



DEVIZES SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School returns for the Summer Term 2004

SCHOOL TRIP TO YPRES, BELGIUM

(11-13 March)

At 6 o'clock on the morning of 11 March, a group of Year 10s and Sixth Formers left for Ypres in Belgium.

After a long coach journey, ferry ride and another even longer coach journey, we arrived in Ypres at about 3 o'clock. We visited a particularly historic chocolate shop where we were persuaded to buy chocolate. It was a hard start to the trip! We then did some real work and visited sites in the town of Ypres, such as the Menin Gate where the last post ceremony is held, and 'In Flanders Fields' a museum that explained about the First World War in Ypres. In the evening we went to the last post ceremony and it was amazing to see the entire town quiet for it.

The next day was another early start. (The teachers did like these early starts!) We left for the Somme area in France. Here we visited sites on the southern part of the battlefield such as the Lochnagar crater and the Devonshire Regiment's cemetery. Our guide explained to us many of the points of interest on the battlefield.

After the morning touring the lower half the Somme area, we traveled into the northern part (these halves being divided by a key road in the First World War). The weather changed and it poured with rain. This did not stop us visiting several places of interest, one of these being the only state of Canada.

After another even earlier start on Saturday, we visited many war graves, the biggest of these being the Tyne Cot cemetery. We then visited the only fully preserved trenches, and waded through the mud and tunnels in our wellies!

All the students had a good time, and thanks go out to the teachers who went on the trip, the trip guide and the coach driver and his false teeth!

Daniel Edwards 10KER and Chris Truscott 10KML

Boys' Hockey Match vs Dauntsey – A note from a coach

The boys did the School proud yesterday although they lost 2-0, it wasn't through any lack of effort on their part. It was certainly a very good start.

Regards – Toby Brown

The travelling aside, from our first stop in Ypres, the war grabbed our hearts and interest. The First World War literature we study conveys the tragic mass deaths and appalling conditions the war left. This was made more vivid and real by our visits to memorial sites which all truly illustrated just how many young men were lost to the war. From the impressive large scale remembrance at Tyne Cot, where grandeur and holiness exuberated in the tall heavenly-like pillars and the inscriptions of remembrance on tall stone walls in circular continuums, to the private remote and small scale of Sheffield Memorial Park. This latter smaller scale memorial commemorating a regiment wiped out by one doomed attack brought the tragedy to a personal level and made us think of the consequences of perhaps a whole generation gone.

On the trip everything we saw, experienced and learnt has really proved to put our whole lives into perspective and we thank all who helped to organize and run it. As we wear our poppies again, I am sure the lines of John McCrae's poem 'In a Flanders Field' always will be quietly lingering in our hearts -

*'In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row'*



YEAR 10 NETBALL **Devizes v Sheldon**

This was a close match throughout, played in adverse weather conditions. At times the heavy rain and cold wind made the ball difficult to grip.

The Devizes defence showed strength and co-ordination keeping Sheldon's shooting opportunities to a minimum. At half-time Sheldon led 6-3.

Matches vs Sheldon ***Year 7A&B, 8 and 9*** ***Hockey***

Year 7 played on astro and came up against strong teams from Sheldon.

Team A drew 2-2, with goals from **Georgina Wells** and **Hannah Williams**.

YEAR 11 GIRLS' NETBALL

On Thursday 18 March 2004, Year 11 girls played a Netball Match against John Bentley.

Kayleigh Hughes and **Stacey Plumb** stepped in at the last minute to fill two empty spaces. Our whole team played well throughout the match with **Kayleigh Hughes** getting the ball down the court to **Louise Langan** who then passed to the shooters, **Natasha Harrison** (captain) and **Jade Edwards**. Defenders **Stephanie Maslen**, **Donna Bell** and **Stacey Plumb** tried their best to block shots and passes. Overall the score was 13-7 to John Bentley with **Jade Edwards** scoring two goals and **Natasha Harrison** scoring five goals.

Captain's players of the match were **Kayleigh Hughes** and **Louise Langan**.

Natasha Harrison

Under 13 Girls' Basketball

The U13 girls were invited to play in a tournament at St Peter's in Exeter on Sunday 28th March. The tournament comprised of eight teams, split into two groups of four. From here they would move on to the play-off stage to sort out their final game for positions.

Games were 2 x 7 minutes with one final 10 minutes at the end.

We took nine players, of which three had not played a game before.

Group A

St Cuthbert Mayne 4-4 Devizes

Queen Elizabeth 18-4 Devizes

St Peters A 12-8 Devizes

We came 4th in Group A.

The play-off stage

4th in Group A played 3rd in Group B

Devizes 11-10 St Peters B

In the last 30 seconds we managed to score to win.

This win allowed the girls to be challenged for 5th and 6th place.

The final game ended up being a replay of the first game they played.

St Cuthbert Mayne 12-16 Devizes.

U13 team came 5th overall.

Regardless of being behind at times, every player put in 110%; no one let themselves or their team mates down.

For the three new girls, **Katie Gale**, **Ellie Blake** and **Amber Davies**, well done. It is hard to step into a tournament when you haven't played before.

Team: **Georgina Hollis (Capt)**, **Bryony Hutchings**, **Hannah Butcher**, **Catherine Dillon**, **Lisa Trowbridge**, **Fran Hartley**, **Amber Davies**, **Ellie Blake** and **Katie Gale**.

John Pearson (Coach)