

## COVER STORY



Pupils from Gresham's PrePrep and Prep School (Years 3 and 4) took part in a sponsored event for Sport Relief 2014. The sun came out for the occasion and everyone enjoyed competing in a series of fun relays involving balls, high step and side step, as well as running. The children not only had fun taking part in the relay events throughout the morning but also raised more than £1,000 in sponsorship.

# New head at helm

Gresham's School in Holt has a new man in charge.

The board of governors has announced the appointment of Douglas Robb as the new headmaster from the start of the new school year in September.

Mr Robb is currently headmaster of Oswestry School in Shropshire, and was previously housemaster and teacher of economics and politics at Oundle School. Originally from the Wirral, he was head chorister at Birkenhead School and subsequently gained a politics MA at Edinburgh and an MEd at Homerton College, Cambridge. He

spent the earlier part of his teaching career in Zimbabwe and Scotland.

Mr Robb enjoys spending time with his family and his interests include travel and sport, particularly shooting, skiing, golf and all team and racquet sports. As a student he played rugby union semi-professionally. He has been married to his wife, Lucinda, for 16 years and they have three children, Miranda (12), Hector (9) and Fergus (6) who will all be joining Gresham's in September.

He said, "It is a great honour to have been given the chance to lead such a super school. We are looking



forward to moving to North Norfolk and the lovely market town of Holt."

Chairman of governors Andrew Martin Smith, said: "The governors are confident that we have found the right person to take Gresham's forward in the years ahead."

## Outdoor fun for Easter holidays

There is Easter fun for everyone at Holt Country Park.

North Norfolk District Council's Countryside Rangers are hosting a range of activities over the holidays, with events for children and adults on offer at the council's countryside site.

Activities include Easter egg trails, mini-beast hunts and a Muddy Boots Conservation Day. And there's no need to book in advance, just turn up on the day. There is £1.50 all day parking for each vehicle. All events start from the Visitor Centre. Please wait for the rangers or group leaders. We advise to bring pushchairs for tiny tired feet. Please wear suitable outdoor clothes.

**Coming up this week is:**

**Tuesday 15 April**

Easter egg trail through the woods. Wildlife families and their homes, with a prize for children from the Easter bunny. Open 10.30am-12.30pm, £2 per child.

**Wednesday 16 April**

Muddy Boots Club, habitat management of the wood. Learn woodland skills from the rangers and the importance of woodland management. 1.30pm to 3.30pm. No booking required, free entry, open to all ages, gloves provided. Meet the rangers outside the Visitor Centre.

## Entry open for 2014 arts prize

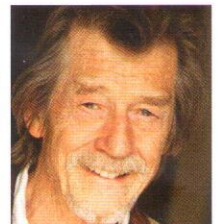
Holt Festival has announced that entry is now open for this year's Holt Festival Art Prize.

It is open to artists everywhere and, in the past two years artists from as far afield as Scotland and Cornwall have entered. There is a cash prize of £1,500 and the winning artwork will be exhibited at Norwich's prestigious Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in the autumn.

The deadline for entries is midnight on Saturday, June 6. Judges will select a shortlist of 20-30 that will be exhibited at the Nicholson Gallery, Holt from July 20-27.

The winner will be announced at a private view on July 19. The exhibition is part of the Holt Festival Art Trail that also takes in 13 other galleries and exhibition spaces around the town.

This year's judges are Amanda Geitner, Chief Curator at The Sainsbury Centre, art dealer Nic Tyler and internationally renowned actor and Chancellor of The Norwich University of the



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## Event a howling success

Holt Town Centre came to a standstill as 600 residents, business people, and Gresham's pupils, staff and parents gathered to pay tribute to 50 years of The Beatles. Tom Appleton, Gresham's

which had the crowd singing Beatles favourites Hey Jude and With A Little Help From My Friends. A TV crew recorded the event and £500 was collected for Holt Youth Project. Tom said after the