

# Oh, yes, we remember so well



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Time, and the medicinal quality of its perpetuity, it heals the wounds heal; the tissue regenerates ... Yet the scars remain. One hundred years on, even as the flesh has rotted, as the uniforms have decayed, as antiquity strips the skeletons buried six feet under our feet, the soldiers of the Great War still bear the deepest of scars. History percolates deep into the threads of the present, and we, regardless of what Century it is in which we live, shall never forget – for all blood runs red.

Honouring the memory of the fallen men of the Great War, KEVICC participated in a week-long memorial that culminated with a House-matches football game to commemorate the famous truce between the English and German soldiers. To immortalise the legacy of one of history's most extraordinary events, one of a destructive scale unheard of in its time, claiming the lives of one million Britons on foreign fields, to ensure its memory is firmly secured in young minds is an ambition KEVICC prides itself on achieving. Thoughtful displays in History rooms have been erected by Year 7 students, to further support the legacies of the fallen.

Beyond this, a rather more light-hearted celebration took place: KEVICC once again hosted the Totnes Caring Christmas Party. I was a waiter for this event three years ago and I can say from experience it is a wonderful event; a chance to converse with many tables of interesting people, decades of fascinating stories perforating the room with the smells of meat and roast vegetables. The essence of Christmas: food and good conversation.



Katja Mirzai and Leah Shelton, Year 7 students, put together an eye-catching and thought-provoking display in their History classrooms.

*We did lots of research to find out what the story was, and to get an idea about the war that was being fought. We did lots in our own time because the story was so interesting. We're proud of our display.*

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## Football Remembers

The 1914 Christmas Truce  
8–15 December 2014

Christmas 1914 – soldiers in the trenches around Ypres hold a truce. Weapons down, they meet in No Man's Land. It's unplanned and unexpected. German, French, British, Belgian and Indian soldiers sing Christmas songs, exchange souvenirs, and take photos together. Some even play football.

We will play our Football Remembers match on:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
at:  
Elmhirst Astro

KEVICC took part in a national week of remembrance in schools of the WW1 Christmas Day truce in the trenches and the games of football that took place:

On Wednesday 10 December, KEVICC year 9s spent the afternoon with PE and History staff remembering the Great War and, in particular, the Christmas Day Truce. All of year 9 took part took part in a football tournament with girls and boys matches, and the presentation of a cup at the end. Babbage House came out as the eventual winners and first holders of the new 'KEVICC Remembers 1914 - 1918' cup. The real emphasis of the day was on remembrance, though, and the extraordinary story of the Christmas Day Truce in 1914. At the end of the afternoon, together with



the presentation of the cup, all the year 9 students came together to hear more about the history of the event, brought to life by a group of year 7 students who performed a short play called Christmas Truce written by Cécile Belcher in year 7. It was a moving story of a father's account of the truce that he'd never spoken of before. Other year 7 students decorated the hall and sang, and the history department showed a slide of the 1901-2 KEVICC Football Team; eight of them going to fight in the war when it came, and four of them didn't return.



## Christmas Cheer

KEVICC hosted the annual Totnes Caring Christmas Party for Senior Citizens in December, and around 80 guests came, together with Totnes Caring staff and the Mayor, Jacqui Hodgson.

This event is a year 10 project each year, with students involved in planning the party; preparing food; wrapping presents; and hosting the party during the afternoon. They were a real credit to the College and many compliments have been paid to them by guests and staff alike.

Father Christmas made his usual exuberant visit; music students of all ages led carol singing and there was a hugely popular dance performance from Y13 and Y11 KEVICC hosted the annual Totnes Caring Christmas Party for Senior Citizens in December, and around 80 guests came, together with Totnes Caring staff and the Mayor, Jacqui Hodgson.

### Totnes Caring wrote:

Just a quick line to say thank you so much for the whole team effort yesterday, the party was a resounding success and everyone really enjoyed it.

We have been receiving emails and phone calls of thanks to be passed on to you all day. Also, the clients attending the lunch club today cannot stop talking of how much they appreciated and enjoyed it all. It has really instilled a feeling of Christmas cheer.

Many of them have commented on the fantastic show, the fantastic singing and dancing, the wonderful food and especially the warmth, politeness and friendliness of the students. They are all to be commended on being so welcoming and for putting on such professional entertainment.

Everything went very well in the organisation of bringing in all the guests and the way in which they were greeted; just an all-round great success.

Many, many thanks for inviting Totnes Caring along again this year, we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

*My mother is in her nineties and has been coming to the party for several years. It is always a highlight of Christmas-time for her. She loves to be invited into the school and to enjoy the company of the students, who are always such a pleasure to spend the afternoon with.*

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