



AldroLink

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HeadLines

In a previous job, I taught meteorology to A level students: the past couple of weeks would have been a fantastic example of exciting weather conditions to my former students, but it has been quite a frustrating time for Aldronians! The arrival of a mini lake on pitch E – complete with its own geyser – has been an unwelcome excitement and the general muddy sponginess of the playing fields has restricted our football fixtures considerably. I sense, though, that the boys have been delighted to see more wintry conditions this week!

In spite of this, it has been a busy start to term. Well done in

particular to the boys who performed so well in the Invitation Concert on Tuesday. This was a wonderful evening and the varied programme was much appreciated by the audience: it has certainly whetted our appetite for future musical events this term... ..

David Aston



Swimmers impress at the Spectrum



In front of a packed Spectrum the Aldro teams competed against a variety of schools from the Guildford District.

Our U.13 team, captained by William Travers, did well in their individual events and achieved 2nd and 3rd places in the medley relay and freestyle relays. Alejo Vila came 3rd in the 50m backstroke, Ben Smith came 2nd in the breaststroke and William Travers came 3rd in the butterfly. They placed 3rd overall.

In the U.11 age group the captain Joshua Andrade- Brown swam well in the butterfly to come 2nd. Tom Gudgeon came 3rd in the freestyle, Sebastian Fomin achieved an excellent 2nd place in the backstroke and William Davidson was outstanding in winning the breast-stroke. The team came 2nd in both relays and placed 2nd overall.

The U.10 team were brilliant! They won both the freestyle and medley relays, and achieved excellent results in the individual events. Charlie Tarn came 2nd in the breast-stroke, while Adam Bagley and Maxim Smith finished 2nd in both the backstroke and freestyle events. Luke Coghlan won the butterfly event in great style.

The U.10 team collected the shield from John Stiven and enjoyed the applause from the spectators and swimmers.

All three teams were a credit to the school.

D.J.Archer

CRICKET COACHING



A group of 36 boys from Aldro and other local schools came to Charterhouse Sports Hall in the week before Christmas for some cricket coaching – ignoring the debacle taking place down under – and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Among the coaching staff were Julian Wood, Head of the Cricket Academy at Bradfield College, and Jeremy Frith, who runs the Indoor Centre at Dummer, Hampshire. Both have played for the Minor Counties in recent years.

Through a mixture of net sessions, coaching drills and small-sided games the boys all strove to improve their understanding of the skills and techniques required to play our national summer sport.

A similar course will be held in the Easter holidays, starting on Tuesday 10 April.

Chris Rose



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HONK! Meet the Cast

Reserve a night in your diary during the 15th-17th March to see this year's production – Honk! With such a high quality of auditions, selecting the cast was a not an easy task. Thank you to everyone who auditioned and those taking part.

Cast

Ida	Cameron Mitchell
Ugley	Robin Brignall
Drake	Elliott Charles
Cat	Thomas Pinfold
Greylag	Hugo Hadfield
Dot	Dominic Dawson
Ducklings	Barney Matthews
	George Gilligan-Court
	Giles Tyler
	Nick Lee
Bullfrog	George Matthews
Turkey	Jack Bolton
Grace	Patrick Edmondes
Lowbutt	Jack Gault
Queenie	James Warrington
Jack Daw	Guy Heilpern
Penny	Callum Davidson
Maureen	Caspar Bayliss
Henrietta	James Long
Swans	William Osborne
	Henry Payne
	Malachy Gilchrist

Company

Harrison Charles, Oliver Maslen, Edward Rees, Adam Bagley, Freddie Melvin, William Davidson, Farai Matanga, Robert Zorab, Oscar Craven, Freddie Knottenbelt, William Melvin, Alexi Ralli, Matthew Hobkinson, Henry Mallin, Loch Roberts, Jon Hall, Freddy McGaw

LENT TERM DIARY DATES

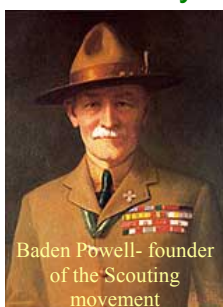
January	Day	Time	Event
26	Friday		1 st Industry Grades
		4:30pm	Forms 3,4 and 5 Weekend Leave
		5:05pm	Forms 6,7, and 8 Weekend Leave
		7:30pm	Old Aldronians' Committee Meeting
29	Monday	8:30am	Return from Weekend Leave
30	Tuesday	10:50am	Starfish Malawi Presentation
February	Day	Time	Event
3	Saturday		Old Aldronians' Day
5	Monday	6:45pm	Form 7 Parents Meeting
9	Friday		2 nd Industry Grades
9 th – 18 th		4:30pm	Forms 3,4 and 5 HALF TERM
9 th – 18 th		5:05pm	Forms 6,7, and 8 HALF TERM
19	Monday	8:30am	Return from Half Term
20	Tuesday	4:00pm	Form 4 Concert
22	Thursday	5:15pm	Chapel: Confirmation Service
26	Monday		Form 8 Exams
27	Tuesday		Form 8 Exams
28	Wednesday		Form 8 Exams
March	Day	Time	Event
1	Thursday		Form 8 Exams
2	Friday		3 rd Industry Grades
		3:30pm	Form 5 Concert
		4:30pm	Forms 3,4 and 5 Weekend Leave
		5:05pm	Forms 6,7, and 8 Weekend Leave
4	Sunday	7:15pm	Ski Trip Meeting CHC
5	Monday	8:30am	Return from Weekend Leave
6	Tuesday	10:30am	Form 7 Parents Coffee Morning
		6:45pm	Form 8 Parents' Meeting
9	Friday	7:15pm	Spring Concert
15	Thursday	7:00pm	School Play
16	Friday	7:00pm	School Play
17	Saturday	7:00pm	School Play and Party
20	Tuesday	5:30pm	Chapel Choir Choral Evensong Holy Trinity, Guildford
21	Wednesday		Term Ends at 12:30pm

Cub and Scout Centenary

2007 is a huge year for Scouting as the movement reaches an impressive 100 years of age.

This summer to celebrate Baden Powell's landmark first camp in 1907, three local scout districts are organising an activity camp on the first weekend of our summer half term (May 25th to 27th). Aldro Cubs and Scouts will be proudly attending and attempt to live up to the original ideals and hope of Scout founder, Robert Baden-Powell.

Scouting was based on an inspirational idea, followed by experimentation and effort. Baden-Powell, a national hero due to his successful defense during the Siege of Mafeking of 1899–1900, wanted all



Baden Powell- founder of the Scouting movement

boys to have the same resourcefulness, courage and skills as his young Mafeking Cadets, who so bravely fought with him. He wrote a manual to achieve this, entitled *Aids to Scouting (1899)*, but still wasn't able to see if his ideas could be translated in to practical success and change boys' lives for the better.

Hence the start of the Brownsea Island Scout Camp, which ran from August 1 to August 8, 1907, attended by 20 boys from different social backgrounds (from Etonian to the poorest of local boy): a revolutionary idea in class-conscious Edwardian England. The 'Scouting for All' concept was to be seen even then, as the camp fee was dependent on means: £1 for the public school boys, and three shillings and sixpence (17p) for the others. The boys were mixed up and arranged into four "patrols": Wolves, Ravens, Bulls and Curlews with

leadership going to the most able, irrespective of class

The camp itself began with a blast from a kudu horn Baden-Powell had captured in the Matabele campaign. Each day began with cocoa, exercises, flag break and prayers, followed by the morning activity and after lunch there was a strict siesta, followed by the afternoon activity and Tea. The day ended with games, supper, campfire yarns and prayers.

Scouting, from this humble experiment, was to spread throughout Great Britain and Ireland, then through the countries of the British Empire and soon to the rest of the world and eventually lead it to be an organisation with many million members. With this in mind we look forward to May and celebrate the pioneering success of that first camp.