

## FLYING WITH THE FALCONS

The Blue Falcons are about to embark on their 36th season. They do so with a high degree of confidence and optimism. We have a full programme of performances throughout the summer months. We are also looking forward to some special events.

On 9th May we will be holding our Presentation evening at Chelmer Valley. This event will formally start the season; however our recent BBC television performance unofficially kicked the season off. Certificates will be awarded to both newly qualified and experienced team members. There will be an auction, a quiz and it goes without saying, a gymnastic display by the new Fledglings and the Falcons. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of our new 7.5 tonne van to the team by Mr Robert Lodge of Lodge Coaches, who with the Essex Youth Bank have funded his magnificent vehicle.

On Saturday 12th September in the Meadows Shopping Centre, our intrepid gymnasts will attempt to break our own Guinness world vaulting record. The objective being to complete 6,000 vaults in an hour by ten gymnasts over one piece of apparatus. We hope to raise a significant sum for children's charities. Training has already started for the attempt, led by Mr Doug Girling. November 28th & 29th will see the team perform in the National Indoor Arena at the Birmingham Military Tattoo. This is as close to the Royal Tournament as you can get these days. To perform at this event is a great feather in the cap for the Falcons! Lodge Coaches usually run an excursion to the Tattoo, so why not book a place on the coach and support the Falcons? Much of the work has been accomplished this winter to pave the way for a successful new season. We have the largest Fledgling team ever. Some thirty five Year 7 students have worked extremely hard to achieve the high standards required to gain a place in our junior team. They have been most ably led by Mr Gary Steggall and his team of coaches. It never ceases to amaze me that we have enjoyed the company of up to 70 young gymnasts twice a week throughout the school year. They turn up without prompting, they require very little encouragement to work hard and often seem reluctant to finish vaulting at the end of each evening. What teacher or coach, anywhere, could ask for more of his students?

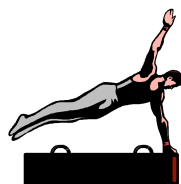
The Adult Support Group, as always, has worked fantastically throughout the winter months in every department, including bringing the new van up to scratch, in often cold wet conditions. It is a great privilege to work with such a wonderful group and to also view them as some of my very best friends.

I must sincerely thank all the organisations who have made donations to the Blue Falcons so far this year, namely: HSBC, The Essex Youth Bank, M&G, R.K. Harrison Insurance, Scalextric, Lodge Coaches and the Chelmer Valley Housing Partnership. And, to all those who have donated their time and energy for the brilliant young people that make up the Blue Falcons Gymnastic Display Team.

Our thanks, as ever must go to David Franklin and the staff of CVHS who give the Falcons their unfailing support. We are extremely grateful to them all.

Please feel free to come and support the Falcons this season, you will always be most welcome and hopefully you will not be disappointed by what you see!

Mr M.J. Ford  
Team Manager



Blue Falcons 2009 Programme

May

Sat 9th Falcons Display/Quiz Evening  
at CVHS – 7.00 pm

June

Sat 6th Braintree Carnival

Sat 20th Lt Waltham CPS & High

Easter Show

Sun 21st Stock

Sat 27th Crix Military Show Hatfield

Peveler

July

Sat 4th Broomfield Primary

Sat 11th Margaretting Horticultural

Show

Sat 18th Colchester Military Festival

Sat 25th Gt Waltham Village Fair

August

September

Sat 5th Guinness World Record  
attempt, Meadows Chelmsford

Sat 26th Burnham Carnival

October

J6 Evening – CVHS

November

Sat 28th Birmingham Tattoo. Leave

CVHS 6.00 am rehearsal 12 pm,

Performance 6.00 pm

Sun 29th Birmingham Tattoo. Leave

CVHS 8.30 am, Performance 2.00 pm

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