

# The Pennell House celebration lunch

Our annual summer Sunday lunch this year was held on 5 June and celebrated Pennell House. Guests included OEs, former staff and other friends and associates of the house.



Current housemaster Ben Jourdain with Culain Morris

It is 30 years since the move into 'new' Pennell House in 1986, after 65 years' residency in the original Pennell in Grassington Road. We were pleased to see a good representation across the generations, including Robin Brown, Robin Grey and Robert Stapylton-Smith, all of whom were at Pennell from 1945 to 1950, up to the current housemaster Ben Jourdain, his wife Lydia and their daughters Isla and Alyssa.

David Stewart welcomed the guests and spoke of the importance of 'family', paying tribute to the former housemasters and

their families who had been able to attend: Culain Morris (housemaster 1980-88); Lisa Young, Richard Young and Ros Ford (wife and children of Mike Young, housemaster 1965-80); and Fiona Storrs and Alison Charman (daughters of Robert Storrs, housemaster 1933-53). We were also pleased to see Liz Harrison, widow of Robin Harrison, who had been a boy in Pennell between 1942 and 1947.

Ben Jourdain spoke of the legacy of the house and how he felt that he and Lydia were merely custodians of Pennell, continuing the traditions and values that had been established by earlier generations.

Jo Shubber, who was in Pennell from 1965 to 1970, paid affectionate tribute to his housemaster Mike Young, who died in June 2015, a man who was firm but fair, and greatly appreciated by the boys in the house.

The College archives team had mounted a display of photos and text showing the history of the house, its staff and the achievements of some Pennell boys over the years; the exhibition generated a lot of interest and prompted many reminiscences.



The lunch guests assemble on the lawn by the Dining Hall



Fiona Storrs, Liz Harrison and Alison Charman



The senior contingent: from left, Robin Grey, Robin Brown and Robert Stapylton-Smith, with Sue Brown, Robin's wife, seated opposite



OEs from the Mike Young era with Lisa Young (in pink jacket), her children Ros and Richard, seated, and Jo Shubber, who paid tribute to Mike, standing on the right



The archives display received a lot of interest

One of the more endearing aspects of the independent school system is the maintenance and preservation of archaic customs and practices.

Easton's Wall Game comes to mind, as do the Christ's Hospital gowns, and Charterhouse's 'slang' (hash=classroom, beak=teacher, etc) but there are many more, relating to uniform, language, artefacts and practices. Sadly, such traditions have a tendency to expire. A quick search of a few of our fellow schools reveals that this is a common problem. One school archivist said 'Sadly I was unable to stop the elimination of traditions here'. Another: 'the boys are no longer given a pamphlet on the history of the College'.

On the other hand, Mr Arnold, one of our greatest headmasters, was a fervent creator of heritage and tradition. In 1900 he instigated the classic squared 1st XV rugby jersey. This survived until recently when it was superseded by a jersey with smaller squares. Oliver Torri, Director of Rugby, has now reinstated the original design of shirt, now 116 years old. Mr Arnold also filled the school with historic artefacts, many of which considerably predate the school.

Some were destroyed in the Big School fire but others remain.

One of his creations, which survived until the 1970s, was the Drinking-in Ceremony. Began in 1917, at the end of the rugby season the 15 Stags (1st XV colours) would gather on the Big School stage before the whole school and solemnly recite the Latin words:

*In hostium, et mei ipsius ni depugnavero, perniciem bibo*

(I drink to the destruction of the foe and of my own self if I have not fought to the finish)

They would then drink from a small wooden vessel, the Carmania Cup, which reputedly contained small beer, diluted with water. The drink in the cup was originally to be blood and milk, the blood supplied by the Stags, but this, perhaps fortunately, never happened. The cup was turned on a lathe by Alan Gilbert (Wargrave 1912-17) from a piece of wood from HMS *Carmania*, a former Cunarder turned First World War auxiliary cruiser which was involved in a gallant action on

## The College football song

Mr Arnold, master in charge of rugby for 25 years, introduced the College football song which began:

*Our game is not for milksops,  
with their namby-pamby ways,  
It's a game for the ding-dong fighter,  
with the pluck of the good old days;  
We've work for the speedy runner,  
for the rover who battles alone,  
We've a place for the light-weight bantam,  
we've a niche for the sixteen stone.*

Chorus

*For it's devil take the hindmost  
when 'College' strikes the ear;  
Charge home with a rousing tackle,  
Bang through, stretch 'em out, never fear.*

*Fit via vi unanimi.*

*Vociferabimur*

*'Fit via vi'.*

The Carmania Cup



14 September 1914 which resulted in the sinking of a German cruiser, the *Cap Trafalgar*.

The cup survives and used to be, and no doubt will be, displayed

in the new pavilion. The first Stag to drink from the cup was Richard Lynex (School House 1913-18), later Chairman of the OEA and Vice-Chairman of the Governors.



The original rugby shirt has been reinstated

## Remember the 'basher'?



Philip Fenwick Elliott (Wargrave 1964-68) sent us this picture of his College boater, or 'basher' as it was known, and told us that the boys were obliged to wear them beyond Blackwater Road on the town side of the school. However, by the mid-1960s, under Michael Birley's reforming headmastership, the basher was abolished and, Philip tells us, Mr Birley 'loosened up the dress code in other ways, also allowing last year pupils to wear any kind of tweed jacket rather than one of the two varieties previously supplied by the school shop, as well as [allowing] bell bottom trousers and long hair.' Philip regrets this and says: 'Boaters, blazers and gowns are a traditional element of public school life and maintained elsewhere with pride. It is a pity Eastbourne chose to ditch them.'

# Volunteer work in Zambia

In the 2014 magazine we published an invitation from Luke Powell (Gonville 1988-90) to any young OE considering doing volunteer work in Zambia. Luke runs Kansato Farms in the Northern Province, where the growing and processing of coffee is the main activity, alongside some livestock and poultry farming. They also have a small boarding house with a number of children, where the volunteers help with activities and sports.

In 2016, two recent OEs took up the offer: Robyn Graber (School 2013-15) and Yasmin

Message (Blackwater 2013-15). Luke writes:

During the course of 2016, we had the pleasure to welcome two lovely students from Eastbourne College who were willing to help us on many levels.

Robyn and Yasmin both came to us without knowing what life in our mad household in Northern Zambia would entail: 15 kids, five dogs, two cats, a rural Zambian town and coffee... enough to scare any teenagers straight out of the UK!

Both Robyn and Yasmin, though very dif-

ferent in character and background, fitted straight away into our family set up and were a tremendous help; be it with feeding chickens, getting kids up and ready for school at early hours, organising afternoon activities for the boarders or putting together a New Year party.

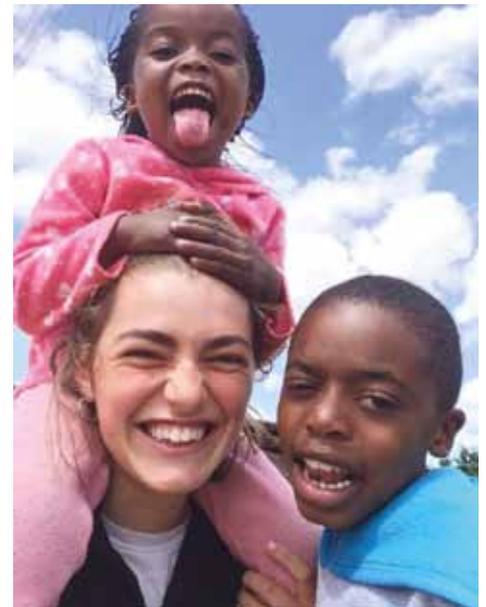
These young well-balanced women were always willing to try new experiences and immerse themselves into Zambian culture through food, music and people. We were blessed to have them and have forged friendships which I am sure will last a lifetime.



Yasmin helping on the farm



Robyn (on the right) with the 'mad household'



Yasmin having fun with the children

Robyn with a group of the boarders

# The 2016 OE reunion

Saturday 10 September was OE reunion day, and we were delighted to welcome around 160 people who were able to join us for all or part of the day. This year the reunion was for our senior cohort aged 65 and over: all former pupils in any year, up to and including those who were sixth form leavers in 1968.

With the OE Stags playing rugby on College Field, a guided tour of the campus, a chance to visit former houses and evensong in the Chapel, there was plenty to do, not to mention lunch, tea, reception drinks and the evening dinner in the dining hall. Some guests were shown the Project 150 site and visited the Birley Centre to see an exhibition on the history of the College, specially prepared by the College archives team. Others had the opportunity to look round other parts of the campus including the top of the Memorial Tower.

In Big School we had a number of house photos on display from the archives and we were pleased to see so many OEs help to fill in the blank names that were missing from the captions.

Approximately 130 guests – OEs, their wives and partners, and College staff – enjoyed the carvery dinner at 7.30pm. Philip Broadley introduced Headmaster Tom Lawson, who welcomed the guests to the College. After Grace was said by Chaplain the Revd David Ibbotson, David Winn (School 1954–59), President of the Eastbournian Society,



Tea in Big School

reminded with an amusing speech about his time as a schoolboy in the Fifties. He then proposed a toast to the College and its new Headmaster.

More photos from the day are available in the members area on the website at [www.eastbourniansociety.org](http://www.eastbourniansociety.org)



Some of the OEs who made it to the top of the Memorial Tower



Guests at the drinks reception



Guests at the evening dinner



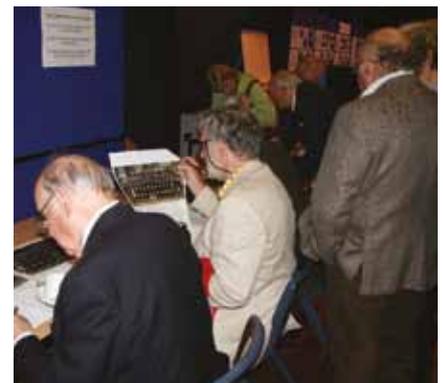
The archives exhibition in the Birley Centre proved very popular



Philip Broadley, Headmaster Tom Lawson and David Winn at the evening dinner



David Stewart leads the tour towards the Project 150 site



Helping to fill in the blanks on the house photos

# The Class of 2016

The latest group of Old Eastbournians are the Upper Sixth who left the College in summer 2016

## Arnold



Grace Baron



Lucy Brown



Celia Davies



Anna Eriksson



Robyn Mackay



Rebecca Nurse



Rebecca O'Dwyer



Aimee Pearson



Chloë Sumption



Tamzin Watson

## Blackwater



Amelia Allen



Lydia Butler



Katie Butler-Manuel



Isabelle Cronin



India Farmer



Holly Goble



Megan Good



Megan Short



Vicky Watson

## Craig



Raphael Barber



Ben Biltcliffe



Toby Brooks



Nicholas Graciotti



Samuel McClure



Robert Meikle



Fergus Piper



Adam Pluck



Henry Porpora



Giles Robinson



Joe Walker

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## Gonville



Henry Blythe



Oscar Booth



Harry Byatt



Sam Edwards



Brad Evans



Hugh Gordon



Fergus Gregorie



Jung-Gil Jeong



Rodney Kim



Tony Lee



Dmitry Mednov



Edward Towey



George Williams

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## Nugent



Nadya  
Boboshko



Millicent Cade



Zanna Cooper



Anna Cope



Ashleigh  
Ellison



Vanessa Erl



Candy Huang



Augusta King



Georgina Moore



Sophie Noton



Scarlett  
Scotland



Alice Streeter



Hermione  
Wohlrab



Amelia Wright

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## Pennell



Nick Atkins



TJ Barrett-Dunn



George Brassett



Max Haller



Christian  
Hudson



Ivan Loginov



Hugo Millns



Eddie Pitman



Dylan Price



Alexander  
Quinn



Anton Sakharov



Christian  
Trzebinski



Jack Turner



Angus Wilson

Powell



Zaccariah Andal



Bertie Beeching



Noah Britton



Hugo Darby



Finn Deans



Jonathan  
Fieldhouse



Charlie  
Hickman



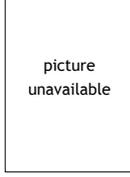
Thomas  
Lambert



Ryan Packham



George Peters



Benjamin  
Saunders



Olivier  
Schoppen

Reeves



George Barry



Joshua Curryer



Freddie  
Henderson



Daniel  
Narracott



Gearoid  
O'Callaghan



Muhammad  
Owasil



Jacob Perrett



Matt Rust



Jaspal Singh



Tom Tasharofi



Huxley Veasey

School



Deborah  
Ajuonuma



Amber Atkinson



Annabel Brooks



Georgina  
Daniels



Rose Down



Mia Finnamore



Natasha Gale



Phoebe Gale



Ellen Pitman



Helen Reading



Kitty Skinner



Rosanna Waters



Tabitha  
Wheeler

## Wargrave



Joshua Amofah



Robert Bensted-Smith



Oscar Chapman



Sean Corcoran



Toby Houchin



Harry Lloyd



Terry Lo



Charlie Meek



Finlay Moir



Hamish Mynott

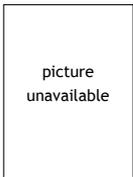


Bolaji Onalaja



Freddie Wright

## Watt



Kate Dibbens



Lucy Hyde



Evie Midgley



Salwa Owasil



Aradhana Pandey



Teanuanua Picard



Katya Rogers



Tianyu Wang



Amelia Why

### Correction

In the 2015 magazine we inadvertently transposed the photos of Aidan Fleet and Alex Khoroshkovskiy. Our apologies to both of them.

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# News of OEs, staff and some others

These news pages are compiled from updates submitted by OEs and others, and also from items that appear in newspapers, magazines and online. If you have any news that you would like us to feature please contact David Blake at drblake@eastbourne-college.co.uk or write to the Eastbournian Society office at the address in the Contacts section on page 92.

**Faris Al-Askari** (Wargrave 1991–96) tells us: ‘After leaving the College in 1996 I went to study education at Bangor University where I played international hockey for Wales against the other home nations at the British universities championships. I was also awarded the Sportsman of the Year for my contribution to hockey in my final year. After leaving university I lived and worked in London for five years; I then went to Australia and lived there for a year before returning to the UK where I gained a position at the University of Brighton sports department. I have since received my MBA and now lecture on the sports business management degree and also run my own personal training business while continuing to work at the university.’

Faris lives in Penhurst with his partner, three boys and a Sprocker called Dottie. Sport still plays a big part in his life as he continues to play hockey for Tunbridge Wells 1st team in the winter and village cricket for Burwash in the summer. He is looking to move into teaching full time and is currently taking a PGCE.

**Joseph Antebi** (Blackwater 1950–53) retired a couple of years ago after 50 years in a consulting engineering firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After leaving College, he went to Cambridge University and then MIT, where he obtained a doctorate in structural engineering. His first job was teaching engineering at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. After one year he took a trip around the world during his summer vacation. One stop was in southern India to visit his friend from College days **Ted Capper** (Blackwater 1948–53) who was running a tea plantation. After a second year of teaching in Hawaii he moved back to Cambridge to join a consulting engineering firm founded by three MIT professors, Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger, which has now grown to have over 500 employees. Joseph tells us that his chief interest has been

in the structural design of large radio and optical telescopes. He says: ‘Now that I am no longer working I have gone back to school. I have joined HILR, Harvard Institute of Learning In Retirement. I am taking courses in history, economics, and literature. Other than that there are visits with grandchildren and some travel abroad.’

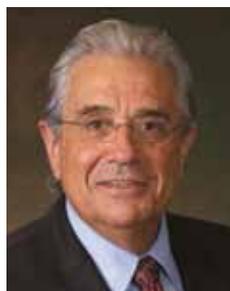
**David Asavanond** (Gonville 1989–94) visited the College in January 2016 and is pictured here (left) with **Abu Garba** (Gonville 1989–94). David is an actor and



won the best actor prize at the Thai Film Awards in 2013 for his performance as a sadistic drug-dealing hipster named Jesus in the New York-set horror thriller *Countdown*.

## John August

**John August** (Pennell 1963–68) was appointed Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost at Texas A&M University in February 2016. He tells us: ‘My academic appointment is in the Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences. Our university is the largest in the state, and one of the largest in the USA, with fall semester 2016 student enrolment of 66,426. We have nearly 4,000 faculty members on our main campus, and on our maritime science campus in Galveston (Texas), in our Health Science Center colleges and law school throughout the state, and in our engineering campus in Doha, Qatar. Texas A&M University is one of the few institutions in the USA to hold land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant status. My role is to oversee faculty hiring, appointments, workplace environment, career advancement, and faculty development.’ After leaving the College, John went to the Royal Veterinary College, University of London, for his degree in veterinary medicine. He went to the USA almost immediately after graduation for post-graduate training, got married to his wife Janet, and remained in the USA for his career in academic veterinary medicine. His daughter Jessica and her family (two children – Zachary and Hannah) live in Round Rock, Texas, where her husband is a Vice-President for Dell Computers.



**Philip Ashley** (Gonville 2004–09) got engaged in June to **Gemma Coleman** (Watt 2005–10). A photo of the two of them is on page 59.

**Michael Aspinal** (Blackwater 1945–50) tells us that on leaving the College he served a five-year apprenticeship in chemistry followed by two years in the RAF working on air radar. On returning to civilian life he joined the research staff at AEI in Rugby, his home town. When the company was taken over by GEC he moved to AEI Scientific Instruments (later Kratos), and worked in the consultant laboratory on mass spectrometers. He says: ‘I lost my wife to cancer 11 years ago and now live with my son and daughter-in-law. I have survived two heart attacks so consider myself lucky.’

**William Attwood** (Wargrave 2005–10) ran the London Marathon on 24 April 2016, and completed the course with a time of 3:46:38. He and **Jack Hunter Blair** (Wargrave 2003–08) were raising funds for Epilepsy UK in memory of **Tom Sibree** (Pennell 2003–04), who died in 2015.

**Rebecca Bartlett** (Blackwater 2002–07) married Alejandro Paredes at the College Chapel on Saturday 30 July 2016. Further details and a photo with OE guests are on page 46.

**Matt Bell** (Gonville 1991–92) visited the College with his family in October 2016, and had a chance to look round Gonville House with housemaster Richard Hart. Matt is an attorney in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He told us: ‘I



had the pleasure of attending the College in 1991–92 as part of the English Speaking Union secondary school exchange with US schools. I made some wonderful friends at the College and had some experiences that I will never forget. I am proud to say that in one year Nigel Wheeler coaxed an ‘A’ out of me in English and even taught me a little cricket. I also played rugby and football with the first XI that year.’ Matt is pictured here with his wife Kristin and sons Luke (11) and James (8).

**Oli Boggis** (Powell 1997–2002) reached the summit of Mount Aconcagua in Argentina in late 2015 as a way of raising funds for charity. The mountain, located



in the Andes, is the highest point in both the Western Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere, at 6,961 m (22,838 ft). Oli was climbing it to support the Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association and raised almost £5,000. He tells us that three of his team got to the summit and says: ‘It was a tough expedition with severe weather and temperature as low as -30°. Less than 10% who attempt it have got up this season and we were the first British team to do so.’ He is pictured here at the summit in December 2015.

**Ed Brooke** (Wargrave 1990–95) was contacted by the College archivist Michael Partridge who had spotted a booklet entitled *Playing Fives* that Ed had written and published in 2010. Ed has now moved to the USA and



has had what he describes as ‘a varied and interesting’ career. Between 2000 and 2003 he studied for a DPhil in pharmacology at the University of Oxford, then worked as a strategy consultant with Mercer Management Consulting from 2003 to 2007. He taught chemistry at Radley College from 2007 to 2011, where he was also master i/c of fives (hence the book). He and his wife had three children during this period: Henry in 2008 and Matthew and Sophia in 2010. In 2011, the family moved to Newport News, Virginia, where Ed was a college lecturer in chemistry and biology at Christopher Newport University in 2011–12. He then became a strategy consultant with Oliver Wyman, focusing on the retail sector. In March 2016 the family moved to Golden, near Denver, Colorado to ‘answer the call of the mountains’, as Ed puts it.

**Lulu Brown** (Nugent 1980–82), who works part-time as the East-bournian Society events organiser, helped raise funds for Project 150 by auctioning on Ebay a mini All Blacks rugby ball signed by Jonah Lomu. Lulu had met Jonah at the Eden Park ground in New Zealand in 1997 when he unveiled his wax figure for the Madame Tussaud’s Australia exhibition, which had just opened in Melbourne. Lulu, who at the time worked for Madame Tussaud’s, had flown the figure over from Australia so that Jonah could be photographed with it, and he had signed the ball and given it to her. The auction, in February 2016, brought in £400 for Project 150.

**Canon Adrian Carey**, son of former headmaster **Gordon Carey** and longstanding friend of the College, published his memoirs in 2016 under the title *From Then Till Now*. It is a 364-page hardbound book which chronicles his long life from early days in Eastbourne



and Chelmsford Hall, through schooldays at Eton, then King’s, Cambridge, war service as a Lieutenant with the Royal Navy, work for the BBC and, for sixty years, a clerk in holy orders. We were delighted to welcome him to the College on Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2013, when he was proud to wear his recently awarded his Arctic Star. Adrian’s biography begins with an acknowledgement of the assistance provided by Michael Partridge, College Archivist, first by helping to get his father’s memoirs, *Nobody’s Business*, into print, and then in assisting with Adrian’s until ill health intervened. Others took over and the final result is an enthralling record of a life well-spent.

**George Chambers** (Pennell 1974–79) is the owner of GH Chambers (Northiam Farms) in Horsmonden, Kent, which grows dessert apples, cooking apples and pears for supermarkets and wholesalers. In 2016 the business was the overall winner of the Goudhurst and Paddock Wood NFU orchard competition, an award for the top fruit farm showing the highest standards of management and quality produce.

**Oscar Chapman** (Wargrave 2014–16) took part in an Operation Raleigh trip to Borneo between 5 October and 13 December 2016. Oscar raised over £3200 for the charity, covering the costs of travelling to Borneo himself. While there his tasks included helping to build schools, water wells, accommodation and teaching the locals English. Many of the rural communities are marginalised through lack of access to basic services, with nearly half not having access to a reliable and safe water supply, and nearly a third of the rural population living in poverty.

**Chloe Chesney** (Blackwater 2009–11) embarked on an expedition in the summer to help in primate conservation. Chloe, who studied history and anthropology at Oxford Brookes University, has been working as a volunteer at Howletts conducting behavioural observations on Moloch Gibbons and helping in the primate section as a keeper. On 21 July 2016 she travelled to Indonesia to continue her work there for one week, before moving on to the Little Fireface Project for three weeks, where she helped with education and collecting

## Derek Clayton

**Derek Clayton** (Pennell 1939–44) celebrated his 90th birthday in July 2016 and, to help celebrate, the Linnean Society of London organised a two-day meeting at Burlington House in Piccadilly, which also honoured his contribution to grass taxonomy. During his 56 years at Kew Gardens, Derek built a classification system for the grass family. He wrote the classic account *Genera Graminum* in 1986 and went on to invent the world’s first electronic flora and e-taxonomic system, GrassBase. The meeting brought together the global community of grass taxonomists to say thank you to Derek, with 80 delegates attending. Our thanks go to Derek’s brother **Ian** (Pennell 1943–46) who drew our attention to the event.



data about the slow loris, which is threatened by loss of habitat and the effects of the pet trade.

**Nick Clark** (School 1972–77) (aka Benje) retired from the Royal Engineers in 2009 and lived aboard Yacht Malaika, resident in Corsica for four years. He is now relishing the novelty of settled life in Tavistock, Devon, and tells us he works ‘eight days a week in voluntary pursuits: Dartmoor search and rescue team secretary, Air Training Corps civilian instructor, Duke of Edinburgh award assessor, church maintenance, search and rescue dog training and the City of Plymouth Pipe Band.’

**Robert Cohen** (Reeves 1977–82) wrote and performed *Something Rotten* at the Brighton Fringe Festival in June, helping to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death. The show presented the events of *Hamlet* from the viewpoint of King Claudius, and was described by the Brighton *Argus* as ‘both entertaining and intellectually

satisfying’. Later in the year he appeared at the Rialto in Brighton in *The Ugly One*, Marius von Mayenburg’s surreal comedy about the misperception and misuse of beauty, in which he played the title role.

**Gemma Coleman** (Watt 2005–10) got engaged in June to **Philip Ashley** (Gonville 2004–09). The



couple met at the College and, Gemma tells us, ‘we got engaged in the Cotswolds, during a long weekend away, while picnicking in a secluded garden on a manor estate.’

## Nick Cooper

**Nick Cooper** (School 1964–68) has been appointed President at the Racehorse Owners Association (ROA). He joined the ROA in 1995 and the most successful horses to carry his own colours were Eulogy, winner of the 1999 Whitbread Gold Cup, and Champion Hurdle-placed I’m Supposin. His wife, Philippa, owns and runs Normandie Stud. Following a meeting in November 2015, the board of the ROA unanimously nominated Cooper as the ROA’s Acting President, to hold office from the first board meeting of 2016 on 4 February. His three-year term as President was ratified at the AGM in June. Nick said: ‘I am incredibly excited about working with my fellow board members to improve all aspects of racehorse ownership. British racing will only thrive if it retains its existing owners and attracts new ones. This will require a concerted effort from many parties within the sport but, supported by the recent signing of the Members’ Agreement, I am heartened that racing has never been more united.’



## Ronnie Corbett

**Ronnie Corbett**, one of Britain's best-loved entertainers, died on 31 March aged 85. What many may not know is that Ronnie played a small part (no pun intended) in the history of Eastbourne College. In July 1982 he was the guest of honour at the school's summer fete, which was raising funds for the rebuilding of Big School following the devastating fire of the previous November. He is pictured here at the fete with Headmaster Chris Saunders. That day £10,000 was raised towards the rebuilding costs, and this was no doubt partly due to Ronnie's appearance in front of the crowds.



## Richard Crook

**Richard Crook** (Powell 1966–70) appeared on BBC2's *Great British Railway Journeys* on Monday 11 January. The programme, in which presenter Michael Portillo travels around Britain by train with a copy of *Bradshaw's Guide*, showed him en route between Dover and Lewes, stopping in Eastbourne on the way. There he met Richard, who was asked about the town's Victorian heritage and the designs of architect Henry Currey under the patronage of the Seventh Duke of Devonshire. Richard is pictured on the left with Michael Portillo in the grounds of Devonshire Park. Richard, himself an architect, is also architectural adviser to the local heritage group, the Eastbourne Society and is co-author of the recent publication *Eastbourne in Detail*.



**Adam Cornford** (Wargrave 1997–2002) has relocated to Australia with his new wife. His employer Marsh Ltd has asked him to set up the Macquarie Banking team based in Sydney.

**Emma Dalrymple** (née Woods) (Nugent 1993–95) had a baby boy in April 2015, Henry (Harry) David Fergus Dalrymple, a brother for Alexander and Davina.

**Amy Davies** (School 2002–07) took part in the London Marathon on 24 April and finished with a time of 3:28:48.

**Nick Deane** (Blackwater 1980–83) ran the London Marathon in April 2016 and completed the course with a time of 4:01:57. He was running to raise funds for the Severn Hospice.

## Jody Deans

**Jody Deans** (Powell 2010–12) was appointed International Youth Federation Representative to the UK in July 2016. The International Youth Federation is an international non-profit youth organisations network. It is neutral politically, and non-denominational, and aims to empower youth worldwide by promoting cooperation between youth organisations in different countries. In making the announcement the IYF said: 'Jody Deans is a young professional, passionate about political and international relations. He is motivated, diligent, and an ambitious person with developed experience in marketing, sales, business development, policy, and law whilst working across five countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific. He studied arts at University College London. He also was part of the Study China University Exchange Programme, Mandarin and Chinese History, in 2014.'



a number of his contemporaries are no longer still with us, he salutes those who remain, and is happy to have entertained his original 'nurse' at Powell, **Professor Roger Pertwee** (Powell 1956-60) of Aberdeen University, in Oslo two years ago. Roger is his oldest friend, as they met at prep school well over 60 years ago.

## Tim Ellerton

**Tim Ellerton** (Pennell 1991–96) has been appointed the new commercial director at the British Olympic Association (BOA), with responsibility for all of the BOA's commercial activities, including sponsorship, licensing, fundraising and retail partnerships. He will also sit on the senior leadership team. Tim spent eight years at Heineken as global sponsorship manager, in charge of the company's association with the Uefa Champions League, the Rugby World Cup and Formula One. Before that he was sponsorship manager for Coca-Cola Great Britain where he worked on global partnerships including the Fifa World Cup, the Olympic Games and domestic sponsorships in the UK for the Football League and the RFU. Tim commented: 'It's an exciting time for Olympic sport in the UK and I'm delighted to be joining the BOA. Following on from the success both on and off the field of the play over the past few years, there is a fantastic challenge to build on those accomplishments and one I'm really looking forward to. It's a privilege to be joining a successful and winning team in all regards and working with an outstanding portfolio of existing partners.'



**Rosie Eckert** (School 2000–05) was married to William Bowles on 6 August 2016 and has sent us this photo of the happy day.

**Susanna Emsley** (née Girling) (Nugent 1980–82), her husband Drew and two children Kate (15) and Will (12) live on a small holding in Worcester with a menagerie of animals. In the last six years they have got to grips with alpacas, sheep, goats, pigs, ducks, geese, hens, budgies, rabbits and dogs – a whole new world. Besides this, the day job keeps them both busy

as they run a company providing hardware, software and training to the gas industry. Susanna tells us that she likes to be out of her comfort zone on all fronts! She has enjoyed the stability that comes from being in touch with old Eastbourne friends and loves catching up with all their news.

**Chris Ennals** (Powell 1956–60) has recently completed his Romantic Symphony and a piano concerto. The latter is designed as a first step for budding performers and is fairly easy to play. Chris plays the piano version on YouTube. Regarding his recollections of years at the College 1956–60, on pages 20–21, he is sad that quite



**John Finn-Kelcey** (Blackwater 1950–53) visited the College with his daughter in early May on the occasion of his 80th birthday. They are pictured here by College Field.

**Mark Freeland** (School 1976–81) stepped down from his position as controller of fiction and entertainment at the BBC's in-house production department in April 2016, a day before it was relaunched as BBC Studios. In an email to BBC staff Mark explained that he felt that some of the proposed changes being made by the Director of BBC Studios, Mark Linsey, would not give him the creative platform he needed to be at his very best and add maximum

value to the Studios project. He said: 'Those of you who know me, will appreciate that creativity – being close to production and talent – is absolutely central to the way I operate'.

**Abu Garba** (Gonville 1989–94) visited the College with **David Asavanond** (Gonville 1989–94) in January 2016. There is a picture of the two of them in David's entry on page 58.

**Rear Admiral Chris Gardner** (Pennell 1976–81) was awarded a CBE in the 2017 New Year's Honours. Chris was promoted to Rear Admiral in November 2015 and is now Assistant Chief of Naval Staff Ships and Chief Naval Logistics Officer in Navy Command, Portsmouth. Commenting on the award, Chris said that it was 'much to my surprise and obvious delight. It is great to join the list of RN members of the order who are also OEs.'

**Jamie Garratt** (Wargrave 1999–2004) was part of the winning team in the Syndicate Business Plan Programme 2016 organised by the Academy of the Lloyd's Market Association (LMA). Jamie, who works for Talbot, also received an individual award for best presenter at an awards ceremony at Lloyd's of London in December.

**Michael Gietzen** (Reeves 2001–03) is the managing director of Identity Events, which has recently expanded its operations in the United Arab Emirates. More information about how this was achieved, with the help of some OE connections, is on page 38.



**Alex Goble** (Reeves 2009–14) was selected for the England Counties U20s rugby team summer tour, which included a 19–14 victory over Russia U20s in Moscow in June. Alex is currently studying for a BSc in real estate at Nottingham Trent University, which he combines with commitments at Nottingham Rugby, who play in the Green King IPA Championship, the second tier of English rugby. He also plays for the university team.

## John Gosden

**John Gosden** (Gonville 1965–69) has been awarded an OBE in the 2017 Queen's New Year's Honours list for services to horseracing and training. John has won over 3,000 races worldwide, including eight British Classics. His titles include the Breeders' Cup Classic, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the Dubai Sheema Classic. After leaving the College he read economics at Cambridge University, then worked in land development in Venezuela. He started his training career in California in 1979, where he trained over 500 winners. He returned to England to train in 1989, originally at Stanley House Stables, then moved to Clarehaven Stables in Newmarket in 2006. He won the British trainers' crown in 2012 and then again in 2015. Speaking to the *Racing Post*, he said: 'This award would have not come to be without the wonderful people who have worked with me and for me down all the years. I'm especially grateful to them all and to the many horses, of various abilities, which I have been fortunate enough to train during my career. I would like to thank them all.'



**Neil Gordon** (Gonville 1971–75) sent us this photo of himself with his daughters Elspeth and Freya Gordon, both current pupils in



Blackwater House, at the College Remembrance service in November. Neil has worked for British Airways for the last 30 years and is currently a 747 captain. Before that he flew with Britannia Airways and British Caledonian. He tells us it would be good to hear from any fellow OEs from his time.

**Timothy Harington** (School 1941–43) had his 90th birthday in November. His daughter Joanna Jones told us that Timothy lives in Harare, Zimbabwe, having been evicted from his tobacco farm in 2002. His wife died three-and-a-half years ago and he has three children and seven grandchildren. Joana says that Timothy loves hearing news from Eastbourne.

**Christopher Harris** (Reeves 1948–51) is the brainchild behind The South Down Project, a plan to redevelop the site of the former Shoreham Cement Works in the South Downs National Park. A mixture of new homes, businesses and leisure facilities, the plan is to meet the demands of conservation, enhancement of natural beauty, biodiversity, cultural heritage, promotion of the

qualities of the national park, housing, transport infrastructure, regeneration, and the economic wellbeing of the local communities. Chris is a retired architect, who during his long career had worked with, among others, Sir Hugh Casson and Sir Denys Lasdun on some of London's most famous landmark buildings.



**Stan Havrlik** (School 1953–57) visited the College with his wife while on holiday in April, en route from his home in Brussels to Cornwall. He took the opportunity to visit the archives and pose for this photograph with archivist Michael Partridge.

**Philip Hepburn** (Blackwater 1961–66) visited the College archives on 31 October to donate five photographs but, more importantly, to explore information about his family's long relationship with the College. No fewer than nine Hepburns attended Blackwater House, beginning with Philip's grandfather in 1900. His father Guy was headmaster of Ascham 1958–69 while uncle Derek was a Scottish rugby international, gaining nine caps as a centre threequarter in 1947–49. We were able to give Philip some spare back copies of the *Eastbournian* and lend him an electronic copy of Mr Allom's OE Register with which to extend his research into his family's history.

## Steve Gray



**The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Revd Robert Willis, presenting the cup to Steve**

**Steve Gray** (Powell 1979–84) had fun captaining the Anglican cricket team against the Vatican. This series has taken place over three summers and the outcome was finally decided in Canterbury at the Kent County ground where the Anglicans were decisive in victory. Stephen, having moved to be the Senior Chaplain at Eton College in September, had to go on 'bended knee' to the headmaster to request time off in his first week of the new year to play cricket – fortunately the win helped to justify his absence!

**Tony Hilton** (Blackwater 1955–60) attended the OE reunion on 10 September, having travelled from his home in New South Wales, Australia. While at the College he visited the archives and donated a number of digital copies of colour photographs he had taken in the 1950s and '60s, of both the school and the town of Eastbourne. Later in the year Tony attended the Sydney reunion dinner (see page 45) and gave a presentation using some of these images, a nostalgic look back for many OEs there. Tony has also contributed his memories of schooldays at the College, which are carried on page 20.

**Guy Holman** (Home Boarder 1908–14) died on 6 July 1916 as a result of the wounds he received in the Battle of the Somme. His great-niece Rosie Rushton contacted the College to say that she was attending the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme in Thiepval on Friday 1 July. She said: 'I will be saying a prayer for all those old boys of the College who lost their lives in the Great War. My paternal grandfather Henry James Holman is commemorated in the College cloisters and my maternal grandfather George Ambrose Wallis had close connections with the College also. My father **George Meade Holman** was a pupil there and remained grateful for the College

until his death.’ Later she added: ‘I remember the eagerness with which the magazines were received by my father throughout my childhood and adolescence and how he continued to read them even when he was in a care home.’

**Peter Homburger** (School 1942–47) tells us that he has ‘just about finished a book about my life in Germany, England, the USA, and service in the army in Japan and Korea.’ Peter lives in Wheat Ridge, near Denver, Colorado, and is one of the OE reps in the USA. He hopes to be able to visit the College some time during the 150th anniversary celebrations. Peter and his brothers **Walter** (School 1939–40) and **Wolfgang** (School 1941–44) were among those who came to England as part of the Kindertransport refugee scheme in 1939.

**Jack Hunter Blair** (Wargrave 2003–08) ran the London Marathon on 24 April 2016, and completed the course with a time of 3:57:43. He and **William Attwood** (Wargrave 2005–10) were raising funds for Epilepsy UK in memory of **Tom Sibree** (Pennell 2003–04), who died in 2015.

**Ollie Hyne** (Craig 2005–10) took part in the 2016 London Marathon, with a finishing time of 4:44:42. Ollie has also recently become the main contact for the OE Stags rugby team. More details about the Stags are on page 73.



**Georgia Ingham** (Blackwater 2010–12), who was a music scholar while at the College, has graduated from the prestigious Lloyds Scholars Programme. After leaving the College, Georgia studied music at the University of Bristol, and succeeded in joining the Lloyds programme after a competitive application process. While studying, she had to commit to completing at least 100 hours of volunteering in the local community. The Lloyds Banking Group provided a dedicated mentor, as well as two paid ten-week internships and other financial assistance, helping to

## Eddie Izzard

**Eddie Izzard** (Pennell 1975–80), completed 27 marathons in 27 days in South Africa during February and March 2016, raising over £1.35m for Sport Relief. His route traced the story of Nelson Mandela’s life, starting at his birthplace, going to the school and university that he attended, then on to Cape Town and Robben Island where he was imprisoned. The 27 marathons reflected the 27 years Mr Mandela had spent in prison before becoming South Africa’s first black president. In order to complete the challenge Eddie had to run a double marathon on the final day, Sunday 20 March, finishing at the statue of Nelson Mandela in Pretoria, South Africa. Celebrating afterwards, he said: ‘That was very, very tough. Thank you to everyone who has donated... don’t do this at home.’

In June Eddie was announced as the winner of the South Bank Sky Arts Outstanding Achievement Award, which recognises lifetime contribution to British arts. Eddie is the 20th recipient of the award. Host of the ceremony, Melvyn Bragg, said: ‘Eddie Izzard is a marvel. He works across such a wide

waterfront with an unmatched, often uncatchable style and wit. We’re delighted that he joins the ranks of those who have won this outstanding achievement award.’



In July Eddie was in Bexhill Museum to open its latest exhibition: the Izzard family trainset. The model railway layout is a Tri-ang ‘OO’ scale set which Eddie’s father John began to build in Aden in late 1959 and early 1960 while awaiting the birth of his first son **Mark** (Pennell 1973–78). It was continued in Bexhill when the family returned after the birth of Eddie in 1962. This trainset is of particular significance and poignancy as it was greatly extended as a project to occupy the boys during the illness and tragic death of their mother Dorothy at a young age in 1968. It had been packed away for 40 years and it took six months to be restored by members of the Bexhill Model Railway Club.

build relationships with future employers and boost employability with transferable skills.



**Mark Jackson** (School 1975–77) was named as the new chief executive officer of The Baltic Exchange in September, taking up the appointment early in 2017. He is expected to play a key part in the development of the Baltic under its new owners Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX). He has had more than 35 years in shipping, working as a competitive broker, including a period with EA Gibson in London, and for the last 16 years has represented AM Nomikos Group, most recently as chief commercial officer. He was appointed a director of The Baltic Exchange in 2004 and in 2005 became chairman of the Freight Indices and Futures Committee. He was elected vice-chairman of The Baltic Exchange in 2007 and served as chairman from 2009 until 2012.

**Peter Jamieson** (Blackwater 1960–63) has retired but tells us that he is busier than ever. He has taken up a directorship at The Dots Global Ltd, an online company (the-dots.com) that focuses on creating a community from the creative industries. The company is headed up and was founded by his entrepreneur daughter Philippa, and he recommends that

all College pupils and recent leavers interested in the creative Industries check it out. His other daughter **Poppy** (School 2007–11) is teaching at St Georges College, Quilmes, near Buenos Aires. She recently met up with the OE representative in Argentina, **Robert Marstrand** (Blackwater 1985–90). Other things that Peter is involved in include Vintage TV (Channel 82 on Freeview in the UK), chairing the St George’s Hill Club in Weybridge, Surrey, and being an associate producer for the upcoming Jim Steinman stage musical *Bat out of Hell*, based on the Meatloaf album of the same name. The show starts in Manchester on 17 February 2017 for previews, before opening on 7 June at the London Coliseum with the official world premiere on 29 June.

**Capt (ret’d) Andrew Jelinek** (Craig 1998–2003) laid the OE wreath at the College’s Act of Remembrance on Sunday 13 November. Andrew served in the Life Guards (Household Cavalry Regiment) and was injured while serving on operations in Afghanistan. He left the Army after convalescence and rehabilitation and now works for the National Trust. The College was delighted and honoured to welcome him back to College to lay the wreath on behalf of all Old Eastbournians.

**Jasper Keeling** (Pennell 2008–13) and **Zak Keeling** (Pennell 2010–15) were part of the Keeling family cricket team which made history in August by being made up entirely of the members of one family. A report and photo is on page 46.



**Camilla Kruger** (School 2000–05) competed in the equestrian events at the 2016 Rio Olympics, where she represented Zimbabwe, the first equestrian from that country to qualify for Olympic competition. Born and bred in Zimbabwe, Camilla says she started riding at a young age on the family farm, and had always had the dream of going to the Olympics. She took part in the eventing competition, riding her horse Biarritz, who is more familiarly known as Sam.



**Philip Le Brocq**, who taught at the College between 1962 and 1988, visited with his wife Sally in November 2016 and had a chance to meet the new occupants of the Headmaster’s House, Tom and Jess Lawson.

**Chris Lewis** (Wargrave 1952–57) has been awarded an Honorary Moredun Fellowship for his contribution to the Moredun Foundation and the UK sheep industry. The Moredun Foundation was founded by a group of Scottish farmers

between the wars to investigate the huge losses occurring in the Scottish flocks. It has thrived and is now a well-respected International research institute. While it has widened its remit the heart of research remains focused on alleviating disease and improving welfare among UK livestock, particularly ruminants. Chris was also elected as a trustee of the National Sheep Association (NSA). NSA represents the sheep industry to government and to the EU and has been successful in negotiating improvements for the industry and winning recognition of how important sheep are to the environment.

**Ela Lourenco** (née Aysan) (Watt 1994–96) lives in Edinburgh with her husband Paulo and two daughters. Having worked in political journalism and interpretation for a while she decided some years ago to write for children and young adults. She currently has three books out and more under contract to follow. *Dragon Born*, *Child of Fire* (books 1 and 2 of the five-book *Dragon Born* series) and *Radiant* (book 1 of the *Ascension* series) are all fantasy adventure mysteries. Ela also runs regular and one-off creative writing workshops for children and young adults as a hobby and enjoys this immensely. She says: 'I recall my days at Eastbourne College with great affection and feel that it played a huge part in getting me to where I am today.'



**Peter Maddocks** (Powell 1962–66) was part of a small volunteer team that completed a major project in June 2016, with the inauguration and dedication of a new war memorial built in a village just west of Ottawa, Canada. Peter and his team had been working on the fund-raising, planning and logistics of this community-generated memorial to honour the fallen who served Canada in both world wars and subsequent



conflicts, and who died and were buried elsewhere, as no permanent memorial existed in the area served by the community. The project took more than five years to complete but was funded by voluntary contributions and a matching government grant, and was built with significant additional contributions of materials and labour donated by local companies and individuals. Peter spent much of his time talking to local community and historical societies to raise awareness and funds and, as secretary of the committee, found himself very occupied in keeping momentum and paperwork organised. He freely admits that this was one of the most satisfying and worthwhile projects he has ever been involved with. Golf occupies a good deal of his time and retirement, travel and home projects keep him busy.

**Hardit Singh Malik** (Blackwater 1910–12), known as 'the Flying Sikh', was one of the more distinguished OEs of his era. He gained a scholarship to Balliol, played cricket for Sussex and cricket and golf for the university, before in 1916 joining the French Red Cross as an ambulance driver. In 1917 he was commissioned into the Royal Flying Corps and became a pilot. Following the war, Malik became Prime Minister of the State of Patiala in India and later India's first High Commissioner to Canada. The archives recently helped a young undergraduate at the University of London, Jagruti Gorasia, to complete his dissertation about Indian pilots who served in the Great War. In July 2016 YouTube posted a short film about Malik and his Camel

aircraft in which Malik recounts his miraculous escape in a fierce dogfight against Lt Paul Straehle of Jasta 18. The Malik video can be found at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccrw-ZtnjCl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccrw-ZtnjCl)

**Niki Mapouras** (Blackwater 2002–07) was married to **Oscar Orellana-Hyder** (Reeves 2002–07) on 1 September 2016 in Oroklini, Cyprus. A photo and more details are on page 64.

**Imogen Maxwell** (Blackwater 2003–08) took part in the London Marathon on 24 April 2016 and finished the course with a time of 4:48:13.



**Paul Mayhew-Archer** (Reeves 1967–71) has won an award for a BBC documentary about the funny side of living with Parkinson's disease. Paul, a scriptwriter who co-wrote *The Vicar of Dibley* and has worked on a host of other TV and radio comedy programmes, was named best documentary presenter at the Grierson Awards, which celebrate the UK's best documentaries. The ceremony took place at London's Mermaid Theatre on 7 November. Paul's programme, *Parkinson's: The Funny Side*, was first shown on BBC One's regional documentary strand *Inside Out* in March 2016, and has been repeated nationally since then. The chair of the Grierson jury Liesel Evans said: 'What sets our winner apart is his use of humour in tackling a complicated subject in a way that felt genuine and persuasive whilst being completely charming and insightful.'

**Jim McCue** (School 1977–81) accepted the Pegasus Award for poetry criticism on behalf of himself and his co-editor Christopher Ricks for their work on the

new critical edition of the poetry of TS Eliot, which was published in 2015. The award is made by the Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry* magazine, which is based in Chicago. The editor of *Poetry* Don Share said: 'The authoritative and remarkable editing of the poems of TS Eliot by Christopher Ricks and Jim McCue is unprecedented; their work illuminates every one of Eliot's poems in ways unimaginable until now. This work will remain invaluable to readers and students of poetry for many generations.' Jim later contacted the College to tell us: 'I was amused to find an old College worksheet, which tells me that I first opened the Selected Poems to read *The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock* on 23 April 1980. I remember clearly where I was sitting in Philip Le Brocq's set in Room 8, and I remember the immediate impact the poems had on me.'

**Johnny Mercer MP** (Pennell 1995–2000), who was our London dinner guest of honour in 2016 (see page 25), has been in the news throughout the year, principally for his campaigning on behalf of the rights of service veterans. Johnny, the Conservative MP for Plymouth Moor View, is chairman of a parliamentary inquiry into the treatment of troops under criminal investigation as a result of alleged historic abuses committed in Iraq, Afghanistan and Northern Ireland. He has been a strong critic of the Iraq Historic Allegations Team (Ihat) which has been accused of betrayal of veterans, amid concerns about irregularities of Legal Aid funding of the lawyers bringing the claims against British service personnel. On a lighter note, Johnny was in the news in January when he revealed that he lived on a motor cruiser moored at Canada Water in London's Docklands, rather than pay an exorbitant rent for a flat in the capital. In November, the *Plymouth Herald* reported that Johnny had saved a fellow MP, Scott Mann, from drowning when he got into difficulties while swimming in the sea off Cawsand, Cornwall. He later said that his actions were 'nothing special' and he did what anybody would have done.

**Michael Moore** (Blackwater 1968–72) divides his time between Geneva and Lima, so has kindly offered to be the OE rep in Peru, while continuing as one of the reps in Switzerland.



## Henry Lucas

**Henry Lucas** (Blackwater 1947–51) was recently contacted by archivist **Michael Partridge** to seek information about the life of his brother **Godfrey (aka Charles) Lucas** (Blackwater 1947–49), who had died in February 2015. Michael and Henry had been precise contemporaries in Blackwater and had not been in contact

for 65 years. Consequently the telephone conversation lasted for some 30 minutes as they revisited old times and updated each other on their respective lives and ailments. Michael also found this house photo from the period. Henry is on the left and Michael on the right.

**Ian Mortimer** (Wargrave 1980–85) writes: My year has been one of the hardest-working yet in my career. I remember thinking at the College, 'wouldn't it be great to be a writer – you can work when you want to'. Thirty-two years later, the reality is that I can work whenever I want to – as long as I don't stop. This year it has been a case of writing and editing *The Time Traveller's Guide to Restoration Britain, 1660–1700* to a deadline. Well, several deadlines. I missed January's deadline, then July's, and then September's. And when I finally finished the last chapter, on entertainment, with the publishers growing very twitchy, that one alone was 31,000 words long. So the last few weeks (October/November) have been spent poring over the text with my editor trying to cut as much as possible: we've managed to lose 25,000 words to make it a manageable 500 pages long for when it comes out in April 2017 (published by The Bodley Head). But this has been done against a backdrop of doing the same thing with my next novel *The Outcasts of Time* (about two medieval brothers who sell their souls to the devil in December 1348 to cure themselves of the plague and who end up living each of their last six days 99 years on from the last, so they return in December 1447, 1546, 1645, 1744, 1843 and 1942). That book is scheduled to appear in June 2017, published by Simon & Schuster. In the summer I was asked to give a keynote lecture at a conference arranged by the University of Southampton's Department of Psychology on the development of the sense of self in the Middle Ages – probably the hardest subject I've ever had to lecture on. Add in a commitment to public service (Dartmoor National Park Authority; the Forum on Historical Manuscripts and Academic Research; and Exeter Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee), and chairmanship of the Friends of Devon's Archives and a couple of other history societies,

plus producing academic research at the same time, and there has not been much time in the day (or night) left for idleness. But I did manage to fulfil my 2016 New Year's resolution to do 30 parkruns in the year, so I haven't become fused to my computer yet.

**Dr John Moyle** (Nugent and School 1959–62) describes himself 'as a bit of a dunce' having left the College with just four O level GCEs. He completed a student apprenticeship in electronics at the Mullard Radio Valve Co, part of Philips Electrical Industries, in the era of relays, valves, tran-



sistors and slide rules. He then became a service engineer with Philips Medical Systems, progressing to become their applications engineer for the UK. Threat of being promoted to management made him apply to read medicine at Barts Hospital in London. After qualifying, he specialised in anaesthesia and intensive care medicine. After 25 years of broken sleep (his own!), he drifted from anaesthesia to palliative (hospice) medicine and after five years as full-time consultant in palliative medicine in Milton Keynes Hospital and Willen Hospice he retired from the NHS. He continued as part-time consultant to Willen Hospice, an independent charitable trust, until he finally retired from medicine in November 2008. Throughout his medical career he was involved in research in medical engineering and teaching physics and engineering to anaesthetists and clinical measurement specialists. He is a chartered engineer, a member of the Institute of Measurement and Control and a fellow

### Tim Mynott

**Tim Mynott** (Powell 1968–73) was selected for the England Over-60 cricket squad which toured Australia in November and December 2016. The team were sponsored by Denso, courtesy of Eastbourne Society President David Winn (School 1954–59). Tim and David both attended the Sydney reunion in November, and the two of them are pictured here, with Tim proudly displaying the Denso logo on his shirt.



### Ken Ohlson

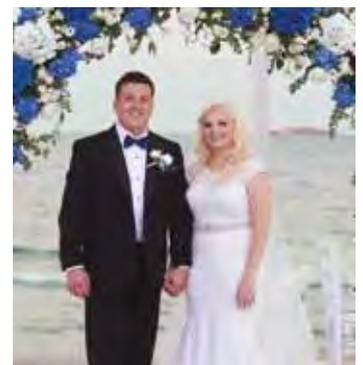


Ken is pictured here, seated third from the right, with Ambassador Bermann in the centre of the row behind. Picture courtesy Ambassade de France à Londres.

**Ken Ohlson** (Gonville 1937–41) was among a group of 16 British Second World War veterans who were presented with the Légion d'honneur, France's highest distinction, during a ceremony at the French Ambassador's Residence in London on Tuesday 16 February. The medals were presented by Ambassador Sylvie Bermann and Rear Admiral Patrick Chevallereau, the French Embassy's defence attaché. The veterans were honoured for their role in securing France's liberation during the Second World War, many of them having taken part in the D-Day Landings in June 1944. Ambassador Bermann said: 'I feel privileged and incredibly moved to award these veterans with France's highest distinction, which is our way of thanking them for the tremendous service they did to our country in the Second World War. We shall never forget the courage of those who fought for France's liberation over 70 years ago. To them, France owes its freedom.' Ken was a captain in the Royal Artillery and won an MC for his actions in France on 12 February 1945, when he was in charge of an observation post team in support of a mobile column, which was subjected to heavy mortar and shell fire. Part of his citation reads: 'By his coolness and efficient action he not only quelled the enemy fire, which was considerable, but also extricated a number of the infantry who would have been otherwise isolated.'

of the Royal College of Anaesthetists. He has had a long-term interest in wireless telegraphy, although after many years trying he can still only manage Morse at 12 words per minute! He has been associated with the Porthcurno Telegraph Museum since 2004 and in retirement has recently been awarded a PhD (Leeds University) for research into the maintenance of the Victorian submarine cable telegraph system. He has been a radio amateur (callsign G1AWJ) for many years, preferring telegraphy to telephony as you can cross language barriers. He tells us that he only speaks English and Foreign: that's English shouted slowly!

rently taking a break from her busy teaching schedule but will get back to it when the children are older!



**Oscar Orellana-Hyder** (Reeves 2002–07) was married to **Niki Mapouras** (Blackwater 2002–07) on 1 September 2016 in Oroklini, Cyprus. Oscar's father **Mark Hyder** (Craig 1971–75) and his uncle **Jonathan Hyder** (Craig 1977–82) were both in attendance, with cousin **Jamie Hyder** (Craig 2005–10) an usher and **Charlie Hinchliffe** (Reeves 2002–07) as best man, as well as a large number of other OE guests.

**Julia O'Connor** (née **Deighton**) (Watt and Blackwater 1995–97) is living in Wiltshire and keeping very busy as a mother of three young children: Isabel (6), Henry (4) and Imogen, who is less than a year old. She says that when she is not running around after her children she is still working as a professional singer; very much in demand around the south west in opera and oratorio. She is cur-

## Tom Page

**Tom Page** (Craig 2010–15) appeared on BBC Breakfast News on 1 April as part of the programme's coverage of World Autism Awareness Day. He spoke about how he deals with being the brother of a person with autism, and how difficult it is for families when people don't understand and give looks of judgement. He is pictured here, on the left, with Tim Nicholls, Policy Manager of the National Autistic Society, and BBC Breakfast presenter Charlie Stait. Tom wrote and appeared in a play, *The Bula Loop*, about a family coping with autism which was first produced at the College in 2015 and was put on again at the Brighton Festival from 5 to 8 May. Tom has also written about his brother Ben in an article on The Tab, the online platform for young journalists, in which he comments: 'Autistic people are so fascinating, friendly and funny. Yes life isn't easy for them, but you can make a difference by simply changing your attitude.'



**David Robinson** (School 1950–55) visited the College on 21 July to watch the county tennis at Devonshire Park and took the opportunity to spend some time in the College archives while some of his friends and contemporaries were looked up. He had been a good friend of John Wells, Nicholas Carey and David Hockridge – all sadly deceased, and a member of the classic Pseuds Group which used to meet under the guidance of Paul Hirst.



**John Ryley** (Blackwater 1975–80), the head of TV news network Sky News, was interviewed in the *Guardian* newspaper in November 2016. He was upbeat about the future of live rolling news, pointing out that Sky is currently making the biggest investment in its news operation since it began in 1989. One recent change has been the introduction of the new 'glass box' studio, a minimalist design which is situated above the open-plan atrium in the Sky complex near Heathrow Airport. With some recent departures of on-screen presenters, John says that money is now being invested in specialist journalists. He also talks of a wider reinvention of Sky News, with a more co-ordinated approach to apps and mobile devices. John has been Head of Sky News since 2006, having previously worked there as an executive producer and editor. He started his career as a BBC News trainee in 1987 and worked on the BBC *Nine O'Clock News* before moving to ITN's *News at Ten* in 1989. He is also a College governor.

**Grace Salzer** (Nugent 1999–2001) is the OE rep in Hawaii. She visited the College in June but unfortunately those of us in the Eastbournian Society office managed to miss her visit. But we are very grateful for the delicious chocolates she left as a present from Hawaii!

**Harriet Scorer** (Nugent 1975–77) was supported by OEs and others in the College community when they heard about a decision by NHS England to stop funding her cancer treatment. Harriet, who has had a long career as a

gynaecologist and then a medical director in the pharmaceutical industry, had been diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer, Waldenström's macroglobulinaemia. Following a course of treatment in the summer involving high-dose chemotherapy she was due to have a stem cell transplant. But the health authorities decided, without warning, that there would be no funding for the transplant and Harriet and two others were caught in a political fight with NHS England, not of their making. Her story was covered on the front page of the *Sunday Times* on 18 September 2016. A campaign was set up calling for the funding to be reinstated and two friends from schooldays, **Joanna Bright** and **Jennie Lathbury** (both Nugent 1975–77), spread the word to OEs and others to support an online petition on the parliament.uk website. Within two weeks the decision was reversed and Harriet was told that funding had been found for the treatment after all. Jennie said: 'We are in no doubt that the support everyone has shown and the ensuing pressure that has been put on NHS England and the hospital has been pivotal in getting the initial decision overturned.'



**Jonathan Shalit** (Gonville 1975–78) interviewed record company boss Simon Cowell for a two-part programme on BBC Radio 2 in November called *It's a Yes From Me*. Jonathan is a talent manager and chairman of ROAR Global and Cole Kitchenn. He was awarded the OBE in 2014 for services to the entertainment industry and given an honorary professorship in 2012 by Henley Business School and Reading University in recognition of his contribution to the arts, music and broadcasting. Jonathan interviewed Cowell, famous for television talent shows *The X Factor* and *Britain's Got Talent*, at Cowell's London home. The two are close friends and their informal conversation revealed some never-before-heard details about Cowell's life and career.

**Alex Partridge** (Powell 2001–06) was one of the speakers at a social media workshop, sponsored by BBC Radio 1, which took place in Exeter on Tuesday 17 May. Alex was the original founder of the website Unilad, which he started while at Oxford-Brookes University, and he later launched Lad Bible, which is now the UK's largest online entertainment website. He has since been recruited as the internal

Head of Facebook by the marketing agency Social Chain, which owns and manages almost all of the biggest social media pages across Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. At the time of writing, Alex was due to speak at the Eastbournian Society's networking event for the sales, marketing and PR industry, taking place on Thursday 9 February 2017.

## Simon Quinton Smith



**Simon Quinton Smith** (Reeves 1967–72) embarked on a trek in Nepal in October in aid of the charity Greenfingers, which creates inspiring gardens for children's hospices in the UK. He told us: 'The charity creates magical, inspiring and

therapeutic gardens for children and their families who spend time in hospices and they have a waiting list of hospices who need their help now.' Simon hoped to raise £3000 towards the Greenfingers 'A Million Moments Appeal' which had a target of £1m to enable the charity to build 15 more gardens right across the UK. In fact, he raised over £3,500 with more promised through Gift Aid. On his website he has written an account of the trip, summarising it as follows: 'I walked for 20 days, 170 miles on some of the most difficult and dangerous tracks there are. I camped for 19 nights, the longest I have ever camped before was two nights and I didn't like those. Four nights there was frost on the ground, three nights it was minus 4 to minus 5 degrees Celsius in the tent and one night minus 9 degrees with ice falling on my head every time I turned over. Minus 20 degrees outside. I was only able to shower twice in three weeks and wore many of the same clothes for days on end. I started the trek weighing 15 stone 3 lbs and ended it weighing 13 stone 11 lbs.' He added: 'I love Nepal – it's a beautiful country and lovely people. There is probably nowhere else in the world (except South America) where one could be so remote and where the people are caring for you rather than trying to kill you. The experience was amazing. If I actually knew before I went how really difficult and dangerous it was going to be I probably wouldn't have gone. Was it worth it? Yes. Did it push me? Unbelievably. Have I benefited? Without question. Would I do it again? Probably not.'

**Liam Sharp** (Pennell 1981–86) is now the lead artist on *Wonder Woman*, published by DC Comics. *Wonder Woman* celebrated her 75th anniversary in 2016 and Liam tells us that it has been a best-seller, which he is thrilled about.



**Hugh Skinner** (Pennell 1998–2003) appeared in the new series of the BBC TV drama *Poldark* playing the part of Unwin Trevanance (pictured). Hugh says that what he found attractive about the character was ‘the combination of playing someone so unpleasant and also so stupid... He wants to be an MP, he wants a wife and all the latest clothes – he wants everything. He’s a bit of a fop, he’s roughly modelled on Beau Brummell. The fact he was a bit of a peacock and dandy with ridiculous costumes was appealing too.’ Hugh has also been seen as Prince William in the Channel 4 satirical comedy *The Windsors*, as well as in the BBC3 comedy *Fleabag*.

**Chris Shearstone-Walker** (Craig 1982–87) and his wife Maggie are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Beatrice in August.

**Alan Simister** works at the College as fleet manager, in charge of vehicle management and coach and minibus bookings. Alan also volunteers for the RNLI and featured in a BBC TV documentary series in April called *Saving Lives at Sea*, which featured the life-saving work of lifeboat crews around the country.

**Peter Simson** (School 1978–83) relocated to Bali in June, since when he has been working as a consultant during the conversion of the Grand Nikko Bali to the Bali Hilton Resort. He was previously general manager at the Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort and Spa.

**Philip Spanton** (School 1972–77) was appointed as CEO of Brand Loyalty on 1 June 2016, having previously been its managing director based in Hong Kong. The company is a global leader in consumer loyalty programmes and creates innovative tailor-

made loyalty concepts for some of the largest food retailers worldwide. It is active in over 40 countries with headquarters in The Netherlands.



**Ed Speleers** (Wargrave 2001–06) appeared in the ITV epic fantasy drama *Beowulf* at the start of 2016, playing the part of Slean (pictured). Later in the year he had a supporting role in the film *Alice Through the Looking Glass*, which starred Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham-Carter.

**Carl Spencer** (Powell 1955–57) has been of singular help in assembling the article on ‘Buddy’ Featherstonhaugh which appears on pages 12–13. Carl has been a notable exponent of traditional jazz since the early 1960s, performing with his own eight-piece band, Spencer’s Nighthawks. Their five-CD 122-track album, *Jazz Magic*, received rave reviews. In 2016 Carl moved to Dornoch in Scotland where he has joined the Ness River Rhythm Kings. He says that they are ‘a

competent band very active in the 1985–2012 period. Not quite all the same personnel today but we are getting some of my arrangements under our belts as well as resurrecting some of theirs from their heyday. I’m also making contact with schools as I can offer myself for lectures, master classes and whatever.’



**Tim Stevens** (Pennell 1993–98) was, after three years of training, ordained into the Church of England on 2 July 2016 in Wakefield Cathedral, where he is now serving a three-year curacy. He is pictured with his wife Jolene and children William and Bethany.

## Mansel Stimpson



**Mansel Stimpson** (Powell 1951–55) is now 79 years old but as a member of the film section of the London Critics’ Circle is still working, being the chief reviewer for the website [www.filmreviewdaily.com](http://www.filmreviewdaily.com). This is the on-line version of the former annual *Film Review* which, when it ceased publication in November 2015 with its 70th edition, was the longest-running annual of its kind.

Mansel was chief reviewer and co-editor for the last eight editions. This may not surprise his College contemporaries since his love of cinema was known even then and he would regularly be

asked about the quality of the films to be presented each term in Big School (this being a time when outside of half-term and school holidays pupils were not allowed to attend Eastbourne cinemas).

Mansel’s first published film reviews appeared in *Quest*, the magazine of the Junior Dramatic Society, and, although he qualified as a solicitor and practised between 1960 and 1981 in Brighton, Lewes and ultimately in London, a fall-off in the demand for experienced conveyancers in London led him to switch to a writing career, having by then contributed regular reviews for the British Federation of Film Societies. In addition he was from 1955 onwards a member of the Eastbourne Film Society and has been its chair for close on 60 years supplying programme notes for all of its screenings which now take place at Eastbourne’s Curzon Cinema, owned by his old friend **Roy Galloway** (Powell 1952–55).

As a professional journalist Mansel wrote for the listings magazine *What’s On In London* for some 20 years up to its

closure and was film critic for *Gay Times* from 1995 to 2002. His other great interest – classical music – led to ten years of interviewing singers, conductors and others. Initially this was for *What’s On In London* but later for the website Classical Source, the pieces which he wrote for them being available in their archive ([www.classicalsource.com](http://www.classicalsource.com)). In particular he carried out interviews during this time at the Royal Opera House, Convent Garden, with around 200 pieces in all relating to their opera productions up to 2011. That same interest led to publication of no fewer than eight articles about the works of Benjamin Britten whose music first attracted him at the College: these pieces of his, including analyses of *The Turn of the Screw*, *Owen Wingrave*, *Death in Venice* and *Billy Budd*, have appeared in various publications including the prestigious American journal *The Opera Quarterly* and, more recently, the British magazine *Musical Opinion*.

Despite devoting so much time to these interests, Mansel, who

now divides his days between London and Eastbourne, does not hesitate to say that his most important piece of writing is a book written in the 1980s but only published in 2014, *No Drum To Beat*. Written as an autobiography, it nevertheless concentrated on the period between 1978 and 1982 and was his very positive response to the extraordinarily late and unexpected discovery that he was homosexual. The book, available through Amazon, failed to attract reviews, but in 2015 Mansel experienced what he describes as one of the proudest moments of his life. That was when *The Observer’s* Philip French on reading the book e-mailed Mansel only two months or so before his death and described his reaction to it in these terms: ‘I think it extremely well written, deeply honest, courageous, and valuable not just to someone embarking on a similar journey of personal discovery but of historical importance for the understanding of our times.’ Mansel has given the College a copy, which is held in the archives.

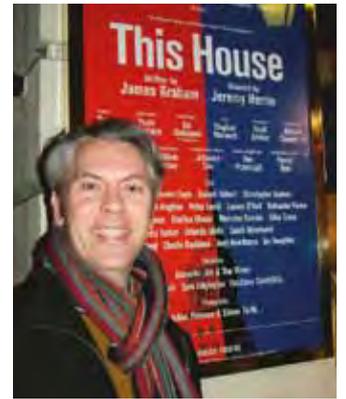


**Becky Stewart** (Blackwater 2001–06) ran the London Marathon on 24 April 2016, raising funds on behalf of The Samaritans. She is pictured here on the approach to London Bridge, and finished with a time of 4:09:30.

**Anton Stumpf** (Pennell 1976–80) is currently working for Siemens Financial Services in Munich with a major focus on implementing regulatory requirements for asset management. He says that, being based in Munich, he has had few opportunities to return to Eastbourne, but in September he attended a memorial service for a dear friend and former teacher at St Andrew's School, Michael Barry. While in Eastbourne he had a look at his old schools, and comments: 'Many of the buildings looked very familiar but there have obviously been several large investments to make St Andrew's and Eastbourne College even better schools than they were in the Seventies.' He has since agreed to be one of the OE reps in Germany and says: 'If Old Eastbourneians come to Munich I would be very pleased to meet

## Giles Taylor

**Giles Taylor** (Gonville 1981–86) has had a momentous couple of years. In 2015 he appeared as Sir Thomas Boleyn and Archbishop Cranmer in the RSC's stage adaptations of Hilary Mantel's Booker prize-winning novels *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up the Bodies* at Stratford-upon-Avon, where they won great acclaim and transferred both to the West End and Broadway. Then he went on to tour the country in the multi-award winning *King Charles III* by Mike Bartlett, which also ran for a sell-out season in Sydney. Other recent theatre appearances include James Graham's award-winning play *This House* at the National Theatre, and *An Ideal Husband* and *The Way of the World* (with Penelope Keith) at Chichester Festival Theatre. In 2016 he appeared in the revival of *This House* at Chichester and in the West End. Giles is also a Shakespeare consultant and acting teacher, and in 2015 he published his first book, *Dramatic Adventures in Rhetoric* (Oberon Books), co-authored with theatre director Philip Wilson; it explores the structures and forms of language in dramatic writing, and has proved something of a hit with language lovers everywhere. On 7 December 2016, the Eastbournian Society organised a group visit to the Garrick Theatre, where we saw Giles as The Speaker in *This House*. John Thornley managed to catch up with Giles after the play and take this photo.



them and show them the city and some of the beauty of Southern Germany.'

**Hamish Symington** (Craig 1993–98) sets cryptic crosswords under the pseudonym 'Soup', both as one-off custom puzzles for special occasions (via [www.customcrypticcrosswords.com](http://www.customcrypticcrosswords.com)) and for various other outlets – most recently for the *Guardian's* Genius puzzle in November 2016. He has also recently been appointed crossword editor of *1 Across* magazine ([www.1across.co.uk](http://www.1across.co.uk)), a monthly collection of cryptic crosswords, founded by the *Guardian's* Araucaria.

**Peter Thriscutt** (Gonville 1977–82), who has been a New Zealand OE rep for the past few years, is currently off the reps list as he is travelling with his wife Karen in Australia. They have been touring the country in a motorhome since April 2016 and plan to spend a year there before going to Cyprus in May 2017 for five months. After that they may be returning to New Zealand but, having got the travel bug, nothing is definite!

## Raymond 'Harry' Ward

**Raymond 'Harry' Ward** (School 1957–60) now lives at Ronda, Spain, and visited the College archives on 23 May, following his recent purchase of the Donald Perrens book.

He says that Donald was his physics teacher and was 'truly inspirational', and that the RAF Section of the CCF started him on a career 'flight path'; he intended to join the RAF (his eyesight grounded that hope). He also visited Pip Kirtley, Donald's daughter, at her home in Carlisle Road, and had a chat with Ben Jourdain about rowing at the College.

Raymond graduated from the University of York, where he co-founded the boat club. His career prior to taking A levels at the age of 21 included employment with de Havilland and BOAC, and after graduating he spent 27 years as head of economics at three schools. He was vice chairman of the British Schools Exploring Society, now the British Exploring Society, which aims to provide young people with a lasting experience of self-discovery in wilderness environments; Ray has led five BSES expeditions including wintering in Greenland.

He remains an enthusiastic rowing coach, a member of Leander Club (whose retiring chairman is **Ivor Lloyd** (Powell 1964–68)); he co-founded the Coupe de la Jeunesse, the European junior rowing regatta; has coached Olympic twice-gold medallist James Cracknell (when a boy at Kingston Grammar School); Colin Smith, an Olympic silver medallist and ex-President of Oxford University Boat Club, and another young Zimbabwe sculler at the 2012 Olympics. His present pre-occupations are painting landscapes in oils, climbing peaks in Andalucia, regularly attending opera performances in Germany conducted by his younger son, and gently introducing his Kent-based grandchildren into rugby and rowing. He is now in contact with Tim Spiers concerning the College rowing club, to which he can offer 'distance' advisory coaching.



## Danny Suwanapruti

**Danny Suwanapruti** (Blackwater and Pennell 1992–97) graduated from the London School of Economics in 2000. He has worked in banking and finance for the past 16 years in London and Singapore and, as of September 2016, at Goldman Sachs in Singapore as an executive director (doing emerging markets Asia strategy). His wife works in Credit Suisse as a private banker and they have two young children, both boys. Danny says: 'Our family is Thai so we shuttle back and forth between Singapore and Bangkok frequently. I am still in regular touch with old Thai friends from Eastbourne, **Napat Tiamtan** (Blackwater 1989–94) and **Chai Vorakoomdumrong** (Blackwater 1992–95).



**Maurice Trapp** (Gonville 1962–67) was elected Vice-President of New Zealand Rugby in 2015 for a two-year term, a unique honour for a UK-born person. He is the former President of Auckland Rugby and was Auckland coach in 1987–91. In November Maurice met with old rowing contemporaries **Bert Boltjes** (Gonville 1961–67) and **Jim Dickerson** (Gonville 1965–66) when the All Blacks played a match in

Chicago as part of their Northern Hemisphere tour. A report and picture of the reunion are on page 47.

**Andrew Vickers** (Craig 1980–85) recently completed a 28-year career in the energy sector with Shell. Having joined as a marketing graduate following his geography degree at Durham, he pursued an international external affairs career. Postings took him

to Brazil, Peru, the Netherlands and the Middle East. In addition to corporate roles in headquarters, latterly as vice-president for NGO and stakeholder relations, he worked alongside indigenous peoples, fence-line communities and with governments, and helped shape Shell's corporate social responsibility agenda. Andrew has recently returned to the UK and lives in London.

**Thady Voorspuy** (Reeves 1996–2001) worked in private client investment management for eight years at JM Finn and Co but has returned to university to study veterinary medicine at the Royal Veterinary College, with the aim of working in equine practice when qualified.

**Ellie Wooldridge** (Watt 2007–12) qualified as a paediatric nurse in September 2015, graduating from the University of Southampton. She started working at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children in October 2015 but moved to the Children's Unit at the Royal Marsden Hospital in July 2016.

**James Young** (Blackwater 1980–85), who was previously the OE

rep in Vietnam, has moved with his wife Sybille to Germany. He says that he has decided to take a break from the hotel business (in Vietnam he was the general manager of the InterContinental Asian Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City) and complete his MBA.

**Jeremy Young** (Craig 1988–93) has started a new position with Balfour Beatty, having spent 15 years with his last employer CBI (who design and build oil and gas facilities), the last four of which were in the Isle of Grain in Kent. He is now based in Cheltenham.

**Chris Zanetti** (Pennell 1971–76) has continued to invest in growing consumer-orientated businesses in the north of England. He is chair at two companies which are both growing strongly: Warner Edwards artisan gin in Northamptonshire and Bio D Ltd, an environmentally friendly cleaning products business. Chris tells us that he sees **Suzy Parsons** (Nugent 1974–76) and **Behnam Djazaeri** (Pennell 1971–76) on a regular basis in London. He would welcome any OEs to visit Hull and East Yorkshire during the city's 2017 UK City of Culture celebrations.

### Cecil Walkley

**Cecil Walkley** (School 1944–48) continues to enjoy taking part in distance running at the age of 87. In October 2016 he competed in the World Masters Athletics Championships in Perth, Western Australia, close to where he lives in Bicton. He came second in the 2000m steeplechase (with five water jumps and 23 hurdles) for his age group, third in the 5,000m, sixth in the 1500m and tenth in the 800m. He says he is very fortunate to remain fit enough to compete.



### Ben Westwood

**Ben Westwood** (Craig 1989–92) has recorded an album, *Sing Like Your Life Depends On It*, which is due for release in 2017. A single, *Falling*, was released in December 2016 with a gig at Printers Playhouse in Eastbourne. Ben describes his music as 'alternative pop with a spiritual heart', blending blues, folk, soul and rock, with emotive lyrics, driving rhythms and strong melodies. Much of his music draws on his life experiences, including the death of his wife from cancer and his subsequent struggles as a single father, offering an honest, powerful portrait of grief, defiance and hope. You can read more about Ben on his website [www.benwestwoodmusic.com](http://www.benwestwoodmusic.com).





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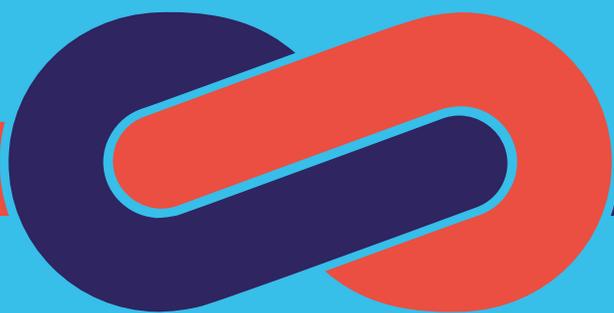
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## Matt Hobden



Matthew 'Matt' Hobden (Craig 2009–11) died in a tragic accident on 2 January 2016, aged 22.

**M**att was deputy head of house in Craig. Coming to the College from Millfield Prep and nicknamed Hobbo or Hobsy, he played 1st XI cricket and 1st XV rugby at the College before going on to study business economics at Cardiff Metropolitan University. There he made his first-class cricket debut for the university as a right-arm medium-pace bowler, while he had already signed a two-year professional contract with the Sussex Club. He had been earmarked as a potential England player. Matt had been spending the New Year holiday with friends at Dalvey House, a mansion in Forres, near Inverness, when he died. It is thought that he may have fallen from the roof after falling asleep, having gone up there to look at the stars. On Friday 5 February a memorial service was held at All Saints' Church, Eastbourne, where David Stewart, Foundation Director, delivered the following eulogy:

One of Matt's friends from College recently wrote, 'Matt was the sort of bloke who would always make you smile and laugh unintentionally. As a friend and a team mate you couldn't ask for a better bloke. He was loyal, generous, hilariously stupid, as well as being horrendously stubborn, but he was always 100% committed to whatever he was doing.'

What a great summary – it says it all really. Matt was someone who was good fun to be with, who made people laugh, who valued and loved his friends, who was kind and thoughtful to others. He was a gentle giant who through his interaction with others, made their lives better. And despite his obvious many talents, Matt was unfailingly modest. In short, he enriched many people's lives... and the number of people here today is a wonderful testimony to him and to those qualities.

On the face of it Matt had a very successful education; good A levels, a 2:1 from university in Cardiff... and the proof of that educational pudding was in the person he had become and what he was already in the process of achieving. But it's also fair to say that his time at school was not all plain sailing. Some might say he was a naughty boy, others a very naughty boy!

Experience suggests that the naughty ones at school who challenge the status quo and

test the system are invariably the ones with the drive and creative energy to go on and do great things; Matt was certainly doing that in his career with Sussex. His selection to the Potential England Fast Bowling Squad was further proof of that... and he should have been in South Africa with that group and with their coach Kevin Shine in the last few weeks.

When Matt was at the College

he came to understand that if he wanted to make his way in the world he would also need to do some academic work when sporting commitments allowed... which he duly did. Matt wrote in a report on himself, 'I need to concentrate a little more and get cracking. In CCF I enjoyed the Remembrance Service and the parade was a good experience.' In light of today's service that second sentence seems very poignant.

Matt was a naturally exuberant character who no doubt found the petty rules of school irritating at times. He probably thought that most teachers were dinosaurs well past their sell-by date (many of us are!). And by the time he arrived at the College he had been to no fewer than eight schools – including an all-girls prep school which had to create a new uniform for their one new boy pupil. The thought of Matt (later to become one of the fastest bowlers in first class cricket), running round the playground in a pinafore dress is scary to say the least!

At Millfield Prep School, from where he won a sports scholarship to the Millfield Senior School, he was part of a team that won the Bunbury Cup Final in 2006. Matt was 12 years old. Judging by what Matt wrote after the Bunbury victory, he was continuing to develop an eye for the girls.

'The build-up was great; we had a delicious supper the evening before in a hotel pub. We were lucky to be fed as there had been a power cut the night earlier caused by a really bad storm. We hoped the wicket would be ok. Our accommodation was ok but it was the girls house (no girls around though!)

Parents Peter and Emma have a cupboard full of letters from various schools informing them of Matt's misdemeanours and I would like to read from one in particular when Matt was boarding. It tells its own story:

'Mrs X went to investigate a noise coming from a dormitory; Matthew was with several other 5th years who decided to hide as she came in. Matthew hid under a bed with his back to her. When he heard Mrs X come in, he pulled his pants down revealing his backside

and left them down. Matthew has disputed this and indicated that his loose tracksuit bottoms were drawn down as he moved under the bed. Mrs X is certain that this was not an accident.'

We all have our own memories of Matt. Mine is of seeing that wonderful Rolls Royce bowling action on College Field with its smooth, rhythmical and balanced approach allowing that incredibly fast arm to deliver a very heavy ball. Matt Banes, Matt's cricket coach here at the College, is in Sydney and says of Matt:

'I remember with fondness the nonchalance of two moments in his final term at the College which made those there just stop, and stare. The first was on the school's sports day, a whole school athletics event and, while I knew Matt had thrown a mean javelin in the past, it was a particular passion of another boy who I said would represent the house instead. Matt supported him patriotically and at the end asked if he could have a go. He promptly picked up the javelin, surpassed all others by a huge distance, broke the school record comfortably and strolled off.

A few days later, he repeated the dose by casually throwing a cricket ball the length of College Field in the annual competition. There aren't many who can throw a cricket ball 100 yards plus.'

What Matt Banes didn't mention was that a few weeks earlier on a Saturday evening at about 10pm, Matt and a friend were practising their javelin throwing with a piece of scaffolding on College Field – as you do, of course. Matt clearly didn't know how good he was because a window in the main school building got in the way of one of his throws. The practice had not been in vain as the results in the school's sports demonstrated. That strength, athletic ability and fast arm were about to be put to a greater use in his cricket career.

Matt lived life to the full, some might say a bit too full at times, but he jammed a lot into what has become a tragically short life. He made the most of every day. He made a difference to his family and to his friends... he made an impact on everyone's life here. Yes at times he challenged and provoked and got on the wrong side of some of his teachers, but so what?

We can all take a leaf out of Matt's book: a full life, full of fun, full of potential and full of friends... things we can all aspire to and celebrate. Matt was a champion cricketer and a champion sportsman, but most important of all, he was a champion bloke.

# OE Cricket Club

*OECC Chairman Nigel Wheeler writes:*

The 2016 season included a 1st round win in the Cricketer Cup v Haileybury followed by a defeat by Tonbridge; it saw OE cricket played chiefly on Memorial Ground as College Field was used for building materials and was too close to development activities; it saw some fine performances in The Week with both the Chesterton/Thwaites Cup (v Old Malvernians) and the Challenge Cup (v Uppingham Rovers) being won by young, talented OE sides and the other two matches against these opponents ending in draws; it saw the Sunday 20/20 attract a healthy number of past and present players.

Notable mention must go to Ben Barter (Powell 2004-09) and Jacob Smith (Craig 2010-15) for impressive performances with the ball in both the Cricketer Cup campaign and The Week. Old favourites, Tim Bevan-Thomas (Gonville 1978-82) and Alex Simcox (Powell 1993-98) produced performances of old with significant contributions with the bat and Brad Evans (Gonville 2014-16) bowled rather too fast for some of our opponents and scored runs freely.

The College under new master-in-charge (Director of Cricket) Rob Ferley had a mass of wins in their triumphal season. Andy Waller had returned from Zimbabwe to coach and also to help with the Cricketer Cup side. A healthy number of recent leavers played for the club in the year.

Old boys cricket in all schools has changed dramatically in recent years. A new format is



Players in the 20/20 match for the John Lush/Ted James Trophy

being considered by the three old boys managements with a shorter Week suggested. Decisions are to be announced in 2017.

Ed Miller (Craig 2001-06) masterminded The Week very successfully. The club owes a debt

of gratitude to the cricket week organiser. Next July, Ed is to be married and the club is looking for a replacement as a honeymoon on College Field may not be a popular call! George Burrough (Wargrave 2001\_06) found an excellent catering company to feed the players, the pitches were true and beautifully prepared, so thanks to the ground staff. Thank you also to the bursar and the school for allowing the OECC to play matches on both College Field and Memorial and to club members who generously helped with the finances.

There have been so many very useful cricketers coming from the College in recent years and yet the OEs have lost touch with too many of them. To those playing and involved in the club, please encourage OEs to play and to support. College Field with its new pavilion should look very impressive and an excellent site for many more enjoyable days of OE cricket.



Chris Lush (Powell 1973-78, 1st XI captain 1978), right, presents the Lush/James Trophy to Richard Montgomerie (Gonville 1976-81, 1st XI captain 1981), captain of the Chairman's XI winning team

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## The MCC dinner

The annual MCC cricket dinner was held on Thursday 23 June in the College Dining Hall. Unfortunately the cricket match between the College 1st XI and the MCC, scheduled for earlier in the day, had to be cancelled following overnight heavy rain, which had left the pitch waterlogged.

However, the dinner went ahead as planned with nearly 70 guests, including parents of current and former pupils, Old Eastbournians, members of the MCC and friends of the College. They were later entertained by guest speaker Chris Cowdrey, the former Kent, Glamorgan and England cricketer, and son of Colin Cowdrey.

Chris is pictured here on the right with David Stewart, Eastbournian Society Director, and Mirren Mace. Mirren is the daughter of Peter Bibby, in whose memory a College bursary is awarded to a promising young cricketer who would otherwise might not have an opportunity to attend the College. You can read more about the Peter Bibby Award and the Foundation Golf Challenge, which also raises funds for the award, on page 35.



# OE Golf Society

*Captain's report by Chris Walker and Jo Grey*

2016 has seen still further progress towards enlarging the membership of the Old East-bournian Golf Society (OEGS). This currently stands at 88 but we most definitely welcome even more members. Membership is open to all members of the Eastbournian Society: OEs, parents of former and current College pupils, and members of staff of the College.

Some of our fixtures are only open to actual OEs, namely the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish, Cyril Gray (for the over 50s), Sussex Schools and the Public Schools Putting Competition. However we also organise friendly matches against other schools, a spring meeting, a summer and an autumn meeting, all of which are open to any member of the OEGS.

Membership costs only £20 per annum (or £5 if you are under 25 years old). You then pay only for the fixtures that you attend. And again, for anyone under 25, we almost always generously subsidise their golf from OEGS funds.

Our contacts are either Captain Jo Grey (mail@jggrey.com) or our secretary, David Burt (oegs.secretary@gmail.com). Paul Wickman (paul.wickman@btinternet.com) is the OEGS treasurer. We have set up a website, [www.oldeastbourniangolf.org.uk](http://www.oldeastbourniangolf.org.uk), and a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/groups/762739557127533/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/762739557127533/).

We play on many magnificent golf courses, at times paying well below the usual green fee rate. New for 2016 were: the AGM and golf at Piltdown, the Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown and matches against the Charterhouse Common Room and Uppingham. New for 2017 will be: the Summer Meeting at Calcot Park, Reading, a match v Brighton College at Chart Hills and a trip to Cornwall as part of the College's 150th anniversary celebrations.

## College 150th anniversary OEGS trip to Cornwall

Between 17 and 20 September 2017 a party of OE golfers will be staying in rented houses to play golf at two of the UK's most highly regarded links courses with two rounds at St Enodoc and one round at Trevose. Dashing daily exploits will inevitably provide entertainment at dinner each evening. Everything is booked for over 20 people but there could be a few places left for OEGS members as late joiners. Please contact Jo Grey if you are interested on 07946 541 475 or mail@jggrey.com.

## Matches against other schools

We played matches against Hurstpierpoint (at Walton Heath), Charterhouse Common Room (at West Surrey), King's Canterbury (at Rye), Tonbridge (at Royal Ashdown), Lancing (at West Hill), Uppingham (at North Hants) and Allhallows (at West Surrey). Our record was: won 2 (v King's Canterbury and Lancing), lost 4, and halved 1 (Uppingham).

## Halford Hewitt Tournament 2016

We ended up enjoying our most successful campaign in the Halford Hewitt since 1992. The team won two rounds at Royal St George's Sandwich beating St Bees (3.5 matches to 1.5)



The 2016 OE Halford Hewitt team at Royal St George's Golf Club, left to right: Ian Sands, Angus Stewart, Grant Leonard, Mike Sands, Adrian Sharpin, Paul Wickman, Ben Burrows, Ben Dawson, Richard Day

and Merchant Taylors (3 matches to 2) before losing to Bradfield in the third round at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club at Deal.

The team comprised: Mike Sands, Ben Burrows, Ian Sands, Ben Dawson, Chris Walker, Angus Stewart, Mark Stewart, Adrian Sharpin, Paul Wickman, Grant Leonard and Richard Day. And we were extremely grateful for support from Brian Meaby, David Barnes, Nigel Wheeler and David Stewart and also to Chris's wife Sally for cooking for the team.

Roll on next year's Halford Hewitt which takes place between 6 and 9 April 2017. Contact Chris Walker, tel: 01234 771536, email: [chris@seiswise.com](mailto:chris@seiswise.com) if you would like to be considered for the team.

## OEGS Spring meeting Royal West Norfolk GC

The OEGS Spring Meeting 2016 was held over the weekend of 15-17 April around Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at Brancaster. There was an almost full (15) complement comprising George Eve (ever-welcoming host), David Burt (tireless organiser), Chris Walker, David Stewart, Jo Grey, Peter Jamieson, Brian Jay, Peter Robinson, Grant Leonard, Richard Day, Colin Farrant, Stephen Yorke, Paul Jeffery and Trevor Hardy (from Antwerp).

A number of determined players paused their journeys on Friday to play at Sheringham GC in rainy cold conditions. Arriving at Brancaster, everyone settled in to their lodgings at a B&B, friends' houses or at George's own home. Golfing spirits were roused by an excellent meal at The Gin Trap Inn, Ringstead. Saturday's very wet morning was spent in the Royal West



The 2016 OE Spring Meeting at Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, left to right: Richard Day, Trevor Hardy, Peter Robinson, Jo Grey

Norfolk's cosy clubhouse debating plans. Six gents played a mostly sunny afternoon round either at RWN or Hunstanton, while others relaxed. Tales were swapped over another fine dinner at The Rose & Crown while pairings were selected for Sunday's round playing foursomes for the Robinson Salver. Sunday's weather was glorious (celebrating our very reasonable £36 pp green fees) and battle was joined. The winning pair with 29 Stableford points were Peter Robinson (again!) and Richard Day. Lunch was taken in the sunny upstairs dining room before everyone headed home promising to return in 2017 to this special fixture.

Our 2017 Spring meeting will be held again at Royal West Norfolk on the weekend of 6 and 7 May. If you would like to play then contact David Burt on 07968 591756 or [oegs.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:oegs.secretary@gmail.com).

## AGM plus golf Piltdown GC

We had a wonderfully warm, sunny and only slightly breezy day for our first ever AGM golf day on 8 May at Piltdown Golf Club in East Sussex. Twenty people turned out for



The 2016 AGM and golf at Piltdown Golf Club, left to right: David Wells, Anthony Ross, Colin Farrant, Jo Grey, Chris Walker, Brian Jay, David Burt

the lunch and golf including two ladies (Ann Arscott and Sue Eccles), two College pupils (Oli Barwell and Christian Trzebinski) and Mark Wilders, their golf master. A half-hour meeting at 11.30am in the clubhouse was followed by a tasty two-course hot lunch with drinks and the first tee-off at 2pm. The golf format (in our new OEGS shirts) was Scratch Stableford for the Merritt Challenge Cup plus a Handicap Stableford. Our shy and now-retired Captain Chris Walker blitzed the course, winning the cup with

a score of 31 points followed by Adrian Sharpin on 24 points. Chris also achieved ‘the double’ by winning the handicap competition with 37 points followed by Jo Grey on 30. Piltdown club was hospitable and gave us an excellent deal of £40 pp for lunch/golf. The location is very good for making the AGM day accessible to a good number of people, including the College itself, and we are repeating the event there on Sunday 23 April 2017.

**Grafton Morrish Qualifying  
Knole Park GC**

It was a tough day in the Grafton Morrish Qualifying event on 14 May in dry, sunny, breezy and cool conditions at Knole Park Golf Club. Sadly we again failed to qualify for the finals of this scratch foursomes, team of six competition. But many thanks to those OEs who did play when many others were not available. The team consisted of Adrian Sharpin, Jay Lorton, Chris Walker, Mike Sands, Jo Grey and Anthony Eden. Our total number of scratch Stableford points was 59 whereas we would have needed at least 75 to qualify as one of the top six teams out of 15. Knole Park was however in very good condition and the day was run very efficiently. It also gave us a chance to chat to friends from rival schools whom we play in OEGS fixtures.

Team captain Chris Hampton (07866 847367, chris.hampton@andigital.com) would love to hear from single figure OE golfers ready for our next attempt at qualifying on 13 May 2017 on what is a very fine golf course.

**OEs v the College  
Royal Eastbourne GC**

In the first match the new master in charge of golf, Alex Roberts, played OE team captain Brian Jay. This was a closely contested match with Brian showing great consistency on the back nine to come home with a 5&3 win. The other matches were handicapped four ball better ball match play. In the second match captain Christian Trzebinski and Oli Barwell played OEGS’s Charles Bradford and Richard Day and squared the rubber with some fine play and a 5&3 victory. The third match set Gleb Bykov and Peter Dickinson against Adrian Sharpin and Will Thornton and the fourth match saw Jack Keating and Josh Curryer play Chris Walker and Carl Spencer. This was Gleb’s second match and for the other three pupils their first. They all acquitted themselves well despite losing by 5&4 and 4&3 respectively. The post-match analysis and refreshments were most enjoyable. The OEGS appreciates the College’s full sponsorship of this fixture which gives school pupils an insight into what the OEGS might offer them in the future.

**Cyril Gray Tournament  
Worplesdon GC**

The start of our first round match on 23 June against Brighton was delayed by just over one hour because of earlier problems caused by heavy rain and flooded greens. And then, mid-round, we were called back to the clubhouse due to a thunderstorm. However, we did end up winning by two matches to one. Stephen Yorke and Ian Fletcher-Price bravely took on Brighton’s top pair but were seven holes down at the pause in proceedings and never returned to the course. Chris Walker and Andrew Sherwood won by 5&4 and Paul Wickman and Ben

Burrows by 2 up with Paul hitting the most glorious second shot into the 18th green from over 200 yards out.

Our second round the following day was at least played in sunshine but Liverpool proved to be too strong (at least in their top two pairs). Stephen and Ian went down by 6&5 but to a scratch and 3 handicap pair. Chris Walker and Ann Arscott lost by the same margin whereas Paul and Ben were 6 up when the overall result of the match was known. Ann is only the second lady ever to play in the Cyril Gray and played very well (off the men’s medal tees). Liverpool went on to win the tournament so we lost to a very good side.

Next year’s Cyril Gray is on 22 to 24 June 2017. If you are over 50 and a single figure golfer, then please do get in touch with Chris Walker on 01234 771536 or email chris@seiswise.com.



The 2016 OE Cyril Gray team at Worplesdon Golf Club, left to right: Ian Fletcher-Price, Stephen Yorke, Ben Burrows, Ann Arscott, Chris Walker, Paul Wickman

**Match v Uppingham  
North Hants GC**

Tuesday 2 August at North Hants GC saw our inaugural match against Uppingham (the OUs) in dry but overcast conditions. Jo Grey, Ben Burrows, David Burt, Anthony Eden, Colin Farrant, John Maclean, Brian Meaby, Peter Robinson, Ian Sands and Chris Walker made up the OE team of 10. At lunch in the Justin Rose Room we discovered that the OUs had in fact turned up with 14 players so they loaned us David Stewart, an OU but now of course on the OE staff, and Ben Marsh.

Maclean and Farrant led off with a win by 3&2. The ‘loan sharks’ Stewart and Marsh followed but lost by 6&5. Grey and Walker won by 5&3 despite the latter playing with hickory shafted clubs (presumably because he finds the game with modern clubs just too easy). Sands and Burt lost a close game 2&1 and Eden and Robinson went down by 5&4. Meaby and Burrows won by 2&1 just as the sun was setting to establish an overall 3–3 draw, as played. What a day! Everyone declared that it had been great fun on a lovely course in good location and the fixture will be repeated in 2017.

**OEGS Summer Meeting  
Royal Ashdown Forest GC**

Ten members of the OEGS played in this fixture on a sunny 21 August, after an excellent lunch but on a very challenging golf course. The Old Course may have no bunkers but it does have quite a few hills, a number of streams and

**OEGS fixture list 2017**

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 12 March	Match v Cranleigh (Halford Hewitt practice day)	Royal St George’s GC, Kent
Thursday 6 to Sunday 9 April	Halford Hewitt	Royal St George’s/ Cinque Ports GC, Kent
Sunday 23 April	OEGS AGM plus round of golf	Piltdown GC, East Sussex
Wednesday 26 April	Match v Hurstpierpoint 25th anniversary	Walton Heath GC, Surrey
Saturday 6 to Sunday 7 May (Friday 5 May optional)	Spring Meeting	Royal West Norfolk Brancaster GC
Saturday 13 May	Grafton Morrish South East qualifying event	Knole Park GC, Kent
Monday 15 May	Match v Charterhouse staff	Worplesdon GC, Surrey
Thursday 18 May	Match v The College	Royal Eastbourne GC, East Sussex
Sunday 4 June	Summer meeting	Calcot Park, Reading, Berks
Tuesday 13 June	Match v Brighton	Chart Hills GC, Kent
Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 June	Cyril Gray event	Worplesdon GC, Surrey
Friday 7 July	College Foundation Golf Challenge	Royal Eastbourne GC, East Sussex
Sunday 9 July	Match v Kings Canterbury	Rye GC, East Sussex
Sunday 16 July	Match v Tonbridge	Royal Ashdown GC, East Sussex
Monday 24 July	Match v Lancing	West Hill GC, Surrey
Tuesday 1 August	Match v Uppingham	North Hants GC, Fleet, Hampshire
Saturday 9 September	Autumn meeting	Cooden Beach GC, East Sussex
Sunday 17 to Wednesday 20 September	College 150th Anniversary Cornwall Package only	St.Enodoc (2 rnds), Trevose (1 rnd)
Sunday 24 September	Sussex Schools	West Sussex GC, Pulborough
Thursday 28 September (practice day) Friday 29 to Sunday 1 October	Grafton Morrish Finals	Hunstanton GC and Royal West Norfolk GC
Thursday 12 October	Triangular match v Allhallows & Dover College	West Surrey GC, Milford



**The 2016 OE Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown Forest Golf Club, left to right: Ziggy Trzebinski, Paul Wickman, Chris Walker, Sue Eccles, Ian Sands, Mike Sands, Christian Trzebinski, Richard Day, Andrew Langlands, Jo Grey**

masses of heather. Indeed, the match manager, Jo, has now banned his children from naming any future offspring 'Heather'!

We played for both low and high handicap prizes, the dividing line being a handicap of 10. The first pair were Paul Wickman (7) and Ziggy Trzebinski (18), followed by four-balls of Ian Sands (6), Chris Walker (6), Richard Day (11) and Christian Trzebinski (17) and then Andrew Langlands (7), Michael Sands (10), local member Sue Eccles (13) and Jo Grey (17). The difficulty of the course meant that nobody played to their handicap. Nevertheless, Sue took the high handicap prize with 30 points (having hit straighter drives than her male playing partners) and Ian Sands won the low handicap prize with an impressive 34 points.

Our 2017 Summer meeting is going to be held at Calcot Park Golf Club on 4 June. If you

are interested in playing then contact Will Thornton on 07989 525310 or willdthornton@gmail.com.

### OECS Autumn Meeting Cooden Beach GC

A delightful gathering and the course was in excellent condition. On 10 September it was warm and windy in the morning and the forecast rain held off until the afternoon. The morning golf consisting of a Stableford competition, played in pairs, was followed by an excellent two-course lunch. Congratulations to club member Jay Lorton, winner of



**The 2016 OE Autumn Meeting at Cooden Beach Golf Club, left to right: Jo Grey, David Wells, Tony Dunn, Andrew Langlands, David Dunn, Jay Lorton, Richard Day, Mike Sands, Brian Jay**

the low handicap trophy with 37 points, and to another club member Brian Jay, winner of high handicap trophy with 34. Informal singles were played in the afternoon as the rain started and some pairs played only 10 or 14 holes. The whole day was great value at £35 for the two rounds of golf and our thanks

go to Andrew Langlands in his role as match manager.

The 2017 Autumn meeting will be held at Cooden Beach GC on 9 September. For further details contact Andrew Langlands on 07990 568446 or email [andrew.langlands@thomson-reuters.com](mailto:andrew.langlands@thomson-reuters.com).

### 2016 Sussex Schools Challenge West Sussex GC

A lovely day at Pulborough on 25 September set the scene for the 13th Sussex Schools match between Eastbourne, Lancing, Hurstpierpoint and Brighton with each team having previously all won three times. The course was in excellent condition with the greens running true and relatively fast. Our top pair of Mark Justice and Adrian Sharpin were 4 up quickly and by maintaining their lead brought the first points to Eastbourne. Our second pair, Chris Walker and Chris Hampton, managed to overcome their opponents with relative ease while the last pair of Paul Wickman and Ben Burrows lost one down to a fine birdie on the 18th. The scores at lunch had Eastbourne, Lancing and Hurstpierpoint all on 4 points and Brighton (the previous year's winners) on zero points. Mark and Adrian managed to win their afternoon match 2&1 but losses from the other two pairs resulted in Lancing coming through to win the cup. Eastbourne were second with Hurstpierpoint in third place. The competition is now attracting strong sides from all the schools with many scratch and low single figure handicap players. West Sussex provided an excellent location for the match and proved to be very good value for money.

## OE Rugby

The Old Eastbournian Stags Rugby Club quite simply goes from strength to strength.

*Oscar Orellana-Hyder writes:*

**R**unners up in the Gents of London league, two premiership mascots, new 'stash', an ever-growing fixture list and that's all before the proposed Stags tour! It gives me great pleasure to report that The Stags have been incredibly busy this season. Ollie Hyne (Craig 2005-10) and Anson Wong (Gonville 2009-14) have both had stints this season as premiership mascots: Harley (Harlequins) & Sting (Wasps) respectively. We wish them the very best with their half-time dancing endeavours and their posing for children's photographs.

The first opponents of the New Year came in the form of the East India Club RFC, a crisp February afternoon in London's Regent's Park saw the two sides go head to head in some scintillating rugby. The Stags came out victorious 29-22, which was secured by Ruari Andrews (Pennell 2007-10) making an immediate impact on his debut in the back row with strong carries and a number of offloads to Tom Saunders (Gonville 2005-10) who put in another excellent showing as captain for the day. The place kicking was ever metro-



### Stags in action

nomic from Nico Lomas (Reeves 2013-15) at 10, however for his dogged continuity and constant disregard for his own well-being at times, Dom Wilson (Pennell 2005-10) deservedly picked up the man of the match plaudits.

March saw The Stags go down 41-17 to a very well drilled Sherborne Pilgrims side who had been training months previous to this fixture and certainly brought in some ringers from other London clubs. Can't win 'em all chaps! A tough shift all round; however, it's always very pleasing to see new faces in the ranks with Rory Harding (Pennell 2004-09) and Matt Ginno (Reeves 2012-14) donning those coveted maroon squares for the first time.

The start of the summer months saw The Stags academy side - Newfield RFC - take the reins and don the squares for the WSM 7s tournament in Wimbledon. With an average age of 20 the brave young stags ventured into a fray that consisted of Lloyd's 7s, HSBC 7s and other high-calibre opposition. We were pleased with reaching the plate quarter-finals but it was always going to be a tough ask with Regional and National 7s sides competing in what has become part of the 7s circuit now for the big boys. One win from four saw the debut of Guy Sandys-Renton (Gonville 2012-14) alongside Hector Veasey (Reeves 2009-14) and Angelo Errigo (Reeves 2009-14) providing their usual flair.

After taking the spoils and winning the Cronk Cunis Plate last year, to better that was always going to be a hard ask. Tough matches against the likes of Hampton School, Royal Hospital School and Whitgift unfortunately saw the Stags go home trophy-less but not without dignity as we handed back the silver salver and will be back next year competing. Cracking to see so many debutants take the field, with the likes of Ben Biltcliffe (Craig 2011-16), Joe Walker (Craig 2011-16) and Sammi McClure (Craig 2011-16) all getting on the field for the first time and looking very promising.

OE Day on 10 September saw The Stags play a new name in the league - The London Merlins. With a squad of 25 for College Field the young bucks were feeling confident! A true tale of two halves with the Merlin chaps putting up great resistance throughout the first half and some costly defending on our part had the score fairly level with 20 minutes left of the match. Sammi McClure gave us the momentum, scoring a powerful try in Blackwater corner followed by some intricate footwork from Tom Houchin (Wargrave 2008-13) (MOM) providing clean ball for more new Stags blood in the form of Nick Moody (Craig 2010-15) and Jacob Perret (Reeves 2011-16) leading to an eventual score line of 38-26. A cracking social



The squad on OE reunion day in September

followed in a certain Grange Road establishment, leading on to South Street and the usual watering holes Eastbourne has to offer. A fantastic day all round and an excellent way to round off the season.

As I write this we have news and intention of entering a 7s tournament in Oxford, a

summer tour to Jersey and will be looking at new stash over the course of the season.

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## The Tom Lewis Memorial Rugby Match



Scrum action on College Field

Tom Lewis, an enthusiastic rugby player, was in the Lower Sixth in Craig House when he died of cancer in April 2014.

The annual memorial match is an opportunity for the whole school to pause, reflect and remember his life, as well as to enjoy a game of rugby.

Some items of rugby memorabilia were donated by Ben Youngs, the England rugby player, who met Tom and kept in touch with him during his illness. These included an England v Australia 2016 match shirt and a rugby ball from the England v Scotland 2016 Six Nations game

(both signed by the England team), and Ben Youngs' match shirt with logo. A silent auction was held for all items with a total of £1200 raised going to Cancer Research.

In addition, tea, cake and programme sales raised a further £1000.

On Friday 21 October at 2.45pm, the third Tom Lewis Memorial Rugby Match was played on College Field between the 1st XV and the Tom Lewis XV, which included a number of OEs who were Tom's classmates at school.

### OE Stags match for Teenage Cancer Trust

The OE Stags will be playing the Old Sherborne Pilgrims in a charity match on Friday 17 February 2017 in memory of Tom Lewis. The match, at Rosslyn Park FC, Priory Lane, Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 5JH, will be at 8pm (doors open 7pm). All proceeds from programme sales, tombola etc will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust. The Stags invite as many OEs, parents, pupils and staff to go along and support them and the charity.

# Obituaries

Compiled by Michael Partridge with assistance from families, the internet, the press and the College archives.

**William Michael Ardagh** (School 1937-39) died on 22 February 2015, aged 92, in the Palhagueira Nursing Home at Faro, Portugal, where for the last ten years he had been cared for. At the College William had been a social commando. In the Second World War he served as a Lieutenant in the Royal Armoured Corps.

**Richard John Beckett** (Powell 1945-50) died on 17 June 2016 aged 85. He was a house prefect, a chapel warden and a sixth former, gaining a higher school certificate in 1949, and was a shared winner of the Brian Tunstall Imperial Studies prize in 1949. He began adult life in quantity surveying with London Transport, but by 1955 was working in market gardening near Uppingham in Rutland when he cared for a herd of 80-100 pigs for Lord Rochdale. Later he reported that he was living atop the windswept Berkshire Downs and had been working in the accounts department of a solicitor for some seven years. Richard was married to Jean for 62 years. They had three daughters and seven grandchildren to whom he was devoted. His daughter Clare tells us that he enjoyed a lifelong passion for music which was developed at the College. He was also an amazing gardener and spent much of his working life on large country estates. He survived a serious traffic accident, endured many years of living with leukaemia and cheated death on many occasions. Unfortunately a series of health issues led him to take early retirement, after which he enjoyed his hobbies of music, photography and his own beloved garden at Southridge on the Berkshire Downs. Richard's brother was **Peter Beckett** (Powell 1949-54).

**John Langford Bowen MRINA** (School 1930-35) died aged 99 on 28 May 2016 at Hunstanton, Norfolk. John was a house prefect, a Stag in 1934-35, in the 2nd IV in 1934 and a social commando. He won the Dyer prize and was a sergeant in the OTC. In 1935 he was apprenticed to Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering and entered Glasgow university, graduating BSc in 1940 and gaining a 2nd class certificate in naval architecture.

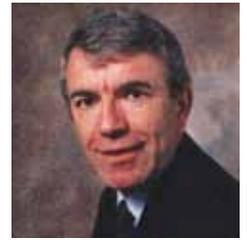
He was at first employed as a ship draughtsman until in 1942 he was appointed their assistant shipyard manager. In 1947 he was manager of Vokins Repair Yard in London, and was elected an associate member of the Institution of Naval Architects (AMINA). During the war he served with the Glasgow Home Guard in the rank of captain. John was the author of two books, *Waterline Ship Models* and *Miniature Ship Models*, as well as editing *Model Shipwright* for 26 years. John married Anne in 1944.

**Bernard Brodribb** (Wargrave 1937-40) died on 28 May 2015 aged 91. A member of a distinguished OE family, Bernard attended the College at both Eastbourne and Radley until he left in June 1940 to enter Worcester College, Oxford, for a preliminary science course. After five terms, in April 1943 he left to join the Royal Corps of Signals to train as an instrument mechanic, soon upgraded to radio mechanic (RM2). In October 1945, Bernard was posted to Haifa, then Gaza, attaining the rank of sergeant. In June 1947 came demobilisation and entry to Brighton Technical College for a three-year higher national diploma course in electrical engineering. So in 1951 Bernard joined GEC Research labs at Wembley, moving on to Mullard Research labs at Salford in Surrey in 1953. He qualified AMIEE in 1955, and later CEng, and then joined Brighton Tech as a lecturer in 1956. This he continued until 1973, teaching electronics at degree level, retiring to help in running a technical activities centre (TAC) at the College in partnership with an Eastbourne College teacher CAV Thursby-Pelham. He also set up a business servicing electronic organs which were then popular. These activities continued until an injury in 1978 provoked another retirement. A keen motorcyclist, Bernard next joined with a partner in the local branch of the RAC-sponsored Motorcycle Training Scheme which they later continued independently.

Bernard was the son of **Arthur Williamson Brodribb** (Wargrave 1889-95), nephew of **George Williamson Brodribb** (Wargrave 1889-94), brother of **Arthur Gerald Brodribb** (Gonville 1929-33), uncle to **Gerald Brodribb** (Gonville 1969-72) and **Mike Brodribb** (Gonville 1968-70). **Arthur Gerald** (1915-99) was the celebrated cricket historian and writer; also well-known as an amateur archaeologist.

## Richard Brent

**Richard Brent** died on 7 April 2016 aged 73. Richard was head of history at the College between 1969 and 1975 when he left to take up a similar post at the Deben High School in Felixstowe. Richard's daughter Miriam writes: Richard died after complications from Parkinson's Disease in April 2016 in Hasting's Conquest Hospital. Richard began his teaching career in Liverpool at the height of the 'swinging sixties', having gained a BA honours degree in history from the University of Hull in 1964 followed by a PGCE at the University of Southampton. A dedicated historian, his first teaching post was in the independent junior school of Liverpool College before he moved on to teach history at the grammar school, Liverpool Collegiate. During this time he met his future wife Pauline. They married in 1969 and the same year the couple moved south, where Richard took up the post of history teacher at the College. Attached to School House, Richard immediately took to life at the College and former pupils talk of being bowled over by 'this suave man with his sharp suits and matching intellect'. His enthusiasm and passion for teaching were abundantly clear – as one former pupil put it, 'classes were turned into occasions to look forward to and enjoy' – and Richard progressed to become head of history. Throughout his time at the College, Richard also gained great enjoyment from being head of shooting and a captain in the CCF – and, somewhat controversially, encouraged games of football, being a lifelong Portsmouth fan.



In 1975, Richard left the College to gain experience in the state sector and became head of history at Deben High in Felixstowe, before returning to Merseyside in 1978 to take up the position of deputy head at Meols Cop comprehensive in Southport. In 1981 a similar role back in Sussex beckoned, at Seaford Head, before Richard gained his first headship at Bellemoor School in Southampton in 1985. His success here led to Richard being offered the headship at one of the country's largest secondary schools, Wilmslow High School in Cheshire, in 1990. During his tenure he improved the school's public examination and university entrance figures to the extent it appeared in the *Independent* newspaper's top 200 state schools – and, amusingly, featured once again in the press during the 'cash-for-questions affair', as local MP Neil Hamilton was photographed visiting the school at the height of the scandal joking about declaring a biscuit from the canteen.

In 1995, Richard moved on to a new phase in his career, becoming an Ofsted inspector and team leader inspecting almost 300 schools. He then took up the role that gave him some of the greatest career satisfaction since his early days as a teacher at the College: working with head teachers around Greater London as a school improvement partner to raise standards. He relished the opportunity of assisting heads and sharing his skills; those he worked with and inspired, talk, not only of his insightful advice, but the humour and grace with which it was given. Richard retired in 2011 after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and, while he desperately missed school life, Pauline kept him smiling throughout. He is survived by her and his four children, Michael, Matthew, Isabelle and Miriam.

Andrew Boxer's leaving tribute was eloquent: 'The Oxbridge scholarship and entrance figures and the improved A level grades speak for themselves. His rapport and success with the D and E streams at O level relied on his capacity to understand and sympathize with their point of view'. A farewell tribute on his room 16 blackboard said 'Happy Christmas.'

**John Graham Carr** (Blackwater 1953-56) died unexpectedly on 30 April 2016 at Clifton, Virginia, USA. John was a house prefect, a member of the choir and the Glee club and silver drummer; he won the Wyles Cup in the CCF signals section and the special lanyard of honour. He was also a member of the Erratics cricket side in 1955-56. He later became a naturalised American. John was

a realtor (PWA and estate agent) and senior vice president with HSBC in the USA. He was OE rep in Virginia from 2007 until 2012. He leaves a widow, Janet.

**Dr Mark Churcher** (Powell & Reeves 1946-50) died on Christmas Day 2016. Mark was a Devonshire Society member. A full obituary will be included in our next edition.



**Dr Wilson Fok** (Pennell 1970–74) died aged 59 in a tragic accident when he was knocked down by a van in Dartford on New Year's Eve 2015. Wilson remembered his years at the College with great affection. He left the College to study at St Andrews University and then Cambridge University where he qualified in medicine. He had been a GP for 30 years, serving patients in Erith and the neighbouring areas. He was an excellent doctor, a true gentleman, very courteous, helpful and above all showed great care for the wellbeing of his patients. Wilson had many interests. He was a good tennis player and very active in his local club. He loved gardening, cycling, walking and sailing. He was learning French and went ballroom dancing every week with his wife, Tracey, to whom he had been married for 29 years. They had three children and he was always supportive and proud of his children's achievements. He had a large number of relations in Hong Kong and would regularly go back to visit. **Anthony Fok** (Pennell 1973–78) is Wilson's brother and **Raymond Fok** (Pennell 1973–77) is his cousin.

**Ian Myers Gardner** (Pennell 1946–50) died peacefully in his 82nd year at St Peter and St James Hospice, Lewes, on 8 November 2013. Ian was a house prefect and a sergeant in the CCF. He qualified as an architect with the Architectural Association and practised with GMW Partners in London. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Rosemary, and children Clare and Dominic, and grandchildren.

**Ian Caulfield Grant** (Wargrave 1947–50) died suddenly due to a ruptured aortic aneurism on 24 June 2016. Evacuated with his family from Shanghai after the Japanese began bombing, Ian spent the war years in Canada. Returning to England with his parents who settled in Eastbourne, Ian joined the College where he was very happy and met his lifelong friend **Colin McKerrow** (Wargrave 1947–51). After leaving the College, Ian travelled with his family to New Zealand and worked for the Forest Service, the Justice

Department, for Shell NZ and military service in the Royal New Zealand Navy. He also attended Auckland University where he studied economics. On returning to England in 1958 he worked for accountants Pridie Brewster and in 1962 qualified as a chartered accountant. From 1965 he spent six years with Price Waterhouse, then as contracts auditor for Nottinghamshire County Council. In retirement Ian worked as a volunteer with his Methodist church and wrote two books on Methodism in Nottingham; also a book on the



history of the Fovargue family and a CAF 'how-to guide': *The Treasurer's Handbook*. Ian's interests included computer technology, family history, travel, walking, gardening and classical music. In 1972 Ian married Barbara, who survives him. Ian was an Embellisher, a donor to the Eastbourne College Development Fund, and was also a member of the Devonshire Society, the society for those who have pledged a legacy to the College. We are grateful to Barbara for much of the above information.



**Peter Hardwicke** (School 1946–51) died on 2 November 2015. Peter was a distinguished all-rounder at the College, winning prizes for biography, maths and music; he was a gymnast, boxer, tennis colour and held the quarter mile cup in 1951. A house prefect, he was a member of the choir, the school orchestra and silver bugler in the drums. Due to colour blindness, he did not have to serve his national service and entered Christ Church, Oxford, to read law, then PPE, graduating in 1954. For a while he would run at Iffley Road. He next spent time at the

Inner Temple and then undertook a teaching diploma. Next came time as a supply teacher in primary schools, at a mining institute in County Durham and then as a lecturer at Consett Technical College, and later at Stockton and Billingham Technical College, specialising in the teaching of English. Peter married Pat in 1958 and they raised three daughters together. After a bad bout of flu, Peter developed ME, chronic fatigue syndrome, and retired early in 1988.

**Michael G Anthony Haworth** (Blackwater 1950–53) died in 2016. Anthony, born in Wakefield in 1936, passed away in 2016 aged 79. After school and national service, he began his career as a maltster, and in the early 1960s became the youngest general manager at the Associated British Maltsters plant in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. By the end of the decade he had purchased The George Hotel in the same town, and became a successful hotelier. After five years he decided it was time to combine his passion for rowing with business, and set up a boat haulage firm; the first of its kind specialising in the transport of competition rowing boats around the world. This also led to him representing Great Britain in a managerial role within the sport at both the Montreal and the Moscow Olympics. A spell of boat manufacturing followed, supplying craft to international crews and the victorious Oxford boat race teams of the early 1980s. The final phase of his working life was spent managing large rail projects, including the huge operation of land purchase for the Docklands Light Railway in London. Anthony enjoyed a truly varied and interesting career, and leaves his widow Vicki, two children and five grandchildren, who are all immensely proud of his achievements.

**Dr David Mortimer Hill** (Blackwater 1948–53) died on 4 November 2015. He attended Chafyn Grove prep school before entering the College. He was a house prefect and won prizes for chemistry and biology, was hon sec of the science society and a sergeant in the CCF. He entered University College, Oxford, to read natural sciences at the start of his medical training, and was awarded an exhibition there in 1955. He moved to University College Hospital Medical School in 1957 with an entrance exhibition.

David married Elizabeth, a nurse, in 1961, and they had three children between 1962 and 1967, while David was continuing his

training in endocrinology, mainly at Hammersmith Hospital and King's College Hospital. During this time he spent three years as joint honorary secretary of the medical and scientific section of the British Diabetic Association (BDA). In 1970 he was appointed consultant physician and endocrinologist to Worcester Royal Infirmary, with the expectation that a new hospital would be built within the next five to 10 years. As this didn't materialise until after David's retirement, he chaired a fundraising mission that led to the setup of a specialist diabetes centre in a converted bungalow just opposite the Ronkswood branch of the Worcester Royal Infirmary. During his career at Worcester, David served as the consultant member of the district health authority for nine years and was a longstanding member of the local BMA, serving as chairman for a year during this time. He retired from his consultant post in 1995, and finally from all part-time work in 2006.

Favourite among his hobbies was a love of sailing, both on the river Avon at the bottom of his garden, and as a valued crew member of a friend's yacht based in Cornwall. On this he enjoyed many cross-Channel trips and one to Ireland. Sadly Elizabeth, his wife, died in 2010, just nine months before their golden wedding anniversary. David spent the last two years of his life living in Cornwall, next door to his daughter Lucy and five of his grandchildren. David will be remembered by his family and many friends both as a much loved father and grandfather and as a dignified and true gentleman. He leaves three children and nine grandchildren.

**Matt Hobden** (Craig 2009–11) died in a tragic accident on 2 January 2016. A full tribute is carried on page 69.

**Major David Llewelyn Hudson** (School 1940–44) died on 25 June 2016 aged 89. He was a house prefect, a corporal in the JTC and passed school certificate. He entered the army in January 1945 and was commissioned into the Royal Hampshire Regiment in April 1946. From 1946 until 1948 he served with the Hampshires and the Kings African Rifles in Greece, Palestine, Malaya and in Swaziland, East Africa, BAOR and the UK. Then in 1950–51, he attended London University and passed the civil service interpreter exam in Yugoslav. He was also fluent in Russian.

David worked in Intelligence in both Malaya and later Berlin, where he met and married his wife, Angela. He moved back to England to work for GCHQ and in 1969 he was posted to Oslo for five years to work with NATO in signals security. On his return he worked for the media wing (CCTV) at Beaconsfield preparing army personnel for television presentation. David spent the last 10 years of his working life as assistant regimental secretary for the Gloucester Regiment.

His father was **Lt Colonel Percy Hudson** (School and Blackwater 1888–90) who served with distinction in the South African War, the Great War and subsequently.

David's life was filled with countless interests. A love of classical music was derived from his early years as a chorister at King's College, Cambridge. He was interested in history, travel, golf and current affairs to name but a few.

He gave his time to many organisations including CPRE, SSAFA and the local parish council. His interest in all aspects of the world, combined with a very happy marriage, led to an extremely complete and fulfilled life. He is survived by his two daughters and is greatly missed.

**Tim Jordan** (Nugent and Powell 1956–61) died in Cambridge in early 2003. Entering the College in 1956, Tim was an active schoolboy, winning several prizes for public speaking, verse, etc, and was hon sec of no fewer than seven school societies and of the cross-country team. He won the Wyles Cup in 1957 and, as a sergeant, achieved RAF proficiency in 1958 and advanced training in 1959. Winning a state scholarship, Tim entered Christ Church, Oxford, in 1961 to study law and achieved his BA. Here Tony Henderson's reference described him as 'a bouncy and

volatile character, with a rather juvenile manner, but he is really extremely intelligent despite the lack of maturity...' Research reveals that he, with his wife Jacqueline, were directors of the Slough Laundry from 1991 until 2003 when the firm closed down. They lived at Thames Ditton and there were two children, Edward and Louise.

**Andrew Kelt, MArchSt (Adelaide), RIBA, FRTPi** (Wargrave 1934–38) died on 30 May 2006 at the age of 85 at Myrtle Bank, Adelaide, South Australia. At the College Andrew led a quiet life and achieved Cert A. In the Second World War he served as a lance bombardier with the Royal Artillery, was wounded and invalided out. He then worked as an architect with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and later as a self-employed architect in Adelaide.

**Harry King** (Reeves 1976–77) died in 2016.

**Christopher Lane** (School 1948–52) died on 14 December 2014. By 1961 he was working for Middle East Airlines in their London reservation office at 69 Piccadilly and had spent time at Beirut, Jerusalem and The Holy Land. As Christopher wrote in 2009, 'after a somewhat chequered career, I retired in 1997. My last 18 years were spent in the local health authority [probably at Chichester]; since then I joined the Royal British Legion and have been kept fairly busy'. Christopher married Jennifer at East Wittering on 15 April 1961. They had three children and three grandchildren.

**Duncan Jerome Lockwood** (Reeves 1983–87) died in the summer of 2016 in Nottingham.

## The Revd David Jenkins

**The Revd David Jenkins** died on 23 November 2015 after suffering from Alzheimers in his later years. Since publishing his obituary in last year's magazine, more information on his life has come to light, courtesy of his partner Peter. We shall paraphrase some of what Peter has written. Educated at Rugby, David graduated BA/MA in 1947/50 with a first in theology at Cambridge. He went to Cuddeston College where he was ordained and began life as curate to Walter Hussey in Northampton. His next job was with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, speaking at schools up and down the country. In 1954 he became chaplain at Hurstpierpoint, teaching religious education and biology, where he was affectionately known as DNJ, his initials. Moving on to the College in 1966, he acquired the acronym OBH. This was derived from his exclamation 'Oh Bloody Hell', spoken when he discovered boys engaged in some late-night mischief. Here he abolished compulsory chapel and, surprisingly, attendance went up.

Leaving in 1975, David moved to live in a cottage at St David's in Wales, walking three miles each day to the cathedral. Finally he decided that he wanted to become a Franciscan and joined the community at Cerne Abbas in Dorset. After six months he decided that life in a closed community was not for him and in 1975 became vicar of Jarvis Brook, near Tunbridge Wells. Here he stayed until 1990 and built a Christian community based in the large vicarage. Then, moving on to San Francisco, he took a job as chaplain to an inter-faith AIDS charity.

David campaigned, marched and spoke about gay rights – a gay man who eventually found peace. As Peter says: 'David was a preacher and a teacher, vibrant, spontaneous, robust, fiery, difficult, passionate, complex, energetic, a good listener. And a mentor to many. Hard working, spiritual, a seeker, a revolutionary, a rebel and a liberal with conservative tendencies. A humanist, a kind and warm-hearted man, not afraid to speak his mind, a soul-mate and friend. A gentleman and a gentle man. He was all of these things and more'.

**Bishop Richard F Blackburn** (School 1965–70) writes: I feel I want to say that I owe my own ministry as priest and bishop to the inspiration I got from David as chaplain, pastor and teacher. His great attraction to me was his searing and mischievous honesty which taught me that Christian faith could have an intellectual honesty and that difficult questions and awkward truths were best addressed head-on. He encouraged me to become one of a small group who took A level divinity in one year – with success. Alongside this I found a good and caring pastor, who understood that a boy from 'up north' could find that Eastbourne was not always 'Ex Oriente Salus'. David became a family friend and used to visit us in Leeds and we kept in touch. He served the College – and the Church – faithfully with a brave, honest vulnerability, and (in later years) about his own sexual orientation. The Church of England has been fortunate to have the ministry of David's sharp intellect, capable of articulating and living out a compelling and compassionate faith. May he rest in peace.

## Alfred Reginald 'Reg' Jermyn AMICE

**Alfred Reginald 'Reg' Jermyn AMICE** (Powell 1934–38) died on 21 October 2016 aged 96. Reg was born in Boughton Monchelsea in Kent in April 1920. After a few years the family moved to Goudhurst and in due course to Hampden Park. After attending Southdown College prep, Reg joined the College in September 1934. A modest school career led to the passing of school certificate, Cert A and to winning the Mackenzie Junior Drawing Prize in 1936. Reg was proud to have shared his form with **Derek Hepburn** (Blackwater 1934–38), later a Scottish rugby international, and **Roland Beamont** (Crosby 1934–37), the great RAF fighter pilot. He later revealed that his daughter-in-law was the granddaughter of Beamont, 'a more delightful man you could not wish to meet'.

As Reg wrote: 'the school was throughout my time blessed with an outstanding staff of teachers, all with widely differing characters, but all looked up to and respected'. On leaving he was proud to achieve the preliminary examination to the Institution of Civil Engineers. He was articled to the borough engineer of King's Lynn from 1938 to 1941. Having sat and passed his preliminary exams, in 1942 Reg became eligible for call-up and joined the Royal Engineers in Newark upon Trent for basic training. This was followed by OCTU, and after further training, being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Engineers. Shipped to Durban and thence to Bombay, he was posted to the Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners in Poona and onward to an engineer unit in the Arakan region of Burma. There his role was the repair of roads and the erection of some 20 bridges. War was soon over and by 1946 King's Lynn were pressing for his early release.

Later in 1946, he joined Berkshire County Council where he stayed for 11 years. Now qualified AMICE, he was later assistant county surveyor with Hertfordshire County Council for 17 years; he also worked with the Essex CC Highways Department. Reg married Jenny in 1950 and was father to Jean and Jim. He finally retired in 1979 and moved to Berwickshire and later Eyemouth, a coastal town in the Scottish Borders. In 2005 he began a correspondence with the College archivist and donated two copies of his *Memories* which deal with his early life in Eastbourne and at the College. This lucid and beautifully written record has rested in the College archives ever since.

### John Knapp-Fisher



**John Knapp-Fisher** (School 1945–48) died at Haverfordwest on 21 February 2015 aged 83. The son of architect, Arthur Bedford Knapp-Fisher, professor of architecture at the Royal College of Art, John, after leaving the College, studied art and graphic design at the Maidstone College of Art. After national service, he worked as an exhibition designer and theatrical set painter. After marriage to Sheila Bassett, also an artist, in 1960

they decided to live on a boat, and spent the next five years sailing around south-east England. In 1965, they moved into a pair of derelict single-storey labourer's cottages, Trevigan, at Croes-goch near the St David's peninsular in Carmarthenshire, South Wales. There he made his gallery and a studio in the outbuildings. He worked in water-colour, mixed media and oil on paper and board. His paintings mostly relate to the coastal area of the Pembrokeshire peninsula and were exhibited at the Royal Academy, Agnews, the Upper Grosvenor, Bankside (among others) as well as in Cape Town, Johannesburg, New York, Toronto and Paris. Knapp-Fisher claimed that he painted every day: 'I tell students to do something every day – even if it's a quick thumbnail sketch... Rather like a dancer has to practise every day, a painter has to oil the hinges by doing little drawings'. Strongly influenced by the St Ives School of artists, he concentrated on small coastal areas close to where he lived. He worked with a limited palette of earth colours and often used striking chiaroscuro, depicting brightly lit whitewashed buildings emerging from a dark background. His paintings have climbed in price and exhibitions typically sold out on their opening nights. He was elected a member of the Royal Cambrian Academy of Art in 1992. He published several books, notably *My Life – All the Little Things* and *John Knapp-Fisher's Pembrokeshire*, which he both wrote and illustrated. He also illustrated others. He built his own boat *Viking* and circumnavigated Wales where he was shipwrecked off the coast of Aberystwyth.

In 2007 John contributed this memory to the editors of the College Celebration book: 'It was 1945 and I was arriving for my first term at School House, complete with trunk, tuck box, bed blanket and various articles of clothing specified but never worn (a trilby hat comes to mind...). Gun emplacements had not yet been removed from College Field, and signs appertaining to officers and ratings etc were everywhere. Shortly after my arrival, I heard that if you belonged to a 'society' you would be able to have time off to engage in the activities, so I got together with one or two friends and founded the 'Historic Expeditionary Society'. We went by bus or bicycle to explore places like Pevensey and also to the Downs where we had fun at an old disused quarry, pushing a truck up a railway track and riding down it at breakneck speed. Very educational!'

John's marriage to Sheila ended in divorce and he is survived by their children Buzz and Lucy and his partner Gillian Pare who has been of great assistance with this obituary.

A recent exhibition of John's work at the Martin Tinney Gallery in Cardiff brought together nearly 30 of his paintings. One of his later works was priced at £15,750.

### David Larkin

**David Larkin** (Wargrave and Reeves 1950–53) died on 4 May 2016 at the age of 79 after a lengthy illness. David was a house prefect, a corporal in the RAF section of the CCF and won a flying scholarship. On leaving, he entered Trinity College, Dublin. David emigrated to Canada and joined the RCAF in which he reached the rank of Lt Colonel. He was married to Fran and they had children Patrick and Alison and three grandchildren. The 2007 *Old Eastbournian* carried an item which showed David with two OEs, **Mike Dickinson** (Gonville 1939–44) and **John Alliban** (Gonville 1939–42) who all lived in or near the town of Picton in Ontario.



### Godfrey Charles Lucas



**Godfrey Charles Lucas** (Blackwater 1947–49), known within his family as Charles, died on 23 February 2015 aged 83. Godfrey was a house prefect, in the 2nd XV, swimming, fives and athletics teams and was captain of boxing 1948–49. He left to enter Sandhurst and in 1955 was commissioned into the Beds and Herts Regiment, later to be amalgamated into the Royal Anglian

Regiment. Charles represented the army at boxing as a heavyweight, played rugby, threw the hammer and the weight. He saw much service overseas, including jungle warfare, with postings to Egypt, Germany, Nigeria, Malaysia, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Malawi and Hong Kong. He was wounded in Egypt with a bullet in his leg. Later he interspersed tours of duty as second in command in Germany with active tours as company commander in Northern Ireland. He retired as a major. On leaving the army, he worked for Metal Box and Hill Samuel, finally setting up on his own company in the field of financial services, naming his firm Castle Investment Consultants – of which he was managing director. The firm, employing 12–14 staff, dealt with pensions, investments, life assurance and general insurance, and still trades under that name. Charles retired in 2010 and sadly developed Parkinson's Disease. Godfrey married Marie-Therese in 1957 and they had two children, Richard and Janine. After a divorce, he married Iris in 1987 and acquired a stepson James. Charles had five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His brother is **Henry Dyer Lucas** (Blackwater 1947–51).

**Tim Lucey**, former College support services manager and staff instructor to the CCF, died on 2 January 2017. A full obituary will be included in our next edition.



**Robert Maxwell Matthews** (Day Boy and Powell 1934–37) died on 27 March 2016, aged 95. Robert, known as Bob, was born in Bath on 4 May 1920. He grew up in Eastbourne with his younger sister Barbara and attended the College on a cricket scholarship. He excelled in mathematics, science, acting and the cadet corps. Bob was a graduate of the Webber Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art in London and became a lead actor in a touring repertory company.

He completed officer training at the outbreak of the Second World War and served with the Royal Signals in North Africa and Europe. He lost his home and his mother in the bombing on England's south coast. In 1947 he returned from the war and was cast in a two-character romantic play called *Village Wooing*. His co-star, June Alice Parkinson, sister

of **Felix Parkinson** (Powell 1934–37), became his 'leading lady' for life when they married in January 1948 for 61 joyful years.

Bob continued his military career and received an advanced degree at the Royal Military College of Science. He served in the UK, was a CO in Malaya 1955–57. He then worked in the science and technology field for the Ministry of Defence in London. This led to a posting to Canada in 1961 to develop early military drones. The Matthews family fell in love with North America and Bob retired from the army to work for Westinghouse and the Canadian government. In 1971 he was assigned to the Canadian Embassy in Washington, followed by a diplomatic post as counsellor in the Canadian Embassy in Algiers. He returned to Ottawa and in 1978 moved to Florida as part of a family Orange Grove investment business.

Throughout his life, Bob Matthews was an actor and theatre director. He organised shows for the troops in the Second World War, including a visit from the Andrews Sisters. In Canada, Bob acted in CBC television shows in addition to leading roles in various Ottawa theatres. He was a frequent performer at Central Florida Civic Theatre and won their best actor award. He was known for his ability to immerse himself completely in a role and for his impeccable comic timing. He continued acting into his 90s, per-

forming in play readings at Winter Park Towers where he lived after June died in 2009. He inspired everyone with his positive attitude toward life. He was a member of St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

He died of heart failure on Easter Sunday 27 March 2016. Family members prayed and sang at his bedside including a rousing chorus of Monty Python's *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*.

Bob is survived by his four children, daughter-in-law Peggy and eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



**Roland (Roly) Morris** (Pennell 1965–70) died on 3 January 2016 in hospital in Paphos, Cyprus, after a short illness, leaving a son and daughter, Edward and Sophie, a grandson Jasper and brother Wayne who has provided much of the information for this tribute. At the College Roly was in the 2nd XV, captain of basketball and hon sec of swimming, won prizes for geography and English and was an RSM in the CCF. He was also hon treasurer of the VI Form Society, a sub-editor of the *Eastbournian*, and on the school and tuck shop committee.

Roly was born on the island of Curacao in the Dutch West Indies. He went to Ripley Court prep school in Surrey where he won recognition for his singing and piano. Then on to the College which he left with 13 O levels and the use of English! Those that knew him enjoyed his company throughout his time at College.

After College, Roly was articulated to accountants Singleton, Fabian & Derbyshire. He went on to join SG Warburg & Co Ltd as an assistant manager from where he was promoted to financial controller with Warburg's subsidiary company Brandeis Goldschmidt. In 1981, after eight years with Warburgs, Roly became the European technical marketing manager for Perkin-Elmer Data Systems and in 1983 he was appointed group finance director with The Glenwood Group. After 13 years he moved on to take up directorships with WvB Ltd and with Mirza (UK)

Ltd before going solo in 2004 as a self-employed financial consultant.

In 1979, Roly met and soon married Louise. Their first three years were spent in East Sheen and Barnes and in 1983 a son Edward Alexander arrived; 1986 saw the arrival of a baby girl, Sophie Claire. In 1992 Roly and Louise parted and in 1993 he met Wendy whom he married in 1998 and became a loving stepfather to Emma and George. In 2010 they parted and, after a short period of time in Brentford, he moved to Cyprus where he quickly made friends. Sadly the rest of his days turned out to be too few. We are blessed to be left with wonderful memories of that cheeky smile and a loveable grin, especially when he got into deep trouble. He was a fun-loving buccaneer; who got away with a lot and everyone forgave him the rest! But he was also a wise man and a true and loyal confidante to many of us.

**Keith Norman Smith**, who taught at the College from 1948 to 1984, died on 7 July 2016. A full tribute to him is carried on page 48.



**John Oecken** (School 1941–46) died on 10 October 2016 at the age of 99. Born in Nagpur, India, John attended Broadwater Manor school before entering the College in 1941. He was second prefect, head of house, a Stag 1945–46 and in the cricket XI in 1946. He won prizes for French, German and reading, was a chapel warden, hon secretary of the games committee and a cadet petty officer in the JTC. Two years' teaching at St Aubyns prep at Rottingdean was a prelude to two years (1946–48) national service in Palestine and Egypt with the Intelligence Corps MI 13 and the Educational Corps where his brief was to solve the refugee crisis; he also wrote a newsletter for the troops. In 1949 he entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he studied modern and mediaeval languages and was awarded his MA. He then embarked on a career as a schoolmaster, beginning as an English assistant at the Lycée Ribot at St Omer. Then from 1953–60 he taught French and Latin at Whitgift where he was a junior housemaster and an officer in the corps.

## Clifford AP Mould

**Clifford AP Mould** (Reeves 1956–60) died from Parkinsons in late November 2016. At the College Clifford acted in two plays, *Androcles and the Lion* and *The Lady's not for Burning* and won four prizes: the Mackenzie Senior Biology Prize, the Sir Harry Newton Reading Prize, the Allom Vocal Cup and another for organ playing. He was also a member of the College orchestra and the pop band. Clifford attended the Royal



Academy of Music and graduated BA, then LRAM, Cert Ed and FRSA and was a chorister at King's, Cambridge. First a lay clerk at Guildford Cathedral, from 1970 to 1973 Clifford became the first full-time science teacher at St Andrews, where he introduced sailing and ran the swimming team. After three years as a lecturer at the Phillippa Fawcett College of Education in London, he worked as a lecturer in early music and instruments in the department of musical instrument technology at the London College of Furniture (1978–84). By 1985 he was head of the department of computing at South West London College but was still singing professionally with the Monteverdi Choir, at the Salzburg Festival and at La Scala, Milan. He published books: *Musical Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor* (1973), *Unix (A Training Guide)* (1991) and *MS-DOS* (1990) (a former Microsoft operating system). By 1991 he was a principal lecturer and head of business information systems at the University of Greenwich while still working freelance as a writer and lecturer on food and wine. More recently he taught music on one day a week at Syracuse University in London under the title of consultant professor. Here he would take small groups of students to a range of operas and concerts. He also found time to run the Kingston and Surbiton Wine Circle. And in 2008 at a dinner at the Reform Club he was awarded an honorary fellowship of the Association of Business Executives. **Robert Hall** (Wargrave 1955–59) reports that they frequently met while walking their dogs on Bookham Common although it was some time before they realised that they had been contemporaries at the College. Later they would go clay pigeon shooting together. Clifford was a member of the Clay Pigeon Preservation Society and, at the College, an Arnold Embellisher. He married Jane in 1967 and they had two sons, Simon and Nicholas, before divorcing in 1975. He married Rowan, who survives him, in 1976.

Next in 1960 he joined Ottershaw County Boarding school to teach German where he was nicknamed Joe Egg. Here he started the CCF of which he was in command for 12 years. Many boys remembered the enforced early morning wash on the Brecon Beacons which involved breaking the ice first. He was respected as an inspirational teacher, a true scholar and a gentleman. He was second master for the last few years before the school closed in 1982. His next appointment until his retirement in 1992 was at Broadwater Manor prep at Worthing (where he had once been a pupil) as deputy head in charge of languages and curriculum. In retirement John was a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Worthing for 30 years and sung in their choir to help charities, raising over £20,000 with 16 concerts. John married Margaret in 1953 and they had five children and no fewer than

11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In 2007 he told us that he was considering raising a mixed (family) hockey XI in ten years' time. John had a passion for motor vehicles and after the war he had a motor bike and rode through the Swiss Alps in winter. At one point he froze and had to be lifted off. John recalled a memory of a rugby match against HMS *Marlborough* in 1945: 'Bishop Carey [then our chaplain] in full purple, sped along the touchline shouting such Christian thoughts as 'Kill, Oecken, kill'. In retirement John was a loyal member of the Devonshire Society, an active member of his church, a member and at one time chair of his local rotary club, and until recently sang in a choir to raise money for a variety of charities. He could for many years be seen in a Father Christmas outfit outside supermarkets collecting money for charity.

**Ronald Campbell Parkin** (Pennell 1932–34) died on 28 January 2016 at the age of 97. Ronald at first worked with the Union Assurance Society in Southampton before joining the Hampshire Regiment in the Second World War when he served in Burma as a lieutenant. He later worked in colonial administration in Ghana and Uganda, then as administrator at Westfield College, London University.



**Simon Timothy Parsons** (Powell 1982–87) died on 13 September 2016. Simon entered Powell House in September 1982 under Brian Prentis and in September 1985 Roger Edmondson took over, taught him A level chemistry and looked after him in the school swimming team as first string breaststroke swimmer. He left in July 1987 to read marine biology at Bangor University. He graduated and worked in the fishing industry on trawlers for some years, as well as a gardener and as a tree surgeon. He was a very keen fisherman, taking his nephew Sam on fishing trips which they both enjoyed. After his return to Eastbourne he subsequently developed cancer. After a courageous battle, he passed away on 13 September at the age of 47. Eastbourne Crematorium was filled with 130 friends from far and wide. There were tributes from Steve Parsons, his nephew Sam and friends Matt and Candice. Roger Edmondson writes: 'His 18th birthday was a classic – he came back to Powell drunk, was left in the bathroom – eventually Pat [his mother] came three hours later and was not amused. Simon next day delivered Pat's apology letter written with five different biro colours'. Simon never married.

Our thanks to Simon's sister Sarah and Roger Edmondson for much of the above information.

**Roger Anthony Peacock** (Crosby 1936–38) died in October 2013 aged 91. At the College Roger was a social commando. An engineer by profession, in 1940 Roger learned to fly with the Fleet Air Arm and

during the war he completed 2000 hours flying including 600 flights in Spitfires. Records show that in 1942 he was flying Fairey Fulmars off HMS *Illustrious*; then in 1944 he was based at RNAS Yeovilton and in 1945 at RNAS Henstridge, flying Hurricanes and Spitfires. His squadron was engaged in operations against the Japanese but we are unable to ascertain whether he was involved. If any OE can shed light on Roger's RAF career, please contact the College archives. Roger married Sonia in 1951 and she predeceased him in 2013, aged 84. They had one daughter Sophie.

**Dr Charles Shaw, MB, BS, FRCP, FRC Path** (Blackwater 1936–41) died on 9 July 2014 aged 92. Educated first at the Beacon School, Crowborough, Charles was a school prefect and head of house at the College, also a 2nd cricket colour in 1941, captain of golf and a social commando. He studied at Guys Hospital, qualifying in 1946 and '49, and then took a post as house physician at Pembury Hospital in Kent. He next became consultant pathologist at the Winchester and Alton Hospital Group, later the Royal Hampshire County Hospital at Winchester. Charles married Jean, who predeceased him, in 1947; they had one son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charles's brother was **Philip Arthur Shaw** (Blackwater 1945–47).



**Alan Gordon Simpson** (School 1932–36) died peacefully after a short illness on 3 March 2016 aged 97. He attended Ascham St Vincent's as a boarder from the age of seven and became head boy. Joining the College on a senior maths scholarship, Alan was a house prefect, a member of the XI in 1936, of the 2nd XV in 1935–36, and a corporal in the OTC. On leaving school he was employed by the Equity and Law Insurance Society and began training as an actuary. During the Second World War he served from 1941–46 as a captain in the Royal Corps of Signals in India and Burma and later with BAOR. Following the war he entered the Colonial Administration Service in 1946 and spent 17 years

in Sierra Leone as district officer and finally provincial commissioner of the northern provinces. On retirement from Sierra Leone after independence, he joined the Ministry of Overseas Development where he was responsible for the recruitment of British technical assistance personnel in developing countries. In 1980 he oversaw the elections in Rhodesia prior to independence.

Gordon attended the Ascham/Radley reunion lunch in 2015 and was pictured in last year's magazine sitting with Michael Keall. In 1951 he was married to Felicity, who predeceased him. Their sons **Nigel Simpson** (Reeves 1968–73) and **Timothy Simpson** (Reeves 1970–75) both attended the College. His daughter Julia was kindly responsible for much of the information recorded here. Gordon was grandfather to eight adored grandchildren.

**Peter Melville Smith** died on 9 March 2016 aged 72. Peter joined the College as a teacher of music in 1966, leaving in 1969 to take up a post at Marlborough. He upheld the highest standards both as a teacher and as a performer on the piano or organ. While the director of music was absent on sick leave, Peter carried the music department along while directing no fewer than three end-of-term concerts. The reformed Eastbourne Chamber Orchestra gave a number of concerts under his direction. On leaving the College, Peter taught at Marlborough from 1969 until 1973, leaving to join the music staff at Eton as head of piano, organist and choirmaster of Lower Chapel. Here he was acclaimed for his piano teaching, for playing first violin in the school orchestra, and for arranging music for the Fourth of June speeches. His leaving tribute at Eton said: 'For his formidable musicianship and talent and for his ability to produce the best from any one fortunate enough to be taught by him, he will be much missed'. A memorial concert at Eton College Chapel, co-ordinated by **John March** (Reeves 1963–67) was given on 15 October, at which Professor **Robert Woolley** (School 1967–70) played the organ and **Harry Lyth** (Powell 1962–67) conducted the chapel choir in one of Peter's compositions.

**Robin Stafford** (Gonville 1944–48), former foreign correspondent and NATO spokesman, died peacefully in the Tunbridge Wells Hospital on 25 November 2016. A full obituary will be carried in our next edition.

**Christopher Plowden Thomas** (School 1945–50) died in late January 2016. After Seaford Prep, Christopher joined the College.



He was a 1st XI cricketer and passed school certificate. The cricket ball with which he took four wickets in four balls in a house match remains a treasured family possession. **Hugh Dyer** (School 1946–50) and his best man **David Meirion-Williams** (Powell 1947–52) remained lifelong friends. On leaving he attended Plumpton Agricultural College where he helped to found the college rugby club and enjoyed work experience in Wiltshire, Essex and Denmark. He next travelled to the USA to meet his grandfather in Florida, ending up a cook on a shrimp fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico – where the boat encountered a hurricane. In 1958 he met and married Dinah, a marriage that resulted in three children and eight grandchildren. The family then moved from Mulbrooks Farm at Hailsham to Great Pagehurst Farm near Staplehurst in Kent where he took over the management of a herd of Ayrshire dairy cows and grew cereals and fruit. In the mid-1960s he purchased Boarden Farm where he expanded the fruit and cereal side of his business. He joined the NFU local ploughing match committee and sat on the Internal Drainage Board for a time. He retired as a farmer in 1995 and after a time living in Appledore, Christopher and Dinah moved to Tenterden to be close to their friends. Christopher enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play sport, especially rugby, cricket and riding, and was a part of a regular tennis four until well into his 70s. The final paragraph from the eulogy at his memorial service reads as follows: 'A gentle giant of a man who was often smiling and quick to help others. A family man and a real gentleman and even during the tough times and during his illness, these qualities showed through'.



**Richard Thwaites** (School 1953–57) died on 14 January 2016 aged 75 after battling with myeloma

for five years. Having been at St Andrew's, Richard joined School House in 1953 and achieved 1st hockey colours in 1957. On leaving, he joined JR Thornton & Co in Lewes where he began his RICS studies. He continued to play hockey for various Sussex sides, reaching county standard in 1962. In 1963 he moved to the West Country, joining King Miles & Co in Wells. Now qualified FRICS, he worked as a chartered surveyor in

Somerset, Dorset and Devon for 37 years before retiring in 2000.

He and his family moved to Hawkchurch, near Axminster, in 1987 where he served as a churchwarden on three occasions and on the governing body of Axe Valley Community College. Among his many and varied interests, he kept sheep and was the hon secretary of the Wiltshire Horn Society. He gained several firsts, including twice champion at the Royal Show

and, representing the society, visited Australia in 2002. He continued his interest in hockey and was a past president of the Somerset County Hockey Association. Richard was married to Kay and they had two daughters, Anna and Juliette. His sister is **Jenny Lush**, widow of John Lush of the College staff, and his nephew, **Peter Thwaites**, was in Gonville 1982–87.

## David Aubrey Vine

**David Aubrey Vine** (Powell 1946–50) died on 6 July 2016 at the age of 84. David was a house prefect and a member of the Science VI. He won 1st fencing colours and the Tackaberry Sabre Cup in 1950. He was also a member of the school orchestra throughout his schooldays. The son of a farmer, David owned and ran Mornings Mill farm at Willingdon. As his friend Lawrence Stevens wrote: 'David was a kind and generous man with an intriguing sense of humour, a strong interest in conservation and local history and a regular use of Sussex dialect. He loved Sussex and his parish of Willingdon of which he was Lord of the Manor'. Another friend wrote: 'He was a kindly, gentle, funny man with a charming rebellious streak and a palpable disdain for precise time keeping and digital technology. He spent years of free afternoons helping to restore Polegate windmill which he would rightly refer to as Willingdon windmill'. His funeral was held at St Pancras church, Arlington, to which his coffin was conveyed on the splendid Sussex wagon that he had lovingly restored in recent years. David was married to Eileen for 57 happy years; she predeceased him by about a year. Their sons **Charles Vine** (Powell 1972–77) and **Peter Vine** (Powell 1976–81) all continue the family's farming tradition. David was especially fond of his daughters-in-law Rebecca and Stella and was loved dearly by his grandsons Jake and Max.

Charles Vine writes: David Vine was Lord of the Manor of Willingdon and Polegate. He was a modest chap and so the fact that the first time his title was used in public was at his funeral would undoubtedly have amused him. One of the perks of being Lord of the Manor was that he could bring 26 sheep to church with him. He would have loved that. He delighted in history and his memory of the distant past was always pin sharp. Remembering when to pick up his wife in the present dimension was sometimes more of a challenge. He spent much of his time trying to make his family laugh and this was always one of his most charming characteristics. He could behave somewhat unpredictably. On a visit to America to visit one of his sons, he spent some time at the amusement park 'Six Flags Great Adventure' which he enjoyed enormously. A treasured memory is of whizzing down a gigantic water flume ride, fully dressed in his jacket and trousers when everyone else around was in swimwear and about 50 years younger. He loved it despite getting entirely soaked through and inadvertently revealing two of the whitest lower legs in the known world.

He never ever said hello or goodbye to anyone. He just started off mid-sentence with whatever was on his mind. When he first met his prospective daughter-in-law Rebecca he just came out with 'Well that gate in Boys' Acre isn't going to last much longer' by way of a greeting. His version of Goodbye was 'Well this won't do'. He would then just dust down his cap – after a leisurely cup of tea – and head for the door. He had his own fine range of words rarely used in the modern world. Puggled, which means imperfect, Wimwom, Slotmaster valve, Giggle pin to name but a few. His family often thought he made some of these up to amuse himself. He was a Professor of Vagueness – 'We'll see' could mean almost anything. From 'not a chance on earth' to 'probably if it's not during harvest time' to 'definitely but only if you use baler twine'. David harmonised perfectly with his favourite brands – David Brown tractors and Morris Minor estate (never saloon) cars. All were a match made in marketing heaven and remain perfect expressions of him. None of them are the fastest round the track but they are all exceptionally good value, spookily reliable and almost go on for ever.

Indeed David used to delight in picking his sons up at the College in an ancient mauve Morris Traveller. Like him, it was always covered

in farm dust and dung and he loved to park it right in front of the school next to a line of pristine cars waiting for other students. He even bought his sons in to school on a tractor after a particularly heavy dump of snow. Of course the school was closed but that's simply not the issue here. You have to make every effort to be present. David always made a point of wearing a jacket and tie to work on the farm. The fact that it was the



same tie and jacket for over 30 years was beside the point. He finished off the outfit with a belt which was a leather affair riveted together in many places before he found his favourite-ever medium, baler twine. This was used for everything around the farm.

He had a very relaxed relationship with time and indeed money. He brought out his battered wallet one day to reveal that the many holes in it were patched up with six £50 notes. Which were all out-of-date currency. After diplomatic negotiation right up to head office level, the bank agreed to put the money into his account. They couldn't believe anyone would be so cavalier with such valuable notes of the realm. This of course amused him greatly.

David was at his happiest when he was sitting on a combine harvester (Massey Ferguson of course, only because David Brown don't make combines). Many of his friends and family spent hours attempting to have a conversation with him over the din of the machine which eventually sent them into a sort of trance. On one occasion during harvest, it became clear that David's combine was veering alarmingly to the right in a mercifully large field. Concerned parties raced after it to find that the heat and rhythm of the machine had been so soothing that he had fallen asleep at the wheel. He claimed to be 'resting his eyes'. Again this caused much amusement. The fact that he could have harvested himself never occurred to him. In fact he did nearly harvest a courting couple on one occasion. He used to wave his arms around a lot when trying to give directions and no-one could claim that they knew what he meant. He was standing in a field with both arms in the air, one holding a handkerchief. He explained that putting your finger in the air will tell you how humid it is and the handkerchief will indicate the wind speed. He added that if you got hold of some seaweed and it stayed dry, that would mean the weather will be good. If it stayed wet, it would be bad. Who needs high tech devices he would say. He had a particular disdain for all digital technology and would say the word 'email' with genuine contempt. Social media for David was a nice chat over a cup of Camp coffee while leafing through *Farmers Weekly*.

He was a compassionate fellow and often went to Hailsham or Lewes markets and return with sickly calves because he didn't like the idea of them being sold for veal. When those calves grew up, they would always follow him around. In fact cattle always tended to follow him and he wound up in a ditch more than once after a playful nudge. David was outstanding in his field (and often a man just standing-out in his field). He was a clever business man and a highly effective farmer. But he never shouted about it. He did precisely what he wanted for much of his life (on the farm at any rate) and had a long, charmed time on earth. He was above all a kind, gentle man and his family see shades of him in his grandsons Max and Jake.



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# College academic report

Jonny Gilbert, Assistant Head (Curriculum) writes:

All schools exist to provide social and societal benefit to the individuals and communities they serve. With almost half of all of the leavers in 2016 being children from families within, or close to, the town we can once again be very proud of the abundance of enrichment the school brings to the local community. In the examination hall, 77% of grades at A level were A\*, A or B with a pass rate of 99.5% and 92.7% grades A\* to C. As has consistently been the case in recent years, over half of the 2016 Upper Sixth leavers achieved grades of ABB or better, the uncapped threshold for entry to the Russell Group of leading UK universities.



Toby Brooks, the top A2 performer in the year with five A\* grades, heads to Cambridge

Toby Brooks was the top performer in the year with five A\* grades, going on to read natural sciences at Clare College, Cambridge. Close behind Toby was Sophie Noton with four A\*s and one

A, to read economics at St John's College, Cambridge. Tianyu Wang (Law, Trinity College, Cambridge), Mia Finnamore (Theology, Trinity College, Cambridge), Megan Good (English, Bristol) and Robbie Meikle (Mechanical Engineering, Bristol) all achieved three A\* grades or better. A further 18 pupils achieved a minimum of A\*AA. Vanessa Erl (French and management, King's College London) achieved A\*A\*AA, as did Ivan Loginov, who won a Benjamin Franklin scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania. Scholars Lucy Hyde and Nick Atkins, both of whom joined the College from local maintained schools, achieved A\*A\*A. Lucy goes on to read PPE at St Hilda's College Oxford and Nick to the Royal Academy of Music. Katie Butler-Manuel (geography, Durham) and Jack Turner (chemistry, Bristol) also achieved A\*A\*A. All seven applicants offered places at Oxford or Cambridge met their conditional offers, including Candy Huang (Classics, Emmanuel College, Cambridge). Despite there being new restrictions on the review of marked scripts, at the time of writing further enquiries were yielding positive outcomes that may see other pupils' achievements raised to similar heights.

At GCSE, Year 11 pupils achieved very strong outcomes with almost 60% of all grades awarded A\* or A. The overall pass rate was 100%, with 95.2% of all grades awarded A\* to C. 97% of the year's 121 Year 11 pupils achieved five or more A\* to C grades with almost a third of all grades at A\*.



GCSE success for Rosie Kremer, India Wood and Rebe Casselden

Seventy pupils in the year group notched up five or more A\* or A grades. Fourteen pupils achieved at least 8 A\*s, with top pupil Hugo Najbor collecting a stunning haul of 12A\* and three A grades. Euan McGreevy secured 11 A\*, 1 A while George Ruskin, Dasha Konovalova, Rosie Kremer and Nuriya Powell all achieved in excess of 10 A\* grades. As with A level, requests

Within the long-established partnership project with Ratton School, over 80% of grades in GCSE Latin were A\* or A.

There was also considerable success in early GCSE examinations taken by pupils in Year 10, with 27 out of 28 grades in mathematics, Latin and modern languages being graded A\* or A. Over 85% of early GCSEs were A\*, laying the foundations for continued success in 2017.

As this generation of pupils leave the College armed with the skills and qualifications to enable them in the next stage, let us not forget that they are only the latest daughters and sons of the school – a lineage that has served the wealth and knowledge economies of communities both near and far for 150 years. The incredible new resources Project 150 will bring will add yet more value, particularly to the remarkable town in which we live and work. I hope that over the next 150 years the school will continue to invest its resources similarly, never forgetting that it isn't about commitment to partnership projects but commitment to the people within them.



Top GCSE pupil Hugo Najbor: a stunning haul of 12 A\* and three A grades; Euan McGreevy secured 11 A\* and 1 A

for re-marks still pending at the time of writing may raise these yet further, along with the outcomes of others in the cohort. Successful GCSE outcomes were not confined to our own pupils.

## Eastbourne Schools Partnership

“The ESP is a shining example of schools working together for the benefit of the pupils and the wider community”

David Hoare, chair of OFSTED  
October 2015

Linda Salway writes:

The Eastbourne Schools Partnership is a partnership of schools and colleges located in the Eastbourne area. By linking our resources, expertise, enthusiasm and commitment we aim to develop projects and ideas that inspire, excite and offer creative opportunities for children and young people. In so doing we hope to enable our pupils to work together for mutual benefit and the benefit of others across our town. The partners are: Causeway School, Cavendish School, Eastbourne Academy, Eastbourne College, Hailsham Community College, Moira House Girls School, Ratton School, Seaford Head School, Sussex Downs College, Willingdon Community School.

The ESP has continued to grow and develop. The partnership has inspired a range of events covering all aspects of the curriculum and



personal development. This year the ESP has also worked at building relationships with the business sector, talking to the Chamber of Commerce and local Eastbourne businesses about ways in which they and the partner schools might work together more closely to support local companies and give the students first-hand experience of the world of business.

Here is just a taste of the projects undertaken by the Eastbourne Schools Partnership in 2015 and 2016:

### Team Challenge

Team Challenge was a competition that gave students the opportunity to tackle a variety of engaging activities with students from other schools to develop their communication skills and ability to work in teams. Led by sixth formers from Sussex Downs and Eastbourne College, teams of mixed age and ability completed tasks which involved practical problem solving, communication skills and teamwork.

### Classics for All

A charity whose aim is to widen access to classical subjects in maintained schools, has given a grant of £2000 to the newly formed Eastbourne Classics Hub – the first hub in

the country to have a successful partnership between maintained and independent schools. The Classics for All grant will be used to launch an after-school Latin class for Year 7 at Ratton School from September 2016 and Cavendish School have also received a grant of their own for launching classical civilisation.

### Bridging the Void

Bridging the Void is an exciting dance/film production devised and choreographed by director and film-maker Rachel Johnson and performed by UK dance company Experiential. Bridging the Void was performed at the Birley Centre in April and students from many of our ESP schools took part in workshops with the company.

### Writing and Performance

In February, the College's English department welcomed ESP students to the second annual 'Writing and Performance in the 21st Century' lecture day, with talks from university lecturers on literature and theatre.

### Rambert Dance

The Rambert Dance Company worked with over 30 children from Year 7 and 8 from ESP schools. After an intensive day's work based on 'A Linha Curva', filled with rhythmic pulses and samba-inspired lines and curves, the group gave a vibrant and energetic performance for their family and friends.

## College drama review

This review covers the College academic year from September 2015 to July 2016 and is an abridged version of the drama review which appeared in the 2015-16 *Eastbournian* magazine.

Director of Drama Tim Marriott writes:

The Michaelmas term production was Chekhov's classic play, *Three Sisters*. A superbly stylish interpretation made the most of the humour through the use of Brian Friel's translation and the director's deft touch. The play was intelligently performed, sensitively engaging with the Chekhovian themes of restlessness and inertia, yet retaining a lightness of touch and pace that ensured not a comic beat was missed.

The play revolves around the lives of Olga, Masha and Irina, three sisters of a recently dead general, living in a remote battalion town. The sisters' weak-willed brother, Andrey, marries a local girl, Natasha, and the narrative tracks the way her ferocious ambition and energy become more and more at odds with the sisters' way of life.

Katya Goodwin portrayed beautifully the emotionally restrained and hugely sympathetic Olga, while Ella Virgo gave a wonderfully vibrant and emotional performance as Masha. Nuriya Powell captured the beauty and fragility of the youngest Prozorov sister, Irina, playing the role with a wonderful vitality and poise. Bertie Beeching was excellent as the desperately sad and unfulfilled Andrey. Ed Mannhardt gave a beautifully crafted performance as the alcoholic Dr Chebutykin and



*Three Sisters*: Philipp Thamar, Hamish Green, Ed Mannhardt, Hugh Turnbull, Euan McGreevy, Katya Goodwin, Ella Virgo, Nuriya Powell

Sian Sulke, the youngest pupil to play a lead role, gave an incredibly assured and mature performance as the acquisitive Natasha. The jovial and eccentric Kulygin was expertly played by Raphael Barber. The final scene, when Vershinin has ended the affair with Masha and the battery is transferred, was extremely poignant and performed with a maturity and poise way beyond the cast's years.

The play stayed true to the original time period of the early 1900s and used beautiful authentic costumes. A stunning set captured the faded elegance of the privileged classes.

The alternative musical offering was a reworking of *Up on the Roof*, the ensemble musical with a small central cast but large chorus drawn from every year group in the school and featuring junior performers from the Saturday morning Junior Theatre Academy. This ensemble show featured classic hits of the 60s, 70s and 80s in an accessible performance under the direction of the College's new Director of Music Dan Jordan.

In September 2015, Tom Page (Craig 2010-15) performed a new play, *The Bula Loop*, in the College Theatre with pupils

George Tomsett, Megan Good and Hermione Wohlrab in the cast. The play began life as an A level project based on Tom's personal experience; it was developed into a full-length play for this performance. The *Eastbourne Herald* described it as 'a sharply observed play of domestic bickering masking heartfelt pain... a poignant and darkly comic piece



*The Bula Loop*: Tom Page, Nick Collett, Hermione Wohlrab and George Tomsett



*Teachers*: Megan Terry, Max Schnuppe and Issy Newton

following a day in the life of a family living with autism'. The production was further developed for a run at the Dukebox Theatre during the Brighton Fringe.

The hit comedy thriller *The 39 Steps* was performed in October at the College Theatre in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice by four fearless young actors – Bertie Beeching, Megan Good, James Tomlinson and Ed Towey – who took on the challenge of playing 139 characters in 75 minutes in this relentless roller coaster of a rip roaring yarn. The four intrepid performers planned and executed the entire project from start to finish, enthralled packed audiences of fellow pupils, enthusiastic parents and public alike. The whole adventure was hugely entertaining but, more importantly, they managed to raise more than £890 for an excellent cause.

All pupils in Year 9 walked the stage in their first term in the school in a house-based drama festival. Each house took on the challenge of recreating a West End show, from *Mamma Mia*, to *Wicked* and *Les Misérables*, in under 15 minutes with a minimal set and props... Eleven short plays were performed over two nights with chocolate Oscars being

awarded in various categories.

John Godber's classic comedy of the classroom, *Teechers*, was hugely enjoyable and played to packed houses in May with two separate casts. Three hopeless students discover, almost too late, that they can get their revenge on 'the system' that has failed them by devising a bitter-sweet portrait of life in the classroom.

Multi-role drama, furious action, split-second timing and a wealth of laughs ensue as they mimic the staff, their friends and themselves as they bid a poignant farewell to their school days. Felix Harffey-Burkhill, Zara Lawson Johnston and Abby McNally, Issy Newton, Max Schnuppe and Megan Terry performed in two casts on alternate nights.

This year's Dell play, the traditional outdoor performance in the summer term, was a comic romp of epic proportions called *Shakespeare Country*. The cast, under the expert direction of theatre professional Gavin Robertson, recreated the Stratford upon Avon and Forest of Arden visited by country and western singer Billy Shake, who

has come to establish his claim to being a direct descendent of Shakespeare himself. An approximate modern take on *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, this fun play, demanding plentiful energy, commitment and comic timing, was delivered with panache by an enthusiastic and talented ensemble Year 12 cast led by Will Muncey as Billy.

## College music review

This review covers the College academic year from September 2015 to July 2016 and is an abridged version of the music review which appeared in the 2015-16 *Eastbournian* magazine.

Director of Music Dan Jordan writes:

Michaelmas 2015 began with a new ensemble gathered in the Birley Centre, ready for the downbeat for a new magnum opus! With barely time to draw breath and warm up, the small matter of singing for the Rugby World Cup opening ceremony was at the forefront of the Chapel Choir's mind. *World in Union*, arranged by Dan Jordan, was performed in the Winter Gardens on 13 September in front of the South African squad and over 900 ardent Springbok fans.

The South African theme continued, with a follow-up workshop by the Project Zulu children's choir, who were touring the UK to raise money for their extremely worthwhile charity.

The traditional Informal concert series ran throughout the year, managed by Ben Holmes, and all the music scholars and others performed in a variety of concerts and venues, including some busking at St Wilfrid's Hospice.

Sing!, Jazz Day and Strings Day are a wonderful opportunity for large groups of visiting children to come and work with our specialist staff and experience a variety of activities. This year the Birley welcomed over 180 pupils to take part in the three events, which were well received by parents, siblings and staff from a variety of local prep schools.

Joint concerts continued to be the order of the day, with the choir participating in the Eastbourne Schools Partnership concert held at the Congress Theatre. Each school had the chance to perform a few solo numbers and then all the pupils from across the partner schools joined together to sing *The Rhythm of Life*.

*Up on the Roof*, the school show at the end of the Michaelmas term, featured a small band of Dan Jordan, Thom Gilbert, Joe Walsh and students Kate Dibbens, Sam Edwards and Eddie Pitman accompanying the principal singers in classic favourites. The rousing finale was an extra helping of *Bohemian Rhapsody* with an extended Brian May homage from Eddie Pitman on lead guitar.

St Saviour's was the venue for the ever popular Advent carol service, and All Saints' for the final two carol services at the end of term.

Highlights of the Lent term included the termly pro music concert series which featured performances from international violinist



Choir rehearsal with Dan Jordan conducting and Alex Eadon on piano

Thomas Gould in the Jennifer Winn Auditorium and Alex Eadon giving an organ recital, with a small cameo from the Chamber Choir, in St Saviour's Church.

The annual Battle of the Bands was a well-supported show featuring fantastic performances from Lawrence Adamson, Aimee Helyar, Harry Hodierne, Charlie Milner and Max Walker. The panel of judges had a tough decision but plumped for the Upper Sixth band, Meltz, comprising Christian Trzebinski, Sam Edwards, Hugh Gordon and Eddie Pitman.

The Young Musician of the Year Competition, with prizes kindly sponsored by the Arnold Embellishers, involved over 60 pupils. After



Battle of the Bands winners Meltz

hearing some wonderful playing, the winners were announced as Harry Hodierne, Dasha Konovalova and Thomas Goodenough, who was awarded the overall title of Young Musician of the Year. All the finalists should receive significant credit for the amount of hard work, practice and commitment they displayed in their excellent performances.

It is also important to mention Lucy Brown's efforts in organising the Decibelles and the swing band to play at Claverham Community College in a charity concert in the Lent term. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to perform in the local community and to raise money for an extremely worthwhile cause.

The major orchestral concert of the year, after Remembrance, was the summer concert, 'Concertos, Coronations and a visit to the Movies!' on 6 May, in All Saints'. Nick Atkins performed the first movement of Haydn's Cello

Concerto No 1 in C, and Tianyu Wang the first movement of JS Bach's Violin Concerto in A minor, both accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra. Music from *Jurassic Park* and *Game of Thrones*, alongside a lesser-known work, *Pantomime* by Philip Lane, came after a rousing rendition of the Five Spirituals from Tippett's *Child of Our Time* and GF Handel's *Zadok the Priest*.

Members of the swing band, Bertie Beeching, David Meijer, Shaumya Kularajan and Charles Pendry, joined with Alex Eadon, Thom Gilbert, Peter Greatorex, Ben Holmes and Dan Jordan to perform during the annual fundraising lunch for St Wilfrid's Hospice held at Birling Manor. Despite the best efforts of the appalling weather and the equally extraordinary MC, the band played an enjoyable and entertaining set.

The Chapel Choir were back in All Saints' in June at the midsummer concert in aid of the Chaseley Trust having sung, rather unusually, a service of choral evensong in Arundel Cathedral at the start of the summer term. The Devonshire Society were treated to a brief lunchtime recital with performances taken from the Arts Festival summer concert on 29 June.

After a lengthy and gruelling audition process Nick Atkins, cello, won undergraduate places at the Royal College of Music, the Royal Northern, the Guildhall and the Royal Academy. Nick was also re-selected for the National Youth Orchestra and began his BMus at the Royal Academy in September 2016. Cerys Herbert Stott performed in the Glyndebourne Youth Opera's performance of *Nothing*. Gracie Bannon understudied the role of the Little Vixen in Glyndebourne's production of Janacek's *The Cunning Little Vixen*.

Thank you to all the visiting music teachers and full-time music staff for their encouragement and support this year. The Birley Centre is lucky to have such a talented and enthusiastic group of musicians at its core and I am confident that the pupils will continue to be inspired and guided on their musical journeys during their time at the College.

## CCF review

This review covers the College academic year from September 2015 to July 2016 and is an abridged version of the CCF reports which appeared in the 2015-16 *Eastbournian* magazine.

As always, the CCF training year offered a range of opportunities for our cadets, regardless of their section. In late November 330 cadets of the College's CCF contingent participated in our annual Remembrance Day services. Thirty cadets under the leadership of Lt John Hayward marched in the Eastbourne town parade and the remaining members of the contingent assembled in Chapel for the service. The address recognised that, while it is easy to become jaded by the constant fly-past of anniversaries, it is important that we do not lose sight of the true effects of war on people, which the passing of time can cause us to forget. The short act of remembrance on College Field was followed by a breakfast for officers, families and guests from the local regional cadet units with which we have been developing closer ties.

Exercise STAG CHALLENGE on the November exeat weekend involved 18 cadets (15 boys and three girls from Years 10 to 13) heading off to Pippingford Park. This voluntary 20-hour field exercise is designed to excite, inspire and test the more enthusiastic cadets in fieldcraft under any conditions. The fall of the mercury to minus 6 degrees and some snow and sleet did nothing to deter these hardy pupils from undertaking advanced fieldcraft, including a night ambush, an early morning fighting withdrawal and a section attack circuit. The



Will Alston driving a Jackal armoured vehicle and Tom Stewart-Blacker riding 'shotgun'

exercise culminated in a deliberate attack scenario on one of the bridges on the training area. This is the equivalent of a school first team taking on the best in the toughest conditions and coming out on top.

The second voluntary opportunity for cadets to test themselves was the Range Day in March 2016 when 30 cadets undertook a day of live firing at Lydd Ranges. All came away with a respect for the safe handling of weapons, all gained a qualification in shooting and all enjoyed the opportunity to spend taxpayers' money in a stimulating way.

Our final summer field day in June was a culmination of training across all three service sections and it coincided with our biennial Inspection. We were delighted to have not one but two separate inspecting officers. Brigadier Lowe MBE and Lieutenant General Mark Poffley



Remembrance Day 2015

OBE both visited the event and met the cadets and adults who participated. A mixed RAF section led by Corporal Jack Hind (Upper Sixth, Craig) triumphed in the inter-section competition, while second place was too close to call and was shared between two female sections from the army and a section of Royal Navy girls. The award for Best Cadet went to Abby McNally (Year 10 Arnold), with Annie Wilson (Year 10 Nugent) and Charlie Chatterton (Year 10 Nugent) named as runners-up.

Col AT Lamb VR DL, Contingent Commander

### Army

This year saw the training programme for Year 10 recruits refreshed, with a particular change to the role of their NCOs. The new model sees one officer and a pool of NCOs allocated to each platoon of two sections: one senior NCO from the Upper Sixth along with four junior NCOs from the Lower Sixth.

A gloriously sunny September field day saw the eight sections develop their team spirit as they undertook archery, air rifle shooting, a leaderless task, a drill session, a teamwork challenge using metal detectors, an introduction to platoon harbours, a test of their observation skills and familiarisation with the rank structure. The winning section was led by Lance Corporal Hugh Turnbull, with Lance Corporals Martha Piper and Eden Higgins-Stockden leading the second-placed section. Finlay Dexter was named as Best Cadet, followed by runners-up Oscar Boulter and Alfie Pagram.

Year 11 cadets, meanwhile, had spent a night in the field focusing on the application of tactics in both an offensive and defensive posture. They also tackled orienteering, radio work and some blank-firing, returning with a sense of accomplishment and an evident enjoyment shared by their NCOs.

By Easter, all recruits had completed their initial 'Phase 1' training featuring a combination of theoretical and practical, indoor and outdoor training, using a range of teaching approaches, and moving on from topic to topic more swiftly than in previous years. For the summer term, these cadets moved into 'Phase 2' training and an approach to training that they will encounter in Year 11, with greater scope to specialise in different disciplines

depending on preference.

At summer camp, a dozen cadets and NCOs enjoyed a day of climbing, biking, archery and water sports; a day of shooting and military skills that included an obstacle course and an astonishing archery-based combat game; and a day of fieldcraft that included tactical laserquest, a blank-firing ambush, an eye opening lesson on observation posts, and a sniper stalk. The camp finished with an overnight exercise in which we enjoyed taking on another school as enemy.

Captain PD Martin

### RAF

The RAF section has certainly managed to pack a lot of quality activity into the past year. C Flight (Year 10) completed its basic training (marching, shooting, map and compass, fieldcraft, lifesaving in the pool, model helicopter flying, and model glider building), ensuring that all achieved First Class Cadet status. B Flight achieved a high success rate of cadets who were recognised as worthy of Leading Cadet status, having completed the RAF's own online assessments and satisfied the criteria for delivering effective lessons to junior cadets. Among our seniors in A Flight, Cpl Ed Hodges



Peter Dickinson and Giles Kerr

and Sgts Bertie Beeching and George Williams achieved Instructor Cadet status, the highest level of performance, and wore their yellow brassard with pride.

Beyond routine training, 30 cadets attended the September field day at RAF Halton and RAF Benson, enjoying the dining, accommodation and high ropes course at the former, and flying with 6 AEF Squadron and visiting the air traffic control tower at the latter. Five cadets joined the contingent full-bore range day at Lydd Ranges on a freezing day in February, and

experienced the joy, and sometimes surprise, of hitting the target at 400m. Nine cadets also signed up for annual camp to experience life in the RAF and some of its fantastic opportunities. All cadets spent another 30 minutes with an RAF pilot flying the Grob Tutor around the skies over RAF Benson before moving onto their accommodation at St George's Barracks in Bicester.

The year has really been marked, however, by some fantastic individual success. Cdt Bradley Ellison successfully completed the regional Junior Leadership Cadre Course in February, and Cdts Oliver Williams and Abby McNally joined 400 other cadets on the National Aerospace Camp to celebrate 75 years of the Air Cadet movement. Oliver was awarded the new Blue Gliding Wings, and Abby a Radio Communications certificate. Cdts Giles Kerr and Louie Trott, along with Cpl Ed Hodges were awarded the RAF's prestigious Powered Aircraft Flying Scholarship – a two-week course of intense individual flying that can lead to a solo flight and the presentation of wings. Finally, Sgt George Williams managed to secure a Special Flying Award, one of only four on his course, which is for cadets with the most promise as future pilots.

Squadron Leader DJ Ruskin RAFVR

## RN

The Royal Navy Section bade farewell to Lt (RN) Gary McDonald and S/Lt (RN) Victoria Boorman who have left Eastbourne College and welcomed Lt (RN) Karen MacGregor and Lt (RM) Matthew Pringle on board. Our team of Officers, S/Lt (RN) Marian Piper, Lt (RN) Alan Simister and S/Lt (RN) Criag Coupe, and our sixth form NCOs, Charlie Hickman, Noah Brittan and Olivier Schoppen, ensured a smooth transi-

tion and a steady start to the year's training.

The autumn was spent making the most of the last days of afloat training before late autumn to early spring land training. The section made the most of our coastal location, making excellent use throughout the year of the sailing, canoeing, windsurfing and raft building activities at Buzz Active on the coast. The sea cadet powerboat at Sovereign Harbour has also been in use and we are grateful to the unit for allowing us to share this equipment.

Field day in late September was spent on board HMS Bristol. The time spent here brought to life many customs and traditions, ranging from the Ceremony of Colours, which is piped at 8am, to the need to be able to march well enough to get to breakfast and salute passing officers en route. We worked hard in the Whale Island drill shed, mastering numbering off and open order, and enjoyed some time using the sports facilities – an all-weather astro pitch – before our on-board safety briefing. The following day was spent sailing and powerboating out in the Solent; new speed caps for safety for cadets have now been introduced but we enjoyed the old rules then!

During the winter months we completed the able cadet and one star training for Year 10 cadets incorporating some adventure training – fieldcraft such as basha building and cooking ration packs. A special overnight visit to Portsmouth in the spring for Year 10 incorporated a morning on the DRIU (Damage Repair Instructional Unit), a chunk of ship suspended on great pistons which rocks to and fro in a non-regular fashion to simulate being out at sea, while at the same time springing leaks on all sides which need to be repaired in freezing cold water and in the dark. This proved great fun for all, particularly the spectators! The afternoon was spent at the

Phoenix firefighting school.

A number of cadets have taken up the opportunities to attend courses run from HMS Bristol, HMS Collingwood and HMS Raleigh during the summer, including junior leadership and sailing. Annabel Symes took part in the Round the Island yacht race; congratulations to Annabel for completing the course, coming fourth in the junior competition in terrible weather conditions and being commended by her skipper. Tatyana Goodwin completed adventurous training run by the Marines out of Garelochhead, in and around Loch Lomond in Scotland during



Canoeing in the Cuckmere

the summer holiday. The course included three days of training before a four-day expedition. She walked 25km, cycled 35km, canoed 17km, traversed a waterfall, swam in freezing waters and was commended by her course officer for her leadership skills during the navigation exercise. Ella Virgo has completed her senior leadership training and Sophie Stephenson and Freya Cournane completed junior leadership. Congratulations to Ella on her subsequent promotion to Petty Officer and Senior Cadet for next year and to Freya and Sophie on their promotions to Leading Hand.

Lieutenant (CCF RN) KF MacGregor

## College sports review

This review covers the College academic year from September 2015 to July 2016 and is an abridged version of the sports reports which appeared in the 2015-16 *Eastbournian* magazine.

### Athletics

In May 2016 the College hosted its first athletics meet for several years, competing against Hurst, Seaford, Ardingly and Worth. Rosie Down bagged the second of three consecutive 200m victories, beating everyone on the circuit in the half-lap event. Robyn McKay started where she left off last year, winning the 100m. Both she and Rosie contributed to victory in the 4 x 100m relay. Emerging talent in Year 9 saw Aimee Wood win the 300m and Beth Hawkins win both the hurdles and the 200m. The squad then travelled to the K2 stadium to compete against some of the toughest schools on the circuit. Aimee Wood and Rosie Down won again, and Adam Armit-



Beth Hawkins

age won the Year 9 boys 1500m. Peter Dickinson proved his high jump credentials by winning the inter boys competition. Adelaide O'Connor's return from injury enabled her to win the senior girls 100m hurdles at Epsom.

After half term 25 College athletes represented the Hailsham and South Downs area at the Sussex Championships at the K2 stadium in Crawley. The follow-

ing notable achievements should be applauded: Ben Hughes' gold in the senior boys 110m hurdles and fourth place in the triple jump; Adelaide O'Connor's silver in the senior girls 100m hurdles and bronze in the triple jump; and Ed Mannhardt's silver in the senior boys 3000m.

The atmosphere at sports day always seems to bring out the best in the College athletes and more school records were broken this year. Abby McNally broke the inter girls discus record, throwing 19.70m; Walter Huchu beat the county champion to break the senior boys 100m record in a time of 13.93, won the 100m in 11.0 and finished Victor Ludorum, pipping to the post Brad Evans who had won the senior boys 400m and broken his own College javelin record, throwing 56.71m. Adelaide O'Connor was named Victrix Ludorum having broken the senior girls 100m hurdles record in a time of 16.38. She then recovered in time to beat current College record holder Robyn Mackay to win

the senior girls 100m. The junior girls 100m record was broken by Chase Sutherland in a time of 12.63 – faster than the intermediate girls record set in 2009, so the future is bright for Chase. The final record of the day was broken by Lauren Bennett in the inter girls shot. She threw 9.51m and now holds both the junior and inter shot put records.

### Cricket 1st XI

Played	15
Won	10
Drawn	2
Lost	3

Summer 2016 saw a talented team rewarded for their efforts by victory in 10 of their games and narrow defeats in three. The losses will be remembered with heavy hearts by the players as they know the outcome should have been different. It is a reflection, however, of the level that the team reached that we can rue missing out on an unbeaten season. Giles Robinson was a



The 1st XI

captain who led from the front, scoring three centuries and averaging over 50 per match.

In a season in which College batsmen scored heavily, Ben Twine recorded a memorable 100 not out against Hurst and wrapped up the game in an impressive all-round performance by claiming three for 33 with the ball. Harry Lloyd's 99 against Tonbridge was another highlight and deserving of reaching three figures. We were also treated to an imperious 169, a post-war record, from Brad Evans, who will be happy to have left his mark in the record books.

Walter Huchu and Ben Twine led the bowling efforts with 18 and 15 wickets respectively; both are looking to build on this next summer, which bodes well for the future. Ben McIntosh also deserves a mention for his performances; his 67 not out and five for 15 give a glimpse of his all-round talent.

## Equestrian

In September Imo Carr, Lauren Carr, Serena Flower and India Piper-Dadswell came fifth in an extremely competitive field of riders at the 80cm Jumping with Style championship qualifier at Mayfield, earning their place in the national finals. Following suit at Eaglesfield later in the month Imo Carr, Mirabelle Kelly, Rosie Kelly and India Piper-Dadswell all had clear rounds and came first in the 80cm class – a remarkable achievement against 12 other school teams, and one that was topped only by Imo Carr, Lauren Carr, India Piper-Dadswell and Rosie Kelly then coming first in the 90cm class with another set of clear rounds!

As if qualifying for four classes at the nationals was not achievement enough, the highlight of the residential trip over the October half term was the 90cm team of Imo, Lauren, Rosie, and India coming

second in the warm-up class and qualifying for the jump off inside a packed arena that evening. They came seventh, which was a fantastic feat in such a competitive field.

The team qualified for the NSEA summer show jumping finals at the Royal Windsor in May. Riding alongside and mingling with international show jumpers at such a prestigious event was memorable. Competing against 19 other school teams, the girls finished ninth in the country in the 90cm show jumping class in the Frogmore arena.

The final highlights of the year were the qualifier at Felbridge in June in which the blue team, comprising Nick Crowther, Charlie Hamilton, Mirabelle Kelly and India Piper-Dadswell, came second against 22 other school teams in the 90/95cm class, which won them a place at the finals at Addington Manor in October; Nick Crowther, Rosie Kelly, India Piper-Dadswell, Will Reeves coming third in the one metre class; and Imo Carr, Rosie Kelly, India Piper-Dadswell and Will Reeves coming second at the Hurstpierpoint College National Schools Championships at Hickstead in August.

## Fencing

Against Ardingly College, injury meant some last minute rearrangement of the senior boys team, but they rose to the challenge and won the match – their first ever victory. The girls fenced well, and some of the novices took part in a round robin. Olivier Schoppen, George Barry and James Tomlinson all competed in the Public Schools' Championship at Crystal Palace where they gained an insight into the workings of a large competition, while having the opportunity to meet other fencers with a range of experience. Olivier made it through the two group rounds into the direct eliminations, a good result. The longest standing

fencer, having fenced since Year 9, and the captain for the past two years, he has worked hard for College fencing and was awarded colours this season.

## Fives

Over the course of the Michaelmas term the boys houses battled through the inter-house fives league with the final order resting on the last match day and Gonville emerging victorious. The girls took part in an afternoon of matches in a round robin format with all five houses taking part. Despite many being complete beginners the girls all played hard and in good spirits, with Watt ending up overall winners.

In the Lent term the 1st VI, captained by first pair George Williams and Ed Towey, enjoyed victories against Tonbridge and Christ's Hospital, while the U15s also beat Tonbridge. Other good wins included the 2nds' victory over Christ's Hospital, and a junior VI, including two Year 9 beginners, winning a close-fought match against KCS Wimbledon. There were also some successes at the Southeast regionals with Williams and Towey reaching the doubles semi-final in the senior competition, while in the juniors Dickinson and Yamada won the doubles plate competition.

Elsewhere, congratulations should go to Miss Briedenhann who currently sits at No 1 in the UK women's national rankings, with OE Tessa Mills close behind at No 2.

## Golf

The Michaelmas term saw the team playing in excellent weather at Chart Hills GC against eight other schools, 54 players in all. Based on scratch Stapleford, Ben Twine was the school's most consistent player posting 17 points, ably supported by Christian Trzebinski, Arthur Pickard and Oli Barwell playing his first match for the school. The summer term saw a home match against Tonbridge and an away match against Bede's. Tonbridge provided players of lower handicap so the scratch match play format was always going to be challenging. Captain Christian Trzebinski partnered by Jacob Perrett went down 5 & 4; Charlie Reynolds and Oliver Barwell also succumbed 4 & 2. Eastbourne battled all of the elements when taking on Bede's in three singles matches. Christian Trzebinski, Oliver Barwell and Jacob Perrett began their rounds with excellent tee shots in sunshine. The golf became tough as

they encountered an array of thunder, rain, hail and snow, with Bede's pulling away by a few holes in each match. Despite this, the College team showed great spirit to put in a solid round of golf within a very friendly away fixture.

In May the team took on Brighton College at East Brighton Golf Club. In breezy sunny conditions they played handicapped four ball better ball. After a couple of wayward shots off the first tee, no doubt engendered by the watching masters, the eight players settled into some nice golf. Trzebinski partnered by Perrett came home with a 5 & 4 win. Gleb Bykov, playing his first match for the school, showed great promise and was well supported by Oli Barwell but they went down 6 & 7. An honourable draw was a fair reflection of two well organised and determined teams.

Details of the College matches against the OEGS are on page 72.

## Boys hockey 1st XI

Played	7
Lost	5
Drew	2

This was an unusual season. It promised much and delivered very little in terms of results, but there were nevertheless some good performances and some nice hockey played. Captain Harry Lloyd and



Giles Robinson

Charlie Edwards played well in midfield, while Angus Wilson, James Edwards, Greg East and Charlie Reynolds settled into a solid defence unit. In attack, the raw pace of Ben Hughes, Will McNeilly and George Marshall was allied to the industry of Giles Robinson. In goal, we had two outstanding goalkeepers in Toby Brooks and Dan Narracott who were joint

vice-captains and senior players.

The side reached the semi-finals of the U18 Sussex Cup, playing some good hockey, but were defeated by a good Hurstpierpoint side. After creating some decent chances through some excellent pressing by the pacey forwards and combative midfield, we failed to capitalise on them. Hurst scored from a good penalty corner and at the death from an extraordinary lobbed goal from an aerial thrown against the backdrop of a low, setting sun.

We played well against Cranleigh (2-3) and were close to snatching a draw in fading light. We were excellent on the counter attack with George Marshall and Will McNeilly's pressing and selfless running pressuring our opponents into mistakes. Tonbridge proved too strong for us (0-) but we had a close game against county champions Ardingly (2-2). We should have done better against Cranbrook (1-1) where we conceded a soft goal against the run of play. A weakened side lost (2-4) to Lancing when several players were away from school; we failed to take chances in attack and our mistakes were punished clinically at the other end. The team played with character against Norwich School at Southgate Hockey Club in the warm-up to the Varsity match between Oxford and Cambridge in which two penalty corner goals from Harry Lloyd kept the game competitive. The side did win the U19 Sussex sixes competition, however, which had a number of competitive sides playing, with the goalkeepers and James Edwards excelling in defence and Charlie Edwards producing some sublime moments in attack.

## Girls hockey 1st XI

Played	27
Won	21
Drew	2
Lost	4

The 1st XI squad set the goal of 'national recognition' at pre-season training in August. They achieved their goal on 4 March when they lost on penalty flicks, after extra time, to Millfield in the National Independent Schools Cup final. They lost only one game in the block fixture list, losing 0-2 to an impressive Cranleigh team. They beat everyone else on the circuit including a thrilling end-to-end encounter with a talented Ardingly team, with Bex O'Dwyer making a series of brilliant saves

in the dying minutes to protect the win. Her contribution to the success of the 1st XI has gone hand in hand with her personal climb to international representation. She undoubtedly helped the squad win through three crucial games (at least): U18 county cup final, Independent Schools Cup semi-final and U19 county final, all on penalty strokes. The 1st XI played an attractive and attacking brand of hockey with athletic and skilful players who were a real pleasure to coach.

The top goal scorers were Natasha Gale (21), Georgina Moore (19), Katie Butler-Manuel (19), Holly Goble (17) and Amelia Baron (12). Rosie Down captained the group and led by example. Augusta King directed the defensive unity of Celia Davies, Jess Lamb, Phoebe Gale and Georgie Daniels, while the midfield of Tash Gale, Rosie Down, Holly Goble and Hannah Legg scored goals from deep and fed the forward line. Georgie Moore scored three of the best team goals we scored (two in the ISHC final); Katie Butler-Manuel was plagued by her shoulder injury but bravely kept going through the season; Amelia Baron, Amelia Allen, Katherine Williams and Annie Wilson (Year 10) all scored important goals throughout the season. Vicky Watson was the number two goalkeeper and was a tremendous support to the squad. One of the key factors in the success of this team was that eight of the starting 11 players played in all 27 matches. As a squad they trained with smiles on their faces and relished the challenges that tournaments and big games, especially 'knockout' tournaments, brought. They were confident but didn't stop improving; they were competitive and learnt from mistakes.

## Netball 1st VII

Played	23
Won	14
Drew	2
Lost	7

The girls' encounter with Cranleigh at the start of the season forced them to work hard for every pass. Turnovers were minimal and their shooting was faultless. Obtaining half of their score was an achievement. Progressing quickly in the first three weeks and notching up substantial wins against Lancing, Christ's Hospital, Moria House and Sevenoaks, they showed that with regular training and focus on netball they had huge potential as a team. The athleticism shown



The 1st hockey XI at the Independent Schools Cup final

by Rosie Down, Natasha Gale and Augusta King in the mid-court made it really difficult for players to keep up when we were in full flow. Phoebe Gale and Anna Eriksson proved to be one of the strongest defensive pairings on the circuit, covering the circle well and making many interceptions. Sevenoaks struggled to get the ball into the circle. Jess Lamb and Holly Goble complemented one another in the circle: Holly was dynamic in moving around the circle while Jess held the space well for her to move into. Their shooting irritated Cranbrook, who thought that they could challenge them but found themselves 13 goals down at the final whistle. Injuries during the season resulted in a call-up for Alysha

they played four matches. Some of the games came down to half a rounder between the two teams. The girls came away with victories against Worth and Sutton Valance and had narrow defeats against Sevenoaks 1st and 2nd teams. The following week afforded a rematch against the Sevenoaks 2nds. With our team complete this time, the opposition were put under pressure. A couple of strong hitters on the Sevenoaks side kept our girls busy but all of these talented deep fielders impressed with the strength of their throw and ability to catch players out. The whole team rallied together in our batting innings and finished victorious with a score of 11.5-7.5.

## Rowing

The first race took our 1st IV Bobby Bensted-Smith, Henry Blythe, Charlie Hickman and Luke Sprintall, coxed by Hamish Green), up the M25 to the familiar Chiswick Regatta where EBC put in a heartening performance against Charterhouse who just proved the slightly fitter and tidier crew on the day. A return to the same waters the following weekend saw perhaps the closest race of the season, where we were narrowly defeated by Cygnet BC by three quarters of a length. Excitingly, the club got to break out of the Chiswick bubble the following weekend when a cancelled Thames Ditton regatta took us instead to Putney Town. It was excellent to be racing against the backdrop of more famous central London scenery just by Hammersmith Bridge, and had it not been for a significantly damaged fin in the process of our launch, as well as some questionable umpiring which favoured the hosting crew, it is likely that EBC might have beaten Putney Town on this occasion. Alas, it was not to be, and our final race against Whitgift at Barnes and Mortlake saw yet another closely fought by



Holly Goble

Chui, Eden Higgins-Stockden and Georgina Moore - invaluable players who strengthened the squad and created further options and depth.

## Rounders 1st

The 1st team had a short but exciting season, increasingly a force to be reckoned with. After a tough first game against Moira House, they headed to their first tournament at Sevenoaks, where

EBC's 1st IV who were narrowly defeated in the dying metres of the tussle. Ironically, for a crew who struggled historically with endurance, had this course been 50m further we might have been able to convert this to a victory.

Barnes and Mortlake did, however, see the welcome debut of a double scull crew (which has not competed in recent years at the College). Thomas Alston and Harry Byatt put in a spirited row against a King's Canterbury crew who went on to be the overall winners. Most crucially the boys managed to stay dry, which was a notable success given their multiple freak capsizes that week in training.

### Rugby 1st XV

Played 10
Won 9
Lost 1

Oliver Torri writes: Twenty-five players turned out for the 1st XV in the course of the year and every single one of them poured their heart and soul into a season that they'll remember forever. A talented Upper Sixth cohort combined with some promising players in the Lower Sixth to

starting players down by the time we had reached the 20-minute mark, the team did fantastically well to keep the score to 5-15 at half-time. Unfortunately the attrition of the Tonbridge pack and a further injury saw Tonbridge run in five converted tries in the last 15 minutes, and the final score was an unflattering 5-61. The squad went on to collect eight wins from eight games, scoring a total of 184 points and conceding only 36. Big wins were recorded against Christ's Hospital (55-0) and Sutton Valence (47-0) before closer games against Cranbrook (12-8) and an OE team (12-5) in the Tom Lewis memorial game took us into half-term.

The real battles were to come in the wind and rain of November. Wins away at King's Canterbury (19-3) and Skinners' School (7-3) were the appetisers to the main course on College Field that saw the 1st XV record their first win against Brighton College (12-3) since November 2007. The team conceded not a single try in November and were named team of the week on fifteenrugby.com for their showing against Brighton College. The finest performance of the year was against St John's -

I take my hat off to a group of players who, after the disappointment of the previous season, bought into the programme and worked so hard for each other, their determination and pride in the College squares securing for them a season of rugby that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Drive and motivation are the key to success. In rugby you have to be driven and motivated to work as a team, putting the aims and goals of the team above your personal ones. I don't know what captain Ben Biltcliffe says in his pre-match speeches because I make a point of keeping out of the changing room before kick-off, but whatever he says works. Anyone who pulled on the College squares this season will acknowledge that much of the season's success is down to Ben's ability to get people to follow him into battle.

### Sailing and windsurfing

The College had another successful term at Buzz Active, with senior and junior groups taking part in sailing and windsurfing. It is great to see pupils making the most of opportunities to learn

### Soccer 1st XI

We played against Sutton Valence, Bede's, Cranleigh and Brighton College, winning four out of seven games, with wins over Bede's 2nd XI and an Eastbourne Town side. A particular highlight was the 1sts and 2nds convincingly beating Sutton Valence, the 1sts 6-0 at home, with special mention to Joe Andrews who scored a hat-trick on his debut, then beating them 3-0 away. Both the Upper and Lower Sixth lads performed excellently, Ryan Packham in goal keeping us from conceding in many crucial games, the back four of Fergus Piper (playing in the last of his four great seasons at the College), Joe Andrews, Olly Bennion and Chris Trzebinski, getting off to a great start. The four regular midfielders were Demi Kuteyi, Ed Laycock, Tom Macdonald and Matt Rust. Last but not least, the striking partnership of Jon Fieldhouse and Jack Keating had a tough season against some impenetrable defences but showed great character despite finding goals difficult to come by.

### Boys squash

Played	5
Lost	5

Our first fixture was against Sevenoaks and, despite a gutsy effort from all the boys, we were unfortunately outplayed in every department - except team spirit (and chat). Nonetheless we held our heads high and travelled the following week to our local rivals, Bede's, where, with a much more competitive performance, we began to gain momentum. After a couple of friendlies against Bede's, we were beginning to look like the squash team we had always wanted to be. The second half of the season brought with it some tough competition from both Christ's Hospital and Bede's but we showed perseverance and determination, arguably playing our finest squash of the season.

### Girls squash

Played	5
Won	2
Drew	1
Lost	2

Starting as we did with two never-ever-before players in Chloe Sumption and Tamzin Watson, it was fantastic to see the determined progress made, particularly in competitive fixtures. Freya McNeish fulfilled a dual role as a



The 1st XV

record nine wins from ten games, placing the side thirty-fifth on the national merit table, finishing above traditional powerhouses such as Warwick, John Fisher, Epsom, Bryanston and Oakham.

The season opened with a fantastic 29-14 win against Hurstpierpoint on a sun-drenched College Field. The only downside of this confidence booster was the loss of two starting players for the match against Tonbridge the following week, which came too early in the season. Given that injuries meant we were five

a culmination of a year of hard work. Playing against a team that contained no fewer than seven players who played for London Irish or Harlequins, the 1st XV put in a display that saw dogged work from the forwards and the skill from the backs to find space around the park, although their greatest achievement was having the composure to play a tactical game that put them six points ahead, 20-14, when the game finished and bagged them a second team of the week award from fifteenrugby.com.

new skills while being excellent ambassadors for the school. A particular highlight was the sailing regatta against Bede's and the Onboard Buzz Active team. The College won overall, with individual first places over three heats gained by Rebe Casselden and Harry Byatt. Fergus Gregorie came second in all of his races and George Williams was second in one of his races. It was a great effort by everyone, not least May Scott and Anya Pasternack who were competing in their first ever regatta.

regular number one and provider of a remarkably diverse playlist in training sessions. Lully Gibbons and Helen Reading also showed their experience and strength in both training and fixtures. Helen displayed an aggressive match style that served her well. Success in fixtures was varied, but by far the highlight of the season was the slightly confusing Bede's clash in which the opponents chose to field a team of Year 9 boys. I wouldn't say that the sixth form girls were deliberately intimidating, but they certainly came away from that event with some amusing anecdotes.

## Swimming

Performing brilliantly against the odds, College swimmers beat personal bests at every meet. The season began as always with the English schools regional relay championship. In total 12 personal bests were broken, with our best position being a tantalising fourth place. This confidence-boosting first event was followed by two very enjoyable individual matches against Hurstpierpoint and Lancing. These matches were a chance for some new swimmers to make their debut: Bethany Tagg and Liberty Balmer showed their class, with Bethany breaking the school 50m butterfly record and Liberty equalling the school 50m backstroke record before breaking it later in the season. These two matches saw 25 personal bests being set.

In late January we travelled to the annual five-school meet at Tonbridge. The College entered 21 swimmers, who put in a magnificent performance, achieving 25 new personal bests, a new school record and one trophy. It was good to see the Year 9 boys putting up a strong fight, with four new personal best times, three by Harrison Tagg. The senior boys had another very close competition with some nail-biting races, Tom Alston breaking the College's 35-year-old 100m breaststroke record, to add to his three breaks of the 50m breaststroke record the previous year. They went on to finish in second place overall, losing to Tonbridge by the closest of relays. The highest accolade must go, however, to the senior girls team who dominated the competition, winning all but one event to bring the trophy back to Eastbourne. Two PBs were set by Scarlett Scotland and one by Augusta King; combined with crushing swims by Liberty Balmer and Bethany Tagg it made for fantastic viewing.



The swimming team at the Bath Cup

In the second half of the academic year the College takes part in a number of multi-school events such as the Sussex Cup against Ardingly, Lancing and Hurstpierpoint and the fourway match between Cranleigh, Eastbourne, Hurstpierpoint and Christ's Hospital, which Christ's Hospital hosts. The highlight, though, is the Bath Cup, held at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, with more than a hundred schools putting forward their fastest swimmers for this massive one-day relay competition. A girls team comprising Liberty Balmer, Augusta King, Izzy MacIntosh, Scarlett Scotland and Bethany Tagg and a boys team comprising Tom Alston, George Brassett, Will McNeilly, Dylan Price and Louis Wood had nail-biting races after reaching the finals. The girls finished fifth in the Dunelm Medley final and sixth in the Aldenham Cup freestyle final. The boys pushed even closer, finishing a tantalising fourth in both of their equivalent finals. Special mention should go to Bethany Tagg for being the first girl in the school's history to record 50m freestyle in under 29 seconds.

### Boys tennis 1st VI

Played	13
Won	4
Drew	3
Lost	6

The boys senior team was led superbly by Ivan Loginov. A fine tennis player, Ivan moves on to a top US university after many years of service to boys tennis at Eastbourne. Santi Emslie and Will McNeilly proved good steady players, and a promising group of younger players who have a lot of potential – Will Dawkins,

Cameron Stacey, Joe McIntyre, Julian Schützner and James Young – also played games for the senior teams. In the Sussex League we finished third in our group in the first weekend, beating Hurst but losing to Lancing and Bede's. In the final round, the team was undefeated with another victory against Hurst and draws against Worth and Christ's Hospital. Lancing proved too strong for us this year in the area stage of the National Schools Championships, as did Ardingly, but the team ended the season well with spirited performances against Worth and Cranleigh.

### Girls tennis 1st VI

Played	13
Won	9
Lost	4

With the experienced Gale twins – Natasha and Phoebe – leading the way, new players Amelia Allen (Year 12) and Valentina Khalturina added strength to the team. A number of combinations were tried at third pair, with the

other Amelia Allen (Year 13), Rosie Brown, Alysha Chui, Celia Davies, Katie McIntyre, Annabelle Jellings and Jess Lamb representing the team in various matches. The season started with victories over Sevenoaks, Moira House, Trinity (in the National Schools' Championships) and Brighton. In the U18 Sussex Shield, the top four reached the final and narrowly lost to Bede's. As half term approached, a weakened team lost a close match 4-5 to Lancing, but a back-to-full-strength team nearly pulled off an away win against Benenden before going down 4-5 again. In the area semi-final of the National Championships, we travelled to Sevenoaks and went down 2-4 after a superb win at number one from Valentina. After half term the team recorded two more good wins against Cranleigh and Worth.

### Mixed doubles tennis

Played	5
Won	5

In the LTA Senior Students competition played throughout the winter months, our mixed doubles team of Natasha Gale, Phoebe Gale, Santi Emslie, Harry Lloyd and Ivan Loginov worked hard to win their area group before defeating Lancing and then Bede's in the regional play offs to reach the national finals played at the Bolton Arena in the Lent term. The team travelled up by train for the weekend finals which saw them gain a great victory against Strathallan, the previous champions, in their first group match. An agonisingly close defeat by Sevenoaks when the match was seemingly won was followed by a defeat at the hands of a strong Ellesmere College team who went on to win the competition. The team finished a worthy fifth place nationally.



Natasha Gale, Ivan Loginov, Harry Lloyd, Phoebe Gale

# The Eastbournian Society



## The Old Eastbournian Association Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 July 2016

All figures in GBP

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions receivable		24,000		24,000
Profit from sale of OE Regalia		674		513
Sundry income		—		—
Revaluation of stock		—		—
		<u>24,674</u>		<u>24,513</u>
<b>DEDUCT OUTGOINGS</b>				
Annual Report	12,740		10,921	
Birley Centre sponsorship	—		—	
Other postage and stationery	—		—	
Secretarial Services	2,500		2,500	
Grants – Cricket	2,600		—	
Golf	1,500		1,500	
Football	—		—	
Squash	—		—	
Tennis	—		—	
Rugby	1,500		1,500	
Raisers Edge	—		—	
Sundry expenses	—		22	
OE events	—		—	
		<u>20,840</u>		<u>16,443</u>
		3,834		8,070
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>				
Received net of tax		86		63
<b>DEFICIT IN/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<u><u>3,920</u></u>		<u><u>8,133</u></u>

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Balance Sheet at 31 July 2016</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
Balance at 1 August		23,424		15,291
<b>Deduct</b>				
Donation to Old Eastbournian Charity		—		—
Birley Centre		—		—
		<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>
<b>Add</b>				
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account		3,920		8,133
Balance at 31 July		<u><u>27,344</u></u>		<u><u>23,424</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>				
Monies on deposit at RBS plc				
Special interest-bearing account	9,518		7,739	
OE Regalia Stock Deposit	5,100		5,100	
Deposits paid on dinners/ other events	—		—	
Debtors	11,934		13,593	
Bank Current Account	1,000		1,000	
		<u>27,552</u>		<u>27,432</u>
<b>Deduct</b>				
Creditors		(208)		(4,008)
Bank account		—		—
		<u><u>27,344</u></u>		<u><u>23,424</u></u>

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2017

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastbournian Society (incorporating the Old Eastbournian Association) will be held on Saturday 18 March 2017, starting at 10am. OEs are welcome to attend the AGM and are asked to inform the Eastbournian Society office at latest by Friday 10 March 2017 if they wish to do so, by telephone to 01323 452314 or email to jt@eastbourne-college.co.uk. The AGM will be held at Eastbourne College and further details of the venue will be announced on the Eastbournian Society website.

### The Agenda

1. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2016.
2. To elect Officers for the coming year, and to fill vacancies on the Committee.
3. To consider any other business.

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# Diary of events

## Social and cultural events

We organise social and cultural events, including lunches, dinners, theatre trips, walks, talks and visits to places of interest. These are for all ES members: OEs, parents, pupils, staff and other friends of the College. More will be organised during the year; please check the Eastbournian Society website or call us for more information (contacts are shown by initials CT, JT or LB – see below for contact details).

### Tuesday 21 February, 4pm

Antiques through the ages (talk)  
Powell House Dining Room (JT)

### Friday 24 February, 7pm

150th celebration fireworks display  
College Field (all welcome)

### Friday 24 February, 7.30pm

150th celebration curry night  
Dining Hall (tickets £15) (LB)

### Sunday 19 March, 7.30pm

Brahms' Requiem (ESO and ES Chorus)  
St Saviour's Church (tickets £15) (JT)

### Wednesday 26 April

Official opening of the Nugee Building  
By invitation only

### Thursday 27 April, 2.30pm

The Wipers Times  
Arts Theatre, London (JT)

### Monday 8 May, 7pm

Annual London dinner  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

### Saturday 13 May, 11am

Reception for grandparents of pupils  
Birley Centre (JT)

### Monday 22 May, 12 noon

The Over-60s lunch (tickets £40)  
St George's Hill Club, Weybridge (LB)

### Sunday 4 June, 12.30pm

150th celebration lunch  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

### Wednesday 7 June, 2pm

An American in Paris  
Dominion Theatre (tickets £45) (JT)

### Thursday 22 June, 11.45am

Banqueting House and Westminster Abbey  
Guided tours (tickets £35) (JT)

### Sunday 25 June, 5pm

Derek Granger OE on Laurence Olivier (talk)  
Birley Centre (Box Office)

### Thursday 29 June

Foundation Day for benefactors  
By invitation only (CT)

### Saturday 1 July, 12.15pm

Speech Day  
Eastbournian Society reception (LB)

### Saturday 16 September

Reception for parents of new pupils  
College Theatre (LB)

### Saturday 16 September

OE Reunion  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

### Saturday 23 September

The annual London guided walk  
(provisional date) (JT)

### Wednesday 11 October, 5.30pm

Evensong with Chapel Choir  
Southwark Cathedral, London

### Thursday 9 November, 6pm

Eastbourne pub evening  
The Dolphin, South Street (LB)

### Thursday 14 December, 6pm

Christmas carol service  
All Saints' Church, reception at College (JT)

## Business and career networking events

Our free networking events are open to OEs, parents, pupils and staff. They are an opportunity for professionals to offer careers advice to those starting out in or considering joining their profession, as well as a chance for business networking and building up contacts. Drinks and canapés will be available. This list is accurate at the time of going to press – more events are to be added so please check the website for updates. Please contact Lulu Brown (contact details below) for more details.

### Wednesday 1 February, 6pm

Shipping  
Baltic Exchange, London

### Thursday 9 February, 6pm

Sales, marketing and PR  
Davy's at St James's, Pall Mall, London

### Saturday 4 March, 11am

Eastbournian Medical Society  
Royal College of Surgeons, London

### Friday 17 March, 7pm

Careers and gap year convention  
Eastbourne College

### Thursday 19 October, 6pm

Banking, broking and asset management  
PwC, 7 More Place, London

### Friday 20 October, 12 noon

The London business lunch  
The Phoenix Victoria, London

### Thursday 16 November, 6pm

Insurance  
Davy's at Plantation Place, London

Dates for Law and Property are still to be arranged – please check the website.

## Sports events

For the list of OE Golf Society fixtures see page 72; for contacts see page 71.

### Friday 17 February, 8pm

OE Stags charity rugby match  
(details and contact on page 74)  
Rosslyn Park, London

### Sunday 11 June

Cricketer Cup  
1st round: Whitgift Mitres v OECC  
(contact on page 70)

### Thursday 29 June

MCC v 1st XI cricket match  
11.30am College Field  
Cricket dinner  
7pm College Dining Hall (LB)

### Friday 7 July, 11am

Foundation Golf Challenge  
Royal Eastbourne GC (CT)

### Sunday 9 to Thursday 13 July

Old Eastbournian Cricket Week  
College Field (contact on page 70)

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# Eastbourne College gifts and clothing

## 150th commemorative gifts

Shop online at [www.eastbourne-college.myshopify.com](http://www.eastbourne-college.myshopify.com)



As part of the College's 150th anniversary celebrations a collection of commemorative gifts has been created. These items are special editions and are exclusive to Eastbourne College. They can all be purchased at the College online shop at [www.eastbourne-college.myshopify.com](http://www.eastbourne-college.myshopify.com).

Alternatively please visit the school shop in person or make contact by phone, post or email (see *How to order* below).



**Stag 150 tie**  
Polyester £14  
Silk £20



**EC 150 keyring** £4



**EC 150 tote bag** £5



**Stag 150 baseball cap** £10



**EC 150 bone china mug** £5



**EC 150 glass tumbler** £15



**EC 150 ballpoint pen** £5

## Old Eastbournian clothing and gifts

We also have an exclusive range of Old Eastbournian clothing, accessories and gifts for sale in the school shop.



**OE striped ties**  
In official OEA colours with maroon, white and crimson stripes. 100% silk in an attractive gift box. £23  
Polyester. £14



**Scarf**  
Pure wool with alternate light/dark burgundy and white stripes. £25.95



**Bow tie**  
Self-tie pure silk in OE stripes. £21.95



**Panama hatband**  
OE striped hatband with Velcro fastening. £11.95



**Waistcoat**  
Pure silk in OE stripes. Sizes: 40", 42", 44", 46" and 48" chest. £65



**Cummerbund**  
Pure silk in OE stripes. £22.95



**Polo shirt**  
Maroon cotton with white embroidered crest. Sizes: S, M, L and XL. £18.95



**Sweatshirt**  
Navy quality cotton sweatshirt with embroidered College crest. £23.95  
**Hooded sweatshirt** £25.95. Please contact us for sizes.



**Boxer shorts**  
Grey soft cotton with button fly and burgundy crest design. Sizes: M, L and XL. £6 each or 2 for £10



**OE umbrella**  
A stylish umbrella at a bargain price! Maroon and cream with 'Old Eastbournian Association' lettering. Only £16



**Cufflinks**  
New design with OE stripes. Torpedo fitting, in a presentation box. £23



**Blazer buttons**  
Large and small sizes. College crest design. £2.95 each



**OE pin**  
Enamelled round 18mm in OE stripes – an alternative to the OE tie. £9.95



**Sports socks**  
Maroon with white turnover. Cotton cushioned comfort foot. £8.95

### How to order

All items are available from the School Shop, Old Wish Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JX. Opening times are 8.15am–2.15pm, Monday to Friday; 9am–11.45am, Saturday (term time only). Please call for opening times during school holidays.

You can send orders by email to [schoolshop@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto:schoolshop@eastbourne-college.co.uk) or call 01323 452226 to check on availability and cost of postage and packing.

Cheques should be made payable to **Eastbourne College Enterprises Ltd**. Credit cards are accepted (not American Express); please call for details.

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