

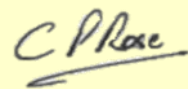
The Headmaster writes:

As England cruised to a comfortable victory over France in last week's Six Nations Rugby match, I was intrigued by their reactions after scoring their tries... a handshake, a pat on the back, maybe a high-five or the briefest of man-hugs. Even after Johnny May completed a first-half hat-trick of opportunist tries, he did nothing more than punch the air with delight before trotting back to let Owen Farrell concentrate on his conversion. Now – and this would make a fascinating essay title for our boys – compare and contrast that with some footballers' celebrations when they score a goal. Once upon a time, it was a simple case of a firm, manly handshake before returning to the centre circle for a restart – now more often than not it's a heavily choreographed routine not unlike Gangnam Style, the Macarena or (for those of you that remember it) the Time Warp. And although these celebrations invariably raise a chuckle, I cannot help feeling that if the same footballers spent the same amount of time practising their shooting, free kicks and corners, for example, they might actually have a few more goals to celebrate...

Talking of routines, the New Zealand Squad performed a brilliant version of the Haka in front of All Black

legend Sean Fitzpatrick last week. His talk to the school was simply inspirational – and how lucky we were to have already had a compelling guest speaker that morning, in the shape of Charlie Smith, the explorer. These were just two highlights of an action-packed couple of weeks to finish off the first half of term, and of course many of these events are captured here in our latest Aldrolink.

Please remember to follow our Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/AldroSchool>), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AldroSchool>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/aldroschool>) which will also highlight many of the stories from Aldro on a regular basis. Lynne and I wish all boys, parents and staff a relaxing and peaceful half-term – and if you see Jack Nowell celebrating the winning try against Wales on Saturday by performing the dance from YMCA, let me know!



Chris Rose
Acting Headmaster

Aldro Chooses A New Charity

After much discussion the Aldro school council came to the decision that Harrison's Fund would be the charity that Aldro will support throughout 2019. Harrison's Fund is a charity that raises funds to fight Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy through scientific research. The charity is named after its founder's eldest son, who was diagnosed in January 2011. Harrison's Fund has one goal: To get as much money as possible into the hands of the world's best researchers, who are working to find a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.



Scholarship Success

Many congratulations to the **ten boys** who have recently won **eleven awards** to their senior schools. We are absolutely delighted to announce that the following boys F Palmer and H Wigg have been awarded Music Exhibitions to Charterhouse, M Lenton has been awarded a Music Exhibition to Winchester College, L McGarry has been awarded a Music Scholarship to Sherborne and K Rotov a Music Exhibition to Stowe. O Golding has been awarded an Art Award & Eric Abbot (Sports) Exhibition to Cranleigh, T Elkington has been awarded a Design Engineering Scholarship at Cranleigh, B Bridges a Eric Abbott Award (Sports) to Cranleigh, S Watson has been awarded a Noble Sports Scholarship to Charterhouse and C Raeside a Peter Attenborough award for Drama at Charterhouse. Well done to them all on their outstanding achievements and we look forward to hearing more from them in the next Aldrolink. Good luck to all the boys who are taking scholarships in the next few weeks.



Visit from Ex-All Black Captain Mr Sean Fitzpatrick

Ex-All Black Captain and Rugby World Cup Winner Mr Sean Fitzpatrick joined us at Aldro for a talk with the entire school. The resounding message from the talk was that Winning Matters, the name of his latest book, although the result of any match was not the important 'winning' aspect. The winning refers to winning both individually and as a team, achieving your own goals and being encouraged to do your best in everything that you do. Rather than focusing on his All-Black rugby career, Mr Fitzpatrick discussed his school years and the impact that his teachers had when he was growing up. There were many questions on his career, though, when the boys were given the opportunity to quiz Sean at the conclusion of his talk.

The Aldro New Zealand squad entertained us with the Haka and were delighted when Sean joined them for an encore.

He then kindly gave up 45 minutes of his time to sign autographs, much to each boys' and teachers delight!

It was an honour and a pleasure to host Sean and we hope he enjoyed his day at Aldro as much as we enjoyed having him.

JA



Form 6 visit Woking Mosque

Form 6 took a trip to the oldest mosque in the country this week, the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking. The boys had a fantastic day learning lots about the culture and traditions of Islam, they were even allowed to watch a prayer which was a very spiritual and humbling experience for all. We would like to extend our thanks to the people at the Mosque for providing such an entertaining and educational day. RA



Squad News—Weekly Top Scorers

AFRICA

Week 1 & 2

Leo K

Week 3

Henry C

Week 4

Henry C

Week 5

Keson L

Week 6

Edward I

AUSTRALIA

Week 1 & 2

Benjy R

Week 3

Albie F

Week 4

Jonah Mc

Week 5

Misha D

Week 6

Tom F

CANADA

Week 1 & 2

Oliver W

Week 3

Leo S

Week 4

Oliver W

Week 5

Sam B

Week 6

Michael L

INDIA

Week 1 & 2

Kieran D

Week 3

Rocco W

Week 4

Rocco W

Week 5

Eddie H

Week 6

Jack B

NEW ZEALAND

Week 1 & 2

Harry P

Week 3

Odin DY

Week 4

Perch S

Week 5

George H

Week 6

Tom W

WEST INDIES

Week 1 & 2

Jack G

Week 3

Jed H

Week 4

Barnaby E

Week 5

Tom O

Week 6

Tom O

Mathletes of the Month

Just a reminder to all parents that your boys are able to access Mathletics at home at any time. They all have their usernames and passwords in their planner and teachers place topics specifically on the website to reflect the work that happens in lessons. It's an ideal tool for revision or consolidation or just if you want to improve your maths! Once all of the activities are finished then boys can go on to play the fun games which link safely to the internet. Please encourage your boys to spend some time on Mathletics - there are prizes and squad marks for the boys in each year group with the most points accumulated!

I am very pleased to announce our January Mathletes of the Month....

Form 3 – Kieran Duhra – 31 452 points

Form 4 – Jacob Kalika – 7 850 points

Form 5 – Austin Smithson – 6412 points

Form 6 – Robert Greenway – 6142 points

Form 7 – Alex Garawal – 13 489 points

Form 8 – Adam Anselm – 10 063 points

Look out for our special Mathletics competition for World Maths Day on Wednesday March 6th....more details to follow after half term!

Mrs Drayton

Prizes given out at Assembly

Some prizes given out at our latest Assembly

Shooting tie and badges



Many reading prizes



Rugby colours awarded

Invitation Schools Chess Tournament

Well done to the U9 and U8 chess teams who played well on Wednesday afternoon gaining valuable experience. Holy Trinity School, Guildford enjoyed their matches against the Aldro boys and all the teams enjoyed a generous match tea.

The event ended up as a triangular tournament with the A and B teams coming 1st and 2nd. Well done all the boys.



D & T at Aldro

Here is a selection of our Form 3 boys showing off their completed picture frames made in D&T.



The same boys have also been working hard on a design and make task, creating a personalised wedding card for Miss Beeby's impending wedding. The beautiful butterfly designs were inspired by the design on her wedding shoes.



D & T at Aldro

Form 7 and 8 boys have been working very hard on building the ALD-Robot and mastering their driving skills on their own interpretation of the VEX IQ circuit this half term. They represented Aldro at Cranleigh School last week, where they came 6th out of 13 teams in the Teamwork challenge, 4th in the Driver challenge and 3rd in the knockout finals.

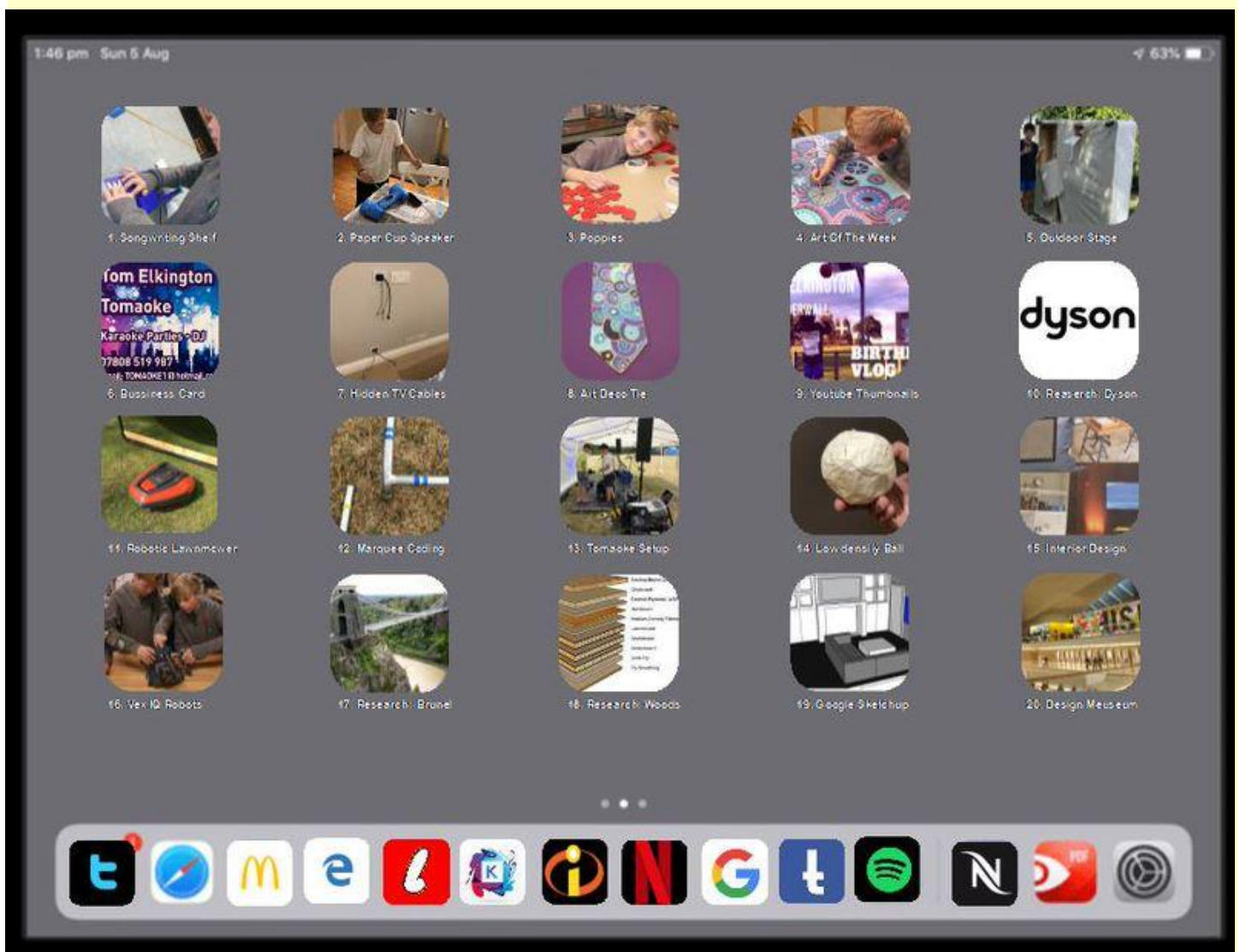


D & T at Aldro

The D&T department are also incredibly pleased and very proud that Tom Elkington has been awarded a Design Engineering Scholarship at Cranleigh School. Tom put together a very comprehensive portfolio including 30 pieces of independent work, 20 of which were shown on this visual representation of an iPad screen. He attended an interview and workshop session at Cranleigh. Their head of department had this to say about Tom.

"A very capable pupil who picked up the basics of CAD and robotics well, completed the tasks in the allotted time and persevered and found a solution. Very creative submission in the style of an iPad home screen and he spoke very well and enthusiastically about his projects and what he gets up to in his free time – quite the entrepreneur it would seem! Evidently has a genuine passion for the subject and really enjoys completing small projects in his own time. Is part of the robotics club at Aldro and was part of our prep schools event in November, after the learning how to program at the assessment day he is now planning to program Aldro's robot too."

EM





Musical Notes



Woodwind Concert

The third of this term's informal concerts got off to a flyer as the woodwind department demonstrated all their skills from Flute, Recorder, Oboe and Saxophone and the future is particularly bright with a number of boys demonstrating some outstanding talent.

Whilst some had only been learning a few weeks, others have been in the 'system' for years and whether a beginner or 'seasoned pro' we were treated to a wonderful concert where the boys gave confident and accomplished performances be it classical, folk songs, jazz or pop.

Able helped by Mr Rainer, Miss Gregory and Miss Allen and supported as always by a terrific set of parents it was a fitting and wonderful end to a usual (long!) Aldro day.



Outreach programme led us to Farncombe Infants

Being just down the road and providing us with some excellent pupils over the years, the Aldro music department visited Farncombe Infants as part of an educational outreach programme. In weeks to come the brass, woodwind, guitars, singers and pianists will visit to perform and give the pupils a taste of where they could be in a few years. But to start proceedings off the String department were first on show: B Hickey (Cello), L McGarry (Double Bass), D De Vuyst (Viola) and F Weir (Violin) all performed superbly and the pupils from Farncombe were enraptured and are very much looking forward to our next visit.



Sports Talk

The Rugby Season—U13 A's View from the Sideline

At the time of writing, the boys are in lesson 3 on Wednesday morning, and I can only apologise to their teachers because chances are they are all thinking about Shrewsbury House away this afternoon.

The inspectors are in, and there is an aura of nervous excitement around the school, will the U13's round off an exceptional season with a win, away to Shrewsbury House? A game that has been dubbed the cup final for these boys.

A quick reflection on the results sheet could allow one's self to get ahead of themselves, 12 wins and 1 loss from 13 fixtures is an astonishing feat. A win of 90% of games, which eclipses the win percentage of Eddie Jones' England.

However, what is most pleasing for me, is that a total of 22 boys have represented the A team this season, showing that it really is a Year Group effort. Of those 22, three boys were playing in the U11C's two years ago, which is testament to their hard work and desire to improve finishing representing the U13A's in their final rugby matches at Aldro.

We try to introduce a bit of structure to the play at this level, but still with a massive emphasis on playing what you see and trying different things. Hopefully if you have been along to watch, then you will have seen this in the boys play. Perhaps the French could take a leaf out of the Aldro book? They have all the skill and flair but none of the structure. Or maybe it is the Irish that need to have a quick read and unlock some of their flair!

At times we have scored some tremendous tries, and defended for our lives on plenty of occasions. Showing some excellent examples of teamwork, communication, creativity, perseverance, responsibility and independence along the way.

If we win this afternoon (I think we are allowed to be confident), there will only be 2 disappointing aspects of the season, and that is the loss of both the Moulshford and New Beacon fixtures. These two are always tough, hard fought encounters and it was a great shame that we didn't get to play them this season. I am sure however we will encounter them on the sevens circuit, so that test is still to come.

Finally, at the start of the season the boys outlined their individual expectations of each other when they pull on the red and green jersey.

Aware
Lively
Determined
Ruthless
Organised

I'll leave you to reflect, and pick out the moments that the boys have demonstrated their own expectations.

AJ

Sports Talk

The Rugby Season—U13 A's View from the Sideline

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| V Cranleigh | Won 45—5 |
| V Lord Wandsworth College | Lost 10 —45 |
| V Feltonfleet | Won 35 —20 |
| V Lambrook | Won 35-0 |
| V Westbourne House | Won 25—5 |
| V Westbourne House | Won 20—15 |
| V Danes Hill | Won 25—5 |
| V St Edmund's | Won 70-20 |



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| V The New Beacon | Canc |
| V Moultsford | Canc |
| V Highfield | Won 55 —15 |
| V Papplewick | Won 45-15 |
| V Shrewsbury House | Won 35—20 |

Sports Talk

A selection of photographs from the Aldro rugby season



Sports Talk

The Rugby Season U12 A's

The Under 12 A's have had an incredible season only losing one game, right at the very start to Cranleigh. From this point they have grown week on week into a team that play rugby way beyond their years, the improvements made as individuals and as a team have been substantial. Most notable are the performances against Danes Hill and Highfield where we walked away with two great wins. Danes hill were 3 tries to 2 up with 5 minutes to go and the boys dug deep to score two tries, one of them being run out from their own line. Highfield brought a very physical team but again the boys stepped up, didn't shy away from the contact and managed a 5 tries to 1 victory, a real team performance. It is exciting to see what the future holds for this team as they move to the top tier of prep school rugby next year but first is the sevens season.



Sports Talk

U11 Boundary Oak School 7's Tournament

This was our first ever visit to the Boundary Oak U11 7s Tournament so it was an exciting opportunity to go to a new school and play some new teams.

The tournament also proved an excellent chance to prepare for the forthcoming U11 7s Season after half term. As such we were able to have a look at a number of players who have really stepped up in recent times. Tournament rugby is a very different beast to a regular school fixture so the learning opportunities were excellent so far as preparing our team for what is to come. The ability to switch off and on at appropriate times and perform at the right time is crucial.

We began the tournament very strongly with a great performance in the opening match against Seaford College and laid down a marker for the remainder of the day. Subsequently the boys were not really challenged in the remaining group matches but did allow a regular rotation of the squad. As group winners we went through to the Cup Group which saw us play back to back matches against Farleigh & Hazelwood. We dispatched Farleigh with a clinical performance but the lack of genuine opposition throughout the tournament did not prepare us for the surprise performance of Hazelwood in our final match. A 10-15 loss was our fixture loss of the entire season and came at the ideal time to prepare us for trials ahead. Hazelwood had the advantage of watching our performance in the game against Farleigh and put in place a very effective plan to nullify our expansive style of rugby. Added to this they had a brilliant attitude and were deserved winners. Our lesson has been learnt and we will remember this going forward.

Group Games

Aldro v Seaford College

Won 20 – 0

Tries: Bourne 1, T. Watts 1, Fox 1, Osmond 1

Aldro v Ditcham Park

Won 15 – 0

Tries: Fox 2, Dento-West 1

Aldro v Oakwood

Won 10 – 5

Tries: Dyer 1, Bennet 1

Aldro v Sherborne House

Won 50 – 0

Tries: Hume 2, Jones 2, H Watts 2, Denton-West 2, Long 1, Osmond 1

Aldro v PGS

Won 25 – 0

Tries: Jones 1, T Watts 2, Denton-West 1, Long 1,

Cup Group Games

Aldro v Farleigh

Won 30 – 5

Tries: Bourne 1, T Watts 1, Denton-West 2, Long 1, Osmond 1

Aldro v Hazelwood

Lost 10 – 15

Tries: T Watts 1, Long 1

Points for: 160 Points against: 20

T. Osmond, T. Watts, H. Fox, C. Long, S. Hume, L. Jones, T. Wild, H. Watts, J. Bourne, A. Denton-West

Sports Talk

U11 Rugby Highlights



Aldro Juniors Playing Rugby

The Form 3 boys have enjoyed a fantastic first 6 weeks of tag rugby at Aldro. They have worked on passing, catching and running with the ball, as well as being shown how to score a try. We have also introduced them to the basics of tackling, which all boys appeared to love!

They have competed in many school fixtures already, playing both tag and touch rugby, and always look forward to their Thursday matches.

Well done to Form 3 for your brilliant efforts on the pitch; we have been very impressed with the progress. **JA**



Sports Talk

Highfield Cross Country

This annual event which Aldro continues to support proved another enjoyable afternoon for all concerned in exceptional conditions; a balmy 16 degrees in February! Last year it snowed.

As always the boys gave of their best but this year due to a number of factors we were somewhat off the pace in all our year groups. This is a good opportunity to reflect on our commitment to cross country and come back better next year!

Thank you to the boys who stepped in at the last moment due to all the drop outs that we had; a wonderful attitude to come and have a go!

GD

U13 BOYS

7th Place overall

10 schools

27th S. Kus
31st J. Vincent
32nd A. Anselm
35th T. Warburton

U12 BOYS

6th Place overall

10 schools

5th M. Money
26th J. Taylor
27th E. Latham
28th A. Gledhill
30th R. Gledhill

U11 BOYS

5th Place overall

12 schools

14th Z. Whitehouse
20th H. Watts
21st L. Jones
24th T. Barnes
27th O. Wootton
29th S. Hume

U10 BOYS

4th Place overall

12 schools

67 runners

8th G. Hughes
17th O. Richards
22nd S. Butcher
27th E. Barnes
47th L. Hill
48th O. Adelsbach

U9 BOYS

8th Place overall

12 schools

77 runners

19th B. Reed
22nd J. Graham
60th S. Moss
64th B. Chorley
65th A. Graham



Junior Department

Form 4 learn how to bake bread...

Our Form 4 boys learning how to bake bread with
Miss Perry and Mrs Hatton...

Watch out Mr McCoy!



Boarders' News

Boarders' Big Weekend

The last weekend was a busy one in the Aldro boarding house as we welcomed 14 of our Form 3 and 4 boys to stay for the Boarders' Big Weekend. Saturday started off with an afternoon of singing, dancing, and drawing with Miss Shaw and Miss Donaldson, then a run around outside to cheer on the older boys in their rugby matches. After a yummy supper we all set off to the Odeon to watch the new *How To Train Your Dragon* movie – with a treat of sweets and popcorn to go with it! Lots of excited boys on Sunday morning were eager to get to Gravity Force for a bounce around, with some very impressive flips and tumbles on the trampolines – trampoline dodgeball being the huge success of the day. On return to school the boys enjoyed a lovely Sunday roast for lunch, then more activities in the ASC before packing up our bags and waiting to be collected. A huge thank you to Miss Perry and Mr Rainer for all their help in making the weekend a huge success and so action-packed, and to all the boys for being such great company and on their best behaviour it is always a pleasure having our youngsters in for the weekend.



FoAA News

Aldro Quiz Night

The 14th Aldro quiz evening on Friday 8 February was another huge success and an excellent evening, enjoyed by all 17 teams that took part. Mr Linham kicked off the evening with a brilliant Abba medley on the piano, as all rounds this year were based on Abba song titles! The Form 3 and 4 reps Rebecca Reed Maddie Hatton, Samantha Graham & Alexandra Moss worked incredibly hard to ensure that the evening ran without a hitch and were well supported by our brilliant senior boarders and not forgetting Miss Shaw doing a superb job running the bar! Mr Rose ran the evening with his usual sense of humour and enthusiasm and kept all the parents (and Staff) in line! He was ably assisted by Mrs Rose and Mrs Fenwick. The 10 rounds tested everyone's intelligence (to the limit in some cases) with the varied and challenging questions, and concentration was aided by delicious fish & chips supplied by Deep Blue in Godalming. The *Just For Fun* team were the victors but there was stiff competition from *At Least We Have Our Youth* and *Yul Brynner*. The evening raised over £1,000 – a wonderful effort.



Notices & Events for your Diary....

**GOVERNOR/PARENT
FORUM**

**TUESDAY 12TH MARCH
7.00PM
CHC**

SPRING CONCERT

**TUESDAY 19TH MARCH
7.00PM
CHC**



**CAKE SALE
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH
FROM 12.30PM**



A PERFECT END OF TERM TREAT FOR BOYS, SIBLINGS, STAFF AND PARENTS!



**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH - 6.00PM
&
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH - 7.00PM**

**Save the Date
Mothers' Tennis Morning
Friday 16th May
West Surrey Golf Club**



***Summer Party
Saturday 22nd June***

