



# David School Messenger

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## 8 BRIDGES WALK COMPLETED



On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, trustees, volunteers, pupils and staff of King Edward's School, Witley completed an eight mile walk along the Thames in London.



They joined up with **Andrew Williamson** (one of David Wallwork's ex-pupils) and his son, **Nathan**, who is a pupil at King Edward's School (pictured on the left.), who were on the last leg of a 50 mile walk from Windsor to the Tower of London, along the Thames Towpath.



The group, pictured on the right, met up with Andrew and Nathan at Forum Magnum Square near County Hall, Westminster, with the aim of walking along the river to Tower Bridge and back, crossing as many bridges as possible.

Among those walking were David and several other Rotarians and David School supporters who travelled to London to take part, including, Marcus Horrell (Rotary Club of Peterborough), Sylvia Abblitt, (Rotary Club of Ramsey). Pat and Peter O'Keefe (Rotary Club of Guildford), Janet Wallwork, Catherine Thomas and Michael Houlden.



Lunch stop for the pupils was outside the Tate Modern on the South Bank, before going onto Tower Bridge, the halfway point, where they are pictured in the photo on the left, all still looking very fresh. Nathan's mother, Helen, is sixth from the right, next to David, and just in front of her is Nathan's little brother, Jacob, who did really well.

En-route they were joined by John Attwater, the Head of King Edward's School, Witley. He is seen on the bottom right of the picture on the right.

During the walk, the group crossed six bridges: Westminster, Blackfriars, Millennium, Southwark, London and Tower. Unfortunately, there was a train strike, so the pupils and staff had to catch the 4.00pm train back to school, meaning they ran out of time on the way back to cross Waterloo and Hungerford bridges to complete the eight.



Luckily, the weather was beautiful, but London was very busy as usual, and many thanks go to the King Edward's staff who marshalled the pupils – not an easy task with the crowds!

The Rotarians and other David School supporters had a celebratory drink with Andrew, Nathan and his family near Waterloo Station, before everyone returned home, tired, but pleased with their efforts.

David and Nathan

Our sincere thanks to Andrew and Nathan for having the idea for the fund-raising walk, to everyone who took part, to King Edward's School for supporting Nathan in his efforts, and to everyone who has been involved and donated.

Currently £1000 has been raised, with more promised. The money raised will be split between two charities – the **Bridewell Foundation**, which provides bursary funding for disadvantaged children to benefit from a place at King Edward's, and the **David School Trust** which will use it to help build a hostel for homeless pupils at the school. As the economic situation deteriorates in Sierra Leone, more and more of pupils are without family to feed and look after them.



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