



## HeadLines



*It has been a really good start to term and I am so pleased that the new boys – and new staff, for that matter – seem to have settled in to Aldro life so quickly. I am also grateful to the boys who acted as guides who have done a very good job. As you can see from this edition of Aldro Link, it has been a busy time, too: the rugby teams have got off to a very pleasing start, particularly the 1<sup>st</sup> XV squad – and the squad matches last Saturday were keenly fought and played in just the right spirit; the artists clearly had a great and, we hope, inspirational time in Prague; the visits to Marwell Zoo for the boys in Form 6 have been much enjoyed; and yesterday's visit to The Globe Theatre was a very worthwhile day out for the Form 8 boys. On top of that, the bumper crop of conkers has brought plenty of excitement to break times!*

David Aston

## Bringing home the Silver!



*We went with the aim to "bring back something" and we did it!*

### Cubs' Conker King Crowned!



Ben Bradley proudly displays his cup of glory

A great start followed by bad luck and injuries followed by a magnificent finale—this is how our rollercoaster ride at Papplewick's high level tournament can be summed up. All the matches were tight, on a small pitch that exacerbated physicality. There were cuts and bruises and it needed a gigantic effort by the whole squad to manage to get fifteen boys on the pitch for the last two games—let alone win them. At that stage, our fantastic substitutes' contribution was vital, and they deserve to be mentioned. Congratulations to Nick Lee, Tom Gudgeon, Guy Heilpern, Henry Thomas and Will Melvin who, under stress, made an arrow with every wood ("firent fleche de tout bois")

Everyone else was up to the challenge and it is hard to single out anybody. David Buck's legs of fire were our lethal weapons in every match we played. Ashley Beddows "brought home the bacon" with a "full house" - try, three conversions, drop-goal and penalty. Toby Savill's flair and vision were crucial. Henry Crinage played his best rugby so far and fellow prop Will Soulsby also had a superb tournament. Freddie Knottenbelt is becoming a first class lock in every sector of the game. Patrick Edmondes improves with every outing! Harry Gwilliam shows more and more authority at number eight. And a great job was done by our two tireless flankers, Alex Foster and William Quaile. Our line of backs was wonderfully patched up by versatile players who made very few mistakes throughout the day. They all deserved congratulations but I was particularly impressed by Robert Zorab who was rewarded with two lacertian tries. Robin Brignall at fullback got us out of some tricky situations with courage, class and inspiration. Last but not least, Do-hun Kim was the inspiration of our fighting spirit and a model Captain in stormy weather.

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# Starfish Malawi Update



*From Chris Knott, Chairman, - Starfish Malawi*

Dear Aldro Boys,

I don't know if you can believe how much you raised for Malawi. It is a great deal of money - £6776.78! This will make a World of Difference to hundreds of children. It will provide a classroom, toilets, sports equipment, pens and paper. The children in Malawi are very poor, but they have happy faces, because they love simple things, like games with their friends, a joke and these can't be bought with money. But they have so little and need some help just to eat each day.

In two weeks I will be meeting your friends at Simayiwa and telling them about you. I will say how you want to be friends with them and write letters. I have been to the school many times. The head teacher, Esnet, named her daughter after me, Happy Christina. I really love the people there.

When I come back, I hope I can come to your school and show you a film of your new friends in their school and at home. Also, I want to say thank you because life is so difficult and a little makes a big difference.

I am excited looking forward to my trip. It is because of boys like you that hope can continue. Thank you.

God Bless & Kind Regards

Over the past year we have been supporting the Starfish Malawi Charity. As a result of our fantastic support, Aldro will be "twinned" with a school in the town of Simayiwa. Our Harvest Festival Collection this year will be going towards our "twinned" school.



Classroom conditions before



The classroom NOW!



The children really appreciate their meal each school day



The church in Simayiwa serves as a school building during the rainy season

## Plunder and Pillage in Form 4

*There is mystery and intrigue at the heart of Form 4's English lessons at the moment. We are searching for treacherous pirates, so look out for our "WANTED" posters around the Junior department and see if you can identify who they are. Here is a compilation of some of our favourite "WANTED" poster quotes:*



"He has a red lightening-shaped scar on his right cheek and an ugly wart on his left. "

"He gives an evil stare that would cause you to drop to the ground with fright and a black eye patch that sends a shiver down your spine. His nose is curved like his cutlass and his mouth is as vicious as the waves on the rocks on the beach. His rotten teeth speak hideous words and he curses like a cabin



"Beware the dagger in his blood-red belt, which is recognisable because it is encrusted with green diamonds which shimmer in the sunlight. He also has a gleaming magical sword with a sparkling golden handle and a silver blade."

Last seen setting fire to a voyage ship and setting sail for terrifying Dead Man treasure island. Reward for capture: two hundred pieces of gold.



"Vicious, dirty, blood-thirsty pirate wanted for stealing precious, gleaming, golden treasure from a cathedral in Peru."



## Marwell Zoo A Wild Day Out

Both 6T and 6H visited Marwell zoo recently. The Zoo staff gave a fascinating lecture, using visual aids confiscated by customs and excise, and three live animals to handle. We then set off to study Adaptation at first hand, including a drawing exercise to help our powers of observation.



## All for the love of Rugby!



Was it the training? Was it the coaching? Was it sheer determination? Was it the promise of shaving off the moustache? They went to Ascot with the aim to "bring back something" but not all was brought back. Mr. Lombardot promised the rugby team that he would shave off his moustache if they beat St John's Beaumont. These photos tell the story.

## Boarders go Boarding

The first weekend was action-packed for the Aldro boarders. Plenty of rugby on the field and the TV on Saturday; whilst Sunday saw rowing, island exploring, art, DT and golf in the morning, followed by a trip to Coral Reef in the afternoon.

The fun doesn't end! The weekend following, the boarders had a fantastic trip out to Chertsey where they spent the day doing plenty of water activities. No wonder the trial boarding week is filling up fast.



## Aldro Host the Godalming Chess Club Open Tournament 1st Sept 2007



About sixty players from all over the south travelled to Aldro to play in this annual tournament. There were 4 sections with adults and juniors playing in the Open section and 3 age group sections. Godalming club members were on hand to supervise the games and parents from Aldro provided some delicious refreshments.

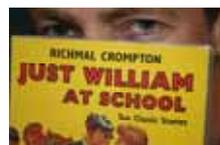
Many thanks to Mr David Malam headmaster at Twickenham Prep for presenting the prizes. Godalming will be fielding 5 teams in the Borders League this year and any adults or juniors wishing to play for one of the teams or join the club, should contact David Archer at [archerd@aldro.org](mailto:archerd@aldro.org). For the full set of results [click here](#)

*D.J.Archer*

## A Question of Reading...

### Who is the face behind the book?

This term began with a fantastic quiz for all the boys. Photographs of staff reading books have been displayed in the school and the boys need to guess who the reader is! Some are easy and others impossible. Here is a small sample for you to have a guess. The entire collection will be placed on [www.aldro.net](http://www.aldro.net) by the end of next week. Have a go and have fun!





## Form 8 Do Prague

Eleven Form Eight boys accompanied Mrs Fenwick and Mr Hudson to the beautiful city of Prague this weekend. We left on Thursday afternoon, and after some delays at the airport, we arrived in Prague at 10:00pm, just in time for supper and a relaxing evening settling in to our hotel.

The next three days were spent admiring the fantastic architecture, especially of St Vitus Cathedral and Prague Castle. We all braved the hundreds of steps that led up a very narrow spiral staircase to the top of the South Tower and were rewarded with spectacular views of the city and surrounding area.

The boys spent many peaceful hours sketching the Cathedral as well as the Golden Lane, which is full of very quaint little houses, one of which once belonged to Franz Kafka, the famous author. Drawing them was a challenge because they are all leaning against each other and out into the street, so the perspective is quite tricky to capture.

We took a boat trip on the Vltava River and our guide told us about some of the history of Prague. We were interested to notice that many of the stones that make up Charles Bridge have initials carved into them. This is because the labourers were paid per stone rather than per day, so they had to mark the stones they laid.

The Jewish quarter was very interesting. We visited the beautiful Spanish Synagogue, which was decorated very lavishly with intricate patterns and design work. In some ways it was similar to a cathedral, with its beautiful rose window and impressive organ. We also visited the Pinkus Synagogue where the walls are painstakingly

inscribed with the names of all the Jewish people who were removed from Prague during the Second World War, the vast majority of whom were exterminated. The sheer number of names on display astounded us. We also saw an exhibition of artwork done by children of our own age, who had been transported to the Terezin concentration camp, some of whom survived the war, although



many, we noticed, had the same date of death listed which left us with a chilling and sobering realisation of their fate.

Finally we had a walk through the ancient Jewish cemetery, which contains the tombstones of many influential Prague Jews. We were interested to

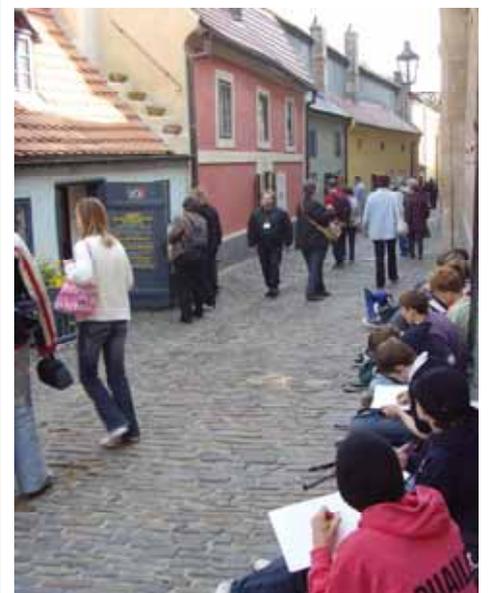
see that many of the stones had tiny pebbles laid on them; similar to the way we lay flowers on graves. In the evenings we attended music recitals and it was a real treat to have the opportunity to sketch the inside of the Church of St Nicholas, with its frescoes and elaborate design, while being enter-



tained by the sounds of Bach and Vivaldi, among others. Some of the boys also attended a performance of popular songs from well-known shows and were amused by the operatic interpretations of favourite tunes.

We visited the Alphonse Mucha Museum, which houses a large collection of work from one of Prague's most well known artists, and were fascinated to see some work which he had done when he was only eight, as well as the original design for a stained glass window we had seen earlier in the day in St Vitus Cathedral.

Mrs Fenwick would like to thank all the boys for being such excellent ambassadors for Aldro during our tour. Many of our fellow travellers comment on what well-mannered young gentlemen they are. An altogether memorable trip.





## Aldro Skiing Trip 2008 Wengen, Switzerland 21 – 28 March 2008



### Wengen

Wengen is a charming Swiss resort at the foot of the imposing Eiger - Mönch - Jungfrau mountain range, in the heart of the Bernese Oberland, and provides excellent skiing for beginners, intermediates and advanced skiers. Wengen is well known for its pure mountain air and tranquility; as it lies on a sheltered terrace facing southwest, it guarantees many hours of sunshine.

### Hotel

Our Hotel is the Neuhaus, in a beautiful setting right by Lake Thoune, with all the usual facilities. ([www.hotel-neuhaus.ch](http://www.hotel-neuhaus.ch))

### Cost

The cost of the trip depends to some degree on numbers going, but is likely to be around:  
£850 for children (up to the age of 18)  
£875 for adults

### What's included?

The price includes return travel to Gatwick, all flights and transfers, 7 nights half board accommodation, lift pass, ski lessons (for children only), ski equipment hire, and fully comprehensive insurance – including ski breakage and snow guarantee.

### Who can come?

The trip is open to all boys who are attending Aldro from September 2007, as well as those who left in July. Complete beginners, as well as more experienced skiers, are very welcome. We have a limited number of spaces for parents, who are especially welcome to join their children, as are other members of the family. In our view this always makes for an enjoyable atmosphere in which to learn or improve skiing.

### How do I sign up?

If you would like to join the trip, please complete and return the form enclosing a cheque for £75 per person deposit, payable to Aldro School. Places will be allocated simply on a first-come, first-served basis. We should point out that the proposed dates do not clash with next year's Rosslyn Park Rugby Sevens, nor the annual IAPS Chess Tournament. Unusually, however, we fly out on Good Friday, as the Easter weekend is very early next year. Do not hesitate to contact Chris Rose at School ([rosec@aldro.org](mailto:rosec@aldro.org)) if you have any queries or require further information.

## AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

Oct	Day	Time	Event
1	Mon	8:30 am	Return from weekend leave (or Sunday between 8-8:30pm)
5	Fri		Rugby Shirt Day in aid of Wooden Spoon
6	Sat	11:30 am	Open Morning
		7:30 pm	Linen Wind Orchestra (CHC)
7	Sun		Charterhouse Wind Day
12	Fri	7:00 pm	Senior Schools: The next steps – talk for Form 5 parents (CHC)
13	Sat	9:00 am 11:45 am	Harvest Festival: Forms 3,4,5 Harvest Festival: Forms 6,7,8
14	Sun	7:00 pm	Art Workshop Forms 3 & 4
16	Tues	9:00 am	FoAA Knightsbridge Trip Contact Susie Edmondson
19	Fri	4:30 pm 5:05 pm	Half term Forms 3,4,5 Half term Forms 6,7,8



## Macmillan Coffee Morning Creates A Stir

Staff break time on Friday 28th September was no ordinary break time. Freshly brewed coffee was served and homemade cakes filled the drawing room table in support of the annual Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Mrs Leach organised this event which has raised a lovely donation for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you wish to find out more about the Macmillan Cancer Support charity visit their website: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/> .




## LINDEN WIND ORCHESTRA

*Winners of the  
Boosey and Hawkes TV  
Orchestra Competition*

**Aldro**  
*is proud to host*  
**The Linden Wind Orchestra**  
on  
**Saturday 6th October**  
at 7:30 pm

Reserve this date for an outstanding evening of music that is sure to delight you. The Linden Wind Orchestra, comprising of more than 40 musicians, will be playing music from Films, West End shows and Classical favourites.

Established in 1984, the Linden Wind Orchestra has appeared on television for the BBC Children in Need and has performed for many charities throughout the UK.

Tickets are priced at only £6.00 which includes an interval drink. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a fantastic evening. to book tickets or for more information:

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