

# NEWS OF OES, STAFF AND SOME OTHERS

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**Mark Ackred** (Pennell 1991-96) was one of a number of intrepid rugby players who took part in a match over 6,000m up Mount Everest in April. The world record-breaking achievement was for the highest game of rugby, at 6,331m above sea level. It was part of the LMAX Exchange Everest Rugby Challenge, raising money for charitable projects for children in the UK and Ireland. The players included international rugby players, leading business executives and a diverse range of people from the rugby community. Among the participants were internationals Lee Mears (England) and Shane Williams (Wales).

The group had spent two weeks acclimatising, dealing with altitude sickness, the symptoms of which include severe headaches, lack of sleep and loss of appetite. Having successfully played the highest ever game of touch rugby at Everest Base Camp (5,119m), the challengers progressed to Advanced Base Camp (6,200m) and then on to the East Rongbuk Glacier on Tuesday 30 April, where they set up a full-sized rugby pitch, including flags and make-shift posts, in accordance with Guinness World Record specifications. Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, later said that the challenge had raised over £250,000 for disabled and disadvantaged children.

**Samantha Adelstein** (Nugent 2015-16) visited the College with her friend **Bella Peng** (Nugent 2015-17) on Tuesday 10 September. There is a photo of the two of them in Bella's entry on page 57.



**Matt Allnatt** (School 1976-81) is the OE rep in Los Angeles, where he is the general manager of the Jonathan

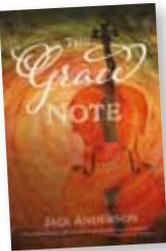
Club, the flagship private social club on the west coast. On Friday 25 October he visited the College with his wife Adrienne and had a tour of the new buildings with David Stewart. They are pictured here outside the College Theatre (Big School).

**Jackie Anderson** (Nugent 1980-82) has had her debut novel, *The Grace Note*, published. Known as Jackie Gray when at school, and now writing under the name Jaqi Anderson, she says that she has taken to writing spectacularly late, partly due to her eclectic involvements as both musician and paediatric specialist; she is also mother to a disabled son.

*The Grace Note* tells the story of Kitty, whose life is turned upside down by a mysterious letter from a brother she never knew she had. Meanwhile she encounters the enigmatic and brooding Yani Belushi, a pianist who is carrying his own dark and sorrowful secret born out of a fractured childhood in former communist Albania. An inherited cello becomes the unlikely accomplice as their two worlds of music and adoption collide, each seeking resolution and discovery.

Having worked in a remote corner of Zambia with her medical husband, Jackie says that she now lives in an almost empty nest, although she has recently become an infatuated grandmother. She hopes that some of the proceeds from *The Grace Note* will support causes dearest to her heart – the orphaned and disabled in Africa. You can read more about the book at Jackie's website [www.jaqianderson.com](http://www.jaqianderson.com).

**John Ashcroft** (Reeves 1960-65) was the subject of an international appeal to track him down after he saved the life of a man choking on a piece of onion in February. John, who lives in Dubai, stepped in to help when a visitor from South Africa, Peter Greiner, had difficulty breathing after choking on the food. John's initial attempts at the Heimlich manoeuvre failed to dislodge the obstruction, and Peter collapsed on the floor, unable to breathe. John then performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and, eventually, the piece of onion came up and Peter regained consciousness. Soon after, paramedics



arrived to treat him. John had already left the scene before he could be thanked, and all that Peter and his wife knew was that his first name was John. They then launched a Facebook appeal to 'Find John', which was picked up by the Dubai Eye radio station. Luckily the appeal was heard by John's daughter-in-law Sophia and she mentioned it to her husband Adam, who had been told about the incident by his mother Judi. With the connection having been made, the radio station put John in touch with Peter, who was able to thank him live on air. John later told the *Gulf News*: 'If I hadn't stepped in and done something I would have felt absolutely mortified if something had happened to Peter'.



**Anil Assomull** (School 1971-76) visited the College on 19 September with his daughters. John Thornley took them on a tour, including a visit to School House, where they are pictured: Angeli, Anil and Ambika.

**Ken Barton** (School 1944-47) lives in Claremont, Western Australia, and has recently been in touch with the College archives. He says he has the greatest affection for the College and enjoys keeping in touch through the magazine. His father and two uncles also attended the school, 'so there was no doubt that was where I went in 1944'. He was glad to return to Eastbourne in 1945, having spent the first part of his schooldays at Radley, where the College was evacuated during the Second World War. When he left in 1947 he joined the Royal Navy and had an enjoyable 21 years seeing the world (on HMS *Ark Royal*, among other ships), while keeping up with his cricket and rugby. He met his wife Barbara on a visit to Australia, and they married two years later at St John's in Meads, Eastbourne. They had two sons and a daughter. The family returned to Australia when he received an offer to share-farm from Barbara's uncle. They had 600 acres of land on which they milked and raised beef for 30 years, and the children attended board-

ing school in Perth. They were also involved in the local community, Ken as church organist (having been taught by Dr John Alden, Director of Music and College Organist), and as secretary of the Farmers Federation, while Barbara continued her career of physiotherapy. In more recent years, Barbara had a series of strokes and is now in a care home, where Ken is able to visit her daily. He keeps in touch with **Cecil Walkley** (School 1944-48) who also lives in Australia. In 2016 Ken donated generously to the Project 150 Development Appeal and to the Arnold Embellishers.



**Harry Bentley** (Wargrave 2005-08) caused an upset at Ascot by winning the Britannia Handicap in June, riding Biometric, the 28-1 outsider. In doing so he beat Frankie Dettori, who was aiming for his fifth win of the day, on Turgenev, the 7-2 favourite. Two furlongs from home Turgenev was two lengths clear, but Biometric made a sustained run from the back to take the winning position. The website [attheraces.com](http://attheraces.com) reported Harry saying: 'I've been riding here a long time and have had quite a few rides here over the years, so it's so good to get on the board. It's so tough. Any meeting at Ascot – not only the Royal meeting – it's incredibly hard to ride winners here, just because of the competitiveness of the races. It's so special – a day I won't forget. I know I've upset a few people there, so I'm probably not the most popular winner of the day!' The OE connections don't end there as Dettori's horse Turgenev is trained by **John Gosden OBE** (Gonville 1965-69), one of the most successful trainers of his generation, having had over 3,000 winners worldwide.

**Edward Birn** (School 1964-68) retired to Guam to live near his in-laws three years ago. He has been appointed by the Governor of Guam as Director of Administration and is holder of this office in the current session; he can be seen in many YouTube interviews about Guam's budgets. In 2019, Edward visited the UK for the wedding of his brother Robin's eldest



son, and is pictured here, right, along with Robin, left, and their cousin Jack Cowan, centre.

**Robin Birn** (School 1967-72) has become Senior Lecturer in Marketing at St Mary's University, Twickenham, Middlesex. He is module convenor for 'Consumer, Shopper and Audience Behaviour' and 'Entrepreneurship and Professionalism', as well as curriculum developer. St Mary's specialises in sports (especially rugby and athletics and gymnastics), media and communications, fashion and food. Robin told us: 'I have achieved my life-long dream to be an academic when retired, to follow my books published when younger - launching what is now Customer Insight. I think I gave Brian Harrell a copy of my first book to place in the Cavendish Library. I would not be where I am now if it had not been for the College experience. My housemaster in School, the late great Peter Phillips, called me in late one night and I thought there was trouble - he said the following, 'I have been thinking long and hard about you' (and then he did his famous hiss sound through his teeth) 'your future is either in stockbroking, but you will be lousy at it as you took O-Level Maths three times, so I think you should try this new thing called marketing.' And so I applied to the only four marketing courses that existed in 1972 and got accepted to all four - I chose Cambridge College of Arts and Technology (now Anglia Ruskin), to be near my two co-school prefects from School House, Martin Steele and Robert Osborne at the university - both lost years ago in separate tragic accidents and I still miss them.'



**Toby Brooks** (Craig 2011-16), left, earned his hockey blue for Cambridge in the Varsity game at Southgate Hockey Club on Sunday 3 March. In a closely-fought match Cambridge took

the lead in the last few minutes, winning 3-2. Toby, in his third year studying natural sciences at Clare College, was playing as goalkeeper. Winning Varsity matches must be a family trait, as Toby's older brother **Sam** (Craig 2007-12), right, also played for Cambridge, winning three blues in 2014, 2015 and 2016. And, like Toby, Sam also played as goalkeeper. Our congratulations go to the new 'Blues Brothers'!

**Lucy Brough** (Blackwater 1997-2002), formerly **Lucy Hurst**, has returned to the UK from Singapore, got married and now has a baby boy, Ralph, who was born in spring 2019.

**Denis Browne** (School 1938-41) sent the College archives details about his life at Radley when the College was evacuated there during the Second World War. He also gave us this information about his life after leaving the College: 'In 1943 I joined the Royal Marines. I was demobilized in 1946 when I attended a course at London University to study surveying, being simultaneously an articulated pupil with a firm of London surveyors much engaged in repairing London's bomb damage. Having qualified, I set up, with partners, my own practice in London until I was offered a job with a large property company in Hong Kong where I spent ten years, travelling all over the Far East and down to Australia. I then moved to Canada where I continued working for another ten years. After what, in retrospect, had been a somewhat varied career, I retired back to England and started writing books which I still do.'



**Brian Burke** (School 1965-67) and wife Linda visited the College on 14 August and had a tour of the new Project 150 buildings, before Brian posed for this photo outside the Headmaster's House.

**Eleanor Chapman** (Blackwater 2016-18) is studying at Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, on a full tennis scholarship. She tells us: 'When I joined the College I was honoured to receive the Trevor Pescud award for tennis and have loved training and competing with my friends. One of my main tennis achievements for the College was playing in the national school championships in Nottingham.' Eleanor is pictured in the Foundation report on page 15.



**Will Cowan** (Blackwater 1975-80) visited the College on 19 November 2019, having not been to Eastbourne for a number of years, and was shown around by David Stewart.



**Richard Crook** (Powell 1966-70) was in the news in December 2019 for rescuing a rare Victorian water hydrant which had been removed because of roadworks in Gildredge Road, Eastbourne. Such hydrants were installed during the age of horse-drawn transport to fill water carts which sprayed the roads in dry weather to keep the dust down. The post had been removed by the contractor working on the town centre roads. Following Richard's intervention, the post has been restored at no cost by Sussex Blast Cleaning of Hailsham, and has been reinstated in Gildredge Road in its original location.



**Sue Davies** was the headmaster's secretary at the College from 1973 to 1999, during which time she served under three heads: Simon Langdale, Christopher Saunders and Charlie Bush. In October she celebrated her 80th birthday in style with lunch at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, and is pictured here with a trio of headmaster's wives, left to right: Cynthia Saunders, Sue, Diana Langdale and Mary Bush.

**Ben Dawson** (Powell 1986-89) is a professional artist based on the coast in Pevensey Bay, near Eastbourne. He has had a varied career: he has taught and competed in skiing and kitesurfing,

been a professional chef, restaurateur and food consultant and run a successful pop-up restaurant business. Ben has lived in nine countries, has a passion for languages, sports, food, travel and, of course, art, which has been one constant in his life. He comes from a very arty family, and has painted from a young age. In August 2018 he took the exciting decision to pursue a career as an artist, and his style has been described as 'architectural with energetic abstraction'. The majority of Ben's work is commission based, and it is also available in various galleries in and around Eastbourne. In July, one of Ben's pictures, a view of Eastbourne Pier, was successfully bid for during the fundraising auction which took place at the Foundation Golf Day dinner. In October Ben featured in an episode of the Sky Arts TV programme *Landscape Artist of the Year*, which was filmed at



Herstmonceux Castle. He is pictured here in front of an earlier work, entitled *Fragile Earth*. You can see more examples of Ben's work at his website [www.bendawson.art](http://www.bendawson.art).



**Teresa Dawson** (Nugent 1981-83) visited the College on 24 July 2019 with her mother Sylvia Dawson. They had a tour of the new Winn and Nugee buildings, followed by the Birley Centre, and had a nostalgic visit to the geography department in the Memorial Building, where Teresa had studied for her A-levels in 1983. She is now a teaching professor in geography and a former director of the Learning and Teaching Centre at the University of Victoria in Canada. In 2007 Teresa was co-founder of the Vancouver Educational Developers Alliance (VEDA) and she is past chair of the Canadian Educational Developers Caucus and served for ten years as a member of the Board for the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE).



**Carlos de Haan** (Wargrave 1988-93), left, and his brother **Leo** (Wargrave 1997-99), right, popped in to the College on 25 April to say hello, having just completed walking the South Downs Way.



**Ben Deery** (Powell 1998-2003) appeared in the West End production of *The Man in the White Suit* during autumn 2019. The play was one of the Eastbournian Society's theatre trips this year and Ben took time out after the matinee on 13 November to have a drink and a chat with a few of the ES members who went along, and is pictured here in the centre.



**Gareth Doodles** (Reeves 1990-95) has been appointed headmaster of The King's School, Worcester, with effect from September 2020. Gareth is currently headmaster of Dover College, where he has been for the past five years. Before that he was head of Milton Abbey in Dorset. Gareth, who has an MA in modern history from the University of St Andrews, started his career at Taunton School as a history teacher and then as a housemaster at Oakham School. He has coached sport (he is a keen cyclist and swimmer), plays the piano and organ, and is also a Church of England lay minister of communion. Gareth is married to Jessica and they have two young children, Humphrey and Persephone.

**Amy Evans** (Blackwater 2002-07) was married to Ross Matthews on 31 August 2019 at Hyde House in the Cotswolds. A photo with many OE guests is in our social occasions feature on page 45.

## Tom Evans



**Tom Evans** (Wargrave 2005-10), the endurance runner, was interviewed by *The Times* in June (pictured) about his incredible success in ultra-running over the last few years. Talking as he was about to embark on the Western States 100, involving a 100-mile race, an ascent of 5,500m, followed by a 7,000m descent in the mountains and canyons of California, Tom said that he would like to

become the world's best endurance runner. His record – third in the gruelling Marathon des Sables across the Sahara in 2017, and winning the Courmayeur Champex Chamonix (CCC) race in 2018 – is the result of his dedication to training, understanding the importance of nutrition and having the right mental attitude. He said that his time as a captain in the Welsh Guards had definitely helped him, saying that 'as an officer in the British army you are a problem solver... It's not just the fittest person winning the race in an ultra. It's knowing what to do when things go wrong.' He also admitted that he likes to explore extremes, concluding: 'I want to keep testing myself. I can't do anything in moderation.'

In October Tom featured in an eight-page article in *Runner's World* magazine, which described him as 'the new poster boy of trail running'. He had come third in the Western States 100 with a time of 14 hours 59 minutes, following a two-month training block in Ethiopia, at which he learnt the importance of being in tune with your own body and not always having to rely on performance data and algorithms on watches. Referring to his seven years in the army, he said: 'The British army instils in you a sense of hard work, discipline and fortitude... These are qualities that are equally important in this sport.' He also revealed that he has ambitions in road running as well as trail running, saying that he will be taking part in the 2020 London Marathon, with an eye on the Olympic qualifying time of 2:11:30, which he feels is achievable. We are delighted to announce that Tom is the special guest at the Eastbournian Society London dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly on Wednesday 11 March 2020. Full details are in the advert at the front of the magazine.



**Christiaan Faberij de Jonge** (School 1994-99) has launched a boot camp for filmmaking hopefuls to learn about

getting in to the business. Called 'First On Set' it offers a one-day workshop that includes everything that you would learn as a runner or production assistant on a professional film set. Christiaan has 20 years' experience in film and TV production; climbing up the ladder from production assistant to managing the set as first assistant director on BBC dramas, international television series and award-winning indie films. You can read more at the website [www.first-on-set.com](http://www.first-on-set.com).

**Harry Foster** (Craig 1999-2004) was appointed Director, London Portfolio, at Land Securities Group PLC in January 2019. His twin brother **Charlie** (Craig 1999-2004), who is also a quantity surveyor, was appointed a director at Savills PLC in March, specialising in the industrial sector at the Business Space Investment Team. Also in March, Harry and Catherine welcomed their firstborn, Freddie, into the world.

**Christopher Gardner** CBE (Pennell 1976-81) was promoted in April 2019 to Vice-Admiral, Chief of Materiel (Ships) at Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), a joint-defence organisation within the UK Ministry of Defence. Having been Head of Capability Improvement at the Ministry of Defence in 2010, he then became Assistant Chief of Staff (Ships) in 2014 and Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff (Ships) in 2015.



**Dr Siobhan Gardiner** (Watt 2003-08) won the Commonwealth Award in the Women of the Future Awards 2019 in November. Siobhan, who is Global Sustainable Technology Manager at Unilever, works on delivering sustainable solutions across the company, from smart agriculture to empowering people to make changes in their own communities. She works with young

adults, policy think-tanks, schools and NGOs, and has actively pushed for access to education as a means of challenging gender inequality. The Commonwealth Award is for women achieving developmental goals through the Commonwealth's network of nations, providing practical support to others facing challenges or obstacles.

At university Siobhan studied biochemistry and genetics, specialising in how plants produce chemical signals in response to disease and damage. While researching her PhD at Cranfield University she was shortlisted by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) for the 'Innovator of the Year' award in 2018 for her work on improving resilience in vanilla quality and sustainability. On the Unilever website, Siobhan explains that growing up on a small farm gave her an interest in the insects and birds which hindered the growth of fruits and vegetables, saying, 'the importance of this micro-universe would come up time and time again in my research in the years ahead.' She also says: 'My childhood taught me that smallholder farmers speak a common language with three principles common to all: land, family and income. If one suffers, the rest follow suit. So if we protect the land and the crop together, we protect livelihoods and families too.'



**Jeremy Gardner** (Craig 1976-81) visited the College with his wife Michelle on 23 July, while on a visit to Eastbourne from their home in Perth, Scotland, where Jeremy is a teacher at Glenalmond College. David Blake showed them round the new facilities in the Project 150 development and later Jeremy contacted us to say: 'No doubt about it, this is a school for the 21st century. It is great to see the College really kicking on both in terms of academic provision and in becoming a focal point for culture, arts and music in the town. It certainly has the 'wow' factor in spades.'



**Emma Garrett** (Nugent 1984-86) and a group of Old Eastbournians walked from Brighton to Eastbourne on Saturday 8 June in memory of **Richard Garrett** (Reeves 1980-85), while helping to raise funds for Mac-

millan Cancer Support. Richard died in December 2018, having been diagnosed with bowel cancer nine years previously. Emma told us: 'It's a 25-mile walk he and I did many moons ago as schoolkids as a fundraiser for Eastbourne College's Big School after it burnt down in 1981. Rich also ran school cross-country races along this route for many years. When we were 'courting' we would often walk this way and, in recent years, many a blustery family walk has taken place on the South Downs Way. It holds many precious memories.' A group of ten, calling themselves 'Garrett's Garrison', took part in the walk including OEs **Belinda Le Brocq** (Nugent 1986-88), **Fenella Troup** (Nugent 1986-88), **Fiona Lock** (Nugent 1986-88), **Katie Seymour** (Nugent 1986-88) and **Greg Lunn** (School 1976-81), as well as Emma's daughter Tess.



**Michael Gietzen** (Reeves 2001-03) is managing director of Identity, the company which specialises in live events, conferences and exhibitions. In December 2019 it joined the Sunday Times Virgin Atlantic Fast Track 100 list, which ranks the UK's private companies with the fastest growing sales

over the last three years. The company, which is ranked no 90 in the list, has seen an annual sales rise over three years of 45.7%. It is headquartered in Westham, near Eastbourne, and employs over 80 people. Michael told the *Eastbourne Herald*: 'It is their hard work and immense talent, combined with a massive investment in our facilities over the last number of years that has provided us with the in-house ability to deliver every aspect of a show-stopping event for our clients.' Directors from the company have now been invited to an awards dinner at Virgin Atlantic boss Richard Branson's family home in Oxfordshire in May. As well as working with global blue chip companies, Identity has also worked on international summits and conferences, including the London NATO conference which took place in December 2019.

**John Gosden** (Gonville 1965-69), the champion racehorse trainer, was interviewed in *Country Life* magazine in May. It is his 31st season of training in Britain, following ten years in the USA. He has won the trainers' championship three times and acknowledges that he has been fortunate to have a succession of good years recently, regarding 2018 as 'an extraordinary season'. In the early days of his career he served as an assistant to champion trainers Sir Noel Murless and Vincent O'Brien, but the article says that 'the finest apprenticeship of all was, arguably, in that he grew up on the Sussex Downs where his father... had a racing stables at Lewes either side of

the Second World War.' Now based at Newmarket, Gosden is concerned about plans to build houses in the area, saying that 'Newmarket is unique in the world' and that the expansion of nearby Cambridge with its demand for housing may have a detrimental effect: 'Horse racing and breeding are one of the things this country is still number one in the world at and we don't want to see its heritage destroyed.' Commenting on the statistics which say that he has trained some 3,500 winners, he concludes: 'I don't care. It's the quality of the horses you remember, the ones that capture the imagination of the public. And don't forget the golden rule with horses: they'll always make a fool of you.'

**David Gould** (Blackwater 1966-70) lives in Aurora, Ontario, Canada, and still keeps in touch with five of his team mates from the 1970 hockey 1st XI: **David Burt** (Gonville 1966-70), who visited David earlier in the year; **Pieter Jansz** (Blackwater 1965-70), **Trevor Hardy** (Gonville 1965-70), **Harry Ureña** (Pennell 1967-71) and **Philip Berry** (School 1965-70). David tells us that, having had a nasty accident in which he broke his left femur, and also living with multiple sclerosis, he is now wheelchair-bound, but his email to us had an optimistic start with the words: 'Good day, YES I am still going! Just...!' We wish him well.

**Richard Goulden** (Powell 1962-64), in correspondence with the College archives, passed on some information about his career in librarianship.

He writes: 'I should first like to pay tribute to Michael Birley for taking me on for my A-levels, since the College never had a born-deaf pupil and had no idea how to teach deaf pupils. That John Lush, housemaster of Powell House, and Philip Le Brocq managed to get me through my A-levels despite my poor lip-reading skills and difficult speech (have you ever heard a deaf child speak?) says a great deal about the College's determination to succeed with me.' Richard went to the University of Sussex and graduated with a degree in English, followed by a year at University College London, where he successfully completed a one-year librarianship diploma course. He continues: 'Then followed a frustrating period of months trying to persuade doubting libraries, sniffy auction houses and astonished record offices to employ me.' Nothing came out of these interviews because his deafness was viewed as a disadvantage. 'In the end I walked into the Public Record Office (PRO) in Chancery Lane, asked without appointment for the personnel manager and, once in his office, told his startled face to employ me. He did, to his credit, but only gave me a clerical officer post (I was later swiftly promoted!)' From 1970 to 1977 Richard worked at the PRO, while at the same time running an antiquarian book-selling sideline from his flat in South Kensington. In 1977, he left the PRO and joined the Eighteenth Century Short Title (ECST) team at the British Library, which was working on a computer catalogue under the guidance of Dr Robin Alstom.

Richard says: 'Great fun: we wrote details on cards, to start with, and then all of us were sent to learn typewriting on computer keyboards... and then typed the card details onto a computer programme. This done, we took details directly from eighteenth-century books, pamphlets and broadsides held in the British Library; later on we took in photocopies from contributing university libraries, public libraries and record offices and took details from these. My ESTC work covered the period 1977 to 1997 and then I asked to be transferred to the British Library's 19th Century British Books department, the books from 1801 to 1914. So from 1997 I was, as it were, the second officer to the head of this department and later became the acting head of the department, retiring in 2005.' During this time Richard also wrote and published a number of articles, pamphlets and books, including a bibliography of locally-produced Kent guide books from the 1750s to 1900 and a two-volume dictionary of those employed in the Kent book trade from 1750 to 1900. At present he is both a trustee and the archivist of the British Deaf History Society, a

Paul Goodenough



**Paul Goodenough** (Reeves 1980-85) climbed Mont Blanc in June as a means of raising funds for a number of causes, including the Bobby Moore Fund, one of the charities supported by the

Garratt family in memory of Richard Garrett, who died in December 2018. Mont Blanc is the highest peak in western Europe at 4810m (15,781ft). He was originally going to do the climb with **Nick Goble** (Powell 1978-82), but unfortunately Nick had to pull out on medical grounds. Paul tells us: 'To acclimatise for Mont Blanc, we first climbed Gran Paradiso, 4061m, the highest mountain in Italy. Poor snow conditions made it a brutal slog of a glacial ascent. Nick Goble, under medication for a virus, developed severe leg cramps, and was forced to hold at the col below the summit – frustratingly the lead guide later directed that Nick could not attempt Mont Blanc with the possibility of this returning. Our staging point for Mont Blanc was the Refuge de Tete Rousse at 3167m, where the first 650m pitch of sinister black rock face was revealed – the final 1200m climb to the summit lurked out of sight above. A sleepless night preceded an alpine start, and with head torches penetrating the dark icy dawn,

we scrambled upwards, eventually crossing the infamous Grand Couloir – the subject of our nightmares, but now safely frozen and free from rockfall. We were soon in the sunshine on the crisp snow cornices of the Aiguille du Goûter. We dropped some kit at the futuristic Refuge du Goûter, 3815m, and got the forecast – howling winds and cloud above 4500m, but hopefully subsiding. At the Bosses Ridge, where the route narrowed to a knife edge cornice, the wind eased, the cloud evaporated above us. The ascent now required intense concentration, and was taken six steps at a time due to the altitude. We reached the summit of Mont Blanc some six-and-a-half hours after leaving Tete Rousse. We paused there for about ten minutes, just time to force some food down to avoid dizziness later. I was quietly elated, but missed my buddy Nick. We were also concerned at the changing weather, and still had the descent in front of us, which would involve extreme focus and precision. We hardly noticed the weather deteriorating until we were safely back at Goûter, totally exhausted, to overnight and recover before the difficult descent the following day. The experience was truly epic and I would recommend it to anyone scared of a shrinking comfort zone. Donations totalled £2,550 for St Wilfrids (in the name of family friend Claudio Cavallari) and the Bobby Moore Fund (for Richard Garrett). They were in my mind often as I climbed, as well as my brother-in-law Jack, and the many others...'

registered charity, which has a museum devoted to the history of the deaf in Warrington, Cheshire, as well as an extensive archive.



**Jill Goulder** (Nugent 1969-71 and Blackwater 1971), one of the pioneer girls at the College, had a very international career in business marketing research before tackling a new profession in ancient near eastern archaeology, working in Syria, Jordan and Turkey and achieving her PhD at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL, in 2018; her book on the early use of working animals in ancient Mesopotamia was published by Routledge in December 2019. Jill is in touch with **Paul Mayhew-Archer**, **Marcus Platt**, **Hadi Shubber** and **Jayne Rawlins** (though sadly not **Howard Philpott**, following his untimely death), and bumps into other old colleagues at times. Jill has returned to Sussex and lives down the road in Lewes. She says, 'The College, in its first years of having girls in the sixth form, was a brilliant, open place to learn and to turn from children into young adults, particularly with the inspiration of my first headmaster Michael Birley.'

**Amy Harding** (Watt 2009-11) has taken on the role of OE rep in Stuttgart and her contact details can be found in the OE reps list at the back of the magazine. Amy studied French and German at Durham University and, having qualified as a chartered accountant with EY (Ernst & Young) London, was then offered a year-long secondment to EY Stuttgart, starting in February 2018. Since then she has changed jobs and now works at Daimler (Mercedes) in the Formula E marketing team having been previously in the sales team for electric cars.

**Trevor Hardy** (Gonville 1965-71) met with **Graham Shrobbree** (Gonville 1966-71) in December 2018, some 47 years after leaving the College, and a photo is on page 58. A month later they met up again, along with **Peter Jansz** (Blackwater 1965-60), in Antwerp, and a report and photo of this is on page 44.

**Andrew Haviland** (Gonville 1978-83) has been in touch and tells us: 'Profes-

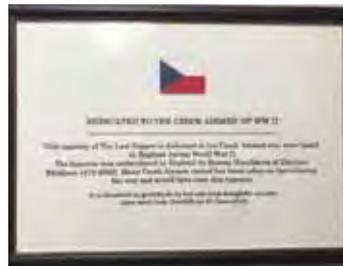
sionally, after 11 very happy years as Chaplain and teacher of philosophy and religious studies at Bryanston School in Dorset we have moved to Epsom where I have been appointed Senior Chaplain to Epsom College. We are loving the new environment and being closer to London as well. I have been appointed Canon Emeritus at Salisbury Cathedral and remain a Chaplain to the Forces. Life is good – our three boys doing well – two now at uni and one just started in Year 10 with me at Epsom.'

**Stan Havrlik** (School 1953-57) was prompted to contact us after reading in last year's magazine about the OE RAF pilot Gordon Sinclair, who commanded a Czech squadron during the Battle of Britain. Stan says: 'My parents, being Czech, used to have Czech airmen to their house during the war when they had some leave. I was bundled off to bed before the



**Czech Defence Attaché Colonel Jiří Niedoba, Stan Havrlik and embassy assistant Luděk Vyškovský in front of the tapestry, which measures 1.8 x 9 metres [photo: Czech Embassy]**

serious drinking started. My mother did a lot of tapestry work and one of her works was a very large depiction of the Last Supper with which we struggled to find suitable wall space. One day [my wife] Judy and I went to St Clement Danes in the Strand, the Royal Air Force church. During our visit we noticed that there was no



**The plaque dedicated to the Czech airmen of the Second World War, many of whom would have seen the tapestry made by Stan's mother, Božena Havrlikova [photo: Czech Embassy]**

mention of the Czech airmen whereas the Poles and the Dutch had mentions. After several meetings with the padre and the warden it was agreed that the tapestry would be donated by us to the church with an appropriate dedication to the Czech flyers of the Second World War. A very moving service of dedication was held in June 2018 and the Czech Embassy were represented by the Defence Attaché and his assistant. The 30-plus congregation

then repaired to the Waldorf Hotel to finish off the day in true Czech style... slivovitz to the fore.'

**Nicolas Hemes** (Blackwater 1951-55) received his 20-year service award from the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) on 3 August. Nicolas is a member of the FHP Advisory Council, an organization comprised of business, professional, and community leaders throughout the state. Members of the Advisory Council provide assistance to the Director of the FHP by offering input regarding the performance of the patrol and the quality of service provided to the public. Nicolas lives in The Villages, an over-55 community of some 130,000 residents, located a 45-minute drive from Orlando. He sits on the planning commission there and is also one of our OE reps in the USA.



**Charlie Hinchliffe** (Reeves 2002-07) was married to Laura Elletson on 20 October 2018. For more details and a photo please see page 44.

**John Hislop** (Powell 1953-58) visited the ES office on 30 July while in Eastbourne for a few days. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the OE reunion in September as he had to return to India where he lives, and where he is the local OE rep.



**Luke Howard** (Powell 2010-15) took second place in the Olympic distance event at the Eastbourne Triathlon on Sunday 15 June with a time of 2:09:51. The triathlon, which was sponsored by the College, saw over 230 triathletes, aged between 15 and 78, competing. The Olympic distance consisted of a 1,500m swim, followed by a challenging 41.5km cycle ride and then a 10km run. Luke is pictured, left, alongside winner Callum Johnson and third placed Andrew Gordon.



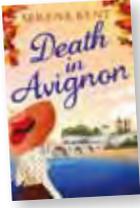
**David Howell** (Powell 2003-08), who became the UK's youngest chess grandmaster at the age of 16 in 2007, is the new chess columnist for *The Times* newspaper, with his first weekly column being published on Saturday 7 December 2019. He is pictured here in a publicity shot for a new gaming app called Choker, which combines the strategy of chess with the cunning of poker.



**Eddie Izzard** (Pennell 1975-80) appeared in the College's Le Brocq Studio on Monday 14 January when he performed his 'Work in Progress' show, one of a series of more intimate gigs to small audiences. When he was at the College, the Le Brocq Studio (Room 8), was where he first started performing as a pupil, so it was a special place for him to appear in. He embarked on his 'Wunderbar' tour later in the year; it came to the UK and Ireland from September to November 2019, gathering very favourable four- and five-star reviews. Before the tour Eddie said: 'It is getting close to the time when I have to go off for a while to have a political life. But before I do that, I want to keep giving audiences around the world the best stand-up comedy shows that I can - especially at a time of Brexit-hate and Trump-hate. My new show is about everything from humans over the last 100,000 years to talking dogs and animal superheroes.'

In March Eddie gave two sixth formers a chance to appear as extras in a film, part of which was being shot on the South Downs. Harry Hodierner and Thomas Watkins, pictured here with Eddie and Director of Drama Claudine Sinnett, were at the Grand Hotel in Eastbourne for costume and make up tests, dressed as 1930s policemen for a chase scene. The film, which Eddie co-wrote, is *Six Minutes to Midnight*, set in a south coast seaside town on the eve of the Second World War. Eddie plays Thomas Miller, a schoolteacher at a finishing school for young ladies who have been sent there by influential families from Germany, to learn English and become ambassadors for the Nazi regime. It is due for release in 2020.

**Deborah Lawrenson** (Nugent 1977-79), writing under the pen name Serena Kent, has had her second novel in the Penelope Kite mystery series published. Entitled *Death in Avignon*, the book's heroine is a young-at-heart divorcee who has moved to St Merlot, but has



a knack of stumbling across dead bodies. The first book in the series, *Death in Provence*, was described as blending 'Agatha Christie with Peter Mayle in an atmospheric, well-plotted story rich in action, drama and dogged detective work, and simply oozing Gallic charm. Penelope Kite's new life and crime adventures in this enchanting corner of Provence are a delight for all crime fans'.

**Mark Le Brocq** (Craig 1979-84) sang at the Dubai Proms with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in March and there is more on this together with a photo on page 44. In June, Mark received praise from *Daily Telegraph* columnist Simon Heffer for his role in Longborough Festival Opera's production of Wagner's *Das Rheingold*: 'Here it was the tenor Mark Le Brocq, as a Loge who seemed to have come straight from the Weimar Republic, who dominated proceedings. In some productions this odious figure – the unscrupulous adviser who would fit well into the contemporary Conservative or Labour parties – comes over as simply wheedling and effeminate. Le Brocq's assurance as an actor, and the timbre of his voice, make him a more substantial character and... more menacing and unpleasant.'



**Cathy Lewis** (née **Deshayes**) (Nugent 1999-2001) told us in October: 'My husband Brendon and I swapped Surrey for Sydney's Northern Beaches in January 2019. Brendon was working as Head of Production Planning & Control at McLaren Automotive in Woking and I was working as a property journalist until the last two years when we had our third child. Our three young kids, Finn (7), Max (4) and Joy (2), are loving their new life, with rock-pool swimming, sea scouts and wake boarding now a regular part of their weekends. The Northern Beaches are around 40 minutes from Sydney city, and our neighbourhood is surrounded by surf beaches, lagoons, rainforests and waterfalls. This weekend we went to explore the Blue Mountains and we

have plans to visit Port Stephens, Canberra and the Central Coast - all easy drives from Sydney - over the next few months.'



**Peter Maddocks** (Powell 1962-66), who is one of our OE reps in Ontario, Canada, visited the College on Wednesday 10 April with his wife Mary and sister Patricia Hall. David Stewart took them round the Winn and Nugee buildings and they also dropped in to the Birley Centre where Peter had previously sponsored a seat in the auditorium in honour of his parents. Pictured here are, left to right, Mary, Peter and Patricia.



**Joe Manjaly** (Powell 1998-2002) was appointed as consultant ENT surgeon at the Royal National Throat Nose and

Ear Hospital, part of the University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in 2019. He is a specialist in hearing reconstruction surgery and cochlear implantation for children and adults. He married Sarah in 2015 and they had their first baby in July.

**Paul Mayhew-Archer** (Reeves 1967-71) embarked on a tour of his one-man stand-up show, *Incurable Optimist*, in March. Paul, award-winning writer and producer of many radio and TV comedy shows, was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2011, an incurable illness that gets progressively worse, but which is also, as Paul quickly found out, funny. Having made a documentary about the condition, in 2017 he started doing stand-up about Parkinson's, then in 2018 had a very successful run with his one-man show at the Edinburgh

**Michael Morley**



**Michael Morley** (Gonville 1949-53) visited the College on Friday 10 May while on holiday from his home in Cresskill, New Jersey. John Thornley was on hand to show Michael, his wife Ingrid and their friends **Geoff Harry** (Gonville 1950-54) and his wife Carolyn around the school, and took this photo outside the pavilion: standing, David and Michael, seated, Carolyn and Ingrid. In the evening the four of them met for a meal with other OEs from their era, and a photo of the group is carried on page 44.

**Johnny Mercer**



**Johnny Mercer MP** (Pennell 1995-2000) was interviewed in *The Spectator* magazine in April, which said that he 'has been tipped as a future leader' of the Conservative Party. Johnny, a former army captain, is the MP for Plymouth Moor View, which he won in the 2015 general election and retained in 2017 with an increased majority. In the interview he was described as openly despairing about the current state of government and had previously been critical of Conservative poli-

cies on welfare and veterans' rights. As far as leading the party is concerned, he said that age and experience in politics are not necessarily requirements for the role: 'I'm afraid I'm not one of these people who thinks that years of cabinet service are a mandatory precursor to becoming prime minister. The idea that you can't learn about leadership and management and run big successful organisations anywhere outside of government is complete rubbish.' In July he was appointed Minister for Veterans' Affairs in Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government. The new Office of Veterans' Affairs sits inside the Cabinet Office and Johnny is a parliamentary under-secretary in both the Cabinet Office and the Ministry of Defence. In his new position, he works with other departments to coordinate and drive government policy on veterans' welfare, spanning mental and physical health, education and employment. Commenting on his appointment, Johnny said: 'I am delighted with the role, and am resolutely determined to reset this country's relationship with her veterans. I entered parliament to do precisely this; I am grateful for the opportunity this prime minister has given me to do this, and I look forward to getting on with the task at hand.'

In the December 2019 general election Johnny successfully retained the constituency of Plymouth Moor View, more than doubling his majority with a 60.7% share of the vote.

Fringe Festival. His tour started with a five-night run in the Soho Theatre in London; it then continued around the country until June.

**Ian Mortimer** (Wargrave 1980-85) has published a new book this year called *Why Running Matters*, which is a departure from his usual output of history books and biographies. He describes it as a memoir about running in the year he turned 50, but in fact it is not about the running per se. He says in the introduction: 'It is about the challenges we face and how we measure up to them. It is about companionship. It is about endurance, ambition, hope, conviction, determination, self-respect and inspiration. It is about how we choose to live our lives, and what it means to share our values with other people.'

**Sally Nelson** (Nugent 1980-82) and **Nicky Roberston** (Nugent 1980-82) climbed the highest peak in Malawi to raise funds for the children's charity the CharCharTrust. More details and a photo are in Nicky's entry on page 58.



**David Ng** (Blackwater 1992-94) dropped in to College at the beginning of September. A pilot with Cathay Pacific, he was in the UK overnight and met up with **Tom Booth** (Blackwater 1989-94), and thought a quick train journey from Gatwick to visit his alma mater would be interesting. John Thornley was delighted to show him round all the new buildings (David hadn't visited since 1994) and he was amazed at the transformation. Pleased to be kept up to date with the College's news via the monthly ES emails, he also mentioned that he remembered fondly his days in Blackwater with Colin and Rosie Polden and that he had much enjoyed attending the London dinner when the OEA celebrated Colin's retirement from the College.

## Piers O'Connor



Piers, left, with Callum Sheedy holding the Quilter Cup

**Piers O'Connor** (Gonville 2009-14) was in the England XV in the Quilter Cup match against the Barbarians at Twickenham on Sunday 2 June. In a thrilling match in front of 40,000 rugby fans, England won 51-43, having built up a strong lead at half-time. Piers was part of a young England squad, and played alongside his Bristol Bears team mate Callum Sheedy in the midfield line-up. Head coach Jim Mallinder said: 'It's a tough thing to come

together in a week and play as a team. We talked all week about sticking together and probably having to go the 80 minutes, and expect the unexpected - we defended with our lives and we scored some cracking tries. It's not about individuals, it is about how quickly can you come together and play as a team and I think that is something we did really well today.'

After leaving the College, where he played in the 1st XV, Piers signed a two-year contract with Wasps, progressing from the Junior to the Senior Academy in 2014-15. He was selected for the England U20 squad for the U20 Six Nations Championship, going on to win ten caps for England U20. Other Premiership league clubs he has played for include Bedford Blues, Ealing Trailfinders and his current team Bristol Bears.

In September Piers was interviewed in *Independent School Sports* magazine, in which he paid tribute to the opportunities he was given to develop his passion for rugby while

at the College. Piers said that the teaching staff were 'really supportive... they just wanted to better everyone there.' He was helped with extra activities such as gym and club rugby at weekends, and also focused on athletics as he knew that would help with his rugby fitness. Commenting on the recent Project 150 development, Piers says that while facilities at the College are 'a hundred times better now', he really enjoyed his time at the College: 'I had a real opportunity and everything I needed. I'm thankful for the opportunities they gave me, from coaching to education.' He says that the transition from school rugby to professional rugby took time, but that you have to adapt: 'You have to find the level, step up and work hard'. The report concludes: 'With his sights set on England, O'Connor is undoubtedly one to watch in professional rugby, and Eastbourne College another example of an independent school helping young people go confidently towards their dreams'.



**Bella Peng** (Nugent 2015-17) and **Samantha Adelstein** (Nugent 2015-16) visited the College on Tuesday 10 September to have a look at the Project 150 development and were amazed at the facilities in the new buildings. They told John Thornley, who took them on a tour, how fondly they look back at their time at the College.

**Brian Polden** (School 1948-51) is the author of *Photography At Length: The authentic history of panoramic cameras*, which was published in August. Brian presented a copy of the book to the Learning Resources Centre on 28 September while attending the AGM of the Arnold Embellishers, of which he is a member. A photo is carried on page 37.

## Alex Partridge



**Alex Partridge** (Powell 2001-06) spoke at a TEDx event in Manchester on Sunday 3 February, with the theme of 'Unconventional Wisdom'. TEDx is a programme of local, self-organised events with a variety of speakers, intended to spark deep discussion and connection in the audience. Alex, who is acknowledged as one of the pioneers of social media content in the UK, spoke about the inception of the brands Unilad and LADbible, which

he founded, the tactics used to grow the business and ultimately the legal dispute about the ownership of the company, which he won. He was speaking at the Bridge-water Hall alongside a number of other contributors, in front of an audience of some 2,300 people.

In October Alex completed a 15-day trek to Everest Base Camp, in a team with seven others. The group were raising money for a charity called Drop the Knife, which was established by team member Will Flint after he was stabbed 12 times in 2017. After spending one night in Kathmandu, the group took a short flight to the Tenzing-Hillary airport at Lukla, which sits at an altitude of 2845m and, with its single sloping runway sitting on the edge of a mountain, is regarded as the most dangerous airport in the world. From Lukla the team began their ascent to Everest Base Camp. After overnight stays at Phakding (2610m), Namche Bazaar (3400m), Tengboche (3700m), Dingboche (4410m), Lobuche (4940m) and Gorak Shep (5164m), they reached Base Camp (5364m) on the morning of day 11. Their efforts were rewarded with over £5,000 being raised for the charity. Alex is pictured here at the front, second from right.

**Lionel Rees VC** (Blackwater 1898-1901) was a First World War flying ace who won his VC as a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps. In June 2019, a BAe 146 CCI aircraft was named after him at a special ceremony at RAF Valley in Anglesey, Wales, followed by a fly-past along the Menai Strait watched by members of Rees's family. Air Commodore Adrian Williams, the senior RAF Officer in Wales, said: 'As he was the first Officer Commanding 32 Squadron, the intention was to name a current 32 Squadron aircraft after him. He was awarded his Victoria Cross for his actions on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, when he attacked 10 enemy aircraft single-handed. Two of them were shot down and despite being shot in the thigh and temporarily losing control of the plane, he gave chase, emptied his Lewis machine gun on his targets and flew home after causing major damage.' It is the first time an RAF plane has been named after someone for more than 50 years. The BAe 146 aircraft is normally used to fly VIPs, including the Royal Family. A special exhibition commemorating Rees's life was also on display at the town council offices in Caernarfon which, incidentally, was the town where Rees was born.

## Neil Peters



**Neil Peters**, father of **George Peters** (Powell 2012-16), completed a gruelling journey in September, having sailed around the UK in a laser - a small one-man dinghy which measures just 4.2m by 1.4m. Neil, known as Stick Daring in the laser sailing community, set off from Eastbourne Pier on 17 July to sail anti-clockwise ('the hard way') around the country. Facing the challenges of high seas, container ships, losing two GPS trackers overboard and having to replace his sail, he made it back to Eastbourne on 30 September, after 76 days, six hours and 15 minutes. Neil's wife Emma, who alerted us to the story, told us: 'This astonishing challenge has seen him cross the port

of Dover, the Thames Estuary, the Wash, the Humber, the Tyne and Tees, the Firth of Forth and successfully navigate through the 'Mouth of Hell' - the Pentland Firth and round Cape Wrath in the north-west tip of Scotland. He then sailed probably one of the greatest feats of laser sailing history - a 100km single journey around the Mull of Kintyre across a raging Irish Sea. Choosing to opt for the much harder Isle of Man crossing from Scotland to Wales, he is probably the only laser sailor to have done this. He zoomed past Wales in two days and crossed the notorious Bristol Channel and went on to Crackington Haven in north Cornwall - in a 103km single voyage.' Neil was raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK and on his JustGiving web page he said: 'I've met some of the kindest people ever on this trip and it's restoring my faith in humanity.' He was hoping to raise £10,000 but had greatly exceeded this by the time he completed the trip.

**Harry Rimmer** (Craig 1999-2004) ran the Beachy Head Marathon on Saturday 26 October to raise money for Epilepsy Research UK, finishing with a time of 4:48:14. His aim was to raise £1,500 and he exceeded the target on his JustGiving web page.

Nicky Robertson



**Nicky Robertson** (Nugent 1980-82) and **Sally Nelson** (née **Glenister**) (Nugent 1980-82) climbed to the highest point in Malawi to help raise funds and awareness for a small charity making big changes to children's lives. The CharChar Trust makes sure primary school children become literate in a country of

high illiteracy. Nicky and Sally trekked up Sapitwa peak of Mulanje Mountain, over 3000m, at the end of June and beginning of July. Nicky commented afterwards: 'I walked, jumped, climbed and crawled on all fours to get to the highest point in Central Africa with the team of fundraisers for the CharChar Trust's literacy enhancement in Malawi... and can report we've all returned safely minus the odd toenail! We saw the inspiring literacy teaching and learning in action in two of the ten schools and I have no doubt this is already making a big difference to the 3,000+ children's lives.' More details about the charity are at <http://thecharchartrust.org>.



**Graham Shrosbree** (Gonville 1966-71), who was visiting his son in Bracknell on a visit from Venezuela, met up with **Trevor Hardy** (Gonville 1965-71) in December 2018, some 47 years after leaving the College (pictured here). A month later he had a mini reunion with Trevor and **Peter Jansz** (Blackwater 1965-60) in Antwerp, a photo of which is on page 44.



**Sam Shucksmith** (Pennell 2004-09) has won the National Enduro Mountain Bike Championships, riding a bike that he designed. Sam, who studied mechanical engineering at university, is a designer and team rider for Whyte Bikes. A former World Cup and Elite Downhill racer, Sam made the switch to Enduro in 2013 after taking a year off the bike having knee surgery. He quickly worked up the ranks to become the 2015 British Champion, and runner up in 2016. As part of Whyte's design team, Sam focuses on suspension mountain bikes, and there is no better test track than taking part in a race. There is a further College connection as the managing director of

Whyte Bikes is Old Eastbournian **Guy Farrant** (Blackwater 1975-78), who is also father of two current College pupils.

**Harvey Smith** (Reeves 1980-84) has written to us: 'I am very happy to report that I survived stage 3 bowel cancer thanks to Addenbrooke's and St Marks Hospitals, and not least the dedicated care of my lovely wife Natalia. I have now decided to retire to the Isle of Dogs, London.'

**Ronald Spiers** (Blackwater 1980-83) is planning to return to the UK after 20 years living in the USA and the previous 10 years to that in Australia. In November 2019 he told us: 'From mid-December I will be sailing from the US south through the Caribbean and from there we will see. I have not retired but am taking a sailing sabbatical for a year, and see what to do next. The end objective is to sail back to the UK and live on the south coast, somewhere. The boat is called *London Calling*.'



**Nigel Strofton** (Gonville 1955-59) represented England in the over 75s B hockey team which won the European Tournament Trophy at Brasschaat (Antwerp) in June 2019. Nigel is pictured here holding the Grand Masters Trophy and wearing his gold medal.

**Alice Turnbull** (School 2001-06) captained her Sussex team mates to reach the final of the Gill Burns County Championship, the highest level of



**Alice, right, receives the team photo after the match**

women's rugby outside international representation. The match was played at Twickenham Stadium on Sunday 2 June, before the England men's and women's games. The team faced Yorkshire, who were defending the title they won in 2018 and, unfortunately for Sussex, the title remained with the defending champions, who won 27-11. The Sussex side had seen victories over teams from East Midlands, Surrey, Kent and Berkshire to reach the final. Alice, who works as a sports therapist in Hove and has helped as a physio at recent College sports events, played in the girls rugby team at the College, and was captain in the 2005-06 year.

**Alex Vanotti** (née **Cullis**) (Watt 1994-96) has been in touch with this news: 'It's been a very busy year for our family, both at work and home. My eldest (5) is now in Year 1 (where did that time go?) and my youngest (2) is working hard at destroying the family home whenever I turn my back for more than five seconds. I've been building up a portfolio of child and family photography, a lifelong hobby that I've only recently been able to concentrate on now I'm (finally) getting a full night's sleep. Brexit fun and games has dominated life in the BBC Newsroom, so I was particularly excited to escape the political chaos and head to Montana for our summer adventures, making the most of the great outdoors on a three-and-a-half week road trip.'

**Finn Virgo** (Powell 2013-15) has completed a four-year accounting degree and is now working at PwC. He also studied for his ACA exams, which he passed at first sitting. Having done a lot of secondment at client sites he is on the way to becoming fully chartered some time in 2020.



**Christopher Walter** (Powell 1979-84) chairs Covington & Burling LLP's global employment team and serves

as managing partner of the firm's London office, a position he has held since 2000. He also provides advice pro bono to the board of Glyndebourne Productions Limited. After reading law at City, University of London, Christopher was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1991. He has been married to Jasbir since 1995 and has two children.

**Tom Watson** (Craig 2004-09) is co-founder of Hubble, a flexible office broking company, which allows businesses to search for office space to lease in London. Tom, who studied computer science at Warwick University, and his business partner Tushar Agarwal raised £4 million in an investment round in January 2019. The operation marries an advanced tech platform with millions of items of data together with industry expertise from personal advisers to make the search for office space as easy and hassle-free as possible.



**Ben Westwood** (Craig 1989-92) released a new album called *Coming Up For Air* on 1 March, following the success of his single *Lady Of The River*. The album of 12 original songs blends blues, rock, jazz and folk influences with Caribbean and Latin flavours. Singer-songwriter Ben said: 'The album is about bouncing back from tough times. My previous album was very intense and but this one has an upbeat feel with more eclectic influences.'

**David Wexler** (Powell 2012-14) launched his new start-up called GripBeats® on Kickstarter, the global online community which helps creative people find the resources and support they need to make their ideas a reality. GripBeats® is a product that promotes music creativity, which David has spent the past three years developing. It is a form of wearable music technology for making music through movement and touch. David, who studied music at King's College London, is now studying business at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. You can see more about the product in David's pre-launch video at <https://youtu.be/tXqnxuJlw5c> and also see it on [kickstarter.com](https://www.kickstarter.com) where it launched on 1 November 2019.

## Alfred van Lennep



**Alfred van Lennep** (School 1947-51) last year sent us his memories of life in the College in the late 1940s, which we were unable to print because of lack of space in the 2018 magazine. We are pleased to include them now and you can read them on

page 36. Alfred also told us of his career after leaving the College:

As a Dutch citizen, Alfred was called up to do his two-year national service in Holland where, after three months of very basic training, he went to the Officers Academy for 'a very long and mentally stultifying ten months, but fortunately followed by a few months at the Army Intelligence School in Harderwijk where some grey matter was expected.'

After three years at Corpus Christi College in Cambridge he was under pressure to find a job. A cousin was working for a geophysical company, GSI, which had just opened a branch in London and Alfred got a job there. Within four months of introductory training he was on a plane to join a seismic crew in Syracuse in Sicily. He remembers: 'We were staying in a once grand hotel, Villa Politi near Syracuse where Churchill had stayed a few times during the war. It was old and thoroughly worn out but the food was good, the bath deep and warm and every morning we would be asked what coffees and 'dolce' we would like. That luxury did not last more than 10 days before we were to move to the other, more mafia-prone area of Alcamo to work some

six or eight weeks before moving again to Enna in the centre and then to move back to Alcamo. We learned much of Sicily, a beautiful and interesting country.'

He continues: 'From Sicily we went to the southern part of Turkey, the Kurdish area, doing some experimental work on both the north and south sides of the Euphrates river, an area now unfortunately much in the news, but then both seismically and archeologically fascinating where the drillers would be bringing shards, clay tablets and other items to me to try to identify age and origin. The work ended with a big bang in a long arch refraction shot to define a major fault. All warnings of the danger of an explosion of almost a ton of high explosives appeared, the place seemed empty, then, moments after the blast some fifty or more men appeared from behind rock or hollow to collect the fish in the river.'

After a short two-week holiday in Greece he received an urgent telegram telling him to go to Libya where he would be in a tent camp for the following months, with moves every two or three weeks. Contact with the outside world was with a crackling old radio and the weekly Dakota plane; there was no GPS or mobile phones in those days and a risk of being lost was always present.

Alfred says: 'The desert has a strange beauty and fascination but after some 20 months I decided that was enough and returned to Holland... I decided to go back to university in Utrecht and get an advanced degree in geophysics. At that time it was not a very popular subject, a small faculty... with no more than three or four graduating each year. It was however

a very interesting time where geologists were desperately trying to explain mountain building and the results of geomagnetism until a small group of young PhDs in the USA working on oceanography recognized the patterns of magnetic polarity change, first off the west coast of California and later over the Atlantic... and hence to the concept of plate tectonics.'

Luckily the Dutch Navy had taken over the NAVADO III project from the British Navy to map the Atlantic from the Caribbean all the way to Canada's Labrador coast. Alfred says that their equipment was primitive and clumsy, and 'even our vessel, the HrMs *Snellius*, which dated from 1936 and, intended for the Java Sea, had no automatic pilot, let alone stabilizers, was nevertheless a reliable and pleasant vessel during the expedition. The whole expedition lasted some eleven months where I alternated with a good friend, but it did mean that final completion of our studies was somewhat delayed.'

Next he joined the exploration department of CALTEX which had subsidised the NAVADO expedition. He says that the interesting part of exploration, certainly at that time, meant seeing many new and different areas with moves every two or three years into countries often not yet open to the current mass tourism: Biafra, Sumatra, Senegal, Ireland, Brussels, Portugal, Stavanger, Lagos, Tunis..., of which some were delightful, some interesting and a challenge.

Alfred concludes: 'Now with retirement in Marlborough the challenges are mainly related to the University of the Third Age, which in this town gives many opportunities.'

## Mark Winston



**Mark Winston** (Gonville 1977-82) was installed as Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards in a ceremony in November 2018. Coming from a family who for generations have been associated with the City of London, Mark entered the insurance market at Lloyd's of London as a broker in 1984. His early career was spent with Alexander Howden, now AON and Willis Faber; now Willis Towers Watson, where he specialised in financial and professional

lines insurance with a key focus on the US market. In 1995, he was approached by CE Heath, who were looking to set up a new region for the development of professional indemnity, crime and directors and officers liability in the Caribbean offshore market. This proved so successful that, in 2000, one of the key producers in the region asked Mark if he would consider setting up his own Lloyd's broker to promote these speciality products throughout the region and to other smaller offshore centres throughout the world. Along with a group of insurance specialists from the US and Bermuda, Mark launched Paul Napier Ltd in 2001, becoming its chief executive officer. The broker grew throughout the region and branched out into Europe where similar clients were acquired from Jersey, Guernsey, Gibraltar and Malta. In 2012, the board of Paul Napier Ltd were approached by Assured Partners who were interested in acquiring the business. In 2015, Mark and his team joined Besso Ltd where he is still actively involved as a director, producing business primarily from the offshore environment. Mark joined the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards in 1984 as an apprentice to his Liveryman father. In 1991, having completed his apprenticeship, he was clothed in Livery. On Sunday 29 September 2019 Mark took up his right, as a Freeman of the City of London, to drive a flock of sheep across London Bridge during the annual Livery Fair. The event, organised by the Worshipful Company Of Woolmen, is now a means of fundraising for the Lord Mayor's Appeal and the Woolmen's Charitable Trust. Mark is pictured here, alongside the sheep, with his certificate signed by the Lord Mayor confirming that he has exercised his rights.



**Lorna White** (Nugent 2000-02) came second in the women's sprint event in the Eastbourne Triathlon on Saturday 15 June, representing team TriTempo. The triathlon was sponsored by the College, and the sprint event involved a 750m swim from the Wish Tower to the pier; an 18.3km bike ride through the South Downs National Park and a 5km run on Eastbourne Promenade. Lorna is pictured here on the left of the winner's podium, alongside winner Chloe Pollard, centre, and third place Darrelle Parker, as they enjoy the champagne celebrations.



**Paul Yu** (School and Pennell 1997-2002) visited the College with his wife Bonnie on Friday 18 October. David Blake showed them the Winn and Nugee buildings and they were particularly impressed with the sports hall, swimming pool and new dining facilities. After visiting the College Theatre (Big School) and the Chapel they crossed the road to Pennell House, where Paul had spent

four of his five years, having moved out of School House when it became a girls house after his first year. It was a trip down memory lane for Paul as he rediscovered the various rooms he had lived in as he had progressed from Year 10 to the Upper Sixth. Our thanks go to matron Susan Edwards for showing Paul and Bonnie round. On to the Birley Centre to see the Jennifer Winn Auditorium, before a quick visit to the Art Department. Luckily Head of Department Jayne Harriott was there and she and Paul reminisced about the time he spent studying art GCSE when Jayne taught him in 1999-2000.

# OE CRICKET CLUB

In a year of memorable cricket in the World Cup and The Ashes, the Old Eastbournians in turn had their magic moments with some excellent results and performances from a wide variety of young players.

## Cricketer Cup

The major disappointment for 2019 was the 1st round of the Cricketer Cup. Twice we have beaten Bedford in recent years and yet on this mid-June Sunday, an OE side suffered a fairly humiliating 10-wicket defeat. Certainly injuries and university commitments did take their toll. Brad Evans had a damaged ankle and could not bowl, but he batted well; others gave some respectability to our total. Bedford opens Kettleborough and Aitkenhead had little trouble in knocking off the runs despite some tight bowling from Fred Florry.

OEs 172 (49 overs). B Evans 41, S Tompkinson 26, A Stewart 23, J Smith 22. Old Bedfordians 176 for 0 (36 overs). OEs lost by 10 wickets

## Speech Day

Eastbourne College 1st XI 151 for 2 (20 overs). J Pocklington 67\*, O Boulter 60. OEs 152 for 5 (17 overs). D Ibrahim 26, J Pryce 23\*, D Toole 2-21. OEs won by 5 wickets

The Speech Day fixture was a feast of runs in this T20 match and not a single player was over 21. Thanks to Rob Ferley for managing this fixture that aims to pitch the present 1st XI



The Alex Halliday memorial match

Enough said, other than to thank those who came out of retirement to play and to all willing to make the journey and to carry the banner for the OECC.

OE XI: Jacob Smith (capt), Ollie Smith, Angus Stewart, Brad Evans, Will Wheeler, Sam Tompkinson, Tim Baxter, Andrew Morgan, Tom Nicholson, Richard Evans, Fred Florry



Giles Robinson: two centuries in 'The Week'

against as many of the previous year's side as possible.

## Alex Halliday memorial match

In memory of Alex Halliday (School 1985-90), who had so tragically died in the previous winter, a special match was arranged on College Field between an OE team and representatives of the numerous cricket clubs associated with Alex. Jamie Freeland (Sussex 2nd XI) and James Hamblin (Hampshire and Eastbourne CC) captained the sides on a lovely sunny Eastbourne day with Alex's wife Emily and daughter Georgina, parents Juliet and Charles and brother William in attendance. The innings of the star-studded visitors was centred around the lusty blows of local player Paul Stevens but impressive bowling from Jack Casebourne and Jacob Smith restricted the total to 234 for 8 declared.

In reply the OEs, through fine hitting from Giles Robinson (126), won comfortably. Giles was ably supported by Mark Lock who found his whites for the first time in four years and showed as ever what an outstanding sportsman

he is. Rugby's gain was cricket's loss. Add Alex Simcox (Cambridge Blue 100 at Lords) and Tim Mynott (England Over 60s Ashes XI) to an array of very useful OE players and all enjoyed a splendid day and a win for Alex's old school. A genial dinner followed locally at Pomodoro.

All Stars Alex's Teams XI 234 for 8 declared (48 overs). P Stevens 67, A Hall 39, J Hamblin 36\*, G Grace 22, J Casebourne 3-39, J Smith 3-76

OEs 235 for 8 (40.1 overs). G Robinson 126, M Lock 33, B Twine 20, H Watkinson 5-61, J Hamblin 2-71. OEs won by 2 wickets

## Oundle Rovers

A day later, the Oundle Rovers found Giles Robinson scoring another fine century. Giles, along with George Hopkins, Will Wheeler and Ben Barter, set a stiff score for the visitors and Oundle fell well short of the challenge. Wickets were shared by Joe Pockington, Giles Robinson, George Hopkins, Ben Barter and captain Ben Twine. An impressive performance all round.

OEs 272 (50 overs). G Robinson 117, G Hopkins 41, W Wheeler 25, B Barter 29\*

Oundle Rovers 194. J Pocklington 3-36, G Robinson 3-14, B Twine 2-18. OEs won by 78 runs

## Uppingham Rovers

Uppingham Rovers batting first scored too few runs against some fine bowling from Louis Barron, Peter Wooldridge and Jack Casebourne. The OE reply was led by George Burrough, captain Ben Twine and George Hopkins. Peter Wooldridge enjoyed a profitable all-rounder's return to College Field after too many years of back injury. We hope that he will become a regular player in the years ahead. The OEs therefore won the coveted Thwaites (Ian)/Ashworth (David) Trophy.

Uppingham Rovers 196 (49.2 overs). L Barron 4-55, P Wooldridge 3-38, J Casebourne 3-38

OEs 198 for 4 (33.1 overs). G Burrough 63, B Twine 63, P Wooldridge 45. OEs won by 6 wickets

Three thoroughly enjoyable matches in July. I hope that those who played will make themselves available in 2020 in the same week and indeed for the Cricketer Cup. Cricket is the only OE sport that enjoys such annual hospitality from the College and the club would like to thank the bursar, caterers, porters and ground staff for making the days possible.

## 2020 fixtures

The Old Eastbournian Cricket Committee met at The Farmers' Club on 4 November 2019. A group under Will Ripley will mastermind Cricketer Cup

matters. We are drawn against Lancing Rovers in a preliminary round on Sunday 31 May at Lancing. Should we be successful, we play Harrow Wanderers on Sunday 14 June. Subsequent matches are on 28 June, 12 July and 26 July, with the final on 9 August.

'The Week' will include a new fixture with the Stowe Templars. At present the schedule is:

- Wednesday 8 July v Oundle Rovers**
- Thursday 9 July v Uppingham Rovers**
- Friday 10 July v Stowe Templars**

Another fixture is sought for either Monday 6 or Tuesday 7. George Burrough is the organiser for all of these matches. A golf day at The Royal Eastbourne is planned for either the Monday or Tuesday for all ages and abilities. Colin Farrant is our golf/cricket guru.

2020 promises to be a busy year for OECC. Under Rob Ferley, Director of Cricket, the College XI has had some outstanding results and the OEs want to see as many of those keen and talented cricketers enjoying cricket for the club in the years following.

**Nigel Wheeler**  
(Chairman OECC)

## The annual cricket dinner and MCC match



Sally Tomsett, James Tredwell and John Tomsett

The College 1st XI took on the MCC in their annual fixture on Thursday 27 June and, following the end of play, a drinks reception was held in the Long Room of the Howell Pavilion, before dinner in the Christopher Kirk-Greene function suite in the Winn Building. The dinner was for all cricket enthusiasts, not just MCC members, and the guest speaker was James Tredwell, who joined the College's coaching team in October 2018.

James recently retired after a successful 18-year career. A prominent figure on the county cricket circuit, he also played two Tests for England, returning match figures of 6-181 against Bangladesh in 2010 and 5-140 in the West Indies in 2015. During the dinner a Q&A session, hosted by Director of Cricket Rob Ferley, enabled James to reminisce about his life in cricket.

## THE CRICKETER TOP 100

In November 2019, *The Cricketer* magazine published its Top 100 schools for cricket, and the College was delighted to be included for the fourth year running.

The College maintains its position after an exhaustive process which saw a record number of schools submit entries to be included in the guide (last year there were over 350 entries). All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, with the chosen schools having outstanding facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

The coaching team includes Director of Cricket Rob Ferley, former Kent and Notts county professional; James Tredwell, Kent and England international player, who has 18 years' experience at the highest level; Sussex Cricket junior coach and seam-bowling specialist Aaron Watson; and wicket-keeping coach Andy Hodd (Sussex, Surrey and Yorkshire CCCs).

The magazine included an interview with current Upper Sixth pupil Tawanda Muyeye, who has already scored two double-centuries for the 1st XI since joining the school in 2018, breaking a number of College records along the way. He pays tribute to the coaching team, saying that they know 'exactly what it takes to be a successful cricketer.'



## OE FIVES

It's been a fairly quiet year for the OEs on the fives circuit, but not without some reward.

*Andy Pringle writes:*

Pride of place must go to Charles Compton (Powell 2001-06) who won the intriguingly named Love Mug at the Rugby Fives Association Club's annual President's Cup. It's renowned as one of the most gruelling competitions in rugby fives, so it's no small achievement to win one of the trophies - and, in Charles' case, it was all the more impressive, given that this triumph came barely a week or two after he had successfully completed a solo walk around the entire coastline of Britain.

He won his trophy on the courts at Marlborough College, and Andy Pringle (Reeves 1981-86) also picked up some silverware at the same venue this season. Sadly for him, the medal was only a silver



Andy Pringle, left, was partnered by Hamish Buchanan in the National Veterans championship, when they won silver medals

one, but to be runner-up in the National Veterans' Doubles Championship after winning the title for the previous three years is still a good effort. And, he managed a silver double this year by also finishing as runner-up in the Wallball UK Open over-40s doubles,

partnering Irishman George Miller.

Better still, Andy is not the only proof that East-bourne fives players improve with age: former staff member Spencer Beal and partner Tony Hamilton (not an OE, but a member of the Eastbourne Club) successfully defended their National Masters (over-65s) title for the second time - again at Marlborough.

Spencer's fellow College staff member Kathleen Briedenhann also had another good year on the Fives circuit, where she was joined by OE Tessa Mills (Nugent 2008-13). The pair were runners-up in the National Ladies Doubles Championship, while Kathleen also took the silver medal in the singles, losing to the same girl who had beaten Tessa in the semi-finals.

If there was a sad note, it was that the OE team was not able to take part in the annual Owers Trophy tournament for teams of old boys. A squad of Andy, Charles and Marcus Bate (Pennell 1993-98) was lined up to play, but a last-minute bout of ill health for Andy's daughter (and the fear that he might pass on the sickness bug to the rest of the players) forced him - and therefore the team - to withdraw. All being well, we'll have better news of the team to report next year.

## OE GOLF SOCIETY

Just over 80 people are currently members of the Old Eastbournian Golf Society (OEGS) but we would most definitely welcome even more. Membership is open to all members of the Eastbournian Society - OEs and also parents of former and current College pupils and members of staff of the College.

*Report by Chris Walker*

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 a whole host of friendly matches against other schools, a Spring Meeting and an Autumn Meeting, all of which are open to any member of the OEGS. And these are open to golfers of all abilities.

Membership of the OEGS costs £25 (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 President Chris Walker (president@oegolf.uk), Secretary David Burt (secretary@oegolf.uk) or Treasurer Jo Grey (treasurer@oegolf.uk). Our website is [www.oegolf.uk](http://www.oegolf.uk), and we have a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/groups/762739557127533/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/762739557127533/). We play on many magnificent golf courses, at times paying well below the usual green fee rate.

### Performance in scratch tournaments

In the 2019 scratch team tournaments we had disappointing results in the Halford Hewitt and Cyril Gray events but our team in the Grafton Morrish at



The Grafton Morrish Qualifying at Knole Park GC; left to right: David Barwell, Chris Hampton, Ben Dawson, Adrian Sharpin, Tim Mote

Brancaster and Hunstanton in early October reached the quarter finals which represented a really excellent performance.

### Matches against other schools

We played matches against: Cranleigh (at Royal St George's - no discernible result in 60mph winds), Hurstpierpoint (at Walton Heath - won 3.5/2.5), King's Canterbury (at Rye - won 9.5/4.5), Brighton (also at Rye - won 2/1), Tonbridge (at West Sussex - won 8.5/3.5), Lancing (at West Hill - lost 1.5/2.5),

Uppingham (at North Hants - lost), Sussex Schools (at West Sussex – third out of four) and Allhallows and Dover College (at West Surrey – second out of three).

The above record is testament to an excellent year in inter-school matches. Wins against such opponents as Hurstpierpoint, King's Canterbury and Tonbridge do not come along that frequently.

## Halford Hewitt

**Thursday 11 to Sunday 14 April 2019, Royal Cinque Ports GC**



**The OE Halford Hewitt team at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club; left to right: Ian Sands, Tim Mote, Chris Walker, Ben Dawson, Adrian Sharpin, David Barwell, Grant Leonard, Geoff Campbell, Will Hylton, (Charles Oakley not present)**

Result: Lost 3 & 2 in main draw against Framlingham. Lost 2 & 1 in the Princes Plate against Clifton.

We had a most enjoyable time despite the results on the golf courses falling below what we would have hoped for and indeed expected. A few of us practised at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, on the Tuesday and then the majority of the team did the same on the Wednesday. In the first round of the Hewitt on Thursday 11 April, for the second year running, we faced Framlingham. We beat them in 2018 but they had strengthened their team with the addition of two young players and this proved to be the vital difference. Adrian Sharpin and Geoff Campbell won as did David Barwell and Will Hylton, the latter against Framlingham's top pair of John Wybar and Lottie Whyman. The last match to finish (to seal a 3-2 win for Framlingham) was the one involving Grant Leonard and Charlie Oakley with Charlie playing in his first Hewitt and with a good number of his family watching the action. In the Plate, on Friday 12 April, we lost by two matches to one in the first round to Clifton with Tim Mote and Charlie Oakley being our victorious pair. Malvern emerged as winners of the Hewitt and the Prince's Plate was won by Lancing.

The team comprised: Ben Dawson, Grant Leonard, Adrian Sharpin, Geoff Campbell, David Barwell, Charlie Oakley, Will Hylton, Tim Mote, Ian Sands and Chris Walker. Paul Wickman was our non-travelling reserve. And we were extremely grateful for support from David Stewart, Nigel Wheeler and the Oakley family.

Roll on the next Halford Hewitt which takes place between 2 and 5 April 2020.

## Spring Meeting

**Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April 2019, Royal West Norfolk GC**

You don't have to be hardy to play spring golf at Royal West Norfolk, Brancaster in April – but it helps. On the one hand, we found that if you lean backwards into a 50mph wind, it will support your weight and be comfortably relaxing until the gust drops and you recoil backwards.

On the other hand, a driver may not be enough club to reach four of the par threes. Yet, with barely 62



**The Spring Meeting at Royal West Norfolk Golf Club; left to right: Ian Henley, Colin Farrant, George Eve, David Stewart, Andrew Sherwood, Peter Henley, David Burt, Chris Walker**

a drop of rain, the sun shining occasionally, and the magnificent terrain encouraging you to play a greater variety of golf shots than most of us have in our bag, Royal West Norfolk is a course that should be on every golfer's bucket list.

We were hosted as always with great charm by George and Belinda Eve who also generously invited everyone to their house for champagne after the Saturday warm-up round(s) and before the evening meal. There, before the champagne had a chance to kick in, we drew the pairings for the next day's foursomes: one high handicap player partnering a low handicapper.



**George Eve (centre) presenting the Robinson Silver to the victorious pairing of Chris Walker (left) and David Dunn (right) at the Spring Meeting**

On Sunday, we played for the Peter Robinson silver salver: David Stewart with David Burt, Andrew Sherwood with Colin Farrant, Peter Henley with his brother Ian, and Chris Walker with David Dunn, the latter pair winning the trophy with 29 points.

## Grafton Morrish Qualifying

**Saturday 11 May 2019, Knole Park GC**

The qualifying for the Grafton Morrish Finals, which are played in Norfolk in the autumn, takes the form of three foursome pairs returning Stableford Points, off scratch, with the top seven teams out of approximately 17 on total points going through. The Old Eastbournian team consisted of Chris Hampton and Tim Mote who scored 29, Adrian Sharpin and Ben Dawson with 28 and Chris Walker and David Barwell with 23. Our total of 80 points saw us qualify for the finals in fifth place which was a most gratifying result achieved despite sun, rain and even hail!

## AGM Open Meeting

**Sunday 12 May 2019, Piltown GC**

This year's winner of the Merritt Challenge Cup was OEGS President, Chris Walker with 27 points off scratch. The winner of the handicap competition was Tony Dunn with 34 points, second place was shared between Ben Burrows and Chris Walker



**The AGM Meeting at Piltown GC; left to right: David Burt, Ben Burrows, Peter Henley, David Wells, Brian Jay, Jay Lorton, Andrew Langlands, Tony Dunn, David Barwell, Sue Eccles**

with 33 points each and Sue Eccles was third with 31 points. David Barwell won the longest drive and Sue Eccles was nearest the pin on the 18th hole.

## Match v Eastbourne College

**Thursday 16 May 2019, Royal Eastbourne GC**

This was a very enjoyable match which finished a 2-all draw. The OEGS were represented by match manager Brian Jay and Adrian Sharpin who both won and Ian Fletcher-Price and Peter Henley who were much more considerate towards their College opponents.

## Public Schools Putting Competition

**Tuesday 4 June 2019, Royal Wimbledon GC**

A great day at Royal Wimbledon GC for the Schools Putting Competition 2019. Our team of four, Ben Burrows, Ben Dawson, Will Thornton and Grant Leonard, performed well and came fourth out of eight schools, just missing a spot in the finals. After a nervy start in all four first matches we hit our straps and got the measure of the vast, undulating green outside the magnificent RWGC clubhouse. Ben Burrows's decision to use an ancient putter certainly paid off, Ben Dawson took momentum from his two over par round earlier in the day into the competition itself, while Will's decision to use a new putter was a stroke of genius. Leonard's two pre-competition Kummels also appeared to help. The decision to play the course beforehand (at the reasonable members guest rate) was enjoyed by all and the course really is an oasis, five miles from the centre of London.

## Cyril Gray Tournament

**Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 June 2019, Worplesdon GC**



**The OE Cyril Gray team at Worplesdon GC; left to right: Tony Dunn, Tim Bevan-Thomas, Ben Burrows, Jay Lorton, Chris Walker, Paul Wickman**

Our first round opponents were Stowe and we fielded a team with three OEs who were new to the Cyril Gray, namely Tim Bevan-Thomas, Jay Lorton and Tony Dunn. Chris Walker and Tim played top against a very impressive Stowe pair and went down

badly by 8 & 6. Paul Wickman and Jay did only slightly less badly, losing by 5 & 4. Tony and Ben Burrows performed much better and were one up with 4 to play when a half was agreed.

This meant that we were straight into the Plate against St Bees. Chris and Jay had a good match but still went down by 3 & 2. Paul and Tim lost by 4 & 3 but Tony and Ben were very solid and ran out winners by 6 & 5. So losses in both rounds, but the course and the weather were magnificent. Stowe went as far as the semi-finals, then losing to the eventual tournament winners, Liverpool. Canford won the Plate.

## Autumn Meeting

Saturday 14 September 2019, Cooden Beach GC



The Autumn Meeting at Cooden Beach; left to right: Ben Dawson, Ziggy Trezbinski, Grant Leonard, winner David Dunn, Chris Walker, match manager Andrew Langlands, Tony Dunn

The 18-hole Stableford competition for the Cawston Cup was played from the white tees with full handicap allowance. The weather was fine and sunny but with a testing 10mph breeze from the east. This easterly wind certainly made the course more testing than would be the more usual westerly one. David Dunn, playing off a handicap of 20, won the trophy with 35 points. Chris Walker scored a spectacular eagle 2 at the 364 yard 9th. The course was in good condition and positive comments on the day were received by match manager Andrew Langlands from all of the OEGS participants.

## Sussex Schools Tournament

Sunday 22 September 2019, West Sussex GC

The Sussex Schools Tournament was, once again, played at West Sussex Golf Club. The teams taking part, playing scratch foursomes matchplay (2 points for a win, 1 point for a halved match), were Eastbourne, Brighton, Hurstpierpoint and Lancing.

We failed to win a match in the morning but ended up avoiding the Wooden Spoon via wins in the afternoon by Mark Justice and Chris Hampton (by 2 up) and Tim Mote and Chris Walker (by 4 & 3). Our other pair comprised local man Ben Burrows and David Barwell.

The final points scores were: Hurstpierpoint 9, Lancing 8, Eastbourne 4, Brighton 3.

Notable in the morning was Chris Hampton's rapid trip from Walton Heath to West Sussex, he having misunderstood where we were playing!

## Grafton Morrish Finals

Friday 4 to Sunday 6 October 2019, Brancaster and Hunstanton GC

The team comprising Mark Justice, Mark Stewart, Adrian Sharpin, Tim Mote, Will Hylton and Mark Simpson were drawn against Bury in the second round of this year's tournament (Eastbourne having had the good fortune to have a bye in the first round). Playing at Brancaster, in relatively calm conditions, the team performed well and were victorious by 2.5 to 0.5.

The third round saw Eastbourne drawn against Stewart's Melville at Hunstanton. With Mark Justice and Mark Stewart seeing off their top pair and Will Hylton and Mark Simpson succumbing to a strong third pair, it was down to Adrian Sharpin and Tim Mote to go 'extra holes' having halved their match. Fortune favoured Eastbourne and we proceeded to the quarter finals! With only 15 minutes for lunch, we set out to dispatch George Watson's. The two Marks went out first and halved their match. (They then proceeded in playing extra holes – just in case – and came out on top). The second pair of Adrian and Tim sadly lost, as did Will and Mark. So, we had an eventful tournament which saw us reach the quarter finals – the first time for many years.

The team stayed in a lovely cottage owned by the son of George Eve which provided extremely comfortable accommodation. Both courses were in fabulous condition and the OE team is looking forward to going further next year.

## OE STAGS RUGBY

Stags rugby is back! On 28 September the Old Eastbournian Stags hosted the Merlins from London, a team that we have played multiple times in the past and who have always been a fierce opposition.

It was a well-balanced match played in 20-minute thirds to accommodate for the lack of match-day fitness post our College years, but both sides gave it their all with the Merlins coming out on top with a 14-10 victory. Debut tries from Murray Trott and George Marshall kept us in the fight, but unfortunately it was not to be. Seeing the camaraderie between the different age groups is what the Stags is all about, and this was certainly on show on College Field. With many players never playing together before, there were hints of the 'joué joué' style that we have adopted over the years.

It was great to have a range of ages playing in the Stags, which is what the club was set up for, and I encourage as many leavers of the 2020 class to get involved after July. Special mention must go to Jeremy Dodge, who continuously pulls the strings on his annual College Field match and we hope that this wasn't the last time that we see him pull on the infamous maroon and white squares.

With a large hole to fill after the departure of Oscar Orellana-Hyder, I hope that the Stags will return to their former glory with a continuous string of matches in the coming years.

I only hope that Hector Veasey has recovered from his cramp that he stopped the match for.

James Potter



The Stags team on College Field on Reunion day, Saturday 28 September



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# OBITUARIES

Compiled by Paul Jordan and Michael Partridge with the help of families, friends, colleagues, the College archives, the internet and published sources. We are always grateful for contributions, so please do contact us if you wish to add any information to the obituaries below, which will be considered for publication in our next edition. If you are aware of any OE or former member of staff who has died please let David Blake know so that we can update our records. All contact details are on page 104.



**Mark Nicholas Adams** (Pennell 1978-82) died from colon cancer on 6 February 2019 aged 54. While

at the College, Mark was awarded a travelling scholarship to North America and Canada and spent his later career travelling in Asia with 'life styles events' focusing on recycling electronic waste. He is survived by his daughters, **Emily** (School 2007-10) and **Isabella** (School 2009-12).



**Rear Admiral Derek James Anthony MBE RN** (Gonville 1961-66) died on 19 March 2019 aged 71. His career in the Royal Navy spanned 37 years, culminating in his appointment as Flag Officer Scotland, Northern England and Northern Ireland. He was awarded the MBE in 1983.

He entered Gonville House in 1961 and was head of school in his final year. A cox for the rowing 1st IV and hon sec for boats, he also won the Junior Sculling Cup in 1965. The following year he was part of the cross country team. During his time in the Royal Navy division of the CCF, he obtained his Advanced Naval Proficiency and was awarded the Lanyard of Honour.

After leaving the College, he embarked on a career in the Royal Navy, carrying out his training at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. A submariner, his sea-going appointments from 1970 included service in HM Submarines *Opossum*, *Revenge*, *Andrew*, *Oxley*, *Oberon* and *Sovereign*. In the mid-1970s he was seconded to the Royal Australian Navy for two years. He commanded HMS *Onslaught* from 1981-82, HMS *Warspite* from 1986-88 and HMS *Cumberland* from 1991-93. Other appointments included an exchange posting with the US Navy, Commanding Officer of the Subma-

rine Command Course (Perisher), the Higher Command and Staff Course at Camberley, and as the naval attaché and assistant defence attaché in Washington. He was appointed flag officer in 2000 and in this role formed part of the team investigating the collision of a nuclear submarine with a rock off the Isle of Skye in 2002. He retired from the Royal Navy in 2003.

On his retirement he became Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights from 2003-08. A spokesman for the company said of him: 'Derek was a highly successful and immensely popular Clerk to the Company and all of his successors have benefitted hugely from the work that he did.' He became a Freeman of the City of London on 3 November 2008 and was admitted to both the Freedom and the Livery of the Company on 22 January 2009. He leaves a widow, Denyse, and two daughters. His brother, **Paul K Anthony** (Gonville 1954-58) was also at the College.

**David Brangwyn Baird** (School 1938-42) died on 31 January 2002 aged 77. (As we did not publish an obituary at the time, we are doing so now with further information which has since come to light.) On leaving school, David underwent training at Sandhurst and then served as a captain with the Royal Armoured Corps (King's Dragoon Guards) in Italy, Greece, Egypt and Palestine, where he was wounded. In May 1948 he married Margaret 'Peggy' Vivian, the ceremony conducted in London by Bishop Carey, former College chaplain. Subsequently he worked for Cemento de Mixcoac SA in Mexico, retiring as chief executive of Associated International Cement. In retirement he became chairman of the British Mexican Society, and of the SE region of the British Field Sports Society (now the Countryside Alliance). He was also a member of the Hartfield Branch of the Wealden Conservative Association. At the College he was in the Science VI and achieved a School Cert. He was a lance corporal in the OTC.

**Brian Albert Banks** (Pennell 1950-52) died in Queensland, Australia, on 6 October 2019 aged 83.



**William B Bitzer** (Blackwater 1952-53) died, aged 83, on 10 May 2019 at Laconia, New Hampshire, USA. Bill graduated from the Gunnery

School in Washington, Connecticut, having spent a year at the College on an English Speaking Union scholarship. He went on to attend Williams College. He spent 20 years with Sears Roebuck after which he went on to own a Western Auto Store in Newport. In 1982 he joined Colby-Sawyer College where he brought technology to the campus. In later years Bill was cared for by the staff of the Lakes Region General Hospital. Bill is survived by his wife Linda and their daughter Brandy. At the College Bill was a member of the History VI, a house prefect and passed two GCE A-levels.



**Richard Blackburn** (Wargrave 1951-56) died on 29 September 2019 aged 81. Jennie Blackburn, Richard's widow, writes:

Following early years at Downsend School, Leatherhead, Richard became a scholar at Eastbourne, and took a great interest in the College throughout his whole life. He was head of school, editor of the *Eastbournian* and senior under officer in the Royal Naval section of the CCF before heading off for national service, where he was commissioned in the army.

Rowing on the Cuckmere for the College (he gained his rowing colours for the 1st IV in 1956 and was the hon sec of boats 1955-56) started a lifelong passion for the sport, continuing at Worcester College, Oxford, where he read law from 1958-61. Success for the college boat enabled the crew to enter Henley Royal Regatta, and thus to become a lifelong member, where he delighted in entertaining many friends in the ensuing years.

In 1961 Richard decided to become a chartered accountant, and joined Touche Ross, Bailey and Smart (now Deloitte), qualifying in 1965, becoming an audit partner in 1969, and partner in charge of the London audit department in 1979. As partner in charge of the Scottish practice region from 1981 to 1986 and living in Helensburgh, he became keen on sailing, which remained a pleasure for the rest of his life.

During this time he became a school governor in the private sector, at Eastbourne College, Hazelwood School, Surrey, and Roedean School, Brighton, and was a trustee of the UK section of the European Youth Parliament. In retirement he served as trustee to the Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society (now Perennial), the Wessex Medical Trust and Action Aid. Richard married Jennie in 1966, and Joanna, Alistair and Sophie duly arrived on the scene. **Alistair** joined the College in 1984, to Richard's delight, and then **Sophie** joined as a sixth-former in 1991. Richard seldom missed summer gatherings of Old Eastbournians at the College, and his support and interest was indeed lifelong. He was chairman of the OEA from 1977-81, was a member of the Devonshire Society and sponsored the Blackburn Room in the Birley Centre.

His brother **Roger** (Wargrave 1954-59) also attended the College.



**Richard Neville Bones** (Ascham 1945-50, Wargrave 1950-53) died on 7 September 2019 aged 83. A loyal OE, he attended recent receptions in Singapore and Thailand and regularly corresponded with the College. On leaving the College Richard studied accountancy with the firm of Ernest Francis & Sons in Reading, qualifying as a chartered accountant in about 1960. Two years national service followed and Richard was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, serving in the UK and Germany between 1961 and 1963. He next joined American Express as a travelling auditor, based in Paris. He moved on to IBM Europe, also in Paris, travelling extensively throughout Europe.

In 1973 he left IBM and toured the Far East where his younger brother, **John** (Wargrave 1952-55) was employed in Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Richard decided to seek employment in Thailand and was initially employed by a local company in Bangkok. He soon moved on to the role of commercial director with Gestetner Thailand Ltd; here he stayed until his retirement in 1992.

During his time in Bangkok, Richard studied Thai culture, learned to speak the Thai language, made many Thai friends and subsequently became a Thai citizen. He owned a property in Bangkok and a country retreat at Khao Yai. On retirement he moved to Jomtien, south of Pattaya, where he built a colonial type bungalow with a tropical garden. Gardening was one of his great hobbies, as well as reading history and researching his family tree.

Richard was a pupil at Ascham where he edited the handwritten newsletter *The Termly Telegraph*. At the College he was an entrance exhibitor and achieved eight O-levels, the Junior Efficiency Cup, the Lanyard of Honour and passed the RAF Section Proficiency Exam. He was a member of the Archaeological, Gramophone, Film and Junior Dramatic Societies and appeared in plays for the Junior and Senior Dramatic Societies. A member of the 1952 winning Drill Squad, he also rowed in the Wargrave boats in 1952 and '53, and once in the College 3rd boat. He was also a notable shot with the .22 and .303 guns. He played rugby for the Wargrave junior teams in 1950 and '51.



**Peter Thomson Bracelin** (Blackwater 1947-50) died on 3 March 2019 aged 85. Peter spent the greater part of his life in the Royal Navy, as did his father and his brother **Michael** (Blackwater 1952-54) who died in 1997. Peter entered Dartmouth to become a naval cadet, a career that he followed until his retiring in 1988. In 1960 he joined HMS *Albion* and enjoyed a visit to Singapore. Here he met Audrey and in due course proposed with the immortal line 'Will you marry a

bald-headed bachelor?' In 1961, back in the UK, they married and spent the next 57 years together, raising two daughters Elizabeth and 'Pish'. There followed postings back to Singapore, Mauritius and then Culdrose in Cornwall where in 1988 they finally retired, Peter as a Lieut Commander. From 1988 until 1993 he worked for MHQ Plymouth as a retired officer. Peter then became for ten years a volunteer for the County Committee SSAFA in Cornwall and helped Audrey with Meals on Wheels. He was able to indulge his love of stamp collecting, supporting Scottish rugby and Liverpool football, watching *NCIS* on television and, daily attempting the *Telegraph* cryptic crossword.

Three years in Blackwater ended with a School Cert, the Science VI, committee member of the Cavendish Debating Society, a member of the Science Society, and as an AB in the Naval Section of the CCF.

Two years ago Peter was diagnosed with Parkinson's and then lung cancer. He spent his last weeks at home, finally dying peacefully there while waiting for the Liverpool result.

**Timothy Martin Bruce-Dick** (Wargrave 1955-57) died of prostate cancer on 3 November 2016 aged 77. Architecture was the focus of his entire career. Having gained an MA in art history at Edinburgh University, and a diploma from the Architecture Association, he worked for Lambeth Borough Council architects department and then Arup Associates. He went on to found his own practice, tbdarchitects. Timothy taught design and history at Oxford Brookes University School of Architecture where he led many student trips abroad, as well as teaching at several Oxford University summer schools. He taught evening classes in the Appreciation of Contemporary Architecture, first at City University, London, and later freelance in central London. Tim also organised three or four trips each year to see the latest architecture, as well as leading regular walks in London.

His daughter, Daisy said of him: 'He is much loved and will always be remembered for his kindness, generosity and sense of humour.' Following his diagnosis of prostate cancer, he started to recommend to his male friends to be regularly tested and, following his death, his family set up a tribute page to raise money for the charity Prostate Cancer UK.

While at the College he played in the Tigers XV in 1956, gaining his colours in the 2nd XV the following year; when he also played for the Erratics cricket team. He was also hon sec of the Jazz Club and sub editor of the *Eastbournian*.

## Simon Richard Henry Bruton

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(Wargrave 1961-64) died on 26 May 2019 aged 71, having been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer in 2018. After four months of intense treatment in hospital to fight the spread of the disease, he returned home, where he died a fortnight later. His widow Cilla has provided this tribute to him.



Simon was the great great grandson (fifth generation) of Henry Bruton, the founder of the Gloucestershire firm of auctioneers, Bruton Knowles, and the last family member to join the firm. Having started his auctioneering life at the Reading firm of Thimbleby and Shoreland, Simon joined the partnership at Bruton Knowles in April 1975. His early years in the firm were spent mostly at the cattle market, conducting sales of livestock and assisting at farm sales. Just like his predecessors, he was a natural auctioneer, and commanded great respect from both clients and his fellow partners.

In 1982, his father, Cecil Bruton, retired from the partnership, and the mantle of the Fine Arts Department was passed to Simon. His first of the 232 sales he conducted, was at The Tithe Barn at Southam, near Cheltenham, and he quickly adapted his selling manner to that appropriate for the world of fine art and antiques, rather than the cattle market. During his career, Simon was instrumental in organising some of the biggest sales that Bruton Knowles ever undertook, notably the Summerfield Sale, and the contents of Rous Lench Court.

However, although he loved the business and the characters he encountered, Simon found the modern idioms and ever-increasing demands of commerce intolerable, resulting in severe depression and his early retirement from the partnership in 1993.

Having retired, he set himself the task of rebuilding an old garage in our garden into a studio flat, which gave him huge satisfaction. He was always busy, and was up at 6.00am every morning, to go running across Minchinhampton Common, which he did for over 40 years. He never smoked and rarely drank alcohol, so he was very fit. He was a very good neighbour, and was always willing to help out anyone in trouble.

We were very happily married for 44 years, and Simon was my best friend as well as my husband, and a wonderful father to our two children James and Molly. At 15 months old, our son James was diagnosed with autism, and we endured much sadness in the early years of his life, as we came to terms with his severe mental handicap. However, we were involved with other parents over many years of fundraising, in helping to set up Stroud Court Community Trust. This large old building with smaller houses in the grounds, became a much needed residential home for adults with autism. When James was 15 years old, he moved there as a resident to live, hopefully, for the rest of his life. He is now 41, and has never spoken, so it was fantastic to have achieved a future for him in a place where his needs are understood, and where he has a nice life with lots of activities, and wonderfully caring staff to look after him. Our daughter Molly is married with three children, and last year we moved house to be nearer her. The move took three years to plan, and we had to downsize drastically. It was so sad that we had just settled in, and were enjoying our new, much warmer and more easily run home, when Simon became ill.

In all the letters I received after he died, he was remembered as a perfect gentleman and a very kind person. He was polite, and mostly quiet and unassuming. He loved gardening, natural history, archaeology, and geology. He was kind to animals, and very good at repairing things and making red currant jelly! He was special, a one-off, a lovely man whose sensitivity and awareness of other people's feelings endeared him to many people, from all walks of life. He was also very funny, and had a wonderful sense of humour. He is greatly missed by everyone who knew him, and especially by his family who loved him so much.

Simon is survived by his wife, Cilla, children James and Molly, and grandchildren, George, Rafferty and Henrietta.



**Roger Francis Busby** (Ascham 1945-51, Powell 1951-56) died on 8 May 2019 aged 81. Roger was the elder son of Francis H Busby who served for 34 years as Eastbourne's town clerk and who was a member of the governing body of the College for some years in the 1970s. Roger entered the College with a scholarship from Ascham and played all the usual sports although his lifelong passions were chess and golf which he pursued for almost all his life. He won prizes for Latin, history, classics and biography, was a sergeant in the CCF and won the Lanyard of Honour. Gaining a state scholarship, he left to enter Oriol College, Oxford, where he graduated with a degree in philosophy, politics and economics. In March 1959 he was awarded a half-blue for representing his university against Cambridge at chess, where he was recorded as playing the most accurate game of the whole match which he duly won. Golf began while he was at the College and with it membership of the Royal Eastbourne which he kept up until recently. He achieved a best handicap of 9.

In 1959 he joined the Central Electricity Generating Board, working as an administrative officer in their national headquarters and the Power Station Construction Division until 1974. When the UK joined the European Economic Community, Roger, as one of the UK's quota of staff, moved to Brussels in 1974 to work in the Energy Directorate of the European Commission. Here he remained until his retirement in 1999. In 1994 he was presented by Jacques Delors with the Jean Monnet medal for services to Europe. He was accompanied to Brussels by his wife Diana whom he married in 1964 at St John's church in Meads. With their two young daughters they enjoyed the benefits that went with working in that environment. In the course of his work he travelled all over the world, which gave him a taste for the good life. His favourite destinations were France and Australia.

It was in Australia that his elder daughter Nicola met and married an Australian; she has lived there ever since. This provided an excuse for him and Diana to go to Australia whenever possible. When in Australia he would visit cricket and rugby matches with

his son-in-law whenever England and Australia were competing. This culminated in England's dramatic victory in the Rugby World Cup Final at Sydney in 2003.

After he retired Roger and Diana remained in Brussels until 2011 when they returned to Eastbourne where there were many family and friends, including his brother **Philip** (Powell 1952-57), nephew **Graham** (Reeves 1988-93), as well as to be near his younger daughter Sarah and her family in Emsworth, Hampshire. Diana died in 2018. Roger was a donor to the recent Project 150 campaign.



**Reg George Cambridge** (Blackwater 1948-52) died in August 2018 at the age of 84. In last year's edition we carried a brief obituary for Reg. Since then we have received more information about his life from his daughter Ruby which we shall summarise here. Reg was born in Taunggyi in Burma in 1934 and returned to England before the war began in 1939. He joined Blackwater House for four years from 1948. He joined the Royal Navy in 1953 and in 1955 transferred to the New Zealand Navy. Here he served until 1962. Next he worked for two years in the New Zealand forest industry, planting trees in the North Island. He then returned to England where he met a young beauty, Iris, from Newcastle upon Tyne. After a few outings, he asked her if she would come back to NZ with him. She said that he would have to meet her parents and in October 1967 they were married at North Shields. They travelled to NZ in 1968 and stayed with Reg's parents before moving to Auckland. Daughter Ruby was born in 1969 and her brother Malcolm in 1972. Reg worked as a civil servant in NZ for the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Works/Roading, later as a security guard until Iris died in 1996 when he took early retirement. This he enjoyed with his family in Pakuranga, Auckland. A grandson Andre arrived in September 2002. After three mild strokes, Reg in 2014 moved into a retirement home close to his family. Here he would spend quality time with the family, entertaining them with tales of his days at Eastbourne. In July 2018

he fell and suffered a broken hip; after a fortnight he developed pneumonia and died in his sleep on the morning of 14 August 2018.



**Michael Walter Dickinson** (Gonville 1939-44), son of Harold Dickinson OBE, Commissioner of Police in Singapore, died in 2019 at the age of 91. On leaving school, then at Radley, he served as an air mechanic first class with the Fleet Air Arm, followed by a short course at St Catherine's College, Cambridge, where in 1945 he won the university freshman's sculls. He worked for Shell Petroleum in London, then in Toronto where he arrived with \$25 in his pocket. A frequent correspondent with Mr Howell, his former housemaster, in 1949 he wrote to ask him to buy for him a Stag sweater and tie and to mail them to him in Canada. While there, between 1948 and 1974 he worked in a warehouse for Ford Motors, the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the Canadian AA and from 1951 until 1973 with four firms of insurance adjusters. As he said in an email to the College: 'I got really fed up with the insurance industry and gave it all up to raise pigs, 600 of the lovable creatures. I found myself back in the business world in 1980 and formed my own company Pendick Management Consultants'. Michael retired in 1995, after selling his company. In 1949 he married Penelope 'Penny' with whom he raised a son, Timothy. She died on 13 August 2017.

At the College, then at Radley, Michael was a school prefect, a rugby Stag 1943-44, captain of boats (stroke in the 1st IV) in 1943-44, 1st shooting and 2nd boxing colour. His end-of-season rugby report said that he was 'an honest hardworking forward whose lineout play and tackling are now definitely good'. He was also a cadet in the naval section of the OTC. One of Mike's memories is of the harvest camp with Ralph Simpson at Herstonceux which ended with some games of shove halfpenny and a few drinks at the local pub. Mike was also an Arnold Embellisher and an exceptionally loyal OE, corresponding frequently with Beefy Howell, his housemaster, and later with Michael Partridge in the College archives. In 2007 he sent us photos of **David Larkin** (Wargrave & Reeves 1950-53),

**John Alliban** (Gonville 1939-42) and Mike himself having lunch together at David's home in Picton, Canada, as they all lived close to each other in Ontario.



**Anthony Derek Double** (Ascham 1952-56, Wargrave 1956-59) died on 9 February 2018 aged 76. Anthony was born in London to Derek and Joyce Double on 14 January 1942. His childhood was spent in wartime London apart from a brief evacuation to north Devon, and because of war service he didn't meet his father until he was about four years old. During his school years Anthony excelled in fencing, winning the Novices Fencing Cup in 1956, and went on to become captain of fencing in 1959. He won his shooting colours and the Snap Shooting Cup in 1957 and was hon sec of the Full Bore & Small Bore Shooting Society two years later. In that year he was choir librarian and also won the Special Art Prize. He was also deeply influenced by the spirituality of the Chaplain, Canon Denis Fox, who gave him a lifelong devotion to Anglican liturgy.

These interests begun in his school years stayed with him all his life, giving him a lasting love of music and art as well as continuing prowess in his chosen sports. On leaving College Anthony would have liked to go to art school but his family had relocated from London to Warwickshire and he joined them there. During this time he was invited to fence for the county of Warwickshire and he shot in the finals of the Queen's Hundred at Bisley (and might have won if, in the excitement of the moment, he had not been shooting the wrong target!)

Anthony joined the TA in 1966 and was commissioned into his local regiment, the Royal Warwickshires, later amalgamated into the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. He rose to the rank of major and for many years was O/C HQ Coy 5RRF at Keresley in Coventry. One of his proudest moments came when RRF were granted the Freedom of the City of Coventry and, because the regular battalions were serving overseas, it fell to 5RRF, the TA battalion, to exercise their right to march through the city with drums beating, colours flying and bayonets fixed. He also enjoyed having Bobby, the regi-

mental antelope, on his strength! He was awarded the TD for long service and after retirement served for some years on the reserve list of past officers.

Professionally, Anthony went into engineering, and straight from school he was articulated into Thwaites Engineering Co., Leamington Spa, where he worked from 1960–66 during which time the company developed one of the first herringbone milking parlours and the famous Thwaites dumper truck. He went on to join Wallwin Pumps Ltd in Warwick where he became a specialist pumping engineer and was part of a team which won the Queen's Award to Industry for Exports.

In 1974 Anthony met and married his wife Anne, and over the years they had five children, living first in the south Warwickshire village of Kineton. In 1987 when Wallwin Pumps was taken over by a bigger company, they made the decision to move to Garway Hill in rural Herefordshire where Anthony went freelance as a pumping specialist for agricultural work, particularly irrigation for local fruit farmers – and as a result he became something of an expert on apple and strawberry cultivation. During more than 20 years in Herefordshire Anthony was an active member of the Royal British Legion, serving as secretary to the St Weonards & District Branch 1991-2000 and as a county committee member for Herefordshire from 1994-98. He was also churchwarden at St John the Baptist, Orcop, for eight years, and he was a school governor at Kingstone High School, Herefordshire from 1992-97. He acted as advisor to parents of children with special educational needs and was particularly proud to be co-author of the guideline document for schools entitled *Sex Education – a Framework for Partnership between Education and Health*.

In 2009 when the children had all left home, Anthony and Anne decided to retire to east Devon to be near his mother, now in her 90s, and to be near the sea. They settled in Axminster and here Anthony had time to pursue his hobbies: relief printmaking (lino and wood cuts), country sports, the history of the City of London (especially the Wren churches), the life and work of Samuel Pepys, old pubs, and cider making. During this time he was an enthusiastic OE and he took particular pleasure in the informal London pub gatherings that brought together his generation and much younger OEs. Through the OE Association he also regained contact with a very old school friend who had long ago lost touch, and they were able to meet up and renew their friendship after a gap of some 50 years (incidentally discovering that they both had five children!)

Anthony was to the end of his life a colourful, outgoing character, and when he died quite suddenly on 9 February 2018 he was fondly remembered in the local community as 'a true gentleman'.

He is survived by his wife Anne, their children Margaret, Katy, Jonathan, Sasha and Michael, their two grandsons, and his brother **Richard Double** (Wargrave 1961-65), now known as Brother Samuel SSF, who lives as a member of the Community of the Anglican Franciscans (the Society of Saint Francis).



**Barry G Edwards** (Pennell 1946-51) died at his home on 14 March 2019 aged 86. Born in London, Barry was sent to a boarding school at the age of six and would enjoy telling people that he had studied at New College, Oxford – not mentioning that it was a prep school. On leaving school he joined the family business Silexine Paints and found new ways to promote the business, not least with an advertising panel on a no 11 Routemaster bus. People would wait for this bus to come along and passenger numbers were reputedly 11% above the norm. Barry also inaugurated adverts on Radios Caroline and Luxembourg.

For 52 years Barry was a member of the Coombe Hill Golf Club and after about 20 years with Silexine he decided to set up a golf marketing business and organised a competition in which top professionals played a round of golf in each of the four GB countries in 24 hours. He also became executive director of the Women's Professional Golf Association. He tried a number of other marketing projects with varying success. A member of the family wrote:

'Barry was known and loved by his extended family: stepfamily, ex-family, lifelong friends, golf and bridge club members, even the nurses in the hospital where he spent much of the last months of his life'. This was summed up by a letter from a member of this extended family:

'The thing I most admired about Barry was his natural interest and curiosity in the people around him. It was very genuine. He would always

remember exactly what you'd told him last time – your news, where you'd been, what you'd been up to and he would be sure to ask more about it. He was a great conversationalist – funny and charming.

'Barry was so good to have in a room or at a party. He knew how to enter a room, how to charm it, and he knew when to leave it.'

At the College Barry was a house prefect and obtained two GCE A-levels. He achieved 1st XI cricket colours in 1949, '50 and '51 and was a capable opening bat. He also won 2nd squash colours. In 1951 he won the Andrew Downes Public Speaking prize. He was a sub-editor of the *Eastbournian*, a Cavendish sub-librarian and a company sergeant major in the CCF. He served with the RASC for his national service.

At his 80th birthday party in 2012 the male voice quartet Original Blend opened the event with the rousing song: '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...' – the song which used to be sung on the Big School stage by the 1st XV before every match. After more than 60 years he recognised it immediately.

We are grateful to Barry's sister Judith Abbs MBE (who was herself educated at Moira House) for much of the information about Barry's life.



**Peter Foyle-Hunwick** (School 1949-52) died on 8 February 2018 aged 84. Fighter pilot, antiques dealer, and lifelong bon vivant, he grew up in Foyle's, the family's Sussex manor in Herstmonceux, before attending RAF Cranwell. Here, despite a mischievous anti-authoritarian streak, Peter quickly graduated as a pilot officer, and began training proper on the UK's first fighter jet, the Gloster Meteor, before he was sent to the Far East, a region whose people, cuisine and culture he would retain a lifelong interest in. A popular station officer throughout his various Pacific postings, which included Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), Kiritimati and Christmas Island, he bore witness

to numerous key Cold War events, including the Vietnam conflict and the first British atomic tests, known as Operation Grapple. But during a stint in Singapore, a fuel-line mishap to Peter's Scottish Aviation Twin Pioneer led to a near-fatal crash off the coast of RAF Seletar.

While lucky to escape the sinking aircraft with his life, Peter's aviation service was sadly cut short by the incident. His next career back in the UK as an antiques dealer was perhaps less exciting – though arguably just as raucous. After graduating from West Dean College as a specialist in 18th and 19th century clocks and barometers, Peter began trading at the charming 16th century Old Malt-house Antiques building in Bridge Street, Hungerford, in the mid-1960s – a family business which would include his mother, sister Jacqueline, a former Queen's Counsel, and wife Tania, until his retirement in 2009.

A well-known figure in both the local and antiques community, a British Antique Dealers Association and Conservative Association member, Peter was appreciated throughout the trade as much for his jovial nature and love of life as his professional expertise, and his attendance at trade fairs in London and across the country was punctuated by almost as many nights out as days on the stand. Peter will be dearly missed by Tania, his son Robert and step-daughter Natasha. He died peacefully after a short illness at the Swindon Great Western Hospital on 8 February 2018.

At the College Peter passed School Certificate, was a sixth former and a member of the choir. He was in the 2nd IV, was 2nd in the 1952 run and a sound performer in the athletics sprints.



**Eve Gardner**, widow of former Wargrave housemaster **Alan Gardner**, died on 13 March 2019. As we reported in Alan's obituary in last year's magazine, Eve played a key supporting role in the house as matron and administrator, and later moved on to run the school shop at St Bede's.

## Nicholas Jonathan Garrett



**Nicholas Jonathan Garrett** (Ascham 1972-76, Reeves 1976-81), son of **Christopher Garrett** (Reeves 1949-52) and older brother to the late **Richard Garrett** (Reeves 1980-85) died on 15 May 2019, less than a week after his 56th birthday, in the Eastbourne District General Hospital after a valiant 18-month fight against Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML). His widow Ruth writes:

Nick was born in Eastbourne in 1963, but spent his early years moving around the world wherever his father was posted during his army career. This was to set the trend of later years when Nick would take his own family around the globe on exciting family trips, often with his parents and with his brother Richard Garrett, his wife Emma and their family.

Nick and Richard both loved growing up in the military community, but at the age of nine Nick was sent back to the UK to start at Ascham Preparatory School in Eastbourne where two very good and kind class teachers (Christopher Edwards and Brian Alban) helped him to get to grips with the basics and built his self-confidence. It was at Ascham that Nick forged strong friendships, particularly with Roger Why and Simon Ling, which continued on through Eastbourne College and have lasted over the years. Rather than being a boarder, Nick chose to live in Pevensy vicarage with his grandparents, the Reverend John Robertson and his wife Doris. A little while later Richard joined Nick at the vicarage and they enjoyed a village childhood climbing over Pevensy Castle and playing in the vicarage orchards.

In 1976 Nick moved on to the College and joined Reeves House. Nick loved the College, particularly

history lessons, rowing and rugby, surprising himself with a few 1st XV appearances. In the *Eastbournian* in 1981 he was described as being 'tremendously solid and dependable in set-pieces.' Nick enjoyed being part of the army division of the CCF and rose to the rank of company sergeant major. This gave him the opportunity to attend a range of CCF camps at home and abroad and take a parachute course with the regular army (opportunities he then encouraged his daughters Anna and Lara to pursue in their own school CCF some years later). While at the College Nick became a house prefect and was lucky enough to join the choruses in *The Dream of Gerontius* and *South Pacific* – no mean feat as, by his own admission (and his family's), he was never known for the quality of his singing!

After five happy years at the College, Nick went on to Bishop Otter College in Chichester to study for a BA honours degree in history and education. He continued to play rugby and made the college's 1st XV for three consecutive seasons. It was at Bishop Otter that Nick met Ruth and they were very happily married for 31 years until Nick's death. In all the time they knew each other, they were rarely apart and spent most of their married life working together in schools.

After graduating, Nick gained his PGCE and took up his first teaching post at St John's Prep School in Northwood. During this time he ran the London Marathon and, being a very keen skier, introduced school ski trips, which proved to be a very popular choice of trip. In later years, Nick used this experience to plan the always eagerly anticipated family ski holidays with Richard, Emma and the ever expanding Garrett family.

In 1990, Nick and Ruth (expecting their first daughter Anna) returned to Eastbourne where Nick became head of history at St Andrew's Prep and two years later he and Ruth were asked to take over the boys boarding house. Shortly afterwards, their second daughter, Lara, was born and the family enjoyed five very happy years looking after 80 boys. Weekends in term time were always busy with Nick involved with various trips for the boarders, his young family often accompanying him, with Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventures, walks on the Downs and enacting the Battle of Hastings at Battle armed with sticks being some of the favourites.

In 1997 Nick was appointed as The Master of The Abbey, the preparatory school to Woodbridge School. He was one of the youngest heads in the IAPS at the time and would lead The Abbey for 18 years, ensuring the school was an incredibly happy

place, as he felt that a happy child would be able to succeed in whatever they chose to do, and by making The Abbey an inclusive environment where there was a place for everyone. He would write personal postcards welcoming every new child to The Abbey, regardless of whether they had been in the pre-prep department or brand new to the school. Part of Nick's legacy is in the two rules he instilled: to always do your best in whatever you do; always treat others as you would wish to be treated, or even better. To this day, many former pupils have remembered these rules and have quoted them back to the family in the days since Nick's death. Nick was never a headmaster confined to his study, teaching timetabled subjects throughout his career so that he was always aware of his pupils and his staff and he often took extra-curricular activities. He led by example, doing regular weekly duties alongside his staff and spent time during holidays labelling pegs for every child in the school, persuading his family to help as a 'bonding activity'. On snowy days he kept the school open and would split The Abbey grounds into two sections: half for snowmen building and half for sledging and would supervise and take part in both.

Nick believed in being part of the Woodbridge community and regularly ran the annual 10km town race. He was a member of the Woodbridge Museum committee and he sat on a board and advised Suffolk County Council on child protection issues in independent education. Nick was also a school inspector and travelled round the country as part of the Independent Schools' Inspectorate Team.

But, after 18 years and at the age of 51, Nick decided to leave The Abbey and pursue a life-long ambition to work abroad. He and Ruth were both appointed to a large, private British prep school in Abu Dhabi where Nick was head teacher and Ruth his PA. He thoroughly enjoyed this with the new challenge of running a school in which 48 different nationalities were represented, not to mention all the extra travel opportunities the region presented.

Sadly, his time there was cut short when he was diagnosed with AML and returned to Eastbourne in haste where he died in hospital, surrounded by love, with his wife, father and daughters. Anna and Lara have followed in their father's footsteps, both becoming teachers, saying that 'Dad epitomised the qualities we aspire to both in his personal and professional life. He was a very kind man with an incredible work ethic, but he always valued his family and involved us in everything he did. He was at the core of our family and was the kindest and most generous of people with a cracking sense of humour.'

## Richard Patrick Garrett



**Richard Patrick Garrett** (Ascham 1976-77, St Andrew's Prep 1977-80, Reeves 1980-85) died on 22 December 2018 aged 51. The following piece was largely put together by Richard in St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, in the last days of his life and edited by his wife **Emma Garrett**, née **Le Brocq**, (Nugent 1984-86).

Richard Garrett was born on 13 May 1967 in the St Nicolas Church Vicarage, Pevensy, as his maternal grandfather was the local vicar. His

father, Christopher, who was in the army, was between postings at this time. Pevensy played a key part throughout Rich's life and that of the Garrett family, be it exploring the castle, helping with parish events, collecting apples from the vicarage orchard, or taking part in the highly contested annual cricket matches against his cousins on the vicarage lawn.

Rich had a very happy childhood moving wherever his father's military postings took them, be it to the Salisbury Plain area or Germany. This is also when Rich was first introduced to travel, as the Garretts would make most of the German autobahn system; Denmark, Holland, Bavaria and the Italian Lakes were all firm favourites.

In September 1976 Rich joined Ascham, the College prep school. During this time he and his brother **Nick** (Reeves 1976-81) lived with their grandparents at the Pevensy vicarage. Interestingly the headmaster at this time was

Michael Keall who had taught at Bedford and with whom Rich reconnected in recent years. By his own admission, Rich did not particularly shine at anything; he enjoyed cubs and camping, but soon revealed that he had absolutely no inclination for gymnastics and, more particularly, vaulting. The vaulting horse often came off worse!

In September 1977 Rich moved to St Andrew's Prep School as Ascham closed quite suddenly. He enjoyed scouts, but once again did not excel in any particular area. He did however start to play rugby and at last discovered something he was rather good at, playing for the school's 1st XV.

In September 1980 Rich moved to Eastbourne College. In the summer of 1983 he completed a schoolboy parachute course at Netheraven on the edge of Salisbury Plain, completing two static line jumps. He was appointed head of school in 1985, and senior under officer in the CCF. He enjoyed two seasons playing in the 1st XV and several comedy cameo roles in various school productions, normally 'acting' closely alongside his good friend **Rob Morris** (Reeves 1980-85). On one occasion Rich was the back end of the horse with Rob up front. He left with 9 O-levels and 3 A-levels with a calling to join the army, in his father's footsteps. His Lower Sixth girlfriend at the time was Emma Le Brocq, who would, some ten years later, become his wife.

After school Rich embarked on a gap year. He started by working for a term at Dulwich Prep in South London, living in Brightlands, the boarding house. He enjoyed finding his way around London, and played a lot of rugby; Roslyn Park and Surrey U19s. During this time he passed the Army's Regular Commissions Board (RCB) and was offered a place at Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS).

The second part of his gap year was spent visiting India on a Christian teaching scheme, with his great friend (and his deputy head of school) **Simon Croft** (School 1980-85). Initially they were based in villages in Madhya Pradesh and they enjoyed the simple life - it was the sort of eye-opening experience that all gap years should be made of. Rich always felt that he was very lucky to have had this opportunity to explore India and it resulted in him going back on a number of other occasions. Emma and Rich visited on their honeymoon (and although back packing, on this occasion did enjoy one or two Palace hotels), and then in 2008 the whole family had an unforgettable trip to Kerala.

Safely back in the UK, Rich taught English to foreign students in Eastbourne, before heading in to Europe on an Interrail pass. Amazingly, he 'randomly' bumped into Emma who was also Interrailing with friends, and then Simon Croft (this really was unexpected) on the ferry between Corfu and mainland Greece. They all ended up living on the beach for a few days on the small Greek island of Serifos with a number of other OEs.

Rich started at Oxford Polytechnic (now Oxford Brookes) in September 1986, read history and education, but was in the enviable position to know that he had a confirmed place in the army post degree, along with sponsorship throughout his course. As a result Rich threw himself into student life and particularly played a key part in the poly's rugby club, both on and off the pitch. Rich also established a touring team 'The Grizzlies' in 1988 where some great friendships were formed and cemented. This is one of many examples of how Rich got great pleasure from bringing people together in order to have a lot of fun. Between 1988 and 1999 Rich ran five London Marathons, his fastest time being 3 hours 5 minutes.

In September 1989 Rich attended RMAS. He found it extremely tough going after the independence of being a student, but also he enjoyed (mostly) the physical rigours and made some lifelong friends. In April 1990 he joined The 1st Battalion the Light Infantry in Berlin. These were exciting times as the Berlin Wall had only just come down in November 1989. Rich's nickname 'Belushi' was first coined in a late-night drinking session and the name has stuck with his army chums ever since. Postings that followed included Bulford on Salisbury Plain, Belize in Central America, the Infantry Training Battalion just outside Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northern Ireland, and a two-year posting to the Australian Army based in south east Queensland.

On 19 December 1992 Rich and Emma married at Eastbourne College Chapel, Rich having proposed to Emma at the top of Helvellyn the previous December. On 5 October 1997 India Matilda Brayn Garrett was born at Pindara Hospital, Gold Coast, Australia.

While based in Australia Rich and Emma used every opportunity to explore the country, with too many 'favourite places' to mention. The family returned from Australia in the summer of 1998 and on 4 June 1999 Joshua Connor Brayn Garrett was born in Salisbury Hospital, critically ill. He was christened at birth and his prognosis was not good. He was transferred by

ambulance to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at Southampton General Hospital where the specialists changed his diagnosis from 'not optimistic', to 'not pessimistic' and then those welcome words 'cautiously optimistic' were spoken and, having been on the brink of despair, all was well.

In August 1999, after a short stint in Northern Ireland and Tidworth, Rich left the army having embarked on an MSc in airport operations, and from then until March 2001 he worked as a Ryanair account manager for Servisair, running Ryanair's Stansted ground handling. This was a baptism of fire, during which Stansted experienced a Korean Air cargo plane crash, the landing of a hijacked Afghan aircraft and an air traffic control system failure across the south of England.

Between March 2001 and March 2003 Rich took on the role of Deputy General Manager European Airports for Ryanair. He was responsible for out-station start-ups and performance, as well as starting the process of actually starting to base aircraft and crew overseas.

On 31 January 2001 Toby Alexander Bryan Garrett was born at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, thankfully an easy delivery.

In March 2003 Rich left the family in the UK while he moved to Bahrain to take up the position of Head of Gulf Traveller, which was Gulf Air's low-cost project. On 20 April 2003 Sam Barnaby Brayn Garrett made a dramatic entry into the world and was born early at Son Dureta Hospital, Palma, Majorca, by emergency C-section while on holiday to celebrate Emma's parents' ruby wedding anniversary. At least the whole family was on hand to help.

The family moved out to Bahrain to join Rich when Sam was just three months old. Ex-pat family life was full of fun and great friendships were forged. Leisure time revolved mainly around the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Spa and the Bahrain Rugby Club where Rich and many mates 'coached' the young players. In December 2004, after two years with Gulf Air, Rich left the airline and did a series of projects as a consultant in the low-cost market.

On 25 May 2005 Tess Evelyn Brayn Garrett was born in the BDF (Bahrain Defence Force Hospital), Riffa, Bahrain. The family travelled a great deal during this time, enjoying numerous trips to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Oman, Jordan, India and Australia as well as back to the UK. In April 2008 Rich took up an appointment as Head of Operations for Monarch Airlines. The family followed in June that year and Rich enjoyed this role, as Monarch faced a number of challenges.

In September 2009 Rich was diagnosed with bowel cancer. This was a complete shock but the family stood firm in the face of such terrible news. As Rich was coming to the end of initial post-operative treatment, the family decided to embrace a change of direction and hopefully a different quality of life. In August 2010 Rich started working at Bedford School as Director of the Bedford School Association. This was a new role following a restructure. His remit was to bring together all elements of the wider school community, with a particular focus on working with the Old Bedfordians Club and the Foundation. Rich did this with his own special style, and through his genuine warmth built up many strong friendships which resulted in support to the school in many different forms. The three boys Josh, Toby and Sam, all joined the school in Year 5.

Rich was a great believer in making people feel welcome, putting them at ease and hosting them appropriately. From 2010 to 2018, he played a key role in helping the school raise over £12 million, contributing to a number of key capital projects in recent years, as well as supporting many boys on the school's bursary programme.

Cancer was never allowed to rule Rich's life. He threw himself into his new job, extending the school's network, improving personal fitness since his operation and keeping busy in his spare time by planning holidays. Emma and Rich took the children on their first family ski holiday in December 2010, and over the following years, despite three further operations, three periods of radiotherapy and many hours of chemotherapy, enjoyed many fantastic holidays, parties, and trips as a family. As a couple they cherished the present, their friends and families and the special moments and memories they could share together.

*A few words from Rich to close:*

'For me the great joy of this role was the sense that I was doing something worthwhile, while at the same time being very involved in the lives of our children, as my days came to an end. Throughout my working career I tried to bring out the best in people, and to build a strong team spirit; as a result of this I have enjoyed the majority of my appointments, and have certainly had a lot of laughs along the way.'

## James Stuart Glass



**James Stuart Glass**, known as **Stuart**, (Pennell 1935-40) died on 30 April 2019 in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, aged 96. His daughter Helen Heath wrote to us: 'As in life, he ensured that all was in order upon his death, and consequently drafted his own obituary for your information and publication in the *Old Eastbournian*.'

Stuart was born in London, but spent much of his early years in India and Belgium. He came to the College from Hill Brow School, Eastbourne, on a modern languages scholarship, but concentrated on maths and science at the College, winning several prizes in these subjects. He was a school prefect, in the 2nd XV and 2nd IV and won the Tanqueray Senior Sculls. He was a sergeant in the OTC, played the bugle in the band and the trumpet and French horn in the orchestra and sang in the choir. He conducted a choir and orchestra from Pennell and Powell houses which won the House Music Prize in 1939. He remembered blowing the *Last Post* and *Reveille*, with the two other silver buglers, from the top of the Memorial Building tower on Armistice Day 1939. He was among those who were evacuated to Radley in the middle of the summer term in 1940 and took charge of a group of boys with the scout hut in the woods for their dormitory.

He spent two years at Queens' College, Cambridge, on a Kitchener Scholarship during the war, graduating with 1st class honours in mechanical sciences. Stuart was awarded a Foundation Scholarship and a College Prize in 1942, and took his MA in 1947.

He spent five years with the Airborne Forces Experimental Establishment (AFEE), working on performance testing of and the development of performance reduction methods for gliders, tow planes and parachute equipment. When AFEE was designated the official testing establishment for helicopters in the UK, he became head of the rotary wing section and worked on the development of performance reduction methods for helicopters.

In 1947, he joined Star Paper Mills in Blackburn, Lancashire, and spent most of the rest of his career in and out of the paper industry. In 1950, he went to Canada and the US on an exchange arrangement with Provincial Paper Ltd in Port Arthur, Ontario. In 1951 he married Helen Jackes, the sister-in-law of the engineer with whom he exchanged, and took her back to Blackburn. In 1954 he emigrated to Canada, where he worked for Provincial Paper, EB Eddy's in Ottawa, Humphreys and Glasgow in Toronto, Koehring Waterous in Brantford, Ontario, and in 1960 was appointed director of engineering at St. Regis Consolidated Packaging in Montreal. After a period as vice-president development for Doeskin Products in New York, he was appointed director of systems and computer services for Consolidated-Bathurst after the merger of Consolidated Paper and Bathurst Containers. In 1969, he joined Ontario Paper Company in St Catharines, Ontario, and became director of planning and development and, after he retired, an active member of the 'Survivors Club'. In 1977 he joined Rust Engineering Company in Birmingham, Alabama as project manager and then subcontracts administrator, making several trips to Turkey on assignments for the state pulp and paper company, SEKA.

He retired in 1987 and he and his wife returned to St Catharines. He was on the board of the Niagara Symphony for ten years, as president in 1976-77, was president of the St Catharines Torch Club in 1999-2000, and was a founding member, a life member, historian and in 1993-94, president, of the Probus Club of St Catharines. He was a long-time member of the Niagara Senior Men's Golf Association and, despite having had spinal surgery in 2006 and spending several months in and out of hospital in the summer of 2010, continued to enjoy a round of golf almost every week during the summer. He played his final game at the age of 90. Stuart and Helen had two sons, Hugh (who died on 1 December 2011) and Robert, both engineers, and a daughter, Helen, a director at a national charity. He was blessed with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Following the remarriages of Hugh and Helen, he acquired four step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild. His wife, Helen, died in 1998. Stuart was a member of the Devonshire Society and has left a legacy to the College.

## The Revd Canon John McKillip Goodchild



**The Revd Canon John McKillip Goodchild** (Ascham 1950-56, Powell & Nugent 1956-61) died after a stroke on 29 December 2018 aged 76. On leaving the College John attended Clare College, Cambridge, 1961-64, where he gained 1st class honours in the Theology Tripos. He moved to Nigeria to teach maths and organise scouts at the Dennis Memorial Grammar school, but in 1967 the Biafran War closed the school. He moved on in 1967 to Wycliffe Hall, a Church of England Theological College, and applied for ordination; a curacy was arranged at St Andrew's, Clubmoor, Liverpool. In 1972 he joined the Church Missionary Society at Trinity Theological College at Umuahia in Nigeria where he also taught maths and in 1974 was appointed college principal. John became chaplain to the Bishop of Aba, and in 1975 honorary canon at St Michael's Cathedral, Aba. In August 1975 he married Ann Travis, matron at a nearby hospital, in the Chapel of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Umuahia. John once asked a student how the patients had responded to a talk of his. He said, 'One of them died'.

Ann taught at Trinity and survives John with their son Colum, born on 2 August 1978, and who is an investment programme manager with the National Grid. Returning to England in 1983 John became vicar of St John's church at Ainsdale, Southport, Lancashire. Then in 1989 he became team rector in the Maghull Team Ministry at St Andrew's, Liverpool, where he remained until 1998.

Next he was appointed Principal of the Norwich Diocesan Ministerial Course and Director of Ordained Local Ministerial Training. A colleague remembers John as a 'creative Christian thinker and teacher; always one for building people up, both personally and in the faith'. In 2003 he published *Dennis and the Ibo Bible: the Missionary Work of Tom Dennis*. He vacated these posts in 2006 and retired to become Chairman of the Friends of St Michael-in-the-Hamlet, Liverpool, where he continued to preach and lead services. Here he celebrated his 40th anniversary of ordination, the collection at this service paying for a new lavatory and kitchen for the church.

Coming from Ascham to the College, John was an entrance scholar; a member of the Maths VI, a school prefect and head of Nugent in 1960-61. He completed three A and three S-levels, gaining entry with a state scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge. At school, he won prizes for chemistry, physics, divinity and maths and was hon sec and vice president of the Tenby Society, hon sec of the photographic society and was a sub-editor of the *Eastbournian*. In the CCF he won the Cadet Cup, RAF Advanced Training, and was a flight sergeant in the RAF section. He was also a chapel warden, hon sec and treasurer of the chapel committee and an enthusiastic member of a woodworking class. These skills were notably useful when John and Ann moved into their retirement abode. Since the 1980s John was a regular contributor to the *Church Times* letters page. The current Principal of Trinity College writes: 'John was a strong Christian soldier; teacher; leader; mentor and administrator; a great evangelist. John touched many lives for God and will always be remembered by the present great men of God he mentored and taught'.



**Oliver David Hall**, known as **David**, (School 1946-50) died in May 2017 aged 84. He is remembered here by his friend, former College Chaplain, Chris Macdonald:

David Hall loved the College and looked back on his school days as some of the happiest days of his life. He was passionate about rugby and played for the 2nd XV in his final year. David stood in awe of some of the

senior boys and especially admired **Michael Hockridge** (School 1946-50), the charismatic all-rounder who was tragically killed fighting in the Korean War. Chapel made a big impact on David and particularly the inspired preaching and ministry of the then chaplain Bishop Carey. David became a devout Christian and remained so all his days.

His working life took him to Kenya

where he eventually met the love of his life Nancy Booth, who was herself working in Kenya as a Christian missionary. Opposites attract: Nancy and David complemented each other perfectly. David was at that time rather quiet and shy while Nancy was a complete extrovert. They were soon going out together and, unusually for the early 1970s, it was Nancy who proposed to David.

When David and Nancy eventually returned to England they settled in Plymouth where they exercised a joint ministry to naval personnel and other seafarers, opening their small home to the lonely and homesick and displaced. They remained active in Christian ministry for the rest of their lives and worked hard to build bridges between the various denominations. David was also a dedicated churchwarden of St Paul's, Stonehouse in Plymouth for many years.

He was a widower for the last few years of his life but continued to visit his old school whenever he could. He

was a kind, generous, compassionate, hospitable, devout and humble man. In old age he was looking forward rather than backwards, looking forward with anticipation to new life beyond death and being reunited with his beloved Nancy. He and Nancy were 'the salt of the earth' [Matthew 5:13].

**Dermot O'Shea Hoare** (Blackwater 1944-49) died on Saturday 14 December 2019 aged 89. After prep at Newlands, he came to Blackwater as an exhibitor and achieved a School and Higher Certificate, was

a rugby Stag for three seasons, won 2nd IV colours and was hon sec of the Cavendish Debating Society. He became head of house and head of school. Dermot spent two terms at Radley before returning to Eastbourne. He, with Headmaster John Nugee, introduced a debate with Moira House, a dance with Battle Abbey, visits to the cinema and the Devonshire Park Theatre. Dermot helped to resurrect the Dramatic Society, with productions of an Agatha Christie play and *Twelfth Night*. He went on to perform with the Footlights (and with Jonathan

Miller) while at Clare College, Cambridge, where he graduated in economics and law. He later played rugby for Blackheath. After work initially in sales and marketing in the chemical and building industries, Dermot moved into management consultancy, becoming managing director of Mandate Consultants, specialising in personnel and recruitment. Dermot and his wife raised four children including **Philip** (Blackwater 1977-82), now known as **Philip Hanbury**. We plan to carry a fuller obituary in our next edition.

### Richard Durden Holliday



**Richard Durden Holliday** (Pennell 1952-58) died of prostate cancer on 30 December 2018 in Portsmouth Hospital. He was 79. During his time at Aberdeen University he became an enthusiast for all things Scottish. Here, in 1959, he joined the Territorial regiment of

the Gordon Highlanders, having developed an interest in the military when he was in the CCF at school. He came down from Aberdeen, and, now living in London, joined the Caledonian Club, of which he later became president, and transferred to the London Scottish Territorial Regiment. Eighteen years later in 1980 he retired from active service, but not before he had been awarded the TD long service medal. He continued his connection with the regiment as an Old Comrade; however in 1995 he was recalled to assume command with the rank of colonel, a position which he held for the next five years. During that time the Labour Government held its Strategic Defence Review and Richard played a significant part in enabling the London Scottish regiment to retain its identity in the Order of Battle, in spite of significant cuts and mergers to the territorial regiments. The Queen Mother was Honorary Colonel of the Regiment for many years and Richard met her several times in his capacity as commanding officer.

Richard was born on 22 May 1939 in Reigate, where, together with his elder brother Michael, he was brought up by his parents Harry and Kathleen. He joined Pennell in September 1952 when Robert Storrs was still housemaster, soon to be replaced by Kenneth Hindley. As Richard chose to study maths and physics, Hindley would also be his form master. During his second term he damaged his back while, as he put it 'fooling about in the prep room', which meant that he had to endure the discomfort of his torso encased in a plaster of Paris jacket for the whole of the summer term. This led to him not only being off games, but unable to put his shoes and socks on without help. During this time Kenneth and Peggy Hindley took pity on him and they would take him out to tea on trips to the country in the long summer afternoons when everyone else was playing cricket.

His main claim to sporting fame during his time at the College was that he played in the Pennell House team that beat Gonville to win the Waterloo Cup in January 1956. However, the previous summer he and **Henry Underhill** (Pennell 1953-58) together won the coxless pairs junior rowing cup by several lengths. Henry remembers, 'What we lacked in technique we made up for in determination

and there was also a lot of luck involved in avoiding the waterweed and mudbanks of the winding Cuckmere river.'

Although he was a competent, but by his own admission, not a talented clarinettist, he did win the RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize in 1957 and performed with the military band. In the CCF after three years in the army section he joined the Royal Marines cadre set up by a newly arrived master, John Rogers.

Richard left the College in 1958, intending to go to Southampton University, but somehow ended up at Aberdeen University, a move which literally changed his life, as while there he got to know and fell in love with Scotland.

After graduating from Aberdeen with a degree in electrical engineering, he joined his brother Michael working at Holliday Hall & Co Ltd, the international electrical engineering business built up by his father Harry. Two of the big contracts that he worked on were the electrics for the new Severn bridge, completed in 1966, and a contract in the port of the British Protectorate of Aden. In Aden he had met Gill Reid, who was staying there with the family of General Sir Charles Harington, Commander-in-Chief Middle East Command at the time. Later they met again at the Caledonian Ball in London and in 1967 they were married, with Henry Underhill as best man.

About this time Richard's father Harry retired and he, Michael and Richard sold for a considerable sum a controlling interest in the company to Matthew Hall & Co Ltd. Although his brother Michael stayed on as chairman, Richard decided that the contracting world was not for him and joined C E Heath, a firm of Lloyds brokers, where he worked for 15 years, latterly on his own account. His wife's family owned property in Scotland and Richard arranged that they should live there. He spent a year at Plumpton, training in agriculture, before buying a highland farm neighbouring their new home in Ross-shire. With the help and guidance of his local farm manager and staff he farmed 1,000 acres of arable and livestock for 12 years before eventually retiring to Sussex. Here he became a respected member of his local church at West Chiltington, training to be a lay reader. He died on 30 December 2018 and, on a cold bright day in January 2019 was buried in its churchyard, piped to his grave by one of the pipers from his regiment. He is survived by his wife Gill, his daughter Alison, son Andrew and four grandchildren.

Richard had a strong sense of duty and the proper way to do things, and although he could be said to have been serious minded, his wry sense of humour and short laugh stayed with him to the end. Throughout his life he maintained his loyalty to his old school and was an Arnold Embellisher and contributed generously both to the rebuilding of Big School after the fire and to Project 150, naming the Hindley Room in the Maths Department.

*This obituary was researched and written by Henry Underhill.*



**Walter Homburger** (School 1939-40) died on 25 July 2019 aged 95. Orchestra manager, consultant, impresario and artist manager, Walter had been a leader in the development of classical music in Canada for over half a century. Managing director of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for 25 years, Walter promoted a succession of significant artists to Toronto audiences. Under his leadership, the TSO became a major force among international symphony orchestras. His retirement in 1987 was celebrated with a great gathering of international musicians and was broadcast on CBC Radio and TV and netted over \$2.3 million for the Toronto Symphony Foundation. Awards and honours include Member of the Order of Canada, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Canadian Music Council Medal; he was the first Canadian to receive the Louis Sudler Award from the American Symphony Orchestra League. After his retirement he continued to contribute by presenting solo recitals, managing young artists and advising several musical organisations.

Walter joined the College in 1939, a refugee with brothers **Wolf** (School 1941-44) and **Peter** (School 1942-47) from Nazi Germany. He was married to Emmy and raised children Lisa and Michael.

There is more information about the early life of the Homburger brothers on page 30.



PHOTO: RAILWAY GAZETTE

**Richard Arthur Hope OBE** (Ascham 1946, Powell 1947-51) died, aged 85, after a long illness, on 14 October 2019. Richard, as his *Telegraph* obituary said, 'was a railway journalist who campaigned against rail closures and helped to save the Talylyn railway'. He edited the *Railway Gazette International* for 21 years and was 'the most authoritative railway journalist of his time'. He was involved in the leakage to the *Sunday*

*Times* of a government policy document which envisaged reducing the network by nearly a half. In due course the Transport Minister told Parliament that no-one would be prosecuted for the leak and that the cuts were no longer seen as a solution.

Born in Sheffield in 1934, the son of Gp Capt Eustace Hope and Evelyn his wife, daughter of the 1st Baron Riverdale, Richard, after a brief evacuation to Canada, entered Ascham in 1946 and then Powell House the following year. After some fairly quiet schooldays, Richard went on an apprenticeship with GEC in Birmingham and after national service in the RAF, to study at Faraday House. In due course he qualified CEng, MIEE and MIMechE, qualifications in electrical and mechanical engineering. He entered the railway industry, working on electrifying the suburban routes out of Liverpool Street and then, in Australia, working on the construction of the Townsville-Mount Isa railway in Queensland. During his time with the *Railway Gazette* he reported on rail developments round the world, campaigned against the closure of railways and worked on the development of Eurotunnel rail operations. He was twice caught up in railway accidents: once, in Australia, a fatal collision on a level crossing; then in October 1984 his train out of Euston collided with a freight train at Wembley, killing three passengers and injuring 17. Richard put down detonators to make sure that another train did not run into the overturned carriages. His pride, however, was the Talylyn railway, the first railway to be rescued and run by enthusiasts. From 1955 he became an active volunteer, was secretary to the Talylyn Railway Preservation Society for more than 30 years and finally became its president. Richard's brother, **John Linton Hope**, also attended the College (Powell 1945-48).

We are grateful to the *Daily Telegraph* of 19 October 2019 for their extensive coverage of Richard's life.



**Andrew David Irons**, known as **David**, (Ascham 1974-77, St Andrews 1977-80, Powell 1980-85) died on 6 January 2019 at the Royal Trinity Hospice, Clapham, aged 52. His daughter Samantha has contributed to this tribute:

Well known for his love of music, David was a keyboard player in the College band 'Macho Frog'. He also had a great passion for rugby and demonstrated his skills on the field, playing for the College in the 2nd XV and later for Eastbourne RFC in the 1st XV. Aside from rugby, he played in the 1st XI soccer team and along with his involvement with the band, sang in the choir. He was also a lance corporal in the army section of the CCF.

He went on to the Lewes Technical College where he re-took his A-levels. After completing a two-year business studies course at the South Bank Polytechnic, he went to work for Llewellyn's, the construction company (he had worked for them in the holidays during his poly course), initially as a general labourer on the Farlane Road housing project in Eastbourne. He was later appointed to assistant site manager and worked on many projects around the country, mainly building Sainsbury's superstores. He rose to site manager and then project manager for these multi-million-pound developments. He earned a reputation among his work colleagues for being reliable and intelligent. Head-hunted by the RG Group (construction company) to be a project manager, he continued with this company until his passing.

He is survived by his daughters Samantha and Kimberly and his partner Michelle.

**Alex Brown** (Blackwater 1980-85), lead singer of Macho Frog, recalls: 'We regularly played in Big School after it was re-built, Room 8 (now the Le Brocq studio) and various boarding houses for house gigs etc. After we left, we still kept playing around Eastbourne in bars and pubs and clubs (Bilbo Baggins – now Maxims, The Golden Lion – now River Island, and the Royal Hippodrome where we made the 'Battle of The Bands' final.) We also came back and played in Big School a number of times, as Philip Le Brocq was a fan and got us back to play for the kids as they seemed to love our style of blues and soul. We played some original material (*Mr Gravedigger* was penned by us and Dave's daughters played it at his funeral, introduced by me) and we covered some Blues Brothers songs and Beatles etc. A real mix, but good stuff!'

**Mark Russell Jensen** (Ascham 1968-73, Reeves 1973-75) died in early 2019 aged 60. After leaving College he went on to become a composer, conductor, producer and performer in the areas of soul, R&B, reggae, jazz, Latin, classical and film and television soundtrack music. His website described his aim as: 'to achieve music that holds a timeless appeal by drawing together the traditions of established musical genres with modern techniques and styles to celebrate cultural diversity.' He began his career in music as a recording artist in 1978 (under the name Spritzo

Scaramanga he released *Live for Love* in 1993) and worked with Choppa Ranx, a world class celebrated dancehall and hip hop MC, and the performer Naidax. Both these artists were signed to Mark's production company and label, Zest Zone, based in Eastbourne. His album *Zoom In* was released in 1999. He was also a conductor, arranger and composer for film, television and theatre, including several Shakespearean plays, and scored a ballet, *The Way of Danger*. He was a member of the Performing Rights Society, British Music Writers Council and the Musicians Union.

### Thomas Gerald Michael Keall



**Thomas Gerald Michael Keall**, known as **Michael**, died on 7 July 2019 at the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge aged 88. Michael taught in seven schools and for 26 years was an outstanding headmaster of three of them: the junior school of Portsmouth Grammar; then Ascham, the College Prep, from 1969 until 1977, and lastly Westminster Abbey Choir

School 1977-87. He was renowned for his energy, his copious letter writing, his mischievous sense of humour and his love of bananas. His love of music, sport and history, as well as his loyalty to friends, dominated his life.

Born in 1931, Michael attended King's College School in Cambridge and Culford School in Bury St Edmunds. He was a chorister at King's, finally head chorister, and head of school at Culford, later a governor. Following national service as a 2nd lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, he returned to King's College, Cambridge, as an undergraduate to read history in 1951. After graduation he trained as a teacher and taught at King's College School in Cambridge and for 14 terms at Bedford School before his series of headmasterships.

Following a headship at Portsmouth Grammar Junior School, Michael arrived at Ascham in 1969. He told the boys at his first school assembly that he could be summed up in four words all beginning with the letter F: 'firm, friendly, fair and can be fierce'. In fact, as one OA wrote, 'he was a man of immense kindness and generosity. Michael's love of people and his huge enthusiasm were evident in everything he did. He was a life-affirming person, with a gift for boosting one's confidence and making one feel valued and appreciated. We are greatly the poorer for his passing but greatly the richer for having known him'.

In 1977 Ascham closed and Michael obtained the post of head of the Westminster Abbey Choir School. At the end of his first term there, he wrote: 'it's fabulous to be at the Abbey; I'm loving it.'

On leaving the Abbey, Michael embarked on a year of worldwide travel, including a stay in Cape Town, where he later bought a flat near to the Newlands cricket ground. In 1989 he returned to Magdalene College, Cambridge, as junior bursar and fellow commoner. Later he became the college's first alumni secretary, a post he held until 2012. He was famous for his much appreciated liqueur parties which followed the annual Fellows' Christmas lunches at the College.

Michael was a lover of cricket and a member of a variety of clubs: the MCC, Surrey County – of which he became an honorary life member, Cambridge University, the Cryptics and the Hampshire Hogs. He was also a member of the Athenaeum, the Owl Club of Cape Town, the Gangsters, the 71 Club, the Hawks Club and one in Chichester splendidly named the Krudge.

Michael never married but had a huge number of friends; his Christmas card list was reputed to number more than 600. He returned often to Eastbourne College, attending a number of lunches and reunions in recent years, where he was delighted to meet staff and former pupils from his time at Ascham.

His ashes were interred in Westminster Abbey following a memorial evensong on 28 September, the eve of the Feast of St Michael and all Angels.



**Christopher John Kirby** (Pennell 1959-63) died on 5 September 2018, aged 72, shortly after he and his wife Adèle, had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a family holiday in Cuba.

From an early age Chris had a great love of travel; spending school holidays in west Africa where his father worked, to enjoying adventurous family holidays/road trips through Africa, Australia, Borneo, Europe, India, Thailand, Sri Lanka, USA, and Hawaii (three times – his favourite place). Born in Hastings, Chris joined the College in 1959 and was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver award in 1962 and the Gold the following year. His final expedition was during one of the heaviest snowfalls on Dartmoor and the Duke of Edinburgh commended them on completing the expedition. Chris was also hon sec of the Philatelic Society.

After leaving school, Chris accepted a position as a learner-miner at Mufu-lira, Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia), the second largest copper mine in the world. Chris prospered with the company, being granted a blasting licence before advancing to supervisor in the ventilation department. He moved into personnel management and at the age of 27 was managing a staff of 40 and a student body of 400 at the Kitwe Trades Training School. He remembered one occasion when a mud-rush engulfed a large section of the mine and he spent five days with just six hours sleep bringing supplies to the rescuers. They were able to rescue over 100 men and were personally thanked by the President of Zambia.

Chris married a local girl, Adèle, in 1968 and both became actively involved in wildlife conservation in Zambia's two largest game reserves, Kafue and Luangwa Valley National Parks, concentrating on elephant and rhino protection. During the live transmission of their wildlife television programme, Chris and Adèle received up to 500 letters a week from avid viewers. Sir Peter Scott, Johnny Morris and artist David Shepherd attended fund-raising events with them to raise funds for the Wildlife Conservation Society.

In 1980, Chris returned to the UK (Tunbridge Wells) to take up a post with Selection Trust, a mining finance company in London. He transferred to BP Minerals and was selected to join Rio Tinto the mining conglomerate, as International Human Resources Advisor. Following the loss of sight in one eye, leading to a premature end to his London career, he became heavily involved as a parent governor at Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, serving on a number of committees including finance and building projects. For 12 years Chris was group scout leader for Speldhurst and Langton Green troops of beavers, cubs and scouts. His spare time was taken up with community volunteer projects, furniture restoration and a love of antiques. Chris led a very fulfilled and busy life and is greatly missed by his whole family.

He is survived by his wife, Adèle and children Mark, Michèle and Jonathan.



**Giles and Anthea pictured on a visit to the College in April 2008**

**Giles Richard Langton** (School 1947-51) died on 13 February 2019 aged 85. Giles was a countryman, conservationist and farmer. Also for 60 years a loyal and loving husband to Anthea as well as father to Petrina, Richard, Jacqueline and Susannah, and a grandfather and great grandfather. Anthea was educated at Ravenscroft school in St John's Road, Eastbourne, and was sister to **Crichton Wilson** (Powell 1950-55). Both were born in Marlborough House in Old Wish Road where their father, a doctor, then lived. Sadly Anthea died just two weeks after Giles, on 27 February 2019.

Giles and Anthea spent all their married lives on their farm at Little Wenham, near Colchester. After their deaths their children wrote 'this farmer on a bike worked, worried, toiled and troubled day and night 365 days a year until all his harvests could sleep tight; tending the trees, the grasses, creatures, the birds, the butterflies and bees. He loved his cricket and rugby and played for the Hadleigh Club for 36 years as well as the Suffolk Over 50s and the Suffolk Gents. A warm, kind man of great, quiet strength and integrity, he loved his dogs – and they worshipped him. Giles was a music lover, a supporter of the arts, antique collector, historian, gardener and traveller'. He and Anthea were dearly loved by their children who penned a moving, anecdotal tribute to their parents and from which some of this tribute has been borrowed.

At the College Giles was a school prefect, head boy of School House, a Stag in 1949 and '50 (and hon secretary). His end of season review said that 'he was a hard-working forward who has become fierce and a sound tackler'. He was also a 1st XI cricket colour in 1950-51 who 'made some useful scores and bowled many overs with indefatigable energy'. He was captain of fives, a chapel warden and a corporal in the CCF army section. Giles's son **Richard** (Gonville 1975-80) was a rugby Stag and an athletics colour.



**Bryan Edric Nevill Lyte** (Gonville 1939-44) died in December 2018 aged 93. Bryan served with the King's Royal Rifle Corps (KRRC) and then with a short service commission as a lieutenant in the Intelligence Corps in the Middle East. Bryan later worked as assistant governor at Maidstone Prison.

The son of **Edric Lyte** (Day Boy 1906-09), Bryan was a house prefect and a member of the cricket XI in 1942, '43 and '44. His end of season review said that 'He has much cricket in him and will do well'. He was also a tennis colour and won the Run in 1943 and '44. He was Victor Ludorum in 1943. He also won a prize for drawing and was silver bugler and band sergeant. Bryan's uncle was **Owen Lyte** (Day Boy 1899-1903) and his brother was **Richard Lyte** (Gonville 1945-49). Bryan left to the College a moving 45-page account of life at Radley during the war years. It includes exceptional vignettes of teachers including Ralph Simpson, Vin Allom, Peter Temple, Claud Burton, Colonel Goodwin, RSM Bill Strong and Maurice Tate, cricket pro and former Sussex and England player. This is worthy of publication and we plan to place it on the Eastbourne Society website.



**Colin William McKerrow** (Wargrave 1947-51) died on 12 January 2019 aged 84. As one friend said 'He was a one-off'. A man of many interests, Colin led a very full and fulfilling life. Born in Birkenhead and brought up in the Wirral, Colin attended the Downs School at Malvern then briefly Loughborough Grammar School. While at the Downs he caught bronchitis and double pneumonia which affected his lung capacity for the rest of his life. His parents decided that Eastbourne would be a healthy place for Colin and he joined the College in 1947. His health prevented him from playing rugby but he enjoyed fencing and the clarinet. After leaving school, in 1952 he had two ribs removed and a lobectomy of his left lung. After six months convalescence, he joined the Royal Insurance Company, his father's company in Maidstone. While there he became vice chair of the Young Conservatives and interviewed a potential parliamentary candidate, one Margaret Roberts (later better known as Margaret Thatcher) – and turned her down! However Colin's real ambition was to become a stockbroker and he moved to London where he joined a small firm, Quirk Tucker, as a clerk while building up a business of his own. Moving on to other firms, he became a member of the Stock Exchange in 1966 and a partner in various firms including Ely Fund Managers Ltd and Laing and Cruickshank. Then in 2002, after 44 years, he sold the business.

His friend, David Elyan writes: 'To me Colin was always something of a paradox. He had less than 50% lung capacity for all of his adult life, yet he managed to play tennis, golf and squash. As a stockbroker he earned his living giving investment advice to his many clients but lavished vast amounts of money on his cherished MG and invested heavily in his beloved Derby County Football Club which I'm pretty certain provided no return apart from free match tickets. On the other hand he was appointed a vice-president of the club and a director in return for his investment advice. He loved company but lived on his own. He ate out every day and was a glutton for business lunches but remained thin as a rake!'

When Colin was not driving up and down the motorways every second Saturday for the home games, he was driving all over England for the away matches. He had friends, mostly stockbroking clients, that he could stay with almost everywhere in the country. Having served as director of Derby County from 1983 he resigned in 1994 amidst the boardroom troubles.

In 1958 he became an associate member of the MCC and later a full member and each year would meet up with some of his City friends on the first day of the Lord's Test. In 1994 he established the MCC Bridge Society and became its first chairman. He was a founder member of the Peace Parks Board, based in South Africa. This organisation's role is to facilitate the establishment of conservation areas (peace parks) and develop human resources, thus supporting sustainable economic development, regional peace and stability.

When he retired Colin had time to travel more extensively and visited over 60 countries to pursue his interest in bird watching. He said he did not want to visit the same country twice. His other interests included meteorology (he was a Fellow of the Meteorological Society and religiously measured the rainfall at the back of his house every day), opera, bridge and wine. He was also a member of the Hurlingham and Caledonian Clubs.

Over the years Colin became friends with members of the Foundation office.

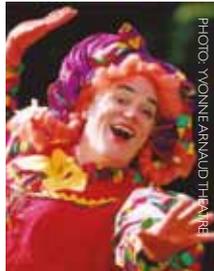
He had a great sense of humour. Colin was a founder member of the Devonshire Society, and enjoyed coming back to the College for Devonshire Society days and reunions. He donated to the Birley Centre campaign. He was also a member of the Arnold Embellishers. To celebrate his 75th birthday, he invited all his friends to a memorable lunch at The Caledonian Club. Forbes Wastie and Christine Todd were fortunate to be among the guests.

The College is grateful to Colin for leaving a legacy which will benefit the bursary fund.

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**John Frederick McKerrow** (Pennell 1949-53) died on 10 July 2019, a few months after his brother, **Colin McKerrow**. He is survived by his wife Una, children Richard and Sheelah and grandchildren Ethan, Oona, Esme, Zachie, Nisha, Eliza-Blue and Rafa.

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**Royce Mills** (Reeves 1956-60) died after a brief illness on 21 May 2019 aged 77. A master farceur, much-admired pantomime dame, and reliable comedy performer, he also provided the voices of the Daleks in numerous episodes of *Doctor Who*. A familiar face on TV, he typically played an affable, bumbling middle-class Englishman alongside many famous names, including, among many others, Morecambe and Wise, Dick Emery, Les Dawson, Mike Yarwood and Jim Davidson. Notably, in one *Morecambe and Wise* show, following a fake argument, the two stormed off stage, leaving Royce to sing *Bring Me Sunshine* on his own. He went on to carve out a niche for himself in roles of hapless, helpless, easily flustered incompetence. Royce was a West End veteran, an early linchpin of Ray Cooney's Theatre of Comedy and a National Theatre player. He also served on the council of Equity for a number of years.

On leaving school, where he must have been a protégé of his housemaster Ralph Simpson, he studied fine art at the University of Reading, gaining a BA. He then trained at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where he was a Major Open Scholar, Gold Medallist and Shakespeare Prizeman. He next joined Laurier Lister's company at Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud theatre. After three years he moved to the Bristol Old Vic Company where he played every style of theatre from Shakespeare to Shaw to Alan Ayckbourn.

He made his West End debut in Sandy Wilson's *The Boyfriend* in 1967 and went on to feature in innumerable stage productions in both London, the provinces and from New York to Hong Kong. In September 2000 he played Pooh-Bah, the Lord High Everything, at the Savoy 'with beaming countenance and plummy-voiced satisfaction'. From 1964 he featured on TV in shows such as *Crossroads* and *Doctor in the House*, and from 1971 in films such as *Up Pompeii* and *Up the Chastity Belt*, followed by John Schlesinger's *Sunday Bloody Sunday*.

On radio he was a 20-year stalwart of BBC Radio 4's weekly satirical show *Week Ending*. From 1999 he appeared in Gilbert and Sullivan productions for the D'Oyly Carte company at the Savoy Theatre and in the mid-1970s he co-founded the production company Mansion Plays for which he directed several plays. TV commercials, training films and travelogues took up a lot of his time and he could be seen extolling the virtues of Zanussi dishwashers and Mateus wine. As he once said, 'They're for the school fees'.

He supported Peter O'Toole in *Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell*, playing several acquaintances of the dissolute journalist, at the Apollo Theatre in 1989, and again at the Old Vic ten years later. In his later years he was regarded as one of the finest pantomime dames in the country, most notably at his regular appearances at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford. Another favourite venue of his was The Mill at Sonning, where he often directed and appeared in Ray Cooney farces.

Born in Tetbury, Royce as a boy lived in St Philip's Avenue, Eastbourne, with his mother Winifred Mills, a well-known local piano teacher and founder member of the local music and arts festival; she also taught piano part-time at the College and at Ascham.

A house prefect and lance sergeant in the CCF, he was a notable performer in College stage productions and his love of acting became clear. His performance as Descius Hiess in *A Shop at Sly Corner* was described as 'outstanding'; the part of the Mayor in *The Lady's Not for Burning* gave him 'ample scope for his well-known comic repertoire' and his role as the Emperor in *Androcles and the Lion* was described as one which would have 'delighted GBS' [George Bernard Shaw – author of the play].

He won prizes for geography, declamation and oil painting. He painted a set for the Junior Dramatic Society's production of *The Housemaster* and was hon sec of the Fine Art Group and the Independent Dramatic Company. His *Times*

obituary claims that when his mother could not afford to pay his school fees, the school sent him to the Grand Hotel with a letter recommending him for employment and that he could pay for his education by working in the kitchens. This, they claim, led to his performing Sunday night cabarets at the hotel and with comedian Sandy Powell on the pier: Put in charge of the props, he was required to fill a dozen pint glasses for Powell to drink in his Chelsea pensioner sketch. Instead of tinted water, he filled them with beer. The next morning, a badly hungover Powell sacked him. In 1960 he wrote a letter to the *Eastbourne* complaining about the lack of investment in the Art Department, adding 'It is high time the artists were released from their wet and windy garret'.

Royce is survived by his wife Emma, a singer and music teacher who is head of singing at Radley, whom he met when they were both appearing in *Some Like it Hot* in the West End. Their two sons, Max and Charlie, are both musicians. Emma writes 'Whenever we visited Eastbourne, Royce would reminisce about old masters and pupils; he was very proud to have gone there'. An earlier marriage was to Una Morris with whom he raised two daughters, Samantha and Miranda.



**Maxwell Edmund Page** (Ascham 1955-60, Pennell 1960-65) died in Brighton in December 2018 aged 72. He won a scholarship to the College (gaining the top award out of 27 who had been entered) and joined Pennell from Ascham in 1960. During his time at the College he was head of school and winner of both the HMS *Marlborough* Senior Maths Prize and the Russian Prize in 1964. He was also the hon sec to the Essay Society and a senior cadet in the RAF section of the CCF. A keen sportsman, he captained the 2nd rugby XV in 1964 and 1965 and the 2nd cricket XI in 1965.

After leaving College, he attended the University of Essex and graduated in 1968 with a BA in mathematical economics. Following a move to Brighton, he later became secretary to the East Brighton Golf Club.



**Jill Reading** died on 13 July 2019 aged 89. She was the wife of the late **Michael Reading**, housemaster of Granville House at Ascham, the former College prep school, who died on 13 August 1997. Jill had moved to Eastbourne to join Ascham as a catering manager, having trained at Queen's College in London. Jill met Michael at Ascham and they were married in 1957. From 1963 until 1977 they took over the running of Granville, one of the two boarding houses, from Guy and Vera Ross. They both steered Granville with its 50 boys, all under 14, in their quietly different ways. Jill, while bringing up a family of four, was an industrious and practical force behind the scenes, overseeing the cooking, catering and cleaning staff, and never drawing attention to the hard work the job demanded. Michael was a fine historian, having studied at King's College, Cambridge. Both allowed children to be children, and they both placed the welfare of their charges very close to their hearts.

Jill played tennis and loved the faithfulness of dogs, mostly golden retrievers, some of which had litters. She was a keen skier; having spent time in Italy where her father was stationed at the end of the war, and where she would ski in the Appenines at weekends. Jill also worked for five years in the school shop at the College, helping new boys, with their parents, to get kitted up. Many boys would pop into the shop as they passed down Old Wish Road for a quick chat and Jill always greeted them by name and was pleased to see them. In retirement, Jill became involved with dog agility and would travel for weekends to compete in trials. She would complement this with 'picking up' for estate shoots in the winter. Jill and Michael had four children, Claire, Tim, Jane and Kate.



**Christopher Herbert Reeves** (School 1945-49) died in Worthing on 4 March 2019 aged 86. He was the grandson of **Herbert Kempson Reeves** (School 1879-81). Herbert, who later became the College solicitor and vice-president of the College Council, was also a great benefactor to the College, giving large sums which paid in part, for a new day boys house, Reeves, which was named in his honour. Christopher's great uncles, **Edgar L Reeves** (School 1872-75) and **Hugh W Reeves** (School 1880-82) also attended

the College. Christopher was a member of the 1st hockey XI in 1949 and was described in the *Eastbourne* as being a promising player. His lifelong love of cars was clearly demonstrated, when, still at College, he took a series of snapshots of various models at the 1947 Eastbourne rally in Devonshire Place. He also enjoyed being outdoors; helping with the Findon shoot (aided by Sam, his springer spaniel); gardening and watching wild birds. He is survived by his daughter, Roberta.

**Maj Gen Nigel William Richards CB OBE** (Ascham 1953-58, Pennell 1958-63) died on 21 November 2019 aged 74. Educated at Peterhouse, Cambridge, Nigel was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1965. He was given command of 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery in 1983, and appointed Commander of 5th Airborne Brigade in 1989, Director of Army Staff Duties at the Ministry of Defence in 1991 and Chief of Combat Support for the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in 1994 during the Bosnian War. His last appointment was as General Officer Commanding 4th Division in 1996 before he retired in 1998. He was married to Christine and they had three children, Helen, Charles and Peter, and two grandchildren, Elfye and Thomas. Nigel was a loyal OE and a member of the Devonshire Society and came to two of the Foundation Golf Challenges. His cousin is General The Lord Richards of Herstmonceux (**David Richards**) (Wargrave 1965-70). A thanksgiving service is planned for Winchester Cathedral and we intend to carry a full obituary in our next edition.



**Richard Roberts** (Pennell 1945-48) died peacefully at home in Bega, New South Wales, on 15 September 2019 after a long illness. He was 87. After attending Plumpton Agricultural College, Richard emigrated to Australia in January 1951 and achieved his dream of owning his own beef farm where he and his wife, Rita, raised vealers. They had the property for 46 years, gaining the award for the top hill farm in the district without irrigation, never having to buy in extra feed for the cattle as they made our own

hay etc. and never letting the cattle graze in the one paddock for more than a day or two, if it was to be strip grazed. Before he gave up the farm in 2008, he 'learnt the explosives game' and worked with the council shot-firing and blasting in road construction.

He was an active member in the rural fire brigade for 52 years and spent nine years on the Rural Lands Protection Board, both of which he enjoyed being a part of.

He always said he would never have owned his own farm in England, so in coming to Australia that was achieved, but he never lost his love of the homeland and really loved watching anything of England on television. In his last few months he spent much time in regretting having never returning to England to revisit his old school plus many other old haunts. He is sadly missed by his wife, Rita, their five daughters, their husbands, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rita, her daughter Mary and her husband Craig, visited the archives in November 2019 and we were able to show them Richard's 1947 house photo and a picture of the old Pennell House which stood in Grassington Road. We also presented Rita with a copy of *Eastbourne College – 150 years in pictures*.



**Dennis Sawden** (Powell 1946-50) died on 18 January 2019 aged 86, after battling with macular degeneration and other health problems. Called up for national service in January 1951, Dennis was commissioned in July and served for two years in Germany with RAF Lüneburg near Hamburg, RAF Gatow and at RAF Wildenrath near the Dutch border. In 1953 he transferred to aircrew for pilot training at No 9 FTS at Wellesbourne Mountford, No 211 AFS Workshop and 231 OCU Bassingbourne,

training on Chipmunks, Harvards, Meteors and Canberras. Posted back to Germany in 1955 he flew Canberras with 104 Squadron for two years from Gütersloh and then with 59 Squadron. From 1957-60 he was based at the Air Ministry, with the task of speaking at boys' prep schools. He then spent six months at The Central Flying School, Little Rissington, training as a flying instructor; this led to his next role as an RAF instructor with the Cambridge University Air Squadron flying Chipmunks, with a permanent commission, flying from Marshall airport.

Promoted squadron leader in 1963, Dennis served as squadron commander at the RAF Technical College, Henlow, for two years. Then followed three years on officer selection duties at Biggin Hill, then three more years in Bedford as senior schools liaison officer; then another three years as a staff officer in the MoD and another two at RAF Henlow as cadet squadron commander. For the whole of 1966 Dennis was a student at the RAF College, Bracknell, and then for 1967-69 he served as flight commander with 80 Squadron, flying Canberra PR7s at RAF Bruggen in Germany. From 1981-84 he was OC Flying at RAF Halton following which he retired, aged 51, after 33 years on the active list. In the 1980s Dennis played a key role in the formation of the 77 Squadron Association and was a member of the original committee.

From 1984 until 1992 he worked from Leeds as an MoD civilian administering 19 squadrons in the West Riding Wing of the Air Training Corps. From 1992 he worked as a volunteer for 13 years at the Yorkshire Air Museum before finally retiring to a cottage in Galloway in south-west Scotland to be near to his daughter and grandchildren. In retirement Dennis wrote or edited 22 shortish

books, mostly about flying, and gave numerous talks to local clubs and organisations. Notable was his record of Donald Perrens' RAF service, which can still be purchased from the College archives for just £5 with the income donated, by Dennis's request, to the charity Help for Heroes.

In October 1963 Dennis married Charlotte, then a nursing sister with Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service (PMRAFNS). She died three months before he did. Their daughter Emma was born in 1964 and two grandchildren followed in due course. Dennis's brother **Anthony** was in Powell House 1948-50.



**Anthony John Solbett**, known as **Tony**, (Ascham 1965-67, Nugent & Wargrave 1967-70) died in October 2018 aged 65.

Philip Secretan, a friend of many years, remembers particularly Tony's love of football and music. He was a lifelong Chelsea supporter and a very good guitarist and key board player; his main interest was music from the 1960s and 1970s. In his early days, he received piano lessons from Andrew Lloyd-Webber's mother. Tony was also a good songwriter and performed both solo and as one half of a duo, The Has Beens in Harmony, at open mic evenings in pubs around the Kingston and Staines area.

Tony was initially in Nugent House followed by Wargrave. Earlier, at Ascham, he had won the Goodchild Plaque for Service in the Choir and the Peter Beckett Cup for Perseverance. During his time at the College he won his 2nd swimming colours and passed his proficiency exam in the RAF section of the CCF.

For ten years from 1972, he worked in insurance, six of those years as a loss adjuster, before becoming a self-employed musician. Following a number of other jobs he joined American Airlines at Heathrow as a baggage handler co-ordinator in 1992. Several years later, following a diagnosis of prostate cancer, he worked for a time for a community radio station. He started by reading the local news and events, weather forecasts and travel reports which he had to research and this gave him new focus. He saw this as a plus side of being ill. He bore his illness stoically and his positive attitude and optimism kept him going until his death.

Tony loved the area around Eastbourne, especially Beachy Head, and when asked where he would like to visit on his birthday a year before his death, he said without hesitation, Eastbourne. Although Tony couldn't walk very far, he did manage to get up on to Beachy Head and admire his favourite view. Tony's eulogy described him as a popular man, very outgoing, loud and confident and as having a heart of gold.

His wife, Jenny, whom he married in 1992, pre-deceased him in 2009. He is survived by his father and his sister, Diana.



**Eric Pendleton Southern** (Crosby 1934-39) died on 24 June 2019, a month before what would have been his 99th birthday. He is pictured here when he visited the College in 2010. During his time at the College Eric won a number of prizes including the Duke of Devonshire's Classical Prize and the Hollins Classical Translation Prize and was joint winner of the Nicholson Music Prize. He was also awarded a classical exhibition to Peterhouse College, Cambridge. His daughter, Jane, submitted this tribute to her father:

Eric knew so much about so many things. The birth and death dates of Bach, the Köchel numbers of the Mozart piano concertos, the architecture of Budapest, the origin of the word epiphytology (the research area of the Addenbrooke's registrar's boyfriend, which they discussed in his final days), the quickest way to get from Leicester Square to the British Library. He loved to learn and to cross-reference (all his books are annotated in his tiny handwriting, and stuffed full of relevant newspaper clippings), and he loved to impart the fruits of his studies. As a teacher he was less than patient with those whose abilities were less sharp than his, as some of his ex-pupils at the Leys can attest; but if you picked up his passion for his subject, then he was inspirational.

Born in Worthing, his father was a bank clerk who lost a leg in the war; his mother a secretary until their marriage, commuting into Euston from Watford in the early years of the 20th century. He was educated at Eastbourne College, then went to Peterhouse to read Classics, matriculating in 1939. Cambridge was a revelation and inspiration to him. But the war intervened and he went off to spend two years square-bashing on Salisbury Plain, which he called the most boring time of his life. But they did teach him to fly, and eventually he took the long voyage to Burma, where he flew a little reconnaissance plane in the jungle.

After dallying with the Foreign Office after the war he trained as a teacher and arrived at the Leys School, Cambridge, to teach Classics, where he stayed until his (reluctant) retirement in 1980, aged 60. In his late 40s he branched out into English Literature, took an MA at Exeter College Oxford, and taught a module at Pembroke, Cambridge, alongside his other teaching. In the 1980s,

having unsuccessfully tried to persuade my brother and me to enter the law, he did a degree of his own in Jurisprudence from City University, London, and for about 10 years, in his 70s, he taught the law there, travelling up to London a couple of times a week. At 80 he was forced to stop, whereupon he joined U3A and taught an extraordinary variety of subjects: Milton, Chaucer, Virginia Woolf, classical architecture, Vergil, Homer, Shakespeare. It seemed he could turn his hand to anything. These past few years he had been learning German.

He met my mother in 1955 at a post-chapel drinks do at the Leys, and she immediately became the most important person in his life. After they married in 1956 Eric became a housemaster, then after I and my brother were born they moved to Marion Close, where they lived for 39 years, until my mother's death in 2000. Four years later, having met Millie, Eric moved to his flat just off Maid's Causeway, filling it full of books, papers, magazines, files, chairs, bicycle clips and boxes of wine.

I could also mention his testiness with so-called idiot public servants, the letters to the council complaining about bollards and bus lanes; his lack of interest in cinema or popular music (which stopped with Victor Sylvester); his habit of replying to his granddaughters' letters with corrections to their factual errors or grammar; the way he dismissed anything that didn't interest him; the fact that he bicycled everywhere, had such acute hearing that he stood as control in a student's PhD on deafness in old age; never ever complained, could be the most generous and thoughtful person around; was constantly curious and informed about the world. He didn't believe in nostalgia, so I'm not sure what he would think of this memorial, but I hope it will stand as a commemoration for all of us to his infinite variety.

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**Murray Francis Steward** (Gonville 1953-56) died in New Zealand on 11 November 2017 aged 78. As far as we know, Murray was a farmer. At the College he was a rugby Stag in 1956, and an outstanding boxer (captain in 1956). He also won 2nd gym colours and was a member of the drums. In the CCF he won the Junior Lanyard of Honour and was an AB in the naval section. He was also a member of the choir. He was married to Pauline.

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**John Arthur Streeten** (School 1940-44) died in May 2019 aged 93. After service in the Royal Marines in the Second World War, John spent four years working in insurance in London before emigrating to New Zealand in 1952. Here he worked for a short while in public service, 'Training within Industry'. He then transferred from New Plymouth to Dunedin where he met his wife, Judy Anderson, a radiography student. They married in Dunedin where he joined Kodak NZ as personnel manager, followed by a post as personnel officer with Timaru City Council from which he retired in 1986. While in Timaru John took an active role with St Mary's Anglican church, serving in the vestry and as a church warden. He also coached junior tennis for the Wai-iti club. On retirement he worked as an industrial chaplain and as a volunteer phone counsellor for the Samaritans. John and Judy's three children, Amanda, David and Catriona, were all born in Wellington. John and Judy enjoyed travelling, and visited the UK where all three children were then living. Judy died in 1995 leaving the three children and five grandsons. He played a big part in all their lives. In 2009 John moved into a care home in Christchurch, New Zealand, where he was slowly losing his sight. He remained in good health and humour until his very later years.

At Radley John was a school prefect, a rugby Stag 1943-44, a 1st XI cricket colour and a tennis colour. Playing scrum half, his end of season report said that 'he has made many good breaks, tackles soundly and is a valuable player' and his final cricket report said that he was 'a batsman without polish but has played some good innings'. He passed Cert A and was a lance corporal in the OTC. He was the son of the **Revd Arthur Streeten MC** (School 1898-1904) and nephew of **Gilbert Streeten CBE, MC** (School 1904-08) and **Francis Streeten** (School 1901-04).

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**Cam Tate**, former head groundsman at the College, died on 8 April 2019 aged 71. Cam (short for Camille) was born on 20 May 1947 in Eastbourne to father James and Belgian-born mother Henriette. He had three younger brothers, twins David and Philip, and Bernard.

The family lived in Hampden Park where Cam, who always disliked school, attended Highfield Junior, then Ratton Senior School. Gifted with manual and mechanical skills, from his boyhood Cam was fascinated by model aircraft and motorbikes. After a variety of jobs including laundry boiler maintenance, glazier, and a stint with Jempson's Motorcycles, Cam got a job as a groundsman at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club. This led to him being headhunted by the College in 1966 to look after the grounds and playing fields.

A few years later he became a mechanic with Champion Motors but eventually the College persuaded him to return to the grounds staff where he remained until he retired.

*The Eastbournian* magazine in 2005-06 paid tribute to Cam on his retirement. He had been associated with the College for some 40 years, and head groundsman from 1993 when he took over from Ralph Bryant. He helped oversee the introduction of the Summerdown pitch, the Beresford Astro turf and the practice nets at the Memorial Ground, and built up excellent relations with the nearby ground staff of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club and Saffrons, enabling each to benefit from the other. His mechanical skills were also appreciated: 'He was never happier than when servicing the College's machinery, be it motor mower or tractor, and is also a keen aircraft modeller, preferring to make his models from scratch rather than buy the ready-made article.'

Cam married Chris on 5 October 1968 and they set up home in Cam's College flat in Carlisle Road. Cam adopted Chris's daughter Stella and they had two children of their own, James in February 1969 followed by Emma in July 1972. Stella, James and Emma grew up with a multi-talented, ingenious dad who could turn his hand to pretty much anything. He devoted all his spare time to being with them and teaching them so much.

A founder member of East Sussex Soaring Association and part of the club for many years, Cam built his own gliders. He also enjoyed windsurfing and designed and meticulously constructed windsurfing sails which he supplied to competitive windsurfers. Although he didn't participate at this level of windsurfing, making the sails gave him almost as much joy and satisfaction as doing the sport himself.

Cam became a proud and devoted grandfather to seven grandchildren, Adam, Fiona, Jack, Harry, Charlie, Mark and Henry. In more recent years, he became a great-grandfather to Mia, Max, Milli and Frank.

Throughout the 50 years of their marriage, Cam and Chris were an inseparable couple who accomplished so much together. They celebrated their Golden Wedding quietly in Cornwall where Cam pinged the family a photo entitled 'Mine and Mum's first selfie'. They renovated a bungalow in East Dean and over the years owned three yachts, Sanda, Paganini and Intrepid, all moored at Port Solent.

We are grateful for much of this information from the eulogy read at Cam's funeral, which concluded: 'Cam will be remembered for the non-judgemental, humble, courageous, heroic and unassuming person that he was... The husband, father and grandfather who his family turned to for advice, support and guidance.'

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**Peter Townley** (Wargrave 1938-41) died on 22 September 2019 aged 95. Peter was born to an English mother and Australian father in the village of North Cray in Kent, where his parents ran a large poultry farm. He was fortunate to grow up in a rambling farmhouse and garden surrounded by open fields. It was there that his love of nature and the great outdoors was nurtured. After attending Merton Court Prep School in Sidcup he went to the College in 1938 as a member of Wargrave House, and was evacuated to Radley in 1940 as concerns about an attempted German invasion grew.

As Peter was one of the junior boys, he went first to Nuneham Park (across the river from Radley). He remembered that the park 'had plenty of appeal, especially the profusion of butterflies to be seen'. He recalled that because accommodation was limited, he had to sleep in a farm outbuilding at Wick Hall and had to 'bathe in a hip bath on a very wet flagstone floor'.

In 1942 he successfully volunteered to join the Royal Marines, and saw active service in the Far East. When the war ended he tried his hand at accountancy but soon decided that it was not for him, and instead entered the horticultural world and took a job at a commercial glasshouse nursery. This led to him starting his own market gardening operation, growing and selling produce to the London wholesale markets, and then on to a role with the horticultural division of the National Farmers Union at their Hyde Park Corner HQ. By that time he had met and married June, and his daughter **Alison** (Nugent 1970-72) and son **Alistair** (Gonville 1970-75) had arrived on the scene. The family moved from Kent down to Salehurst near Robertsbridge in East Sussex in 1970. Peter stayed with the NFU for over 20 years, masterminding their major produce displays at the Chelsea Flower Show, Lord Mayor's Show and Liverpool Festival on many occasions. His interest in conserving the natural environment resulted in him being involved in the formation of the Tree Council and becoming its secretary.

One of his other great interests was books, and he developed a splendid collection of travel writings and the works of fellow Sussex resident Rudyard Kipling. He was also a keen student of the stock market and an intrepid traveller, revelling in visiting some unlikely locations including the 'closed' country of Albania at the height of the communist era. In his retirement Peter lived very happily with June in Herstmonceux for over 30 years, playing a leading part in

many community activities, and saw out his days in his delightful home as was his wish. He was a member of the Devonshire Society, an avid reader of the *Old Eastbourne* magazine, and a regular attendee at events at the College, often with his son-in-law **Kim Deshayes** (Foundation Director 2004-08).

Peter is survived by his daughter Alison Deshayes, his four grandchildren, including **Cathy Lewis**, née **Deshayes** (Nugent 1999-2001), and his three great-grandchildren. His son Alistair pre-deceased him. A donor to the Project 150 campaign, Peter also donated to the Birley Centre and there is a seat in the Jennifer Winn Auditorium named on behalf of the Townley family.



**John Frazer Trapp** (Ascham 1954-59, Gonville 1960-63) died on 7 June 2019, aged 72, from complications following a fall at home, after a number of years of ill health. His daughter, Sam, contacted us with a tribute to her father:

John loved his time at the College and often regaled his daughters with stories of College life in the 1960s, sporting achievements and high jinks, which often ended with him and his friends breaking bounds and heading to the nearest pub. A keen sportsman, John enjoyed rowing, rugby and athletics

during his time at College, and his love of sports meant he was often found running, cycling or playing squash and later, real tennis until his health deteriorated in more recent years.

On leaving College he trained as a chartered accountant in London and experienced both highs and lows in the financial turbulence of the last 50 years in a career which took him as far as New Zealand for a short time, although the pull of family brought him back to the UK for his final years. A very private and humble man, he did not boast about his achievements and preferred to concentrate on the here and now, the living and enjoying of life.

John met his wife Shelagh and they married in 1971 (they were later divorced) and they soon left London, and moved closer to where they'd grown up to bring up their daughters, settling on the Berkshire/Buckinghamshire border, on the Thames. John loved the river; the Cookhams and Bourne End, and enjoyed walking in the area and messing about in vintage boats. He often entertained both friends and family - a Trapp party was always a good affair, with plenty of food, wine and laughter.

John is survived by his brother **Maurice** (Gonville 1962-67), sister Edna, daughters **Sam** (Nugent 1991-93) and **Jo** (Nugent 1993-95) and grandchildren, of whom he was especially proud, Jessica, Tom and Libby.



**Thomas Dodsworth 'Dod' Wainwright** (School 1954-60) died on 28 May 2019 aged 78. Born in India, Dod was a boy at St Andrew's 1949-54 where he was head of school and captain of cricket and shooting. At the College he was head of house and head of school and excelled at several sports, as a sprinter, a swimmer but notably cricket where he spent three seasons in the team, the last as captain when he scored over 700 runs at an average

of 51. He soon became an enthusiastic member of the OE cricket club. After studying at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and gaining a BA/M.A. and a Cricket Crusaders cap, he taught at St Andrew's for two years before joining the College staff, teaching economics and history. He was house tutor in Wargrave and coached cricket and other sports. He became headmaster of St Andrew's in 1969, aged 28, where he remained until 1984. He improved the look and facilities of the school, introduced girls, and increased pupil numbers and the number of scholarships gained (four top Harrow scholarships in 1975 and 14, including six top ones, in different public schools in 1983). He built the school's reputation for academic excellence. But he was also responsible for the Durlacher gymnasium, the Anderson swimming pool, the Vestey common room, the Burston art studios and, after the merger with Ascham, the Ascham Block. Following his departure from St Andrew's, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio, joining the investment bank Salomon Smith Barney as a senior vice-president before retiring to Florida. In the US he was a trustee for the Boys Hope/Girls Hope in Ohio, for the Cleveland Center for Child Research and Development and for the Hannah Perkins School for Disturbed Children.

At the College Dod won prizes for German and biography and colours for cricket (captain in 1959, '60, the batting cup in 1957, '58, '59). *The Eastbourne* commented, 'During Wainwright's five years in the XI there has been a noticeable improvement in the standard of cricket at the College and much of the credit is due to his enthusiasm and understanding'. He was also a rugby Stag in 1959, fives (captain 1959, '60; singles and doubles cups), 1st athletics strings (the track

events cup) and 2nd swimming colours. A chapel warden and sub-editor of the *Eastbourne*, Dod was hon sec of the Gramophone, Musical, Dramatic and JDS societies. As an OE in 1975 he introduced David Winn to the OE Society and six years later David became chairman and soon became a governor. Dod was married to Annie; they brought two children, Mark and Sarah, into the world.

**Frederick James Westlake** (Reeves 1981-86) died on 18 November 2019 aged 52, after a long fight with cancer. At school he was a hooker in the 1st XV and captain of both the cricket 1st XI and the fives team. We hope to have a full obituary in next year's edition.

**Robert Brice Williams**, formerly **Meirion-Williams**, (Powell and Reeves 1945-48) died on 28 January 2019 aged 89. After national service with the RAF, Robert qualified as a solicitor and practised in Oxford with the firm Marshall and Eldridge. At the College Robert was a school prefect, head of house and a member of the Modern VI. He passed his higher school certificate and won prizes for French and biography and the Imperial Studies Prize. He was an editor of the *Eastbourne* and a member of the Essay, Shakespeare and Archaeological Societies. His brothers were **David** (Powell 1947-51) and **Geoffrey** (Powell 1952-55). Geoffrey's three children are twins **Ingela** (Nugent 1984-86) and **Katherine** (Nugent 1984-86), and **Anthony** (Craig 1990-95). **Finlay Moir** (Wargrave 2011-16) is Katherine's son.



**Jonathan Lionel Wood** (Wargrave 1971-76) died of pancreatic cancer on 6 April 2019. Many OEs of his era will no doubt remember the wonderful hospitality, ambiance and welcome that Jonathan brought to Ruby's wine bar and Quaffers in west London. He excelled in sport at the College and played characters in school productions with panache.

His ambition from an early age was to run a wine bar and during the school holidays he worked in the banqueting suite at a hotel near the family home in Godalming. He was also a keen sportsman, and played in the College 1st XV rugby team where he got his Stag in 1975. That year, the *Eastbourne* reported: 'J L Wood, a most hard working and ferocious wing forward, substituted ably for Leader in the later matches...'

Rugby was not his only sporting strength as he played 1st XI cricket and 1st XI hockey. But his talent also shone when performing on the College stage, playing the Artful Dodger in a 1972 production of *Oliver!*. The *Eastbourne* reported that 'Jonathan Wood bawled out his 'Consider Yourself' song with all the required gusto...' The result of this was that he was offered a part in a planned West End production but it was too difficult to fit in with school. He was also excellent as the Sergeant Major in the 1975 College production of *Oh! What a Lovely War*.

On leaving College he completed a business course at Guildford County Technical College and then gained managerial experience at Ruby's wine bar off the Bayswater Road. The highlight of this was entertaining the French rugby team late one night, hosting a 'lock in' by keeping the premises open just for them.

He went on to work at H Sichel and Sons in London (the German wine producer and trader behind Black Tower, Blue Nun and Liebfraumilch that were so popular in the 1980s). They thought very highly of him and went on to back him financially in his own wine bar called Quaffers in Paddington, London.

It was at Quaffers that he met his wife of 36 years, Lydia, who started as a waitress and ended up a director of the business. She also took over the chef's role, taking Quaffers into the *Evening Standard's* Top Ten Wine Bars of the Year awards. However, the recession of the early 1990s affected many wine bars, including Quaffers. Undaunted, after helping Lydia and her friend establish their hairdressing salon, Jonathan moved into the kitchen retail business where his engaging, caring personality, determination and diligence made him a highly valued member of the team.

His last 16 years in this industry were at Poggenpohl UK (a bespoke kitchen design company), where he and a colleague developed an all-inclusive customer care department. As the managing director said at Jonathan's funeral it was 'a role he totally excelled in'. For Jonathan was a team player in every sense of the word, not just in sport, always putting the wellbeing of staff, customers, installers and the business before himself.

#### Corrections

The following corrections are for obituaries carried in the 2018 *Old Eastbourne*. **Alfred Glossop's** house was given as School, but it should have been Gonville.

**Michael Matthew's** house was given as Wargrave, but it should have been Powell. He was aged 86 when he died, not 75 as we stated.

We apologise for these errors.

# HIGHLIGHTS 2018–19

The following pages are extracted from Eastbourne College's Highlights booklet, which reviews the school year from September 2018 to August 2019.



It is a great pleasure every year to witness our pupils achieve so much inside and outside the classroom. We are lucky to have outstanding staff and first-class facilities, and it is wonderful to see our boys and girls make the most of their abilities during their time at the College. We are also fortunate to be situated in a beautiful seaside setting which allows our pupils to flourish in a healthy and relaxed environment, fixing their sights on new horizons.

Last year was particularly exciting as we began to take full advantage of our new facilities, facilities which Tatler recently described as being some of the best in the country. In a year when we celebrated our 50th anniversary of educating girls, we were delighted that Dame Katherine Grainger agreed to open our P150 buildings. As Britain's leading Olympian, and as an academic in her own right, I am sure she would be impressed by the achievements of our current generation of girls, including

offers to read medicine at Cambridge, and materials science and PPE at Oxford.

However, an Eastbourne education is about far more than boys and girls achieving very well academically and across the whole curriculum: it is about developing young people who are hallmarked for life with the good character instilled by the College values which will, in turn, see them go out into the world to lead successful, generous and fulfilled lives.

We are delighted that 2019 has seen record numbers of pupils attending the College. If you would like to learn more about the school or to arrange a visit please contact my colleagues in Admissions ([admissions@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto:admissions@eastbourne-college.co.uk)) and they will be very pleased to help you.

**Tom Lawson**, Headmaster

## Key facts

Eastbourne College is a co-educational, boarding and day school for pupils aged 13–18. The College is an educational community in its broadest sense rather than just an academic institution. It offers a huge range of opportunities outside the classroom and provides the time, space, care and expertise to enable children to benefit fully from everything available.

- Number of pupils 650
- Boarding to day ratio 45:55
- Staff to pupil ratio 1:7
- Average class size 14

## Scholarships and bursaries

The College awards academic, all-rounder, art, art textiles, design and technology, drama, music, sports, and a variety of other scholarships. These include the Professor Soddy Awards (named after the eminent former pupil and Nobel Prize winner in chemistry) worth up to 100 per cent for pupils from maintained schools who achieve outstanding results and wish to attend the sixth form. Means-tested bursaries are also available.

## Flexibility

A minibus service takes day pupils to school in the morning and home at 6.00pm or 8.00pm. Pupils can choose on the day when they wish to leave, and most stay late several evenings a week. Day pupils may eat supper at the College on any weekday. Flexible overnight accommodation is also available for day boys and girls.

## New shape of the week

The school has a new finely tuned timetable following feedback from parents, pupils and staff. The new timetable optimises educational contact time, and provides a guided optional Saturday morning enrichment programme of academic and other activities as opposed to compulsory lessons. Lesson time devoted to each subject is increased on weekdays, with plenty of breathing spaces and variety along the way to maintain a healthy, whole-of-learning approach. The changes create tangible benefits for an increasing proportion of families in which both parents have busy working schedules, and provide new enrichment opportunities for the thriving boarding and day community. The College remains vibrant over the weekends, and there is a rich programme of boarding activities and trips on Sundays.

## CELEBRATING OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY

In 2018 we celebrated our 150th anniversary with a world-first 3D video-mapping show, using state-of-the-art technology to transform the Memorial Building into a stunning display of the College's 150-year history.



As our 150th anniversary passes, it is worth a look back at the aims in the words of the founders of the College:

*'To provide a classical, mathematical, and general education of the highest class.'*

**(Memorandum of Association, 1867)**

*'To open a school here owing to the remarkable healthiness of Eastbourne.'*

**(Object and Plan, 1867)**

*'In Eastbourne, out of Eastbourne, alike, let your character be known for good... Be brave, be generous, be pure, be true.'*

**(Headmaster Revd James Wood addressing pupils at the opening of the school, 1867)**

The academic highlights section of this booklet should demonstrate how closely we adhere to the founding challenge to provide an education of the 'highest class'. Exciting new initiatives include the introduction of a School of Pre-Medicine, with nine pupils in the Upper Sixth currently aiming to read medicine, supported by our own Dr Emily Miller. We are proud of our historic links to the medical profession. One of our founders was an eminent physician, Dr Charles Hayman, and several former pupils have enjoyed distinguished careers including Guy Thorpe-Beeston, the current surgeon-gynaecologist to the Royal Household. Following the success of the School of Pre-Medicine, we have now launched the School of Pre-Engineering to inspire and support pupils in this field, working alongside the universities of Southampton and Sussex.

We exploit the health benefits of Eastbourne and we think of ourselves as the 'blue health school', harnessing our coastal location to the benefit of our children's physical and mental wellbeing. We are making greater use of the sea, and, every year, host a beachfront aquathlon in the autumn term.

Our values-based education promotes traits such as being able to get on with all manner of different and sometimes challenging people, being comfortable in unfamiliar settings, and resilience. There is nothing quite like the house system to foster these life-skills. Through house spirit, charitable activities, creative and independent work, pupils develop into adults who are good people who other people want to be with. Revd James Wood would be proud that Eastbournians 150 years on are brave, generous, true and 'known for good'.

Everyone within the Eastbourne College community understands and believes in the following key values:

- Pursuit of excellence
- Participation
- Integrity
- Courtesy
- Kindness
- Taking care of those who take care of us

These values guide all activity at the College and form the bedrock upon which every pupil's education stands, providing them with the attitude and personal skills to flourish both at school and beyond.

The school fulfils its stated aims to develop pupils with pursuit of excellence and participation, integrity, kindness, courtesy and a firm appreciation that all people have the same intrinsic worth.

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# EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AT THE COLLEGE

The Eastbourne College community is now enjoying the world-class facilities provided by the new Nugee and Winn buildings. One thousand friends of the College generously supported the project, helping to raise the £33 million that positions the Eastbourne College learning environment as one of the best in the UK. The development won this year's Sussex Heritage Trust award for highly commended projects and received a special commendation for the Building Award at last year's Education Business Awards.

## Project 150

PI50 delivered five high-quality projects in one, maximising the use of the space available, and is both environmentally sensitive and high-tech, using combined heat power as an electricity supply and fully computerised building control systems.

The Nugee Building, phase one of the project, comprises 20 classrooms, a new pavilion, two specialist IT suites, a school shop, and several stunning entertaining areas. The second, final phase, the Winn Building, was officially opened by Dame Katherine Grainger, and

includes a further 12 classrooms, a Sport England-compliant sports hall, a six-lane swimming pool with full touchpad Swiss timing system, squash courts, a dance studio, fitness suite, a breathtaking new dining hall which can serve some 600 pupils in one sitting, and a pupil café.

## Overnight accommodation for day pupils

Following increasing demand from day parents for the College to offer pupils overnight stays as and when desired, Arnold Lodge provides flexible overnight accommodation for day boys and girls in a welcoming and comfortable residence.



Eastbourne College's facilities are now some of the best in the country and the pastoral care is second to none. Head Tom Lawson is doing a stellar job. Parents are keen to shout about its achievements – 'It is quite a gem,' says one.

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# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The results achieved by our boys and girls are consistently higher than many much more selective schools. Our value-added performance places us in the top tier of all UK schools.



Pupils celebrating 2019 exam results

### 2019 examination results

Looking back at 2019, pupils achieved another set of excellent results. Almost 40 per cent of all grades awarded at A-level were A\* or A. With pupils taking at least three subjects, all at the gold standard A-level or Cambridge Pre-U level, the overall pass rate was once again above 99 per cent. Over one in five pupils achieved a clean sweep of A\* and A grades, and over two thirds of all grades were A\*, A or B. There were outstanding individual performances from a number of pupils including **Bill Cao, Ian Chee, Remus Gong, Eleanor Long** and **Abigail Thompson** who each gained at least three A\*s among their A-level grades. Results in maths, the sciences, modern languages and the creative arts continue to be beacons of excellence, with 100 per cent A\* to B grades in key facilitating subjects. Once again the vast majority of pupils achieved A-level grades that enabled them to access top courses at leading universities at home or abroad.

At GCSE, 56 per cent of all grades awarded were levels 9, 8 or 7 (equivalent to the former A\* or A), with 35 per cent of all grades at levels 9 or 8. In biology, chemistry and physics over 80 per cent of grades were level 9 to 7. In maths almost 60 per cent of grades were also level 9 to 7. In art, Greek, history, Latin, modern foreign languages (French, German, Spanish), music and physical education the most common grades were 9, 8 or 7. Seventeen pupils achieved eight or more 9, 8 or A\* grades, with **Tianlu Wang** gaining twelve 9 and an A\* in Chinese, **Rebekah Agunede** and **Tom Meeks** gaining nine 9 and two 8, and **Oliver van Noort** achieving seven 9 and four 8.

### Value added

Rated against all other schools in the country on the basis of 'value added' (comparing the underlying ability of the cohort with its exam results), year on year the College is typically in the top four per cent of schools in the country.

### Oxford and Cambridge

Over the past five years 18 pupils have secured places at Oxford and Cambridge to read subjects as diverse as biological sciences, chemistry, classics, economics, fine art, law, linguistics, materials science, medicine, music, natural sciences, physics, PPE (philosophy, politics and economics) and theology and religious studies. Our congratulations to those who secured their places in 2019.

### Other academic highlights include:

#### Art

**Sasha Marlow** represented the College at the regional heats of the ARTiculation competition in Folkestone and was highly commended for her speech on the work of fashion designer Alexander McQueen



Sasha Marlow

### Biology

**Shaumya Kularajan** and **Luke Muschialli** both entered essays entitled 'Drug formulation: a science or not a science?' into the Peterhouse College Cambridge Essay Competition

### Business



College Young Enterprise team

The College's Young Enterprise's company Unum won best website, best brand, best presentation and best overall company at the Area Showcase and Finals at the Amex Stadium, reaching the Regional Final where they finished runners-up out of all the schools in the South East

### Chemistry



Chloe Cox, Charlotte Imbert and Florence Ji

**Maho Okada** won a silver award and **Paniz Tayebi, Goh Shieh Yeow** and **Clem Xu** won copper awards in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Competition. **Liv Reeves, Sung Tangwatanawongsa, David Udegbe** and **Jasmine Wright** won awards in the Top of the Bench competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry. **Chloe Cox, Charlotte Imbert** and **Florence Ji** finished third in the South East Region of the Royal Society of Chemistry Analytical Division's Lower Sixth Competition

### Debating



Harry Jachuck and Abby McNally

Pupils travelled to Oxford University for the Oxford Global Model United Nations conference where **Lewis Buckle** achieved an honourable mention as a delegate of Russia. **Lewis** and **Oliver Wright** represented the team at the English Speaking Union regional rounds. The senior debating team attended the King's College London tournament with many winning records. The team also attended the Cambridge University and Oxford University schools debating competitions. **Harry Jachuck** and **Abby McNally** advanced to Oxford Finals Day where they received first place in two of their four rounds

### Design



Oliver Williams at Williams Formula One

**Hal Mills'** design for a folding snowboard was selected for the national finals of the Triumph design awards. **Oliver Williams'** design for an action sports filming drone was entered for the same competition, and Oliver spent time at Williams Formula One body shop team where OE **James Crook** is senior aerodynamics engineer

### Economics



College sixth form pupils with Baroness Harding

As part of the Year of the Girl, ten sixth form pupils spent time with Baroness Harding (previously CEO TalkTalk), Laurian Osborne (Facebook) and Nicola Tennent (Barclays Capital). They heard about the successes and challenges faced by these women in their careers

# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

## English



Leila Lopez-Moran and Sophie Nicholles

**Erin Banks** created an artistic response to New York Times bestselling novel *Ruby*, novelist Cynthia Bond commenting: 'That is one of the most stunning things I've ever seen in connection with my work.' **Leila Lopez-Moran** and **Sophie Nicholles** made

submissions to the Thomas Campion Essay Competition run by Peterhouse College Cambridge, exploring, respectively, the notion of time in works such as Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* and Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake*, and the mathematics of poetry from Virgil to Alice Oswald. Both Leila and Sophie have been invited to the prizewinners day at Peterhouse, having been placed in the top ten out of over 200 entries. **Eleanor Long** recited her own poetry at a performance in aid of CALM, and was put forward for a creative writing mentorship with **Mimi Khalvati**

## Extended Project Qualification

Thirty-three Upper Sixth pupils successfully completed their level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). The EPQ is highly respected by universities, and each pupil submitted a dissertation of approximately 6,000 words. Topics ranged from humanities and arts-based subjects to more scientific and economics focused areas of research. Questions included:

- Is continuing stem cell research ethically viable?
- Should the NHS fund music therapy to treat people with ASD?
- What was the economic impact of the Second World War?
- What does the popularity of 'true crime' documentaries tell us about our society?
- How can the rise of the populist far-right be explained and understood?

## Geography



College Geography pupils with Lord Lawson

Upper Sixth pupils had a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament followed by a discussion on climate change with

Lord Lawson and an afternoon at the Global Warming Policy Foundation where issues around climate change mitigation and adaptation policies were debated. **Jerome Convert**, **Tom Meek** and **Oliver van Noort** finished fifth out of 20 teams at the Brighton and Hove Geographical Association's World Wise Quiz. Geography pupils took part in beach clean as part of Plastic Free Eastbourne initiative

## History



History trip to Civil War battlefields

Pupils went to Washington DC taking in visits to the White House, Supreme Court, Congress and Civil War battlefields. **Rae Greenhow** entered the St John's College Oxford Classics and Ancient History Essay Competition and was invited for a study day as a result. **Billy Nicholles** and **Max Schnuppe** entered the New College of Humanities Essay Competition on the topic 'Can history teach us lessons?'

## Mathematics



Tamas Lovas, Julie Sun, David Udegbe, Elena Yang and Chorus Yuen

**Bill Cao**, **Mingzhe Hu**, **Florence Ji**, **Charlie Reed**, **James Song**, **Elena Yang**, **Harry Yeung** and **Chorus Yuen** won gold medals in the National Senior Maths Challenge proving that they are among the very best mathematics pupils in the country. In the national Intermediate Maths Challenge College pupils won 15 gold, six silver and six bronze awards. **Tamas Lovas**, **Julie Sun**, **David Udegbe**, **Elena Yang** and **Chorus Yuen** qualified for the elite national round of the Olympiad having achieved scores which put them in the top 500 or so of their respective age groups

## Modern Foreign Languages



Julie Sun and Josh Moreton

**Josh Moreton** was awarded bronze at advanced level and **Julie Sun** bronze at intermediate level of the UK Linguistics Olympiad

## Photography

Pupils worked with professional photographer Alistair Guy as he took photographs for the Bourne Beautiful project

## Physical education



Dr Gary Stidder

**Nick Crowther, Joel Pearce, Max Redman** and **Annie Wilson** were highly praised by the lead moderator for the completion of their A-level practical evidence. GCSE pupils attended workshops on sports related degrees run by Dr Gary Stidder and undergraduates from the University of Brighton

## Physics



Pupils visit CERN

Upper Sixth physicists travelled to Geneva to explore the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research). **Bill Cao** and **Clem Xu** achieved a bronze one award in the Physics Olympiad. **Bill** was also awarded a merit for the A2 Olympiad Challenge. **Joseph Shouksmith** achieved a bronze award in the AS Challenge. **Lewis Goater** and **Ben Stotesbury-Byrne** achieved a bronze two award in the AS Olympiad Challenge. **Clem Xu** was offered a place at Oxford University to read materials science

## Politics



Politics trip to Congress

Pupils visited Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court as part of the Washington Trip, hosted by Congresswoman Pingree on a tour of the House of Representatives. Pupils travelled to Westminster to take part in a Q and A session with John Bercow, Anna Soubry and Chuka Umunna. **Abigail Thompson** and **Luca Wells** won tickets to PMQs as part of the John Belk Memorial Prize. They and other Lower Sixth pupils enjoyed a tour of the Palace of Westminster welcomed by Stephen Lloyd MP. Pupils visited Holme Wood House to listen to Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee Tom Tugendhat MP

## Scholars



Cameron Lindsay, Emily May, Will Neal and Sapphyre Mills Kennelly

**Cameron Lindsay, Emily May, Sapphyre Mills Kennelly** and **Will Neal** were commended for their proposal to build a new beach gym in Eastbourne, a concept taken forward as part of *Your Town Your Ideas Your Future* initiative

## Textiles

**Antoinette Chastang's** dress was chosen to enter the Royal Opera House's challenge to design a costume for the ballet *Romeo and Juliet*. The judges described her dress as 'highly imaginative and appropriate to the director's vision'



Antoinette Chastang's dress

# CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

At the College we celebrate young people's creativity, nurturing and developing their skills from the day they arrive. Pupils work with top professionals across all the creative fields.



**School of Rock**

**A rich and diverse dramatic programme...**

Forty pupils from across all year groups performed in *School of Rock*, with **Henry Turnbull** taking the lead role. The onstage band included **Jerome Convert, James Grout, Liv Jayaraj and Joe Muschiali**, while **Kiri Marshall, Sophie Nicholles, Veronica Travers** and **Ben Young** had major vocal solos. **Helen Grout, Ashraf Owasil** and **Max Walker** were members of the offstage band

**Imogen Carr, Felix Harffey-Burkhill, Sasha Marlow, Harriet Morss-Davies, Olivia Williams** and **Thomas Watkins** performed *Hedda Gabler*

**Uma Carey-Morgan, Lily Flint, Tilly Morgan, Billy Nicholles, Sophie Nicholles, Max Schnuppe** and **Darcey Wootton** performed *A View from the Bridge*

Year 10 GCSE drama group performed *Hamlet* at the Old Market Theatre Brighton as part of national Shakespeare schools festival

**Imogen Smith** worked with professional actors in a pro drama performance of *Drawn and Quartered*, and performed *Serenity* at the Edinburgh Fringe alongside **Harry Hodierne**. **Imogen** and **Harry** both earned places at drama college



**Hedda Gabler**

Every Year 9 pupil performed in the annual house drama competition directed by Lower Sixth pupils

**Harry Hodierne** and **Thomas Watkins** appeared in a film that OE **Eddie Izzard** produced and starred in with **Judi Dench**. **Eddie Izzard** also performed a one-off performance of his stand-up show in the Le Brocq Studio

OE **Ed Speleers** (*Downton Abbey* and *Eragon*) visited the College while he was working at the Devonshire Park Theatre



**Harry Hodierne and Thomas Watkins** filming with **Eddie Izzard**



**A View from the Bridge**



Summer concert

...and a wealth of musical opportunities

The summer concert saw **Helen Grout**, **Leah Hallinon**, **Sian Sulke** and **Luca Wells** performing instrumental solos accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra



Chapel Choir

The 50-strong Chapel Choir sang evensong in All Saints' Hove and performed Rutter's *Magnificat* in St Saviour's, while the Chamber Choir joined forces with Ashdown House to perform Vivaldi's *Gloria*

The Jazz Band performed for the College's Christmas lunch, the Winter Ball, the St Wilfrid's annual charity lunch and at the Eastbourne Bandstand

The Singer Songwriters recorded two albums, available on Spotify and iTunes, and played for the P150 3D video-mapping projection on College Field and at the Eastbourne Bandstand. **Mimi Helyar** was awarded a place at the Academy of Contemporary Music

Watt won the House Singing Competition and Powell the A Cappella Competition



Leah Hallinon and Sian Sulke

Sixty pupils entered the Young Musician of the Year won by **Leah Hallinon**, while **Sian Sulke** won the inaugural Alan Caffyn Singing Competition. **Leah** and **Sian** passed their ARSM diplomas with distinction, with **Sian** winning a choral scholarship to St Peter's College Oxford and **Leah** winning places at the Birmingham Conservatoire, the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, and Trinity College of Music

**Leah** and **Luca Wells** continued their studies in the junior departments of the Royal College and Royal Academy of Music respectively

**Lianna Yuen** gained a merit in her ARSM diploma, and Grade 8 distinctions were achieved by **Isaac Chu** (piano), **Luke Muschialli** (piano), **Max Walker** (piano and singing) and **Juliette Zeilmaker** (violin)



Year 9 iPad orchestra

Year 9 iPad orchestra performed Pachelbel's Canon in D, referenced in House of Lords' debate on the effective use of technology in schools

The pro music concert and masterclass series included concerts from the London Abel Quartet and Flora Curzon and Benedict Williams, and a music theatre masterclass delivered by Nigel Richards

# CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



Creative arts trip to New York

## Art

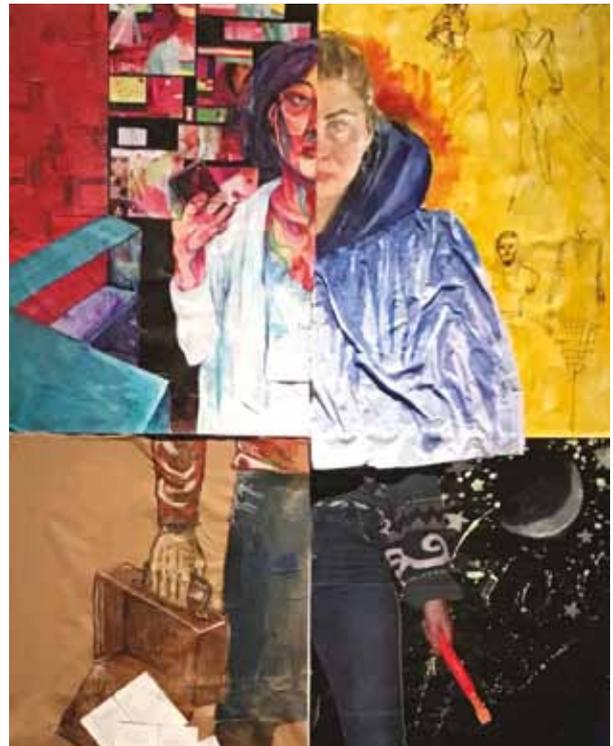


Rachel Kinchin

Rachel Kinchin won the prestigious Cardiff School of Art and Design's ceramics excellence award in the Under 16 category, being displayed in the Cardiff Metropolitan Gallery

Erin Banks was selected to complete 20 illustrations for an historical novel presented for publication to national agencies

Erin and other Lower Sixth art scholars Imogen Carr, Sasha Marlow and Olivia Wood exhibited their work as part of the *Draw Me In* exhibition at the Towner Art Gallery



*Draw Me In*

## Dance



Pupils performed in a dance spectacular in the JWA, showcasing their talents in ballet, Bollywood, jazz and street

They participated in workshops with nationally renowned dance companies including James Cousins Company and Christopher Bruce's Phoenix Dance Theatre Company

## Dobtscheff Award

A record number of entries were submitted for the annual award for a creative response to English texts which **OE Vernon Dobtscheff** has supported for over 60 years. **Leila Lopez-Moran** won this year with her book inspired by *The Bell Jar*

## Photography



Tess Donnelly

**Tess Donnelly** finished second in the national Boarding Schools Association photography competition in memory of internationally respected photographer Khadija Saye



**Shaumya Kularajan** with photographer Alistair Guy next to her portrait in the Bourne Beautiful exhibition

## Textiles

**Libby Carpenter** in collaboration with **Tess Donnelly** worked with images taken from the Chapel windows to create a series of repeat patterns printed onto lengths of fabric for the Mary Lowndes exhibition in the Warren Atrium. **Kennie Lumley** produced a banner for the exhibition in the style of the suffragettes

## Gold Arts

Thirty-seven pupils across the sixth form worked towards their Gold Arts Awards, supported by professional practitioners. Gold Arts Award is the highest level on the Regulated Qualifications Framework, and develops young people's creativity, communication, planning, teamwork and leadership skills. The award is also recognised on the UCAS tariff

### Highlights include:

**Phoebe Henrick** – Developed art and photography skills, and led on makeup for a charity fashion film

**Eleanor Long** – Produced a poetry and photography exhibition, worked on the Mary Lowndes exhibition curation and with international musician Elsa Hewitt on lyrics for new composition



**Eleanor Long** (right), curating 'From Chapel Windows to the Art of Protest' as part of her Gold Arts Award incorporating work by Libby Carpenter and Tess Donnelly

**Beth Piper** – Produced a charity fashion film

**Samat Shagdamov** – Produced a street photography exhibition

**Amy Shi** – Developed street dance and ballet skills, and produced a dance showcase

**Olivia Williams** – Developed ballet and street dance skills, and choreographed the St Andrew's Prep production of *Bugsy Malone*



Pupils working with Smokescreen Visuals as part of their Gold Arts Award

## SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

An all-inclusive programme of sport is an integral part of life at Eastbourne College. While striving for excellence (ie sport at the highest level) we believe in participation, and offer opportunities for everyone to represent the College either as elite players or as enthusiastic members of other teams. Over 96 per cent of the College have represented the school in a fixture this year, and all have access to the new facilities including sports hall, squash courts, a 25-metre swimming pool and state-of-the-art gym.



### Athletics

The College hosted the Sussex Independent Schools Diamond League in May, and several pupils qualified for the Sussex Championships which resulted in **Aimée Wood** earning a place in the Sussex Schools Athletics team, along with **Toby Bright** and **Jacob Doherty**

### Basketball

The College competed for the first time in the Sussex basketball league, working with new coach and former England International Samuel Cricelli



U14 county champions



Tawanda Muyeye

### Cricket

The 1st XI won 16 out of 20 matches, including a victory over the MCC, and scoring over 400 for the first time in the College's history in their 254-run victory over Brighton College. The U14

boys won the County Cup played at Hove County Cricket ground, and the U15 boys progressed to the national quarter finals after winning their County Cup. **Tawanda Muyeye** scored his second double hundred for the College in the match against Brighton. **Tawanda** represented Sussex U19 along with **Oli Carter** (who also represented Sussex CCC 2nd XI with **Jamie Atkins**), **Dan Ibrahim**, **Joe Pocklington** and **Harrison Tagg**. **Dan** represented an England U15 XI, scoring 52 in their win over West Indies. **Dan** also represented the South East Region, and **Dan**, **Tom Pedley** and **Fin Tomlinson** played for Sussex U15 with **Dan** scoring 145\* against Essex and 76 against Surrey. **Fiontan Logan** and **Oli Streets** represented Kent U17. **Monty Dahms**, **Freddie Ferro** and **Hugh Middleton** represented Sussex U14 with **Freddie** scoring 86 on debut against Hampshire. **Connor Gorman** represented Kent U14. **Will Lucas** played for Hampshire U19

### Cross country

**George Pool** won the U17 county championship and ran the fastest leg in the U17 South of England road relays

### Equestrian



Callum Hynes

The team qualified for the Royal Windsor Horse Show and finished ninth against a strong national field. They also qualified for the NSEA National Finals, with **Abbie Buxton**, **Amelia Dipper**, **Callum Hynes** and **Charlie Pincus** taking sixth place in the 80cm jumping with style competition. **Callum** finished first in the 90cm showjumping at the Hurst Schools Show

### Fives

**Joe Lewis** won the boys regional U16 singles plate competition. The first girls fixture ever held was won against Christ's Hospital. **Megan Linden** finished runner-up in the U14 Nationals held at Marlborough College

### Football

The College fielded five teams involving 72 players in the Lent term, including a new fixture against Charterhouse. The College Michaelmas term football team was unbeaten for the fourth year in succession

### Golf

**Toby Clark**, **Will Oates** and **George Pepper** won the area round of the national Independent Schools Golf Association Competition, and finished 11th in the national finals played at Prince's Golf Club and Royal St George's, with **Toby** and **George** gaining silver medals and **Will** a bronze medal in the individual competition

### Hockey



Boys 1st XI National Plate finalists



Ben Fox

Boys 1st XI reached the National Plate Competition final at the National Hockey Centre in London, and finished runners-up in the Sussex Cup along with the U14 boys. The girls 1st XI finished runners-up in the new Sussex League. **Ben Fox** was selected for England U18 and played in every match in the three-match international series against Holland, as well as in the Six Nations tournament. A number of other pupils represented their county at Junior Academy Centre level, and some, including **Eddie Casselden**, **Tilly Fox**, **Hugh Middleton** and **Annie Wilson**, progressed to play at Regional Performance Centre level



Toby Clark, George Pepper and Will Oates

## SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS



1st squad with Natalie Haythornthwaite

### Netball

The 1st netball squad finished third at SISNA, narrowly missing out on the final of the Sussex Cup. The U15As won the Benenden Invitational and reached the semi-final of the National Plate. **Lily Harley** elected for Superleague Club London Pulse U15 for the Netball Premier League Tournament, and **Lauren Bennett** played in the 1st team for Hornets who won the Eastbourne league. Commonwealth gold medallist Natalie Haythornthwaite spent a day coaching players at the College and at St Andrew's Prep

### Rugby

**Theo Bevacqua** represented Wales U18, playing against France in a warm-up fixture, and then against England and Scotland in the Six



Theo Bevacqua

Nations (missing the other matches through injury) before touring South Africa and playing in all three internationals. **Theo, Reubin Hart** and **Henry Turnbull** were part of Harlequins U18, and **Murray Trott** played Sussex U18. **Spike Gleave, Kieran McGreevy** and **Josh Veitch** played Harlequins U16, and also Sussex U16 with **Scott Williams**. **Regan Law** and **Jack Soltermann** played Harlequins U15, and **Regan** played Sussex U15 with **Teddy Groves, Felix Griffin** and **Harrison MacKinnon** were with Harlequins U14, and **Toby Bright** and **Ollie Croll** with Sussex DPP. OE **Piers O'Connor** was selected for an England XV which beat the Barbarians at Twickenham, and OE **Alice Turnbull** captained Sussex women in the county championship final at Twickenham on the same day

### Swimming

Competing against 150 schools at the national Bath Cup in the Olympic Pool, the boys reached the finals of the freestyle finishing seventh and the medley finishing ninth. The girls finished 12th



Swimming squad at the national Bath Cup

overall. All College swimmers at the Bath Cup recorded personal bests, and **Edward Armitage** recorded a new College record for the 50m fly in 28.90. College swimmers were fortunate to benefit from one-to-one training with GBR Olympic and Commonwealth swimmers **Joe Roebuck** and **Amy Smith**

### Tennis



The senior mixed doubles team, third in the LTA national seniors competition. Senior girls tennis reached the semi-finals of the national Independent Schools championships, and the quarter-finals of the All British Schools championships. They also won the summer Sussex U18 schools title. The senior mixed doubles team finished third in the LTA national seniors competition. The girls team competed in the Sussex Ladies Club winter league for the first time and won their division. The U15 girls team won



U18 tennis county champions

the County Schools and the South East regional titles. **Aziza Aubin** and **Emily Gordon** were selected for the Sussex Ladies County team, and **Summer Reeves** and **Phoebe Watton** for the Kent Ladies County team. **Aziza Aubin** and **Phoebe Watton** won tennis scholarships to universities in Tennessee and Long Island respectively, and **Phoebe** was selected for the British representative Independent Schools team which beat the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon

### Triathlon



Noah Canby

**Noah Canby** was crowned national champion at the British Youth Triathlon Championships. **Noah** also won the overall sprint triathlon in the under 40 category of the 2019 Eastbourne triathlon sponsored by Eastbourne College

### Windsurfing

**Sam Williams** competed in the five-day RS:X European Windsurfing Championships, and leads in the UK Windsurfing Association Event 4 series



Sam Williams

## SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

From the day they start at the College, pupils have time to participate in a breadth of activities that enrich and broaden their experience and give them opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership and other important life skills.



School House pier-to-pier 26-mile walk

### Charity

Pupils, staff and the College community organised a broad range of events in support of a variety of charities. The Chapel charity for the year was The Chaseley Trust, a local charity which provides support and care for severely disabled adults. Savings from the frugal charity lunches held termly, Chapel collections and a superb Charity Revue organised by **Shaumya Kularajan** are some of the events which have so far raised £5,000 for the Trust.

Individual houses continue to be committed to fundraising and key events this year included:

- Blackwater Candy Canes at Christmas for The Chaseley Trust
- Craig CHAPS revue in aid of St Wilfrid's Hospice
- Gonville revue for the Royal British Legion
- Nugent 24-hour bikeathon for the Sam West Foundation and a cake sale and raffle for Sri Lanka (with Watt)
- Pennell raised money for a local homeless charity Rise and Shine
- Powell supported The Chaseley Trust with donations from the revue and made a significant contribution to the flash fundraising
- Reeves in-house table football competition
- School House sold hampers at Christmas, Valentine flowers in February and walked 26 miles from Brighton Pier to Eastbourne Pier for Plan International, Eastbourne Network and Bone Cancer Research Trust
- Wargrave 24-hour rowathon for St Wilfrid's Hospice
- Watt Cake sale for Blue Cross and a cake sale and raffle for Sri Lanka (with Nugent)



Nugent 24-hour bikeathon

Other events included:

- Charity Society organised flash fundraising of loose change for Rise and Shine
- Business Studies Young Enterprise scheme made and sold jewellery
- Drama Department sold interval drinks at *School of Rock* and *Hotel Paradiso*
- Events and box office teams collected milk-bottle tops for Prostate Cancer
- MFL Department served traditional French crêpes in aid of MIND
- School Shop with the help of Lee Fulwell organised a container of clothes, uniform, sports equipment and books no longer in use to be shipped to Kenya

## Community



Pupils planting ceramic pots which they made for The Chaseley Trust

One hundred and ten members of the Lower Sixth have been involved in a wide range of activities at the College and in the local community including helping the elderly, the disabled, children in primary and secondary schools and in charity shops. On campus, pupils have been involved in coaching junior-school sport, and with drama and conservation projects. During the coldest months of the year, a dedicated team was involved in setting up the Winter Night Shelter for homeless people at All Saints' Church. The Amnesty International group has been campaigning for human rights and organised for a representative from Eastbourne Networkx to speak in Chapel about their work with refugees living in the local area. Members of the gardening group have been busy making ceramic glazed pots to embellish the gardens at The Chaseley Trust, where they have also been planting and maintaining flower beds, and the green team have

been involved in environmental projects, including making bird boxes, alongside their beach cleaning and recycling activities. Pupils have provided a valuable service to others and their efforts are much appreciated

## Duke of Edinburgh



Beach cleaning

Thirty-two pupils worked towards their Gold and 64 towards their Silver awards. The College continues to have one of the highest Gold completion rates in the South East



Gold Duke of Edinburgh group walking on the Black Mountains in Wales

**Combined Cadet Force**

With over 320 cadets and 25 officers the College Combined Cadet Force remains one of the largest tri-service units in the country. The College had the honour of being chosen to represent the CCF nationally at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Twenty cadets from all three sections, and all four year groups, marched in the televised parade.



CCF in front of Admiralty Arch, Remembrance Sunday

**Army**



Lt General Richard Nugee

In the summer term the CCF was visited by Lieutenant General Richard Nugee CVO CBE, Chief of Defence People at the Ministry of Defence. Anthony Lamb was selected to be the senior CCF adult volunteer in the UK and Colonel cadets CCF

**Scott Williams** was selected to attend the Army STEM Camp which showcases the cutting-edge expertise of the army's technical corps and regiments, and offers opportunities for STEM-oriented young people



**Tom Stewart-Blacker** was promoted to Warrant Officer Class 2 and appointed Company Sergeant Major of the Army Section, a rare accolade

Tom Stewart-Blacker

**Navy**



Izzy Newton and Max Woolmer

**Alex Lock** and **Izzy Newton** both successfully completed their RN leadership course. **Izzy** has been promoted to Cadet Warrant Officer in the Navy Section, the first in over 20 years in our CCF. **Max Woolmer** completed the first stage of his Cadet Naval Aviation course and performed sufficiently well enough to be selected to move on to the intermediate and advanced flying courses over the summer of 2019. He was also selected to attend the RN leadership course in summer 2019 at RAF Cranwell

**RAF**



Abby McNally and Ethan Hackett

**Abby McNally** was promoted to Flight Sergeant by special permission of HQ Air Cadets. **Ethan Hackett** was selected for the prestigious RAF leadership course over Easter 2019 held in Gibraltar. The RAF section hosted the first ever joint exercise with 54 (Eastbourne) Squadron of the Air Training Corps

# PARTNERSHIPS

Pupils benefit from the College being involved in partnerships with local organisations, placing the school very much at the heart of the community. We truly value our relationship with local schools, and are delighted that six Head Boys and Girls from these schools were amongst those who joined the Lower Sixth in 2019.

## Eastbourne Schools Partnership

*The Eastbourne Schools Partnership provides an excellent model for how schools can work together for the mutual benefit of all pupils and staff. The way in which you collaborate across sectors, pool resources and share expertise offers genuinely exciting opportunities to young people, whilst at the same time having a real impact for good within the community.'*

Lord Agnew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education 2019

The Eastbourne Schools Partnership (ESP) is a group of 12 schools and colleges located in the Eastbourne area originally set up by the College with a small number of state schools in 2014. The ESP exists for the mutual benefit of all its pupils, and for the benefit of others across our region. The ESP comprises 15,000 pupils. After winning the national Education Business Award for its partnership work, the College was shortlisted for the 2019 Times Educational Supplement Independent Schools Partnership Award.

### Examples of ESP initiatives include:

- Medical careers workshop with Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- *Convention KS3* conference for 25 schools including ESP schools
- Sports degree workshop for year 10 pupils with Brighton University
- Joint ESP trip to St John's College Oxford



ESP trip to St John's College Oxford

- *Your Town Your Ideas Your Future* conference with ESP pupils presenting their ideas to 70 business and civic leaders including Stephen Lloyd MP, Lord Lucas and leader of Eastbourne Borough Council David Tutt
- *Making connections* workshops for ESP 'scholars' to develop thinking skills together
- Roy's Homework Club, with College Lower Sixth pupils

weekly mentoring GCSE pupils from Cavendish School, Eastbourne Academy and Willingdon Community School

- Weekly MFL Conversation Club, with College pupils working with Ratton GCSE pupils to improve their spoken French, German and Spanish



Helena Drew (right) with Lord Agnew and Georgia from the Homework Club



ESP MFL Conversation Club

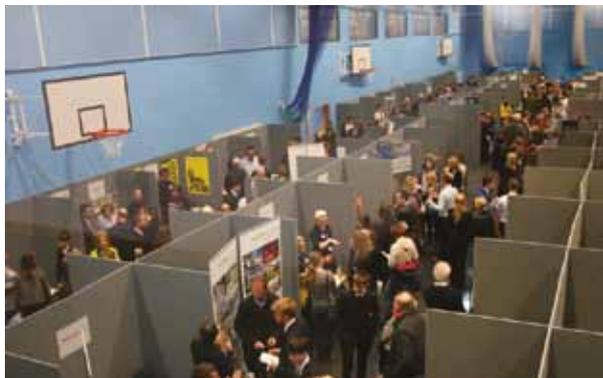
- Revision sessions, with College pupils helping ESP pupils in GCSE English and maths
- Tough Team Challenge afternoon run by College CCF pupils to raise self-esteem of local 'hard-to-reach' children
- Dance workshops with Rambert Dance Company, working with artist-in-residence Lindy Dunbar
- Aspiring leaders training afternoon for ESP teachers
- Joint textiles workshop with artist Catherine Stonard



ESP textiles workshop with Catherine Stonard

# FUTURES

Every year pupils are able to take advantage of a wide range of careers events and networking opportunities, as well as receive expert advice and guidance on further education.



Futures Convention 2019

### Futures Department

The creation of a new Futures Department has strengthened the support we provide to pupils across the school, enabling them to develop their skills and gain valuable experiences for life after College.

Over the year, a wide range of events and activities have taken place such as networking events, guest speakers, work experience opportunities and the new Futures Convention, all of which have given pupils a chance to start thinking about their plans for the future.

Over 250 pupils have had the chance to engage with industry professionals ranging from the creative sector to planning and engineering to law. The College has welcomed representatives from over 20 universities who have spoken collectively about the opportunity that university can offer. We have welcomed speakers and organisations who champion study outside the UK, support gap-year planning and who help advise pupils preparing for the world of work.



Legal networking at Lincoln's Inn

Pupils in Year 11 and the Lower Sixth have received personalised careers reports to help them make more detailed choices about suitable next steps after GCSE and A-level study, and the introduction of BridgeU software for the Lower Sixth and their parents has helped to make the task of choosing suitable university options a little easier for all involved.



Miss Gordon, Head of Futures

The new department has been very busy and looks forward to supporting pupils as they move through the school to gain the skills and experience they need to succeed in their future endeavours.

### Eastbourne College School of Pre-Medicine

Pupils aiming to study medicine, veterinary science, dentistry or allied health degrees received ongoing support including guidance with work experience and preparation for admissions exams from resident Dr Emily Miller, and attended various events including a seminar with psychiatrist Dr Connie Meijer and a workshop day with medics from Brighton and Sussex Medical School. In 2019 four pupils succeeded in achieving their grades to read medicine, including one being offered a place at Cambridge University. Nine pupils are currently aiming to apply to read medicine in 2020.



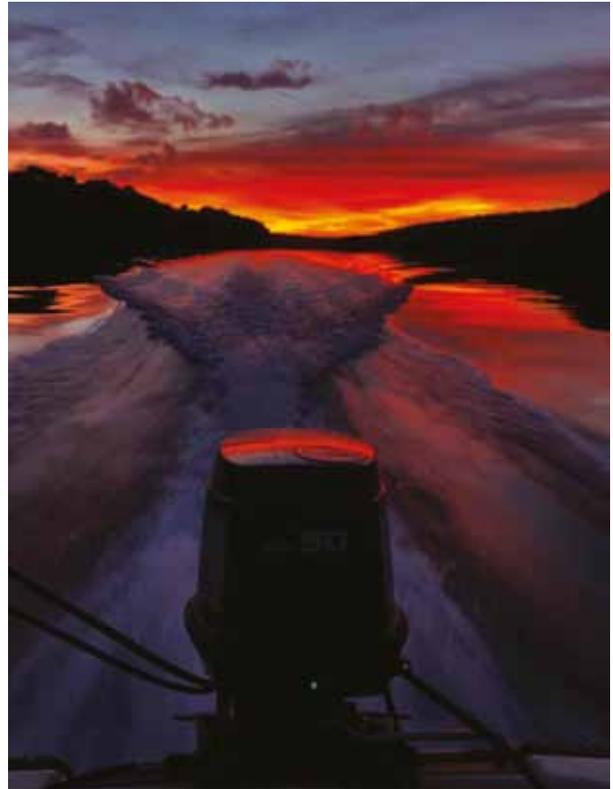
Dr Emily Miller, School of Pre-Medicine

# ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Photography Department led a competition embracing the theme 'Journeys'. The first-placed images, which were shortlisted, have been featured in the Nugee Building. Congratulations to James Zhou on winning the junior prize for this year's competition, and to Max Faulkner-Bryant who won in the senior category. The adult category featured images from staff, parents and Old Eastbournians, and the joint first place was awarded to Vicky Burford and OE Stuart Marshall.



Stuart Marshall



Max Faulkner-Bryant



James Zhou



Vicky Burford

# STAFF MOVES

## Newcomers

The following staff joined the College in the 2018/19 academic year:

### Michaelmas term

#### Elise Arnold – Drama

Elise obtained a BA (Hons) in music and musical theatre from the University of Chichester and completed her school's direct teacher training with KMT, specialising in drama.

#### Virginie Bravo – Modern Languages

Virginie was with the College for the 2018/19 year and more details are carried in the Leavers section below.

#### Jayne Caines – Marketing

Jayne joined as a marketing assistant in August 2018 and her role is supporting the Marketing Department in promoting the College.

#### Paul Calvert – Mathematics

Paul joined us from Bancroft's School in London. He attended Queen's College in Belfast where he obtained a BSc in mathematics. Paul is a keen sportsman and has coaching qualifications in tennis and hockey.

#### Owen Dennis – Mathematics

Owen previously taught mathematics at the College from 2011 to 2017 and returned in September 2018.

#### Luke Flanagan – Politics

Luke graduated from the University of Lincoln with a BA (Hons) in politics and also has a PhD in social and political science from the University of Edinburgh. He previously taught at Bexhill College.

#### Miss Gordon – Head of Futures

Miss Gordon joined us from London South Bank University where she previously worked as Head of Outreach and Engagement.

#### James Hooper – Mathematics

James has a BA (Hons) in mathematics and worked at Westminster School where he was a resident tutor of a boarding house.

#### Elizabeth Horridge – Art

Elizabeth is graduate creative in residence (photography and art) and joins us from Ashford School where she was artist in residence. She has a BA (Hons) in fine art from Bath School of Art and Design, and is particularly interested in sculpting.

#### Evie Lindsay – Biology

Evie has a BA in natural sciences from the University of Cambridge with an interest in pathology. She taught at Benenden School and joined the College for one term as maternity cover.

#### Julie McCaffrey – Physics

Julie joined us from Marlborough College, Malaysia where she taught

physics and chemistry. She has an MSc in optoelectronics and laser devices from the Heriot-Watt University.

#### Claire Ponté – Modern Languages

Claire worked part-time as French assistant for a year until summer 2019.

#### Keely Rainer-Jones – Matron

Keely joined as matron to Gonville House in September 2018.

#### Julia Sands – Modern Languages

Julia worked as German assistant until summer 2019, and more details are carried in the Leavers section below.

#### Kelsey Schott – Debater in Residence

Kelsey was the graduate debater in residence for 2018/19. She has now returned to the USA to continue her studies for a BA in political science and religion with a minor in mathematics at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

#### Daniel Sheppard – Sport

Daniel joined the Sports Department in September 2018 as Head of Strength and Conditioning.

#### Carol Sinclair – Mathematics

Carol worked as Head of Maths at Woldingham School, Surrey before joining the College. She has an MA in mathematics from Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University.

#### Paulina Taraskin – Classics

Paula, who has a doctorate in classics from King's College, London, joined us from Wimbledon High School. She taught at the College for the 2018/19 year and has now moved on to Stowe School.

#### James Tredwell – Cricket professional

James helps the Sports Department with cricket coaching, having recently retired as a player after a successful 18-year career. A prominent figure on the county cricket circuit, he also played two Tests for England.

#### Rachel Twine – Admissions

Rachel joined as an admissions assistant in October 2018.

#### Helen Weeks – Admissions

Helen works alongside Rachel in the Admissions Department, having joined at the same time in October 2018.

#### Verity Woodham – Biology

Verity is the new Head of Biology. She previously taught at Priestley College in Cheshire, having graduated with a MBiolSci from the University of Liverpool. She also underwent an internship at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand.

#### Georgia Woodroffe – English

Georgia joined the College as a part-time teacher of English. She is currently studying for a PhD in American litera-

ture at the University of Exeter.

## Lent term

#### Susan Edwards – Matron

Susan joined as matron, initially to Nugent House, then moved to Pennell House in September 2019.

#### Jack Hughes – Mathematics

Jack is an Old Eastbournian and was in Craig from 2008 to 2013. After his A-levels he attended the University of St Andrews achieving a 2:1 in mathematics. He has recently returned from travel in Asia and Japan where he was a ski instructor.

#### Fr Daniel Merceron – Chaplain

Formerly an army padre, Daniel joined us from Wellington College. He obtained his ministerial and theological training at Westcott House, Cambridge, and was, for three years, Rector of Cuckmere churches.

#### Kim Warwick-Cowtan – Chemistry

Kim obtained a BSc in chemistry from the University of Liverpool. She enjoys all sports, particularly tennis, enjoys learning languages and can speak Portuguese.

## Summer term

#### Abbey Gough – Chief Operating Officer

Abbey Gough was appointed as Bursar (now known as Chief Operating Officer) in the summer term. She was educated at Brighton & Hove High School for Girls before studying business and management at the University of Exeter, graduating with a first class honours degree. Abbey started her career at UBS investment bank on the trading floor, working in structured products and risk management. From there, she moved to Deloitte, where she qualified as a chartered accountant and spent ten years working in audit and capital markets, during which time she had two children, who have been at St Andrew's Prep since 2012 and 2014. In February 2016, Abbey moved out of practice and into industry, taking on the role of Head of Finance at Glyndebourne.

#### Hannah Perry – Chemistry

Hannah joined us from Cottesmore Prep School where she held positions as Housemistress for Girls, Head of Girls Boarding and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, in addition to her role as a science teacher.

## Leavers

#### Virginie Bravo

Recruited in November 2018 to cover Emma Wingfield Digby's maternity leave, Virginie fitted naturally in the Modern Languages Department with her happy and friendly ways and willingness to help. Her French and

Spanish classes have benefitted from her competence, experience and knowledge. She has supported all our linguistic events, including the cultural evenings, the charity sale of French crêpes at the Chandeleur in February and the Kirk Greene Reading Prize. She has also set up a popular pen-friend link between a school in France and two of her classes. She has left to take on a full-time post at Bede's Prep School and we wish her all the very best.

Manu Protin

#### Kathleen

#### Briedenhann

Since joining in 2007, Kathleen has proved to be one of those amazingly capable, adaptable and enthusiastic people, who are so valuable to schools like Eastbourne. Initially employed as teacher of geography, she quickly took over the role as head of EAL where she has transformed the activities, levels of pupil integration and confidence, and academic achievements of our international community. Not even five department moves fazed her – in fact with each move came new ideas, an ever-nicer environment, and better working resources and facilities for pupils and staff alike.

Alongside this Kathleen was resident tutor in Nugent under Linda Salway and Vicky Burford, where she initiated the house charity trips to South Africa, leading four in total. Her infectious sense of adventure and community are present in these trips where the Nugent girls worked with children from a local school and raised money to support the communities there. More recently, Kathleen has tutored in School House, becoming one of the dearest friends of the housemistress, Laura Mackenzie.

Her sporting achievements, however, take us to yet another level of excellence. The story goes that on hearing that Kathleen was an accomplished junior squash player (by accomplished I mean that she had represented South Africa, her national team, aged 14!) she was quickly approached by Spencer Beal, head coach for fives at the college. He reports that she agreed to play and coach fives, 'only if she could make national champion'. He accepted this challenge, and within the year she had done just that! This shows us something of Kathleen's conviction, her competitive spirit, her ability to seize opportunity when it arises and her determination to see everything through until the end. It is also the case that in spite of her many and considerable achievements, she is never one to boast or self-promote and would much rather encourage and teach you to play a better game



than dwell on her own success.

Over the last few years Kathleen has undertaken an MA in International Relations at Sussex University achieving a distinction, of course! This research has further developed her interests in sport as a vehicle for community cohesion, and strengthened her determination to take on new challenges. She leaves us for Buenos Aires, and for adventures new.

We wish her every success and happiness and should count ourselves lucky indeed that we managed to keep her still for so long.

David Ruskin

### Za Crook

Za Crook worked as a laboratory assistant in the Biology Department from 2009 and retired in summer 2019.

She now plans to spend more time with her family; Za is married to OE Richard Crook (Powell 1966-70) and mother to James (Craig 2002-07) and Anthony (Craig 2005-10).



### David Ibbotson

The Rev David Ibbotson was College Chaplain from September 2016 to the end of the Michaelmas term 2018. He was also a teacher in the Chemistry Department. Prior to joining the College he was Director of Studies at Lord Wandsworth College for 15 years. After studying Theology at Sarum College in Salisbury he was ordained in 2012 and left teaching to undertake a curacy at Tewkesbury Abbey. From Eastbourne he has gone to Malvern College where he became Chaplain in January 2019.



### Paul Lowden

Paul Lowden joined the College as an English teacher in September 1987 and was Head of Department from 1991 to 1994. He had two periods as a housemaster, in Pennell from 1994 to 2000 and in Blackwater from 2000 to 2004. To mark his retirement, Paul was a special guest at the ES London dinner in April 2019 and a photo and tribute from Nigel Wheeler are on page 20.

### Carol Meade

Carol Meade was College Bursar from August 2007 to December 2018, during which time she managed the amalgamation of St Andrew's Prep and the College under one charity. She also oversaw the planning, development and realisation of the Project



150 development, as well as dealing with a huge range of day-to-day tasks associated with a busy school. Before joining the College Carol had been bursar at a West London girls' school and at Colfe's School in Lee.

### Matt Pringle

Matt Pringle joined the business and economics department in September 2015. After a year here, keen to enhance his



CV and advance his prospects in a takeover bid for the role of CCF head of navy section, he became Head of Careers, giving him a desk adjacent to the then 'First Lady of the CCF Admiralty' (and Head of HE) Karen MacGregor.

In fact, he did an amazing job as Head of Careers, managing to keep it running alongside a full teaching timetable and, of course, his burgeoning boating commitments. As events unfolded, I became his head of department in economics and he my head of department in careers. An odd dynamic that could only happen in a school but one which worked well largely because he was better qualified for both roles than I was.

Although never intentionally, I have been his academic head of department most of the time he has been here. He is a passionate economist with strong and well-supported views that he enjoys debating and defending. By his own admission, he enjoys the occasional bit of intellectual antagonism and to explore strong views. He earned the respect of economics pupils for his knowledge and confidence in the subject.

Eventually, with Karen gone, he could really stretch his oars by taking sole responsibility for the Navy section. A role I know he has hated for the admin as much as he has enjoyed for practical aspects of it.

He has been a consistent and enthusiastic duty tutor in Powell and has encouraged real change in many of his more challenging tutees. He is a man of great faith and this has also been an important part of his contribution, delivering sermons in chapel and showing that faith and economics are not mutually exclusive.

Almost all of these strings to his bow have been relevant to his choice to move, with Kirsty and his two daughters, to Monkton Combe in Bath. He will be Head of Economics, Business and Careers and he and Kirsty will be assistant houseparents in a boys boarding house. Three things are for certain: they will be lucky to have him; we will miss him; and his classroom will always be a little bit messier than his colleagues would like!

Jon Bathard-Smith

### Manu and Anilú Protin

Emmanuel (Manu) Protin arrived at the College in 2009 from Mexico, where he had spent two years teaching in San Luis Potosi. He was keen to continue his career in the UK, having already spent several years teaching at a variety of schools, including Kingston Grammar. He rapidly became a key player in the department, popular amongst colleagues and pupils alike. His classes always genuinely enjoyed learning French, thriving under his many quirky routines, such as role-play, his driving licence rewards and sanctions scheme, and celebrating every French fête. I have it very firmly on record from his hsms and tutees in School House and Reeves that he was also unfailingly caring and diligent as a tutor, always seeing the best in pupils, and supporting and encouraging them in his quietly persistent way. A keen sportsman, Manu promoted football in the College and built up and strengthened the College teams, and has coached hockey, tennis and athletics.



Manu quickly became Head of Life and Learning and contributed significantly to the development of the PHSE programme across the College, as well as organising the weekly Circus events and speakers for the Sixth Form, expanding the range of inspirational speakers pour plaisir et instruire. Colleagues particularly looked forward to being entertained during his regular promotional slots for Circus during the Friday staff briefings as he tried to offer a flavour of what would be on offer. He also organised the whole school lectures, inviting prominent leaders in their field to speak to staff, pupils and parents on a variety of topical issues.

In 2016 he became Head of Modern Languages, running the department with great care and efficiency for three years. During his tenure he has successfully overseen considerable changes to the exam system at both GCSE and A-level, and to language-teaching pedagogy. His trademark has been to promote French culture throughout the College, making the Fête de la Chandeleur an annual fixture on the calendar, making and selling crêpes to raise funds for a charity, and accompanying the annual French Exchange visit to Nîmes almost every year since his arrival.

He was the obvious choice to be chosen as Chairman of the Common Room and he has spent a lot of time supporting his colleagues and the school. His natural ability to communicate, with a preference for face-to-face communication, has really helped us all in matters such as the move into the new buildings, timetable changes and

pensions.

Manu arrived as a couple with his wife Anilú, who taught Spanish at the College, and leaves as a proud father of two boys. We wish Manu, Anilú, Evan and Adiel the very best for the next chapter of their lives as they return to Mexico, where Manu takes on the role of Head of the senior school of the Lancaster International School. Souvenons-nous souvent, Manu.



David Ruskin

### Julia Sands

Das ist wunderbar! That was the MFL department's reaction when Julia Sands joined the College staff again in October 2018 to be our new German language assistant. Julia had already been a successful language teacher at the College, as well as head of department at Sevenoaks School. She has been in charge of the sixth form Germanists, teaching them how to improve their speaking skills, worked with the GCSE classes and also helped a few native speakers to keep in touch with their language, develop their knowledge and prepare for exams. She has been key in bringing the latest of the German culture in the classroom and both pupils and colleagues alike have enjoyed her cheerfulness and warmth. Julia has now left to take up the post of Head of German at Brighton College and we wish her all the very best in her new role. She remains part of the College community, of course, so we only say: Auf Wiedersehen Julia!



Manu Protin

### Elizabeth Sheridan

Elizabeth Sheridan joined the College in September 2014 to teach mathematics, having spent a year as Head of Maths at Gildredge House School in Eastbourne, following five years at Woldingham School and a 12-year stint in international schools in Kuwait and Dubai. She left at the end of the Michaelmas term 2018 before a move with her husband to China.



### Peggy Squire

Peggy Squire taught English from September 2014 to summer 2019. She was second-in-charge with responsibility for English



Literature in 2016/17, and second-in-charge of the English Department from September 2017 until leaving in July 2019. She also served as a duty tutor in School House. She has left to go to City of London School for Girls to teach English.

**Andrew Swift**

Five years ago, nearly, a bright eyed and bushy tailed young chemist arrived at Eastbourne ready to impart his knowledge of and enthusiasm for the subject. 'Swiftly' in the intervening five years became a legend in Wargrave and then Gonville as the resident house tutor. He ran the circus lecture programme and coached soccer, fives, squash and athletics. Swiftly leaves having gained a wealth of experience and a very healthy set of exam grades for all of his classes. The sound of happy pupils burbling away about atomic structure is an impressive result. His considerable contributions to the chemistry department will be sorely missed - his running of the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and his overseeing of the Year 10 schemes of work to name but two. We wish him (and his



wife Georgie) the very best of luck in Millfield School, Street.

**David Miller**

**Mike Thelwall Jones**

Mike joined the Modern Languages Department in January 2018 to teach French and Spanish. It is never easy to start a new post in the middle of the academic year but Mike settled in quickly and efficiently, to go on and achieve a lot on many grounds in just one year and a half at the College. A man of multiple talents, Mike is firstly a fine linguist and an outstanding language teacher who knows how to inspire and connect with his pupils. Quickly promoted second in charge of the department, I am grateful to him for all his hard work and support to me and the whole language team. Mike has spent much time to help his pupils develop their skills, created many inventive and original teaching materials and shown us the way with the use of new technology in the classroom. He has run a variety of events such as cultural evenings, the poetry slam competition and the Kirk-Greene Reading Prize. and Mike has added much to the depart-



ment with his joie de vivre, camaraderie and sense of humour. He has been a caring tutor in Gonville and coached rugby, cricket and hockey with a great deal of talent, dexterity and dedication. We owe him the first girls cricket match ever organised on College Field. Mike has been a keen member of the school choir and I am sure everyone remembers his fabulous interpretation of a Beatles song in front of the whole school at the house singing competition. He also performed a beautiful song in duet with Oliver Gent during a French cabaret evening. Faithful to his club – Liverpool – he is now a European Champion. Mike's plan is to start a new career, most likely in the world of sport which is his passion. The College and the teaching profession therefore are losing a winner, a great colleague and a friend. We wish him all the very best, being sure he will never walk alone.

**Manu Protin**

**Dee Traynor**

Dee was matron for ten years, at Gonville House from 2009 to 2014, and then at Pennell House from 2015 until the



end of the summer term 2019.

**Annie Young**

Annie Young has demonstrated enthusiasm, commitment and a sense of fairness over the 18 years she has been at the college. Her peers have described her as a person with tact and diplomacy as well as kind, caring, witty, loyal and sincere. Annie began in the Art Department, moving on to DT to establish textiles in the College. She has been part of textiles since I joined the College and with Sally Weston we quickly became a team. Annie brought a fine art sensibility to her teaching, enabling pupils to flourish. As Watt housemistress (2013-17) she embraced the challenges with the well-being of the girls always at the centre, even drawing on her powers of persuasion to get them to run the steeplechase! She always provided support, enthusiasm and a firm steer to the girls. Most recently she stepped forward to take on the role as diversity champion and pushed ahead with the BeYou campaign, a legacy of which she should be proud.



**Zara Cosgrove**

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following scholarships and awards were made to pupils who started at the College in Michaelmas term 2019.

### Year 9

**Academic**

- Alexander Bailey (St Andrew's Prep)
- Isaac Ripley (St Andrew's Prep)
- Oliver Tutt (St Andrew's Prep)
- Alexander Watson-Wearne (St Andrew's Prep)

**Academic and Drama**

- Zain Radwan (St Andrew's Prep)

**Academic and Music**

- Esme Scanlan (St Andrew's Prep)

**Art**

- Alexander Davies (St Andrew's Prep)
- Missy Richardson (St Andrew's Prep)

**Design & Technology**

- Oliver Edmead (St Andrew's Prep)
- Marcus Skyrme (St Andrew's Prep)

**Drama**

- Emma Marsh (St Andrew's Prep)
- Mzingaye Ndlovu (St Andrew's Prep)
- Herbert Sleep (St Andrew's Prep)
- Ava Talman (Cumnor House)

**Drama and Music**

- Ludo Green (Vinehall)

**Drama and Sport**

- Eliza Jones (Great Walstead)

**Forbes Wastie All-rounder Scholarship**

- Lois Harffey-Burkhill (Roedean Moira House)
- Charlie Maidens (St Andrew's Prep)
- Oliver May (St Andrew's Prep)
- Kirsty Williams (St Andrew's Prep)

**Music**

- Frederik Jensen (St Andrew's Prep)

**Nigel Wheeler Sports Scholarship**

- Luca Dumas (Holmewood House)
- Ridley Flind (St Christopher's Prep, Hove)
- Kayla Ginger (Bede's Prep)
- Jack Greig (Marlborough House)
- Zachary Howard (Dulwich Prep Cranbrook)
- Alfred Hunter (St Andrew's Prep)
- Sophie McDonald (Gildredge House)
- Thomas McDonald (Gildredge House)
- Ella Panayiotou (St Andrew's Prep)
- Isabella Pedley (St Andrew's Prep)

### Sixth Form

**Academic**

- William Brown (St Richard's)
- Grace Buchanan (St Richard's)
- Thalia Dang (Overseas)
- Jake Ellwood (Gildredge House)
- Stella Grover (Gildredge House)
- Anda Kadia (Overseas)

**Academic and Music**

- Katherine Linaker (Christ's Hospital)

**Academic (Honorary)**

- Ella Blake (Gildredge House)
- Alastair Kent (Bexhill Academy)

**Academic (Honorary) and Sport**

- Molly Swingler (Cavendish)

**All-rounder – Jack Broadley Award**

- William Hipperson (Eastbourne Academy)

**Art – Textiles**

- Melis-Rose Ozcan (Ratton)

**Drama**

- Amelia Ridley (Gildredge House)

**Music**

- Lana Harffey-Burkhill (Roedean Moira House)

**Professor Soddy Award**

- Shahriar Alam (Bexhill Academy)
- Isobel Mitchell (Bexhill Academy)
- Isabel Stead (Cavendish)
- Mayuri Tambyrajah (Cavendish)
- Cameron Wallace-Carville (Cavendish)

**Sport**

- Jack Kennedy (Cavendish)
- Sean Collett (Colfes)
- Eleanor Daniels (Mayfield)
- Melanie Griffiths (The Belvedere Academy)
- Charlotte Holder (Gildredge House)
- Stanley Hughes (Chailey Comprehensive)
- Jack Kennedy (De La Salle College)
- Hamish Reilly (Maidstone Grammar)
- Hugo Askaroff (Gildredge House)

**Sport – Honorary Tennis Scholarship**

- Aria Wang (Overseas)

**Sport – Peter Bibby Award**

- Tom Hinley (Warden Park)

**Sport – Trevor Pescud Award**

- Arabella Moen (Queenswood)

# PRIZE WINNERS

## 2019

### Year 9

Emily Hale Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 9	David Udegbe
Art Achievement Prize	Emma Lewis
Chemistry Achievement Prize	James Zhou
Classical Civilisation Achievement Prize	Edward Rowell
Design and Technology and Textiles Achievement Prize	Kia Letcher
Drama Achievement Prize	Georgia Hutcheon
English as an Additional Language Achievement Prize	Pia Ros Velasco
English Achievement Prize	Polly Symes
French Achievement Prize	Polly Symes
Geography Achievement Prize	Jacob Kremer
German Achievement Prize	Oliver Shouksmith
Greek Achievement Prize	James Zhou
JL McIntosh History Prize	Polly Symes
Latin Achievement Prize	Juliette Zeilmaker
Mathematics Achievement Prize	Audrey Hang
Music Achievement Prize	Oliver Shouksmith
Philip Matthew Biology Prize	Juliette Zeilmaker
Physical Education Achievement Prize	Freddie Ferro
Physics Achievement Prize	Max Giddins
Religious Studies Achievement Prize	Jacob Kremer
Spanish Achievement Prize	Theodore Bathard-Smith
Tom Lewis Memorial Cup	Ben Van Noort

### Year 10

Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 10	Sapphyre Mills Kennelly
Art Achievement Prize	Florence Long
Biology Achievement Prize	Isabella Skarbek
Chemistry Achievement Prize	Gary Gao
Classical Civilisation Achievement Prize	Abigail Coleman
Dance Achievement Prize	Alexandria Hawkins
Design and Technology Achievement Prize	Arthur McKay
Drama Achievement Prize	Christopher O'Hanlon
English as an Additional Language Achievement Prize	Danru Wu
English Language Achievement Prize	Olivia Reeves
English Literature Achievement Prize	Olivia Reeves
French Achievement Prize	Dexter Richardson
Geography Achievement Prize	Emily May
German Achievement Prize	Georgiana Ginbey
Greek Achievement Prize	William Neal
History Achievement Prize	Olivia Reeves
Latin Achievement Prize	Isabella Skarbek
Mathematics Achievement Prize	Julie Sun
Music Achievement Prize	James Grout
Physical Education Achievement Prize	Abigail Coleman
Physics Achievement Prize	Shieh En Goh
Religious Studies Achievement Prize	Ksenya Karpovskaya
Spanish Achievement Prize	Federica Buckingham
Textiles Achievement Prize	Jessie-Mae Tarrant

### Year 11

Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 11	Natasha Symes
AL Margetson Junior English Prize	Cody Chan
Derek Mitchell Junior Geography Prize	Oliver Van Noort
ED Merrit Piano Prize	Benjamin Scanlan
GG Mohring Junior German Prize	Elsa Auer
JL Hortenstein Junior History Prize	Tianlu Wang
Junior Classical Civilisation Prize	Amelia Dipper
Junior Dance Prize	Anais Cabaret
Junior Drama Prize	Jerome Convert
Junior Latin Prize	Tianlu Wang
Junior Mathematics Prize	Elena Yang
Junior Prize for English as an Additional Language	Christina Jing Yuan Ni
Junior Prize for Physical Education	Oliver Streets
Junior Spanish Prize	Tianlu Wang
Marshall Junior French Prize	Poppy Moore
NJ Hill Junior Design and Technology Prize	Edward Alden-Templeman
NJ Hill Junior Project Prize for Computing	Christian Greenhow
NJ Hill Junior Textiles Prize	Juliette Lammerts
RA Henderson Junior Greek Prize	Olivia Jayaraj
Rex Colgate Junior Biology Prize	Arnold Shum
Rexie Adalian Junior Scripture Prize	Rebekah Agunede
RG Dyer Junior Art Prize	Lucy George
RG Dyer Junior Physics Prize	Arthur Lewis
Seymour Junior Singing Prize	Tianlu Wang
Tunstall Junior Chemistry Prize	Rebekah Agunede
WNWilliams Junior Music Prize	Tianlu Wang

### Lower Sixth

Outstanding Academic Performance in Lower Sixth	Chloe Cox
Alex Coates Physics Prize	James Yi Fei Song
Art Achievement Prize	Erin Banks
Baynes Classical Civilisation Prize	Rachel Greenhow
Blackburn Senior Singing Scholarship	Sophie Nicholles
Business Achievement Prize	Sophie Rust
Chemistry Achievement Prize	Charlotte Imbert
Crowden Further Mathematics Prize	Florence Ji
Dance Achievement Prize	Amy Shi
Design and Technology Achievement Prize	Matilda Morgan
Drama Achievement Prize	Imogen Carr
EC Arnold Biology Prize	Jacob Wheatley
Economics Achievement Prize	Mark Burnham
English as an Additional Language Achievement Prize	Adriana Gracia Casanova
English Achievement Prize	Rachel Greenhow
French Achievement Prize	Olivia Williams
Geography Achievement Prize	Dasha Gushchina
German Achievement Prize	Joseph Shouksmith
Greek Achievement Prize	Shaumya Kularajan
Green Mathematics Prize	Charlotte Imbert
Gurney Travel Scholarship	Samat Shagdamov
HJ Bannatyne History Prize	William Nicholles
Latin Achievement Prize	Megan Terry
Music Achievement Prize	Chelsea Chung
Percy Appleby Science Prize	Florence Ji
Philosophy and Ethics Achievement Prize	Olivia Williams

Photography Achievement Prize	Sasha Marlow
Physical Education Achievement Prize	Jessica Williams
Politics Achievement Prize	Mark Burnham
Spanish Achievement Prize	Leila López-Morán
Textiles Achievement Prize	Mackenzie Lumley

### Upper Sixth

Archbishop Gregg Senior Classical Civilisation Prize	Alexandra Williams
BH Thomas Senior Physics Prize	Remus Gong
BM Oman Senior Latin Prize	Sian Sulke
Broadley Prize for the Heads of School	Aimee Helyar and Joseph Pocklington
Buckland Award for 1st XV Rugby	Joe McIntyre
C Mackenzie Senior Art Prize	Daisy Mayhew
C Mackenzie Senior Biology Prize	Shieh Yeow Goh
C Mackenzie Senior German Prize	Oliver Gent
CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize	Shieh Yeow Goh
Duncan Ferguson Senior Geography Prize	Louis Heywood
EE Morris Painting Prize	Carla Maddison
Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize	Christy Ng
Ellis Firkins Senior Design and Technology Prize	Oliver Williams
Godden Memorial Prize for Gonville House	William Alston
Gubbins Senior Drama Prize	Imogen Smith
Harris Prize for Contribution to Girls' Sport	Annabel Wilson and Isabel McIntosh
HMS Marlborough Senior Further Mathematics Prize	Remus Gong
HV Waterfield Senior Music Prize	Helen Grout
John Le Brocq Memorial Scholarship	Lianna Yuen
Jubilee Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Upper Sixth	Abigail Thompson
Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports	Isabelle Newton
LG Chater Senior French Prize	Katie Meikle
Lord Hyndley Senior English Prize	Eleanor Long
Maurice ER Sims Prize for Contribution to Boys' Sport	Joseph Pocklington
Nelson Helmsley Senior Textiles Prize	Tess Donnelly
Newton Reading Prize	Edmundo Ortiz Alvarez
Organ Prize	Chelsea Chung
Peter Copp Senior Prize for Spanish	Joseph Pocklington
PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys' Sport	Noah Canby, Theodore Bevacqua and Benjamin Fox
PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Girls' Sport	Phoebe Watton
Pottery Prize	Rachel Kinchin
Professor Soddy Oxbridge Science Prize	Maho Okada and Clem Xu
RD Macklin Senior History Prize	Benjamin Kremer
Rexie Adalian Senior Philosophy and Ethics Prize	Holly Fletcher-Price
RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize	Leah Hallinon
Sculpture Prize	Cole Warren
Senior Business Prize	Alex Lock
Senior Physical Education Prize	Eliza Houchin
Senior Politics Prize	Finlay Dexter
Tenby Senior Economics Prize	Benjamin Kremer

# THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY



## The Old Eastbournian Association Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 July 2019

All figures in GBP

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions receivable		24,000		24,000
Profit from sale of OE Regalia		228		580
Sundry income		—		894
Revaluation of stock		(595)		—
		<u>23,633</u>		<u>25,474</u>
<b>DEDUCT OUTGOINGS</b>				
Annual Report	15,289		13,042	
Birley Centre sponsorship	—		—	
Other postage and stationery	—		—	
Secretarial Services	2,500		2,500	
Grants – Cricket	1,800		1,800	
Golf	1,500		1,500	
Football	—		—	
Squash	—		—	
Tennis	—		—	
Rugby	1,500		1,500	
Raisers Edge	—		—	
Sundry expenses	—		—	
OE events	—		—	
		<u>22,589</u>		<u>20,342</u>
		1,044		5,132
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>				
Received net of tax		36		7
<b>DEFICIT IN/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<u><u>1,080</u></u>		<u><u>5,139</u></u>

	2019		2018	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Balance Sheet at 31 July 2019</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
Balance at 1 August		37,181		32,042
<b>Deduct</b>				
Donation to Old Eastbournian Charity Birley Centre		—		—
		<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>
<b>Add</b>				
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account		1,080		5,139
		<u>1,080</u>		<u>5,139</u>
Balance at 31 July		<u><u>38,261</u></u>		<u><u>37,181</u></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>				
Monies on deposit at RBS plc				
Special interest-bearing account	20,588		23,052	
OE Regalia Stock Deposit	4,505		5,100	
Deposits paid on dinners/ other events	—		—	
Debtors	20,476		11,537	
Bank Current Account	1,000		1,000	
		<u>46,569</u>		<u>40,687</u>
<b>Deduct</b>				
Creditors		(8,308)		(3,508)
Bank account		—		—
		<u><u>38,261</u></u>		<u><u>37,181</u></u>

## Notice of Annual General Meeting 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastbournian Society (incorporating the Old Eastbournian Association) will be held on Saturday 7 March 2020, starting at 10.00am. OEs are welcome to attend the AGM and are asked to inform the Eastbournian Society office at latest by Friday 28 February 2020 if they wish to do so, by telephone to 01323 452314 or email to [jt@eastbourne-college.co.uk](mailto: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 2019.
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

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**Saturday 1 February, 7.00pm**  
**ES annual quiz and dinner**  
Function rooms, Dining hall (JT)

**Thursday 6 February, 4.00pm**  
**Eastbourne in the Second World War (talk)**  
Long Room, Nugee Building (JT)

**Friday 28 February, 2.00pm**  
**George IV: Art & Spectacle**  
Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace (JT)

**Saturday 29 February, 9.00am**  
**College open morning**  
(please book on College website)

**Saturday 7 March, 10.00am**  
**Eastbournian Society AGM**  
Snowden Room, Howell Pavilion (JT)

**Wednesday 11 March, 6.30pm**  
**Annual London dinner**  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

**Thursday 26 March, 2.30pm**  
**Mary Poppins**  
Prince Edward Theatre, W1D 4HS (JT)

**Tuesday 21 April, 4.00pm**  
**Eastbourne in the Second World War (talk)**  
Long Room, Nugee Building (JT)

**Friday 24 April, 5.00pm**  
**OE Lodge meeting**  
Masonic Lodge, South Street (JT)

**Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 April**  
**Tour to Champagne region**  
Depart from College (LB)

**Thursday 14 May, 7.00pm**  
**Events planning meeting**  
Long Room, Nugee Building (JT)

**Saturday 16 May, 11.00am**  
**Reception for grandparents of pupils**  
Birley Centre (JT)

**Monday 18 May, 12.30pm**  
**The Over-60s lunch (tickets £50)**  
St George's Hill Club, Weybridge (LB)

**Sunday 31 May, 12.30pm**  
**Gonville celebration lunch**  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

**Saturday 6 June, 9.00am**  
**College open morning**  
(please book on College website)

**Friday 19 June, 5.00pm**  
**OE Lodge meeting**  
Masonic Lodge, South Street (JT)

**Saturday 20 June**  
**Foundation Day for benefactors**  
By invitation only (CT)

**Saturday 27 June**  
**Speech Day**  
ES reception (LB)

**Saturday 5 September**  
**OE reunion day**  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

**Thursday 17 September, 7.00pm**  
**Events planning meeting**  
Long Room, Nugee Building (JT)

**Saturday 19 September**  
**Reception for parents of new pupils**  
Birley Centre (LB)

**Saturday 26 September**  
**The annual London guided walk**  
(Greenwich, meet at Tower Hill) (JT)

**Tuesday 29 September, 5.00pm**  
**ES committee meeting**  
PwC, 7 More London, SE1 2RT (JT)

**Friday 23 October, 5.00pm**  
**OE Lodge meeting**  
Masonic Lodge, South Street (JT)

**Thursday 12 November, 6.00pm**  
**Informal ES pub evening**  
The Dolphin, South Street (LB)

**Tuesday 15 December, 6.00pm**  
**Christmas carol service**  
All Saints' Church, reception at College (JT)

**Saturday 19 December, 7.00pm**  
**Winter Ball**  
(see advert at front of magazine) (LB)

## 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 29 January, 6.00pm**  
**Shipping**  
Baltic Exchange, London

**Wednesday 5 February, 6.00pm**  
**Legal**  
Pump Court Chambers, Temple, EC4Y 7AJ

**Friday 6 March**  
**Futures convention**  
Eastbourne College

**Thursday 8 October, 6.00pm**  
**Banking, broking and asset management**  
PwC, 7 More Place, London

**Friday 16 October, 12 noon**  
**The London business lunch**  
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**Dates for Insurance, Medical, Property, and Sales/Marketing/PR are still to be confirmed – please check the website**

## SPORTS EVENTS

For details of OE Golf Society matches and contacts please go to [www.oegolf.uk](http://www.oegolf.uk)

**Sunday 31 May**  
**Cricketer Cup preliminary round**  
OECC v Lancing Rovers (away)

**Sunday 14 June**  
**Cricketer Cup (if winners of above match)**  
1st round: OECC v Harrow Wanderers (home)

**Thursday 25 June**  
**MCC v 1st XI cricket match**  
11.30am College Field  
**Cricket dinner**  
7.00pm College Dining Hall (LB)

**Saturday 27 June**  
**Cricket: OEs v College 1st XI**  
College Field

**Friday 3 July, 11.00am**  
**Foundation Golf Challenge**  
Royal Eastbourne GC (CT)

**Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 July**  
**Old Eastbournian Cricket Week**  
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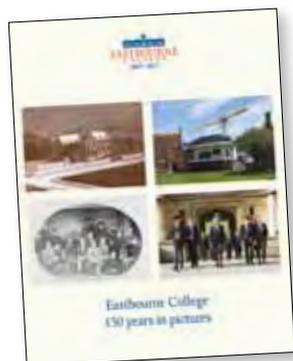
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## LIMITED EDITION PRINTS

We still have a few limited edition prints of 'Ex Oriente Salus 150' by artist Nicola King, which were produced for the College's 150th anniversary.

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