



DEVELOPMENT & OA E-BULLETIN

MARCH 2010

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first Aldenham Development & OA E-Bulletin. Now that *Aldenhamiana* is an annual publication we plan to send you an e-bulletin twice a year to keep you in touch with Development and fundraising plans at Aldenham as well as OA Events and News.

We have good news about the Annual Fund and an up to date list of events for OAs to attend. I also want to draw your attention to two charity fundraising events the School is hosting in aid of *Ripple Africa*, the African charity run by OA Geoff Furber (SH070-74), which the School supports. The first is at the end of this week, a charity concert, which I hope a few OAs living locally may be able to support, and the second on 20th March is our own version of the television series *Hell's Kitchen*. This event will include a charity auction and I will be emailing again soon with details of the auction in case you would like to make an advance bid. Further details of both events and where to buy tickets are given below.

I am always extremely grateful for all the generous support OAs give to the School and I look forward to seeing some of you this year at an OA event. I hope you will enjoy reading this first e-bulletin.



James Fowler

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The 2009/10 Annual Fund was launched in October and I am pleased to report that the response so far this year has been very encouraging. Of the list of items that we hoped to fund we have either already purchased or given the go ahead to order the following:

- Digital Language Laboratory Software
- Two 3D Models of Brains
- Five Digital Cameras
- Real Time Twin CD Recorder
- Wind Turbine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

06/03/10 7.30 pm	Ripple Africa Concert in the Chapel
10/03/10 6.00 pm	OA AGM at the School
20/03/10 7.30 pm	Hell's Kitchen, Ripple Africa Fundraiser
28/04/10 12.30 pm	Regional Lunch – Tunbridge Wells
08/05/10 2.00 pm	Memorial Service for Bill Kennedy
15/05/10	Launch Party for the Firefly Dinghies
27/06/10	OA Day – incorporating Gaudy Reunion for Beevor's House
30/06/10 5.30 pm	Evensong & Reception at Winchester Cathedral
07/07/10 2.00 pm	John Dewes Cricket Match & Tea

Full Calendar Details - [click here](#)

- Aldeburgh Harp
- Tennis Machine
- Two Firefly Sailing Dinghies.

In addition to these we are steadily building our bursary fund. The Annual Fund runs from 1 September 2009 until 31 August 2010, so if you are still considering making a donation there is plenty of time and not only would it be fantastic to be able to purchase all the items on our wish list, but increase the bursary fund significantly to be able to offer an Aldenham education to even more pupils.

OA NEWS

Bill Kennedy and Colin James

We're sorry to record the recent deaths of two prominent OAs, one a former member of staff and one a former pupil. Former Housemaster of McGill's, Bill Kennedy died on 6th December 2009 and The Rt Revd Colin James died a few days later on 9th December. There will be a memorial service for Bill Kennedy at the School at 2.00 pm on Saturday 8th May followed by a reception. For catering purposes please can you let the OA office know if you plan to attend oas@aldenham.com. A full list of deaths will appear in the next edition of *Aldenhamiana*.

Fives - Kinnaird Festival

Congratulations to Josh Rose (B94-99) & Carl Rennie (a current Yr13 pupil and son of Simon Rennie [SHO70-74]), overall winners of the Kinnaird Festival played at Eton School on Sunday 28th February, winning 12-6, 15-12 in the final. The Kinnaird Festival is an open competition and players are pupils or former pupils of schools or any members of Fives Clubs.

New Years Honours List

Congratulations to C D M Roberts (SHE53-58) who was awarded the MBE for services to the community in Merseyside.

John Dewes Cricket Match – Wednesday 7th July 2010

This will be the inaugural *John Dewes Cricket Match* between the School 1st XI and an invitation team. OAs are invited to come and watch the match from 2.00 pm onwards and join the players for tea. We hope John Dewes (B40-45), Aldenham's only Test Cricketer, will be able to join us for tea and the last session and to present the winner's trophy. Please let Jackie Wilkie know if you would like to attend jackie@aldenham.com.

CCF Inspection



The CCF was reformed at the School three years ago after an absence of 17 Years, the original CCF (OTC) being formed in 1908. OA Field Marshal the Lord Vincent of Coleshill GBE KCB DSO was invited back to Aldenham in October to be the Inspecting Officer at the CCF's first Biennial Inspection.

Lord Vincent is seen here on Inspection Day standing in front of the bust of another military OA, General Sir Richard Gale GCB KBE DSO MC, who after a distinguished and successful WWII career became Commander-in-Chief of the British Army on the Rhine and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

The CCF and School Choir are planning a trip to Ypres in Northern France on Friday 6th May 2011 to dedicate a memorial plaque in St George's Church, Ypres, in memory of all OAs who gave their lives in the Great War. We hope OAs will want to join us there. There are no details of this event yet, but if you are interested please put the date in your diary.

Devlin14 Films Ltd

Devlin14 Films Ltd is a film company set up by three Old Aldenhamians, Ben, Toby and Adrian who all left school in 2009, to produce the feature film *Clovis Dardentor*. It also runs the buyacredit.com project which has gained much celebrity as well as public support www.buyacredit.com. Recently the boys made a short film called *Jam*, which starred well known faces such as Frank Skinner and Stephen Fry and was an excellent opportunity for them to develop their skills.

However they are very keen to use what they have learnt in the last few years and are now offering out their services in film production. Professional quality music videos, promotional films and advertising are projects which they are able to handle, and it would be fantastic if anyone thought they could use them. Cheaper than other production companies, but in no way less professional, they would love to hear if anyone is interested. For reference to previous work:

Jam Short film: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXqbZtdNOK0>

Aldenham promo <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv4maWoJVRs>

Contact info:

Devlin14 Films, Cameo House, Bear Street, Leicester Square, London WC2H 7AS benjaminrobbins@buyacredit.com Tel: 020 7766 5256

Charity Concert in aid of Ripple Africa - Saturday 6th March

As part of their 'Airs & Graces' UK tour Portuguese Counter-tenor, Luis Pecas and Joao Santos will be performing **on Saturday 6th March in Aldenham School Chapel**. The tour has been arranged by OA Richard Bothams (SH070-74) and his wife as a result of a chance meeting with Luis Pecas and all proceeds of the Aldenham Concert will go to the School's charity *Ripple Africa*. For more information and tickets please contact Catherine Coombs, School Secretary cacoombs@aldenham.com, Tickets cost £10.

Hell's Kitchen Ripple Africa Fundraiser – Saturday 20th March

Aldenham School invites you to a food extravaganza on Saturday 20th March with its own take on the popular television show HELL'S KITCHEN. Our beautiful dining room will be transformed into a high class restaurant, offering guests the opportunity to select a three course meal from two menus, one designed and cooked by a team of staff chefs and the other created by students. There will be a champagne reception in the Library before being called in to order your food. An auction of fabulous items, including:

- A Week's Fishing for 6 Rods on the Tay
- Wine & Champagne
- Afternoon Tea at Claridges
- Sporting Memorabilia and "Foodie" Experiences.

Tickets are £35 per person. Profits will be equally shared between two charities, Ripple Africa and Build Africa, providing hope and a hand up to some of the poorest communities in the world. Please book early to avoid disappointment, via Catherine Coombs – School Secretary cacoombs@aldenham.com

More information about *Ripple Africa* and a donation form can be found [here](#).

If you are unable to read this e-Newsletter you will also find it at http://www.aldenham.com/publish/develbulletins/March_2010.php or should you have any comments or feedback with regard to this e-bulletin please contact please contact:

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