

YOUNG ARCHER

Kit in Katmandu

By Diana Cormack

Kit Friend of Manor Park Road, East Finchley, is only thirteen but he has already had the holiday of a lifetime! With three other pupils from Hendon School he flew to Nepal to learn about the flora and fauna, with a particular focus on endangered species. (See the May Archer).

In fact, the two boys and two girls became the focus of attention wherever they went, with the train-tracks on Ogi Ristic's teeth being a special attraction! The group were warmly welcomed on all their visits. To the applause of their Nepalese peers, they joined in the dancing which had been performed for them. They also presented their project work to various audiences, Kit's being about the Red Kite. Other flying species took his attention during the trip, but Kit had taken precautions so had only two mosquito bites. Spiders and leeches were more of a threat!

Wildlife

The tigers, which they had hoped to see, proved to be more elusive. They were driven to Temple Tiger Resort in an open topped jeep with the empty track making a change from the congested, pot-holed streets of the capital city, Katmandu. Part of the journey entailed a canoe trip across a massive river where the fish eating Gharial crocodiles live,

along with fresh water dolphin and tropical leeches. One-horned rhinos, which are found only in Nepal, were about, but the tigers were lurking in the long grass where only the thrashing and screeching of their prey proved they were there.

Kit can prove that he was there by his souvenirs, amongst which are presentation school caps, beautifully embroidered bags containing specialist teas and a genuine Ghurka weapon. He also has wonderful memories of elephant rides, the Monkey Temple, the very different types of accommodation he stayed in plus the great variety of food on offer. "Blue Peter" has been approached about showing the group's video of their visit.

Bear essentials

Besides the knowledge gained, the group have returned with a purpose. They are adopting a bear in the Central Zoo of Katmandu and are trying to raise money for its upkeep. The school is also trying to raise money for Nepalese students to come here next year. If you



L-R: Ogi Ristic, Ruth Chambers, Charlotte Lee, Kit Friend in their hotel garden, Katmandu.

would like to help with this project, please send a cheque made out to: -

The MAPs Nepal Exchange and send it c/o Mrs Sen, Hendon School, Golders Rise, Hendon, London NW4 2HP

When they get home, will their view of our country match the undoubted enthusiasm in Kit's comment on Nepal - "Great, but dirty!?"

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In which countries would you find these mountains?

1. Mount Everest, 2. Mount Olympus, 3. Ben Nevis, 4. Mount Cook, 5. Table Mountain, 6. The Matterhorn, 7. Mount Rushmore, 8. Mount Snowdon, 9. Mount Kilimanjaro, 10. Mount Blanc

Answers: 1. Tibet/Nepal, 2. Greece, 3. Scotland, 4. New Zealand, 5. South Africa, 6. Switzerland, 7. USA, 8. Wales, 9. Tanzania, 10. France.

SCHOOL NEWS

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Holy Trinity

For the first time the school took part in the annual swimming gala at Cophall Pool and emerged with a respectable result, coming 11th overall. The girls' relay team came 7th. Lucy Lawrence performed particularly well, coming 4th in the Year 6 butterfly race, though she is actually a Year 5 pupil.

The football team has won through to the South East Barnet League's semi-finals.

An after school tennis club with coaching from the Ravens Tennis Club takes place on Wednesdays. Children from Year 2 (top infants) to Year 6 (top juniors) can participate. The school is hosting a cricket festival in early July.

The Globe Theatre group performed a variation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," entitled "Bottom's Dream," which the children really enjoyed. There is a weekly after school art club from which children's work will make up a school gallery each term. The Year 6 school journey to the Isle of Wight was a great success!

Martin School

All the children in the junior school have been involved in making a millennium memorial. Working with a visiting textile design artist, they have used paint and collage on silk to create a hanging, which will be on permanent display. The theme of the piece is "London."

The school's mixed netball team has gone through to play the next round in their league at Crystal Palace.

After great pressure from the head teachers, the PTA, governors and local councillors, at last there are morning and afternoon attendants on duty at the school crossing. However, this is only until the end of the summer term.

Now that SATs are over, Year 6 children have been able to enjoy a trip to Paradise Park, courtesy of Golders Green and Mill Hill Rotary Club. Some of their teachers gave up a Saturday morning to accompany 96 children to take part in the SMTV programme.

Sharp-eyed TV viewers might have spotted the school field, which was used in part of the recent McDonald's Euro Cup advert.

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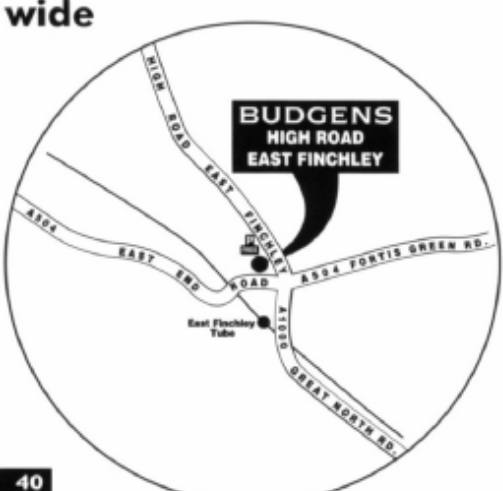
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