

# Feltonfleet Weekly

Friday 20th January 2012



## From the Headmaster

### Journeying with the Wards (part 2) – 2001-2002

I vividly recall my first day in September 2000. My maiden school assembly and the collapsed music stand which you read about last week dispatched to history, I returned to my wonderful study where I gazed out of the large bay window towards the rhodis and the green great yonder. Panic seized me as this moment of calm gave way to two questions which had sprung urgently to mind. Where had everyone gone? And what was I supposed to do now?! Self-doubt wasn't far below the surface still a year later, sometime in August 2001, when I remember walking around the school at the end of the summer holiday admiring the moderate and fairly superficial improvements which we had just about managed to fund during that long holiday. Some repainted classrooms, the start of a new campus lighting project (it was a place of utter darkness until then), a scattering of new classroom furniture, and a valiant effort by our Estates team to make a difference where ever we could around the school.

The Year 8 leavers had funded a tree seat which many still enjoy today outside what were then the squash courts (now our changing rooms). It had been beautifully hand crafted by one of my best friends, and he and I spent a couple of August days in late summer levelling the ground and bolting it in place. But, the question which nagged was a year into my Headship, did it amount to enough? Where were the visible and tangible signs of progress? As a new Head, paranoia and fear of failure is never far from the surface (actually that's probably true of more experienced Heads, too) and I would often wonder as the first year gave way to our second if there would ever be sufficient evidence of the Ward regime? Well, in the same way that we never see our own children growing (but clearly they are) so osmosis was playing its part. The place had started to feel different, more familiar, and heading where I hoped it might; there were some shiny new and improved areas; and new people were arriving who would make a difference. Small steps, but the transformation was underway.

It's people that make schools, of course, not things (though the things help, of course). Alan Barnes (a good person, and not a thing, you understand) was my first appointment. At long last a school caretaker, which meant my locking up duties at the end of the day were over (thank goodness). Sheila, his wife, would become one of our Matrons not long afterwards and they were warmly welcomed to The Lodge. Peter Harn-den was the second of my new team and overnight he and I introduced Design and Technology. This was an exciting and innovative time.

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Peter inherited a workshop which, with its heavy duty lathes, drilling machines and industrial saws looked more like a Victorian work house than a modern and high-tech studio. Peter set to work, we found him some funds, and by September 2001 the youngsters returned to a very different and creative experience within The Rutherford Building. Charisma and energy abounded when Paola Matthews joined us, too, and Junior Department French surged forwards as a result. Even closer to home Sue Ward joined the teaching staff as a full time Year 3 teacher after a first year filling in here and there, and Sally Stuart became our first dedicated Registrar. Growing days lay ahead, and we wanted to manage the eagerly (prayed for!) interest in our school as professionally as possible. A new and glossy prospectus, and a new if rather static web site, brought added vitality and regeneration, and we looked ahead eagerly to the excitements which doubtless lay ahead.



Many of the systems, schemes and ideas which we innovated that year are part of the school's fabric and tradition in 2012. For instance, in September 2001, in deference to the charge towards co-education, Kate and Rakan were our first ever joint Heads of School. This was our son's year group, and these young people are twenty three years old now! Headmaster's coffee mornings were a brave new event, and regarded with some suspicion here and there! Nic Calvey, who was married to my then Head of Boarding, Chris, and I persuaded some parents to help us fund a new school library and much of that term was spent realising our vision which duly opened to a minor fanfare in the Leisure Centre. It was a humble start – two bookcases, a box of new books, and a filing system neither of us could fathom! The children piled in, and we marked a safe crossing across the car park with some tiny orange cones (Alan's first job of the day!).

Peter Breakwell and I, along with Daniel Webb, our brainstorming Director of PE, agreed to take two rugby 7's teams up to North Yorkshire to play in the Malsis 7's. We travelled in the school's only two minibuses, one of them had seen better days, and were relieved to return in one piece. Legend has it that my successor, who was at the tournament with his Fettes team, had a restless night's sleep thanks to the nocturnal snoring of DW! The first ever gathering of our new Marketing Committee, a very modern idea for the time, crafted the school's first strap line. Little did we imagine that we should become so tightly entwined with the notion that our school is a community "where individuals really matter".

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For the girls in our school, sport was a major reason for being here by now and we had worked hard to beef up the fixture list for our swelling girl numbers. The first ever girl tour, Netball to Jersey, was a major highlight, though netball seemed somewhat secondary to the shopping and the discos I seem to recall. For the boys a memorable rugby tour to Italy with an undefeated 1<sup>st</sup> XV. The Ward family travelled as one, and we have happy memories of arriving on the Island of Elbe with our tour party only to pull up outside what was described as a hotel but which looked to me like a disused farm building (which it clearly was). Needless to say, I went all Italian on our speechless hosts, and we were quickly moved to a very pleasant four-star affair by the sea. What a trip! The team returned intact (in spite of a moderately embarrassing encounter for the HM with a metal detector at the airport), and the team returned unbeaten! In those days it was November school exams for everyone, and the first ever Prefects' Christmas Show, this one in the Memorial Hall, our lad dressed as a candle! Hundreds of hand written reports later (ink and separate slips in those days, three times a year and seemingly endless production of them), and we had survived our fourth term at Feltonfleet.



The Spring Term 2002 was busy; too busy if I recall rightly. But Sandra Cason had come to help me as my new PA, and some of you will remember that a sporty and ambitious new Director of Studies called Steve MacManus came on board. An early assembly demonstration of his black belt karate skills convinced even the most troublesome of Year 8s that this was not a chap to mix with. We were inundated with new ideas (sorry!) and excitements. A weekly lecture programme had something for everyone though. "Crossing the Atlantic in a small boat" made hefty demands of a becalmed audience. A whole school creativity day was a foretaste of things to come, perhaps. I will never forget the last minute improvisation and imagination which ensured that the Mem Hall was astonishingly full of artistic wonders for a Boarders' Art Exhibition, a commendable effort even if one boarder attempted to pass off an IKEA print as his latest creation!

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Our first ever Senior Schools' Fair caused much excitement and in endeavouring to boost our commitment to co-education it was probably a naughty strategy of mine to locate all the girls' schools exhibitors on a distant, gloomy and inaccessible corner of the gallery! The scholars had a day out in London with PCW, and we enjoyed a unique private tour of the archives at the Imperial War Museum. The highlight of this manic term? Probably the astonishing production of a specially written play, *The Rumpelstiltskin Racket*. It absorbed the school for the whole term, and in all sorts of ways had quite an impact. The sports hall became one gigantic set, and we marvelled at the energy and ambition of it all.



In a week in 2012 when our swimmers have won a magnificent swimming match against St Edmunds, staged in our new swimming pool, a diary entry for the summer term 2002 caught my eye. It reminds me that we were hammered in the same fixture ten years ago, and our own pool played humble host to the humiliation. A measure of our progress, perhaps? That summer term saw so much happening, I simply can't do justice to it here. The Queen's Golden Jubilee saw a flurry of events at Feltonfleet; Badgers won the Year 5 and 6 Section Swimming, and our photo of the team includes a very young member of our current Year 8! The Friends hosted a very swanky dinner dance at St George's Hill Golf Club; our U-13 girls won the Epsom Superstars competition, no small feat given the team of four were the only girls in Year 8 that year. Parents surged along to our inaugural senior school heads' panel evening; and the Bursar and this HM surprised every single onlooker, not to mention one another, by winning an IAPS golf tournament, and the closest to the pin challenge (easily my highlight of the year but how on earth did I find time to play golf in those days?!) At a time when I could still hit a golf ball I took four admirable Year 8 golfers to the IAPS championships at Lytham. All was fine until we saw Nick Faldo's son on the first tee, and morale evaporated rapidly; and I repositioned Prize Day at the end of term, and the format emerged which we still see today.



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I imagine the summer holiday in 2002 was much needed by all of us. For the Wards, it was a quick tidy of our one year old garden, and a first summer in our new home in France. For the school it was to mark the first summer holiday of major improvements around the school for many years, and the prospect of a school inspection to come in October. And all this was just ten years ago!

If you can bear it there might be a glimpse of year 3 next time!  
Have a very good weekend.



## Middle & Upper School News

Feltonfleet is particularly proud of two of our Year 8 musicians who have been accepted into national musical ensembles. Oliver Champness has been selected to sing in Cambiata, one of the National Youth Choirs and Yeon Soo Choi will be playing her violin in the National Children's Orchestra this year. Congratulations to both on their fantastic achievements! Also an enormous well done to Nick Phizackerley, also in Year 8, who has qualified for the finals of the Surrey Swimming Championships. This is open to swimmers who attend schools and swimming clubs from all over the county and is a tremendous achievement. Many congratulations.

**Simon Pomeroy (Head of Middle and Upper School)**

## Academic News

### Positive Learning at Feltonfleet

Courage, determination, ambition and a positive attitude within their learning was shown by seven pupils within Year 6 this week.

These pupils put themselves forward, prepared themselves and took the challenge of the Feltonfleet 11+ academic scholarship.

Problem solving questions were asked within the Mathematics paper whilst a Poetry element formed part of the English assessment.

Thinking outside the box is certainly a skill of a scholar and these pupils certainly did themselves proud.



**Jane Ashfold, Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning)**

# Lower School News

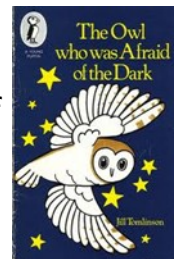
There has been plenty of evidence of 'Positive Learning' in **Lower School** this week.

**Nursery** are learning about materials and have set up a fabric shop, looked at where wool comes from through the nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and used different materials for collage and junk models.



The dinosaur investigation has begun in **Reception**; lots of role play and art work and they are looking forward to their dinosaur hunt - watch this space!

**Year 1** have been writing stories based on 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' and designing their own book covers, as well as preparing for their exciting trip to the Science Museum next week.



'London's burning, London's burning. Fire! Fire!.....' **Year 2** have been finding out all about the Great Fire of London. Following some exciting role-play, they wrote detailed eye-witness accounts of what happened.

Following on from the Greek drama workshop last week, **Year 3** have been exploring Greek Theatre and acted out scenes from 'The twelve Labours of Hercules' in the style of Greek Theatre.



As part of their Art programme of study, **Year 4** had a fabulous time at the Watts Gallery in Guildford. They experienced 'Gallery and Chapel Explore and Draw sessions' and an art workshop. The visit enabled the children to appreciate not only Watts' paintings, but also his magnificent sculptures and intricate tile work. The children behaved superbly, showing enthusiasm and interest throughout. A super day out and a big thank you to Carol Message for organising the visit.

All the Juniors played in matches this week, with the U8 girls playing their first ever hockey matches. Well done to everyone!

Have a restful weekend.

**Sue Ward, Assistant Head (Lower School)**

# Boarding News

Apologies for not submitting anything into the newsletter last week – I was a touch busy bringing my son Charlie, who was born on 23 Dec, home to the Boarding House! It is always great to have new faces join the boarding community although we did not expect this face quite so early. It was a stunning Christmas present however and the boarders have been very keen to meet our son in the same way that he was keen to get here, 6 weeks earlier than planned.

Thank you to all of the parents for the kind messages that Claire and I have received. Having a child in Special Care, albeit a short period of time was not easy. It is the second time that we have been there and the staff at the Royal Surrey are simply brilliant! We hope to be getting Charlie out and about to meet everyone very soon.

I remember when my daughter was born and first introduced to the boarders 3 years ago, how much of an impact it had on the boarders and I am still amused by the impact that a small person can have on a group of rough and tough Year 8 boys all eager to say hello and have him grip their fingers with his little hand. We are lucky to live in a boarding community where Charlie and Evie have so many helpful and happy big brothers and sisters!

New additions aside, the term rolls on and we find ourselves all working hard to prepare for the coming exams. Learning how to make use of revision time is sometime hard but we have made sure that the Year 8 boys and girls have plenty of time and guidance as they fine tune their revision in the coming weeks.



**Peter Harnden, Head of Boarding**

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## 1. HEADMASTER'S NOTICES

### **An evening with Martin Collier, Headmaster of St John's School Leatherhead, Tuesday 24th January 7pm**

This will be a wonderfully informative evening. The presentation will start promptly at 7pm and will be followed by drinks and canapés in the PAC. If you have not already replied but would like to attend, please rsvp to [lucy.goodall@feltonfleet.co.uk](mailto:lucy.goodall@feltonfleet.co.uk)  
<http://www.stjohnsleatherhead.co.uk/>

### **Year 6 Coffee Morning Friday 27th January**

Parents of pupils in Year 7 are invited to a Coffee Morning with the Headmaster on Friday 27th January at 8.30am.

I warmly invite you to join Sue and me, together with a number of colleagues, in the Old Library. Please reply by email to my PA [lucy.goodall@feltonfleet.co.uk](mailto:lucy.goodall@feltonfleet.co.uk)

*Yours sincerely, Phil Ward*

## 2. LOWER SCHOOL NOTICES

### **Junior Swimming Club Cancelled on Monday 23rd Jan**

This is due to a Swimming Gala. Any children not going home are welcome to stay in school and do prep instead.

### **Girls' Hair**

Please can I remind you that girls' hair should be neatly tied back if it is shoulder length or longer. For shorter hair, please ensure that hair is kept off the face with either an alice-band or hair clips.

### **Calvi Parent Consultations**

Thank you to all Calvi parents for your prompt replies about parent consultation evenings. You should have all received the confirmation of your appointment.

### **Year 1 and 2 Hockey Session — Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2pm**

Parents are invited to come and watch the Year 1 and 2 hockey session with the Rowan School on the Astro. This is a coaching session and match tea will be served in Calvi Hall afterwards. I hope you can come along.

*Sue Ward, Assistant Head (Lower School)*

## 3. Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Apologies for the confusion with the dates of the French trip. The French trip will be for children currently in Years 5 and 6 and will run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Unfortunately this trip does clash with the Dubai sports tour but these were the only dates available to us.

*James Lanzon.*

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## Boys' Results

### Rugby

#### Wed 18 Jan

1<sup>st</sup> XV v Hoe Bridge 1<sup>st</sup> XV Won 40-0  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Hoe Bridge 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Won 56-0  
3<sup>rd</sup> XV v Homefield 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Won 24 - 7  
U11 A v Hoe Bridge U11A Lost 42-0  
U11 B v Hoe Bridge U11B Lost 35-0  
U10 A v Hoe Bridge U10A Won 30 - 5  
U10 B v Hoe Bridge U11B Won 45 - 5  
U11 C v Hoe Bridge U11C Won 30-10

#### Thurs 20 Jan

U9A v Hoe Bridge U9A Drew 10-10  
U9B v Hoe Bridge U9B Lost 30-5  
U9C v Hoe Bridge U9C Drew 10-10

U8A-D Triangular with Aldro and Hall Grove

U8A v Hall Grove U8A Drew 11-11  
U8A v Aldro U8A Won 10-8  
U8B v Hall Grove U8B Lost 8-7  
U8B v Aldro U8B Won 8-6  
U8C v Hall Grove U8C Drew 7-7  
U8C v Aldro U8C Won 5-4  
U8D v Hall Grove U8D Lost 8-6  
U8D v Aldro U8D Lost 8-5

### Girls and Boys Swimming

#### Tues 17 Jan

U10 – U13 Mixed swimming Gala  
Feltonfleet 123 points beat St.Edmunds 116

## Girls' Results

### Wed 18 Jan

#### Netball

U13A v Eagle House U13A Lost 29-7  
U13B v Eagle House U13B Lost 16-6  
U12A v Eagle House U12A Won 17-12  
U12B v Eagle House U12B Won 12-6

#### Hockey

U11A v Eagle House U11A Lost 10-0  
U11B v Eagle House U11B Lost 4-0  
U10A v Eagle House U10A Drew 3-3  
U10B v Eagle House U10B Won 6-0

#### Thurs 19 Jan Hockey

U8A v Eagle House U8A Won 4-2  
U8B v Eagle House U8B Lost 1-0  
U9A v Eagle House U9A Lost 5-1  
U9B v Eagle House U9B won 4-3



*Matt Rochford & Amanda Wright*

## Next Menu

Week 4(2): Monday 23rd Jan to Friday 27th Jan

### Boarding Breakfast

Full cooked English breakfast/cereals/toast/juices/tea served each morning

### Lunch

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<i><b>Main Meal:</b></i> Chicken in Black Bean sauce	<i><b>Main Meal:</b></i> Cottage pie	<i><b>Main Meal:</b></i> Creamy Chicken casserole	<i><b>Main Meal:</b></i> Mince Beef, Onion & Vegetable Pie	<i><b>Main Meal:</b></i> Tuna, Tomato & Basil Ragù
<i><b>Vegetarian Meal:</b></i> Sweet & Sour Quorn	<i><b>Vegetarian Meal:</b></i> Sun dried Tomato Arrabiata Pasta	<i><b>Vegetarian Meal:</b></i> Sweet chilli stir-fry with egg noodles	<i><b>Vegetarian Meal:</b></i> vegetable stew and dumplings	<i><b>Vegetarian Meal:</b></i> Roasted Vegetable Parcel
<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Soy Sauce and Ginger Stir-fried Vegetables	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Fresh Diced Swede	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Fresh sliced Leeks	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Baby Carrots	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Peas
<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Broccoli florets	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Garden Peas	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Steamed sweet corn	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> Sautéed White Cabbage	<i><b>Vegetable:</b></i> baked beans
<i><b>Potato/Noodles:</b></i> Noodle Nest	<i><b>Potato:</b></i> Buttered and Herbed	<i><b>Potato:</b></i> Steamed new potatoes	<i><b>Potato:</b></i> Creamed Potatoes	<i><b>Potato:</b></i> Paprika & Thyme Wedges
<i><b>Hot Dessert:</b></i> Golden Syrup sponge & custard	<i><b>Hot Dessert:</b></i> Banoffee Pie	<i><b>Hot Dessert:</b></i> Double chocolate sponge & milk chocolate sauce	<i><b>Hot Dessert:</b></i> Greek Yogurt & Honey	<i><b>Hot Dessert:</b></i> Banana & Peach custard

***Available Daily:*** A selection of salads & Delicatessen sliced meats, fresh sliced breads, fresh Yogurts, Apple, Bananas, Oranges, Pears.

### Supper

2-course hot meal served each evening with vegetarian option available, plus salad bar

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## Week 4

### January 23 - 29

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#### Monday 23

10.35am	Flute choir	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Orchestra	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
<b>4pm (H)</b>	<b>U13 - U9 boys' swimming gala v Chinthurst</b>	
<b>4 - 5pm</b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 boys' cricket club</b>	<b><i>Sports Hall</i></b>
<b>5.30 - 6.30pm</b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 boys' cricket club</b>	<b><i>Sports Hall</i></b>

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#### Tuesday 24

8.35am	Year 5 to the National Portrait Gallery	
12.30pm	Recorder Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
<b>3.30 - 6.30pm</b>	<b>Judo clubs Calvi 3.30-4.15, Juniors 4.15 -5.00, Seniors 5.30- 6.30</b>	<b><i>Calvi Hall</i></b>
4.30pm	Socrates Society : Renaissance Polyphony - Kathryn Glover	<i>Cherry Tree House</i>
7pm	An evening with Martin Collier, Headmaster, St John's Leatherhead	<i>Memorial Hall</i>

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#### Wednesday 25

9am	Year 1 visit to Science Museum	
9am	Reception visit to Painshill Fire Station	
<b>12 noon</b>	<b>U13A &amp; U12A Surrey netball</b>	<b><i>Croydon High School</i></b>
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>1stXV, 3rdXV &amp; U11A rugby v Cranleigh</b>	
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>2ndXV, 4thXII &amp; U11B rugby v Cranleigh</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U10 A - C rugby v King's House</b>	
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>U13B girls' hockey v Barrow Hills</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U11A &amp; U10B girls' hockey v Barrow Hills</b>	
<b>2.30pm (A)</b>	<b>U11B &amp; U11C girls' hockey v Cranleigh</b>	
<b>2.30pm (H)</b>	<b>U10A netball v Twickenham Prep</b>	<b><i>St Mary's University</i></b>
<b>3.15pm (H)</b>	<b>U12B girls' hockey v Ripley Court</b>	

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#### Thursday 26

12.30pm	Junior String Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	Senior String Group	<i>Memorial Hall</i>
1.30pm	St John's orchestral day	
<b>2.15pm (H)</b>	<b>U9A - C rugby v Cranleigh &amp; Donhead</b>	
<b>2.15pm (H)</b>	<b>U8A - C rugby v Hawthorns</b>	
<b>2.15pm (H)</b>	<b>U8A &amp; U8B girls' hockey v Barrow Hills</b>	
<b>3pm (H)</b>	<b>U9A &amp; U9B girls' hockey v Barrow Hills</b>	
3pm	Clubs	
4.20pm	Evensong: Andrew Halls, Headmaster, KCS Wimbledon	<i>Memorial Hall</i>

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#### Friday 27

8.30am	Headmaster's coffee morning for Year 6 parents	<i>Old Library</i>
1.00pm	Junior Choir	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
2.00pm	Senior Choir	<i>Leisure Centre</i>
2.00pm	<b>U13 rugby tour departs</b>	
<b>2pm (H)</b>	<b>Years 1 &amp; 2 hockey training afternoon with Rowan School</b>	
<b>4.15 - 5.15pm</b>	<b>Years 7 &amp; 8 cricket practice</b>	<b><i>Sports Hall</i></b>

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#### Saturday 28

<b>10am</b>	<b>Senior girls section hockey matches</b>	
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#### Sunday 29

<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>U13 rugby tour returns</b>	
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