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# Fruits of the Vine

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## Pastor John

I hoped you like reading all about me! I also hope you enjoy reading all about Pastor John!! You will see both questions and answers. ***This is John speaking, This is me!***

*How old were you when you became a Christian?* **About 16 .**

*Were your parents Christians all their lives?* **They were God fearing people and brought me up in the right way. They put me into Sunday School at 3 1/2 years old!**

*When did you become Pastor of the SORCF (South of Reading Christian Fellowship)?* **January 1977.**

*When did you realize you were called to be a Pastor?* **In 1967.**

*What school did you go to:* **Reading School, which was a grammar school .**

*Did you enjoy school?* **Yes. It was very competitive, but did me good!**

*Has schooling changed since you went to school?* **Yes, it's not as disciplined.**

*What was your favourite subject at school?* **Had to be French!**

*What is the vision for the Vine Christian School?* **The original church vision is to provide moral, spiritual and physical welfare for Three Mile Cross and the surrounding area.**

**The school embraces this vision, particularly in providing the moral and spiritual welfare that we feel the**

**mainstream schools are lacking.**

*What is your favourite sport?* **I have loads, but it would be football, athletics, and table tennis!**

*What is your favourite football team?* **Reading!!!**

*Who is your favourite football player?* **Bobby Charlton and Ray Reeves (now deceased).**

*Anything else you would like me to add?* **See the Vine School grow and be blessed. I hope the time comes when the school out grows these premises!!**

**Thank you!!!!**

Well I hope you enjoyed reading all about Pastor John, as you did about me last month!!

## Woodbury House

For those of you who don't know what Woodbury House is, read on! It's an old hunter's lodge converted into an old people's home, but still retaining it's grandeur. Miss Drinkwater made the original connection with the home and the school visits and sings there one Tuesday every month along with another family, the Scotts.

Someone like Pastor John will give a little sermon in between the songs, and we also pray with the old people. It takes about 10 to 15 minutes to travel there, but we receive a very warm reception! The nine students that go there are: Georgina, Ben, Ben (yes there are two Bens!), myself, Josh, Mia, Ruth, Jazmin, and sometimes the little

preschooler, Susanna! Our visits are counted as the school's community service, but more importantly it is a ministry for the Lord. Over the last year a couple of old people have committed or recommitted themselves to the Lord!!! I hope you liked hearing all about Woodbury House!

## Pictures to go with the Interview!

John when he was a school boy!



John as a toddler



John as a teenager

## Lesson Focus: Art

Well this month I will be focusing on....Art!! There are two art classes. Only one person, Lucy, can attend the first class, because she is older than the rest of us, and then there is the one I attend, which consists of four people, the two Bens, my brother Josh, and myself. We are taught by only the best (in my eyes) our Headteacher Miss King! Miss King (Headteacher) showed us some pictures which she drew and painted when she was a child, we were all amazed! Miss King has taught

us how to use pastels, which if you go to this church (the SORCF) you will be able to see them hanging up on a door and whiteboard. During the first and second lessons we experimented with basic colour blending, light and shade, by drawing either a river or lake. During the third lesson we experimented with form and perspective by drawing an apple, which we had to copy, (that was really hard, if you don't believe me then try it yourself!) For a couple of weeks we drew still

life pictures and now we are working on drawing birds, which will be up for viewing soon! Every one has improved since their first pictures. I think Miss King is a great teacher because she has a LOT of patience! When I say a LOT, I mean a LOT!

I hope you enjoyed hearing all about some of the 45 minute afternoon art lessons that currently take place on a Thursday!

## European Student Convention

The pressure is really heating up now with only a few more weeks to go until ESC. Ben and Lucy-Anne Butcher-Bigley, Ben Hopson and Georgina Thomson have all registered for their events. Every participant in the school is registered for individual events as well as group and team events. The two girls are joining the netball team from the School of the Lion as one of

the team events. It is the two boys' first time at ESC, so they are being encouraged to try out as many events as they can. Despite being competitive, the aim of ESC is for all the students to enjoy the experience! Since last year the venue has changed to Millford school, Glastonbury, due to lack of space and now takes place in April instead of the summer.

ESC begins on the 30th of March and finishes on the 3rd of April, the last week of term before we break-up for Easter holidays!