

ROSSALL SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Monday
28th June 2010



Headmaster

My thanks to the many of you (one, in fact) who wrote to say they had spotted the deliberate mistake in my last newsletter. I shall throw them in from time to time to keep you on your toes. I promise I shan't make deliberate mistakes about very important things (fee levels, the different sorts of potatoes presented by our caterers). It was, of course, a rounders tournament, not a netball competition. I was there and heard the squeaking and I can tell the difference between the two games. We won the year 10 part of the competition and discreetly came second in the younger group : it is never wise to win every event at a schools competition which you are hosting. But it leads me to promise, now we have made the appointments, better provision of games for girls next year.

The noise of trundling suitcases has begun as Leavers start to creep away, and as everybody else in the school plans exciting expeditions in the last two weeks : the Isle of Man trip, the Choir Tour, Mr Bradley's expedition to Malawi, and a huge range of CCF activities. They parade almost every day and will be practising all day on Monday for the visit of the Lord Lieutenant and the Dedication of the School Banner on Tuesday. To keep people off the tarmac outside the chapel we are introducing parking restrictions on Tuesday so you will be spared the need to bounce over the speed bumps on South Drive. But do come to the ceremony if you can, and try to be in Chapel by 1100 on Tuesday. It may be hot. I was in the CCF when Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery---yes, I'm older than I look---did an inspection. He then invited us to sit down while he gave us some advice and filled us in on his personal history. It was a hot day. After thirty minutes he invited us to stand up and dismiss. Not many of us could stand up. When we tried there was a sound of ripping fabric as young subalterns tried to detach themselves from the tarmac. We must be careful on Tuesday.

The week was dominated by the appointment of our new Director of Marketing. It was an intense process. We were thrilled with the candidate we selected and of course we learnt a lot from those we didn't select. As I said last time, I can see many ways in which we are not doing what we might be doing, and I say that at the end of a week which was a new record for boarding recruitment (and some excellent new day children as well). I still can't understand---and perhaps you can---why people seeking independent schooling for their children in this area are not coming to us in droves. Making that case will be a major preoccupation of the new Marketing guru.

Apart from reports there are always hurdles to jump over in the last two weeks of the Summer term, and we are also having to think very hard about the use of space in the houses in The Square. There is high occupancy of the school in the Summer holiday from our own Summer School, which is very busy this year, and from holiday lets to other organisations. This creates a challenge for Jeff Tebbutt, the Estates Manager, as he helps me and my team think about desirable sizes of houses, day/boarding mix in houses, quality and style of accommodation, creating space for resident tutors, ensuring ISC pupils remain fully integrated into the main school, and improving the experience of children in years seven and eight. Some of these preoccupations will have to travel with me to France for the Summer. Holiday time, like life in general, is an unsatisfactory mix of good intentions and missed opportunities, but we do need a plan for the Square to fit in with the School Development Plan which we have been too busy to look at. At a recent meeting of Heads there were strong expressions of Questionnaire Fatigue, but I shall continue to ask a strong body of parents to contribute their thoughts as we move forward. Customer service must remain the name of the game, even when one has a pond full of warm fish to nourish and sustain.

Dr Stephen Winkley
Headmaster

**SPORTS
ROUND UP**

WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 21st JUNE 2010

ROUNDERS

On Tuesday 22nd we hosted the year 7 and 10 Wyre & Fylde Rounders tournament - 10 schools competed at each age group and approx 200 girls. Rossall found themselves in difficult groups but both age groups managed to go through to the semi-finals. The year 7s beat Fleetwood in the semis and went on to face a strong Lytham A side in the final. Despite good performances in the field and with the bat they fell short of the Lytham target, to finish as runners up. The year 10s beat Garstang by 0.5 of a rounder in the semis to progress through to the final where they played Carr Hill. Having been beaten in the group round by Carr Hill the year 10s were determined and focused - they reached the Carr Hill target of 4.5 rounders in just 3 minutes of their batting innings to win the tournament in style. Well done girls!

Wednesday 23rd U12 and U13 teams played a friendly v Sedbergh. A mixed U12 team dominated the game winning 22 to 13.5. While the U13s found themselves in a very tough match, drawing on rounders 30.5 to 30.5! But winning on least batters out!

CRICKET

1st XI Vs Kirkham (2 Day)
171-9 dec & 201-5 dec
181 all out & 192-5
Lost by 5 Wkts

U14 Vs Kirkham	U13 Vs Kirkham	U12 Vs Kirkham	Ladies Vs Sedbergh
136 all out	188-8	116 all out	57-4
138-7	252-5	115 all out	55 all out
Lost 3 Wkts	Lost 64 runs	Won 1 run	Won 6 Wkts

1st XI Twenty Festival

144 all out
217-8
Kirkham win by 73 runs

Events	Week 10
Mon 28 th June	1.00 pm Student Council 3.00 pm U12/13 Tennis –v– Westholme (a)
Tues 29 th June	10.30 am for Presentation of a new Banner to Combined Cadet Force 11.00 am 2.00 pm and Dean Taylor Productions ‘The Tempest’ 7.00 pm
Wed 30 th June	ISC Field Day Cadet Field Day, Altcar Years 7 & 8 cross-curricular day 3.00 pm U12/13 Tennis –v– QEGS (a)
Thurs 1 st July	Years 7 & 8 cross-curricular day 8.00 am Depart, U15, U14 cricket –v– Shrewsbury (a) 11.30 am 1 st XI cricket –v– Sedbergh (h)
Fri 2 nd July	Depart, Years 7 & 8 Trip to IOM 11.30 am 1 st XI cricket –v– Giggleswick (h) 4.00 pm Year 12 talk on Writing Personal Statements
Sat 3 rd July	2.00 pm Ladies 1 st XI cricket –v– Sedbergh (h)
Sun 4 th July	Rose & MF Garden Party D of E Silver Practice / assessment (1) Cadet 150 London 11.30 am 1 st XI cricket –v– OR OR cricket –v– school