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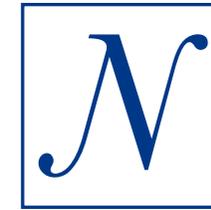
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2009 Review

This has been a strangely unsettled year for many of us. Governments the world over have been wrestling with issues largely beyond their control: global terrorism, economic instability and the threats exerted by climate change. There is, of course, nothing new about crises of such variety, it is just that now, in this age of technology, we are besieged by information twenty-four hours a day.

Not that all these things are of great concern in the short term. We simply have to get on with things as best we can, while leaving governments and politicians to take care of the world's longer term destiny. Possibly it is the economy that matters most to us. Without money and resources life becomes a struggle. But we do have to survive and that's just what we do, not necessarily by taking up arms and fighting, but through sheer grit and determination.

Despite the vagaries and uncertainties of the world, closer to home we have had a good year at Arundel. There are two important reasons for this: first, we believe in our purpose of Youth and Education; secondly, through enthusiasm, encouragement and expertise, we have inspired and imbued the young with a strong sense of trust. Trust runs through everything we do. Those who support us - institutions, charitable trusts and individuals - do so because they believe in us. Not even have the so-called *credit crunch* and consequent recession held us up. Faith and goodwill have continued to drive our Foundation forwards.



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ARUNDEL CASTLE CRICKET FOUNDATION

2010

Our main areas of work for which we still require funding in 2010 are listed below. The estimated shortfall for each initiative appears alongside.

Inner London Borough Programme

5 days at the end of July	£10,000
London Federation of Youth Club Finals (1 day)	£ 2,500

Special Needs Programme (650 youngsters + 140 carers)

30+ schools playing matches, visiting the Castle and seaside, plus overnight accommodation	£45,000
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Local Programme (1100 children + teachers/coaches)

West Sussex Primary Schools Finals	£ 3,000
West Sussex Secondary Schools Finals	£ 3,000

Any support for these projects would be enormously welcome and would help us to keep up the momentum. If you feel you can help, please do contact

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All of this in a year that has seen the Establishment and Sport badly scarred by an epidemic of greed, cheating and skullduggery. Politicians and bankers have taken the brunt of the anger, closely followed by sportsmen and women, as the credibility of motor-racing, rugby, soccer and athletics has reached an all time low. Cricket, for that matter, is not far behind either. It is hardly surprising that the young will follow in these footsteps if they are not given a strong lead. And yet, amidst these gloomy setbacks, teenagers from rival gangs in deprived parts of Inner London have been learning to overcome their hostilities by playing cricket in the streets, and remember this is a sport hardly considered to be 'cool'. Teachers and police, working together, have improved school discipline and reduced anti-social behaviour. The youngsters have valued playing their part in a team and have taken it seriously. They have begun to learn about success and failure and how to handle them both. Teachers have also noticed a big difference back in the classroom where both concentration and commitment have improved.



This example of inner city activity comes very close to what we are trying to achieve at Arundel. We see plenty of children who are not blessed either with a culture of organisation or goodwill. Many expect neither success nor happiness. In a short time, we try to change this attitude. It is not always easy and we sometimes don't succeed first go. Our **Special Needs Programme**, for children at schools for varying degrees of learning difficulties, occupied some 40 days this year and involved more than 900 youngsters. They all had a try at playing cricket. Even the most disabled of them were pushed vigorously in their wheelchairs between the wickets and so scored some runs and derived much pleasure. Most of them visited Arundel Castle as well.



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We are pleased to continue to support The Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation and to sponsor the printing of the ACCF Review 2009

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FUNDRAISING IN 2009

One little boy from The Hidden Harm Group in Bristol proudly told us at the end of his stay, *'it's the first time I've spent two days anywhere without being told off.'* The girls said the best bit for them was talking to each other late at night in bed. Staying away from home is fun and an adventure; visiting the seaside, building castles in the sand and playing cricket with the tide coming in are new experiences for many of the children. Libby Purves, writing as she often does on education in *The Times* newspaper, recently wrote,

'The real joy of education is the children: not systems, paperwork and targets. Of course children must learn to read and write and count, but engage the pupils', she says, *'and make it fun.'*

I appreciate that it is very easy to have fun at Arundel. Of course it is not like school, nor should it be. But where we have an advantage is that we are not stifled by regulation - no intrusion, inspection, target-setting, league tables - and the constant measuring of success and failure. These things create huge frustration and do little to enhance the education of children. At Arundel we are free to get on with it without interruption.



We do, from time to time, have some difficult children to deal with. Those who, for example, live in the silent, detached world of Autism. We have a lot to learn here. These are children distracted by events and whose world works differently from ours. I was taking one little chap, about 10 years old, around the Castle when he turned to me and said, quite unexpectedly and out of the blue, *'My Mum and Dad were born before this castle was built and I am a lion.'*

Looking after children with mental and physical problems has become a top priority at Arundel. I much enjoy the days these youngsters spend with us and especially when they are able to stay over night.

During the course of 2009, the Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation hosted two very successful events: a Golf Day at Goodwood, by kind permission of The Earl of March and a Bridge Drive at Bosham, at the generous invitation of Mr & Mrs Phillip Riesco. These occasions raised, between them, almost £15,000 - a significant sum for which we are enormously grateful.

The Foundation has also been supported by a number of generous private donors and many Companies, Charitable Trusts and Foundations:

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So what have been the highlights this year? I will leave you with two, neither connected with cricket, which made a distinct impression upon me. First, there was a boy from a special needs school in Walthamstow who was much taken with the trees and birds at the ground. As well as many gulls and a woodpecker, finches and tits, he saw a buzzard, possibly two, on his day out. It was a great thrill for him and for us too to see the effect of nature upon a young city boy. The second special moment came when children from the Chailey Heritage visited us for a day. All the youngsters were in wheelchairs and showed no signs of being able to walk until one small girl, rather unexpectedly, stepped from her chair and began to practise her walking. She made slow progress across the width of the cricket square and completed her task with a broad smile.

These moments of triumph are what we wish to stand for and how we hope to be remembered at Arundel. Along the way, we have been supported by many marvellous people, institutions and charitable organisations. We could not have done without them. With the decline in family values and moral codes; the rise in violence, crime and terrorist activity; disappointment in politics and politicians and an increase in targets, accountability and surveillance, we have all been dragged down. Little has been done to advance opportunities for trusting behaviour and much vigour is needed to reverse these trends. For this reason The Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation is determined to influence the young and strengthen their futures by showing that positive values and action really do make a difference.

And just a final thought. The Arundel Castle Cricket Ground is a beautiful place which, by its beauty inspires good behaviour and goodwill. By contrast, ugliness breeds ugliness and dereliction breeds vandalism. The two are separated by a wide gulf which needs to be narrowed by a strong shift of attitudes which can be led by the young.



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The Cricket Society Trust has, from the outset, been at our side to support this initiative. This year the **Christopher Box-Grainger Trophy** was awarded to the children of **Highshore School** in Peckham for their outstanding improvement and sense of joy during their visits to Arundel.



From the very beginning in 1986 when The Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation was formed, I was determined that we should make a difference to the **Inner London Boroughs** and their young people. Indeed, that is just what we have done. Thousands of boys and girls from all over London have now visited Arundel for cricket, games, tournaments and coaching. We have encouraged some very good players too over the years: **Alex Tudor** from Surrey and **Tony Palladino** and **Billy Godleman** from Essex, to name three of the best who have all progressed into first-class cricket with their counties; and also **Beth Morgan** and **Holly Colvin** from Middlesex and Sussex who have both represented the England Women's team.



Many, many children we have introduced to cricket have been girls and boys often starting from scratch. Since 1988, during the May half-term and again in late July, the young from the London boroughs have descended upon Arundel come rain or shine. Whatever the weather we try to make them feel good about themselves. **John Sullivan**, who identifies and rounds up the children, told me this year, *'children, who'd never played cricket before, had the time of their lives at Arundel and have joined clubs in London as a result.'* Indeed, I am forever meeting those who have been to Arundel, many quite grown up now. At the **Cricket Society Awards** evening in London, I presented the prize for the most promising women's cricketer of the year to **Beth MacGregor** from South Woodford. Now 16 years old, she proudly reminded me that she had been to Arundel three times when 9, 10 and 11 and had learnt to play cricket there. A success story and one which I believe has been replicated many times.

At Arundel we want to give the young, above all else, the chance to discover what they can do for themselves. None of our ventures illustrates this more clearly than **The Lord's Taverners Inner Cities Tournament** for youngsters under 14 years of age which continues to be generously sponsored by the Ford Motor Company. This competition involves 24 teams in the early stages, from cities throughout the United Kingdom. After a series of preliminary rounds, eight teams come to Arundel to play in the Finals: this year, Southampton, Coventry, Northampton, Sunderland, Edinburgh, Belfast, Bradford and Cardiff. The cricket is very important to these boys. They relish the opportunity to compete; staying away from home adds to the excitement of the event; they socialise, mix together and chat; they display cricketing skills and receive coaching too as the tournament progresses.



Good weather is an added bonus and this year the tournament was blessed with sunshine throughout. Sunderland defeated Cardiff in the final to win the trophy, a result that brought much joy to the North-East where cricket is already strong. Two years ago a young boy, Joseph Coyne, came to Arundel with the Sunderland squad. They didn't win the tournament on that occasion but now he is playing in Durham's full Under-17 team which this year defeated Kent in the County Championship Final at Arundel. Encouragement means so much to these boys and, as often as not, is the turning point on which potential can be converted into results.



By and large, The Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation seeks to serve those whose opportunities in life are less good than they should be. In boroughs such as Hackney, Islington, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Westminster, Lambeth, Greenwich, Lewisham and Southwark, there is little space for outdoor activities. There is rarely enough time, expertise or equipment available. The impact of lost playing fields - *'we all need a good garden to grow in'* - combined with fears for the safety of children, have made sports such as cricket something of an endangered species. Teachers tell me that improved social skills and self-confidence are the main benefits of a visit to Arundel. Staying over for a night or two is almost certainly the most important element of this. Eating together, sharing rooms, give and take and having fun at the same time all add to the mix. Learning new skills comes a close second, with exercise and activity amidst lots of space in which to run about. These things really matter and the outcome gives the young a much needed boost to their self-esteem. It is somehow ironic that with so many means of communication now at our disposal - the mobile telephone almost a permanent fixture in most hands - the young are all too often misunderstood.

A teacher from a special needs school near Croydon told me that at school many of the children feel they are failures. They struggle with reading and writing and so, understandably, don't want to try for fear of failure. We attempt to give these youngsters a taste of success and make them feel good.

For many others, especially those who visit us from 'mainstream' schools, success and failure have to be carefully measured. The **West Sussex Primary and Secondary Schools Tournaments**, staged each year at Arundel, help the children to cope with the ups and downs of life; the ability to win and lose with good grace. We try to teach them that the secret of success is the ability to cope with failure. Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks goes further. He says, *'Failure is the supreme learning experience'*. I tire of hearing about unbeaten young teams; without defeat from time to time, improvement is unlikely. *'Unbeaten records don't impress me much'*, (Shania Twain!). Sacks concludes that what we need is:

- the courage to try
- the willingness to fail
- the readiness to learn
- and the faith to persist



