



The Pilgrims' Way

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The Headmaster Writes

This term we are thinking about **our common pilgrimage**, yours and mine. It is a concept that goes back into the mists of history, and is uniquely part of our school's identity. The arts and music festival planned for the cathedral later this term ('The Pilgrims' Way') will put some flesh on the concept through speech and poetry, displays – both art and work, music and pre-recorded audio-visual stimuli. It should be a brilliant affair and for this year only will replace both Recita and the Summer Concert.

Anticipating this, and in the place of a school fete, we are having a school pilgrimage – a sponsored walk along the pilgrims' way – in our case, from near Cheesefoot Head back to the school, on May 22. It is some 6 miles, but shorter versions will be possible for the younger years. Culminating with a swim and barbeque, it is latent with huge possibilities and lingering meaning. And having walked it yesterday with the Bursar and Geoffrey Hammond, it is breathtaking – in both senses! But it will need your support, enthusiasm and commitment if it is to succeed. This is a school affair and it is anticipated that – as a regular school day – it will involve all the pupils – even the Pre-Prep. If parents wish to join us for the walk, so much the better: your presence will be valued.

Sponsorship will be important, for the charities nominated are worthy. Two have been nominated, one local and one international.

The Red and White Appeal of Southampton Hospital. Many of you will know of the appeal which is trying to raise £1 million to establish a unit for fighting children's blood cancer: it is a cause that needs our total support, especially those of us with children.

Education Uganda is a charity placing small chalk boards into schools. As some of our earlier years use small white boards and marker pens to assist learning even in our small classes, so these Ugandan schools use small chalk boards to help teachers in their task of educating some 70 or 80 keen pupils each in their makeshift classes. What a challenge, and yet some £100 per school can transform teaching and learning. And it does work!

The Pilgrims' Parents Association is lending its help and support in helping to organise and manage the event, and your help is needed too. We need marshals at key points, and walking monitors, and helpers, and drivers and And



then there will be help needed with the barbeque, and the Krispy Kremes, and... sponsorship forms, and monies... Will you help? Do please be generous with your time and your support. A simple telephone call or email to the school Office will be much appreciated. It should be a most wonderful experience – weather permitting!

More details to follow next week!

White Shirt & Jackets on Saturday— Confirmation

Collection Times on Saturday

1200 – normal time for Juniors

1530 – normal time for those doing Senior games

1600 – later time for those involved in Set Matches.

No School on Monday

The school is closed on Monday – it is a Bank Holiday.

From the Director of Studies

News on registrations at Canford. There are Waiting Lists for all 2010 entries. Headmaster's List (a competitive reserve list) is operating for 2011 and 2012. There are a few available places for boy boarders for 2013. Canford's registrar is Mike Owen, 01202 847207 admissions@canford.com

Year 7 Listeners

Many boys in Year 7 are keen to try to be prefects in their last year. To help them prepare for the possibility of such a position, they may take on a pastoral role in the summer term – the Year 7 Listener. These boys will relieve the present prefects of some of their duties and always be ready to listen to a boy with a worry. 19 boys applied in writing; all 19 were made up on Monday.

Matthew Harris
Geordie Bull
Tom Shaw
James Mocatta
Will Bryant
Oliver Mitchell
Toby Wilders
Phil Normand
Tom Wigley
Hugo Lees
Freddie H-B
Luke Magill
Matthew Iddeson
Luke Berry
Jack Miller
James Mathews
Angus Robinson
Angus Thackray
James Jordan

Very well done!

From the Bursar

During the school holiday there were several occasions when parents and children went into school unknown to school staff. This must not take place as with maintenance going on there are some areas where they may be hazards. Additionally without knowledge of your presence then there would be problems in the event of a fire, or when locking up at the end of the day. Furthermore we have different rules for contractors coming on site during holidays as regards child protection. You should not need to come into the school, but if you do please come to the front door and inform the office, bursar or facilities manager. Thank you.

Close observers will have noticed that the artificial wicket at Wolvsey has been renewed. After years of service the old carpet was looking very tired and this Easter it has been replaced by a new wicket and the bedding renewed. The School is most grateful to the parents association for a very generous donation towards the cost of this project; their support has enabled us to purchase the highest standard of wicket and is, as ever, much appreciated. There is no truth in the rumour that they were happy to support this in the hope that the new carpet would deaden the effects of Mr Shroff's pace attack in the Parents Staff match on 16 May. MK



Lost

Robert Mardall has lost his named green jumper. Please could everyone check that they have the correct one at home. Many thanks.



Wanted

Polite, educated, clean, Finnish 20-year-old man with perfect English needs room to let. He is working for the Byers family full time. He also needs a second-hand car. Tel 01489 890221

Quiristers Concert

On Saturday, 19th June at 7pm, fresh from their highly acclaimed Italian tour, the Quiristers will be giving a concert in the intimate surroundings of St Peter and St Paul's Church, King's Somborne, near Stockbridge. This is a remarkable opportunity to hear this world-class choir at close quarters, with an evening of sacred and secular music which will stir the soul and put a tingle in your toes. If you are interested in attending the concert, please see the advertisement below which gives booking details. Proceeds will be divided between the Winchester College Quirister Fund and The Friends of King's Somborne Church.'



Match Reports

1st XI v Woodcote House
Pilgrims 167-9 dec
(G Mitchell 73*)
Woodcote House 67-7
(G. Petrie 3-4)
Match drawn

As in 2009, this proved to be an excellent fixture and a positive way to start the season. Having been inserted, Pilgrims progressed towards the hundred steadily after a good start from Rollo Quinalt and Toby Wilders. Gus Mitchell maintained the momentum, playing positively and a lot straighter than last year. However, wickets tumbled around him in familiar fashion and it appeared that 130 would only just be reached having been 85 for 1! However, good partnerships between the captain and Ben McCleary, Tom Pumphrey and Jack Edmonstone respectively somehow got the score beyond 150 as a couple of crucial catches went down (Jack being dropped first ball cost 30 would cost 30 runs!).



In reply, Woodcote never found the momentum needed to threaten to complete a big run chase, especially after Charlie Kinnear's beautiful new ball spell (he was unlucky only to take one wicket). Pilgrims strove

hard for victory, with Gus using attacking fields well and when George Petrie snapped up three wickets in the final five overs a victory looked possible. However, their tail held out gamely and as six o'clock came round stumps were drawn. Overall, this was a very pleasing start, with contributions from most and improvements to be targeted for all.

1st XI vs Moultsford
Pilgrims 97 all out, Moultsford 81-8
(Jack Edmonstone 5-9).

Match drawn

After another solid start by Rollo Quinalt and Toby Wilders the middle order collapsed in alarming fashion. It was only a late partnership between Charlie Kinnear and Dom Judd that allowed Pilgrims to post a total to defend. Will Docherty bowled well with the new ball but it was Jack Edmonstone who nearly bowled the team to victory. Gus Mitchell marshalled his fielders well, ably assisted by vice captain Tom Allinson.

2nd XI vs Moultsford
Pilgrims' 97 all out
(Geordie Bull 27, Patrick Hobbs 19 not out)
Moultsford 83 all out
(Anash Croker 5 for 21, Phil Normand 3 for 12,
Danny Tomlinson 2 for 21)
Pilgrims won by 14 runs

A very good team performance with every member playing their part. They worked hard as a unit, encouraging each other throughout the game. This was a most encouraging start and gives the team plenty to look forward to and to work on in the coming weeks.



3rd XI vs Moultsford
Pilgrims 143 all out
(Vere Whittome 40)
Moultsford 69-6
Match Drawn

In a drawn match, Pilgrims had the upper hand but were unable to bowl out stubborn opposition. Batting first, Vere Whittome played a classy innings and alongside skipper James Colvin, the first wicket partnership put on 42 runs. Down the order, Ben Hurd, Tom Shaw and Will Bryant batted well. Set a target of 144, Moultsford set out for the draw. Ben Hurd 2, James Colvin, Hugo Lees and Will Bryant took the wickets. A solid start to the 3rd XI season.

Colts A vs Moultsford
Pilgrims 140/5 dec
(Jamie Mitchell 33*, Will Hardman 22)
Moultsford 55 all out
(Will Hardman 4-6, Myles Docherty 3-15)
Pilgrims won by 85 runs

The batting showed the expected jitters that the opening match can bring as batsmen try to remember from the previous season to survive at the crease. At 31/3 the jitters were setting in but some very solid and confident batting saw Jamie Mitchell (33*) and skipper Will Hardman (22) score a match-winning partnership of 50 plus. The bowling attack showed great depth, variation and thought with some effective and frequent changes made by the skipper. While all boys deserve a mention the noteworthy performances came from Will Hardman (4-6) and a classy spell of legspin from Myles Docherty (3-15).

Colts B vs Moultsford
Pilgrims 73 all out
 (Robbie Stelling 19 not out)
Moultsford 46 all out.
Pilgrims won by 27 runs

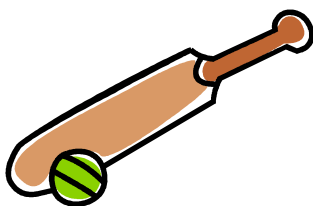
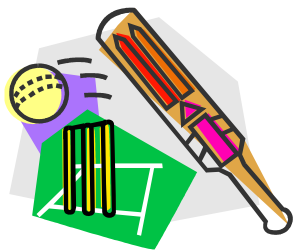
We were put into bat first and struggled to keep the run rate going. Our first few batsmen were out relatively cheaply, mainly due to the age-old problem of playing across the wicket to straight balls. It took Robbie Stelling to steady the ship and he played very sensibly as wickets fell around him. Despite picking up a lot of extras, we never looked like getting a big score and were much better when we attacked in the last few overs. I have to admit that I didn't think that 73 was going to be enough to win, but some tight bowling and fielding stopped Moultsford from getting a start and we quickly began to pick up wickets. It was good to see the whole team bowling well and Johnny Blaxland secured the win with two wickets in the Last two balls. An excellent match to start the season.

Foals A vs Moultsford
Pilgrims' 70 all out
 (Dylan Allenby-Ryan 25)
Moultsford 73 for 4

Moultsford had one outstanding bowler who tore our opening batsmen to pieces in the first four over he took five wickets. Fortunately, Dylan kept some hope alive for us. A good partnership with Toby Calder put us in a reasonable position. Moultsford came in to bat and again one strong batsman brought the game to a quick conclusion.

Foals B Cricket

The first of two replacement fixtures for Foals B takes place on Saturday 8th May.
 The Foals B are away to Cheam. The match starts at 1415.



Set matches on Saturday

The first round of the school set cricket matches takes place this Saturday, starting at 1345. It involves many boys in Years 7 and 8. If your son is involved, he will know by the end of Friday. Parents are most welcome to come and support. Let us hope for sun.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Geordie Bull who has qualified for the IAPS Swimming Finals taking place in Crawley on Saturday 15th May. He will be swimming in the U12 50m breaststroke against swimmers from prep schools all over the country. We wish him the best of luck!



Walking 115 Miles in 7 Days

My 4 year-old cousin Maddie has Cystic Fibrosis, one of the UK's most common, life-threatening, inherited diseases. Her two-hour daily treatment regime includes two sessions of physiotherapy and over 25 doses of antibiotics, enzymes, supplements and other medicine, and her life-expectancy is less than half what it would be if she did not have CF.

This half term I am walking 115 miles along the North Downs Way, from Farnham to Canterbury Cathedral, to raise money for the CF Trust, the leading CF charity in the UK, and the only one dedicated to every aspect of CF, from helping families adjust to diagnosis, to funding cutting-edge research.

If you would like to find out more or to sponsor me, please visit [my JustGiving page \(http://bit.ly/mjt_ndw\)](http://bit.ly/mjt_ndw). Thank you!



The Staff v Parents Cricket Match

After last year's abandonment owing to rain, this enjoyable fixture resumes on Bailey on Sunday 16th May. Robbie Constant has kindly offered to run the Parents' team and any parent wishing to be play should contact him on robert.constant@jpmorgancazenove.com. The 25 over match will start at 11am and will be followed by a picnic on the fields. All parents, friends and supporters are very welcome to join us! AH

