

What's New?

Senior School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Ypres



Year 9 Historians and their teachers recently enjoyed a thought-provoking and reflective trip to the WW1 battlefields on the Ypres Salient in Belgium. Led by professional battlefields tour guides, students experienced a preserved trench system, participated in practical sessions on soldier equipment and the use of gas masks and spent time individually exploring both German and Allied cemeteries and the overwhelming loss of life commemorated on the Menin Gate. Whilst light relief was provided with a brief spell of chocolate shopping and in the interactive displays on the Passchendaele Museum, the day ended with a poignant and heart-felt student remembrance of all those who lost their lives in the Great War. Students read a variety of reflections and prayers were said as we laid a wreath in commemoration at Tynecot Cemetery.

BSA's 45th Anniversary Photography Competition



Congratulations to Heather Porter (Year 13) who has been placed runner-up in the Boarding Schools Association's 45th Anniversary Photography competition. Students were asked to submit a photograph depicting 'Boarding - brilliant' and Heather's photograph was shortlisted and displayed at the recent BSA Conference in Leeds. Heather

has also been awarded a prize of iTunes vouchers for her entry.

Ski Trip to Alpe D'Huez



During the Easter break, 32 boys from Years 8 & 9, 2 Year 11 ski prefects and 4 members of staff experienced a sunny and warm ski trip. Unfortunately, the snow conditions were not great, varying from hard compacted ice to slush as the days progressed. This did not deter the students from having a fantastic time and there was certainly enough snow for the beginners and improvers. The advanced skiers, although finding it a little frustrating with the lack of black runs, were able to perfect their technique on the high slopes and the glacier. The students also found the local football pitch and games arcade a source of fun for après ski. Ice skating was also a popular activity with many students showing off their expertise. Many thanks to Mrs Fletcher, Mr James, Miss Smith and Mr Morrish for making the trip successful.

English

Letter writing competition



Out of the hundreds of letters submitted, the judges awarded prizes to Chloe Norman for Year 7; Benjamin

Coker and Isabelle Davies of Year 8; and James Summers for Year 9. There were also commendations for excellent letters from Ethan Barber and Benjamin Coxon of Year 7 and Year 8 students Rebecca Webb and Freya Pelling. The winning entries will be published in the forthcoming anthology of creative writing which should be on sale after half term.

Theatre outings

Any Year 10 students hoping to see the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre production of *Lord of the Flies* should return their permission slip as soon as possible to secure one of the fifty seats available. The outing will be on the evening of Thursday 16 June. Year 12 English Literature students will be seeing the Globe Theatre's production of *Dr Faustus* on the evening of Tuesday 28 June.

Chaplaincy

On 19 May, 40 students and staff enjoyed a meal together to celebrate 'friendship and faith'. The Chaplaincy team and last term's confirmation students enjoyed good food and lively discussions about ethical issues such as; 'Was the shooting of Osama Bin Laden justified?'; 'Is the papacy relevant in the 21st Century?'; and 'Is the Monarchy good for the UK?'. We hope to repeat this event each term to support and encourage our students on their faith journey.

Music

Senior Choir Tours

We are delighted to announce that the combined Senior Choirs will tour to the stunning Italian cities of Florence, Bologna and Lucca in February 2012. Current students in Years 7-12 who sing in one of the school's choirs are invited to contact the Music Department for more information. At this stage we anticipate the cost to be in the region of £450 for 5 days from Friday 10 February - Tuesday 14 February 2012. A first deposit of £25 is required as soon as possible to confirm the flights at this very reasonable price. A letter has been sent out via Clarion Call which includes further details.

Examinations

Congratulations to Oliver Peck (Year 9) who achieved a pass in his Grade 4 RGT guitar examination.

Lunchtime Concert

Thank you to Amy-Beth Ellice (Year 8) and Lara-Jayne Ellice (Year 13) who sang a wonderful selection of songs at the Lunchtime Concert.

Charity

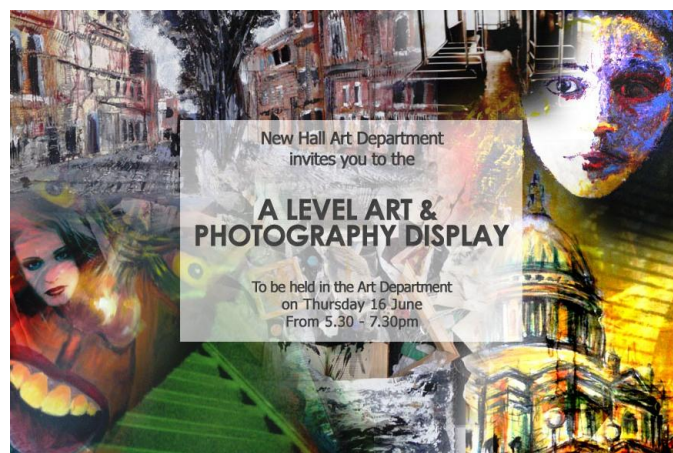
Years 7 & 8 Disco

The total amount raised for charities in Rwanda was £539.94, which includes donations and ticket & refreshment sales. A special thank you goes to those parents who generously made extra donations in addition to the cost of the ticket. We are holding various events until the end of term, including on Exhibition Day, to continue with our fundraising for the charities in Rwanda.

Art

A Level Art & Photography Display

You are warmly invited to view the A Level work of New Hall Art & Photography students on Thursday 16 June from 5.30-7.30pm.



Art Open Evening

You are warmly invited to an Art Open Evening on Thursday 7 July from 5.00-7.00pm. Please reply by email to s.minnis@newhallschool.co.uk.



Forthcoming Trips for Students in Year 9

Year 9 Classicists will have the opportunity to visit the British Museum on Tuesday 21 June. They will have the chance to look at Greek and Roman galleries, to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Ancient World. The Classics students will be accompanied by their teacher, Miss Garside, and Mr Alderson, Head of Sixth Form - an experienced Classicist. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the Museum of Verulamium in St Albans and the Roman Baths at Welwyn. This trip is open to all students in Year 9. Further details about the trips will be sent via Clarion Call. Prompt return of the reply slip would be greatly appreciated by the Classics Department.

Nominate for the Archant Good Schools Show Award!

Parents have the opportunity to vote for New Hall to receive an Archant Good Schools Show Award. There are 10 categories and you can nominate an individual teacher or the school in general for an award. Please vote now by visiting www.thearchantgss.questionpro.com.

Parents' Forum Meeting

Last week we held a themed Parents' Forum meeting on the topic of nutrition. We were delighted to welcome Dr Juliet Gray, the company nutritionist for our caterers, Harrison's, to speak to interested parents, along with Simon Connolly, Catering Manager and Philippa Munro, Head of Cookery. Dr Gray gave an extremely informative presentation outlining the stringent testing and guidelines which govern school meals, and demonstrated how New Hall puts these into practice. Mr Connolly then explained how the menus are planned and how all meals are prepared from scratch - we were all amazed to learn that roast potato preparation begins at 6.00am, in time for lunch at 12.40pm! He also demonstrated the enormous variety of the meals available; each day there is a choice of 2 hot main courses, a vegetarian offering, jacket potatoes and a large salad bar, as well as a variety of puddings and fresh fruit. Mr Connolly explained how the caterers consult students through the Catering Committee and how they seek to incorporate their suggestions. Finally, Mrs Munro explained how the Cookery Department aim to educate children on having a balanced diet, but noting that there is no such thing as 'bad' food - all things in moderation! Mrs Munro is keen to encourage students to try out new dishes and she aims to give them valuable life skills in cookery and budgeting. Those who attended commented how informative and useful the meeting had been. The presentation is available to download from the 'About New Hall' page on the school website.

Design & Technology

Year 11 Exhibition

Year 11 Design & Technology students invite you to their Product Design Exhibition from Monday 20 - Friday 24 June in The Barn. A private view and reception for the artists and their guests will be held on Friday 24 June from 6.00-9.00pm. Please RSVP to Mr Earley by email to j.earley@newhallschool.co.uk or 01245 467 588.

Year 10 Examination Work

The Year 10 students have been busy making environmental coat racks as their examination pieces this term.



Courtenay Mee's coat rack - the hooks were made from off-cut timber and the shape was based on the London underground tube map

Sport

Full write-ups are on the school website:
www.newhallschool.co.uk

Athletics

English Schools Track and Field Cup Competition

On 13 May, students in Years 7-10 took part in the first round of the Track and Field Cup Competition which was held at Gloucester Park in Basildon. The overall points were as follows:

Junior Boys	6 th	295 points
Intermediate Boys	3 rd	366 points
Junior Girls	2 nd	314 points
Intermediate Girls	5 th	240 points

The Junior Girls finished in 9th place out of 46 schools in Essex, which is the strongest region in the country for Athletics. The result is a commendable achievement of which the Year 7 and 8 girls should be very proud. Thank you to all the New Hall students for their support, team spirit and the encouragement from them at the event which was outstanding.

The top point scorers were as follows:

Alfie Adelman	Discus	29.74m
Benjamin Coker	High Jump	1.5m
Lucy Cracknell	Javelin	20.87m
Matthew Howe	Shot Put	11.37m
Annie Meechan	Discus	20.5m
Sam Odell	200m	57.4s
George Perkins	100m	11.4s
Alexander Sammons	Long Jump	4.98m
Courtney Sanders	800m	2m, 44s
Georgina Sturgeon	1500m	5m, 34s
Oliver Swallow	1500m	4m, 47s
Jemima Walker	1500m	5m, 31s

Year 9 v The Royal Hospital School, Ipswich

Congratulation to the following students who won their event:

Ailish Hunt	200m
Grace Langley	High Jump
Thomas Macfarlane	Javelin
Luke Marshall	100m
Sophie Nixon	High Jump & Hurdles
Matilda Robb	800m
Lucy Salter	Shot Put
George Styles	200m & Long Jump

Well done to all the athletes who took part, although particular congratulations must go to the Year 9 girls for winning the event overall.

The total points were as follows:

	New Hall	Royal Hospital
Girls	50 points	49 points
Boys	48 points	50 points
Total	98 points	99 points

Year 7 & 8 Girls v Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

Congratulations to the following students who won their event:

Eloise Boyd	100m
Grace Carroll	Long Jump

Lucy Cracknell	Javelin
Samantha Howe	Shot Put
Freya Pelling	100m
Georgina Sturgeon	800m
Jemima Walker	1500m
Stephanie Wilson	Javelin

Well done to all of the athletes and to the many athletes who gained personal best scores in their events.

The total points were as follows:

	<i>New Hall</i>	<i>Ursuline</i>
Year 7 Girls	49 points	50 points
Year 8 Girls	52 points	47 points
Total	101 points	97 points

Trials

On 12 May, Jessica Swain-Johnson took part in the 800m Intermediate Athletics Trials and came 2nd in her age group. On 19 May, Jemima Walker and Georgina Sturgeon took part in the 600m race at the Year 7 Athletics Trials. Jemima came 3rd with a time of 1m 57s and Georgina came 1st with a time of 1m 52s. In light of the results, Jessica and Georgina have been selected to represent the Mid-Essex team at the Essex Schools Championships on Saturday 11 June. We wish the girls every success.

Essex County Athletics Competition

Congratulations to Jemima Walker (Year 7) who finished 4th at the Essex County Athletics Competition in the 800m race. A week later Jemima was competing again at the Crystal Palace Triathlon where she achieved a 1st place in the Tri-Star 2 category.

Cricket

New Hall win the U12 'Joe Hussain Trophy' Cricket Festival



New Hall were the proud winners of the second annual U12 'Joe Hussain Trophy' at the 20/20 Cricket Festival which took place on Saturday at New Hall. The New Hall team played their first match of the day against Felsted School. New Hall gained a place in the cup final winning by 3 wickets. In the other match, KEGS took on last year's winners Holmwood House School. Holmwood scored 160 from their 20 overs. KEGS battled all the way, falling short by just 26 runs. The Plate final was therefore KEGS v Felsted. Felsted won the Plate for the second year by just 9 runs. In the final, between New Hall and Holmwood House, Holmwood batted first and scored 98 from their 20

overs. With the final ball of their 18 overs New Hall won by 9 wickets to win the 'Joe Hussain Trophy'. Mr James would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team; he is very proud of the effort and determination that the side demonstrated in preparation for the tournament and felt that they executed their skills perfectly.

The Gentleman of Essex v New Hall Senior XI

The Gentleman of Essex played their inaugural fixture against the New Hall Senior XI on 24 May. The all day game started well for the young Senior XI reaching 202 for 9 before their declaration game. It was down to Year 7 student James Berry to hit the winning runs in the 3rd over of the last hour to give New Hall the win by just 1 wicket. The day was a great success and we look forward to playing The Gentlemen of Essex for many years to come.



Hockey

Well done to Nadia Wheadon (Year 11) who scored in all of the Essex U17 matches against Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and Suffolk to contribute towards a runners-up placing in the East of England competition.

Netball

U14 National Championship Finals

Congratulations to Emily Holloway (Year 9) whose netball team 'Flames' were placed 11th in the country and 2nd in the East of England, at the U14 National Championships which were held at Loughborough University. Emily's coach commented that she played some of her finest netball in her position of centre, battling through 8 games with a couple of injuries. Well done to Emily who was also voted most consistent player in her team by the coaches.

Riding

Last Sunday, the Equestrian Team travelled to Norwich to compete at the Easton College Jumping with Style qualifier. The school entered one team, comprising Joanna Thorogood (Year 7), Gabriella Oxlade (Year 10), Rosie Oxlade (Year 8) and Stephanie Wilson (Year 7). The first class was the 80cm and despite the extremely long and technical course; all of the riders did well. Rosie and Joanna rode a clear round and Gabriella and Stephanie both received only 4 faults. All of the riders received good style marks and this, together with their overall score, resulted in the girls winning the class. The win has led to a qualification for the National School Championships which will be taking place at Addington Manor in October. As well as the team success, there were also some fantastic

individual placings. Rosie Oxlade finished in 4th place overall, Joanna Thorogood finished in 9th place and Gabriella Oxlade finished in 10th place. The team then went on to tackle the 90cm class in the afternoon and finished in 3rd place. Well done to all of the riders on a very successful event.



Local Riding Competition Success

Congratulations to Kathryn Hutton-Penman (Year 8) who recently entered a local competition and won her age group. Kathryn achieved two clear rounds, jumping higher jumps than almost all of the competitors, and won the speed trials.

Inter-Schools Show Jumping Competition

On Thursday 2 June New Hall will be hosting an Inter-Schools Show Jumping Competition at Norton Heath Equestrian Centre in Blackmore, Essex. The event will include NSEA East of England Qualifiers for the National Championships 2011 and the Essex Inter-Schools County Show Jumping Competition. We wish the riders every success at this event.

Swimming

Congratulations to Courtney Sanders (Year 8) who represented Chelmsford Swimming Club at a recent Long Course Meet in Aldershot. Courtney won Gold in the 200m freestyle and also gained a national qualifying time for this year's British Gas National Championships to be held in Sheffield in July. In addition, Courtney won Gold in the 200m individual medley, Silver for the 100m freestyle and the 200m back, and a Bronze for the 100m back. She also finished as the top girl in the age 13 group at the event.

Sailing



Congratulations to James Hutton-Penman (Year 10) who was ranked in the top 20 in the country last year in his Optimist. James also qualified for winter training with the RYA National Junior Squad which trains the top 30 best sailors for 6 weekends over the winter. In addition, James was selected to sail in the British squad of 5 for an International Regatta in Naples, Italy, in early January but turned his place down because it clashed with skiing, his other passion. He did, however, travel to Holland over the Easter weekend to represent Britain against the best sailors/teams from around the world in an international event there. James and his sister Kathryn (Year 8) competed in the first National Optimist dinghy event of the year last weekend, the Inlands. Conditions were tough with gusts of 35 knots on the Saturday. There were over 200 sailors competing and Kathryn finished mid fleet. James sailed well but his position (28th) did not reflect this because, very uncharacteristically, he capsized in races 2 and 3 whilst lying in 4th place and 5th place respectively. This is the first time James has ever capsized racing in a major event and ironically it may be his last in the Optimist event as he has now moved up to the Laser. Last weekend, James and Kathryn competed together at a reservoir in Kent in an Open Meeting in the two-man RS Feva class. Despite only having sailed the boat a couple of times, the duo finished 7th out of 30 which is an excellent result. This was a good practice event for them, in preparation for the RS Feva Nationals at Abersoch in North Wales this weekend. At this event James and Kathryn will be competing against over 100 boats; we wish them every success.



Any current sailors who are interested in taking part in future inter-school events, please contact Mrs O'Riley on 01245 467 588 or by email to g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk.

Tennis

Congratulations to James Caddies (Year 7) who was recently presented with his medal and prize for coming top of the Winter Regional Tour. James was also invited to attend the LTA Talent Day at the National Tennis Centre last week. The top 24 boys in the country were invited for assessment and it is a great honour for James to have been invited to attend.

U15 AEGON National Schools Competition

Congratulations to the U15 A Boys team who won their group and will now progress to the AEGON Essex Triangular County Finals. The results were as follows:

Boys A	v KEGS B	won 12-0
Boys B	v KEGS A	lost 2-10
Boys B	v Southend High School A	lost 0-12
Girls A	v Felsted School A	lost 4-8
Girls B	v Felsted School B	lost 2-10
Girls B	v Colchester County High School	won 10-2

Player of the Match:

Boys A	George Styles
Boys B	Edward Fenton
Girls A	Maria Schmidt
Girls B	Jessica Belton

U13 Girls 'B' v Thorpe Hall School 'A', Southend - won 10-2

U13 & U15 Boys v The Perse School, Cambridge Results

Player of the Match

U13	won 12-3	Jacob Ducksbury
U15	lost 7-8	Daniel Cotton

U13 & U15 Girls v St Albans School

Player of the Match

U13	lost 2.5-12.5	Ellouise Day
U15	won 9-6	Nicole Benfield

U13 & U15 Boys v The Royal Hospital School, Ipswich Results

Player of the Match

U13	won 5-4	Jacob Ducksbury
U15	lost 3-6	Antonio Mateo Guarch

U13, U15 & U18 Girls v Queenswood School, Hertfordshire Results

Player of the Match

U13	lost 7-9	Caroline Buckley
U15	lost 7-9	Ellie Dhanjal
U18	drew 6-6	Coralie Smart



U13 AEGON National Schools Competition

Well done to the U13 A Boys team who have now progressed to the AEGON Essex Schools Triangular County Finals. Congratulations to the U13 A Girls team who have won their group to become 2011 County Champions and will compete in the regional stages in September. The results were as follows:

Boys A	v KEGS 'B'	won 12-0
Boys B	v KEGS 'A'	won 10-2
Boys B	v Southend High School	won 8-4

Girls A	v Southend High School	won 8-4
Girls A	v Stoke Newington School	won 10-2
Girls B	v Colchester County High School	won 7-6

Player of the Match:

Boys A	Richard Barber
Boys B	Samuel Johnson
Girls A	Nicole Benfield
Girls B	Lucy Pryor



Teddy Bears' Picnic

If you have any friends who are interested in their children joining the Preparatory School in Pre-Reception, the next opportunity to look around the school is on Saturday 11 June from 2.00pm-5.00pm at our Teddy Bears' Picnic (please see below for further details). It is recommended that children are registered for Pre-Reception as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as places are filling up fast for the next academic years. In addition, if you have any teddy bears which are no longer needed or used, they would be most gratefully received by the Preparatory School Office or the Senior School Reception.

Ladies' Night of Pampering in aid of Kids Inspire

Kids Inspire has asked us to publicise their Ladies' Night of Pampering which be taking place on Wednesday 29 June from 5.30-9.00pm, at Complete Chiropractic in Chelmsford. Complimentary age-slowng skin & hair consultations, posture evaluations, massage and free exercise advice will be available. There will also be complimentary refreshments. For more details and to RSVP, please visit www.completechiropractic.co.uk or call 01245 358742.

The Religious Community Fundraising Events for the Congo

Summer Concert

Join the University of London Choir at a Summer Concert which is taking place on Saturday 18 June at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, Stock. This will coincide with the church's annual flower festival weekend. Tickets are £10 each.

Summer Lunch

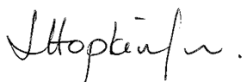
The Community warmly invite you to a Summer Lunch in the garden of Mr Willis (former Mayor of Chelmsford) in Stock. The lunch is taking place on Sunday 3 July at 1.00pm and tickets are £15 each.

If you would like to purchase a ticket for either of these events, please telephone 01245 604 108.

Sixth Form Girls' Dress Code

The school are currently reviewing the Sixth Form girls' dress code. However, please note that there will be no change from September 2011. A process of consultation with the Sixth Form students will take place in September 2011 with no change being implemented until September 2012. Therefore the dress code for Sixth Form girls from September 2011 is as outlined in the Sixth Form Student Information booklet i.e. black or dark grey suits (knee-length or longer length tailored skirts; tailored trousers; plain or pin-striped fabric), shirts with a colour in any colour and long or short sleeved (plain or discreet pattern) with white shirt with a collar for formal occasions, v-neck, round-neck or polo-neck plain-knit jumpers, in any colour (i.e. light-weight jumpers that can be worn with a jacket if required), black tights (required if wearing a skirt) and black shoes or boots (of a sensible heel height and width).

Yours sincerely



Joy Hopkinson
VICE PRINCIPAL

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 28 Solution

Before sunrise I woke up 120 times, and yet I was relaxed and refreshed each time I got up. How come I wasn't exhausted? *I am at the North or South Pole.*

Congratulations to Pavel Kohout (Year 12) who answered correctly.

And the next challenge is:

There is something so fragile that simply speaking its name breaks it. *What is that something?*

See Dr Thomas with the first correct solution to win a prize.

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri 27 May	4.30pm	Half term begins
Mon 6 Jun	8.15am	Half term ends
Wed 15 Jun	3.30-4.30pm	Year 8 Concert
	4.45-5.45pm	Parents' Forum meeting
Thu 16 Jun	5.30-7.30pm	Sixth Form Art Reception

New Hall School

JUNIOR TRIATHLON

for ages 8-18



Sunday 19 June 2011

First wave starts at 9.30am - Timing chips will be used

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For more information contact Wendy Staines on 01245 236100 or visit

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New Hall Parents' Association

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Sports Vests

Mr Winsor would like to thank the NHPA for kindly purchasing 130 athletics vests for New Hall students to wear at Cross Country and Athletics events.

Join us for a
Teddy Bears' Picnic

at New Hall School, Chelmsford
 on Saturday 11 June 2011
 from 2.00pm-5.00pm

for families considering entry to Pre-Reception from 2012

Activities include:
 Music & Storytelling
 Meet Beaulieu Bear
 & your local Policeman
 Soft Play Area
 and much much more ...



Bring a picnic and your favourite Teddy!

For more information contact Mrs Gill O'Riley on 01245 467 588 or
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New Hall School

Pony Camp



Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 July 2011

Runningwell Equestrian Centre

2 fun-filled days of lessons, stable management,
 competitions, games and quizzes.
 Suitable for all ages and standards.

From 8.00am till 7.00pm both days, which includes
 breakfast, lunch & dinner. Cost: £150.00

To book please phone Runningwell direct on 01268 711221

New Hall Dance School Presents

GENERATIONS



Monday 27 June at 5.00pm
 Tuesday 28 June &
 Wednesday 29 June at 7.30pm
 at the
Civic Theatre, Chelmsford

Tickets £8.50 & £5.00 (Conc.)
 available on 01245 606505 or on
www.chelmsford.gov.uk

**A fabulous and fun-filled
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 through the ages,
 featuring students from
 New Hall School**



NEW HALL R.D.A. CARIBBEAN BALL

FRIDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER 2011

7PM - 12:30AM

BLACK TIE

TICKET PRICE £50, to include: welcome cocktail, three course meal & table
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 with volunteer adults. All money raised goes directly to fund the rides for the disabled
 which are provided "at cost" by Rawreth Equestrian Centre.