



RADLEY COLLEGE



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

A SURVEY OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

2007/8

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Introduction

With the advent of the Charities Bill there is a requirement for charities to demonstrate that they provide public benefit to remain eligible for charitable status.

The guidance from the Charities Commission states that public benefit has to be consistent with the College's aims. Radley College's aims are to *further the education of young people*. We are committed to broadening access to this.

Activities providing public benefit relating to the education of young people are listed in the front of this booklet and other activities which benefit the broader community are included at the back (green pages). Listings in this booklet refer to the academic year 1 September 2007 – 31 August 2008.

The highly successful **Wednesday Activities programme** (in which all fifth formers help with projects useful to the local community) is about to start its fifth year and the list of organisations which Radleains help continues to grow.

Overseas projects such as the work which we are doing in Romania and India continue. As well as being extremely valuable to the boys who go on them they are of genuine and considerable help to the countries we are working with.

Radley has a strong tradition in cricket coaching and the Radley College / Oxfordshire Cricket Board **Cricket Academy** (which is now entering its third year) is expanding to provide facilities and expertise to even more local schools.

Helping the community has always played a large part in the ethos of Radley and this document highlights the considerable number of links that the school and individual dons have developed. It is a testament to the industry, imagination, and public spirit of the dons here at Radley College.

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Indirect public benefit through savings to the taxpayer

Parents who pay fees for their children's education also contribute to state education through taxation.

2007/08 DCSF figures show that the average spend per pupil in the state sector is £5,430.

As a school of 645 pupils, our parents therefore save the taxpayer some £3.5M a year.

Public benefit through education

Education itself has long been (and remains) a charitable purpose and a public good.

Radley has entrance requirements which are a lot less strict than many independent schools - or state grammar schools (Common Entrance 55%) and yet our results are comparable with the best.

Independently educated children produce a high and vital percentage of A grades at A-level in maths, science, and modern languages. 60% of modern languages A grades from school entrants come from the independent sector. The figures for all science subjects and for engineering are between 40% and 50%. (These figures taken from ISC's June 2007 response to the Charity Commission's Consultation on the Draft Public Benefit Guidance).

Radley's results in these subjects at A level in Summer 2007 were:

Subject	Candidates	%A/B
French	23	100
Spanish	21	100
German	5	100
Maths	50	88
Further Maths	17	94
Additional Further Maths	11	100
Physics	29	86
Chemistry	42	93
Biology	33	91

(The overall A/B% over all subjects for Summer 2007 was 90.06).

Many of these are subjects which are under threat in UK universities. These figures show the importance of independent schools in sustaining university departments in the 'hard' subjects, because not all state schools can prepare enough students for entry to leading universities in these subjects.

Radley also provides excellence in other areas, many of which are largely non-examined such as sport, drama, music.

Bursaries and Scholarships

Through bursaries and scholarships, Radley College provides £656,000 per year in help with fees.

Foundation Awards (Means Tested)

Monies raised by the Foundation and donated to the College. They are awarded to boys aged 13+ and 16+ of particular merit, not already at Radley who, for financial reasons would not otherwise be able to come to Radley. All awards are subject to a means test of parents and can cover up to full fees. In 2007/8 £150,000 was given in foundation awards. In 2008/9 this figure is expected to be £271,385. Included in the 2008/9 figure is £52,290 assisting two boys from Eastern Europe to join our sixth form.

Hugo Rutland Fund (Means Tested)

In 2007/8 £10,458 was given from the Hugo Rutland Fund. This is money donated by relatives and friends of Hugo Rutland (OR) who tragically died a week or so before his eldest son was due to start at Radley.

The primary aim of the fund is to enable, or continue, the education of children whose parents find themselves in similar tragic circumstances, or children with talent whose parents could otherwise not afford a place at Radley.

Silk Award (Means Tested)

This award is for a candidate showing all round qualities whose parents are not able to afford full fees. Between candidates of equal merit, preference will be given to sons of clergymen and boys living in Oxfordshire.

War Memorial Funds (Means Tested)

In cases of hardship, financial assistance from the War Memorial Funds may in certain circumstances be granted: first consideration is given to the sons of Old Radleians.

Scholarships (Non Means Tested)

For 2007/8 the maximum non-means tested awards were 25%.

From 2008/9 the following non –means tested scholarships will be offered:

- Up to 13 Academic Scholarships and Exhibitions, varying in value up to 10% fees.
- Thompson Scholarships of up to 10% fees (usually between three and five per year), to assist boys who do not necessarily attain the standard of an open award but who are of a good standard academically and also have particular merit in some other field - artistic, musical or athletic - which will enrich the life of the school, are also offered.
- Two Art Scholarships and an Exhibition, each of no more than 10% fees.
- Five Music Scholarships, of up to 10% fees and a number of Instrumental Exhibitions. All music awards include free instrumental and vocal tuition.
- All awards may be supplemented by a means tested bursary in case of need which means that any boys who win a Scholarship or Exhibition should be able to attend Radley College.

Eight boys who gained scholarships for entry in September 2008 were means tested and subsequently awarded bursaries.

Bursaries (Means Tested)

Historically, Radley College has not had any bursary funds to assist parents who encounter financial hardship during their son's time at Radley. However, in 1994, the Council of Radley College decided to create a small fund by setting aside monies for general bursaries. The award of General Bursaries is considered termly by a small Sub-Committee of the General Purposes Committee of Council.

£23,824 of general bursaries have been granted during 2007/8, plus a further £33,319 of other bursaries.

Choristerships

Radley currently has 21 choristers who sing in the choir, and receive free music tuition.



Radley offers boys between the ages of 7 and 13 who attend schools within easy reach the opportunity to sing treble in the chapel choir, alongside the older boys from the school, who sing the lower parts. We welcome applications from any boy, from the state or independent sector; the minimum that we require is a commitment to learning, a reasonable natural ear and enjoyment of performing. Boys are selected after a simple interview, and a voice and ear test. They also have the opportunity to sing a prepared piece if they wish.

Choristers in English cathedrals, colleges and major parish churches have access to one of the best musical educations available anywhere in the world. Singing regularly as a group is the surest way to develop a musical ear and learn to read music fluently. These benefits are well attested and the Anglican choral tradition is, as a result, the envy of the world. One of the results of this excellent musical education is that ex-Choristers are strong candidates for music scholarships at Radley and other independent schools. Choristers at Radley also receive free individual singing lessons to help them develop as singers, as well as free tuition on up to two instruments, either given by the College's well-established specialist instrumental staff or by the boy's existing instrumental teacher if preferred. Chorister families are also able to use the College's sports and leisure facilities at certain times, including the nine-hole golf course, squash and tennis courts, and swimming pool. Again this is free of charge. For the choristers themselves, there is the added bonus of pocket money, which is accrued per service, and is added up and paid in a lump sum termly. In addition a similar amount is added by Radley to a savings account termly on behalf of the boy and paid in a lump sum on completion of his choristership career at Radley.

During term time, choristers are expected to come to Radley three times a week: for rehearsals, music theory tuition and the Sunday Sung Eucharist Service (which chorister families are very welcome to attend).

Other than these services, they sing at the three annual Carol Services, two Confirmation Services (which take place on Sundays in the Michaelmas and Summer terms, finishing at 12.15pm), the College Leavers' Service (on a Saturday in early July), and at occasional concerts and special services.

Singing and instrumental lessons are arranged to suit parents and the school's timetable.

Approximately 50% of Radley's choristers are from state schools.

Fundraising for charities

So far, over £86,000k has been raised for charities this academic year.

Sept 07	Sponsored walk	EDSA	£ 23,527.65
Sept 07	Sponsored walk	Clic-Sargent	£ 8,163.34
Sept 07	Sponsored walk	Hope and Homes for Children	£ 8,163.34
Sept 07	Sponsored walk	Helen & Douglas House	£ 8,163.34
Mar 08	Ski Challenge	UCLH	£ 8,000.00
Apr 08	Mufti Day	Spinal Injury Trust	£ 152.00
Apr 08	AWM/EM Marathon	Multiple Sclerosis/Sightsavers	£ 6,000.00
Apr 08	HDH Marathon	Helen & Douglas House	£ 9,000.00
May 08	Concert	Maggies Centre	£ 1,449.20
	Chapel Collections	See below	£13,818.21

The charities supported by Chapel collections include:

PALS
NSPCC
Tearfund
Bishop of Oxford's Outreach Fund
Hope for Heroes
Kids Company
Emmaus Oxford
Crisis
St James Church Radley
UCLH (Leukaemia research)
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Save the Children
Prospects
Cancer Research UK
Hope for Hollie
Blesma
Spinal Injuries Association
Red Cross
CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young)

(This list compiled May 2008 so the total will be higher by the end of the academic year.)

Education of Young People: Academic

Romania: Radley Sixth Formers have been organising 'holiday clubs' for under-privileged Romanian children since 1994. The next trip will be in July 2008 for two weeks. We are currently working with primary School Number 4 in the town of Moreni. The activities which we organise include Classroom Teaching, Art, Music, Games, Excursions and Sport, through which we aim to:

- give the Romania children an opportunity to practise and improve their English language skills.
- give the Romanian children self-confidence and an appreciation of their own country.
- remove misplaced misconceptions and stereotypes of Western life and people.

MetLinkInternational weather project. A project initiated by the Radley College Geography Department whereby over 350 schools around the world use the service and are in regular e-mail contact with the Geography Department. The vast majority of these (over 90%) are maintained schools - both primary and secondary. There is a wide variety of free teaching material on the website including PowerPoint presentations and project ideas which can be downloaded. Primary schools were also been invited to take part in the Raincatch project which was run by Radley in conjunction with the Royal Meteorological Society.

Radley College Geography Dept website. There is a wide variety of free teaching material on the geography website including links, online links and downloadable resources.

Clement Wheeler-Bennett Memorial Trust. VI.1 biologists taken to visit the Cancer Research Labs at Royal Free to meet the PhD student who is funded by the Clem Wheeler-Bennett Trust. The Chairman of Trust is Rick Wheeler-Bennett (an OR) and SAT is a Trustee. Each year there is a Sunday Chapel Collection for the trust.

KAM went to Radley Primary School and gave a 1 hr lesson on the physics of waves including lots of demonstrations with equipment that no primary school would have. Future sessions are planned.

SAT speaks annually at the Royal Society of Medicine Sixth-Form Medical Careers Day; his talk is specifically aimed at helping young people, who might not otherwise have access to proper advice, prepare for applying to medical schools.

Discovery Summer Language School use our grounds and facilities for five weeks each summer.

Education of Young People: Primary Schools

Mary Hare Primary School for the deaf, Newbury. The Mary Hare Primary School for the deaf is a unique environment. There are a number of pupils which board at the school which makes the atmosphere very relaxed and friendly. For the first half of the afternoon the boys help to run Design and Technology and science lessons. They help small groups of students to make various paper structures and supervise them when using scissors. The boys have made good friendships with the students and this helps them to run the soccer practice or games in the latter part of the afternoon. This is really beneficial to the school as the majority of the pupils are boys and they respond really well to the Radleians. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

Radley Village Primary School. Six Radleians divide equally between the three classes. They work under the supervision of the class teacher or the classroom assistant who report regularly to AJM on their ability, behaviour and progress; in addition AJM works with one pair each week. This year two boys helped with the running of outdoor team games: football and netball, acting as player/referees. Two helped with reading: a primary school pupil sits with a Radleian for about ten minutes at a time and reads aloud from their reading programme book: the Radleians are encouraged to help the children with reading strategies and to talk about the stories. Another two boys joined in and helped with indoor PE in the gym and on other days helped in the IT room with computer activities. The boys enjoy helping and Radley Primary is most grateful for their assistance. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

St Nicholas's Primary School, Abingdon. Our project at St Nicolas Primary School, Abingdon, has been a great success. At 3pm six fifth form boys from A Social run the after-school chess club, for sixteen children. The standard of chess has improved markedly, with many of the girls in the club leading the way. Each Radley boy is in charge of one game, and they have been helpful, enthusiastic and courteous throughout. Their activities have been a welcome addition to Wednesdays at St Nicolas, and the boys have thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the same time. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

St. Swithun's Primary School, Kennington. Six Radleians listen to children read and assist in Science and Art lessons at St Swithun's Primary School, Kennington. The children clearly love the one to one attention they receive, and are getting to know our boys well. This year as ever they heard the children read and recorded the reading practice in the childrens' record books. They were referred to by one class teacher as the Lovely Radley Boys, and were showered with goodbye cards, written and drawn by the children themselves, on our last session. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

Thomas Reade Primary School. A party of eight Radleians has run two sports sessions, rugby and basketball, for thirty children as an after-school activity on Wednesday afternoons. The sessions ran from 3:00pm until 4:00pm and were very popular. The groups would start with some useful warm-up exercises and competitive games and then play their chosen activity. The Radleians running the sessions were very helpful and supportive and the children responded well. The school received a county award in recognition of its sport and the headmaster acknowledged the contribution that the Radleians had made to help achieve this. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

The Radley College Countryside Centre provides the opportunity for other schools to visit a small working farm and learn about the countryside.

AJM and MRJ are governors of Radley Village Primary School. MRJ is chair of governors.

CAM is a trustee of the Radley School House.

Local Nursery and Primary Schools visit Little Wood weekly for outdoor learning experience as part of the Oxfordshire County Council Forest Schools Project.

Education of Young People: Music, Drama & Art

We provided education through drama for local girls in West Side Story (and will be doing the same through major productions from now on).

Radley music staff also frequently go to other schools (independent and maintained) to adjudicate music competitions and festivals.

Radley offers the use of facilities for EPTA (European Piano Teachers Association) competitions (includes large numbers of performers from state schools). AJAW coordinates and assists with these.

The Art department kiln is used by local schools.

Abingdon Primary schools make use of our music facilities - rehearsals and performance.

National Youth Woodwind Orchestra use our facilities for a 10 day residential course each Easter.

Thames Vale Youth Orchestra - use of concert Hall for concerts and occasional rehearsals.

We host NYO and ADMS (Abingdon Dramatic and Music Society) as well as Abingdon Music Festival.

We host the Abingdon Young Musicians Concerto Final which included a number of performers from local state schools and now also includes musicians from around the country.

MJH produces concert programme notes for the Thames Vale Youth Orchestra.

Education of Young People: Sport

The Cricket Academy. Radley has an enviable reputation as a cricket school with one current England cricketer - Andrew Strauss - and four other ORs playing first class cricket. Thanks to the generosity of the Hollington Park Trust we have established a Cricket Academy to make our resources and expertise available to local pupils at minimal cost. Children from 6 Primary Schools (Radley Primary, Thomas Reed, St Edmunds, Steventon, Wootton, Dunmore) attend the Academy every Wednesday in the second half of the summer term from 10:00-12pm and 12:30-2:30pm. From 3:30pm to 5pm sessions for children at Senior Schools are held. They learn new skills and play Kwik cricket under the watchful eye of a number of ECB Qualified coaches. Rupert Evans, Oxfordshire Cricket Board's Cricket Development Manager says, "This is a fantastic opportunity for OCB to work in partnership with Radley College. The scheme will enable OCB to increase active participation in the game at primary and secondary school age groups. It will also allow local children to get their first taste of playing cricket on arguably one of the best cricket grounds in the country. OCB hopes that the partnership with Radley College will be long and successful and one which will hopefully produce the next Andrew Strauss".

Oxfordshire Schools Sports Partnerships: We provide a venue for primary school teachers to train here about once every six weeks (lunch included).

This year we are hosting the Oxfordshire youth games this will involve approx 3000 children aged between 7 to 13.

A number of state schools now join us for Inter Schools athletics matches. These include King Alfred's and Cheney (this is in addition to area and county events X/C and athletics events).

All Vale and County Athletics Association meetings take place at Radley and are organised by AJAW.

Radley hosts the Cross Country County and Vale championships (several hundred competitors).

The following make use of the Boathouses and Radley's Rowing Facilities: Oxford University Lightweight Rowing Club, Oxford University Lightweight Women's Rowing Club, Oxford University Women's Boat Club, St Peter's College Boat Club, Pembroke College Boat Club and Magdalen College Boat Club. Also, various schools and organisations make use of our rafts / facilities during sponsored rows.

We host and organise the Vale Athletics Trials in which up to 13 State Schools take part.

The swimming pool is used considerably below the market rate by various groups of young people including Abingdon Vale Swimming Club, Abingdon Dolphins Swimming Club, St Swithins School, Dunmore Primary School, St Nicolas Primary School, Wootton Primary School, The Manor Preparatory School, Friends of Wootton Swimming Club, Carswell Primary School, Drayton Primary School, Radley Primary School, Abingdon Swimming Club, White Horse Leisure & Tennis Centre Lifeguard Team, South Hinksey Sculling School

We let Oxfordshire youth cricket use four pitches over half term about 90 boys aged between 13 to 15.

The athletics track is used considerably below the market rate by various groups of young people including Abingdon Amblers Athletics Club, Vale of White Horse District Council Sports Development Team

The Barker Gym is rented considerably below the market rate by the Abingdon gym Club

The new Real Tennis Court is nearing completion and we already have firm bookings from some local schools.

We provide about £600 per year of rugby & soccer equipment to schools in Romania and also a Primary School in Carmarthenshire.

Education of Young People: Social and Spiritual

College provides facilities (sports hall, pool etc) for the village church Friday club (8-12yrs).

CDS helps run youthwork for young people aged 13-18 at Faringdon parish church.

For the third successive year PWG assist with the church "Kids Club", a three day summer event held in late August which will be repeated in 2008.

On average CAM visits three schools a year to give talks or workshops to year groups about Human Rights and Amnesty International as part of their citizenship programme.

Radley Village Church. We lend crafty materials (scissors, paper, glue sticks etc) for Friday Club for 8-12 year olds church group.

SAT has been counselling drug addicts at the Abingdon Community Addiction services each week.

TDM helps out on summer camps for children.

Education of Young People: Staff Training

ABRSM - Venue and facilities provided for INSET training for Music Examiners.

Training days organised with Oxfordshire School Library Association and with CILIP.

We host the CTABRSM course and professional development days for instrumental teachers outside Radley.

Other Links: Elderly

Radleians have put on Concert Parties for the elderly in a number of sheltered accommodation centres and retirement homes. All our visits have been very much appreciated. A typical format is for us to play music and lead some singing for about half an hour, then to have tea and chat with the residents. In 2007/2008 we had two parties of six musicians travelling out each Wednesday; in total we visited and played at twenty five different venues.

We currently send out ten fifth-form boys each Wednesday afternoon, in pairs, to visit five pensioners living alone in the vicinity of the College. The boys are able to do simple jobs of assistance, and also interact over tea and a chat - probably the most important part. The link continues as far as possible - for example, all five came to the Saturday carol concert before Christmas, when they were met and hosted by the boys involved.

Other Links: Music and Drama

All theatre events are open to the local community.

Choral Society run by SDJC for the community. Singers from Oxford and local area.

Abingdon Concert band make use of our facilities.

Abingdon District Music Society - Use of Concert Hall for rehearsals and concerts.

English Music Festival make use of our facilities 23-27 May 08.

Oxford Sinfonia - Use of Concert Hall.

RSCM Choirs make use of our Chapel for their bi-ennial Festival in October.

AJAW is President of the Chipping Norton Music Festival.

Extensive links with Garsington Opera.

Other Links: Art

Art department supports local craft workshops.

Art exhibitions - free access to local residents, free exhibition space in Sewell Centre for local artists.

The Art department is a member of the Oxford Printmakers co-operative.

The Art department kiln is used by local artists.

The Sewell Centre gallery has been used to host exhibitions by local art groups (calligraphers - Quilters - Printmakers - New Fibre Art Textile Group - Education For Democracy in South Africa etc...).

We use the Sewell Centre Gallery for a Regional Quilting exhibition organised by the three groups based in Abingdon and Radley. This is a fantastic opportunity to display work made and to raise money for charity in the process. Design workshop used as an extension to the gallery for the quilting shows.

Other Links: Sport

The swimming pool is used considerably below the market rate by various groups including B.K.S Swimming Club, Radley Swimming Club, Kennington Swimming Club, Didcot Power Station Swimming Club, Oxford British Sub Aqua Club, Kennington Dolphins Swimming Club, Kidlington and Gosford Swimming Club, City of Oxford Water Polo Club. We also have public swimming sessions 4 times per week throughout the year that are considerably cheaper than market rates. (See also “Education of Young People: Sport” section for further uses of the pool)

The sports hall is used considerably below the market rate by various groups including the Kennington Badminton Club and Radley and Oxford Badminton Club

The all-weather pitches are used extensively by the community.

The athletics track is used considerably below the market rate by various groups including the Oxford Triathletes

The Golf Course is used by 500 village and local members (adult and junior) (non-Radley employees).

The grounds are used extensively by walkers - particularly including dog walkers from the village.

The local village Cricket side (who play in one of the Oxfordshire leagues) use our grounds in Summer, free of charge, as do various touring clubs.

There is a Squash Club for the local community using Radley College squash courts.

All hire of Sports Centre Viewing Area is free to local clubs and organisations that use our facilities.

National Aikido Association residential course 16-22 August 08.

Boatmen clear the river reach of fallen trees.

DFL is Chief Coach of Magdalen Mens Boat club.

The Radley Mariners Charitable Trust (RMCT) has given grants to support rowing at Radley, ORs rowing at university or at club level and local clubs: Abingdon Rowing Club, Hinkley Sculling Club and Falcon Rowing Club.

Other Links: Radley Village

All concerts are open to (and supported by) local residents free of charge. Including the May Morning Madrigals.

The "Instant Muscle" group of eight boys has been involved in a number of projects around Radley village. These have ranged from gardening and maintenance work around the churchyard of St James the Great to one-off physical tasks beyond the ability of local pensioners, from delivering Christmas leaflets for the church to painting fences and railings in the churchyard. This year has seen continued focus on improving the environment of the village pond, with significant clearing of sedge and reeds from the pond itself, repairing/strengthening the perimeter fence and work on clearing paths within this area. Perhaps the most visually appealing project was the planting of spring bulbs at the Lower Radley village green, the results of which have considerably enhanced the appeal of this area. The group has achieved a good deal, and their efforts are much appreciated by individuals and various groups around the village, not least Radley Parish Council, Radley Parochial Church Council and the Village Pond Management Committee.

College carol services and all concerts free to villagers.

'What's On' is a monthly summary of events in the local community produced by Radley College. It is distributed through Abingdon Library, Radley College Sports Centre, Radley Village Shop and The Bowyers Arms.

Abingdon and South Oxfordshire general election and Vale of White Horse District Council elections - use of Sports Hall for counting votes.

Links through Christian Forum with Radley church, St Ebbes Church and St Aldate's Church in Oxford.

Loan of Trestle Tables for Village functions such as the Village Fete & the local Model Railway Club.

Preferential (below market) leasehold arrangements for the Radley Village Hall, Village Playing Fields, school car park, Peachcroft Community Centre, and Ecumenical Centre, Peachcroft.

Providing free venues (Pavilion / Mansion) for Radley Village Church meetings and Parish Council meeting.

PWG is a member of the Parochial Church Council for St James the Great, Radley and also a sidesman.

PWG is on the Village Pond Management Committee.

Radley Chapel has a special dispensation to host weddings because of Radley Church Death Watch Beetle treatment.

Radley College Chapel has been used as an alternative venue to the Village Church due to their deathwatch beetle problem.

Radley Flower Show. College provides all the printed matter - schedules, prize cards etc. Also provides trestle tables for Flower Show and Fete and delivers and collects them.

School chaplains officiating at Parish church some Sundays.

The Big Band play at the Radley Village Fete every summer.

Trumpeters provided to play for Remembrance Sunday in local Church.

Use of New Pavilion for a fund-raising Wine and Cheese Tasting for the college and village community in aid of Radley Parish Church, Beetle Fund.

Use of New Pavilion for a Radley Community Shop social event, Feb 08.

Use of the Mansion for important local events such as the 'Clerk of the Green Cloth'. Every two years inhabitants of Radley elect a Clerk of the Green Cloth. This is an honorary post, specifically created to raise funds for local charities. It was originally a position in the Royal Household, the Clerk being responsible for arranging Royal progressions, and George Stonhouse, who became Lord of the Manor of Radley, held the post from about 1558 until he died in 1573. In 1988, with the authority of the Royal Household, the post was revived in Radley for charitable purposes. We also provide a brass fanfare for this event.

We are a Patron of St James the Great, Radley.

Other Links: Training and Personal Development

Arborist Training.

First aid and life-saving courses for boys as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Groundsmanship course.

The College has been involved with The Shaw Trust for over ten years providing a work placement for a part time member of staff (Kim Rogers). This placement is supported by a local development officer.

The College is also involved with Abingdon and Witney College (Warren Farm) mainly regarding staff training in National Vocational Qualifications.

The College is available for Fire Brigade Training.

Other Links: Misc

In 1998 Radley organised a trip to Kerala in South India to build houses for villagers of Mankotta Island. Since then this has become almost an annual event. Under the expert supervision of our hosts, Jai and Laila Chacko, a wonderfully creative and exciting time is had by the volunteers. Hard labouring for two weeks in post-monsoon conditions is followed by free-ranging tours of South India. In recognition of the houses already built, the lane where they are to be found has been renamed Radley Road. This is a tremendous honour and credit to the boys' hard work. It is hoped to continue and develop these links over the next few years.

Radley College Gardening Group. The Gardening Group currently provide a gardening service for St Aloysius Primary School in the Woodstock Road, Oxford where the Headmaster has been the only person to keep the grass, shrubs and flower beds in good order. The group has made a significant impact clearing and planting flower beds and also pruning back overgrown shrubs. In addition, the Group has carried out important work on the churchyard at the church of St Mary and St Nicholas which is badly overgrown with ivy and brambles. The churchyard is normally tended by a couple of senior parishioners and our work has been of significant assistance. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

The Nuffield Hospital, Headington. Fifteen boys have been involved in working at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Headington, Oxford. Boys have been involved in over twenty-five different activities on a weekly basis. A significant proportion of the boys have been involved with patient befriending which has been of great benefit to all concerned. Boys have also been involved with helping in the Bone Infection Unit, the MRI scanner, decoration projects, help run the hospital shop and many others. All boys have been very positive about the venture and hopefully feel that they, and those around them in the hospital, are gaining a lot from this fruitful relationship. This is part of our Wednesday Activity Programme.

In Summer 2008 MB and a group of friends will be going to Wagwer School in Western Kenya. They aim to raise £10,000 to buy building materials and employ locals to work alongside them to build three new classrooms to replace the current ones that are falling down. They will also buy textbooks, pens and pencils and build desks.

We are a centre for Blood donation.

D of E boys help in the community in a variety of ways.

DFL is the executive Trustee of the Harry Mahon Cancer Research Trust and have raised £32,500 for state-of-the-art machines for Cancer Research at Oxford University. Many Radley parents, ORs and staff have contributed.

Fundraising charity events held in College Premises to raise money for local Alzheimers charity and Radley Church death watch beetle fund.

MG rally every Whitsun - local interest as Abingdon ex-MG works.

Radley College Beagles provide extensive links with local rural community including social events and contact with individual farmers.

SAT is an ordinand in church of England and assist in the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicholas, Littlemore.

The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust which through many ORs has raised thousands of pounds.

The video unit has been employed to film events by the following organised groups: Opera Anywhere (several events), Emmanuel Dramatic Society & Estelle School of Dance, Swindon (Each year for about 10 years). last year we also filmed an event at Sunningwell Church in order to raise money for the Church restoration fund.

Use of Mansion, Chapel, Dining Hall for Civil Weddings, Receptions, Dinner Parties and the like.

Use of the Archives by the Radley Village Historical Society and by those conducting research about school history from all over the world.