



Fyling Hall Matters

Friday 6th November (Issue 6)

Asia Strikes Gold During Residential

Half term break is an ideal time to discover new places or pick up new skills – or do both at the same time. The DofE programme inspired me to spend the week volunteering for the YHA. My ‘exotic’ holiday destination was Dorking, Surrey, where I spent five days helping with restoration of the guestrooms.

YHA Holmbury St Mary, is a lovely hostel run by Dan and Kelsie, who moved there two years ago from Bradford. When they took it over, they found the hostel neglected and in desperate need of improvement. That presented the perfect opportunity for myself and eight other DofE participants to complete our residential activity which is necessary to achieve the Gold Award.

Our help in the hostel involved painting walls and woodwork, and then cooking meals for the group. Initially, not everyone felt comfortable wielding a paint brush, and we splattered purple paint over the walls in a fairly random fashion. However, we quickly picked up

the goal of renewing ten bedrooms. To be honest, the hardest time for me was washing gloss off hair and hands – close to impossible! Despite that, seeing the effects of our hard work brought me great satisfaction, especially when the first guests arrived and praised the fresh appearance of the hostel.

Yet, my residential visit was more than just playing with paintbrushes. We had a campfire in the woods and baked s’mores (a toasted marshmallow squished between chocolate biscuits); we also climbed Box Hill which, we were told, is known in the UK for its spectacular views. However, we couldn’t confirm this because of the fog and mist swirling around on the day of our visit.

My experience at YHA was both challenging and enjoyable, and gave me the chance to learn some new, unconventional skills. It surely encouraged me to get involved in more volunteering projects in the future.

(Asia Koter)

the technique, and by Friday, the nine of us achieved

The World According to Tom...



Words of the Week

This week Next week

Tricky: **timid** **miser**

Trickier: **cowardly** **skinflint**

Trickiest: **pusillanimous** **curmudgeon**

On this day in ...

... 1605 Guy Fawkes led a Catholic plot to blow up the Protestant King of England and the Houses of Parliament.

Today many of us would call the gunpowder plot a terrorist act, but in 1605 things were not so clear cut. Catholics were not allowed to openly practise their religion and if they did, there were stiff penalties including imprisonment, fines, torture and even death.

The conspirators believed that they were fighting for their freedom of speech. When we are lighting our bonfires and setting off our fireworks, we could reflect on the true meaning of “remember, remember the fifth of November!” (Jack Starkey)

Asa Rugby World Cup Review

The All Blacks went into their final match with a 'who dares wins' attitude against Australia, a refreshing change from the cautious approach of previous reigning champions. The team certainly demonstrated how they have become the best team in the world; despite conceding 2 tries and losing a player, due to Ben Smith's yellow card in the second half, they were more than able to control and determine the result of the match, winning comfortably 34-17.

Australia played a respectable game in parts; however, it is clear there is a major gap between New Zealand's quality of rugby and that of the rest of the world (their "neighbours" included). If we can compare our own English team with the World Cup champions, there are

obvious lessons to be learned. One is the traditional approach to the game for young people in schools and clubs. Although we in Britain have a much larger population, teams here are typically built on an age group system, for example U13 and U15 teams. However, in New Zealand the age range is far wider within any particular team, which means that the focus is on an individual's skills and not their age.

On a lighter note, one suggestion is to follow the All Blacks' example with the Haka; what a great way to encourage team spirit and the determination to attack. Maybe we should consider it at Fyling Hall?

(Asa Jones)



Halloween

Years 13 and 7 completed their charity fundraising last term with a grand finale – the Fyling Hall Halloween Evening! The event contained a spooky walk, a buffet and to top it all off, an array of horror films.

First, the pupils were taken on a route all around school. They had to face an assortment of challenges (with one of the favourites being the apple bobbing), and 'scarers' frightening the groups along the way.

One of the most popular stations was situated in the maths huts, with Reece playing the role of a dead body and the Halloween 'feel-box' game, which had boxes containing anything and everything, from rice pudding to pumpkin innards. Another firm favourite was near the quarry, where the pupils were told scary stories around a campfire.

After being fabulously frightened, the pupils were then treated to a Halloween buffet, consisting of hot dogs, juice, sweets and chocolate. A choice of films was then provided, ranging from terrifying horror films to a comedy horror cartoon.

A year 8 pupil said: 'It was a great evening, despite it scaring me, and everyone was dressed up in very scary clothes and makeup. We all loved it.' Thank you to everyone who took part, including year 12s whose help was much appreciated; as well as having lots of fun, we raised over £200 for charity. (Isobella Austin)

The Week Ahead

Sat	7th	9:30am	Trip to Wet n Wild
Sun	8th	10:30am	St Stephen's Church Remembrance Sunday
Tues	10th	2:00pm	District Cross Country @ Duncombe Park
Thurs	12th	2:00pm	U15 District hockey tournament @ Lady Lumley's
		4:00pm	U15/16 rugby festival @ Malton RUFC
Fri	13th	7:30am	London Cultural trip departs
Sat	14th	11:00am	U13 Rugby v Hipperholme Grammer (Home)
Sun	15th	10:30am	Boarders to Fylingthorpe Methodist church
		2:00pm	Trip to Clip n Climb Stockton

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