

# Ollie Feast Trust Newsletter

November 2018

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### Fundraising Dates for your diaries:

9 <sup>th</sup> March -	Birmingham University (History Dept) Football match
10 <sup>th</sup> June -	Richard & Tony's Garden Fete – South Acre
17 <sup>th</sup> June -	Charity Tournament at Comberton Meridian Golf Club
7 <sup>th</sup> July -	Fun Cricket Tournament – The Leys
16 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> November -	Art Auction – on-line bidding

### OFT Chairs update September 2018

You will all have seen the fantastic reports and stories that are told through the various links of the OFT Leys School Summer Camp 2018 <https://twitter.com/OllieFeastTrust>. Forty young people aged 13-15 were selected by local schools to take part. The week demonstrated their talent and abilities. We were again helped by sixth form volunteers from especially Parkside Academy and several of Ollies old friends including Paddy, Tom, Dougie, Fergus gave up their time to support the week. The inspirational speaker slot was provided by Roy Turnham who is centre forward of the England blind football team. Roy also ran two slots that allowed the group to experience blind football and the challenges this presents. Thanks especially to Tom for connecting us to Ron and for being the only trustee to have saved a goal from an England international striker.

Damien also recruited Ed Durrant so we had two excellent leaders. As ever the Leys staff were exceptionally welcoming and despite the 35 degree heat every activity took place and all who started the week completed it. As well as student from Parkside, Chesterton Community College and Bassingbourn Village College we were joined this year by student from North Cambridge Academy who added a different and very positive dimension to the group. It is very rewarding to see how people who don't know each other get on and make friends whilst learning new skills. Thank you Leys School.

The summer witnessed two great cricket days. The seven a side tournament was organised by Pete and family and amazingly finished 30 minutes before the England quarterfinal match when everyone went back to the Learoyd home to carry on the day. We again raised a lot of funds for the future and the Arbuckles ran a great BBQ. Andy and Charlie Esam arranged the second OFT memorial match between old boys and friends from Bedford School and the Leys. On a stonkingly hot day and under the expert umpiring of Robin Anthony a twenty five overs per side match was won by three runs by the Leys. It was lovely

to hear Ollie's old friends recalling his exploits and getting on across the two schools united by a common memory of a great young man.

I covered the fete and the golf day in my last newsletter. Tina is now turning her energies to running a pop up art show where well known and amateur artists will provide a painting anonymously for people to buy – and then discover if they have a named artist or just a picture they love – hopefully both. Once we have enough examples to sell we will look for a pop up gallery ideally in the city centre.

We have received some great feedback from those that have received travel scholarships. However, the numbers applying is very low. Speaking with the teachers it is clear that we need to take a different approach to recruitment that writing to and asking for the schools for help. We can discuss this at the Trustees meeting.

We also need to consider how we better use social media and engage people in the trust – including the easy ability to donate.

Looking ahead we are in the planning phase of

- An OFT supported rugby training/refereeing in reach programme that will provide six sessions of development in each school aimed at those who have been, or are at risk of, exclusion. Each schools lead will be provided with a season ticket to CRUFC so they can also take pupils to matches.
- An OFT girls under 13 rugby tournament, in the Cambridgeshire schools fixture diary and run March 2019 at CRUFC, with a view of supporting them to grow and develop more inclusive rugby teams and facilitate the transition from tag to contact rugby. The refereeing and support hopefully to be provided by those who have completed the in reach programme helping them apply newly learnt skills.
- With Cambridge University men's and women's first teams and coaches to explore how OFT can support their players to connect with and help develop links across our partner schools and wider.

We have tried to better connect with Bedford School and the wider community but this hasn't borne fruit to date.

A lot of fantastic work completed and thank you to all of you for your support. Much to plan and reflections to learn from when we meet.

Steve Feast

Chair OFT

### **Financial Report**

This year we raised as much as we spent – up to November 2018, with the art-auction yet to come. Well done everyone!

**Art-auction**

Over 50 A5 works of art have been curated for the auction.

The bidding will open on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November for 2 weeks.

There will be a chance to see them 'in the flesh' if you are in Cambridge on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 6 – 7.30pm at the Unitarian Church Hall, Victoria St., Cambridge CB1 1JW.

The process will be advertised here and widely via email and social media.

