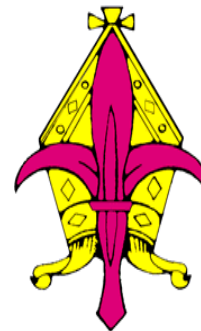


# Mitre & Fleur-de-Lys House Review 2007-2008



A pair of MF boys have proved that two hands are better than one by winning the U-15 National Fives Doubles Championships, staged at Rossall in October.

The doubles pairing of Alex Lewis and James Hough beat the country's top teams and also fancied favourites Lancing, 11-4 in the final, to take the title at the two day event played on our recently refurbished courts, which are now hailed as the best facilities in the country. Their victory follows on from the national U-14 plate competition, which they won in April this year in London and signals a renaissance for the ancient sport, first played at Rossall in the reign of Queen Victoria.

It was a day of double celebration for Alex Lewis of Blackpool, who defied the odds to lift the U-15s singles title to add to his doubles triumph, with an emphatic 11-0 victory in the final, over the UK's number four seed player, Jamie Betts of Lancing College. Lewis dropped only 10 points in all games en route to the final and his performances are remarkable given that he only took up the sport twelve months ago and now has three national titles to his name.

## House Chapel

Each year the MF theologians contemplate greater beings and moral issues in the preparation of the MF Chapel service. Max Nelder (House Captain and chief contemplator) directed a memorable production of a show called "Choice TV". This saw Jake Hargreaves and Ned Furniss as the male and female presenters respectively (many thanks to Mrs L.C. Furniss for the costume!) of a classy shopping channel programme, highlighting some beautiful gold products.



This was intermingled with moving performances by Ben Spencer and Callum Clowes, who played the parts of African men talking about how their lives had been changed for the worse by the gold mines. This was a thought provoking service which was most enjoyable. Many thanks to the "Rev." Toby Holder-Williams for leading the service and prayers.

## Congratulations to Prize Winners

- Redvers Wilbur:  
Sharp School Captain's Prize; Shepherd Economics Prize; John Broadbent Memorial Award.
- Tran Bao Chao:  
Carter Moss Philosophy Prize
- Guy Holder-Williams:  
Parker Cup for All-Round Endeavour;  
School Prize for Art;  
John Broadbent Memorial Award.
- Sven Bockhorst:  
Most Improved IB Student; Barnabas Shield for House Community.
- Wolfgang Jung:  
Bishop Hill Senior Chapel Reading Prize.
- Matthew Dryden:  
Bishop Hill Junior Chapel Reading Prize;  
Watson Kay Prize for Electric Guitar.
- James Cross:  
Baker Memorial Reading Cup; Watson Kay Prize for Brass.

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## Senior House Squash

Tse Wu and Guy Holder-Williams represented the House in the Squash Competition. Guy played in group A and won 3 of his 4 matches. Tse played in group B and won all of his matches. Tse has gone on to represent the School in this sport, winning decisively against Giggleswick. These victories enabled MF to lift the Senior House Squash trophy comfortably.

## Senior House Fives

Guy Holder-Williams got MF's Fives campaign off to a triumphant start. Coming from behind to win a hard-fought game against our main rivals, MC, 12-10, he went on to beat Pelican, Lugard and SE comprehensively, conceding only one point in all three matches. With the standard having been set, Ned Furniss and Alex Alonso set about winning the doubles. The first game against Pelican was very close, but they unfortunately edged to victory, claiming a 13-11 win. Undeterred, the pair went on to secure two resounding wins, 11-0 and 11-2 versus Lugard and SE respectively. Our final game, MC, would prove to be the decider, but a strong MC side claimed a fair win 11-6.

Despite a series of strong performances, MF were beaten to the overall title by a mere 5 points. This reporter believes that such a margin is insignificant, and as such MF should claim default victory. Though this view has been cited as controversial by many, I believe it to be justified.

## House Dinner

MF enjoyed another momentous outing to "The Great Fortune House" in Cleveleys. The food was great, as usual, as were the hilarious speeches performed by Mr Corrie (who compared the Upper Sixth to characters from SpongeBob Squarepants!) and Max Nelder (House Captain).

As the night went on, the boys were entertained by karaoke, when Mr Metcalfe showed us all what he can do with a microphone (don't give up the day job!).

## House Swimming

The annual meeting of the webbed feet brigade took place in the Lent term. Continuing the MF tradition and the resounding success of last year's team, the pressure was on for a repeat performance. Following Callum Clowes's gliding through the pool like a mallard, the other Juniors in the team followed suit and won every race bar one.

The Senior team, led by Nathaniel 'the fish' Furniss practiced hard for the event by watching Baywatch! This obviously paid off as a comprehensive victory was earned. MF won overall, again!

## House Singing

This year the competition was brought forward two weeks allowing us very little time to prepare. After attempting three other songs, we eventually chose "Play that funky music" by Wild Cherry. On the day of the competition, we hoped to get by with an enthusiastic choreographed effort. Unfortunately, due to a lack of clarity in our diction, we were placed 4th again. Special mention must go to Max Nelder, Matthew Dryden, and Mr Corrie for providing a House Band.

In the part song, expectations were high following last year's relative success of the MF rappers. This year we decided to return to our traditional boy band roots. "I want it that way" was the choice of song and the MF Backstreet Boys (Max Nelder, Guy Holder-Williams, Nathaniel Furniss, Willn Han, Alex Alonso and James Cross) set about choreographing an unbeatable dance routine, occasionally finding the ability to hit the right notes. Practices were held at every opportunity and we held high hopes – it was most certainly ours for the taking. However, the judge had obscure expectations and although he had enjoyed the dancing, the singing wasn't quite to his taste.



## Charity Art Auction

In Rossall's Arts Week, Matthew Dryden and Charles Hough (pictured above) very kindly augmented the *priceless* MF art collection with three exciting new purchases. Armed with the House cheque book, they very much enjoyed the excitement of the event, which raised money for Brian House Children's Hospice, Blackpool. However, Mr Corrie looked extremely worried when Charles and Matthew were clearly gripped by auction fever and started bidding against each other! Matthew, after the event, was heard to say "I could get used to this". All for a good cause!



## House Awards

- House Monitors 2008 - 2009: Alex Alonso, James Cross, Alex Dissel, Frank Fan, Tim Klaschik, Philipp Meier zu Eissen, Fabian Pirschke.
- Junior Half Colours: Callum Clowes, Jake Hargreaves, Toby Holder-Williams, Alex Lewis, James Hough.
- Junior Full Colours: Charles Hough.
- Senior Full Colours: Sven Bockhorst, Wolfgang Jung.



## House Cross Country

This year's cross country competition was met with great enthusiasm by the MF boys. In the Junior race, Alex Lewis, in true whippet fashion, crossed the line to collect the bronze medal! The grunting Matthew Dryden, nipping at the heels of SE's Daniel Stone, delighted the assembled crowd by providing a top ten sprint finish. Munemasa Sudo and James Hough gave a valiant effort, coming in the top 20, followed by the leisurely paced dynamic duo of Luke Gibson and Toby Holder-Williams, who clearly enjoyed the scenery.

The Senior race brought home some respectable performances, despite losing to Pelican! Guy Holder-Williams was our only appearance in the top ten; the trio of Tim Klaschick, Alex Alonso and James Cross triumphantly appeared in the top twenty; and a great cheer was raised when *Kartoffel* came over the line in 26<sup>th</sup> place, shortly followed by Nathaniel Furniss. This great afternoon of blood, sweat and tears rather brightened a typical Rossall December afternoon.

## Congratulations to School 1<sup>st</sup> team players

- Rugby: Fabian Pirschke, Guy Holder-Williams, Nathaniel Furniss, Max Nelder, Charles Hough.
- Association Hockey: Guy Holder-Williams, Max Nelder, Redvers Wilbur, Alex Alonso, Fabian Pirschke, Matthew Dryden, Charles Hough.
- Cricket: Redvers Wilbur, Guy Holder-Williams, Alex Alonso, Charles Hough, Matthew Dryden, Alex Lewis, Ben Spencer.
- Fives: Guy Holder-Williams, Alex Alonso, Max Nelder, Alex Lewis.



## Congratulations to the Arts representatives

- Drama: Redvers Wilbur, Guy Holder-Williams, Alex Alonso, James Cross, Fabian Pirschke, Toby Holder-Williams.
- Drama *Technical Crew*: Tim Klaschik, Alex Dissel, Fabian Pirschke.
- Chapel Choir: James Cross, Redvers Wilbur.
- Jazz Band: James Cross, Nathaniel Furniss, Jake Hargreaves.
- CCF Band: James Cross, Nathaniel Furniss.
- Junior Orchestra: Jake Hargreaves, Callum Clowes.

# *The Back Page: The amazing adventures of Kartoffel*



Following a period of hibernation, the House mascot, Kartoffel, has emerged to pursue a life of excitement!

