumn Term Ends**
- Sat 11 **OW Lodge Installation Meeting**
Stroud 17:00hrs
James Miller 07733250069
carbonjames@hotmail.com

Postal Address: OW Society Office,
Wycliffe College, Stonehouse GL10 2JQ

Visitors are always welcome to Wycliffe.
If you would like to come back please do not hesitate to contact us.

OW sits in Judgement!



Jeremy Nicholas (J SH 1957-65)

It was a great privilege to be invited to judge the House Drama Competition this year. What an enjoyable and entertaining evening it was – and what a challenge for any adjudicator to make the instant decisions needed to award the various prizes! The enthusiasm and commitment from everyone involved was as surprising as it was impressive. Resourceful, too, and if some of the plays on the night suffered from being over-ambitious then, in Robert Browning's words, 'Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?'

It was a steep (and valuable) learning curve for all and it was clearly an unfair disadvantage for those who had been unable to rehearse on the day due to cast members being involved in other activities. No matter – each house achieved the difficult task of mounting a

dramatic production that kept the attention of the most difficult audience they will ever play to: their peers.

The one disappointment was that, despite this being a House Drama Competition, the winning production had to make do with a cup bearing the legend 'Wycliffe Young Farmers Club – First Prize for Stockmanship (Pigs)'. To borrow my oft-repeated school maths report: 'It is to be hoped that he will do better next year.'

I would be proud to donate a cup for Best Actress. Would someone else – the Parents' Association? - like to provide trophies for the other categories? The efforts of all the producers, writers, actors, technicians and stage managers deserve no less.

East Meets West For Wycliffe Cubs

As part of their Global Challenge, Wycliffe Cubs have been learning about the Kings School in India. The Kings School in India has a thriving Cub pack of its own and the Cubs were delighted to learn that both packs shared many similar activities.

The Kings School in India is part of the Kings World Trust for Children, a charity that aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged children in India. The Trust provides a caring home as well as an education and skills training for orphans and homeless children.

Earlier this year, the cubs at Wycliffe wrote letters and sent photographs to the Cubs in India. They were excited to learn about exotic sports (like rugby) played by cubs at Wycliffe and they were amazed to see the pictures of the Wycliffe Cubs playing in the snow.

The Cubs at Wycliffe were delighted to receive letters and photos back from their Cub counterparts in India who told them about

kabadi (a team sport played in India) and details of how they live in India.

Nigel Roberts, Trustee of the charity Kings World Trust for Children, who has been involved with Wycliffe Cubs' initiative said, "I am delighted that the two cub packs in different parts of the world have come together. While the children's way of life could not be more different, both packs also found out how much they had in common."



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Nigel Roberts (Prep School Parent), Trustee of the charity Kings World Trust for Children



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More Success for the Colts at the Downs 7s Rugby Tournament

The Colts Sevens were invited to play at the 'The Downs Sevens' Tournament on Wednesday, 17th March.

The team, captained by **Henry Lister**, were very excited to be playing at this event as it is regarded as one of the best competitions in the country outside the National Sevens Competition, played at Rosslyn Park.

The Team played very well and although they did not reach the heights of their recent success at the South West National Schools' Championship, the team did manage a respectable third place.

The final was won by Packwood, who beat The Downs 39-7.



Wycliffe win national schools' squash for record 6th year running

Wycliffe's under 15 boys' team have become winners of the National Schools' squash title for a record sixth year in succession! The annual competition was held at the National Squash Centre in Manchester and runs from September. It culminates with four teams battling it out for the title in March. Over 200 teams from around the country entered and this required the Wycliffe team travelling as far as Canterbury and Cambridge to reach the final four.

The first part of the event consisted of the various schools being placed in pools with the top two in each pool progressing to the knockout stage. Wycliffe came second in its pool to Millfield School in Somerset and, ironically, ended up playing them in the final.

This match was always going to be tough - **Alex Schranz** played at number five and **Harry Heathcock** at number three, getting Wycliffe off to a perfect start with a clinical 3-0 victory over their Millfield counterparts. Victory looked imminent when **Krys Fishwick** at number four, took the first game. Unfortunately Krys was not able to keep the momentum going and eventually lost 3-1. **Lyell Fuller** went on at number one and lost a very tight match 3-1 to

one of the best Under 15 players in Europe. It was then all down to **Kyran Young** at number two, who was up against a very talented player Kyran had played and only narrowly beaten earlier in the year.

This, coupled with the added pressure of playing for the title on the all-glass display court, made victory less of a certainty. Kyran however, had other ideas and after a very tough first game, went on to win in three straight games to seal a very memorable victory. **James Telford** travelled as reserve and was a regular player throughout the campaign. The same team will all be in age for next season's campaign, so the future looks bright.

The Under 19 boys played and lost 4-1 to Millfield in the final. **Lyell Fuller** avenged his defeat of the previous day by beating the same opponent 3-1 at number five. **Kale Wilson, Scott Young, Matt Lewis** and **Will Hewer** made up the rest of the team.

Lyell Fuller capped a wonderful season by being selected to play for England's Under 15 boys in the home internationals in Edinburgh and European Team championships in Prague.

Netball Report

The 1sts, 2nds and U15s travelled to Farmor's School, Fairford on Thursday 4th March for what is always a competitive fixture. The 1sts continued their good form by winning their third game in a row, although a competitive first half kept the score close. Wycliffe had an outstanding third quarter and edged away.

The defensive trio of **Steph Brown, Daisy Evans** and **Harriet Ball** worked hard to turn over the ball and create possession for **Fran Evans** and **Alex Cawthorne** to convert to goals. The final score was 28-17 to Wycliffe.

The 2nds had a tough game, losing 9-19. The U15s played against a giant Farmor's side! Wycliffe only started playing quality netball in the fourth quarter, by which time it was too late as Farmor's had already taken quite a significant lead. The final score was 12-27. The player of the match was **Katie Thomson**.

On Saturday 6th March, six teams hosted Malvern College. The 1sts notched up their fourth consecutive win, with a score of 33-20. The player of the match was **Alex Cawthorne**. The 2nds rose to the challenge and played competitive netball. A strong second half performance meant the game was incredibly close, and victory could have gone to either team. Unfortunately luck was not on Wycliffe's side and the final score was 17-19.

The player of the match was **Emma Wootten**. The 3rds struggled in their match and suffered a convincing defeat of 11-27. The Under 15s led for the first half, but let Malvern back into the game in the second quarter. The score was 14-15 as they went into the final quarter. Wycliffe showed their true fighting spirit though, securing a deserved victory (19-18). The player of the match was **Laura McKay**.

Both U14 teams had close matches and displayed some encouraging netball. Unfortunately they failed to record victories, with the U14s A team losing 12-16 and the B team 9-11.

On Tuesday 9th March, the 1sts played their toughest match of the season against Ribston Hall School, Gloucester. This was a fixture against a team made up of mainly upper sixth girls, all of whom play club netball. This was a challenge for the 1st team and one where Wycliffe started well.

During the first half they displayed an excellent and fast-paced game, with end to end goals, demonstrating how much the team has improved and developed this season. A poor third quarter allowed Ribston Hall to edge away, and the final score was 8-16.



Wycliffe's Polo Team grow in confidence

On Sunday 28th February, **Alicia Wyer**, **Emma Boers** and **Rachel Lade** travelled to Rugby Polo Club to play in the National Girls Schools Tournament. The team easily won their first two chukkas against Bradfield College and Rugby School. This placed them in the final against Cheltenham College, where they played with confidence and flare. They won the chukka 4-0 to become the tournament champions.

On March 14th, **Alicia Wyer** and **Emma Boers** joined **Joanne Howard**, a member of the Wycliffe games staff, to compete in the National Senior Schools Tournament at Longdole Polo Club. They made a strong start, beating Dean Close 7-0 in the first chukka. Unfortunately they were unable to maintain their momentum, losing 5-1 to an extremely strong Stowe School side.

Recovering quickly from the loss, they played Shrewsbury School to decide third place. This chukka was very equal, with many end to end goals, but they narrowly lost in the dying seconds of the game. The final score was 4-5 and Wycliffe was placed fourth in the tournament.

This has been a great start to the season and we look forward to hearing of their future successes.



Alicia Wyer & Emma Boers

Wycliffe win national schools' squash for record 6th year running

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Success for rugby 7s

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Hard work pays off

For two talented Year 9 hockey players, hard work really does pay off!

Lucy Moule and **Kirsty Camm** proved that their hard work and dedication has paid off, when they both made selection into the Gloucestershire County Hockey Squad. This success follows their selection into the Junior Development Centre (JDC) programme for talented young hockey players.

Both players went on to represent their County in the West Midlands JAC Tournament, in which they came second. The girls have received coaching on core skills and have played in competitions with other JACs across the region. This combination of training and competition allows players to develop in a variety of situations and ensures that they are assessed in more than just a competitive environment.

Lucy has now been selected by the Junior Regional Performance Centre (JRPC), based at the University of the West of England. Lucy will be attending various training sessions throughout the summer holidays

and will receive first-class coaching in hockey techniques. At the end of this process, Lucy hopes to be selected as part of England's Hockey Futures Cup for U16.



Lucy Moule & Kirsty Camm

More news to follow, with the start of the hockey season in September.

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