

## Message from the Principal

### Welcome to our newsletter for the Summer Term.

We started this term, rather like the last one, with an OFSTED report. This time, the School's residential provision was subject to an inspection and I am delighted to say that once again all aspects were graded as "Outstanding." The inspectors carried out a detailed, 3-day inspection, primarily in the School and on Gloucester House, but also interviewed students, staff, parents and governors. They were very impressed and wrote a letter to the students, thanking them for their contributions and explaining the outcome. The start of the report is especially striking:

*The children and families receive an exceptional, inspirational service from a dedicated, multi-disciplinary staff group which is supported by a motivated and aspirational management team. The children make excellent social, emotional and educational progress as a result of the support they receive.*

Many thanks to all of you who completed our annual survey and I hope you received our feedback, which was sent by Clarion Call in June.

It has been a very busy few weeks leading up to the end of term, with a huge number of activities, visits and events, many of which you can read about here. I would like to thank you for all your support since September and my best wishes to go all those who are leaving Treloar's this summer.

*Martin Ingram*

### Celebrating Sport Relief

In honour of Sport Relief this term Treloar's students took part in a sponsored swim in their tutor groups over a two week period. A tracker of the lengths swum by each class was kept by the pool and in Pike Hall. Students swam 429 lengths which is the equivalent of over 4.5 miles.

Friday was the busiest day, with a kurling competition for School students, a cake sale at break and lunch in the Jowett Centre and medals/trophies presented in the achievements assembly that afternoon. Staff were encouraged to come dressed in sports kits and the PE department, as they normally wear sports kit, dressed as sumo wrestlers for the day.



Photo by College student Eoin



### Treloar's hosts its fifth annual Disability Sports Day

On 25 April Treloar's hosted its fifth annual Disability Sports Day. Over 40 students from four local area schools – Perins, Amery Hill, Eggar's and Lord Wandsworth – visited the Treloar's campus to play and learn about disability sports with our students. Students took part in swimming, table cricket, boccia and wheelchair rugby. Solent Sharks, a local wheelchair rugby team, organised a wheelchair rugby session.

One of the students commented on the success of the day: 'Thank you so much for organising the Disability Sports Day, it was AMAZING!!'





## Treloar's new coach arrives with a flourish

The sun was shining to herald the arrival of the new state-of-the-art addition to the Treloar's fleet. This, however, is no ordinary coach: it's a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art, life-changing coach! Until now, if a class wanted to go on a field trip, or practice their community skills in a local town, as many as three minibuses would be needed to transport 6 students in their wheelchairs, together with the necessary specialist equipment and support staff for their trip. This meant that space was used on the minibuses very quickly, which was obviously a drain on the fleet resources for other classes and sometimes students were unfortunately missing out on important trips.

The new coach will make these situations a thing of the past. It is specially adapted to accommodate 11 electric wheelchairs, an additional 15 seats for teachers and support staff and ample undercarriage storage space for vital equipment. It caters for the needs of all the students with sensory lighting, hearing aid loops and, of course, Wi-Fi. The final design has central double doors with an internal lift, which is more beneficial for the students as they can be lifted in/out with dignity. There is also space to allow for a carer to be with them on the lift platform. There is a nurse-call button at each of the 11 spaces for wheelchairs. In the words of one student: *"I'm so excited we'll be able to go on the bus all together – I'll be able to travel with my friends."*



In July DMD Pathfinders CEO Jon Hastie and Vice-Chair Tyran Hawthorn visited Treloar's to share their experiences and take questions from young adults with Duchene Muscular Dystrophy. They found lots of interest in finding employment and living independently. Photo courtesy of DMD Pathfinders.



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## St Swithun's Way Success!

A record number of walkers and runners turned out at the end of April for the annual St Swithun's Way Walk and Run. Between them they have raised over £5,000.

Over 360 people took up the challenge and braved the weather to follow the route from the start at the Treloar's campus through to either Bentley School for the five-mile finish or Farnham Park for the 10-mile finish. There were plenty of well-behaved dogs joining in the fun too!



## 'Sing It Sign It' videos

School teachers Jocelyn and Beth have worked hard this year to put together a series of 'Sing It Sign It' videos. It started with Christmas tunes in December 2017 which were quite popular. This term ten more videos were added to the Treloar School and College YouTube channel. Songs include 'Thank you for the Music', 'I have a dream' and 'I'm a believer'. Go check it out and get 'singing and signing'!

## Treloar's Parents Association

### Event Update

Our termly Bags2School fundraiser held in June raised £108 from donated clothing and textiles weighing in at 270kg. We are hoping to continue with this initiative next term – please look out for more details at the start of the new academic year.

A number of you braved what was the hottest day of the year and attended Sports Day and the TPA Summer Fete earlier this month. During both events you kindly supported our fundraising through buying raffle tickets for our three luxury hampers which were themed "Summer Sparkle", "Gardening" and "A day out". Many of you bought plant pots from our Horticultural Cart, the pots being designed by two of our "green fingered" committee members and you also took delight in our "Pop Up Tea Room" for homemade cake made by your TPA committee and liquid refreshments

The committee would like to thank the three parents who kindly made a donation of requested items for our luxury hampers. It was greatly appreciated.

We are always looking for parental involvement with the TPA, particularly from parents of younger students. Please contact the TPA or Parent Governor at [parents@treloar.org.uk](mailto:parents@treloar.org.uk) to learn more and find out how you can get involved.



### Join Team Treloar's and unleash your inner superhero

No matter what your sport, no matter what your ability, you can get involved this summer and help Treloar's change lives.

**Superhero Tri: Saturday 18 August – Dorney Lake, Windsor.**

Unite with family and friends to take on a stage each of a superhero tri challenge – that's a swim, a bike and a push/run. Anyone can enter one of our 6 teams as long as there is at least one person with a disability per team.

To find out more about this and other exciting events you can get involved with, please visit [www.treloaractive.org.uk](http://www.treloaractive.org.uk) or call Claire on 01420 547446.



### Annual Summer Fete

On 6 July the Treloar's Parents Association hosted the annual Summer Fete. Comprised of 24 stalls, raffles and traditional fete games, the Fete raised over £900 which will be put toward the cost of student Christmas parties in the residential houses.



### A royal visit

HRH The Countess of Wessex GCMG visited Treloar's in June to attend a thank you 'brunch' event for all Treloar's Patrons. Upon arrival The Countess was welcomed by School and College students who gave her a real "Treloar's welcome", waving flags and cheering, with some dressing up as princesses in her honour.



College student Joshua was tasked with creating a poster as part of the employability project; he decided to do a disability awareness campaign poster. He wanted to do this because he thought few members of the public are aware of the needs and issues disabled people face in everyday life and, by creating awareness, people will hopefully have a clearer idea and understand their needs a bit more.



## READING AHEAD

### Reading Ahead Challenge

Each year Treloar's takes part in the Reading Ahead Challenge, which is a national event organised by the Reading Agency. Students had to read/listen to 6 items, which could include books, audiobooks, recipes, listening to class story time or visiting story tellers over a 6 month period, recording each item and writing a short review.

This year our numbers were slightly down on previous years, but we still had a fantastic result with 84 students completing the challenge. To celebrate their success at completing we held a celebration event on 18 July with local author Jane Cuff as our special guest. Students were presented with their certificates and two lucky prize draw winners received a £50.00 Amazon voucher.

Thank you to all parents who helped with the challenge and don't forget to check out your local library for the Mischief Maker Summer Reading Challenge, which was launched on Saturday 14 July.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you are looking for audiobooks for your son or daughter, have a look at Listening Books, a subscription service with over 7000 titles including fiction and non-fiction available in 3 formats.

<https://www.listening-books.org.uk/why-join.aspx>



### The Treloar Talks wows and inspires

The Treloar Talks have been running at the Glazier's Hall in London for three years now with every year getting better and even more inspiring.

This year was hosted by Alastair Stewart OBE, long-standing Treloar's patron and friend, and he set the scene about the inspirational work that goes on at the Holybourne campus. The speakers included Paralympic gold medallist Anne Dickins MBE; Richard Betts, a former fire-fighter who now runs *Pied-a-Terre Adventures* which helps people undertake life-changing challenges from traversing Mont Blanc to the Three Peaks Challenge in 48 hours; Dan Eley, whose presentation was titled "Rediscovering Happiness"; Jeremy Taylor, Chief Executive of Gatwick Diamond Business; and Angus Irvine, who spoke about what it has been like to be father to Treloar's student Lily.

The Treloar Talks took a record £4,300 and we are looking forward to more inspirational speakers in 2019!

You can support events like this by buying tickets or donating 'Money Can't Buy' raffle prizes to some of our events. To discuss this further, please email [fundraising@treloar.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@treloar.org.uk) or phone Robyn on 01420 547461.

**The Dummer Fair 2018**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
Preview Evening Wednesday 10 October 5:30pm-9pm  
Thursday 11 October 9:30am - 3:30pm  
[www.dummerfair.org.uk](http://www.dummerfair.org.uk)  
Treloar's

## Short Break Consultation in Surrey and West Sussex

It's time for the YMCA's annual Short Break consultation, where the views and opinions of parent/carers (who both do and do not use them) can help improve and shape the future of services across Surrey and West Sussex.

This year the team have created a comprehensive online survey which will be open until 31 August. Feedback is vital for them to continue to improve, so please take the time to complete the survey – and don't forget that all respondents will be entered in to the prize draw to win a £35 Love2Shop gift card. The link to complete the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ShortBreaks2018>. Within this survey is a section for families who do not currently use them, therefore please do forward this email on to anyone you think relevant.

In addition to this, the Short Breaks team will also be holding Family Focus Groups during the summer holidays at **10:15am**, giving parent/carers the opportunity to come and chat face to face:

Area	Venue	Date
Epsom	The Vale Primary School, KT18 6HP	Tuesday 7 August
Crawley	Manor Green Primary School, RH11 0DU	Wednesday 15 August
Tandridge	St. Stephens Primary School, RH9 8HR	Tuesday 21 August
Mole Valley	St. John's Primary School, RH4 2LS	Wednesday 29 August

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emily Griffiths on [Emily.Griffiths@ymcaeastssurrey.org.uk](mailto:Emily.Griffiths@ymcaeastssurrey.org.uk).

An important notice for parents and guardians from the  
Hampshire Wheelchair Service

## Arranging appointments during the summer holidays

With the absence of school clinics throughout the holiday period, we will be extending our opening hours, where required, to offer you greater flexibility to attend appointments at one of our service centres. Our centres are specifically designed around the needs and requirements of those who access the service and increase our ability to meet all of your child's needs on the day.

Whilst we appreciate the value of school clinics, attending our centres during this period ensures your child's requirements are met promptly and also allows the service to work towards ensuring all children within the local area receive the support they require.

If you'd like to book an appointment with one of our clinicians outside of our regular opening hours, please let us know when you contact us and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

We look forward to seeing you this summer. Please contact our customer service team on **0333 003 8071** or [scwcsu.hantswheelchairservice@nhs.net](mailto:scwcsu.hantswheelchairservice@nhs.net) for more information and to book an appointment.

Visit [hampshirewheelchairservice.co.uk](http://hampshirewheelchairservice.co.uk)

## Sport and Enrichment Round Up

We have had a full year of trips and activities totalling over 30 from January to the end of this term. Below is just a flavour of what our students have been getting up to:

Kayaking is a popular activity; Eoin is seen here practising Eskimo rolls with a Volunteer member of the Basingstoke and Deane Canoe Club.



Back in February, the Trust was gifted some once in a lifetime sporting tickets: box seats for a home game at Emirates Stadium.

The number of student taking part and completing Duke of Edinburgh's Awards has never been greater; all College and School students from year 10 can take part.



It was a special day being invited by our partners WetWheels to the launch of their Solent vessel and being on television. Shaking Sir Ben Ainslie's hand made it all the more special.

We have had some glorious weather, especially when attending music festivals.



Sailing often leaves student tired and wet but they have fun. And we definitely like to start them young!



If parents or carers have any ideas, or want to be involved, the more the merrier. Please send an email to [lorna.woodcroft@treloar.org.uk](mailto:lorna.woodcroft@treloar.org.uk) – any ideas are always welcome.

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## Open Orchestra Performance of Pachelbel's Canon in D

Four students from the School's Open Orchestra and a quintet of Lasham Festival Players recently performed Pachelbel's Canon in D (played in key of C). Lasham Festival Players and Treloar students rehearsed during the day before performing to the rest of the school, parents and some external visitors.

Open Orchestra has supported students be able to perform on a musical instrument in a meaningful and expressive way. Clarion, the programme the students use, allows students to control pitch, tempo and dynamics as you would on a typical orchestral instrument. Students had been working on this piece every week and it was wonderful to see everyone collaborating to achieve such a successful performance. Being able to participate in music should have no barriers and this performance demonstrates this.

To view the video, go to <https://youtu.be/pbtzp0TjOno>



## College Prom

It is that time of year again! College held its annual prom and the students stepped up to the mark, with glamorous gowns and suave suits.

Congratulations to College Prom King and Queen Dan and Lily.



## For Sale: Two piece, Quest 88 Carousel Tricycle £400

In perfect condition, comes with chest, lap and foot straps and parent/carer control handle. Suitable for children from the age of 4 to approximately 7 years. If interested, please phone Patricia on 07876 444294.

## Fantastic Sports Day for our College Students

Our College students were able to enjoy the weather this year and a little less heat on a very enjoyable Sports Day.



Jules Burford at Fun Flippers runs a Saturday afternoon swimming club at Treloar's for the disabled, with siblings also welcome to attend.



Sessions need to be booked in advance. Please contact Jules Burford directly on 07855 582775 or [admin@funflippers.co.uk](mailto:admin@funflippers.co.uk).



## Visit by Poet Sophie Herxheimer

Poet Sophie Herxheimer, who will support Sixth Form students in preparing their contributions to the Winchester Poetry Festival 2018 visited Treloar's several times this term. This year's Poetry Festival themes are 'Identity' and 'Place'.

We are thrilled to be working alongside Sophie on this project and to seeing the final outcomes!

## Find us on Facebook

We are increasingly using social media to communicate with those interested in finding out more about what we do. Information on interesting stories, photos, events and news items are regularly posted or tweeted. We recently launched our Instagram channel. If you have not yet 'liked' or 'followed' us, please do connect!



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[treloarschoolandcollege](https://www.instagram.com/treloarschoolandcollege)



## T Fest success once again

Students, staff, parents and visitors had a fabulous day at the annual T-Fest celebration - this year with a Fiesta theme. There were performances by our very talented students throughout the day, interspersed with special guest bands. We were also pleased to welcome students from Stepping Stones School, who performed brilliantly.

In the afternoon the Dolomites got the crowd dancing. Following was the Fetcham Draught Band, who got the crowd playing along with percussion instruments. Finally Singing Hands had everyone signing along to some top songs. Thank you to all our performers for making it a very special day.

There were lots of other activities going on with balloon modelling, face painting and bubble blowing to name a few. This is the fourth year for T-Fest - organised by our Treloar's Sixth Form students and staff.



## Good Posture Week 2018

Following on from Good Posture Week in November 2016, the Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Departments celebrated Good Posture Week, part 2, in April 2018. This year's focus was on the importance of good posture; i.e. *why* does it matter? Students participated in therapy-led lessons in class, help points on the residential houses and there was even a selfie station (with an assortment of colourful props) in the Jowett Centre. Individual 1:1 sessions on the houses helped troubleshoot any issues or further disseminated positioning hints and tips. Posture impacts breathing, eating, drinking & digestion, the ability to communicate or use AAC, maximise comfort and minimise pressure areas. Good posture also help to protect hips and the spine, makes it easier to see what is going on around you and can help manage tone. Students were also encouraged to think about the more personal reasons posture specifically mattered to them; with a real variety of motives given such as accessing sport, socialising with friends and accessing the computer.

Above are some fun examples of exceedingly poor posture, beautifully illustrated by the students who participated in the selfie station (don't worry, they were repositioned afterwards!):