



# Foundation Stone Laying

Ochil Tower School 22 March 2005

The Foundation Stone was laid by Bryan Bailey and Bill Nicol

We are gathered today to lay the Foundation Stone for our new house.

Ueli has fashioned a beautiful copper casket, which we will fill with all the gifts of hope and love and promise for the future.

We will also enclose a Verse, which is the foundation of our work with the children, and inspires and enables us to bring about healing, nurturing and enrichment.

**It is 'Aliveness' that must be the guiding principle.**

**'Aliveness' in the teacher must pass over to 'Aliveness' in the children.**

**Joy and happiness in living,  
A love of all existence,  
A power and energy for work -  
Those are among the lifelong results of the right cultivation  
Of the feeling for beauty and art.**

**The need for imagination,  
A sense of truth,  
And a feeling for responsibility,  
Those are the three forces  
Which are the very nerve of education**

**Our highest endeavour must be  
To develop free human beings,  
Who are able of themselves  
To impart purpose and direction to their lives.**

Rudolf Steiner

May the following House Blessing stand over this house and the many who will live and grow under its protection.

**May he who enters bring love into this place,  
May he who stays find knowledge in this house,  
May he who goes, take with him from this place  
the gift of peace.**

Rudolf Steiner

The gifts from the houses and classes:

- Coach House:** Small bag, made by all Coach House people from a Coach House table cloth, holding the wishes from the house and a piece of stone from the Coach House wall.
- Sycamore:** The children's settling prayer
- Belvidere:** A tree of good wishes
- Priory:** A poem
- Elmtree:** Photographs and a poem
- Ueli's Class:** A collage of maps of all the walks that they have done
- Neil's Class:** Home grown flower seeds and a candle
- Class 8:** Stone, feather and flower
- Class 7a:** Good wishes and pictures
- Class 7b:** Paintings
- Class 1:** Stones collected in Ochil Tower
- From Barrie:** A house blessing with an opal guardian angel and some old coins

