

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Archivist Paul Jordan writes:

We've had a real mixture of enquiries this year and have hosted a number of visits to the College. Archives volunteer Peter Durrant (Reeves 1967–71) is doing sterling work adding names to the online photographic database. You can access this if you register on the ES

website and then click on 'Digital archive' in the top menu. We would encourage more OEs to identify pupils in house and team photos, as unfortunately not all of the photos are captioned with names.

It is hoped too, that in a few months, a hard copy of the Second World War Roll of Honour, which has been updated by Michael

Partridge (Blackwater 1946–51) will be available.

David Atkins (Gonville 1949–54) has written a continuation to Vin Allom's 100th anniversary College history *Ex Oriente Salus*. Entitled *Eastbourne College: The Third Fifty Years 1967–2017*, it is now available. Please contact the archives if you would like a copy.

THE TRENCH BROTHERS

Michael Cotsell (School 1951–55) contacted us on behalf of his cousin, asking if we had any information about the Trench brothers who had attended the College in the early 20th century. We found the following details:

Maxwell Douglas Le Poer Trench (Gonville 1900–02), who played in the 1st XV shortly after EC Arnold had introduced the new rugby rules to the College, went on to be an adviser to the Portuguese Government on coffee grinding in East Africa; Arthur Hugh Donald Le Poer Trench (Gonville 1904–07); Power Watts Le Poer Trench (Gonville 1910–12), owner of a coffee plantation in Kenya; and Patrick Chevenix Le Poer Trench (Gonville 1915–16),

who ran a banana plantation in Jamaica.

THE MIKADO FAN

John Hayes (Blackwater 1968–73) responded to the Mikado fan article which appeared in last year's magazine. He contacted us to say not only did he share the same name as the owner of the fan but he is also a Past Master of The Worshipful Company of Fan Makers and a Trustee of The Fan Museum in Greenwich.

PETER HARTWELL

We received an enquiry about Peter William Beresford Hartwell (School 1939–40). Peter died on 5 June 1943, when his aircraft, a torpedo-bomber, crashed into the sea off the east coast of Scotland just after he had released

CHAPEL STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS

Jane Smith visited the College chapel in May 2022. She is writing a masters dissertation on the stained-glass artist and designer, Mary Lowndes, who designed six windows for the chapel which date from the period 1903 to 1919.

In October 2022, Kim Adams, a local tour guide, who includes the College site as part of his Devonshire Quarter tour, visited the College. We showed him the Cloisters (and plaques) and the war memorial hall. There was also a visit to the chapel to look at the stained-glass windows.



The West Window in the chapel, designed by Mary Lowndes, which commemorates 12 OEs who died in the Boer War

AGENT SONYA

As part of research by Michael Partridge (Blackwater 1946–51) for the obituary of Michael 'Maik' Hamburger (Pennell 1944–48) on page 99, we became aware of Ben Macintyre's book *Agent Sonya*, which provided some useful information on Michael's life as a child. The book is the fascinating story of Michael's mother, born Ursula Kuczynski, but perhaps better known as Agent Sonya, a German communist activist who spied for the Soviet Union. The book, which was published in 2021, is well worth a read.



his torpedo. He was 20. We forwarded the information taken from the Second World War Roll of Honour to the enquirer.

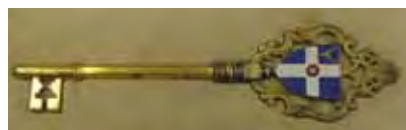
MARLBOROUGH HOUSE PREP, READING

Paul Mason, Head of History at Crosfields School, Reading, is tracing details of alumni of Marlborough House prep school in Reading who later attended the College. (Marlborough House merged with another school, Leighton Park, in 1940, and the junior school of Leighton Park

became Crosfields in 1957. It is not to be confused with Marlborough House Prep in Hawkhurst.) We were able to provide information about the five boys who came on to the College: Eric Edward Baker (Pennell 1920–24); Eustace Humphrey Bonnett (Crosby 1920–24); Trevor Francis Bonnett (Crosby 1924–28), brother of Eustace, Trevor was a pupil at and later taught at Chelmsford Hall prep school, Eastbourne; Henry Stanley Culherne-Brown (Crosby 1920–22); and Trevor Rex Colgate (Gonville 1943–47).

A KEY MOMENT IN COLLEGE HISTORY

On Tuesday 1 February 2022 a ceremonial key which had been used to open the door to the Arnold Wing of the Memorial Building when it was officially opened in 1930, returned to the College after nearly 92 years. The archives had been contacted by Chris Ayress to say that she and her husband wished to donate a key which had been bought by her husband's aunt and uncle in a sale at the home of the 1st Viscount Hailsham some years previously. The Viscount had been guest of honour at the opening of the Arnold Wing on 14 June 1930 and had been presented with the key. Chris



and her friend, Pat Harlow, visited the College and were shown the door (in the nicest possible

way). Chris kindly re-enacted the scene from 92 years ago by putting the key in the lock, hoping it wouldn't get stuck or snap off, but all was well. Chris added that, aside from the key, a pair of Viscount Hailsham's slippers had also been bought at the house sale, and these were later worn, with pride, by her husband's grandfather, a draper in Sandwich. The Hailsham connection has continued at the College as the 1st Viscount's great grandson William Koops was a pupil in Gonville from 2005 to 2010. William's father Eric Koops is also an OE (Gonville 1959–63).

NEW COLLEGE

We were contacted by a gentleman asking if his great-grandfather had come to the College and was it possible that his son came as well? We checked our records but without result. Then I remembered we had a file containing a list of boys who had attended New College (now Gildredge Free School). Sure enough we found the details our enquirer required. Ironically, the great-grandfather probably attended New College when it was based at Ellesmere Villas, the original home of Eastbourne College. The son was not so fortunate in life, according to the enquirer, he was a bigamist, repeated bankrupt and was eventually banished to Australia!

CS SMALLMAN PRIZE

We received an enquiry about the Smallman prize. The enquirer wanted to know more about Arthur Smallman (Blackwater 1906–09) after whom, she thought, the prize

was named. After carrying out some research, we discovered that it was his brother, Charles Strong Smallman (Blackwater 1907–11) with whom the prize is connected. An entry in a

1915 *Eastbournian* magazine stated that Sir Henry Smallman had endowed a fund for providing science prizes in memory of his son, Charles, who had been killed in action in December 1914. Prizes are normally given out on Speech Day but these were not held from 1915 to 1918, due to the war, we assume. The first mention of the Smallman prize was on Speech Day 1919 where it was described as the CS Smallman Natural Science Prize. The prize is still given and is now known as the CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize.

THE TAYLOR BROTHERS

Having recently moved to Eastbourne, one of our enquirers wanted to find out about his great-great uncles, John Taylor (School 1881–82) and Christopher Taylor (School 1882–83). We were able to send him some information and asked him to let us have further details of their lives post-College. Often we have only the school records and nothing about their careers and families, so we were very pleased when the enquirer was able to send us more details about the brothers' later lives.

FRANCIS HERBERT WALES

We had an enquiry from John Wales (Blackwater 1953–58) asking for details of his father's time at the College. Francis Herbert Wales was in Blackwater from 1919 to 1924. We were able to provide John with a 1924 house photo, a copy of Francis's entry in the 1924 leavers' book and a copy of his obituary which appeared in the 1996/97 *Old Eastbournian*.

HEADS OF HOUSE BOARDS

Blackwater House contacted us and asked if could supply them with the names of heads of house and housemasters from 2011–22 to enable them to update their honours board. We also helped supply names for the Gonville House honours board project.

OTHER SCHOOLS IN EASTBOURNE

We have had a number of enquiries this year asking for information about family members who attended 'Eastbourne College'. Often we are able to confirm that the boys did come to the College but on a number of occasions it turns out that the boys went to the former Eastbourne Grammar School, the Eastbourne Technical School, the Eastbourne School of Art or to one of the many private schools which existed in Eastbourne in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In a few cases, we are still able to help the enquirers by checking online historic newspapers or finding references in the material we have on former Eastbourne schools.

PHILIP HEPBURN

Philip Hepburn (Blackwater 1961–66) paid a return visit to the archives in March 2022 to discuss the donations he had previously made. He also showed us copies of photos which his father, Guy Hepburn (Blackwater 1929–34; Headmaster of Ascham 1958–69), had taken during his time at the College.

ANDREW FINN-KELCEY

Andrew Finn-Kelcey (Blackwater 1956–60) visited the College in November 2022. He very kindly donated some of his school memorabilia which included his membership cards for the Film Society and one for 'Club Rico' (a club situated in Maxims coffee bar at 89 South Street, Eastbourne). He told us some wonderful anecdotes about life at the College including how he and some other pupils met a group of girls near Beachy Head which was strictly forbidden. A master spotted them and Andrew was 'gated' for the whole term. Andrew gave us



Paul Jordan with Andrew Finn-Kelcey



Club Rico membership card

an explanation for the term 'basher' which you can read about on page 40. He was also a member of the College Meteorological Society, taking measurements from a weather station on the Memorial Tower, and has continued to collect meteorological records for the past 60 years.

HEIR HUNTERS

Perhaps the most satisfying outcome to an enquiry came when we helped track down the beneficiaries of a legacy. We were contacted by an enquirer who was trying to find the whereabouts of the children of a deceased OE. Her father, who had recently died, had left them a bequest, but the enquirer had no idea how to make contact with them. Much like the television programme *Heir Hunters*, we consulted various internet sites and our own records, and were able to discover the address of one of the OE's daughters. The family were delighted and amazed at our tenacity and skill in tracking them down.

This is a good example of how we work in the archives – we always try and do our utmost to help our enquirers regardless of the time and effort it takes.

MOVING WITH THE TIMES

In October, the granddaughter of Old Eastbournian Edward Lawrence Anthony (Tony) Folker (School 1929–34) and her family were shown a clock that he had donated to the College in 1939. Annemarie Leuvenink and her family were attending the



College on Open Day on Saturday 8 October when they spoke to Development Director Emma Garrett. She took them to the Eastbournian Society office to show them the clock, which had recently been taken down from its position in the old dining hall. When Annemarie's maternal grandfather presented the clock to the College it had been put above the entrance to the original pavilion on College Field. The clock, made by local firm Brufords, was accompanied by a plaque which read: *Presented by E L A Folker, School House 1929 to 1934, CURFC 1937.*

CURFC are the initials for the Cambridge University Rugby Football Club and in 1937, his final year, Tony won his rugby Blue. In 2000, the clock was removed from the pavilion and installed in the College dining hall. At the time, a second plaque and a new clock movement were supplied by the Old Eastbournian Association. With the old dining hall no longer in use, the clock was removed recently for safe keeping and has since been put back in its original wooden frame. Emma told Annemarie and her family that we are currently considering where the clock could be installed next – it certainly has moved with the times!

THE 1906 GYMKHANA



Looking through an album of Edwardian photos in the archives store, we came across some fascinating images of the 1906 College gymkhana. The event took place on Speech Day, Saturday 7 July 1906, and was organised by the College Cadet Corps (now the CCF). The photo shows a line-up of the prize winners of the fancy dress competition. First prize went to Reginald Colgate (School 1902–06) and Vivian Deuchar (School 1903–06) who were dressed as America's Uncle Sam and a tin of meat. This odd combination is partly explained by the verse written on a placard held above the 'tin':

*Sing about Chicago
Horn and hoof and skin
What a fine farrago
Packed into a tin
When the tin was opened
Of ptomaine 'twas full*

*And wasn't it a pretty dish
To set before John Bull*

Written on the tin itself was: 'Death Trap Brand – by Kill-Quick & Co. – Chicago'

The idea behind the costume almost certainly relates to a scandal which broke in the summer of 1906 regarding adulterated tinned meat which had been produced in the USA (predominantly Chicago). In one investigation, it was found that sausages had been preserved in embalming fluid. Ironically, Reginald Colgate went on to be an analytical chemist.

John Tolhurst (School 1901–06) and Donald Scott (School 1903–07) won second prize for their submarine costume (left hand side of photo) while Kenneth Jameson (Home Boarder 1902–10), pictured on the right dressed as a grandfather clock, won fourth prize.

THE ALL BLACKS IN 1953 – WERE YOU THERE?

An OE drew our attention to the BBC online archive which contains a Television Newsreel report about the All Blacks rugby team who used College Field for training in October 1953, during their British tour. We have taken a couple of screen shots from the film, showing College boys watching the team from outside Big School. Do you recognise yourself? Please let us know at archives@eastbourne-college.co.uk. If you want to see the whole film, please visit www.bbcwind.co.uk and search for 'Eastbourne College'.



MEADS: AN EDUCATIONAL HEARTLAND

Chris Neighbour, a great supporter of the College, has recently published a book about the history of private schools in Meads. In the book *Meads: An Educational Heartland*, Chris uses his extensive research to build a picture of schools, large and small, the adults and children who worked in them, their comings and goings, their challenges and achievements. With his background in education, Chris was fascinated by how the town attracted such a range of schools and colleges over the latter part of the 19th century and through to the Second World War.



Sources include rarely seen reports by Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Schools, based on school visits, which reveal details of day-to-day life for staff and pupils. Additionally, archived newspaper reports from around the country provide some fascinating glimpses of special moments in the lives of these schools. From schools established in residential villas to those which provided education in purpose-built premises, many thousands of pupils developed their lives in and among the streets of Meads and left the area with a unique legacy. The book costs £20 (£3.75 p&p). To order, please email Chris at contact.educheartland@gmail.com or phone 07817 647506.

NIGEL STROFTON'S STAG FEZ

Nigel Strofton (Gonville 1955–59) sent us this clipping from the *Daily Telegraph* of 16 November 1959, reporting on the 1st XV match against King's Canterbury. In a closely fought contest, the College had been 8 points down from early on, but Nigel had helped redress the balance, first with a penalty towards the end of the first half and then, five minutes before the end, with the winning try. Final score: College 9 – King's Canterbury 8. The headline states: 'STROFTON WINNER FOR EASTBOURNE'. Nigel tells us: 'As a result of this game I was awarded my Stag. I wrote a letter to my father asking if I could order the Stag fez (as it was called in those days). The cost was £5 5s (£5.25). He replied saying yes, but it would have to be my Christmas present. I ordered it and sadly it did not arrive in time for Christmas but came in mid-January. By then I had left the College, so I never had the opportunity to wear it prior to a game or in a photograph. I still have my Stag playing shirt and Stag pullover and Stag socks.'



RICHARD NORMAN'S SELF-BUILT CAR

We received a fascinating enquiry from Richard Norman (Powell 1962–67) who built a car while at the College and wondered if we had any photos taken of it during the 1967 centenary celebrations. He said:

'In my final year at the College, I won the Nelson Helmsley Senior Project Prize for a car I had built. [The prize that year was awarded jointly with Robert Vale (School 1962–67) for his hovercraft.] This was 1967, the centenary year, so I had the honour of

shaking the hand of Harold Macmillan on the stage of the Congress Theatre when receiving the prize! 'For the Speech Day celebrations, my car and the hovercraft were positioned on College Field either side of Memorial Arch, but I have no photographic record. I was also told later that the car was featured in the BBC South evening TV news programme, but I missed that as well and there were no VCRs in those days! 'Although I loved my time at the College, there was zero support for a boy interested in pursuing a career in engineering, so the car build was carried out



on my own at my parent's home in Eastbourne. My enthusiasm for building the car far exceeded my interest in studying for my A-levels which was duly reflected in my grades. However, I went on to have a very fulfilling and successful career as a mechanical engineer.'

Richard retired in 2010 as chief engineer of the UK's

largest bus builder, Alexander Dennis, and is featured in a book entitled *Dennis Buses and Other Vehicles* which was written to celebrate the company's 125th anniversary. Amongst his many design achievements was the Dennis Dart, which went on to become the most produced bus in the UK.

Richard's son Chris Norman was in Wargrave from 2002 to 2006 and his daughter Sarah (Nugent 2001–02) is married to Guy Croft (Gonville 1997–2002). Guy's sister, Charlotte, was in School House from 2000 to 2005.

THE ZALESKI CLOCK

In June 2022, we were contacted by Steph Lawrence who wanted to donate a clock to the College. It had been presented to Albert Zaleski, her great grandfather, who had taught French at the school from 1888 to 1896. He appeared to be highly regarded at the College as the headmaster pointed out on Speech Day, 1896:

'...the French Examiner spoke very highly of the French teaching...and he [the headmaster] must congratulate Mons. Zaleski most sincerely on the result of his work.'

And later that year:

'Mons. A Zaleski left us at the end of last term; on Monday, July 28, N H Baynes

[Norman Hepburn Baynes, Home Boarder 1892–96], in the name of the School presented him with a small testimonial in return for his kindness and patience during the eight years of his mastership.'

The clock is inscribed: 'Presented to A Zaleski as a token of esteem and regard from the masters and boys of Eastbourne College, July 1896'.

Following his time at the College, Zaleski continued to teach French in Eastbourne and advertised in the local press offering French language and literature lessons. A few years later he left England for France and died in 1910.

Steph said she was coming to Eastbourne on a coach holiday and would

bring the clock with her – we imagined a grandfather clock strapped to the roof! In fact, it is very ornate brass mantel clock, decorated in the French ormolu style. It now takes pride of place on the mantelpiece in the ES office in Craven Cottage.



DONATIONS

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING WHO
HAVE MADE DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES

Deborah Butler

First edition of *British Waders* by EC Arnold (1924). Given as maths prize to **John Coplestone Carter** (Blackwater 1928–32)

Peter B Graham

Fabric badge with stag emblem, 'ECCC 1926', belonging to his father **James Eric Graham** (Pennell 1922–26)

Philip Hepburn (Blackwater 1961–66) *Public & Prep Schools' Yearbook 1957*; *Public & Prep Schools' Yearbook 1967*; sporting photos; items belonging to his father,

Guy Hepburn (Blackwater 1929–34; Headmaster of Ascham 1958–69), including a swagger stick and College medals (boxed) for 1930 athletic sports/1933 athletic sports/1934 long jump

Dr Charles Knighton (Clifton College Archivist). List of attendees of the Lectern Society 1995–2002. From the estate of **Dr Chris Waller** (College staff 1991–2002)

Eric Koops (Gonville 1959–63) Bible with label on spine 'Gift from Viscount Tenby'. Published in 1923. Signed 'David Lloyd George'. Most likely to be the signature of the **2nd Viscount Tenby** (School 1936–41), son of **Gwilym Lloyd George, 1st Viscount Tenby** (School 1910–13)

Chris Neighbour

A copy of his book, *Meads, an Educational Heartland*

Nigel Sargent

(Reeves 1990–95) Book: *Special Ops Heroes* by Michael Ashcroft, which mentions **Cecil Merton** (Gonville 1921–27); 1937 College regatta programme

Nigel Strofton

(Gonville 1955–59) College car badge

Mike Yeats

A PDF digital document of the Second World War diaries of his father **William John Howard Yeats** (Home Boarder/Crosby 1935–39). Mike's brother, **Jeremy**, was in Wargrave from 1965 to 1968

A LONG-LOST CASUALTY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Peter Frank Kennard-Davis (Wargrave 1933–34), who was killed in action in 1940, was not recorded in the original Second World War Roll of Honour, nor does his name appear on the plaques under the Memorial Tower.

Michael Partridge (Blackwater 1946–51) writes:

Peter Frank Kennard-Davis, was born on 24 February 1920 to parents Captain Frank Edward and Mrs Frances Amelia Kennard-Davis of Selsey, West Sussex, and West Kensington, London. He attended Wargrave from September 1933 until late 1934. His school record was undistinguished, unsurprisingly considering that he left at the age of 14. His father was a professional photographer and during the Second World War served as a military attaché in South America with the rank of colonel.

Aged 16, Peter attended the Thames Nautical Training College, HMS Worcester, at Greenhithe, intending to join the Merchant Navy, but an eyesight defect prevented this. Instead he entered the RAF on a short service commission in May 1939. In April 1940 he was posted as a Pilot Officer to no 7 AACU (Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit) at RAF Ringway, Castle Bromwich; then in July 1940 to no 7 Officers' Training Unit at Hawarden near Chester and, after converting to fly Spitfires, on 3 August 1940 was posted to 64 Squadron at Kenley in Surrey. On 10 July 1940 Peter had taken part in the first day of the Battle of Britain.

On 8 August Peter's Spitfire caught fire during combat with Messerschmitt 109s from Jagdgeschwader 51 over West Langdon, just north of Dover, and Peter bailed out, with serious wounds in his head, body, right arm and right leg. He was unable to bail out in the usual manner but had to turn his aircraft upside down and allow himself to fall out, pulling the

rip-cord of his parachute as he did so. He fell into a tree at West Langdon and it was nearly 20 minutes before he could be rescued, losing a good deal of blood from his 12 bullet wounds and a fractured pelvis. His aircraft fell to earth in flames and crashed at West Langdon. He was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Dover where he died of burns two days later on 10 August 1940. He was 20.

Peter was laid to rest in his grandparents' family grave, 42348, along St Cyprian's Avenue at the London Necropolis Cemetery at Brookwood in Surrey (now known as Brookwood Cemetery). The headstone reads 'In proud and loving memory of Pilot Officer Peter Frank Kennard-Davis who died on the 10th August 1940 from wounds received in an air battle off Dover, at the age of 20 years. Called to higher service'. An obituary notice stated that 'this young officer had a most attractive personality and cheerful manner which endeared him to all who knew him and he was a great favourite in the village where he had spent many years of his life'.



A Spitfire of 64 Squadron 1940



Kennard-Davis's grave at Brookwood

THE FOUNDATION GOLF CHALLENGE RETURNS!



The Foundation Golf Challenge returned on Thursday 7 July after a three-year break, the last one having been held in 2019, pre-Covid

And it was a triumphant return, with over £20,000 being raised through sponsorship, entry fees and the generosity of all those who bid for auction items. It was good to see some old faces return to the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, as well as a few new ones! Following bacon rolls and coffee, the teams headed out to their starting tees for a shotgun start at 11.00am. The weather was perfect, with some light cloud keeping the extremes of the sun's heat at bay while the teams were on the course. Following their return in the afternoon, there was time for the traditional group photo by the club house before the prizegiving, evening dinner and

auctions. The winning team was 'Director of Fore', comprising Director of Sport Mike Harrison, and three past Peter Bibby Award holders: Harry Finch (Craig 2011–13), Ben Twine (Craig 2013–17) and Joe Pocklington (Craig 2014–19). This was particularly fitting as the money raised helps towards the Peter Bibby Award, the aim of which is to give a local youngster, who has a clear aptitude and passion for cricket, the chance of an education at the College.

Our thanks go to the golfers who took part, our sponsors and donors of prizes and auction items, and to all those who gave so generously on the day.



The winning team, Director of Fore: Harry Finch, Ben Twine, Mike Harrison and Joe Pocklington



FRIDAY 7 JULY
ROYAL
EASTBOURNE
GOLF CLUB

THE FOUNDATION GOLF CHALLENGE 2023

Raising funds for the Peter Bibby Award, which provides bursary funding for a place at the College for a talented local cricketer. The event is open to OEs, parents, staff, pupils, local businesses and other supporters of the College.

- a team event for four golfers of any standard
- 18 holes of golf on the Devonshire Course
- snack on arrival
- goody bag
- three-course dinner in the club house
- charity auction



Please contact us on 01323 451916 or es@eastbourne-college.co.uk to book your place(s) or if you would like to donate a prize or auction item

OLD EASTBOURNIAN LODGE

Nick Clive-Matthews writes:

This year commenced with John Howlett (Blackwater 1971-74) being installed in January as our Worshipful Master for the third successive year, due to the loss of meetings during the Covid crisis. One of the main events at that meeting was the presentation of a special certificate to John Seldon (Wargrave



John Seldon and his certificate with Mark Buckle

1949-53) to mark his 60 years in Freemasonry, by Mark Buckle, an assistant provincial grand master for Sussex. John, our longest serving member and an honorary one since his move to Nottingham, was initiated in the OE Lodge in September 1960, but was unable to receive his certificate earlier due to the Covid restrictions.

The year 2022 was a very difficult one for large numbers of people across the world. This is where we as Freemasons can make a huge difference, from supporting low-income families and the elderly in this country, who are facing sudden and unexpected rises in heating and food costs, to funding emergency grants to disaster areas across the globe.

A good example of this is the way that the English and Welsh Freemasons raised £500,000 for Ukrainian refugees, within three weeks of the Russian invasion. The OE Lodge, which these days welcomes parents, grandparents and friends as members, as well as OEs and staff, is just a small cog in one

vast Masonic group of friends, which extends throughout this country and across the world.

If you would like to find out more then have a look at the United Grand Lodge of England website at www.ugle.org.uk, or the Sussex Provincial YouTube link at <http://youtu.be/czXLHUdYG6Y>. Our lodge meets four times a year at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre, followed by a very convivial dinner at a local hotel. Although mainstream Freemasonry is restricted to males over the age of 18, there are also many women-only lodges and, at the turn of the last century, a number of prominent suffragettes were 'Lady Masons', as they were then known. If you have an enquiring mind and would like a little more information, then contact Nick Clive-Matthews (Pennell 1962-66), at nickc_m@yahoo.co.uk. We would also love to see any existing OE Masons at any of our meetings, so do get in touch, especially if you are local to Eastbourne. We need your support.



Rob Wicks, Grand Steward

The next big event for the lodge this year was when Dr Rob Wicks (Powell 1974-79) was invested as a Grand Steward at Freemasons' Hall, London by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, the Most Worshipful Grand Master and head of our order. Rob was installed, in the Chair of the Lodge of Emulation, No 21, in January. This is one of the oldest lodges in existence, with its tercentenary coming up in 2023, and it has the right to put forward a current member, usually the Master, for appointment as a Grand Steward each

year. The Grand Stewards wear distinctive red regalia and the 19 lodges who have the privilege to nominate a Grand Steward are therefore known as Red Apron Lodges. The Grand Stewards for the year have to arrange the Grand Festival, which follows the annual Investiture of Grand Officers at Freemasons' Hall, when some 600 hungry and thirsty Masons gather for a celebratory dinner, much of which is funded by the Grand Stewards.



Brian Waldy and Nick Clive-Matthews

As mentioned in last year's report, Brian Waldy (School 1964-69) and Nick Clive-Matthews are both past Grand Stewards and were able to welcome Rob into the Grand Stewards' Lodge, The Lodge Without Number, but which stands at the Head of the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England. By coincidence Brian and Nick met up at Brian's Red Apron Lodge, Old King's Arms, No 28, in November when they both enjoyed dinner afterwards at the Garrick Club. Keen readers of this column will notice that Brian's appearance has altered a little during lockdown.

Things are progressing well within the lodge, with meetings more or less back to normal and we have two more potential candidates lined up for 2023. The only sad thing is that neither of them are OEs and we really could do with a few more joining from the school, to keep a balance between those with and without direct connections to the College. Once again, if you are a Mason and an OE, or know someone who may be interested in joining us, please let Nick Clive-Matthews know. He is always happy to have a chat to anyone about Freemasonry in general and the OE Lodge in particular. He also



Jasper Brown

greatly enjoys seeing other OEs on the Masonic circuit and was at a meeting with Jasper Brown (Reeves 1980-85) recently, who is always good company. Jasper is a member of St Alban's Lodge, No 29, by coincidence another Red Apron Lodge. Jasper is hoping to go into the Chair and get his red apron in the not-too-distant future.

Another new Masonic year will soon be upon us and with it a new Master, which will be quite a change, after having John Howlett at the helm for the past three years. John has led us all by example through the recent difficulties and will be a hard act to follow. Although his planned successor, John Meech, is not an OE himself, he will have his predecessor at his side to guide him through his year in charge and offer help and advice when needed. Peter Gates (Reeves 1962-67) continues to look after our financial affairs as Lodge Treasurer and Nick Clive-Matthews is now the Lodge Almoner, which means he has to keep in touch with anyone who is struggling in any way and also keep an eye on the lodge widows. Nick is following in the footsteps of Forbes Wastie (College staff 1961-98), now an Honorary Member, who sadly has not been well enough to join us recently, but whose services to both the Lodge and school are legendary.

We all hope that we enjoy another good year as a lodge, but that the many difficulties caused by the war in Ukraine will begin to improve, particularly the increases in fuel, energy and food costs which are causing so much hardship. With an inflation rate of over 11% as I write, this cannot come soon enough. Once again, see you next year, if I'm still here and can afford the printer ink.

REUNION DAY 2022



Some of the reunion guests assembling on College Field before a tour of the school

This year's reunion on Saturday 10 September was overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II just two days earlier. However, we decided to continue and, as a mark of respect, the evening Chapel service was in remembrance of the queen, which was greatly appreciated by those who attended. On show in the Chapel were the picture signed by Her Majesty when she visited the College in October 1966, and a chair which had been used at her coronation in June 1953, and later donated to the College by an OE.

There had been a variety of events during the day, including tours of the school and a chance to revisit former houses, as well as lunch and tea in the dining hall. At the evening dinner, Development Director Emma Garrett welcomed the guests and Headmaster Tom Lawson spoke about how the College was progressing now that the strictures of Covid lockdowns are over. A toast was made to the College, and the loyal toast was made to His Majesty King Charles III.

LUNCH IN THE DINING HALL



Emma Garrett welcomed Duncan Parlett (School 1978–79), left, and his father Beresford Parlett (School 1946–51), who had travelled from California to visit the UK



Felicitas Sponagel (von Wahl) and Dorothee Petermann (Ahrendt), both Nugent 2001–02, were visiting from Germany

DINNER IN THE FUNCTION ROOMS



Paul Bessemer (Pennell 1975–78) and Rob Heath (Pennell 1975–78)



Em Richards (Blackwater 2010–15) and Sophie Carragher (Watt 2010–13)



David Mortimer (Wargrave 1987–92), who designed the new gates for Old Wish Road (see page 16), with Emma Garrett



Hugh Price (School 1961–66), Christopher Lithgow (School 1954–58), Stefan Cucos (Blackwater 1981–86) and Philip Kavanagh (Reeves 1952–55)



Alex Buchan, his partner Mansel Stimpson (Powell 1951–55) and David Candlin (Reeves 1949–54) in Big School



GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR EDDIE



Eddie Izzard (Pennell 1975–80) appeared at the College on Sunday 11 September to give a solo performance of Charles Dickens' classic, *Great Expectations*. A tale of convicts, mystery, friendship, rivalry, unrequited love, revenge and redemption, all performed in Eddie's inimitable style.

Eddie got the acting bug while performing at the College in a variety of productions in the late 1970s, so it was a welcome return to where it all started. With a capacity audience in the Dell, the College's outdoor performance space, we are pleased that we were able to host the show, with proceeds of £5,000 going to the Eastbourne Foodbank.

A DOLLS' HOUSE GALLERY

Last year's article on the dolls' house maker Dr Christopher Cole (School 1929-33) generated a lot of interest and we were sent a number of additional photos of his creations.

Dr Cole's son Jeremy Cole (School 1968-73) told us: 'I am lucky to have three of the dolls' houses made by my father, including the Dickens House featured in the book. He ingeniously installed lighting in the Dickens (he was really an architect/engineer *manqué*).'

Jeremy gave us some further information about the Cole family: 'My father's father was also an OE [Charles Phillips Cole (School 1902-04)], who met the girl who was to become his wife at Sunday church services, as she was also at school in Eastbourne, selected for its healthy sea air.' Jeremy's older brother Adrian is also an OE (School 1958-62).

Jeremy mentioned that his father had worked with artist, designer and architect Sir Hugh Casson (School 1924-27) to build a scale model which had been designed by Sir Hugh and which was then exhibited at the College. We think this may have been in March 1980 when the new art school was opened by Sir Hugh, and an exhibition of creative works by OEs was on display. The model was an octagonal dolls' house, inspired by the wood-panelled Octagon behind School House, which had been the location of the school library until 1925.

We were also contacted by Janet Slater, who has no connection with the College, but had been passed a copy of last year's magazine by some friends. She knew Christopher and Doreen Cole when she



The Bishop's Palace



The Dickens House



Interior of the Bishop's Palace (with extra cornices and skirting boards!)



The interior of the Dickens House, with working electric lights

lived in Wensleydale and had commissioned a dolls' house based on the Bishop's Palace in *The Barchester Chronicles*. She told us: 'It is a large house which opens all round and has a lovely chapel. It has given enormous pleasure down the years. One amusing story to tell is that Christopher was a purest and said that doll's houses should not have things such as cornices or skirting boards. I am afraid I put those into our house and he was not impressed!'



The Octagon House





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OE GET-TOGETHERS



THE 1979 REUNION

It was a good turn-out of 23 friends, who all left the College in summer 1979, for their annual reunion on Thursday 13 October. Chris Porter, who organised the get-together, said: 'A very good time and catch-up was had by all at Davy's Plantation House restaurant and bar in the City. It'll happen again next year so any leaver from 1979 who would like to sign up please contact me at chris.porter500@ntlworld.com – we'd love to see you!'

Front row seated – Tim Kourdi (Reeves 1974–79), Michael Naylor (Blackwater 1974–79), Glen Beadon (Gonville 1974–79), Steven Crawshaw (Craig 1974–79), Rob Wicks (Powell 1974–79), Hilary Spofforth (née Marvin) (Nugent 1977–79), Robert McNeilly (School 1974–79), Adrian Constant (School 1975–79), Ian Cracknell (Gonville 1974–79), Paul Mansell (School 1974–79) and Lucy Stevens (Nugent 1977–79).

Back row standing – Sarah Simpson (née Hichisson) (Nugent 1977–79), Jo Wray (Nugent 1977–79), Nigel Charman (Pennell 1974–79), Caroline Fraser (née Prentis) (Nugent 1977–79), Chris Porter (Gonville 1974–79), Rosalind Hall (née Girling) (Nugent 1977–79), Tim Ashley (Pennell 1974–79), Donald Wales (Blackwater 1974–79), Jane Hole (Nugent 1977–79), Bill Baxter (Gonville 1974–79), David Scott-Coombes (Powell 1974–79) and Richard Vidal (Gonville 1974–79).



FORBES WASTIE

Ian Fletcher-Price (Blackwater 1976–80), Stephen Yorke (Blackwater 1977–81) and John Ryley (Blackwater 1975–80) met up with their former housemaster Forbes Wastie on 28 July for a walk along the seafront at Meads followed by coffee. In his long career at the College Forbes was in charge of Blackwater from 1972 to 1983. He was on the College teaching staff from 1961 to 1998, and also served as Contingent Commander of the CCF 1968–73, Head of Science 1971–73 and Second Master 1983–98. Forbes was the College's first foundation director from 2002 to 2005, and helped found the Devonshire Society, the school's legacy club.

THE SUMMER OF '76



Neil MacKichan, Jane Slade, Charlie Burnell and Charles Miller

Jane Slade writes:

It isn't just the record-breaking heatwave that is scorched in the memory of OEs who were pupils in 1976 – but also the summer term production of *My Fair Lady* which kick-started the musical and theatrical careers of so many. The show, staged in Big School, involved just about every pupil.

'At one point I think there were more people on stage than in the audience,' recalled Charlie Burnell (School 1975–80), a fresh-faced fourth former at the time, who after leaving school went on to dance in the original West End production of *42nd Street*.

The show was produced by English teacher Simon Funnell and conducted by the inimitable Director of Music John Walker. Eliza Doolittle was played by Jane Slade (Nugent 1975–77). Michael Prince (now Michael Praed) (Gonville 1973–78) was Freddy Eynsford-Hill and Eddie Izzard (Pennell 1975–80) had a walk-on role as the butler.

Apart from the cast, assisting John Walker was a posse of musical protégés including Neville Creed (Powell 1969–74), now conductor of the London Philharmonic Choir, and accompanist Charles Miller (Wargrave 1972–77). Charles has been both conductor and musical director of many West End shows since leaving College. He has also written several musicals, is a prolific composer and co-founder of the London School of Musical Theatre.

Charlie Burnell revealed his star quality as the Emcee in the college's production of *Cabaret* in 1979. After A-levels he won a place at LAMDA and then spent most of his theatrical career as a producer. He won fame as the founder of Threesixty Entertainment whose multimedia production of *Peter Pan* played to over a million people in the UK and USA. It even attracted the attention of Tom Schumacher, President of Disney Theatrical Group, a subsidiary of the Walt Disney Studios, who, as Charlie recalls, asked him: 'Who the hell are you and where did you come from?'. Charlie also runs Charlie Burnell Communication, providing spoken-word coaching.

Music has remained centre-stage in Jane's life even though she has pursued a career in journalism. She now writes for the *Times*, the *Sunday Times* and the *Daily Mail*, and runs Retiremove, a retirement property website, she founded with her husband, fellow OE, Neil MacKichan (Powell 1971–76). She still sings, and also plays the viola with an orchestra and string quartet – recently performing two recitals in Orvieto Cathedral in Italy.

'Wouldn't it be lovely' she thought to mark the 46th anniversary of the College's *My Fair Lady* production by dusting off her original score and staging a reunion soirée at her and her husband's home in Wandsworth. The result was a gathering of London-based MFL chums – who blended Lerner and Lowe's great songs with an arrangement of fine food and wine, and a sprinkling of musical stardust!

BEHNAM DJAZAERI REMEMBERED



On Saturday 3 September a group of OEs got together in memory of their friend Behnam Djazaeri (Pennell 1971–76), who died in April 2020. Chris Zanetti (Pennell 1971–76) sent us this photo of the memorial dinner held at The Oak in Westbourne Grove. He said: 'We shared stories of our time at Eastbourne and the great memories we have of Behnam at that time. We felt Behnam's spirit was in the room.' An affectionate tribute to Behnam, co-written by Chris with fellow OE Suzy Buchanan (Nugent 1974–76), appeared in the 2020 edition of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine. On leaving the College Behnam studied medicine and became a consultant ENT surgeon in London. He died aged just 63.



THE 1989 RUGBY TOUR DOWN UNDER

On Friday 29 July David Stewart got together with a number of OEs who had been on the College's rugby tour of Australia in 1989. David, who was master in charge of rugby at the time, reminisced with the group when they enjoyed drinks at Boudin Blanc in Shepherd's Market, London. Pictured here, left to right, are David, Jonathan Gunn (School 1985–90), Nick Peters (School 1985–90), James Wallace (Wargrave 1985–90), Dan Moloney (School 1985–90), and, next to his son Jerome, Adam Quilter (Gonville 1985–90).

ORLEY FARM PREP...



...MORE OE CONNECTIONS



In last year's magazine John T H Phillips (Blackwater 1965–69) wrote about the Horley brothers who, he believed, were the only two OEs apart from him and his brother, who had attended Orley Farm Prep in Harrow before coming on to the College.

It didn't take long before another two OEs emerged who had also attended Orley Farm.

KEITH DAWSON

Keith Dawson (Blackwater 1953–58) wrote that he was at Orley Farm from 1948 to 1953, when he transferred to the College in the summer term. Orley Farm was chosen because two of his mother's cousins had been there before going on to Aldenham. He also told us about his career since leaving the College: 'After a year in construction, I went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and graduated in mechanical sciences in 1962. I was also fortunate to meet my future wife whilst we were at Cambridge. I was employed firstly by GN Haden and Sons in building services design and installation, management training and market research. Then from 1974 by Ove Arup and Partners. There I was principally

engaged in administration and finished up as partnership director, responsible for organising the board's business, the International coordination meetings and the Ove Arup Charitable Trust. By then the partnership had been incorporated. Since retirement, I have been researching my family history and last year self-published a book for my family, entitled *From Ireland to Peru, the History of the Dawson and Dartnell Families*.'

ERIC LAMB

Eric Lamb (Gonville 1947-50) told us that he attended Orley Farm from 1943 to 1946 'as my parents had moved from South London in 1940 to be nearer my father's employer, BOC at Wembley... I had previously been at a state primary school nearer our house. I have few recollections of Orley Farm, although I dug out a couple of school photos and managed to recognise myself! One memory is of cycling to school in late 1944 and a VI doodlebug passing overhead and crashing and exploding not far away. Hitler's 'terror weapon'! Following my parents' move back to south London, Streatham, I attended Battersea Grammar School for a brief time, moving to the College in autumn 1947. So, my education was state school, private school, state school, public (private) school. In those days of 'class snobbery' this did cause some problems for me.

'Arriving at the College, three of us bound for Gonville found that there was no sleeping accommodation available in the Gonville dorms. However, we were accommodated for a term at Donald Perrens' house in Grange Road opposite the College, in his attic. Three years passed before I boarded a ship with my parents bound for New Zealand in September 1950. October found me as a junior audit clerk in Wellington. But that's all another story!

'I visited the College some 20 years ago and saw boys and girls walking around together. Quelle horreur! In my day Beefy Howell considered even talking to a young female a 'capital' offence! However, in hindsight I received an excellent education, but the only award was the RAF section Cadet Cup. These days my wife and I live in a semi-rural suburb of Napier on the east coast of the North Island.'



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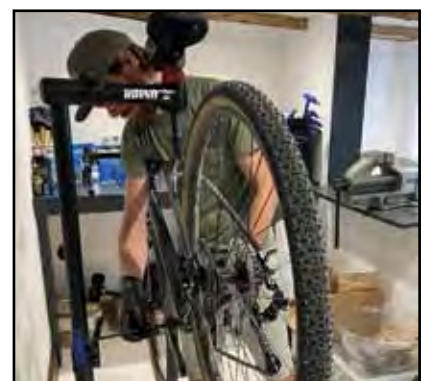
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HARBOUR CRUISE IN DUBAI

Old Eastbournians and ES members who live and work in the Middle East enjoyed a sunset harbour cruise in Dubai on Saturday 19 November. Emma Garrett was on hand to pass on news about the College and the exciting plans for new bursaries, and it was also a chance for OEs to reminisce about school days and the opportunities that a College education had given them.



Ismail Radwan (Pennell 1982–87) writes:

Now that the searing heat of Dubai's summer is little more than a fading memory and the change of season has ushered in the balmy nights of early autumn, it seemed like an opportune moment to catch a sunset cruise and meet up with OEs living in the region. Who could resist the allure of free food and drinks and a chance to make new friends and meet up with old ones? So when Oscar Orellana-Hyder (Reeves 2002–07) and his wife Niki Mapouras-Hyder (Blackwater 2002–07) reached out with an invitation I quickly accepted.

I flew in from Riyadh and found myself on the dock of the harbour with a score of expectant participants with varying degrees of connection to the College. The group spanned seasoned veterans on the cusp of retirement all the way to fresh-faced youngsters barely out of university. No one knew anyone else it seemed. But we needn't have worried, for our shared experiences of the College either as pupils, parents or residents of the town, was more than enough to bond us tightly together.

The ship sailed out of Dubai harbour with the magnificent backdrop of skyscrapers forming a carefully curated cityscape: an instagrammer's dream. We barely noticed the beauty of the surroundings as we were so engrossed in the business of telling and listening to each other's stories. The modern-day equivalent of the tribal campfire. I saw faces and heard names that seemed familiar and discovered middle-aged men that had known me in my shorts-wearing prep school years, friends that I did not know I had.

Understandably each had followed his or her own path from music to finance and everything in between, but all had led to Dubai, the region's cosmopolitan entrepôt. The eclectic group with a dozen ethnicities matched Dubai's profile and its ambition to look to the future without forgetting the past. This was a chance to unabashedly revel in nostalgia with many a story starting with 'in my time...' and ending with a hilarious anecdote attesting to the impossible events that nonetheless took place while at the College.

Even if we did not know it or appreciate it at the time, those of us who studied at the College had a privileged education. The College brought the world to us in our youth. We were able to play sports, take part in music and cultural events, study and achieve and give back to the community.

The Dubai OE reunion was an excellent reminder of the brilliant experiences of our school days, all that we have to be grateful for and, for me, an opportunity to learn more from our Development Director Emma Garrett about the fundraising drive that aims to make that opportunity available to those that could not otherwise afford it.

I enjoyed meeting so many interesting OEs. I hope that we will grow this emerging community of Eastbournians far from home and that we will be able to support the College charity to achieve its goal of providing this opportunity to up to seven percent of the student body.

As Ben Franklin said, 'an investment in education pays the best interest'.



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LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA

David Anderson (Gonville 1957–61) wrote to Emma Garrett in response to her January 2022 email newsletter and has contributed his thoughts in this 'Letter from Australia'.

Perhaps I should preface this commentary by saying that the following observations are mine alone and don't necessarily reflect the opinions of other Australian OEs. I hope that will get me off the hook!

Eastbourne College in the late 1950s must be as far removed, metaphorically, from Lennox Head in Australia as Lennox Head is, geographically, from Eastbourne in the UK. Some examples: fagging to satisfy the often unusual requirements of prefects; high intensity PT between mid-morning lessons under the direction of house prefects; selling one's basher (thus securing a huge profit) to unsuspecting tourists on the pier or the grandstand on a Sunday afternoon; learning and reciting the School Song (in Latin) – and so on!

Lennox Head, which sits at the northern end of New South Wales, is a fine spot to contemplate one's life. Originally a favourite destination for the surfing community at about the same time I was at the College – and before that at Ascham, the associated preparatory school atop Carlisle Road – Lennox has become a haven for those seeking to escape the manic pace of Sydney and Melbourne. Nevertheless, it has managed to retain its charm and relaxed lifestyle, despite this recent invasion.

THE PANDEMIC

The pandemic seems to have changed Australia and Australians for ever. Like everyone else, no one really knew what lay ahead when we learnt that Covid had escaped into the global community. But, we relied upon 'the government' to find a way through. However, 'the government' comprises a federal government, six state governments, two territory governments and over 500 local governments. All for a population of 25 million or so...

Management of the pandemic was therefore always going to be problematic, especially as each state and territory government has jurisdiction over the health services provided to its residents. The political opportunities seen by the premiers and chief ministers to capitalise on this resulted in minimal standardisation across each jurisdiction and internal borders being closed

with little notice 'to keep people safe', often with no associated rationale. A very messy arrangement indeed.

Australia now sits alongside one of the most geopolitically unstable regions in the world. We, as a nation, therefore, need to commit to a journey which will require us to act nimbly but decisively, should we ever need to, in the event of future conflict or any other potentially catastrophic event. Our governance, our people and our collective mindset must be up to that challenge – more especially as few in the current generation of Australians have experienced anything other than comfortable lifestyles, comparative wealth and little to exercise their minds as 'the government will always look after them'. Australia needs to introduce and encourage some much-needed reality to its citizens.

MY OWN JOURNEY

But, what of my own journey? After some time working as a cost accountant with WD & HO Wills in Bristol and deciding that an office desk was not how I wished to spend the rest of my career, I secured a Short Service Commission in the British Army (through Mons Officer Cadet School in Aldershot), and was posted to an artillery regiment in Germany in 1966. On completion of this period, I applied, successfully, to transfer my commission to the Australian Regular Army and, in October 1968, found myself in Townsville in far north Queensland to an artillery regiment which was training prior to its deployment to South Vietnam in 1970 for the routine 12-month tour of duty. Soon after my return to Australia, the government withdrew its involvement in South Vietnam and I was posted to another artillery regiment, based in Sydney. Following a great deal of consideration, I resigned my commission in 1973 as I felt that, at that time, there was little likelihood of any overseas deployment which might hold my interest.

I secured employment with Alcan Australia Limited – a Canadian-based aluminium company. I stayed with them for over 20 years and finished up managing their Victoria Extrusion business with two manufacturing plants servicing markets in



Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

It was during my time with Alcan in Sydney that a few of us got together to establish a regular OE gathering, usually in the form of an annual dinner, which was customarily timed to coincide with one of David Winn's regular business trips to Australia. We've now been meeting for almost 40 years. It has always been, and continues to be, an important annual fixture which we all thoroughly enjoy – although at our stage in life we're beginning to lose some very good friends. Sadly, for example, Tony Booth (School 1957–61) passed in December last year.

Prior to moving to Lennox Head, my wife and I purchased a macadamia farm where we spent almost 14 years developing an 'average' farm into a best practice enterprise. It was hard work, but immensely satisfying.

Lennox Head will almost certainly be our final home. There is much to do, with a large garden to look after; regular High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) workouts at the local gym; hiking across the coastal headlands; participation in the local Probus club; as many outback (red dirt) trips as current Covid restrictions will allow – and the occasional trip to Sydney to catch up with some very good OE friends.



LITTLE BY LITTLE, LITTLE BECOMES A LOT

Tim Parker (Wargrave 1986–91) has been helping to deliver aid to Ukraine during 2022.

In May 2022, we carried a story on the Eastbournian Society website in which Tim told us about his aid mission to the Ukrainian border with Poland. Tim and three friends, Jozef Mycielski, Ian Jamieson and Nick Higham, travelled across Europe in two vans loaded with donations.

In October, Tim sent us this update:

In May I wrote about our trip to Poland, to the border with Ukraine at Przemyśl. Aid here was desperately needed and welcomed, mainly by women and children, with emotion, gratitude and relief. The evacuation of Ukrainian refugees at that time saw emergency refugee camps set up along the Polish border to help assist with the mass migration of Ukrainians into Poland and Western Europe – an operation that helped avert a potential humanitarian disaster. The humanitarian mission has now shifted its emphasis to Internally Displaced Citizens (IDCs) as the war in the east of the country has led to around 6 million citizens, again mainly women and children, seeking refuge in parts of Ukraine that are, to a large extent, currently spared the ravages

of war; although nowhere in Ukraine can be deemed safe.

We could not have delivered this crucial support in May without the wider support of our local communities and schools of which Eastbourne College was one. We were inspired by the Tanzanian proverb,

'Kidogo kidogo inakuwa nying' which translates as, 'Little by little, little becomes a lot.' We wanted, no matter how little, to do something, anything, to help. Gratified by the response from family, friends, our children's schools and often complete strangers, we became conduits for the 'little' and whilst it may well have just scratched the surface, it proved to be some scratch and some surface.

The sad reality, now, is that Ukraine is becoming less of a priority to many; news coverage is declining, funds are drying up and warehouses emptying. The war rages on, Ukrainians continue to die, winter is coming and there is a desperate need for support.

As a result of our journey in May, we have been working closely with the family-run, Dundee-based charity Siobhan's Trust (www.siobhanstrust.uk) who have been tireless, with a team of volunteers, working under the slogan 'Make Pizza not War!' David Fox-Pitt invited us to come back and travel into Ukraine to see, first hand, the work that he and his volunteers do from their base in Lviv. There is nothing so powerful as seeing personally the resilience



Nick Higham, Tim Parker, Ian Jamieson and Jozef Mycielski with the vans loaded for their first trip in May



and indomitable spirit of these desperate people and the sense of unity that drives Ukrainians to open their doors, hearts and minds in an almost overwhelming spirit of shared community, affection and love for their fellow citizens.

Due to a prior arranged charity challenge for Macmillan, I was unable to make the trip to Lviv but Jozef, Ian and Nick went and visited. The following is their account of the trip.

David's team is now based entirely within Ukraine. The pressure on services and society is extreme. All public buildings including village halls, sports centres and even libraries are housing families. Hospitals are only able to give critical care and schooling is patchy at best.

Siobhan's Trust have five pizza vans (30,000 pizzas are donated per month from ITALPIZZA Bologna) and a refrigerated support van which go directly to where the most vulnerable families are; be it in and around Lviv, in Kyiv or as far east as Kharkiv and south as Odessa. The ever-changing nature of the war means that, in reality, the vans are able to track and respond to the need as it moves around the country. On average 3,500 people per day are fed pizza, along with fruit, vegetables and ice cream (60,000 have been donated), with cuddly toys and sweets given to the children.

What Siobhan's Trust give the people, however, amounts to so much more than a warm, nutritious meal; it is about morale and togetherness. Whilst cooking the pizzas (a real aspirational food in Ukraine), music is played, there is dancing and rugby balls are thrown around with the children. This is an opportunity to engage, listen, sing, laugh, cry, support and show love towards people who are endlessly scared and anxious, displaced, on constant alert, worn down by war, exhausted and fearful of the future.

We went to four sites in Ukraine around Lviv, covering over 500km. We met families, children of parents killed in the conflict, orphans, children and adults with special needs, the elderly and vulnerable and injured military personnel. A mother we met said, 'The help given to us; the food,

clothes, the hygiene products that enable us to wash ourselves and our children, are priceless and help us survive day to day and try and maintain our dignity. But the experience is much more than this, it gives us hope in the future.'

We have committed to support Siobhan's Trust in Ukraine with funds, sweets, rugby balls, footballs and cuddly toys.

Alongside our days in Ukraine, we made time to meet Kamil and Joasia again – the Polish aid workers we met in May (www.polandwelcomes.org) who look after 400 Ukrainian women and children in a disused school in Radymno, Poland, about 20km from the border with Ukraine. This vulnerable group now look towards a cold winter anxiously, as food is running out and warm clothing is scarce. Most have nowhere to go back to. Their homes and towns are destroyed. Their numbers will swell in the coming weeks to a capacity of 560 (260 women and 300 children), including 56 who arrived this week from Zaporizhzhya where they were living in the shadow of the fighting around the nuclear power plant. More will come as trying to survive a Ukrainian winter living in a tent or outdoors is impossible.

We have committed to help this community at Radymno with food, clothing and sanitary products along with colouring books and art products to engage the children.

Jozef said, 'Being in Ukraine was sobering – we drove through military check-points, past barricades, saw bus stops packed with Molotov cocktails and heard air raid sirens before being directed into a shelter under the hotel with sand bags at the windows.

We couldn't help thinking how awful it would be to navigate this hell with your own wife and children. This was uncomfortable enough, but what was unbearable was seeing the human cost of this brutal conflict. It really is the poorest, weakest, oldest and youngest who always suffer most. These people are fighting for their lives. We sadly can't help them all, but we can help the 560 in Radymno and the 3,500 that Siobhan's



Trust feed every day in Ukraine.'

The clearest message we received from the people in Ukraine and seeing the realities on the Polish border is that these displaced families need to know we are still with them, thinking of them, standing alongside them and practically helping them. This love gives them hope. Without hope they have nothing.

To conclude, we are determined to keep flying the flag literally and figuratively, whilst fully acknowledging that times are very tough in the UK too. We must not forget Ukraine and its people, not forget their incredible fight on behalf of all of us. Military aid is, of course, crucial but we have seen at first-hand how 'small acts of kindness and love' will, more than anything else, help Ukraine endure Putin's cruel ferocity.

Kidogo kidogo inakuwa nyingi really can – and is – making a difference.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT AND THE EASTBOURNE CONNECTION



Roy Sully writes:

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St Bartholomew the Great was founded by Rahere, a courtier of Henry I. On a pilgrimage to Rome Rahere contracted a fever and vowed that, should he recover, he would build a hospital for the poor in London. Returning to health, he had a vision of the Apostle Bartholomew who commanded him to build a church in Smithfield to the glory of God and named in honour of the Apostle.

Rahere's twin foundations, Hospital and an Augustinian Priory, were separated at the Reformation. Even so, they remain closely linked, not only in the prayerful presence of St Bartholomew the Less but also in the restored office of Hospitaller, the second priest of the parish who ministers in both institutions.

The work to build the church and hospital began in 1123 on land given by the King. The east end was completed by Rahere's death in 1143 and the remainder of the church by 1300.

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 the prior and canons were pensioned off, the nave was demolished (most of the site is now the churchyard you see from Cloth Fair), the monastic buildings passed into other ownership and the monastic quire became the parish church.

Over the next three centuries the church continued in use,

but parts were used as a blacksmith's forge, a school, houses, printing works, and a lace and fringe factory. In 1724 the young Benjamin Franklin, newly arrived in London, worked as a typesetter in a printer's shop in what was once the Lady Chapel.

In the mid-19th century, the architectural significance of the priory was realised and an ambitious plan for its reordering began in 1864 with the greater part of the work being carried out under the direction of Sir Aston Webb, RA. The result is largely the church as it is today.

BUT WHAT HAS ALL THIS TO DO WITH EASTBOURNE COLLEGE?

Like most parishes, Great St Bartholomew has two churchwardens who are elected annually to represent the laity. The current wardens are Charles Spanton and Roy Sully. Charles was in School House from 1968 to 1973, as were his brothers, Philip (1972–77) and Christopher (1975–80). Roy is the godfather of Felix Mann (Wargrave) who is currently at Eastbourne in Year 11, and represents the school at cricket, hockey and football. A further connection is that the senior sidesman of the church is Brian Waldy (School House 1964–69).

In 2023, we will celebrate the 900th anniversary of the founding of church and hospital. In celebration, the Parochial Church Council have resolved to embark on a campaign to preserve this heritage site for the next generation and all those that follow, and to support a long-term sustainable church music programme through a major endowment.

The church is usually open every day to visitors from 10.00am to 4.00pm, so do pay us a visit if you are in London.



Brian Waldy, Roy Sully and Charles Spanton in front of the tomb of Prior Rahere in the Priory Church

IF YOU WERE AT EASTBOURNE COLLEGE IN THE MID-1980S, YOU WILL NO DOUBT REMEMBER THE COLLEGE RHYTHM 'N' BLUES BAND MACHO FROG.



Battle of the Bands 1986: back row, left to right, are Julian Brenan, Chris Stead, Tony Sanders, David Irons and Nigel Lewis; front row are Charlotte Bowyer (Nugent 1985–87), Alex Brown and Jo Bush (Nugent 1985–87). Charlotte and Jo were occasional backing singers with the band

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MACHO FROG?

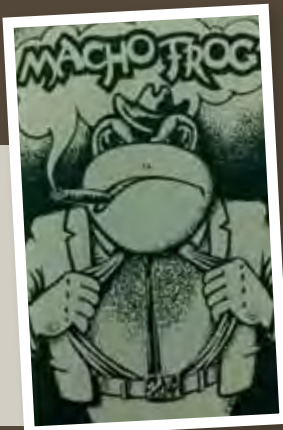
Alex Brown writes:

We played a mixture of our original songs and cover versions and regularly put on gigs in Room 8 (now the Le Brocq Studio), the old Blackwater boys boarding house (now a girls day house in a new building), School House, and of course in Big School. When the band members left the College, we continued playing in the main Eastbourne music venues – King's Country Club, Caleb's, Bogey's, TJ's, The Golden Lion and Eastbourne Winter Garden. We even made the final of the 'Battle of the Bands' competition at Eastbourne Hippodrome in 1986.

The band was made up of Alex Brown (Blackwater 1980–85) on vocals, Chris Stead (Gonville 1980–85) on lead guitar, Julian Brenan (Wargrave 1980–85) on bass, Nigel Gibson (Wargrave 1983–85) on rhythm guitar, David Irons (Powell 1980–85) on keyboards, Nigel Lewis (School 1981–85) on sax and Tony Sanders (Pennell 1982–87) on drums.

In the spirit of true Old Eastbournians, over the 38 years since we left (apart from Tony, our 'baby' drummer, as he

The band's logo, designed by Liam Sharp (Pennell 1981-86), now a well-known comic book artist and publisher, who has worked on a number of titles for Marvel, DC Comics and others



was two years our junior) we all kept in touch and still meet on a regular basis to this day.

Sadly, we lost Dave 'Strawbs' Irons to cancer in January 2019 and we have lost contact with Jules Brenan (last known living in Switzerland), but the remaining band members felt it was fitting in 2023 'TO GET THE BAND BACK TOGETHER'!!

In January 2023 the band are rehearsing locally in Eastbourne (with a new keyboard player and Nige Gibson on bass) and we will be releasing details of the Macho Frog comeback gig which we hope will be back at the College, in Big School, within the next few months. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details!

If any of you have contact details for Julian Brenan, or simply want to get in touch with the band, please contact Alex on alexjamesbrown@live.co.uk or 07710 037356.

THE COLLEGE YEAR 2021-22

GCSE **65%**
A*-A

COMMITTED TO
ACHIEVING
**ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE**

YEAR ON YEAR THE COLLEGE IS
RANKED IN THE TOP 4% OF SCHOOLS
IN THE COUNTRY, ON THE BASIS
OF 'VALUE ADDED' BY THE LEVEL
OF TEACHING AND COMMITMENT TO
HELPING EVERY CHILD UNLOCK THEIR
FULL POTENTIAL.

GRADE 9
the most achieved grade

21 PUPILS
below Year 11 passed their
mathematics GCSE early

Art, German, Greek and history saw some of the
highest achievements, outside the core subjects

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR
YOUNG WOMEN

50%
OF OUR TOP
ACHIEVERS
ARE GIRLS

A-LEVEL **78%** A*–B,
up 10%
from 2019

HIGHER EDUCATION
30 pupils aspiring to
study medicine

STRONG STEM

participation at the College

1 IN 3 PUPILS

achieved an A* or A in all their A-level subjects

28 PUPILS

studying Mathematics A-level take Further Mathematics

100 PUPILS

undertaking EPQ on top of their A-levels

Economics, Further Mathematics, Mathematics
and Physics saw some of the top grades

■ TEN PUPILS WIN NATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION TO ATTEND IMMERSE EDUCATION SUMMER COURSES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE, AND JASMINE WRIGHT IS THE NATIONAL WINNER OF THE EXETER UNIVERSITY POLITICS ESSAY COMPETITION.

■ XANTHE LAWSON WINS THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE OXFORD ANTHEA BELL YOUNG TRANSLATORS COMPETITION (SOUTH EAST).

■ COLLEGE PUPILS WIN CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHALLENGE FOR THEIR DESIGN OF A SOLAR WATER STERILISATION SYSTEM.

■ 2021 SAW SIX OF OUR YOUNG WOMEN LEAVE TO READ DEGREES AT OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.



THESE SIX WOMEN OF THE FUTURE ARE ROLE MODELS FOR ALL PUPILS AT EASTBOURNE COLLEGE. THEIR EXCELLENT RESULTS AND PROSPECTS SHOW WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND AN INCLUSIVE, BALANCED AND AMBITIOUS EDUCATION."

TOM LAWSON, HEADMASTER



THE COLLEGE YEAR 2021-22

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

THE SPORTING PROGRAMME GIVES PUPILS A BROAD EXPERIENCE OF SPORT AND STILL ALLOWS FOR SPECIALISATION AND FOCUS ON ELITE PATHWAYS.

THE COLLEGE ACHIEVES REMARKABLE SUCCESS AT COUNTY, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL, AS WELL AS ENABLING SPORT FOR ALL.

HOCKEY

The girls 1st XI won the T3 national schools final, vs The Perse School, at the Olympic Hockey Centre. Recent College teams have finished runners-up in four previous national finals. **Tilly Fox**, current girls 1st XI captain (2022), has played for England Schools and for Sevenoaks in the National League.

CRICKET

Six former pupils are currently playing professional cricket for Kent CCC and Sussex CCC, while the College has been named in *The Cricketer's* top 100 schools for the seventh year running. **Emmanuel Bawa** captains Zimbabwe in U19 cricket World Cup. 1st XI beat Eton College to get through to national semi-finals of ECB U17 national plate.

SWIMMING

The Weald and Downland competition saw 26 new personal best times from across the whole squad and a second place for the senior boys. Our senior boys finished on the podium in the National Independent Schools' Relay Competition, the Bath Cup, at the Olympic Park; with three swimmers involved in the England Swim Programme. The girls freestyle relay team also reached their final.



RUGBY

The boys 1st XV were runners-up in the RFU U18 Bowl Final, vs Nottingham High School, at StoneX Stadium in London, home of Saracens RFC.

TENNIS

Both boys and girls teams are ranked number one in Sussex, and have won a number of schools titles in 2021–22 from U15 to U18, including five county titles. During the summer the tennis teams achieved unprecedented success. Both the A and B girls teams reached the British Schools National Finals with the boys top team reaching the finals too; a feat matched by only one other school in the UK. The girls A team won the National Plate title.

Our senior boys and girls squads were runners-up in the National Winter Schools LTA championship event. Girls are seeded in the top four in the UK, five years running. There are currently ten Old Eastbourne girls on tennis scholarships in the US.

CROSS COUNTRY

Current pupils **Matt Geddes** and **Tom Hutton** recorded a first and second place in the senior boys Sussex Schools Cross Country Championships and compete nationally within cross country and triathlon. Both senior boys and senior girls won team gold, while **Lisa Shi** recorded third place.

NETBALL

Our 1st VII finish regularly in the top four at Sussex Independent Schools Tournaments. The senior girls won the local league for the fourth consecutive season and now play in a top adult league. Our junior team are also unbeaten in their first season.

ATHLETICS

In the newly formed Sussex Independent Diamond League there has been a host of bronze, silver and gold medals for boys, girls and relay teams. Including **George Pool** (2021 leaver) winning gold at the Sussex County Championships in the 3000m, finishing ninth nationally; he is also ranked third in the UK for the 5000m.

SAILING AND WINDSURFING

Current pupil **Emma Marsh** competes at national level. **Sam Williams**, OE, was selected in the Great Britain windsurfing programme.

TRIATHLON

Following the path of many of our OEs, two current pupils compete at an elite junior and representative-level.

AQUATHON

Around 60 competitors, both pupils and staff, took part in this year's continuous two-stage race: starting in the water, with a 300-metre swim parallel to the beach, before completing a two-mile footrace along the promenade to Holywell in Meads and back.



ANNUAL INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS STEEPLECHASE

Pupils from every house and year group ran a course on the nearby South Downs, ending at the Wish Tower on the seafront.



THE COLLEGE YEAR 2021-22

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

WE SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALL AREAS OF CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS, AND OFFER AN INSPIRING ARTS JOURNEY. WE SEEK TO EMPOWER PUPILS TO GAIN CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVITY THROUGH EXPRESSION, PROVIDING ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH.

DRAMA

Finlay Tomlinson wins a place at Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and Guildford School of Acting, and **Christopher O'Hanlon** at Bristol Acting School. **Layla El Jishi Cluskey** to appear in Channel 4 series *The Change*.

Over 50 pupils were involved, both behind the scenes and on stage, in our December production of *Les Misérables*. Each sold-out performance received a standing ovation.

MUSIC

The production of *Les Misérables* was one of the largest music highlights, along with our two outdoor concerts in the summer term and our Jazz band playing for the Children's Respite Trust Ball.

All Year 13 pupils studying academic music receive offers to study music at colleges and conservatoires, including Guildhall School of Music and Drama. In the past four years 47 pupils have been awarded a Diploma or Grade 8. **Ella Parker's** song *Favourite* is track of the week on the BBC in the south.

DANCE

For the second successive year, **Herbie Sleep** won the national Great British Dance Off, where the College dance team finished in the top five. **Millie White** was placed in the top 10 for the National Theatre Dance competition.





ART

During the Michaelmas term, in our Nugee Gallery, we displayed a series of 14 watercolour portraits with interactive functionality by Old Eastbournian **Ben Wolstenholme**. Drawing inspiration from the events surrounding the 'Black Lives Matter' movement, Ben questioned his own privilege and explored ways to create awareness through art, the result being a collection of portraits of artists, thinkers, writers and icons and representatives of civil rights in the 20th and 21st centuries.

In the spring term the Birley Centre displayed a variety of pupil art exhibitions:

- The exhibition by our junior art scholars focused on the climate crisis and displayed imagery of human evolution with the idea of retracing our steps as a species.
- The Year 12 textiles exhibition was a product of workshops, using either Photoshop or screen-printing to create repeat patterns.

Isaac Lee's 'Greener Lives' monument design was selected for publication in a national competition run by the Goldsmith's Centre for Contemporary Art.

Some of our pupils' work was shown in an outdoor exhibition as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.



TEXTILES

Nellie Yarrow Davies and **Marcus Skyrme** were joint winners of the national Royal Opera House Competition to design costumes for *Carmen*. **Liv Reade** won the Young Fashion Designer of the Year competition. The brief was to design a range of 'Athleisure' in response to the changes seen in our wardrobe during the lockdown..

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Ptolomy Ridge was awarded the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship.

Five of our DT pupils were also runners-up in the British International Education Association STEM competition to eliminate plastic waste.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 12 pupils have embarked on the Royal Opera House Design Challenge project for design and marketing, by investigating the old town and fishing district of Hastings.

All year groups have been invited to take part in an online professional workshop, where images by **Jessie Tarrant**, **Jake Lawson-Johnston** and **Lottie Thorley** will be reviewed by professional photographers. **Leander Walters** wins the national BSA photography competition in honour of Khadija Saye.

THE COLLEGE YEAR 2021-22

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN SOCIETY. WE ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO REFLECT ON THEIR GOOD FORTUNE AND CONSIDER, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR WIDER EDUCATION, THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUPILS TO BE CARING AND GENEROUS, INCLUDING EVENTS ORGANISED BY OUR HOUSES, INDIVIDUAL PUPILS SUPPORTING THEIR OWN CHARITIES, THE CHARITY SOCIETY AND THE CHAPEL CHARITY.



CHARITIES

Gonville House raised over £400 for **Matthew 25 Mission**, a charity which seeks to rebuild broken lives, including those who are homeless. As part of the house's ongoing support, over four boxes of fleeces and rain jackets were hand delivered.

Reeves House had a fantastic revue in support of Ukrainian refugees, raising just over £400 to donate to the **British Red Cross**.

In March, a musical evening by pupils was held in Tim's Café also fundraising for the **British Red Cross**.

Our annual **charity revue** was held in February with some great performances, raising money for the school's two Chapel Charities: **Bright Ideas for Tennis** and **International Rescue** (Afghanistan).

In January we held a 24-hour tennis marathon in aid of **Bright Ideas for Tennis**, a charity run by former pro and Davis Cup player, **Danny Sapsford**. Funds were raised for disability tennis and will be distributed to local schools and tennis providers in the Eastbourne area.

Watt House raised over £320 for **Macmillan Cancer Support** at their house revue. This supplemented over £700 raised in a cake sale!

A 24-hour rowathon was undertaken by **Wargrave House**, raising a monumental £5,000 for **Warming Up The Homeless**.

Pennell House raised over £400 for **UNICEF's Afghanistan Appeal** at their house concert.

Blackwater House raised over £200 at their house concert for **Young Minds** and a further £775 for **Makomborero UK**, a small charity which seeks to relieve poverty in Zimbabwe through the education of disadvantaged children, and by supporting their families and the communities they live in.

86 150

pupils are working towards Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

pupils are working towards Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



320

more pupils are in the Combined Cadet Force, one of the largest contingents outside those at military schools.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following scholarships and awards were made to pupils who started at the College in Michaelmas term 2022

YEAR 9

ACADEMIC

Guillaume Becker
Frankie Gill
Felix McAndrew
Mark McKie
Téa Neill
Freddie Timlin
Emma Valks

ART

Miyu Katsumata
Sophia Sneddon

DRAMA

Ana Brown
Rosie Dale

Harry Evans
Isla Jourdain
Nancy Maclaurin

FORBES WASTIE ALL-ROUNDER AWARD

Isla Heath
Harry Jordan
Hector Lawson

MUSIC

Yuki Chae
Felix McAndrew

SPORT

Bertie Cooke
Ben Davies
Finlay Diacon
Will Fellows

Rosie Hill
Meg Lillicrap
Vincent Marten
Harvey Nolan
Gaby Pacheco-Lagoda
Georgie Pedley
Jax Putland
Emma Valks
Thomas van Rensburg
Imogen White
Eliza Williams-Thomas

SIXTH FORM

ACADEMIC

Selena Brathwaite
May Fogarty-Stevens
Callie Gent

DRAMA

Leticia Nare

PROFESSOR SODDY AWARD

Emily Hall
Hannah Sewell
Alice Younger

SPORT

Selena Brathwaite
Alice Pepper
Olivia Reeves
Poppy Thomas

TEXTILES

Elsie Southern

PRIZE WINNERS 2022

YEAR 9

Emily Hale Prize for the Outstanding
Academic Performance in Year 9
Art Prize
Biology: Philip Matthew Prize
Chemistry Prize
Classical Civilisation Prize
Dance Prize
Design and Technology Prize
Drama Prize
English as an Additional Language Prize
English Prize
English: Andrew Downes Junior Prize
for Language
French Prize
French: C Kirk-Greene Junior Reading Prize
Geography Prize
German Prize
Greek Achievement Prize
History: JL McIntosh Prize
Latin Achievement Prize
Mathematics Prize
Music Prize
Physical Education Prize
Physics Prize
Religious Studies Prize
Spanish Prize
Textiles Prize

Humreen Ellens
Isaac Lee
Daniel Clark
Ian Tam
James Dunlop
Daria Popa
Daniel Li
Lucy O'Hara
Gabriel Kwok
Ian Tam
Poppy Campion
Phoebe Wearne
Humreen Ellens
Nikki Ko
Eric Wood
Eric Wood
George Hoad
Kristiana Bailey
Xinyue Zhao
James Yee
Nate Cahill
Dmitry Bykov
Ian Tam
Jessica Moore
Gabiella Gibson

YEAR 10

Prize for the Outstanding Academic
Performance in Year 10
Art Prize
Biology Prize
Chemistry Prize
Classical Civilisation Prize
Computing Prize
Dance Prize
Design and Technology Prize
Drama Prize
English as an Additional Language Prize
English Language Prize
English Literature Prize
French Prize
Geography Prize
German Prize
Greek Prize
History Prize
Latin Prize
Mathematics Prize
Music Prize
Physical Education Prize
Physics Prize
Religious Studies Prize
Spanish Prize
Textiles Prize

Xanthe Lawson
Isabelle Steed
Chloe Tse
Cedric Leung
James Speakman
Chloe Tse
Isabella Banks
Cedric Leung
Anyia Rai
Chloe Tse
Akari Ikeda
Noah Titterton Manos
Mary Keast-Butler
Anyia Rai
Harry Shouksmith
Reuben Mace
Ella Holgate
Sophie Fellows
Cici Liu
Harry Shouksmith
Tiggy Tutt
Emma Birch
Mary Keast-Butler
Esteban Boruel-Lopez
Daisy Dunkley

YEAR 11

Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 11

Acting: Steer Award

Art: RG Dyer Junior Prize

Biology: Rex Colgate Junior Prize

Chemistry: Tunstall Junior Prize

Classical Civilisation: Junior Prize

Computing: NJ Hill Junior Project Prize

Dance: Junior Prize

Design and Technology: NJ Hill Junior Prize

Drama: Junior Prize

English as an Additional Language: Junior Prize

English: AL Margetson Junior Prize for Literature

French: Marshall Junior Prize

Geography: Derek Mitchell Junior Prize

German: GG Mohring Junior Prize

Greek: RA Henderson Junior Prize

History: JL Hortenstein Junior Prize

Latin: Junior Prize

Mathematics: Junior Prize

Music: ED Merrit Instrumental Prize

Music: Organ Prize

Music: WN Williams Junior Prize

Physical Education: Junior Prize

Physics: RG Dyer Junior Prize

Pottery Prize

Scripture: Rexie Adalian Junior Prize

Singing: Seymour Junior Prize

Spanish: Junior Prize

Textiles: NJ Hill Junior Prize

Esme Scanlan

Sophia Marshall

Toby Wheatley

Zain Radwan

Boyang (Bob) Zhao

Eliza Jones

Boyang (Bob) Zhao

Lucia Ridley

Marcus Skyrme

Kirsty Williams

Sara Bierbrauer

Cornelia Yarrow Davies

Kirsty Williams

Ewan Clark

Laurence Callow

Zain Radwan

Clara Delaney

Mzingaye (Zizie) Ndlovu

Zonghan (Sam) Huang

Esme Scanlan

Benjamin Clark

Benjamin Clark

Kirsty Williams

Zain Radwan

Olivia Reade

Charlotte Thorley

Samuel Hamilton

Struan Dunlop

Marcus Skyrme

LOWER SIXTH

Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Lower Sixth

Art Prize

Biology: EC Arnold Prize

Business Prize

Chemistry Prize

Classical Civilisation: Baynes Prize

Classics Prize

Computing Prize

Critical Reading: Newton Prize

Dance Prize

Design and Technology Prize

Drama Prize

Economics Prize

English as an Additional Language Prize

English Prize

French Prize

Further Mathematics: Crowden Prize

Geography Prize

German Prize

Gurney Travel Scholarship

History: HJ Bannatyne Prize

Holman Prize for Services to Chapel

Mathematics: Green Prize

Music Prize

Philosophy and Ethics Prize

Photography Prize

Physical Education Prize

Cindia Zhou

Kiri Marshall

Isaac Tam

Benjamin van Noort

James Zhou

Maisie Spencer

Orla Boulter

Susan Shan

Kiri Marshall

Millicent Cranston

Ptolemy Ridge

Tess Garrett

Luke Burnham

Alisa Ievskaia

Mimi Gould

Benedict Hutt

Karam Al-Robaie

Leander Walters

Oliver Shouksmith

Polly Symes

William Liggett

Frederick Ferro

Mia Taylor

Matthew Wakefield

Mimi Gould

Saskia Garrad

Matthew Geddes

Physics: Alex Coates Prize

Politics Prize

Science: Percy Appleby Prize

Spanish Prize

Sport: PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys Sport

Textiles Prize

Vernon Dobtcheff Creative Prize

James Zhou

Maisie Spencer

Cindia Zhou

Theo Bathard-Smith

Emmanuel Bawa

Imogen Symonds

Florence Assetto

UPPER SIXTH

Jubilee Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Upper Sixth

Broadley Prize for the Heads of School

Olivia Reeves and Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel

Art: C Mackenzie Senior Prize

Biology: C Mackenzie Senior Prize

Business: Senior Prize

Chemistry: CS Smallman Senior Prize

Classical Civilisation: Archbishop Gregg Senior Prize

Classics: Duke of Devonshire Senior Prize

Computing Prize

Dance: Senior Prize

Design and Technology: Ellis Firkins Senior Prize

Design and Technology: The Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers Prize

Drama: Gubbins Senior Prize

Economics: Tenby Senior Prize

English: Lord Hyndley Senior Prize

French: LG Chater Senior Prize

Further Mathematics: HMS Marlborough Senior Prize

Geography: Duncan Ferguson Senior Prize

German: C Mackenzie Senior Prize

Godden Memorial Prize for Gonville House

Headmaster's Prize for Be You Ambassadorship

History: RD Macklin Senior Prize

Latin: BM Oman Senior Prize

Mathematics: Elizabeth Hurst Senior Prize

Music: HV Waterfield Senior Prize

Music: RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize

Painting: EE Morris Prize

Philosophy and Ethics: Rexie Adalian Senior Prize

Photography: Senior Prize

Physical Education: Senior Prize

Physics: BH Thomas Senior Prize

Play Production: Martin Steele Prize

Politics: Senior Prize

Science: Professor Soddy Oxbridge Prize

Sculpture Prize

Spanish: Peter Copp Senior Prize

Sport: Buckland Award for 1st XV Rugby

Sport: Harris Prize for Contribution to Girls Sport

Sport: Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports

Sport: Maurice ER Sims Prize for Contribution to Boys Sport

Sport: PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Girls Sport

Lillian Harley (Super League Netball U19),
Matilda Fox (England Hockey)

Textiles: Nelson Helmsley Senior Prize

Maddy Osman

Olivia Reeves

Ethan Page

Lottie Crathern

Tobias Lloyd

Jessie-Mae Tarrant

Katherine Walters

Chorus Yuen

Millie White

Wilson Zhang

Guy Beddows

Daisy Russell

Lottie Crathern

Olivia Reeves

Dexter Richardson

Freddie Bobbin

Emily May

Sapphyre Mills Kennelly

Arthur McKay

Bethany Thomson

Lily Steed

Imogen Pollard

Leo Shen

Livia Domaingue

James Grout

Cecilie Farrant

Audrey Hammer

Jessie-Mae Tarrant

Abigail Coleman

Freddie Bobbin

Joseph Muschialli

Lottie Crathern

Tobias Lloyd

Joseph Kettle

Federica Buckingham

Henry Duke

Matilda Fox

Tobias Lloyd

Will Chambers

Phoebe Shakespeare

THE CLASS OF 2022

The latest group of Old Eastbournians are the Upper Sixth who left the College in summer 2022



On Friday 20 May the Eastbournian Society held a reception for the Class of 2022, at which they were welcomed into the society and given a gift of a bound notebook and pen.

The group was addressed by Head of Futures Sarah Gordon who paid tribute to their hard work over the last two years, during which they had to cope with the difficulties brought about by the Covid pandemic. She wished them well as they were about to

embark on their A-level exams in the following few weeks.

Development Director Emma Garrett formally welcomed them to the ES and told them about the numerous ways in which they, as Old Eastbournians, can enjoy future reunions and other get-togethers, get involved with OE sports, and receive help and guidance with career choices and travelling abroad.



BLACKWATER



Jada Ani



Ashley Au



Zoe Bell



Amber Blake



Amelia Bottrill



Cecilie Farrant



Emma Folwell



Isabella Freslov



Saffron Grant
Down



Fenella Green



Lilly Harley



Eloise Johnston



Maya Klein



Lara Lawton



Megan Lee



Flo Long



Imogen Pollard



Phoebe
Shakespeare



Charlotte
Stanworth



Lily Steed



MeiLuSha Xiao
Askaroff

CRAIG



Guy Beddows



Freddie Bobbin



Will Chambers



Freddie
Dunkley



Teddy Groves



Dan Jeffrey



Theo Marsden



Ethan Page



Declan Skyrme



Jack
Soltermann



Fin Tomlinson



Bryn Watkins

GONVILLE



Matthew
Campbell



Jago Goodsell



Joshua Harding



Nils Houben



Herbert Keung



Arthur McKay



Yuki Nagata



Mosope
Oyemade



Yan Tarpan



Matthew
Whiteley



Theo Wong



Wilson Zhang

NUGENT



Abigail
Coleman



Jessica Fu



Halimat
Ganiyu



Georgie
Ginbey



Sacha Hood



Ksenya
Karpovskaya



Jess Lock



Megan Moore



Annie Pool



Izzy Rowson



Sasha Rozanov



Sophia
Semkina



Rosie
Wheatley



Savannah
Winston

PENNELL



Oriol Chazarra
Pitarque



Samuel Fiedler



Gary Gao



James Kan



Jake Lawson
Johnston



Henry Nguyen



Ablay
Orazbek



Sam Tsang



Chorus Yuen

POWELL



Kane Benton



Henry Duke



James Grout



Harry Johnson



Joseph Kettle



Tobias Lloyd



Joseph
Muschialli



Will Neal



Christopher
O'Hanlon



Tom Pedley



Zackary
Prawanna



Dexter
Richardson

REEVES



Emmanuel
Andal



Ben Beaton



Nasim
Bellagnaoui



Tayssir Ben
Caid



William Cutler



Reuben Dixon



Woody
Eriksson



Sam Holder



Batuhan Kaya



Cameron
Lindsay



Jay Mercer



Archie Salmon

SCHOOL



Harriet
Armstrong



Anya Brown



Federica
Buckingham



Tilly Fox



Maisie Gibbins



Audrey
Hammer



Elizabeth
Harvey



Risako Inohara



Celina Liu



Karina Matei



Lily Moore



Maia Mountain



Liv Reeves



Izzy Skarbek



Julie Sun



Rachel Wong



Waka Yasuda

WARGRAVE



Marmaduke
Carr



Chisom Edet



Max Hanison



William
Hoskins



Miguel Santos
de Quevedo
Cardiel



Leo Shen



David Wang



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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

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If you have any news that you would like us to feature, please contact David Blake at drblake@eastbourne-college.co.uk or write to the Eastbournian Society office at the address in the Contacts section on page 110. In response to suggestions from readers we have

included a table listing Old Eastbournians mentioned in this section in chronological order of their year of leaving the College. The news section itself (which also includes news about others who are not OEs) is in alphabetical order of surname.

OEs LISTED BY LEAVING YEAR

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| 1950 Anthony Hetherington (Powell & Reeves 1946–50)
John Salusbury (School 1946–50)
Robert Stapylton-Smith (Pennell 1945–50) | 1982 Robert Cohen (Reeves 1977–82) | 1996 Bibi Lewis (Durgahee) (Watt 1994–96)
Gareth Lewis (Craig 1991–96)
Alex Vanotti (Cullis) (Watt 1994–96) |
| 1951 Beresford Parlett (School 1946–51)
Michael Partridge (1946–51)
John Peck (School 1946–51) | 1983 Roy Bishop (Powell 1978–83)
Charlotte Brooks (Abson) (Nugent 1981–83)
Richard Duncan (Wargrave 1978–83)
Ronald Spiers (Blackwater 1980–83) | 1999 Alex Woodford (Reeves 1994–99) |
| 1952 Gerald Snare (Blackwater 1949–52) | 1985 Stephen Lees (Reeves 1980–85)
Ian Mortimer (Wargrave 1980–85)
Matt Seddon (Pennell 1980–85) | 2000 Johnny Mercer (Pennell 1995–2000) |
| 1953 Ted Capper (Blackwater 1948–53)
Joe Antebi (Blackwater 1950–53) | 1986 Liam Sharp (Pennell 1981–86) | 2002 Simon Cane–Hardy (Powell 2000–02)
Michael Webborn (Craig 1997–2002)
Lorna White (Nugent 2000–02) |
| 1954 David Atkins (Gonville 1949–54) | 1988 James Bucknall (Wargrave 1983–88)
Adrian Davey (Blackwater 1983–88)
Robert Emmanuel (Powell 1983–88)
Fergus Kennedy (Craig 1983–88)
James Moon (School 1983–88)
Jason Woodford (Wargrave 1983–88) | 2003 Jennifer Clark (Nugent 2001–03) |
| 1955 Nicolas Hemes (Blackwater 1951–55) | 1989 Andrew Lock (School 1984–89)
Andrew Teverson (Wargrave 1984–89) | 2004 Jennifer Webborn (Blackwater 1999–2004) |
| 1959 Pat Colbourne (School 1955–59)
Nigel Strofton (Gonville 1955–59) | 1990 John Lynch (Powell 1985–90) | 2006 Alex Stimpson (Wargrave 2001–06)
Ed Speleers (Wargrave 2001–06) |
| 1966 Giles Brisbourne (Gonville 1962–66)
Jim Dickerson (Gonville 1965–66) | 1991 Catherine Clifford (Nugent 1989–91)
Natasha Woodford (Nugent 1989–91) | 2007 Oscar Orellana–Hyder (Reeves 2002–07) |
| 1967 Roger Collins (Nugent/Wargrave 1963–67)
Jonathan Kay (Pennell 1963–67) | 1992 David Mortimer (Wargrave 1987–92)
Ben Westwood (Craig 1989–92) | 2008 Siobhan Gardiner (Watt 2003–08) |
| 1968 Edward Birn (School 1964–68)
Ivor Lloyd (Powell 1964–68)
Patrick Scott (Pennell 1963–68) | 1993 Nick Oldham (Blackwater 1988–93) | 2010 Emily Warburton–Adams (School 2007–10) |
| 1971 James Gardner (Pennell 1966–71) | 1994 Jon Medlycott (Pennell 1989–94) | 2012 Jody Deans (Powell 2010–12) |
| 1972 Robin Birn (School 1967–72)
Tony Watson (Blackwater & Craig 1967–72) | 1995 Gareth Doodes (Reeves 1990–95)
Duncan Ellis (Blackwater 1990–95) | 2015 Louise Watson (Nugent 2010–15) |
| 1976 Jan Koops (Gonville 1971–76) | | 2016 Brad Evans (Gonville 2014–16)
Victoria Watson (Blackwater 2012–16) |
| 1980 John Ryley (Blackwater 1975–80) | | 2018 Hannah Feben-Smith (Nugent 2016–18) |
| 1981 Fiona Bottomley (Caffyn) (Nugent 1979–81)
Mark Freeland (School 1976–81)
Chris Gardner (Pennell 1976–81)
Jeremy Gardner (Craig 1976–81)
Hartmut Richter (Powell 1976–81)
Kevin Vinke-Tuke (Powell 1976–81) | | 2019 Oscar Boulter (Craig 2014–19) |
| | | 2020 Mark Burnham (Gonville 2018–20)
Billy Nicholles (Reeves 2015–20) |
| | | 2021 Sandra Fuhrmann (School 2019–21)
Billy Hipperson (Powell 2019–21)
Hamish Reilly (Wargrave 2019–21)
Ella Woodford (Blackwater 2019–21) |
| | | 2022 James Grout (Powell 2017–22) |

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Joe Antebi (Blackwater 1950–53) – see the entry for **Ted Capper**.



David Atkins (Gonville 1949–54) has completed an 89–page booklet charting the history of the College from 1967 to 2017. Entitled *Eastbourne College: The Third Fifty Years*, it should be considered as a companion piece to *Ex Oriente Salus*, the centenary history of Eastbourne College written by Vin Allom, which was published in 1967. Our grateful thanks go to David for his time in both researching the material and compiling the publication, and also to Pat Larkin for typing up the manuscript. Both David and Pat worked as volunteers in the College archives for a number of years.

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Edward Birn (School 1964–68) continues to live in Hagatna, Guam, a US island territory in Micronesia in the Western Pacific. He is Director of the Department of Administration, Government of Guam, and is responsible for the Guam General Services Agency and the Treasury of Guam.

Robin Birn (School 1967–72) lives in Richmond on Thames and continues as senior lecturer in marketing at St Mary's University, Twickenham, teaching marketing, market research, customer insight and entrepreneurship and professionalism. Any OEs interested in viewing the campus and registering for open days for their family and friends please contact robin.birn@stmarys.ac.uk and he will forward the appropriate information. Robin also has recently been awarded life membership and life fellowship by the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) for his contribution to the marketing profession and both undergraduate and post graduate studies for the CIM accredited degree. Robin is also programme and module external examiner for the BA (Hons) Business and Management CMDA Degree at the University of Hertfordshire (UH).

Roy Bishop (Powell 1978–83) tells us: 'I did undergraduate medicine at Oxford (St Edmund Hall) then clinical in Glasgow, junior jobs in Forth Valley. As I was a TA Argylls officer I volunteered during the Gulf War, then stayed in the army afterwards as MO with the Argylls and later Queens Own Highlanders; they figured I had enough infantry experience to be able to take care of myself on the battlefield. Luckily I got out and emigrated to the US. I worked at George Washington University Medical Center in DC, then for Sutter Health in California. When they shut down in Chico I started my own medical group and later added a med-tech company which I still run as CEO. I have a home back in Argyll where I spend some of my time as well as visiting my sister Emma, who lives in Hastings.' Roy lived in St Leonards when he was at the College and says: 'I do remember the infamous train in the mornings, Hastings – St Leonards – Bexhill – Cooden Beach – Pevensey – Hampden Park and Eastbourne. I would get on at St Leonards with my friends **Hartmut Richter** (Powell 1976–81) and **Kevin Vinke-Tuke** (Powell 1976–81). I am still friends with Hartmut, he is a medical statistician near Frankfurt working on drug trials, having been at Cambridge, then a maths professor at Heidelberg.'

Fiona Bottomley (Caffyn) (Nugent 1979–81), who writes under the pen name Fiona Cane,



had a new novel published in 2022. *Angel Town* is a thriller about life in a cult based in the Colorado desert. In an interview with the *Eastbourne Herald* in July, Fiona said that the narrative arose from two questions: What if you were born into a cult and knew nothing of the outside world? And: What if everything you'd even been told was a lie? She also said, 'The moment I mention I've written a book set in a doomsday cult, people's ears prick up. Cults are profoundly interesting to those of us who have never lived in one. There is something odd, sinister and incomprehensible about them.' The book is available to buy on Amazon as a Kindle edition or paperback.

OSCAR BOULTER

(Craig 2014–19) organised a fixture for the Stags Cricket Club, made up of a number of young OEs, against the College 1st XI on Tuesday 21 June. Oscar not only captains the side but has also done a superb job over the past few years of getting the team together, gaining sponsorship, and designing and producing their kit. Their first match against the College was in June 2021 (pictured), and another one is planned for 2023.



Giles Brisbourne (Gonville 1962–66) met up with **Jim Dickerson** (Gonville 1965–66) in July, some 55 years since they had last met. We had managed to track Giles down when Jim contacted us and had put the two in touch with each other. You can read more and see a photo in Jim's news item on page 79.

Charlotte Brooks (Abson) (Nugent 1981–83) tells us: 'I took early retirement in 2021 from my role as a consultant oncologist in Kent, where I had been treating patients with breast cancer for 21 years. I am married to Gerard, a professional organist; our son is now married and living in Leicestershire, and our daughter has emigrated to Australia. My new life involves volunteering at a community cafe and bakery, helping out at the local Baptist church and supporting our Ukrainian guest.'

James Bucknall (Wargrave 1983–88) – see the entry for **Jason Wodford**.

Mark Burnham (Gonville 2018–20) has raised money through kickstarter.com to help fund a new feature film he has co-written and will be directing, called *Who's More Likely To?* The film is an original murder mystery, tell-



ing the story of a pizza delivery man who dies during a university house party. A group of teenage friends then investigate the possibility of having a murderer amongst them. It is described as 'a stylized whodunnit that embraces everything that comes with long-term friendships; all driven by backstabbing, jealousy, jokes and love; where everyone has a motive, every relationship has history, and everyone is hiding something... a wild ride that never stops twisting, turning and teasing the audience.'

Mark was born in Prague in the Czech Republic and is currently enrolled at the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, majoring in film and television production. He says it has been his dream to work in the film industry since the age of 14, and he has already made one feature film called *The Case*, and directed a number of episodes of a live TV show called *Trojan Vision* for the university. Mark has credited his time at the College as being a major help in his winning the place at USC. In an interview with the Sussex World website in June, he said: 'Following

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four years of hard work building up a portfolio of short films, I was lucky enough to be accepted [at USC]. This was, in great part, thanks to the College's support, both in the local Eastbourne actor friends that I made whose talent, patience and collaboration created my final application film as well as in the abundant support that the College provided me. This comprised the direct counselling and coaching of the College's American university specialist, as well as the opportunity to publicise my work with an Eastbourne College Film Festival thanks to the Gold Arts Award programme. My USC application film, entitled *A Lonely Rhythm*, was shot on College grounds as well as at our gorgeous Gildredge Park. Without Eastbourne's resources, natural beauty and people, I certainly would not be in the position I am fortunate to enjoy today. I owe a great amount to the Sunshine Coast.'



Simon Cane-Hardy (Powell 2000–02) has been appointed the new head of senior school at Gordonstoun from September 2023. Simon is currently deputy head at Prior Park College in Bath. He was formerly head of boarding at Pangbourne College; and head of lower school and head of history at Shiplake College in Henley-on-Thames. He graduated in history from the University of Wales, Cardiff, and has a PGCE from Sussex University and an

MEd in educational leadership. Simon is also a keen cricketer and has often turned out for the OE Cricket Club, and is an experienced rugby coach and referee. In a statement Gordonstoun said: 'In Simon, we will welcome an accomplished educationalist with a wealth of experience in senior leadership, boarding and academic study. During his visit to Gordonstoun, Simon connected warmly with students and staff, and impressed the panel with his commitment to character education and staff development, as well as his collaborative approach to school improvement.' Gordonstoun is a co-educational independent school for boarding and day pupils in Moray, Scotland, and is perhaps best known for having educated both HRH Prince Philip and HM King Charles III. Simon is pictured here with his wife Helen and three children.

Ted Capper (Blackwater 1948–53) is our OE rep in Spain. He recently wrote to us: 'I've been living in Spain for the last 60 years, and though I have travelled a lot, for both work and pleasure, I seem to have reached the age at which staying put, at home, is the pleasantist alternative... I would dearly like to visit many old familiar places, and many old friends, but they will have to make do with an email or two from me. I still have some old Blackwaterian contacts, like **Michael Partridge** (1946–51), **Joe Antebi** (1950–53) and, to a lesser extent, **Gerald Snare** (1949–52), and we correspond to each other from time to time. I did once have a piece of luck in connection with Blackwater House. I had applied for a job with a tea plantation company in South India, and the chairman, my interviewer, who was himself close to 80, turned out to be the son of the first housemaster of Blackwater House. After that,

and a brief look at his photograph albums, he called to the company secretary to book me a first-class passage on the first available sailing to India – and that was that!'



Catherine Clifford (Nugent 1989–91) is the managing partner at Eastbourne's Lansdowne Hotel, which in September 2022 celebrated its 110th anniversary of being owned and run by the same family. Catherine's uncle **Edward Lewis** (Ascham 1946–50) remains an active partner in the business, having joined the partnership in 1969 and become managing partner in 1974. Edward's parents Alan and Margaret Lewis had also been partners, seeing the hotel through a period of expansion as neighbouring houses were bought up to join the original 36-room hotel. During the Second World War the hotel was closed and was occupied by troops manning the Royal Artillery coastal battery on the slopes of the Wish Tower. Further expansion followed post-war and the hotel now has 102 bedrooms. You can read more about the hotel's history on its website at www.bw-lansdownehotel.co.uk/about-us/hotel-history. On 24 September the hotel held an anniversary event, and Catherine said: 'It was wonderful to have so many colleagues, friends, dignitaries and business associates help us celebrate such a special occasion. Over the past 110 years my family has proudly owned and run the Lansdowne Hotel and continues to take immense pride in the property today. The Lansdowne has always been here and will always continue to be.' Pictured above at the celebrations are James Bowker, Edward Lewis and Catherine Clifford.

Robert Cohen (Reeves 1977–82) is an actor and writer and his novel *Architecture For Beginners* has been published by Hobart Books, a small independent publisher based in Oxfordshire. The book concerns the comically fractious mid-life reunion between two old schoolfriends, one a retired footballer and the other a disgraced architect; the latter is

commissioned by the former to design and build a full-size football stadium on his Bedfordshire estate. You can read an extract of the book on Robert's website at www.robertcohen.weebly.com/architecture-for-beginners.html. In October 2022, Robert appeared in a new play at the Grove Theatre, Eastbourne, called *Lost in the Willows*, which tells the story of the bitter-sweet life of *Wind in the Willows* author Kenneth Grahame, and is a poignant, moving and often funny examination of his life and relationships. Robert has appeared in a number of productions at the Brighton Fringe Festival in recent years, including the acclaimed *The Trials of Harvey Matusow*, *Something Rotten* and *High Vis*, all of which he wrote.

Pat Colbourne (School 1955–59) was awarded the British Empire Medal in the 2022 Queen's New Year Honours list in recognition of his charity work and cricket coaching with young people. Having played for the College 1st XI under the captaincy of **Dod Wainwright** (School 1954–60), Pat continued with cricket after he left, playing for Eastbourne at the Saffrons, as well as for Sussex Young Amateurs and the Sussex 2nd XI. After attending Culham College, a C of E teacher training college, he taught in Bath for 30 years. In 1991 he was recognised for his outstanding work with young cricketers in Somerset and the West of England, in schools and at Bath Cricket Club, where he was captain, chairman and later president. In his early years at Bath CC (from 1967) he started up a youth section which produced a number of fine county players. For his coaching work he was awarded the accolade Coach of the Year, England in 1991 from the British Institute of Sports Coaches. He was also a mountaineer, and while teaching at the City of Bath Boy's School (later named Beechen Cliff School), Pat took student groups on eight summer holiday expeditions to the Alps. During mid-winter trips he would encourage climbs up Snowdon on New Year's Day on 18 annual 'very cold' expeditions, and says: 'Occasionally these courageous, energetic young students had to sleep in snow-holes on the Scottish Cairngorms in minus 25 degrees and witness, for the first time, horizontal icicles.'



JENNIFER CLARK

Jennifer Clark (Nugent 2001–03) is a professional singer and has been working as a guest principal artist at Opera North for some years now, as well as appearing with Welsh National Opera, English National Opera, The Grange Festival, West Green House Opera and many others. She tells us: 'On the choral

scene I used to sing a lot with The Sixteen and Tenebrae, but since going more down the solo route I tend to concentrate more on opera and oratorio these days.' You can read more about Jennifer at her website www.jenniferclarksoprano.com.



Roger Collins (Nugent 1963 and Wargrave 1963–67) wrote to us about our feature on the Duke of Edinburgh in last year's magazine. He said: 'I was amazed and then very delighted to see myself lurking in the bottom left-hand corner of page 20. For I was the "a pupil" depicted talking to the Duke of Edinburgh in Big School during the royal visit in 1966. I have a copy of the photo, which I think was taken by one of the local newspapers, and until recently could always say to visitors who noticed it that the Duke had clearly worn better than I had...My wife and I met the duke on several later occasions, during Duke of Edinburgh Award ceremonies at Holyrood Palace, but I never summoned up the cheek to ask if he recalled our first encounter.'

Roger continued: 'On a sad note, I was sorry to see the news of the death of my old school friend **Patrick Scott** (Pennell 1963–68) but was greatly interested by his daughter's account of his life, as we lost touch after university. I was particularly pleased to see the final sentence, recalling his role as 'a founder and editor of *The Caesarian* magazine'. I was his co-founder and co-editor, and I still have copies of the few issues we managed to publish, before we were closed down by the then headmaster, Michael Birley. I think it was our questioning the need for compulsory attendance at chapel that proved the final straw! The legendary Vin (or 'Vim', as we called him) Allom was highly amused by this act of censorship, saying that it was more important to found magazines than to keep them going.'

Roger concluded: 'May I complement you and say how pleased I was to read the article about the impressive number of young women from the College getting into Oxbridge this year. Back in my time only a minority of the students went to university at all; many more seemed to join the army or train for accountancy, which did not require a degree

to pursue it. Patrick Scott and I, and another friend, **Jonathan Kay** (Pennell 1963–67), were I think the only (apologies to anyone I am overlooking) Oxbridge entrants in 1967/68; I went to Oxford and the two of them to 'the other place'.'

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Adrian Davey (Blackwater 1983–88) – see the entry for **Jason Wodford**.



Jody Deans (Powell 2010–12) has moved on from his role as strategy manager at Vodafone Group to join a fintech

company called Pleo which provides business spending solutions. Jody told us in June: 'They have just raised \$350m from investors to expand across Europe and I'll be joining their team to help scale the business across new markets, working with their strategy and operations team. From 1 September I'll be moving to Denmark to join their head office and then the aim is to move across Europe with them from there.'



Jim Dickerson (Gonville 1965–66) contacted us in July 2022 to ask if we had any contact details for an old school friend of his, **Giles Brisbane** (Gonville 1962–66). We had lost contact with Giles some years ago, but after some internet searching we managed to track him down and put Jim in touch. Jim was visiting London from his home in the USA and met Giles for a meal. He told us: 'Giles and I had a wonderful 4+ hour dinner last night, with so many shared memories, and catching up on our families and careers. It had been nearly 55 years.'



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Gareth Doodes (Reeves 1990–95) sent us this photo of him with **Nick Oldham** (Blackwater 1988–93). Gareth is headmaster of The King's School, Worcester, and Nick is headmaster of Bredon School, thus proving the old adage that two heads are better than one.

Richard Duncan (Wargrave 1978–83) wrote to us in November: '2022 was a busy year - my business took off, my youngest daughter graduated from high school, my eldest daughter finished her final year at uni and was invited back for honours next year, and my wife and I celebrated our first year anniversary! To top it all off, after a prolonged absence from the UK due to the Covid pandemic, I finally made the long overdue trip back to visit family and friends, just in time for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. A whirlwind of visits took in Horsham, Woking, Aylesbury, London, Norwich and Eastbourne along with a blue-sky day visit to the College with my lifelong (45 years now!) best mate, school chum and fellow Wargrave house alumnus Barry Salmon. [See page 36 for a report on their visit.] From there my wife Ginny and I toured Scotland, visiting the sites, hikes and highlights of Edinburgh (including the Royal Yacht *Britannia* on which my cousin served

as commander back in the 80s), Inverness (battle of Culloden site is a must!), Isle of Skye (hiking the beautiful Quiraing), Loch Ness (no sightings of Nessie!) and Fort William (chasing the Hogwarts Express!), before visiting my father with my brother in the Pyrenees of France – the first time the three of us had been together in eight years! It was an amazing trip but seemed to be all over in a flash. Fortunately, we had another great trip to look forward to in October – the Cape to Cape walk in Western Australia – and are now planning our next great trip of a month-long camping tour of Tasmania in January. Looking forward to the exciting adventures in 2023!'

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Duncan Ellis (Blackwater 1990–95) and **Stephen Lees** (Reeves 1980–85) run Long Man Brewery, based at Church Farm in Litlington, East Sussex. In October the brewery won Sussex Beer of the Festival at the Eastbourne Beer Festival, for its Oatmeal Stout. It is described as 'brewed in the style of a traditional London Stout but with a large portion of oats added to the grain bill, this beer has beautiful notes of coffee and chocolate.' The brewery said: 'We are incredibly proud to win this local award, it shows that the work done by our brilliant team

HANNAH FEBEN-SMITH

Hannah Feben-Smith (Nugent 2016–18) is the co-founder of *Whatever Next?*, a multi-award winning project that opens up conversations about adoption.

Hannah tells us:



Addie, Hannah, and Jo

'In 2019, I met two friends, Josephine Jay and Addie Bara, via a Facebook group for Chinese adoptees. After a short period, we realised that there was a lack of discussion and understanding about adoption and wanted to do something about it. So, in 2021, we set up a website called *Whatever Next?* to share our insights as Chinese adoptees living in the West with the aim of creating dialogues, challenging misconceptions, and uplifting adoptee voices. This paved the way to the creation of our Instagram and podcast, and the start to an unbelievable journey. In the span of just 20 months, we published our very own book with publishers 404Ink, titled *Whatever Next? On Adult Adoptee Identities*, which tackles three mainstream narratives and addresses their negative impact on the adoptive community. We have also been recognised for our work having won the 2022 Young Scot Award for Equality and Diversity, the 2021 Creative Edinburgh Student Award, and the Awesome Without Borders Grant. We have enjoyed our appearances on BBC Radio Scotland, LBC Radio, The Herald Scotland, and have been fortunate enough to give talks to the UK Government's Race Forum and even travel to the US to speak at the Catalyst Foundation's 20th Culture Camp. For now, the three of us reside in Edinburgh working on the project alongside our part-time jobs and studies, looking forward to whatever's next.'

You can contact Hannah via social media @WhateverNext2020 and purchase the book online at www.404ink.com/store/inklings-whatever-next.

is appreciated by the people right on our doorstep.' You can visit the Long Man website for more details at <https://www.longman-brewery.com>.

Robert Emmanuel (Powell 1983–88) – see the entry for **Jason Wodford**.

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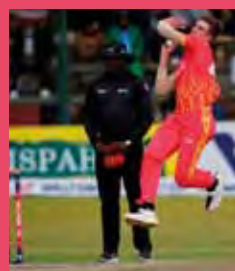


Mark Freeland (School 1976–81) is the executive producer of the BBC family comedy drama *Dodger*, which won the award for Best Scripted Programme in the 2022 BAFTA Children & Young People Awards. The ten-part series was shown on CBBC and BBC One in

March 2022, and a further two special episodes aired on CBBC at the end of the year. It is also available on BBC iPlayer. The series is set in 1830s Victorian London, and revolves around Jack Dawkins, better known as the Artful Dodger, and his exploits as part of Fagin's gang. The show is a prequel to the character's appearance in Charles Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*. Mark was previously Head of Programmes at Sky, Head of Comedy at the BBC, Controller of Comedy, Drama and Entertainment at the BBC then Executive at Working Title and NBC Universal Studios, which was commissioned by the BBC to make *Dodger*.

Sandra Fuhrmann (School 2019–21) gave a speech at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where she is reading French and Spanish. Sandra, pictured here in front of the statue of William Pitt the Younger at Pembroke, told us:

'Since October 2021 I have been a student at Pembroke College, Cambridge. In February 2022 I was one of the participants at the Master's workshop for public speaking for members of the 'Pembroke Prattlers', a



BRAD EVANS

Brad Evans (Gonville 2014–16) plays cricket for the Zimbabwe national team. In May 2022, he was named in Zimbabwe's Twenty20 International (T20I) squad for their five-match home series against Namibia and made his T20I debut on 21 May 2022. In August 2022, he was named in Zimbabwe's

one-day international (ODI) squad, for their series against Bangladesh. He made his ODI debut on 7 August 2022, for Zimbabwe against Bangladesh, and two weeks later took five wickets – his career best – in the third ODI against a powerful Indian side, taking out India's top-three batsmen, Dhawan, Rahul and Gill, all established test stars.



society which has been in existence for several years and is led by the Master, Lord Chris Smith of Finsbury, former Secretary of State for Culture and chairman of the Environment Agency. It was a great honour for me to talk as a 'fresher' in front of a chosen audience and the Master, as only a selected number of students could present their speeches.

'I chose to talk about the development of women's rights at my College in Cambridge and the whole of Europe. Using the story of Princess Europa and the relevance of her myth for this continent as a starting point, I highlighted how many women are still victims of violence, discrimination, abuse and injustice. My conclusion put an emphasis on the future and the necessity to continue to fight for women's rights:

'Yet, there is a lot that needs to happen in Europe to achieve a sense of equality for all women and marginalised genders. It is now up to us to act for the next generations. Princess Europa had to stay silent, but we are fortunate enough to be able to have a voice and to express ourselves to point out injustice and use the opportunities we are given – we owe it to her, to Europe and the rest of the world.'

'It was a very enjoyable evening and I was delighted to be chosen as the best speech of the night by the Master who praised me for my confidence. I received special recognition for my speech, which was delivered without any notes, and my interaction with the audience. This success has encouraged me to participate in more public speaking events in the future. So far my studies at Cambridge have been very enjoyable. The good education and the experiences at Eastbourne College help me enormously to meet the high expectations and to be successful.'

DR SIOBHAN GARDINER

Dr Siobhan Gardiner (Watt 2003–08) visited the College on Friday 4 February to unveil a special plaque commemorating her achievement in sustainability action, as part of the Purple Plaques programme by Innovate UK. Dr Gardiner, who is currently a director in Deloitte's ESG practice, has won several awards for her work on sustainability action and innovation around the world. Having studied biochemistry as an undergraduate, she later specialised in plant sciences and completed her PhD research on sustainability in food systems. Her work over the years has spanned from climate justice, wildlife conservation and carbon capture, to smart agriculture and circular economy. Siobhan chose the College to be the home of her award and said: 'I loved biology and chemistry at school and was extremely privileged to have



the support from my teachers. It was actually when I was studying economics at A-level that I started to learn about how the application of science and technology can drive change in society, understood more about the role that large businesses and industries play in driving innovation, and shift how we buy and use different kinds of products and services. I thought, when it comes to climate and sustainability action, this sounds like an interesting mechanism for change.'

While on her visit to the College, Siobhan hosted a number of sustainability-focused workshops and group talks where she shared her journey since leaving the College with girls from Years 11 to 13. Siobhan is a huge advocate for educating pupils on the wide variety of careers available in STEM, particularly urging girls to feel empowered when choosing a career path in such industries.

G



Vice Admiral Chris Gardner (Pennell 1976–81) was appointed as a Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE) in the 2022 New Year's Honours. Chris joined the Royal Navy as a logistics officer in 1984, and served at sea initially in the Submarine Service on HMS *Tireless*, followed by HMS *Sirius* and HMS *Endurance*. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 1994, then Commander in 1999, becoming Executive Assistant to Flag Officer Sea Training before taking up his last sea-going appointment as Commander Logistics in HMS *Ark Royal*. Further promotions followed, as Captain in 2004, then Deputy Head of Capability for Expeditionary Logistics and Support in the Ministry of Defence in late 2006. Promoted to Commodore in 2010, he became Head of Capability Improvement. In 2014 and after nearly eight years at the MoD, he returned to the Navy as Commodore responsible for the capability management for the bulk of the surface fleet. He was promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral and become Chief of Materiel (Ships) at Defence

Equipment and Support in April 2019, a position since re-titled as Director General Ships. Chris told us: 'I was genuinely surprised but utterly delighted to find myself on the New Year's Honours list. It is a huge honour to have been promoted to KBE, especially in the

current circumstances where so many people are doing extraordinary things, particularly in our brilliant NHS. I would also like to recognise the outstanding people and team I work with, both military and civilian.'



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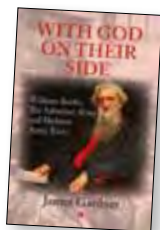
Jeremy Gardner (Craig 1966–81) tells us: 'I retired from teaching in July 2020 after 20 years at Glenalmond College. It was a bizarre way to end, with no pupils at the school, no Commem (Speech Day), no prize giving etc and no chance to say a proper farewell to colleagues. There was an online do a bit later, but it was all very strange. I now work part-time hours driving a taxi taking children with special needs to school, as well as sometimes taking adults with special needs and learning difficulties to day care centres. Totally stress free! It keeps me busy and gets me out of the house, but I still have time in the middle of the day to do other things, which is a nice change. I joined the Imperial War Museum, Duxford, as a volunteer in September 2020 and work there once a week

JEREMY GARDNER

on Sundays which is tremendously rewarding. It was very hard to have to stop last January so soon after completing my induction and first shifts, but we are now getting 2000 visitors a day at weekends and during school holidays, which is a fantastic footfall. It's something I've always wanted to do, so it's a dream come true to be working at a place surrounded by such an amazing collection of wonderful historic aircraft. At the moment I am working on the 'Spitfire: Evolution of an icon' exhibition and give talks to visitors about one of the 12 Spitfires (BM597) on display, which was flown by Polish pilots during 1942. It really is the best teaching aid I ever had – worth about three and a half million pounds! I also joined the local football club and run the reserve team, which keeps me busy, attending training and running the side on Saturday, washing the kit, putting up the posts and nets on match days, cleaning the changing rooms, helping to run the bar in the clubhouse etc – grass roots football might lack the glamour, but the camaraderie is great, and I've been warmly welcomed into the club. I think I am busier now in retirement than I ever was!'



James Gardner (Pennell 1966–71) is a local historian, retired teacher and social worker, and appeared on the BBC family history series *Who Do You Think You Are?* in June 2022, being interviewed by Richard Osman, one of whose ancestors had been in the Brighton Workhouse. James gives regular talks to history and general interest groups and has previously written books on the history of the Sussex Lunatic Asylum (formerly St Francis Hospital, Haywards Heath), the Brighton Workhouses, the first two British Railway murders and a biography of the late Johnny Haynes, the ex-England football captain. His latest book, *William Booth, The Salvation Army and Skelton Army Riots* (Lutterworth Press) came out in hardback at the end of March, with a paperback edition at the end of September. James told us: 'The book may be of interest as the worst rioting occurred in Eastbourne!'



James with Keith Magee in the White House

James Grout (Powell 2017–22) took part in a study tour of the USA over summer 2022, focusing on global justice and democracy. In Michaelmas term 2021, as a pupil in the Upper Sixth, James had met Reverend Professor Keith Magee when he visited the College, and they connected over their common interest and passion for the Be You Race and Ethnicity committee. Keith offered James a place on the study tour, which brought together students from universities in the UK and the USA, providing a unique opportunity to learn and share ideas about these topics. Between 7 and 16 August, the tour visited Boston, Washington DC and New York. During the time in Boston, James participated in various seminars at the Harvard Kennedy School

Center for Public Leadership. He got the chance to meet with British Consul General, Peter Abbott, learning about Britain's international role post-Brexit and the work of the Foreign Office, before participating in a mock senate session at the Edward M Kennedy Institute for the US Senate. He even got the chance to meet with leading staff from the Boston Red Sox Foundation, before receiving a tour of Fenway Park and watching the Red Sox in action. In Washington, the group visited the White House, and despite not being able to meet with Vice-President Kamala Harris, James said 'it was fascinating nevertheless to tour the White House and then visit the US State Department'. They also had the opportunity to tour the US Capitol and conversed with the Chief of Staff for Congresswomen Stacey Plaskett. In New York, the discussions predominantly centred on the role of the media and journalism in forming a fairer, more democratic, and more just democracy for the future. James also participated in a seminar with Javier Torres-Campos at the New School before visiting the United Nations. A documentary is to be produced following the study tour, detailing their experiences and conversations, and will be premiered at the US Embassy in London.

H

Nicolas Hemes (Blackwater 1951–55) was honoured by the California Highway Patrol Foundation for meritorious service (1970–2020) at their 40th anniversary golf tournament in Los Angeles on 16 September 2022.



Anthony Hetherington (Powell & Reeves 1946–50) visited the College with his wife Jennifer in May 2022, two months before his 90th birthday. He was shown around the campus by Helen Medlycott from the ES office. We were pleased to be able to present him with a copy of the book *Eastbourne College: 150 years in pictures* and the latest OE magazine.

Billy Hipperson (Powell 2019–21) was a prolific heavyweight boxer while at the College, competing at national level. However, the impact of Covid reduced the time he spent in the ring and his sporting focus moved to rugby, despite the fact that he had played little rugby before joining the College. Since he started his studies at Durham University, he has progressed further, and wrote to the College's Director of Sport Mike Harrison and Director of Rugby Oli Torri in November 2022 with an update: 'In my first year at Durham I played for the third XV consistently (captaining the side in the Lent term). The high-pressure environment and competition helped develop my rugby brain to the point where I felt comfortable leading a team week in week out. My hard work and development last year put me in good stead with the coaching staff, resulting in me spending pre-season with the 1st XV which afforded me the opportunity to play a Bristol Bears XV, including players such as loan Lloyd, Gabriel Ibotoye and Henry Purdy. Since then I have remained

in the 1st XV, starting five out of six matches. I am loving playing rugby at the moment and would like to thank you both immensely for your support during the time I was at Eastbourne. Without this time I certainly wouldn't be where I am now.'

K

Jonathan Kay (Pennell 1963–67) – see the entry for **Roger Collins**.

Fergus Kennedy (Craig 1983–88) – see the entry for **Jason Wodford**.



Jan Koops (Gonville 1971–76) took part in a TV documentary about the Falklands War,

40 years after the conflict. The programme, *Falklands War: The Untold Story*, was broadcast on Channel 4 on Sunday 27 March. In it, senior commanders and ground troops reveal how a series of mistakes nearly cost Britain its hard-won victory over Argentina in the South Atlantic. Jan was a captain in Prince of Wales Company, 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, and was on the supply ship *Sir Galahad* which was moving troops from San Carlos to Bluff Cove on the south of the islands. The original plan was that the troops would be offloaded under cover of darkness, but delays meant that they were still on the vessel at daybreak. Some 250 Welsh Guards remained on board while ammunition and other supplies were unloaded first, meaning that they were, in the words of one senior commander, 'sitting ducks, totally open to Argentinian air attack'. The ship was attacked, and Jan described the pandemonium which ensued as they tried to evacuate the vessel. He said: 'There have been some incredibly heroic acts carried out by a number of guardsmen, in the way in which they went back into this blazing inferno to try and help pull people out. The way in which they came together to get themselves off that boat was outstanding. I think it needs to be recognised.' Jan concluded by talking about his time as captain of the Welsh Guards rugby team, saying that two prominent members of the team, Cliff Elley and Andy Walker, were lost that day on the *Sir Galahad*. He said, 'There has not been

a day since 8 June 1982 when I have not remembered them in some way'. You can see an edited version of Jan's contribution to the programme on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gX-fIViTN5I>.

L



Anthony Lamb MBE, Deputy Head (Co-Curricular) at the College, was appointed in September 2022 as the new Head of Youth and Cadets in the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in the rank of Brigadier. The position involves overseeing the strategic direction of the five MOD-sponsored cadet forces which are made up of around 150,000 cadets and nearly 30,000 adult volunteers. He will hold the post for three years, alongside his College duties. Anthony, who has led the College's Combined Cadet Force (CCF) for 13 years, said, 'I am delighted and honoured to be appointed in this role. These five organisations offer the full cadet experience: a second-to-none, 21st century youth development programme aimed at preparing young people for success and providing new opportunities and experiences to enrich their lives. "For me, this role represents the culmination of over 30 years working with young people, both in education and the cadets, and gives me a unique opportunity to draw on all my experience to help take this wonderful youth movement forward.'

Stephen Lees (Reeves 1980–85) and **Duncan Ellis** (Blackwater 1990–95) run the Long Man Brewery, which won an award at the Eastbourne Beer Festival in October. See the full story on page 80.

Bibi Lewis (Durgahee) (Watt 1994–96) is married to **Gareth Lewis** (Craig 1991–96). They both work in East Sussex as medical consultants; Gareth is a consultant interventional radiologist at Royal Sussex County Hospital (RSCH) in Brighton, and Bibi is a consultant psychiatrist working formerly

in liaison psychiatry at RSCH and more recently in community perinatal mental health. They have three children, two daughters and a son.

Ivor Lloyd (Powell 1964–68) is the new chairman of trustees at the Chiltern Centre, a charity based in Henley on Thames, which cares for young adults with learning disabilities. Ivor is also the president of Eastbourne Rowing Club, having started rowing while at the College. He represented Great Britain in the world championships in Amsterdam in 1977, winning gold in the quadruple sculls. He also rowed for Wales and captained the country's team at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh in 1986. For 11 years he was responsible for the commercial side of Eton College, including Dorney Lake where the 2012 Olympic regatta took place. He said, 'During the build-up to the Games I was asked to captain Leander Club, so I was captain and director of rowing for 25 years, then took over as chairman while I was still working and was chairman for seven years, which ended in 2016.' Regarding his position at the Chiltern Centre he said, 'This role, which is looking after young adults, synergises with what I

have been doing in developing young rowers over the years.' Ivor also worked for 31 years with Marks & Spencer, two years with GlaxoSmithKline, helping with the merger of Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham, followed by two years running a £12 million turnover small and medium-sized enterprise, as well as regional director of WH Smith as an interim job.

Andrew Lock (School 1984–89) and his wife Svetlana had a new addition to their family with the birth of a baby girl in May 2022.

John Lynch (Powell 1985–90) has been helping with the development of an arts and music programme at Monkton Wyld Court, an education centre, hostel and B&B in Charmouth, Dorset. He has also been fundraising for the renovation and restoration of the Pine Hall, an 80-seat venue at the centre. You can read more about their activities at www.monktonwyld-court.co.uk. John plays in a band called The Telescopes, and told us, 'I have been lucky enough to record and tour all over the world as both a tour manager for bands and also as a performing musician, a particular highlight being

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an overnight recording session at Ardent Studios in Memphis. I have also been involved with an independent arts and music festival called Supernormal for the last nine years as one of the directors and as their site and stage manager overseeing the entire event.' He has also worked with DNG, a company that sets up and runs stages at numerous music festivals throughout the country.

M



Jon and Helen with Nugent pupils

Jon Medlycott (Pennell 1989–94) was appointed the housemaster of Nugent, one of the girls boarding houses, from September 2022. Jon has taught mathematics at the College since 2019 and is married to Helen, who worked in the ES office from 2021 to 2022. They have two children who are

current pupils, **Wilf** (Craig) and **Delilah** (St Andrew's). Jon read mathematical sciences at UWE Bristol and, as well as teaching, he coaches cricket, rugby and football. He is also a strong supporter of BeYou groups which promote diversity within the pupil community.



Johnny Mercer MP (Pennell 1995–2000)

was appointed Minister of State (Minister for Veterans' Affairs) at the Cabinet Office twice during the year. His first appointment was on 7 July 2022, following Boris Johnson's resignation as prime minister, and he served until 6 September when he was dismissed by the incoming prime minister Liz Truss. He was re-appointed on 25 October under the new prime minister Rishi Sunak. Johnny was previously Minister for Defence People and Veterans in the Ministry of Defence and Minister for Veterans' Affairs in the Cabinet Office from 28 July 2019 to 20 April 2021. He was first elected as the



DR JAMES MOON

Dr James Moon (School 1983–88) received the 2022 Gold Medal Award from the international Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR) for research he carried out in the field of cardiac medicine. Dr Moon is a professor of cardiology at University College London and Bart's

Hospital. During the pandemic he set up a major informative Covid study, publishing in leading journals such as *Science*, *The Lancet* and *Nature*. The work was covered in more than 1000 news articles, and changed global policies, leading to the design of a pan-coronavirus vaccine. He is listed as one of the world's most highly cited researchers. The Gold Medal Award was made for distinguished and extraordinary services to his main field, the medical imaging field of cardiac MRI. Dr Moon told us, 'Being at Eastbourne College and the inspiring teaching, especially in biology from Forbes Wastie, cemented a lifelong love of science and the skill and desire for discovery that I in my turn pass on to my PhD students.'

N



Billy Nicholles (Reeves 2015–20) wrote an article in *Gay Times* in March 2022 about the important role that schools

have in supporting LGBTQ+ young people coming to terms with their sexuality. Billy is a volunteer ambassador with Just Like Us, which works with schools across the UK to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ young people. He says that the 'Don't Say Gay' Bill, recently passed by the Florida Senate, 'is filling me

Conservative MP for Plymouth Moor View in 2015 and held the seat in the 2017 general election with an increased majority. Before that he served in the army for 12 years and was a captain in 29 Commando, making three tours of Afghanistan. He has long campaigned for the rights of veterans, particularly in the area of mental health.

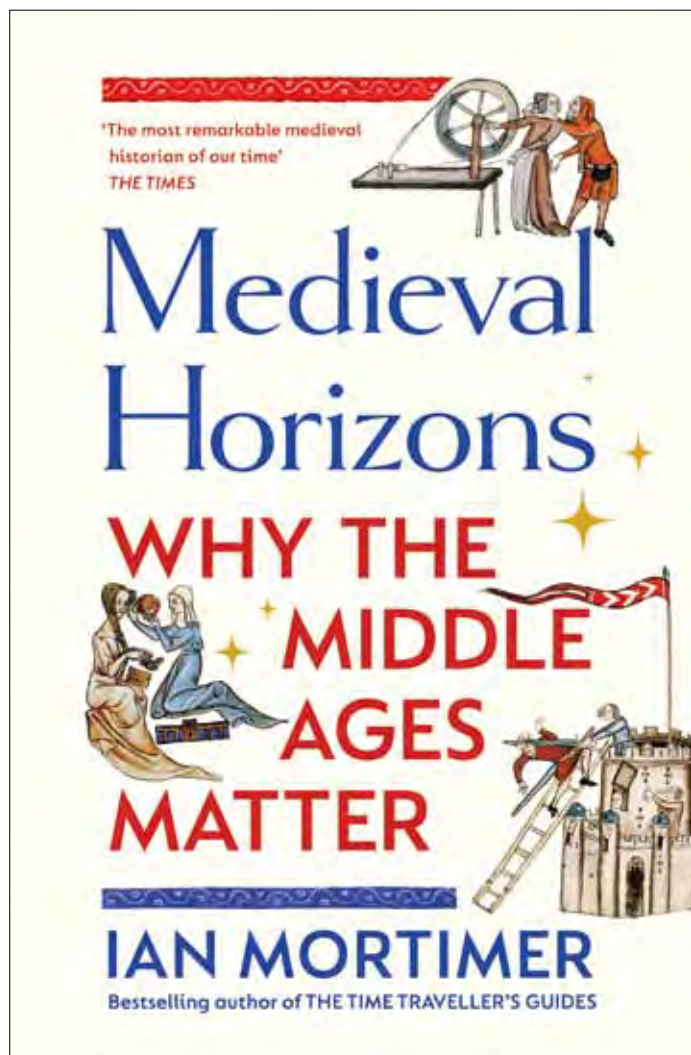
David Mortimer (Wargrave 1987–92) has designed the new gates for Old Wish Road, a project for the Arnold Embellishers. You can see the design for the gates on page 16, and a picture of David when he attended the OE reunion on page 49.



IAN MORTIMER

Ian Mortimer (Wargrave 1980–85) sent us this news: '2022 saw me finishing *Medieval Horizons: Why the Middle Ages Matter* – a book about how we understand social change and perceive the medieval past, and

how much we owe to our medieval forebears. It will be published on 23 February 2023. In addition, a good many hours were spent on three other ongoing historical projects. One is *A History of England Through the Windows of an Ordinary House* – not a local history but a single-viewpoint look at how events across the country would have appeared to the people living at the time in this house in Devon, or in previous houses on the site, starting in the Saxon period. Another is a demonstration of how it is possible to disprove the stories about Edward II's death in 1327 and, using that event (or, rather, non-event) as an example, an exploration of how we construct historical 'facts'. A third is a survey of all the surviving medieval pubs in the country, which I am undertaking with my wife, Sophie. Talking of Sophie, we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary earlier this year. Here is a picture of the two of us, still smiling!



with dread', pointing out that 'the most controversial part of the bill surrounds the censorship of classroom discussions of sexual orientation and gender identity.' Billy gives talks to schools about LGBTQ+ identity and his own story of growing up bisexual, but says that many of his talks would be illegal in Florida. He continues: 'It terrifies me because I know how difficult and dangerous it is to be denied an adequate LGBTQ+ education and accepting school environment. It's critical that schools are LGBTQ+ positive spaces where children have learning resources and support services available to guide them through the challenges of living in a straight society. Those with accepting families will cherish this support, those without that safety net will rely on it as a critical space where they can express themselves safely.' He concludes: 'My time volunteering with Just Like Us empowers children to talk openly and inclusively about LGBTQ+ families and identities, and learn in a safe environment. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of such spaces for young people. We all have a responsibility to foster and protect them, and prevent any child growing up in a place where they're taught 'Don't Say Gay.'

O



Oscar Orellana-Hyder (Reeves 2002–07) took over during the year as the new OE rep in the United Arab Emirates, and one of the first things he did was to organise the Eastbournian Society Dubai harbour cruise in November, which you can read about on page 56. Earlier in the year in April, Oscar had met up with fellow OE and old friend **Alex Stimpson** (Wargrave 2001–06) in Dubai, and they are pictured here, Alex on the left and Oscar on the right.

Nick Oldham (Blackwater 1988–93), headmaster of Bredon School, is pictured with **Gareth Doodles** (Reeves 1990–95),

headmaster of The King's School, Worcester, on page 80.

P

Michael Partridge (Blackwater 1946–51) – see the entry for **Ted Capper**.

John Peck (School 1946–51) was prompted by the accession of His Majesty King Charles III to send us this memory: 'Looking at pictures of the nice old chap who is now our king, I can say I remember the day he was born. I was I think 15 or 16. Sleeping in School House in the wing dormitory nearest chapel, **John Salusbury** (School 1946–50) was next to me and **Beresford Parlett** (School 1946–51) opposite. About 10 o'clock, all in darkness, the door was flung open and there stood the Head of the House. He shouted, 'It's a boy!' and we all cheered.'

R



Hamish Reilly (Wargrave 2019–21) secured a bronze medal at the U23 World Triathlon Championship in Abu Dhabi in November 2022. This was Hamish's first time racing not only at this level, but also at the Olympic distance, in what was an incredibly hot climate. His finish time was 1:50:29, only 14 seconds behind the winner, and fellow GBR team-mate, Connor Bentley.

Hartmut Richter (Powell 1976–81) – see the entry for **Roy Bishop**.



John Ryley (Blackwater 1975–80) is stepping down as the head of Sky News in early 2023, after 17 years in the role. John joined Sky in 1995 as an output editor and was appointed executive editor in 2000, then head of news in 2006. He started his career in broad-

cast journalism at the BBC as a graduate news trainee, followed by a period as programme editor on ITV's *News at Ten*. In 2021 he won the Outstanding Contribution Award at the Royal Television Society Television Journalism Awards. On the announcement of his departure, John said that running Sky News had been exhilarating, and commented: 'I can't pretend there haven't been tricky days!'. Dana Strong, CEO of Sky Group, said: 'His commitment to having teams on the ground has been a key differentiator, and his equal focus on keeping our people safe in challenging times has been outstanding. When John accepted the RTS award, he talked about his belief in, and lifetime commitment to 'accurate, original, impartial journalism', and that will be his lasting legacy.'

S

John Salusbury (School 1946–50) – see the entry for **John Peck**.

Patrick Scott (Pennell 1963–68) – see the entry for **Roger Collins**.

Matt Seddon (Pennell 1980–85) lives in Manila where he runs his own digital creative agency, Silver Machine. He has been living in Asia for 30 years and previously ran Saatchi & Saatchi South East Asia.

Jacqueline Shepherd (Watt & Blackwater 1995–97) is a free-

lance radio and TV presenter and journalist, based in London. As well as presenting the weekly lifestyle and culture show *The Scene* and the *The Women's Sport Show*, both on BBC Radio London, Jacqueline has also reported for Sky Sports. In April 2022 she was on BBC Radio 4, when she appeared on *Missing Mother*, a programme which looked at the lives of women who have experienced the loss of their mother at an early age. Jacqueline, who lost her own mother at the age of 10, explored whether there is an unspoken or unrealised academic, relational and mental connection between their loss as girls and the women they later go on to become. The programme is available to listen online on BBC Sounds.

Gerald Snare (Blackwater 1949–52) – see the entry for **Ted Capper**.



Ed in a scene from *You*

Ed Speleers (Wargrave 2001–06) took part in a Q&A session at Circus, the College creative arts festival held at the College in April 2022, more details of which you can see on page 20.

LIAM SHARP

Liam Sharp (Pennell 1981–86) was awarded an honorary doctorate at a ceremony at the University of Derby on 20 July 2022. Liam was born in Derby, and it was there as a young schoolboy that his talent for art soon caught the eye of his teachers, who advised his family to meet with the Gifted



Liam at the degree ceremony

Children's Society. That resulted in him winning the first arts scholarship to St Andrew's Prep in 1979, and he then went on to win a further scholarship to the College in 1981. He has had a remarkable career as an artist, writer and publisher, and is the co-founder and CCO of Madefire Inc. He made his debut in the 1980s for the science fiction magazine *2000 AD*, working on a number of Judge Dredd stories. In the USA he went on to work on a variety of titles, including *X-Men*, *Hulk*, *Spider-Man*, *Venom*, *Man-Thing* (for Marvel Comics), and *Superman* and *Batman* for DC Comics. He has also worked in production and character design for film and TV, including *Lost in Space*, *Batman Beyond*, and *Small Soldiers*. He was also recently honoured by the city of Derby with a wrought-iron and mosaic star set in the pavement outside the Standing Order pub in the cathedral quarter, part of the city's MadeInDerby2 campaign.

He has also been busy filming for two television shows, the science fiction series *Star Trek: Picard*, which is on the streaming service Paramount+, and *You*, a psychological thriller series on Netflix. In *You* he plays the character of Rhys, an author who has gained acclaim after writing his memoir and is now being pressured to launch a political career.

Ronald Spiers (Blackwater 1980–83) told us at the end of 2019 that he was leaving the US after 20 years in Atlanta to set sail in his boat called *London Calling*. In November 2022 he was back in touch to tell us how things went: 'The plan was, after a bit of a sail go home to the UK and get back to work. Well, the Covid-19 global pandemic, like for many, changed my plans. I only made it to the Bahamas for a five-month lockdown starting in March 2020. I could have been stuck in worse places mind! Once things opened up, I was able to sail a bit around the country and then headed back to the US in July 2021. Once there I spent several months improving things on the boat readying her for the next voyage. However, this time I will have crew. Johanna, a fellow Aussie I have known in Atlanta for ten plus years, has joined me as '1st Mate'. We started dating just as I left the US! Well, we married in April 2022, I helped her guide her son to university, sell and pack up her house and move onboard with me. Now we are off sailing. Working our way down the US east coast at present and aiming for the Bahamas for Christmas and Grenada by July 2023. From there, who knows. UK, Australia or somewhere in-between.'

Robert Stapylton-Smith (Pennell 1945–50) was one of the group who joined the ES Champagne tour in April, and you can see a photo of him and read more about the trip on page 24. Robert was married to Lúcia on 1 October 2021, two months before his 90th birthday, and they live in Portugal in Santo Estêvão, Tavira. He told us: 'I am very fit, mentally and physically. In consequence my health has benefited, and... the air off the Atlantic is pure and free of dust and pollutants.' He added that the land where they live is richly productive and 'we are now eating our own oranges,

lemons, mangoes and other weird fruit and vegetables of which I do not know the name. We also have had our first 2 litre bottle of oil made from our own olives.'

Alex Stimpson (Wargrave 2001–06) is pictured with Oscar **Orellana-Hyder** (Reeves 2002–07) on page 85.



Nigel Strofton (Gonville 1955–59) was honoured to be selected to represent England hockey in the over-80s team which played two games against The Netherlands in April at the National Hockey Centre in Bisham. The England team won both games 1–0 and 2–1.

T

Prof Andrew Teverson (Wargrave 1984–89) is the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Head of College at the London College of Fashion. The college is in the process of moving to a new campus on the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park as part of a new development for London known as East Bank. It will sit alongside new sites for other organisations including Sadler's Wells, the V&A and the BBC, as well as Loughborough University and UCL.

V

Alex Vanotti (Cullis) (Watt 1994–96) has been running her own photography business for over a year now and tells us: 'I've had clients from all areas – family shoots, schools, corporate, events and weddings, which makes for a richly varied experience. I've also enjoyed brief returns to the BBC for big events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and subsequently, her funeral in September, the finer details of which I had been working on for several years. I shall also be part of the team planning for the Coronation of King Charles in May 2023.

My children are now in years 4 and 1, and family life is busy and exhausting, but totally rewarding. On a visit to Eastbourne in the summer holidays, I walked the boys through the cloisters en route to the beach and was told that 'your old school looks like Hogwarts, Mummy.'

Kevin Vinke-Tuke (Powell 1976–81) – see the entry for **Roy Bishop**.

W

Emily Warburton-Adams (School 2007–10) is the co-founder of Pow Foods, which won a gold award at the Nourish Food Awards, which were held at the Caledonian Club in London's Belgravia on 22 September. The company won in the Convenience Foods, Meal Kits & Ready Meals category for its Golden Goan Fish Curry with Black Rice. Its philosophy is to offer deliciously nutritious food designed to support physical and mental performance. The Nourish awards have been the UK's leading health food awards since 2018. In 2022 over 300 products entered, from businesses of all sizes.

Louise Watson (Nugent 2010–15) gained her masters degree in sustainability and finance at Imperial College following her degree in geography at Durham University.



Tony Watson (Blackwater & Craig 1967–72) is the proud father of Louise and Victoria, and sent us the news of their achievements.

Nick Webborn, father of **Jennifer** (Blackwater 1999–2004), **Michael** (Craig 1997–2002), **Andrew** (St Andrew's 1994–2002) and **Fiona** (St Andrew's 1995–2002), appeared on BBC Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs* in February 2022. Nick is the chair of the British Paralympic Association (BPA) and a clinical professor at the University of Brighton. His first choice of record was *Heroes* by David Bowie. He said, 'This was the music that was played as we walked into the opening ceremony in London 2012 and I was appointed the chief medical officer for the British team. Every time I hear that track I immediately get taken back to the opening ceremony of the Paralympics Games, London 2012 and how the British people received us.' When asked if he could take only one piece of music with him to the desert island, he chose *This Is Me* from the film *The Greatest Showman*. His book choice was the works of Charles Dickens and his luxury item was an adapted segway with an espresso machine on the back.

Ben Westwood (Craig 1989–92) has published his debut novel, *Green Shoots*, an eco-thriller, which he describes as 'The Constant Gardener meets Dexter'. It is a story of grief and revenge, a crime thriller with an ecological heart.



A man determined to solve the mystery of his wife's death finds himself drawn into a lethal plot. It is available to buy at Amazon US and Amazon UK and has already received a number of very posi-

VICTORIA WATSON



Victoria Watson (Blackwater 2012–16) worked as a project manager in the exhibition industry until the Covid pandemic but has since changed her career path, and has now gained her commercial pilots licence with a view to becoming an airline pilot.

tive reviews at Good Reads. Ben says that if you read it and enjoy it, please post a review! Ben is a journalist, author, lecturer and performer with more than 20 years' experience in the media and education. He says that the novel was written after he completed a six-month novel writing course with Curtis Brown Creative. As a writer he has authored several travel guidebooks, and was at Telegraph Media Group for five years, working mainly on news and travel. Ben has also released two albums as a singer-songwriter, and you can read more about him at his website, benwestwood.net.

Jason Woodford (Wargrave 1983–88) wrote to us in December: 'I've managed to make a career out of marketing and have been running my Brighton-based marketing agency SiteVisibility since 2001 and the bi-annual www.brightonseo.com conference since 2010. The industry wasn't really an option when I left the College so it's become a bit of a mission of mine to introduce more young people to marketing, in the hope that more will consider the profession – get

in touch with me if I can help. When I left the College I think I was keen to be anywhere other than Eastbourne but on a return visit to see my parents I met my wife Lorrie and we've made East Dean our home since 2001. My daughter **Ella** (Blackwater 2019–21) is now at Exeter, and **Connie** (Blackwater Year 13) is completing her A-levels this year. It's been wonderful to have seen their academic progress accelerate at the College. It was not a surprise that they achieved better results than their Dad!

'My brother **Alex** (Reeves 1994–99) is living and working in digital marketing between Singapore and Dubai and he visits Eastbourne frequently to beat me at golf, whilst my sister **Natasha** (Nugent 1989–91) runs her own digital marketing recruitment agency called clockworkTalent – somehow we all ended up in the same industry! My eldest daughter **Georgia** (Old Androvia) is studying fashion marketing at Solent University so she's likely to join us too. I enjoyed getting together with a few of the other 1988 leavers in the autumn including **James Bucknall** (Wargrave 1983–88), **Adrian Davey**

(Blackwater 1983–88), **Robert Emmanuel** (Powell 1983–88) and **Fergus Kennedy** (Craig 1983–88); it felt like not a lot had changed. Hopefully we'll do it again before too long. For pleasure, I'm now

chairman of East Dean & Friston Cricket Club where many OEs have played and some continue to play – do get in touch if you fancy a game or a pint at the Tiger'

LORNA WHITE



Lorna and Dave at the finish

Lorna White (Nugent 2000–02) swam La Bocaina, the sea strait that separates Lanzarote from Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands, in an epic swim on Saturday 15 October 2022. Starting from Playa Blanca in the south of Lanzarote to Corralejo in the north of Fuerteventura, Lorna swam 17.7km in 5 hours 32 minutes. Her training started some five months earlier with weekly long-distance sea swims from Eastbourne beach. She told us: 'The training was tough and trying to fit in the sea swims around illness, healing bike crash wounds, travel for work and other commitments, not to mention tides and choppy waters, was sometimes problematic. For much of my training I swam solo and during my longest training swim of 3.5 hours I completed many laps of the seafront, suffering from wetsuit chafing and salt tongue. However, the sense of achievement after these long swims inspired me to carry on.' Lorna was one of five swimmers from Eastbourne who took part. They had to choose their swim speed – slow, medium or fast – and Lorna chose medium, along with Dave, another swimmer from Eastbourne.

She said: 'The first 90 minutes were great, I found some feet to swim behind and thought 'I've got this.' The water was beautiful, and I enjoyed seeing all the different fish (and more importantly

being able to see my hands and feet, something I wasn't used to in the briney!). We had our first feed – a slurp of water, a sticky gel which tasted like pure honey and banana, which ended up being dunked in salt water (I can tell you this isn't a combination I'm seeking to recreate!). After this first feed though, it all got a bit tougher. It was harder to stay on the feet in front and I ended up popping out the back of the group and swimming on my own. Then I spotted Dave to my right and that cheered me up! Someone familiar in a totally unfamiliar situation, and at the feed we chatted away and agreed that things were getting tough.

The rest of the swim was a cycle of highs and lows: swimming on feet vs solo swimming, euphoria vs desperation, feeling good vs painful shoulder. I just kept swimming, focusing on the thought of a shower (and a cold beer, or anything other than salt water!) As I headed towards the final buoy, I came across another swimmer who had bashed me a few times earlier on in the swim, so ignoring my screaming shoulder, I decided to finish strong and pushed for the last 100m. As I returned to a vertical position, the first person I saw was Dave. And we crossed the line together, coming 43rd and 44th. I didn't know what to do, cry, drink, eat or celebrate, so I did all four!

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OE SPORTS NEWS



CRICKET SIXES

Members of the OE Cricket Club (OECC) enjoyed a night out at Sixes Cricket in Fulham on Thursday 3 March. The venue is a bar with food and drink alongside two cricket nets in the back of the room for everyone to have a go at showing off their batting skills, so it was a great opportunity for a social evening – and a little bit of practice – ahead of a summer season of OE cricket. The club is grateful to Toby Marriott (Pennell 2008–13), head of marketing at Sixes Cricket, who kindly organised the evening.

CRICKETER CUP

The first round of the Cricketer Cup sees the OECC take on Old Wellingtonians at home on Sunday 11 June. All welcome. More details from oldeastbourniancc@gmail.com



Headmaster Tom Lawson, Roger Knight, Development Director Emma Garrett, Director of Sport Mike Harrison and former member of College staff Nigel Wheeler

CRICKET DINNER WITH ROGER KNIGHT

Following the MCC match against the 1st XI on College Field, a drinks reception was held in the Long Room of the Howell Pavilion on Thursday 23 June, before the annual cricket dinner in the Christopher Kirk-Greene function rooms. The guest speaker at the dinner was Roger Knight, who played for Surrey, Gloucestershire and Sussex. He also taught modern languages at the College for two terms a year from 1970 to 1978, leaving the summers free to pursue cricket. He was MCC Secretary from 1994 to 2000, then MCC Chief Executive from 2000 to 2006. He is an Honorary Life Member of the MCC and was President of the club from 2015 to 2016. Roger has recently published his autobiography, *Boundaries*, and he entertained the guests with reminiscences of his cricketing and teaching life.

A TOP CRICKETING SCHOOL

For the seventh year running, Eastbourne College has been included in the Top 100 UK Senior Schools for cricket by The Cricketer's Schools Guide 2023. It follows an exhaustive process which saw a record number

of schools submit entries to be included in the guide. All entries were judged against an extensive set of criteria, which included a compelling commitment to cricket in the curriculum, facilities, fixture programmes and coaching.

Headmaster Tom Lawson said: 'We're proud to have a strong tradition of cricket at Eastbourne College, with nine teams fielded every week during the summer term and a truly inclusive approach – every pupil has access to the same facilities and opportunities in cricket, regardless of age, gender or ability. We have specialist coaching for girls and they can play in the mixed teams or the girls squad. We're committed to developing a passion for the sport, which is reflected in the number of pupils who go on to play at professional level.' Currently six former pupils of Eastbourne College are playing professionally for Kent or Sussex county cricket clubs.



OE FIVES

The OE Fives Club has started an exciting new cross-charity project to rejuvenate fives. The strategy has been broken down into three key areas: Advertising; Integrating; and Renovating the coaching and facilities of both St Andrews Prep and Eastbourne College. This started in the summer of 2022 with the club holding multiple fives reunion events to introduce new people to fives and raise awareness of the current challenges.

The club has also set up a 'charity-backed' crowdfund, with the intention to upgrade the historic facilities of both St Andrews Prep and the 101-year-old Eastbourne College courts. This will help to ensure the long-term preservation of fives, also providing vastly improved playing conditions for pupils, club members, and matches.

The club plans to run numerous crowdfunding events including a dinner and 24-hour fives marathon. Further information will be provided in due course via newsletters and the OE Fives Club webpage (<https://eastbourniansociety.org/clubs/view/fives>).

As a club, we see so many opportunities to provide better facilities and coaching across the charity. We look forward to building upon the significant foundations we set in 2022, planning to formally launch our crowdfund. We are also actively seeking to increase our player pool and would welcome

any new or former fives players to take part. The club plays every Tuesday between 8.00–9.30pm at Eastbourne College and goes to the Dolphin pub afterwards. If you are interested in joining, please contact Spencer Beal (former College staff) at spencerjbeal@gmail.com or James Holman-Dine (Craig 2014–19) at james.holmandine@outlook.com.



OE GOLF SOCIETY

Chris Walker writes:

Following on from the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2022 programme for the Old Eastbournian Golf Society (OEGS) was fully back to normal. In the main scratch team tournaments in which we play – namely the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Cyril Gray – we did well in the Halford Hewitt and in the Public Schools Putting Tournament at Royal Wimbledon we reached the final and finished fourth. We played a total of nine matches against other old boys golf societies, the College and the College Common Room. These matches are open to all of our members, as are our Spring Tour of Norfolk and our Summer Meeting at Cooden Beach GC.

A new event in 2022 was the Richard Day Singles Knockout. The early rounds of this were played at any mutually agreed golf course but the semi-finals and final took place at Rye. This was most successful and will certainly be repeated in 2023 when we hope for an even larger entry. A second

new event was a Texas Scramble at Reigate Hill GC aimed specifically at younger OE golfers. This and other outings aimed at this group will be organised in 2023.

Also introduced in 2022 was a range of OEGS branded merchandise – polo shirts and sweaters (for both gentlemen and ladies), caps, umbrellas etc. – which are available to members through our website.

Membership of the OEGS is open to all members of the Eastbournian Society – ie. OEs and also parents of former and current College pupils and members of staff of the College. Some of our fixtures are only open to actual OEs. However, our matches against other schools, our Spring Tour and Summer Meeting are open to any member of the OEGS and to golfers of all abilities. Membership costs £30 (or £5 if you are under 30 years old). You then only pay for the fixtures that you attend. And again, for anyone under 30, 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 Ian Henley (treasurer@oegolf.uk). Our website is www.oegolf.uk.

We play on many magnificent golf courses, at times paying well below the usual green fee rate.

MATCHES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOL TEAMS

Our match against Hurstpierpoint in April at the New Course at Walton Heath (and whom we first played in 1993) saw us lose by 4 matches to 2. However, the weather was great and the dinner after the golf superb.

We beat Brighton 2–1 and King's Canterbury 6.5–3.5, both at Rye. Beating Tonbridge is always satisfying and this we managed 'comfortably' at West Sussex in July.



The majority of the Eastbourne Halford Hewitt team, from the left: Adam Walker (caddy), Peter Walker, Adrian Sharpin, Charlie Oakley, Harry Rimmer, Ben Dawson, Tim Mote, Jack Hughes, David Barwell

We won against Uppingham at North Hants on totalling up the number of Stableford points scored by each side. Similar calculations saw Dover College beating us and the Allhallows team in our three-way match in October at West Surrey. Also at West Surrey, back in August and this time against Lancing, we went down by 2-1 in terms of match points won.

So, overall, a lot of fun, some really great golf courses played and a few excellent victories.

MATCHES AGAINST THE COLLEGE AND THE COLLEGE COMMON ROOM

Our annual fixture against the College was played at Royal Eastbourne GC in May. At eight-a-side, we played fourball better-ball matchplay, in many cases with the OEs receiving shots off their lower handicap opponents. David Dunn and Chris Walker were thankful to halve with the Shakespeare brothers in a very low scoring match. The others representing the OEGS were Ian Henley, Rob Petrides, Peter Henley, Colin Farrant, Tony Dunn and Iryna Photiou. The OE team came out on top by 2.5 matches to 1.5. Our thanks go to all the pupils who played against us and Alex Roberts, the master in charge of golf, for organising their team.

For the second time in history, we played against a team from the College Common Room, also at Royal Eastbourne. This took place on 25 September rather than the original 5 June which would have clashed

with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Based upon some variant of the Stableford points system the Common Room won by 178.5 to 148. This was a most enjoyable day and a great opportunity for us to strengthen our ties with the College. We thank Ian Sands for arranging everything at the Royal and look forward to returning the fixture next year to its midsummer slot.

SCRATCH COMPETITIONS

The Halford Hewitt Tournament played at Royal Cinque Ports, Royal St.George's and Prince's Golf Clubs in April each year involves teams of 10 playing foursomes matchplay off scratch. As usual, Eastbourne was one of the 64 school teams competing, and we had one of our most successful runs. We beat Bishop's Stortford by 4 games to 1, then Wellingborough by 3/2 and only went down 3/2 to a very strong team from Watson's. But our two victories in this last match were by the impressive margins of 4 & 3 and 5 & 3. The team was captained by Adrian Sharpin and we were very pleased to have two Hewitt debutants, namely Harry Rimmer and Jack Hughes.

We could not repeat our run in the 2021 Cyril Gray for the over 50s. This time we lost to Fettes in the first round and then to Rossall in the first round of the plate. But Worpleston, as usual, was in fine condition and a joy to play.

A superb result for Eastbourne in the Public Schools Putting Tournament which takes place annually on the very testing 18-hole putting green at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club. In our first round on 7 June, the

team of Grant and Robert Leonard, Peter Walker and Mark Justice came first out of the eight teams competing. This qualified them for the final on 16 June (something that has very rarely happened). We were then represented by Peter Walker, Angus Stewart, George Pepper and Robert Leonard and came a very respectable fourth out of the seven teams. Marlborough were the winners, but Eastbourne had put up one of our best ever performances in this tournament. Well putted gentlemen and many thanks to Grant Leonard for captaining the team.

The Sussex Schools Tournament in September at West Sussex involves teams of six players from Eastbourne, Hurstpierpoint, Lancing and Brighton playing scratch foursomes matchplay over two rounds. Hurstpierpoint emerged victorious in 2022 having won all of their six matches. But Eastbourne put up a sterling fight with four matches to just one each for Lancing and Brighton. The Eastbourne team consisted of Adrian Sharpin and Mark Justice (who won both their matches), Peter Walker and Harry Rimmer and then Ben Burrows and Chris Walker.

We qualified for the Grafton Morrish Finals in October and fielded a side consisting of Adrian Sharpin, Will Oates, Peter Walker, Harry Rimmer, Alex Rimmer and Jack Hughes. Unfortunately, we lost by 2.5 matches to 0.5 against Sedbergh in the first round at Hunstanton. We did then play at Brancaster in the Solihull Salver but not sufficiently well to go through to the later matchplay stages of the Plate competition. It was however great to have Will playing in his first OE tournament.

RICHARD DAY SINGLES KNOCKOUT

The inaugural Richard Day Singles Knockout was played in 2022 in memory of Richard Day (Gonville 1982-87) who sadly passed away in April 2021. The 28 entrants played the early rounds at any golf course but the semi-finals and final took place at Rye on 22 October.

In the semi-finals, Ben Burrows beat Chris Stephenson by an undisclosed margin and then Jack Hughes won by 2 & 1 against Andrew Langlands. In a very closely fought final, Jack beat Ben but only with a birdie to a par down the 19th. It was great to have Louise, Claire and Chloe Day along for lunch with Louise and Claire staying on for the prize giving. We hope that Jack's success will encourage many more younger players to enter in 2023.

OTHER EVENTS

Our 2022 Norfolk Tour provided golf at Hunstanton, Royal West Norfolk (Brancaster) and Sheringham. The game at Hunstanton was followed by dinner at



Ian Sands on the extreme left plus the OEGS and College teams



Louise Day, Jack Hughes with the Richard Day Trophy and Claire Day

The Duck at Stanhoe. The Saturday four-somes at Brancaster for the Peter Robinson Salver saw a win for Tony Dunn and Iryna Photiou, the first lady winner of this prestigious event. More food, this time at the Gin Trap, Ringstead, prepared us for golf on the Sunday at Sheringham. Our thanks go to Andrew Sherwood and George Eve for getting us onto these great golf courses and



The winning Texas Scramble team, from left to right: Matthew Rust, Gearoid O'Callaghan, Ian Sands and Josh Curryer.

it was good to have Alex Photiou along to lower the average age of the party.

Cooden Beach GC hosted our **Summer Meeting** which saw us play singles Stableford for the Crosse Trophy. David Dunn won the trophy, not for the first time, with a splendid 37 points. Ben Burrows took the runners-up spot with 35 points, and Claire Patterson-Snell and Tony Dunn tied for third with 33 points.

Sixteen OEs assembled at Reigate Hill GC on 11 September for a **Texas Scramble** competition. The day was aimed at the younger OEs but was supported by some older members to buy beer and make up the numbers. The handicap range went from scratch to 28, and the beauty of the handicap system was that there was a difference of just five Stableford points between the first and last teams. Peter Walker won the prize for the longest drive – a 340 yard monster. On the second hole, Christian Trzebinski got a hole in one. The shot of the day. The winning team with 52 points consisted of the Reeves boys and their housemaster, Ian Sands, led by Josh Curryer with house mates Mathew Rust and Gearoid O'Callaghan.

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Members can meet for registration in Tim's café on Old Wish Road, from 8.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time, and the following facilities are available for use:

- **Swimming pool** 8.30–10.00am
- **Fitness suite** 8.30–10.30am
- **Squash courts** 8.30–11.30am

You will need to complete our online registration process at <https://eastbourniansociety.org/clubs/view/essportsclub>. Registration includes watching a video induction session and completing a PARQ (Physical Activity

Readiness Questionnaire) before you can access the facilities. Our charitable status means that we are unable to charge for use of the facilities, but are entitled to accept donations. Whether you go on to use the facilities on a drop-in basis, or would like to commit termly or annually, we have some suggested amounts:

- **£5 for a one-off drop-in session**
- **£65 for unlimited use during one term**
- **£180 for unlimited use during the year (term-time only, 35 weeks in total)**

The designated changing rooms will be used exclusively by our members, and consist of three cubicle showers and four open showers. These rooms are mixed but include twenty private cubicles or an open space for changing.

If you would like more details or have any questions please contact us on 01323 451916 or es@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

DON'T WORRY!

THE COLLEGE IS STICKING WITH RUGBY

Readers of the *Daily Telegraph* on 13 May 2022 may have been puzzled by a prominent picture of rugby training on College Field which accompanied an article headlined 'Private schools switching from rugby to football'. To reassure those of you who may have inferred from this that the College was taking a major part in moving away from rugby, we are pleased to say that we are not.

In fact, the College is not mentioned in the article at all, and it is something of a mystery as to why the *Telegraph* chose to use this picture to illustrate the piece. However, we are, of course, always pleased when an image of the College is used as an example of all that is best in independent education, showcasing our healthy and safe location on the south coast. Ex Oriente Salus!



OBITUARIES

COMPILED BY PAUL JORDAN WITH ASSISTANCE FROM MICHAEL PARTRIDGE AND PETER DURRANT, AND WITH THE HELP OF FAMILIES, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES, THE INTERNET AND PUBLISHED SOURCES

Some obituaries are of OEs who died in earlier years, as we have only recently become aware of their deaths. 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. Contact details are on page 110. In response to suggestions from readers we have included a table listing Old Eastbournians mentioned in this section in chronological order of their year of leaving the College. The obituaries section itself (which also includes obituaries for others who are not OEs) is in alphabetical order of surname.

CORRECTION

In last year's issue, we carried an obituary for Gordon James (Reeves 1959–63) which had originally appeared in the Newsletter of the London Mathematical Society. This referred to Gordon being taught mathematics by Eric Laming, who was described as a teacher at the College. Laming was in fact the headmaster of Nevill House prep school. At the time that Gordon was at the College, mathematics was taught by Kenneth Hindley and Brian Prentis. Our thanks go to Gordon Price (Reeves 1959–63) for pointing out the error.

OE's LISTED BY LEAVING YEAR

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| 1939 Derek Granger (Powell 1935–39) | 1953 David May (Blackwater 1948–53) | 1964 Tony Morris (Pennell 1959–64) |
| 1943 John Holman (Powell 1939–43) | Arthur Still (Wargrave 1949–53) | 1969 Edwin Morton (Nugent & Pennell 1965–69) |
| Nigel Lea–Cox (Pennell 1938–43) | 1954 David Temple (Reeves 1949–54) | 1970 Paul Steen (School 1969–70) |
| 1946 Ian Clayton (Pennell 1943–46) | 1955 Michael Hind (Gonville 1950–55) | 1982 David Goucher (Gonville 1977–82) |
| 1947 Blane Coulcher (Reeves 1946–47) | Hamish Meikle (School 1951–55) | 1983 Neil Harper (Pennell 1980–83) |
| Michael Drummond Brady | Kit Peake (Gonville 1950–55) | 1989 Melanie Corrigan (Miller) (Nugent 1987–89) |
| (Eastbourne branch, Powell & Blackwater 1942–47) | Anthony Sewell (Powell 1952–55) | 2006 Peter Harding (Powell 2001–06) |
| 1948 Michael Hamburger (Pennell 1944–48) | David Weight (School & Powell 1952–55) | 2011 Pavel Akulinin (Gonville 2008–11) |
| 1949 Robin Brown (Pennell 1945–49) | Crichton Wilson (School 1950–55) | |
| Malcolm Curtis (School 1945–49) | 1956 Brian Eley (Wargrave 1951–56) | |
| Bryan Graham (Powell 1945–49) | Robert Langford (Gonville 1952–56) | |
| 1950 John Busbridge (School 1945–50) | 1957 Christopher Atkinson (Gonville & Nugent 1952–57) | |
| Michael Crow (Wargrave 1947–50) | 1958 Anthony Tabor (School 1955–58) | |
| Malcolm Tait (Reeves 1947–50) | 1960 Timothy Christian (School 1955–60) | |
| 1951 Michael Crisp (Gonville 1947–51) | 1961 Neil Elphick (Reeves 1958–61) | |
| Christopher Harris (Reeves 1948–51) | 1962 Graham Boal (Powell 1957–62) | |
| David Meirion-Williams (Powell 1947–51) | Blake Rooks (Powell 1958–62) | |
| John Wilson (Blackwater 1947–51) | 1963 Peter Anderson (School 1958–63) | |
| 1952 Bryan Johns (Blackwater 1948–52) | Richard Stenhouse (Nugent & School 1959–63) | |
| Ted Parkinson (Reeves 1948–52) | | |

OTHER OBITUARIES

Janice Blake, dancer and choreographer for College productions, 1970s–80s

Patrick Dive, College head porter, 1967–93

Sarah Morison, College biology teacher, 1996–2003

Michael Mynott, College doctor, 1971–92

Pavel Akulinin (Gonville 2008–11) died in a helicopter crash in Greece on 20 August 2019, aged 23. The 2009 *Eastbournian* reported that Pavel won the College tennis singles title 'in style' on Speech Day. He was also in the U16A rugby team.



Peter David Melville Anderson (School 1958–63) died at home in Fleet, Hampshire, on 1 March 2022, aged 76. We are grateful to Peter's widow, Beryl, for this tribute:

Peter was born in Edinburgh on 18 September 1945 and was always very proud of his Scottish background. At the age of 13 he went to Eastbourne College, and often spoke fondly of his time there. This led to rapid academic progress with O-levels at the age of 14, A-levels at the age of 16 and entry to Oxford University at the age of 17 where he studied physics at Wadham College.

Peter never retired. He described his early career as erratic. Roles included scientist in the Coal Board Operational Research Department where he was recruited in 1969 to become a junior staff officer to the National Coal Board Chairman, Lord Robens, and latterly Lord Ezra, and during which time he was involved in the preparation for joining

the Common Market. His next challenge was as company secretary at Nypro UK where in 1974 the Flixborough explosion occurred, requiring a need to support families who had lost loved ones, and rebuild the plant. Assistant company secretary, general manager and finance manager for the British National Oil Company followed until he was asked by Sir Alastair Morton in 1983 to become finance manager of Guinness Peat based in New York. When he returned to the UK in 1990, he was again recruited by Sir Alastair Morton into Eurotunnel, living in Calais and working primarily on business planning and corporate reorganisation to reflect the change of status from tunnel under construction to tunnel in operation.

Railtrack followed and in 2000 he joined Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, now Jacobs Engineering, to provide technical due diligence for bank funding into a wide variety of military, hospital, rail and other projects.

Peter was married to Beryl for 52 years, had a daughter Charlotte, son James and four grandchildren. He was passionate about his work, music, books, history, and cats. He was always so very kind to the young and to the elderly. He will be very much missed by his family and friends.



Christopher Lewis Atkinson (Gonville 1952–57; Mulvany's & Nugent 1957) died on 4 May 2020, aged 81. Although he joined Gonville House in 1952, he transferred to Brian Mulvany's new 'waiting house' in Lent term 1957. Mulvany's later became Nugent (see the article on page 22). In a letter to Christopher's prospective employers in 1957, Brian wrote: 'I have started a new house at the College and he came to me to help in putting it in order... His enthusiasm has to be seen to be believed, nothing was too much trouble, and he really did show an extraordinary loyalty to the foundation of the new house. I shall always be indebted to him.'



His Honour Graham John Boal KC (Ascham 1951–57; Powell 1957–62) died of throat cancer on 30 December 2022, aged 79. Graham Boal's legal career spanned four decades and he was involved in some of the more famous criminal trials in the latter part of the 20th century: in 1977 as junior counsel for the prosecution of the IRA's 'Balcombe Street Gang'; as junior defence counsel in the trial of Jeremy Thorpe MP in 1979; and in the

overturning of the convictions by the Court of Appeal in 1990 of the 'Birmingham Six'. He was called to the bar in 1966 and took silk in 1993, before being appointed an Old Bailey judge in 1996.

Graham's appearances in plays at Ascham and the College probably prepared him well for a career as a barrister. While at Ascham, he performed in *The Rose and the Ring* and *The Scarlet Pimpernel* and later, at the College, took roles in *The Merchant of Venice* and *The Lady's Not For Burning*. But it was his performance in his last play at the school which was the most prescient. He played a barrister, Morgenhall, in *The Dock Brief* by John Mortimer. The 1962 *Eastbournian* reported:

'Boal, as the barrister, brought intelligence and a good presence to the part, which he played with pace. He gave the occasional pathos too stylized a treatment, but this was a minute blemish on a vigorous performance... he made us laugh and held our interest.'

Graham was also hon sec of the Cavendish Debating, Dramatic, Literary and Essay societies and at one point editor of the *Eastbournian*. In sport, tennis was his forte. He was captain of lawn tennis and winner of the singles and doubles tennis cups in 1962.

His father, Surgeon Captain J G Boal, was the medical officer for Ascham and the College from 1947 to 1958 and it was through his father's connection with the 1957 Bodkin Adams trial that Graham's interest in a career in law was first sparked. Dr John Bodkin Adams, an Eastbourne GP, was charged with murdering elderly women who had left him money in their wills, and for allegedly forging the signatures of other local doctors, including Graham's father, to secure the lethal drugs. He was later acquitted. Graham, aged 13, watched in court at the early committal proceedings and later described it as 'a life-changing experience, as I was instantly captured by the drama in front of me... from then on there was nothing else I wanted to do in life'.

A year after leaving the College, Graham wrote the following letter to the *Eastbournian* on the subject of capital punishment:

'It is my contention that capital punishment cannot be condoned on moral, statistical or legal grounds. Morally it is completely indefensible. To all major religions of the world the taking of human life is a sin; Christian religion can leave us in no doubt of its position, for in the Bible we find the uncompromising commandment "thou shalt not kill". How then can a Christian society which displays, by the very act of legislating against murder, its distaste for killing, allow the state itself to take life under the guise of legal process? How can a Christian who seeks to obey one commandment "thou shalt not kill", allow fifty million men and women to kill in the name of the law? The main argument proffered by the retentionists is that capital punishment is a deterrent. This is, however, statistically untrue, for in not one

He continued: 'My elder son had broken his leg and was in hospital and unable to help us when we moved into this house. Without any reference to us, Christopher made special arrangements with his parents and then told us he had arranged to give up three days of his holidays to help us with the move. Not only that, he came back a day early to ensure that everything was in order to receive the parents and boys at the beginning of term.'

On leaving the College, Christopher started his career with the Alliance Assurance Co and later became head of the underwriting section of a commercial property company. He married Heather Millington at All Hallows Church, Allerton, Liverpool in 1968. In retirement he became a National Trust volunteer and a welcomer at Chester Cathedral.

of the thirteen European countries and many American states that have abolished capital punishment, has the murder rate increased. If statistics do not impress, let common sense prevail. Which type of murderer could be deterred? It is my opinion that nearly all murderers kill either because of extreme provocation or because they are mentally unsound; the first type has no time to think of the consequence of his action; and are we going to kill a man because he is mentally impaired? To anyone in doubt as to the latter situation I would suggest they read Samuel Butler's *Erehwon*. Legally the present laws on capital punishment are completely unsatisfactory. The Homicide Act of 1957, the result of political compromise, leaves us with the ludicrous situation that the poisoner lives while the frightened petty thief "swings". Moreover, it is now accepted that the purpose of the legal process is not merely to punish, but rather to reform; a man on the end of a rope leaves little hope of reform. Again, let us not forget that the law, and the courts, are not infallible. We, all of us, for we are "the state", and we are the "twelve good men and true", must have on our conscience the death of many innocent men, most notable among them being Evans. The law must be changed; capital punishment must go.'

He read law at King's College, joined Gray's Inn and was called to the Bar in 1966. After meeting the Kray twins while defending one of their accomplices he commented, 'They appeared quite small and insignificant'.

In what was dubbed 'the trial of the century', he served as junior counsel to George Carman in the defence of Jeremy Thorpe MP against charges that the Liberal leader had conspired to murder Norman Scott, his former lover. Carman and Boal eventually secured his acquittal by undermining the credibility of key witnesses.

In 1990, he oversaw an official investigation of the 1975 conviction of six men who had been accused of bombing two Birmingham pubs and advised that the convictions of the 'Birmingham Six' were unsatisfactory. They were eventually overturned by the Court of Appeal.

He took silk in 1993 and three years later was appointed an Old Bailey judge.

Described as jocular and clubbable, his life was in fact marked for many years by alcoholism and depression, which he wrote frankly about in his memoirs. This culminated in his admittance to the Priory Hospital in 1993. On leaving he vowed never to drink again.

Possibly his one regret in his otherwise highly successful career was the speech he made to the Criminal Bar Association in 1999. In an attempt to make the point that New Labour was appointing judges for reasons of political correctness, he told a joke that was widely seen as racist, sexist and homophobic. He was reprimanded by Lord Irvine, then Lord Chancellor, and obliged publicly to apologise.

In retirement, he did much to help other addicts, becoming a trustee of the Westminster Drug Project, counselling people face-to-face. In 2021 he published his autobiography, *A Drink at the Bar – A Memoir of Crime, Justice and Overcoming Personal Demons*. In it, he addressed his issues with alcoholism as well as recalling his career in law.

In May 2019 Graham was the guest speaker at the Eastbournian Society's Over-60s lunch when he gave a talk on the miscarriages of justice that he had witnessed.

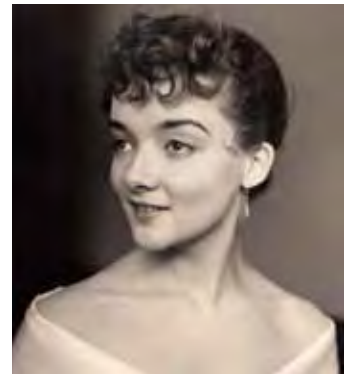
He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and son Thomas.

Janice Blake, dancer and choreographer, died on 6 September 2022, aged 84. Over a number of years in the 1970s and 1980s, Janice was involved with several College musical productions including *Guys and Dolls*, *Annie*, *Cabaret*, *South Pacific*, *Half a Sixpence* and *Beau Stratagem*. As part of the inaugural 1984 Arts Festival, she ran a workshop entitled *Moving with Music* and returned to run

a dance workshop for the 1988 festival.

Janice Hosker, as she then was, arrived in Bexhill in the early 1960s to appear in *Starlight Rendezvous* at the De La Warr Pavilion, having performed in pantomimes and summer seasons. She met future husband David who was a member of the repertory company Penguin Players, which she also joined, and then went on to star in leading

roles such as Lady Windermere in *Lady Windermere's Fan*, and the Audrey Hepburn character in *Wait Until Dark*. She also ran her own dance school in Bexhill. In 2021, she was presented with a lifetime achievement award at the Bexhill Achievers ceremony at the De La Warr Pavilion. She is survived by her two sons Richard (Powell 1978–83) and Steven (Powell 1980–85).



Robin Thomas Vivian Brown (Pennell 1945–49) died on 20 July 2022, aged 90. We are grateful to Robin's son, Alex (Blackwater 1980–85), for the following tribute:

Dad was born on 1 November 1931 in Loughton, Essex. He went to kindergarten in Loughton which he loved, but it was rather short lived as he was expelled. Apparently, a girl was bullying him and he nearly sliced her foot off with a garden spade. He then went to Brae-side School, a prep school in

Buckhurst Hill, and loved his time there, but because of the increased bombing in London, his parents sent him away to board at Kingshott School in Hitchin. He excelled at sport there, ending up being captain of the 1st rugby and cricket teams.

At aged 13, Dad went to Eastbourne College, following in the footsteps of his older brother Donald (Pennell 1935–39). His first two terms were actually at Radley College, Oxfordshire, as the school had evacuated there during the war. But at the end of the war, Eastbourne College returned to Sussex and Dad continued his schooling there, which was when his parents moved to Eastbourne. Dad so loved being a boarder in Pennell House, that even though his parents were just round the corner, he stayed in Pennell for all of his time there.

He loved his time at the College and excelled at most things apart from Latin (apparently he regularly scored just 5% in exams!), but mostly for him it was sport. He ended up being the captain of the 1st XV rugby team and captain of the 1st XI cricket team. He believes that he was (and still is) the only ever captain of rugby and cricket not to be made a school prefect. He said that the 1st XI cricket team were quite a rowdy bunch and on a short cricket tour to Radley, they had a bit of a wild night at a pub in Abingdon the night before the tour started and, when he returned to Eastbourne, all hell was let loose by the headmaster Mr Nugee. That's why he thought he was never made a school prefect.

His good mates there were Tim Morgan (Pennell 1945–49), Duncan Symington (Pennell 1945–49), Robert Stapylton-Smith (Pennell 1945–50), who he has kept up with all these years, and Robin Grey (Pennell 1945–49), who ended up being his best man.

Teachers there, he has talked fondly of were 'Beefy' Howell and his housemaster Robert Storrs, who was known as 'Juggins' for some reason – Dad could never remember why as he said he didn't have particularly big ears!

After Eastbourne College, Dad continued to play rugby, always at fly half, for Eastbourne Rugby Club in the 1st XV, as well as for his county Sussex, alongside good chums like Brian Luard (Powell 1939–43), himself an excellent rugby player. There were always crunch matches against teams like Lewes. Dad remembered a particularly tough match for Eastbourne, away at Lewes, where he was tackled badly and ended up in hospital with a nasty shoulder injury.

He continued to play for Eastbourne and Sussex but was then asked to play for the superb club Blackheath in South London. Unfortunately, due to his then employer not allowing him to take off Saturday mornings, this resulted in only being able to play home games, which, coupled with his ongoing shoulder injury, sadly cut his glittering rugby career short. He stopped playing, as he was being carted off the pitch most games with his shoulder out. He ended up having surgery, but never played again.

On the work front, straight after leaving the College, Dad was articulated for three years at local chartered surveyors Bush Morse & Welling (now Strutt & Parker), becoming land agent to the Firlie Estate. During this time Dad courted and married Mum (Susan née Gill) in 1957.

He went on to become a chartered land agent and then took his RICS exams and became a chartered surveyor. He loved everything about being a land agent and had a passion for forestry but developing buildings both here and abroad caught his eye and for that he would have to be based in London.

In the 1960s Dad worked for Isaac Klugg, where he learnt all about developing and investing in property from an owner's perspective. It was at this time that Dad met Laurence Permutt, an entrepreneurial property man, and together they set up Blueprint Securities. They went on to develop properties in Sussex and abroad.

In the 1970s, Dad and Laurence set up Permutt Brown a multi-disciplinary surveying practice that they grew into a good mid-sized West End practice, with offices in both London and Lewes. Dad kept his past links with the College going by attending careers evenings at the school and telling the (mainly) young men what a great career could be forged in property. He also gave some of the sixth form pupils work experience in the holidays, such as Ian Raeburn (Powell 1976–81), David Oyler (School 1977–82), Marcus Vinnicombe (School 1980–85) and Harvey Smith (Reeves 1980–84).

In 1989 Permutt Brown sold out to Stiles Harold Williams. Dad stayed on as a consultant for a couple of years, but the corporate world was not for him. He set up his own property consultancy Robin Brown & Associates and a development arm, Caburn Asset Management, which developed a small industrial estate in Plumpton Green amongst others.

In 1993, as a complete change in direction and at a time when there was a slump in the UK property market, Dad and I set up Brown Bear Records. We released four singles on the label through the 1990s, three of my own composition, and Dad appeared in both of the music videos that we produced, which were aired everywhere at their release. He played a burglar counting money in *That's What It Takes* and a nightclub doorman in *Supernatural Love*.

That is what I loved about Dad. He would throw himself into anything and always have a laugh doing it, not for any of the spotlight, but just for taking part, having a laugh and always that lovely smile of his.

Robin is survived by his wife Sue, daughter Lulu (Nugent 1980–82), son Alex (Blackwater 1980–85) and granddaughter Ana (Watt Year 9).

John Nigel Busbridge (School 1945–50) died on 8 February 2023, aged 91. We plan to carry a full obituary in our next issue.



Timothy Miles Kingston Christian (School 1955–60) died on 19 April 2010, but we were unaware of his death at the time. We are grateful to Tim's brother, David, (School 1958–62) for the following tribute:

Tim's love of music could be said to have begun at the College under the tutelage of the then assistant director of music, David Cawthra, where Tim developed his love of the organ. He soon became known as Kenny, but no-one could remember the reason why. He was also a proficient member of the 3rd IV, though he often said that he enjoyed the surrounds of the Cuckmere more than the actual rowing.

After a brief spell of working for British Railways when he left the College, he took a degree at Trinity College of Music in London. It was at Trinity that he met his soon-to-be wife Bridget, also an organist, and they settled in Somerset where they taught at primary and secondary level. There was a touch of the von Trapp family about them: they produced four children, all of whom were good musicians, and all are schoolteachers as well.

Tim was organist and choir master at his local Methodist church in Burnham-on-Sea for nearly 40 years, and for the casual visitor, the high spot was to hear Tim extemporising at the end of the service, picking up melodies from the hymns of the day, and often playing for an hour or more.

Sadly, ill health caused him to retire from teaching in his late forties, though it did give him time to pursue his other passion of railways, both model and full size. He put up a brave fight against pancreatic cancer, but died at the age of 67.

Melanie Corrigan



Melanie Corrigan (née Miller) (Nugent 1987–89) died on 20 September 2022, peacefully at home after a very brave four-year battle with cancer. She was 51.

Sport was her passion throughout her life, during her time at the College and in her future career. While at the school, she played in the first teams for hockey, netball and tennis. The 1988 *Eastbournian* reported on the following matches:

Netball: 'Following defeats to Brighton and Cranbrook... Led by our most determined captain, Melanie Miller, we went to Lancing

aiming to restore our pride. This we did in a most decisive fashion...'

Lacrosse: 'Melanie was among the lacrosse team that produced some fine performances.'

Hockey: 'The side began the season with seven consecutive victories. Much of the success was based on an effective short corner routine due in part to Melanie Miller.'

Squash: 'Led by the powerful and uncompromising duo of Melanie Miller and Nicky Lush... the team beat Brighton, Benenden and Lancing.'

After leaving school she gained a BA Honours degree in sports studies followed by a PGCE secondary in physical education and dance. She taught at Malvern Girls College for a year and then joined a company running ski holidays and met her future husband Chris on the ski slopes.

Moving to Preston, Mel went back into teaching and after a few years moved to Sedbergh in Cumbria with Chris and their son James to take up a teaching post at Sedbergh School where she worked for eight years. Her enthusiasm for sport continued and in addition to team games she loved the outdoors and adventurous activities including skiing, sailing (including the Fastnet race) and marathons, which enabled her to raise money for a range of charitable organisations.

Melanie is survived by her husband Chris, son James, parents Pam and Robin Miller (Powell 1949–53), sister Alison (Nugent 1985–87), and brothers Ben (Powell 1986–91) and Robert (Powell 1987–92).

Ian Clayton

Ian Rex Clayton (Pennell 1943–46) died on 25 March 2022, aged 92. Ian's brother Geoff Clayton (School 1943–47) has provided the following tribute.

Ian died at his home with his family around him after a mercifully short illness. We were three brothers [Ian, Geoff and Derek (Pennell 1943–44)] who all attended the College during the war. I remember him as a great twin brother. We lived in the Sussex countryside during those grim and restrictive wartime days. Never mind: we had our wellies, our bikes, Trixie our dog and each other to roam far and wide. We also had a mother with her bugle to call us in for tea.

He had had a difficult birth from which he suffered all his life. He was unable to coordinate his legs into a run, though he could walk the hind legs off a donkey. In a chase I could easily outrun him, but he would always catch up with me in the end. He found schoolwork difficult, for ever a significant distance behind his peers. To make up for this he was blessed with a personality in spades. He was good with his hands. School, both at Winchester House and Eastbourne College, must have been difficult for him. He bore it



Geoff, Derek and Ian Clayton

all with courage and dignity. I never heard him moan about his lot. He got on with life as he found it. On Sports Day 1946 we athletic duds had to do a mile walking race round College Field. It was verging on cruelty for Ian. No way could he walk quickly, he was destined to come in a distant and humiliating last. We did the walk side by side and came in last together by a long chalk. 'Not playing the game', they said. Brotherly love trumped the jingoism of our critics. He found his way into senior rugby and gym teams, representing the College in both. His disappointment was great when the army wouldn't accept

him for national service. Sixth form was not for him. He departed for Brighton Technical College before attaining any dizzying College heights. His next 80 years or so were a great success. Loved by his wife Clare and a large family, a pillar of the Hassocks and Ditchling communities. Overcoming the vicissitudes of business life.

A life well lived. He made a difference. Rest in peace my lovely brother.

Paul Jordan adds: While carrying out some research into Ian's time at the College, we found the following in a July edition of the 1946 *Eastbournian*:

'...the gymnasts gave a most creditable display on Speech Day lasting for twenty minutes.... RMS Strong and Clayton I. (the Captain of Gym) are to be congratulated.'

In the correspondence page of that same publication a letter appeared written by Clayton, Clayton and Clayton:

'Dear Sir, at one time the gym team had a singlet, fez and tie of their own. The tie is now flaunted by members of the 1st IV, but it is not too late to revive the singlet and fez. Should, however, shortage of men and materials render this impracticable, may we suggest that a singlet badge, similar to that of the running strings, be awarded for gym.'

Blane Coulcher (Reeves 1946–47) died on 17 February 2023, aged 90. We plan to carry a full obituary in our next issue.



Michael Maxwell Crisp (Gonville 1947–51) died on 12 December 2021, aged 88. Michael's life encompassed many talents, whether it was his prowess at athletics at the College, his work in the aviation world or his skill designing sets for many famous names in the music business.

He was born on 20 July 1933 to Walter Gordon Crisp and Kathleen (Peggy) Mary Crisp. His talent at sports could be seen at an early age when in 1947 he was awarded the Victor Ludorum at Belmont prep school, in Hassocks, West Sussex. His sporting abilities were further developed at the College where he excelled in athletics. He gained his second running strings in 1949 and in the following years he was awarded first running strings, first cross country running strings (he was captain of cross country running in 1951) and was a winner of the Mile Cup and of the steeplechase in 1951.

Not content with this, he was in the 2nd XV rugby team and in 1951 played rugby for the Wasps A side. Aside from these sporting activities he was the winner of the welterweight in novice boxing in 1949 and in the following year was the winner of welterweight in open boxing.

It could be said that his first interest in flying was demonstrated at the College where he achieved the rank of corporal in the RAF section of the CCF (Combined Cadet Corps). He was also a member of the College's Meteorological Society.

After graduating from the College, he took a five-year apprenticeship at AV Roe and Co Ltd, the aircraft manufacturer based in Oldham. He became senior test technician and was commended for his work by being one of three British frogmen to test AVRO 748 planes' endurance under pressure, the first time such tests were carried out underwater in a 60,000-gallon tank.

By night, he studied for an HNC in mechanical engineering at the Royal Technical College, Salford. These five years of working day and night are testament to the drive and resilience Michael showed throughout his life. From 1957 to 1962 Michael served in the 704 Platoon D Company, No 2 Trg Bn Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in Honiton and Leicester. In 1958, during his service, he met Judith Prince and they married in 1959.

Andy was born in 1960 and Vicki in 1961. During the 1960s he spent time working as a mechanical engineer for a number of companies, often working away from home, a way of life that became a familiar pattern. In his spare time Michael even became a successful rally driver.

Michael's passion for flying and aircraft is clear; he gained his first gliding licence in 1950 at the age of 17, and then a second licence in 1970. It was at the Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club where he met Sally and shortly after, he and Sally set off for a new life in Suffolk. His mother Peggy lived with them until her passing in 1982.

Ellie was born in 1974 and Max in 1979. Michael worked for Tele-Stage, famously designing and building the moving spaceship stage set for the Electric Light Orchestra, which toured Europe and the USA. Michael was again working away from home, supporting the families, and in 1978 became director of Tas-Stage Ltd, sister company of Tele-Stage.

During the 1980s and 1990s he worked with artists including Aerosmith, Kiss, ELO, Elton John, Queen, Joe Brown, The Who, Gary Numan, AC/DC, Japan, Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath, and the Boomtown Rats. Also at Wembley during the 1990s: Simply Red, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Wet Wet Wet, Lou Reed, Neil Diamond, Cliff Richard and Status Quo.

Ben, Michael's first grandson, was born in 1988, followed by Josh in 1990 and Alex in 1993. Michael was a devoted grandfather and added regular visits to see his grandchildren. The 2000s saw Michael slow work life down, having run the company almost single-handed for 30 years. Finally, he took part-time retirement and concentrated on working on his other dream project, his garden. Michael's love of

travel continued with journeys to Tenerife, Argentina and India, as well as his regular trips to Gloucestershire.

Michael's retirement years were spent peacefully with Sally in the garage and the garden of their beloved house. As a keen gardener he took great joy in his flowers, shrubs and trees. In 2019 Michael suffered a serious case of sepsis. The Crisp resilience came through again after being given a one-in-ten chance of survival, Michael did indeed survive and rallied for another two years, spending this time catching up on the sleep he missed, before passing away peacefully, in bed, on the morning of 12 December 2021.

Michael is survived by his partner Sally, his children Andy, Ellie and Max, and grandchildren Ben, Alex and Josh. His daughter Vicki and brother David (Gonville 1950–53) predeceased him.



Michael Alfred Crow (Wargrave 1947–50) died on 25 December 2021, aged 88. While he was at the College, he was a member of the Meteorological Society and of the College choir. In 1949 he won the Junior Novice Boxing Featherweight competition. He married Joan Abbott in 1957 and had two daughters, Lindsey and Julia.



John Malcolm Curtis (School 1945–49) died on 2 August 2022, aged 91. He joined the College at Radley a few months before its return to Eastbourne in September 1945. John was in the gym team from 1946 to 1949 and gained his colours in 1948, and won his 2nd XV colours in 1947. Two years later, he went on a College skiing trip to Switzerland and his photo appeared in the *Eastbournian* along with Eric Fleuret (Pennell 1945–49) and Paul Burrell (Pennell 1946–52). Malcolm was also a member of the Eastbourne College Rowing Club and in 1949 the *Eastbournian* reported on the outcome of races between the 'teams' within the club itself:

'...Tanqueray Club, the favourites, lost in the final to Hunt Club, which, captained by Curtis, forged ahead, progressing by a series of corkscrew leaps from the water – a race won by courage and a drive, which had to be seen to be believed.'

After leaving the College, Malcolm went into national service and in 1964 joined a London insurance company. Later, he worked as a surveyor in Edinburgh and went on to become a partner in a national firm of surveyors and valuers, Robert Barry & Company. He listed his interests and hobbies as being a member of the Ski Club of Great Britain, a player for Chichester RFC and a member of the Bognor Regis Golf Club. In later years he described himself as a 'breeder of llamas and rare breed sheep'.

Malcolm's father, Arthur B Curtis, was in School House from 1901 to 1904. Also at the College were Malcolm's half-brother Arthur L Curtis (School 1927–31) and his brother Henry B Curtis (School 1950–54). Arthur's son, Michael, was in School House from 1967 to 1970.

Malcolm is survived by his wife, Anne and his children, Amanda, Giles, Emma, James and Sarah.



Patrick Dive, who was the College's head porter for nearly three decades, died on 13 December 2022, aged 95. Formerly a colour sergeant in the Middlesex Regiment for 22 years, Pat joined the College in 1967. On his retirement in 1993, he commented that he had witnessed the College grow considerably over his time there and that it had been renovated to such an extent that it was almost unrecognisable. In 1993 the *Eastbournian* reported:

'Pat's conscientious care and total dedication have been one of the major causes for this improvement. Often seen cleaning windows in an evening time or sweeping Old Wish Road on a Sunday morning he made his duties more than a job.'

He also played a part in College social activities; from appearing

as the Slave of the Ring in the College pantomime, *Aladdin*; playing the saxophone in the College Training Orchestra; ringing the bells in All Saints' Church and refereeing hockey matches. He was also known for his dancing skills, teaching sixth-formers to ballroom dance in preparation for the summer ball. As part of the '1950s Week' in 1989, Pat and his wife, Ann, gave an exhibition of jive, appropriately called Jive with Dive. Pat remembered:

'It certainly called for some urgent secret rehearsing which we did in our stockinged feet in the lounge of the Porters' Lodge... Those attending on Monday 23 January filled the New Music School. Ann and I took a deep breath to ward off petrification and our demonstration of the ballroom jive was underway. We reached the last part, an American Twirl, the music stopped on cue and, dare I say it, the applause was more than just polite'.

He was also noted for completing 'the big *Daily Telegraph* crossword in ten minutes each morning'.

Pat is survived by his widow Ann and children Caroline and Philip.



Major Michael John Drummond-Brady (Eastbourne branch 1942–43; Powell 1943–45; Blackwater 1945–47) died on 9 July 2022, aged 92. At the College, he was captain of fives in 1947 and won the fives open singles competition in the same year. He was in the 2nd XV rugby team, captain of boxing and was a sergeant in the cadet corps. After leaving the College, Michael enrolled at

Sandhurst in 1950. Following his training, he joined the Royal Sussex Regiment and retired from the army with the rank of major in 1978.

He served in Egypt during the Suez crisis and then on to Aden, Malta, Singapore and Germany. His last posting abroad was in Northern Ireland serving with the 3rd Battalion Queen's Regiment in 1970. He later worked at the Ministry of Defence in the Army training directorate.

During the 1953 coronation he carried his battalion's regimental colours and in 1963 he commanded the guard at Buckingham Palace when the Royal Sussex were on public duties.

He married Angela Grayson at Westminster Cathedral in 1955. The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Griffin, officiated and among the guests were John Underhill (School 1919–25, teacher and housemaster, Powell and Blackwater) and David Craig (teacher and housemaster at Powell).

Following his career in the army, Michael became a stately home administrator at Hopetoun House, near Edinburgh, and from 1981 to 1999 was a member of HM Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms. In later years he was a financial advisor and had his own conference organising business.

Michael was a member of the Devonshire Society and a Knight of the Order of St. John.

Angela predeceased him and he is survived by his children, Emma, Simon, and Mark.

Brian Eley (Wargrave 1951–56) died on 31 January 2023, aged 84. We plan to carry a full obituary in our next issue.



Neil Alexander Elphick (Reeves 1958–61) died on 13 April 2022, aged 76. Neil was born in 1945 above his father's butcher's shop, KG Elphick, in High Street, Hailsham. After leaving the College he later worked in the shop and took over the business following his father's death in 1968. His father had built up the business to consist of four butcher's shops

across East Sussex, a small farm, and an abattoir. Neil took over all

of it and also opened the first Kentucky Fried Chicken in Eastbourne on Langney Road. In 1990 Neil saw the need for a nursing home in Hailsham so founded Ersham House Nursing Home, which he ran until it was sold in 2011.

He was a member of Hailsham Rotary Club, serving for more than 50 years and becoming president in 1978. In 2005 he was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award for outstanding service. Neil also served as a magistrate for 39 years, retiring from the Eastbourne and Hastings bench at the age of 70, having been one of the chairmen of the juvenile panel and youth courts in Hailsham and Eastbourne for 10 years. Neil volunteered for St Wilfrid's Hospice, was president for the local St John Ambulance Brigade, a school governor, and a member of the Friends of Grovelands Committee.

He also managed to find time to perform in local musicals, played for Hailsham Hockey Club in the 1970s and 80s, and regularly played cards with friends. When he retired in 2011 he wanted to 'enjoy home life, travelling, gardening and spending time with family'.

His family said, 'Neil was known as a man of dignity, discretion and a great sense of humour. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.' Louise, Neil's daughter, said, 'As a family, we are still in shock that he is gone and we all miss him dreadfully.' His brother, Revd Robin Elphick (Reeves 1951–55), remembers him as a 'generous brother and gifted businessman'.

Since 2013, Neil had been living at the Heffle Court Nursing Home in Heathfield and had suffered with dementia. He is survived by his widow, Hayzen, whom he married in 1968, three children, six grandchildren and his brother, Robin.



David John Goucher (Ascham 1976–77, Gonville 1977–82) died suddenly on 28 May 2022, aged 58, from an aortic aneurysm. Our grateful thanks to David's brother Mark (Ascham 1976–77; St Andrews 1977–79; Gonville 1979–84) for this tribute.

David loved his time at Ascham and the College and made some lifelong friends; the ordered life appealed to him. He was a sergeant in the CCF and played rugby for his house and the Tigers XV. He was one of a handful of pupils who witnessed the burning down of Big School in 1981. After a gap year he studied economics and international relations at Reading University.

Graduating in 1986, he started his corporate life as a trainee accountant with Coopers and Lybrand and then moved into banking with Chase Manhattan, Standard Chartered, RBS and Santander with a variety of roles from global head of risk management and business development to EVP and head of strategy USA to MD of corporate banking.

In 2010 he set up Nat-Gen Ltd, a sustainability and renewable energy company. More recently, he worked as chief operating officer at Blackstar Capital, a specialist structured finance and working capital solutions provider.

David was blessed with huge energy, a lively intellect, a great sense of humour and generosity of spirit. He had an appetite for building businesses and motivating teams. He was a committed Christian and his strong faith supported him throughout his life. David was married to Kate for over 30 years and together they had three children: Alex, Edward and Sophie. Of all the teams that he built during his lifetime, his family 'team' was his proudest achievement.

Bryan David Graham (Powell 1945–49) died on 5 January 2022, aged 90. Our thanks to Paul Honney (Powell 1951–54) for this tribute.

Bryan Graham was born on 14 August 1931 in Richmond, Surrey. He attended St Michael's preparatory school near Barnstaple, Devon, and later moved to Putney before coming down to Eastbourne in 1945 when he became a pupil at the College. During his time at the school, Bryan was hon sec of the Photographic Society.

Upon leaving school Bryan had every intention of studying law and was articled to a local firm of solicitors. Sadly during this time he was taken seriously ill which affected his health for the rest of his life, and he had to give up his legal training. His ill health altered his



Bryan in 1949

character and Bryan became an intensely private and quiet man. He lived locally with his mother and in later life became her carer. It was once said of him that 'he could be as stubborn as an ox but always a gentleman!' His vicar at Holy Trinity Church, Eastbourne, The Revd Philip Coekin, said that 'Bryan would always thank me for my sermons and latterly when words failed him he would hold my hand for what could be a slightly uncomfortable length of time and just smile; I knew what he was trying to say and grew fond of his gentleness.'

Bryan loved the Bible and had a personal and saving faith. He enjoyed attending the annual Keswick Convention a number of times at which the Bible has been faithfully explained for many years, and he loved his church at Holy Trinity where he was a member of the choir and often did the reading during the service.

Bryan was a warm-hearted, gentle and kind man and his knowledge of the Bible was very considerable. He spent the last few years of his life locally at St. Margaret's residential care home where he died.

Peter Michael Ashley John Harding (Powell 2001–06) died on 23 December 2021, aged 34. He is survived by his wife Jess, sister Clare and parents David and Marian.

Neil Charles Philip Harper (Pennell 1980–83) died on 20 February 2022, aged 55. After leaving the College, Neil attended Hereford Sixth Form College.

Derek Granger



Derek Harold Granger (Powell 1935–39) died on 29 November 2022, aged 101. A film and television producer, Derek was perhaps most associated with the award-winning Granada TV production of *Brideshead Revisited*, the rights of which took five years to secure after lengthy negotiations with the estate of Evelyn Waugh. As a journalist in the early 1950s Derek had interviewed Waugh and had found him 'amazingly nice and wonderfully funny'. He wanted the television adaptation to be faithful to the novel, which necessitated rewriting the screenplay, originally written by John Mortimer. Derek said that although Mortimer's script was perfectly competent, 'we wanted something much more delicate, more reflective of the beauty and nostalgia of the book.' The resulting series, originally conceived as six hour-long episodes, ended up totalling 11 hours, and cost £10 million to make over three years. The investment – and Derek's faith in the project – was rewarded when it won seven BAFTA awards and a further 25 awards internationally, and was as popular as well as a critical hit.

Derek was born in Bramhall, Cheshire, on 23 April 1921, but grew up in Eastbourne, where he attended the College as a day boy in Powell House. His early interest in writing was shown by his winning the Dennys Literature Prize in 1936.

On leaving the College in 1939, Derek served in the Second World War, as a lieutenant on the cruiser HMS *Cairo* in North Atlantic convoys. After the war he worked as a journalist on the *Brighton Evening Argus*, becoming the paper's theatre critic, where he had the opportunity to write about pre-West End productions, many of which started their runs in Brighton. These caught the attention of Brighton resident Laurence Olivier who, having enjoyed reading Derek's articles, recommended him to the managing director of the *Financial Times*, Lord Drogheda. The *FT* was looking to appoint its first theatre critic in 1952, and Derek got the job.

He later became the paper's film critic, but some years later admitted to being bored with his role, and when an invitation to work in television came from Sidney Bernstein, the head of Granada TV in Manchester, he accepted the offer to become a writer and producer. Derek took over as the second producer of *Coronation Street* and was responsible for 80 episodes in 1961–62. He was brought in to strengthen the scripts, and allowed storylines to develop over several episodes, with an earthier style. One famous example of this was when months of tension spilled over into a furious argument between Elsie Tanner and Ena Sharples in the street.

Derek also worked on current affairs programmes such as *World*

in Action, one episode of which in 1963 was entitled *Seven Up!* which he helped to launch. The programme looked at the aspirations of a group of seven-year-olds and has since become a long-running documentary series, with cameras returning to the participants every seven years, the most recent edition being in 2019.

In 1967, Derek left Granada to become a founding member of London Weekend Television as head of plays, but two years later resigned in protest at the sacking of LWT's managing director Michael Peacock after the company had experienced financial difficulties. This led to another job, again thanks to Laurence Olivier, who invited him to become literary consultant at the National Theatre. Working alongside the critic Kenneth Tynan, whom he disliked, his role was to advise the board on the choice of plays, but he became frustrated at his lack of influence and returned to Granada in 1971.

Here he made the drama series *Country Matters*, adaptations of short stories by HE Bates and AE Coppard. It was unusual in that it was shot entirely on film, in an age when a lot of TV dramas were mostly videotaped in the studio with only occasional film inserts. A further collaboration with Olivier followed in 1976, when he co-produced a series of classic plays for Granada, including *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, starring Natalie Wood, Robert Wagner and Olivier himself.

Derek secured the rights to *Brideshead Revisited* in 1978, but it was not an easy enterprise. Having filmed 90 minutes of footage, the production was halted by the ITV technicians' strike in 1979, which lasted 11 weeks. At one point he thought that Granada might cut their losses and cancel the whole project, but they gave him their backing and told him to continue. Although he was able to renegotiate contracts to ensure the availability of the cast once filming resumed, his chosen director, Michael Lindsay-Hogg, had taken on another commitment so had to be replaced. Derek suggested a protégé of his, Charles Sturridge, a relatively inexperienced director. Granada were initially reticent, but were persuaded by Derek, a decision which later proved to be correct.

In 1984 Derek left Granada and moved into feature film production, co-writing and producing adaptations of Waugh's *A Handful of Dust* in 1988 and EM Forster's *Where Angels Fear to Tread* in 1991. Both were directed by Charles Sturridge.

Derek retired in the early 1990s and served as vice-president of the Regency Society in Brighton and was involved in various campaigns to counter developments in historic parts of the city. He was a regular visitor to the College in recent years and spoke about his career in television at a number of Eastbournian Society events. On 24 March 2022, the day after his 101st birthday, he took part in Circus, the College's creative arts festival, being interviewed about his life in television. A report is on page 21.

The *Times* obituary of Derek described him as 'a short man with slightly dandyish attire, an impish smile and prodigious energy'. A great cat lover, he had always tried to feature cats in his many screen productions.

His partner of 66 years, the interior designer Kenneth Partridge, died in 2015. They had entered into a civil partnership in 2006.

Michael Hamburger



Maik 'Michael' Pitt Hamburger

(Pennell 1944–48) died in Berlin on 16 January 2020, aged 88. He was a German translator, writer, teacher and director, regarded as one of the leading Shakespearean scholars of his generation in the German-speaking world. However, it is his mother who has perhaps become more well-known – and notorious – in recent years. She worked undercover spying for Soviet

intelligence for many years, using the codename 'Sonya'.

Maik was born on 12 February 1931 in Shanghai, the son of Rudolf Hamburger and Ursula Kuczynski. Rudolf was an architect and had moved with his wife to Shanghai where he undertook a number of commissions.

The family were Jewish; both parents were committed to anti-fascist communism and espionage and both spied for Soviet intelligence. Maik's mother became known some decades later as the 'handler' of nuclear scientist Klaus Fuchs between 1943 and 1950. She was a dedicated communist, a colonel in Russia's Red Army and a trained spy. She planned an assassination attempt on Hitler, spied on the Japanese in Manchuria and was involved in the Soviet Union's attempt to build an atomic bomb.

Her clandestine help from the West speeded up Soviet atomic research by about two years. In 2020 author Ben Macintyre published a book about her, *Agent Sonya*, which includes information about Maik's early life as a child.

The Hamburgers divorced in 1939 and Ursula married Len Beurton, another Soviet agent. Maik lived with his father's parents for seven months while his mother went to Moscow for a six-month training session in espionage. By the time Maik was ten he had lived in China, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland, ending up in England in 1940 when his mother moved to live there. The family in 1940 settled at The Firs, in Great Rollright, a small Cotswold village in Oxfordshire, with his half-sister Janina and half-brother Peter. Maik attended school in Oxford and later moved to London where he would attend the city's theatres and Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park, listening to the orators.

During this time Ursula was gathering intelligence and by the end of 1942 was transmitting coded messages to Moscow two or three times a week. As Ben Macintyre observes: 'Little Michael wondered

why his mother often slept in the afternoons: she was frequently exhausted from working through much of the night'. Macintyre also says: 'Michael was an inquisitive and intelligent teenager. How long, Ursula wondered, could she go on concealing her "nocturnal transmissions" from him? With a heavy heart, she sent him to boarding school in Eastbourne, telling herself it was best for the boy.'

Maik was enrolled at Pennell House where in 1944 he was an Entrance Scholar and assumed the Anglicised name of Michael. He spent four happy years at the College, leaving in Lent 1948. He passed School Cert, matriculated and joined the Maths VI. He gained Cert A Part I and became a leading seaman in the naval section of the CCF. In 1947 he played rugby for Pennell, and with them helped to win the Senior House Cup. On leaving he enrolled at the University of Aberdeen and embarked on a philosophy degree course. The degree course he soon terminated and around 1951 he enrolled at Leipzig University and began to study for a degree in physics.

However, it soon became apparent that he was strongly drawn to the world of the theatre. In 1952 he made his stage debut in a



Maik, Ursula, Peter and Nina in the garden of The Firs

student production of Simonov's *Russische Frage*. Then, leaving Leipzig in the mid-1950s, he moved to East Berlin, working as a translator and journalist. He joined the Deutsches Theater (Berlin) where for almost 30 years he worked as a translator and dramaturge, later as a director. He built up a reputation as a translator into German of foreign works by dramatists such as Shakespeare, Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, John Donne and Sean O'Casey. He brought Shakespearean experience to

fellow East Germans during the Cold War, when western culture was frowned upon by the authorities. And in 2008 he published, with Simon Williams, a prolific American writer, an English language history of German theatre from the Middle Ages to the present day. The internet lists no fewer than 25 books written or co-written by him and some about him, and some in English. Parallel with his writing career, he pursued a career in teaching at the Leipzig Theatre Academy, at the Ernst Busch Academy of Dramatic Arts in Berlin and at the Berlin University of the Arts. He also led theatre workshops in the UK, USA and Canada, notably at Santa Barbara, Stanford and Montreal. After reunification in 1990 he was elected vice-president of the German Shakespeare Society, a position he held until 2002.

There is no evidence that Hamburger became involved in espionage. On his death he was survived by his third wife Gisela, née Harich, five children from his three marriages and half-brother Peter. Janina died in 2012.

Our thanks go to Michael Partridge for his research into Maik Hamburger's life.



Christopher Langridge Harris (Ascham 1945–48; Reeves 1948–51) died on 23 December 2022, aged 88. He was a RIBA qualified architect, having studied at the Brighton College of Art and Architecture, and proudly worked for fellow OE, Sir Hugh Casson (School 1924–27) from 1958 to 1963. While at the College he served as a corporal in the army section of the CCF. He won two prizes for art and was commissioned to paint two

school crests on the main door of the boat house at Cuckmere Haven.

Christopher wrote about his time working with Sir Hugh Casson in an article that was published in the 2008 *Old Eastbournian*. He said that on graduating, 'I went on to suffer two years as a civil servant in the much sought after LCC architects' department, where I was to earn the princely sum of £600 a year.' An OE friend, Stephen Howell (Pennell 1946–51), who had worked with Sir Hugh, suggested that Christopher apply for a job with him. Christopher said: 'At my interview, I presented my thesis design for a new Princess Alice Hospital on the existing site, which appeared to interest him, and, after asking how much the LCC paid me, he offered me a job at the starting salary

of £700. I was duly grateful and accepted. I did not know then that working for a master had its drawbacks, but was I flattered by the offer!' He first worked on designs for the new staff building at Birmingham University, part of the university expansion programme in Britain in the 1960s. One summer he found himself working alongside a young Norman Foster, who would go on to international acclaim with his modernist designs. Christopher then worked with fellow architect Tim Rendle (who, incidentally, had worked on the design of the memorial gateway at the College's Memorial Field). He said: 'Then ensued two fulfilling years working on interiors for the banqueting suite and roof restaurant of the Park Lane Hilton, now much changed.'

Headhunted by Sir Denys Lasdun, he worked for a large part of his career on many prestigious projects such as the National Theatre, London; University of East Anglia and European Investment Bank. He was also a founding member of the Shoreham Society, serving on their executive committee for 32 years. In 2016, Christopher wrote to us about his plans for the South Down Project, a scheme to redevelop the former Shoreham Cement Works in a mixed housing, business and leisure development.

He is survived by his wife Linda, son James and daughter Amy.



Michael William Ernest Hind (Gonville 1950–55) died on 5 May 2022, aged 85. Michael excelled at sport at the College. He won his rugby Stag in 1954 and, in the same year, was captain of the team playing against Belfast Academy in a public schools seven-a-side tournament. The *Eastbournian* reported: 'Hind's anticipation and covering were first-rate... Much was also owed to Hind's cool and encouraging captaincy and tactical sense'. He also won his colours in cricket and boxing, winning the featherweight cup in 1953 and the lightweight cup the following year. The 1952 *Eastbournian* reported: 'Hind was distinguished by winning all his fights with most intelligent and aggressive boxing'.

Squash was another sport at which he distinguished himself. He won his colours in 1954, was captain of squash in 1955 and won the squash singles cup in the same year. Again, the *Eastbournian* reported: 'The squash team had its most successful season for several years, losing only one match. The victories over the Masters, Hastings, Bexhill and Eastbourne showed considerable skill and determination, although against Ardingly only Hind was able to win his match. In the senior team there was little to choose between the first four, with Hind finally establishing himself by winning the school and close competition championships.' He also won the junior tennis singles cup in 1952 and gained his athletics strings in 1955.

On leaving the College, Michael spent his national service as an officer in the Navy, serving mainly in the Far East. He represented the Combined Services rugby team against Japan. From 1958–61 he read law at Selwyn College, Cambridge, while also enjoying sport and

socialising. He met his future wife Isobel there; she was a student at Newnham College.

Michael spent 25 years working at ICI in various roles and UK locations, and ended up running a couple of their businesses. He then bought a packaging company, Trafford Packaging, which he ran for 10 or so years before retiring at 57.

Sport continued to be a major part in his life: he played rugby for Blackheath and Wilmslow and competitive cricket and squash well into his forties. Golf and tennis then took over and, particularly in retirement, he would go on several golfing holidays a year in various countries. He was also a regular participant in the OE cricket week for over 10 years, taking his wife Isobel and young family on 'holiday' to Eastbourne for the week.

In retirement, Michael and Isobel travelled all over the world while they still could. He also thoroughly enjoyed bridge, a flutter on the stock market and meeting friends in the pub. For the last 45 years of his life, he lived in Prestbury, Cheshire.

We are grateful to Michael's son James (Gonville 1977–81), who provided a lot of the information for this obituary. James adds: 'Everyone said that Dad was one of life's true characters; always at the centre of a party or social event, thoroughly enjoyable company (if not always the most sensitive/emotionally intelligent!), an optimist who liked to have fun, somewhat traditional in his outlook, someone who loved a good conversation (and particularly a good debate), but also someone who was genuinely interested in and supportive of family and friends.'

Michael was a member of the Devonshire Society.

He is survived by his wife Isobel and children James, Katharine and Gillian, and nine grandchildren.



John Fuller Holman (Powell 1939–43) died on 21 July 2022, aged 97. We are grateful to John's daughter, Julia, for the following tribute:

John was one of many pupils who were evacuated to Radley College in 1940 due to the threat of invasion from Germany. He said that 'everything seemed quite normal and that in itself spoke volumes of the efforts

and planning of staff and senior boys'. John remembered having to wash outside on very cold mornings in cold water in what had probably been the stable yard of Nuneham Park (the younger boys stayed there while the older pupils boarded at nearby Radley College).

He was good at all sports without being sufficiently good to be permanently in the first teams. He played in both the 2nd XI cricket and the 2nd XV rugby and was in the athletics team. He was better at tennis, winning the junior tennis doubles in 1940 and was a member of the 1st tennis team three years later. Academically, although not a highflyer, he was good at maths and physics; he won the Ellerton maths prize in 1942 and then a state bursary to study mechanical engineering at London University. John was awarded a BSC (Eng) with 2nd degree honours in 1945.

Towards the end of the Second World War, he joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve and was stationed on battleships and destroyers for the next two years. During this period, he met and married Margaret (his first wife), who was in the WRNS.

He then began his career as a water engineer, starting in Bristol followed by positions in Bedford, Wales, Leicester and Cornwall, where he was chief engineer (later general manager) at the South Cornwall Water Board. Margaret died of cancer in 1972 and, two years later, John was transferred to Torquay. It was here, while playing contract bridge, that he met Pat whom he later married.

John retired in 1981 as area manager of the South West Water Authority and spent his time renovating and restoring houses, firstly in Torquay and then in Shropshire. He and Pat played a lot of contract bridge and reached quite a high national ranking. They also took to caravanning, travelling around the UK and Europe and it was while on these holidays that John did a lot of long-distance walking, completing

the Pennine Way and both the Coast to Coast and the Offa's Dyke walks.

He played tennis until the age of 76 and later played golf which he realised was not as easy as it looked, but was very enjoyable.

It was only in the past two years that John's health deteriorated due to the onset of Alzheimer's disease which affected his short-term memory, but he never lost his sense of humour and fun.

John is survived by two daughters, Caroline and Julia, and son Tim. Sadly Alastair died suddenly in 2005. John is also survived by his four wonderful stepchildren who have been an amazing help and support to him over the years. They are Josette, Nick, Kate and Gerrard. John also had 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Paul Jordan adds: An Arnold Embellisher, John had numerous relations who attended the College including his father, Harold Grinstead Holman (Gonville 1889–94) and uncles, Charles Colgate Holman (School 1895–03) and Henry James Holman (Blackwater 1874–81). The latter was the College doctor, a College governor and was married to the daughter of George Ambrose Wallis, Eastbourne's first mayor and the Duke of Devonshire's agent. Plaques in the College Cloisters commemorate both men's achievements.

Seven cousins also attended the College: Guy H W Holman (Home Boarder 1908–14), killed in action 1916; George Meade Holman (Home Boarder 1926–31); John Colgate Holman (School 1932–36); Robert Newton Holman (School 1934–39); Harry W L Holman (Home Boarder 1877); Albert B Holman (Home Boarder 1881–84); and Edwin C Holman (Home Boarder 1883).

Bryan Whitfield Johns (Ascham 1945–47; Blackwater 1948–52) died on 12 November 2021, aged 87. Following his time



at the College, Bryan won a British-American Exchange Scholarship and from September 1952 to August 1953 studied at Peddie School, Hightstown, New Jersey. In a fascinating letter written to John Underhill at the College, he described his impressions of Washington DC during a hectic six-day visit. As well as meeting Vice President Richard Nixon, he had a tour of the White House and the Pentagon and even had time to go on 'a date' with the Norwegian Ambassador's daughter.

This was followed by national service and, from 1956 to 1968, his career was in newspaper advertising around the country, including at *The Scotsman* and *Liverpool Echo* and for a time with Woodrow Wyatt's press group. Woodrow Wyatt was at the College in School House from 1932 to 1936.

Bryan's widow Morag kindly provided the following tribute:

He married his wife in the late 1950s and in the late 1960s whilst living near Edinburgh, his wife started boarding a few cats. Demand was high and Bryan scaled up. I joined in 1971 and we rapidly expanded the scope. By the late 1970s we were trading as a limited company in equipment for dog breeders, exhibitors and groomers. The boarding side was sold and we re-located to Warwickshire. This triggered a breakdown in his marriage. Bryan and I took the business (Petcetera etc Ltd) forward as a couple and we became leaders in this field in the UK and Europe, with a presence at major dog shows, mail order and trade supplies worldwide, our biggest trade customer being in Japan.

The business was sold in 1996 – an offer not to be missed. Initially we did a couple of successful property improvement projects before retiring to Devon. We had no family by choice and were accompanied throughout by, amongst other things, a succession of Great Danes and Burmese cats – and for Bryan a succession of (not new) Rolls-Royces.

Since retirement Bryan had a number of heart issues and this brought a sudden and mercifully instant end. He remained 100% mentally alert and maintained a strong interest in politics and world affairs and odd subjects that kept me guessing into his last days.

Paul Jordan adds: While at the College, Bryan was hon sec of the Glee Club, a member of the choir and the orchestra. He later became a member of the Devonshire Society.

William David May (Blackwater 1948–53) died on 3 May 2022, aged 87. David excelled at sports at the College. He was captain of the XV Colts in 1950, and he won his Stag a year later. The *Eastbournian* listed him in its *Characters of the XV*: 'W D May (centre three-quarter). He is strong and fast. His defence is very sound and he kicks well.' He was awarded his running strings in 1952, his XXII colours in 1951 and was captain of the 2nd XI 1952–53. In 1952, he won the 2nd XI Fielding Cup. He was awarded his 2nd fives colours in 1951, was captain of rugby in 1953, a member of the games committee and a senior PT instructor (the last one as the post was withdrawn in 1953). David was also a school prefect.

After leaving the College, he farmed in Kent until 1985, when he sold the business and went to work in the City of London, where he was seven years with a Lloyds members agency. On retirement, he became a volunteer with the Kent County Agricultural Society, helping out at the Kent Agricultural Show. As part of this, he assisted with the Living Land event which involved 4,000 primary school children. He was a committee member of Kent County Agricultural Society, a trustee of local alms houses and a school governor.

In 2012 he organised a visit to the College for OE contemporaries. His wife Maureen; Allan Willett (School 1950–53) and his wife Ann; John Scott (Wargrave 1946–51) and his wife Sue; Giles Langton (School 1947–51) and his wife Anthea; and Jim Sellick (Wargrave 1948–52) were all in attendance. They watched rugby against Brighton College and then had tea at the Grand Hotel.

He is survived by his wife Maureen, daughters Clare, Louise and Alexandra, and six grandchildren.

Robert Endean Langford (Gonville 1952–56) died on 27 November 2022, aged 84. We plan to carry a full obituary in our next issue.

Nigel Lea-Cox



Nigel on his return from India, just before his demobilisation

Nigel Lea-Cox (Pennell 1938–43) died in Cape Town on 12 July 2022, aged 97. Nigel was a quiet man but he had a huge presence in his family. He was also kind, thoughtful and always very fair and generous, almost to a fault. He was characteristically modest, so not a lot is known about his achievements. He was not only very successful at school and subsequently in the army, but also in his working life right up to the time that he retired from Rhodesia Railways.

Nigel joined Pennell in 1938 and, in his memoirs, recounted how he was 'initiated' into the house. New boys were offered the choice 'of being rolled round the floor in a very large wastepaper basket or of standing on the table to sing a song. Despite the fact that the basket contained discarded fruit and jam tins amongst other unsavoury items, ten of us opted for a roll and the unfortunate boy, who decided to sing, never really lived it down.'

A year later he passed the Oxford and Cambridge School Certificate exams and continued as a classics scholar until 1941 when he passed the Higher Certificate exams with Latin and Greek as major subjects. The 1941 *Eastbournian* reported in its *Characters of the*

XI, 'N Lea-Cox. He took up wicket keeping with great zeal and filled that difficult position with more skill than a mere stopgap. A most promising left-handed bat, with a demeanour of defiance'. He gained his Stag in 1942 and the *Eastbournian* reported in its *Characters of the XV*: 'N. Lea-Cox (forward). A sound player whose chief assets are dribbling and falling on the ball. He played in many places in the scrum and played vigorously despite his placid temperament'. He was also in the fives team and tennis teams and was head of school and a company sergeant major in the JTC (now the CCF).

After leaving the College, he attended a six-month artillery short course at Edinburgh University and was subsequently commissioned in the Royal Artillery. In 1944 he was seconded to the Indian Army, serving with a mountain regiment in the 5th Indian Division in Burma and subsequently in Java as part of the peace-keeping force.

After returning from India to the UK in 1947, he worked for a while in London and emigrated to Rhodesia in 1949, where he joined the railways as a trainee officer and gradually worked his way up the ranks. The highlights of his highly successful career were two huge challenges. Initially it was helping to navigate through the many implications of the Rhodesian UDI declaration in 1965. But his greatest triumph was to lead a controlled transformation of the railways to operate under the new Mugabe government through a succession of often hostile transport ministers.

In 1984, on his retirement as head of the

railways, the Zimbabwe government tried very hard to get him to stay on, but Nigel and his wife Joy (whom he married in Bulawayo in 1951) were keen to move on and to fulfil their dream of settling in the Cape where many of the rest of the family were living. They had a wonderful time for the first 15 years that they were in Cape Town together and loved travelling to meet up with old friends and family.

Alzheimer's disease increasingly began to affect Joy, and Nigel took on the role of carer, displaying the most incredible tenderness and with amazing patience. After Joy died, he became very positive about his own life and developed his own brand of humour to deal with it. This applied not only to his long-term back injury but also to the inevitable physical decline that comes with age.

Trevor, Nigel's eldest son, said, 'As for us, his sons, we all looked up to Dad with admiration and respect. He was an incredibly good listener, never judgmental and a reliable confidant. He had a solid moral compass and was a amazing role model of which we are immensely proud. But what a high bar he set us! He was quite simply our "Lode Star"! Dad aged gracefully, with humour and a great deal of tenacity. He gave a lot but received a lot back from all who know him; too many others to mention. He is and will be missed by all who knew him.'

He is survived by his three sons, Graham, John and Trevor; a grandson and two great-grandsons.

Nigel's father, Maurice Lea-Cox, was in Gonville from 1912 to 1915.



Hamish Duncan Meikle (Ascham 1945–51; School 1951–55) died on 12 March 2022, aged 84. He contacted us in 2009 with his memories of the College and details of his career:

'Mr Allom taught me English literature for the O-levels of 1953. He taught me to appreciate Chaucer and Shakespeare and to enjoy the tales and plays as a whole. Allom was a character and said to us at the start of the year that he was unable to teach us, he could only show us the way. It put the fear of God into us and we all passed English language and literature at O-level. English in my previous year was taught by Mr Henderson. He and Mr Allom were the only two masters in all my years at school who taught me to appreciate English as a language.

'For O-levels I was taught geography in a different, refreshing way. Instead of copying maps as an apprenticeship to become a cartographer's tracer, Mr Underhill taught us how to derive human activity from the shapes of the land, drawn freehand. Thinking in terms of shapes influenced my appreciation of the mathematics of engineering.

'I served my national service in the Royal Artillery, and it changed my interest from chemistry to radar. What I learned in the corps was essential to my rise to the exalted rank of bombardier. I received a better general military training in the corps than in the army. In later life the corps and national service were invaluable as they taught me how to take over a group of people and lead them through the tasks at hand successfully.'

Hamish's lifelong interest in radar began during his period of national service (1956–58). Following this, he studied electrical engineering at Brighton Technical College, graduating in 1961. He then joined Associated Electrical Industries as a graduate apprentice and in 1964 moved to Germany where he worked as a radar engineer on a site looking over the East German border. He continued working in the radar industry for many years and published a book entitled *Modern Radar Systems* in 2001 followed by *A New Twist to Fourier Transforms* in 2004.

He married Monika Bielert in 1982.

Francis David Meirion-Williams (Powell 1947–51) died on 10 January 2023, aged 89. We plan to carry a full obituary in our next issue.



Sarah Morison died in October 2022, aged 66. Sarah taught biology part-time at the College from 1996 to 2003. She left to head the biology department at Newlands Manor School. She was married to Philip and their daughter Laura was in Blackwater 2001–06.



Anthony (Tony) David Charles Morris (Pennell 1959–64) died on 11 April 2022, aged 76. Tony was head of house and a school prefect but sport was his forte at the College, both in rugby and athletics. He won his rugby stag in 1962 and was hon sec of the rugby club the following year. Twice during rugby, Tony suffered a broken nose. Not familiar with the

game of rugby (he was brought up on the Dutch Caribbean Island of Curaçao) he remembered being told in his first match to 'run for the H-shaped poles any time I was passed the ball. I did and ended up with a broken nose! I was rushed to the San to see Doc Nicholson who decided that the best way of dealing with my nose was simply to twist it back into shape. More or less!'

In athletics he was awarded his colt colours in 1961 and was captain the following year. He gained his 1st colours and won the Senior Field Event Cup in 1963 and was captain in 1964. At the 1962 Amateur Athletics Association County Championships, the *Eastbournian* reported: 'Morris also gained a first and personal best by putting the Youth's Shot 44 feet 7 inches, he also came third in the Sussex Schools event.' He was awarded his AAA National Standard Grade II (youths) in

1962 and his Grade III (juniors) in 1964. He was also captain of the basketball club in 1963.

Tony and three others decided to celebrate the end of their College days by first coating the soles of their feet in Blanco (a substance used to whiten cricket shoes) then abseiling from the third floor of the old Pennell House, in Grassington Road. The perplexed housemaster said the next day 'Someone walked across the road and up the wall to the top of the house.' They then went on to leave a trail of Blanco footprints along the Cloisters, and Tony left prints either side of the Memorial Arch. It would be fascinating to see if any of these footprints have survived.

Tony's son, Louis, came to the College, (Pennell 1997–2002) as did his brothers, Wayne (Pennell 1963–68) and Roland (Pennell 1965–70).

From his son Louis: 'A selfless father who always put his wife and kids first. A loyal husband of 47 years to my mother. It has been a brutal but beautiful journey in the end. No words will ever make up for his loss, but I take comfort knowing that he truly completed all that life has to offer.'



Edwin Harold Morton (Nugent & Pennell 1965–69) died in Ottawa, Canada, on 17 April 2020, aged 68. He was born in London and emigrated to Canada in 1975.

Following his time at the College, Edwin graduated from the University of Kent and became an electrical engineer. His work was a passion that took him around the world and his strong, confident and determined work ethic defined him and allowed him many great opportunities and connections.

In his career as an electrical engineer, he worked in telecommunications, public safety, life safety and the security industries. His employers included: British Telecom, Bell Canada, Senstar, Crosskeys Systems, EADS, March Networks, Chubb Edwards and Correctional Service Canada.

He was a member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology for over 40 years and served on the council in various positions. He took pride in sharing his expertise and volunteered his time on many community boards in Ottawa throughout the years. Amongst those, he was a founding member of Friends of the Mer Bleue, an environmental community organisation for the citizens of Notre-Dame-des-Champs and surrounding areas.

Edwin was an avid squash player and loved to be outdoors and had a passion for gardening. He also had a great love of music and sang in the College productions of *Carmina Burana* and the *Dream of Gerontius*. A keen photographer, several of his photographs appeared in copies of the *Eastbournian*.

An online obituary on the Heritage Funeral Complex website described him 'as a man of great wit and charisma with an ability to charm a room with his puns and clever thoughts'. In the last few years of his life, he began to struggle with chronic hip pain which progressed and took away his mobility and ability to do the things he loved. The pain became an everyday struggle that grew physically and mentally debilitating.

Edwin is survived by his three children, Tanya, Natasha and Sean, and his partner of 13 years, Susan Leclerc. He had a gift for creating long-lasting bonds with the people in his life and will be sorely missed by the many friends he had made throughout the years.



Michael with grandchildren Fleur and Arthur

Michael Mynott MB BChir, DRCOG, died peacefully in Eastbourne on 14 February 2023, aged 94. Michael, a former doctor to the College for more than 20 years, worked as a general practitioner in the town from 1957. He took up the job of looking after the health of College staff and pupils in 1971 and he remained 'school doctor' until 1992, when he retired.

Michael was born in Colchester in 1928 and was educated at Bishop's Stortford College; he read

medicine at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he excelled at sport, particularly rugby, squash and tennis. He completed his medical studies at St Thomas' Hospital in London, where he met his beloved wife, Rosalind, who was training at the hospital as a nurse. Rosalind was at his bedside when Michael died on St Valentine's Day.

Michael devoted himself to a full and varied life in Eastbourne. He was Justice of the Peace for 20 years, and chair of the Eastbourne Magistrates Bench. In 1990 he was appointed East Sussex coroner, a role he enjoyed despite the fact that it 'disrupted family life', with calls from the police coming often late at night and at highly inconvenient times.

He played cricket and squash at the Saffrons Sports Club and took on the role of the Saffrons chairman for two decades. Tennis, golf, swimming in the sea at Holywell and cycling helped fill many of his off-duty hours.

As a doctor he believed in 'mens sana in corpore sano' and his treatment for a number of ailments often involved the prescription of 'a brisk walk along Eastbourne seafront'. He used his interest in sport to open a sports injury clinic at St Mary's Hospital and later the DGH in Eastbourne, and in 1966 and 1971 was recruited by the British Lions management to give medical check-ups to the squads which came to train in Eastbourne before departure for their tours of Australia and New Zealand. His son Adam, who was allowed to observe, can recall the shock and awe of watching his father listen to heartbeats and take the blood pressures of the likes of JPR Williams and Willie John McBride.

Before taking over at the Eastbourne College Sanatorium, Michael was school doctor at St Andrew's and St Bede's prep schools. He was a man who had apparently endless patience and no doctor could have cared more for the health of those he looked after. A committed Christian, he was church warden at St John's Church, Meads, for many years and was appointed to the Church of England Board of Selectors for Ordinands.

Michael loved a practical joke, roared with laughter whenever Terry Thomas and Eric Sykes were on the screen and loved to travel. He was relentlessly positive, and, above all, thankful that he met and married Rosalind, with whom he shared 68 years of wedded joy. Michael's four children all attended the College: Tim (Powell 1968–73), Adam (Powell 1971–76) Toby (Powell 1973–76) and Annabel (Nugent 1979–81). He had 11 grandchildren, four of whom were also College pupils: Sophie Williams (Blackwater 2005–10), Georgie Williams (Blackwater 2008–13), Hebe Williams (Blackwater & Arnold 2010–15) and Hamish Mynott (Wargrave 2011–16); and one a member of staff: Jack Mynott (Sports intern 2020–21); and two great grandchildren.

Edward (Ted) Andrews Parkinson (Ascham 1946–48; Reeves 1948–52) died in January 2023, aged 87. Ted is survived by his wife, Rosemary and sons, Andrew and Antony. We hope to include a full tribute in next year's magazine.



Christopher (Kit) John Peake (Ascham 1949–50; Gonville 1950–55) died on 11 May 2022, aged 85. We are grateful to Simon Hubbard-Ford (Gonville 1949–54) who has kindly contributed this tribute:

My memories of Kit go back a long way and are very happy. We were friends already at Ascham, although in different houses, he in Ascham, the house, under Henry Collis, I in Granville, run by Guy and the lovely Vera Ross.

The Peake family lived in Eastbourne for a bit, when his father came back from Asia, before moving to West Sussex. He was often in our house, and our mothers got on very well. They had a top floor flat in Compton Street, and Kit and I used to make water bombs and throw them at the passers-by, far below, and many a face turned heavenward, puzzled by the sudden moisture on a bright summer's day! He was always mischievous and cheeky.

I can't remember much about his sporting achievements at Ascham, as I can his career at the College, except that we, mostly Granvillians, allowed him to join the exclusive club of playground soccer players. We owned the playground during the morning break and ruined our

shoes as we wore the same attire as in the classroom. Peake arrived on the scene, and dribbled a tennis ball so effectively, weaving in and out of the mostly Granville defence, that I originated the nickname Peakey Matthews as in the great Stanley Matthews, wizard of dribble.

We all moved on. David Atkins (Gonville 1949–54), Michael Morley (Gonville 1949–53) and I to Gonville, where Kit joined us about a year later. Around this time Kit went out in the school holidays to Malaya to visit his father, and brought me back some Chinese-style cufflinks, silver dragons on a black background. A great gesture, and I still have most of them, as cufflinks suffer a lot of wear and tear over the years. A nice reminder of his friendship.

His adventurous childhood may not be known to all of Kit's friends. In 1942 he and his mother left on the last ship out of Singapore, to escape the invading Japanese, for her home, Canada, but arrived in Australia! Later they would reach the planned refuge. Sadly, Kit's father became a guest of the Japanese government, in the dreaded Changi prisoner-of-war camp for the duration, before moving to Canada to join the family, only to find that they had relocated to London! It must have been shortly after this that I got to know the family.

It was typical of Kit, when the parents let us, aged about 13 or 14, to go to London for the day, quite an adventure in those days. The usual programme: the big toy shop on Regent Street, Lyons Corner House for lunch. Was it Kit who said, 'Lyons must do a roaring trade!' To the cinema for a Marx Brothers film. We would wave for a taxi and:

Kit: 'Take us to the Curzon Cinema or else!'

Taxi driver: 'Or else what, mate?'

Kit: 'Or else we'll have to walk.' That was Kit.

Happy days at Gonville, in spite of having to endure what some people called Victorian values. An odd description of unnecessary hardships. Kit was not one of the College's great scholars, but made up for that by his quick wit, tremendous sense of humour, ability to act, and artistic touch, perhaps related to the works of his famous uncle, the writer and artist, Mervyn Peake. They say that Kit got on well with the late satirist, writer and actor John Wells (Powell 1950–55), in itself a compliment.

On the playing fields of Eastbourne there was no doubting his talents. A left-arm spinner and middle order batsman in the 1954 (and '55) XI under David Atkins with Mickey Hind (Gonville 1950–55), sadly also departed recently, wicket keeper. He was in the 1st XV in the 1954 Michaelmas term, but in my opinion was wasted on the wing, especially with, once again, Mickey Hind, this time at scrum half.

For me a fond memory is the Gonville victory over a very good School House team in the house match final, Kit at fly half, where his talent was not wasted, and his, as on the cricket field, sure hands, helped us under the captaincy of David Atkins to a narrow but deserved win. My ego informs me that I kicked the winning conversion, aiming off for the westerly wind, as advised by Mickey Hind, when scrum halves had to lower the ball!

We rather lost touch for a while, I at Sandhurst, he later doing national service with the Royal Sussex Regiment, including post-war Korea. We saw a lot of each other in London, after work, with other mates, quite often from the cricketing community, when Chelsea and Kensington pubs were respectable, even fashionable, and guests did not drink beer out of the bottle!

I was privileged to play a few games for his Privateers, until I found that the cricket had reached a standard beyond my talents, so I excused myself from the team's captain and selection committee, as he would never have left me out, such was his unshakable loyalty to friends! We lost touch, as I moved abroad with my job, but sometimes got together in London. At about the same time we both embarked on long and happy marriages, he with his beloved Lainey, who supported him with all the ups and downs that happen in life.

Let's remember the great words of Hilaire Belloc in his poem *The South Country*, praising Sussex and Sussex Men, which finishes:

'The men that were boys, when I was a boy, shall sit and drink with me.'

And we were two of them! Happy memories Kit. Thank you from all of us. And may God bless Lainey with her great memories of a loving partner through life, and a wonderful friend to so many.



David Blake Rooks (Powell 1958–62) died on 7 May 2019, aged 75. The following tribute is extracted from an obituary published by the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix*:

Blake was born in London and spent his childhood in both Canada and England. With a strong British accent, he loved shocking people by stating he was Canadian. Raised by his mother and the older brother to three sisters, he was a feminist from day one, so it's no surprise his daughters became the fierce, independent women they are today.

Blake's path was never a straight one and his curiosity to explore the world took him through over 50 countries, hitchhiking and later traveling in his campervan across Africa with his best friends George and Brigitte and their son Gabby. In Africa, he met Anna Engel, after which the birth of his first love (Chrissie) brought him to Canada.

In Canada, he met Nikki and the subsequent births of Michael, Katie and Julia brought him so much joy. Raising the children up North and building their home, many happy memories were made. Everywhere he went, he planted roots and founded deep friendships with so many.

Blake loved to seek growth in his community and volunteered regularly at the Food Bank, Lions Club, visited monthly with an inmate at the penitentiary, attended weekly coffee dates with newly released prisoners in a rehabilitation program and many other local programs.

Blake was the ultimate hipster before hipsters existed, loving his bees, the sweat lodge and lunches at Beardy reserve, the woods, canoeing, trail running, his garden, equal rights and empowering those without strong voices like his own. Blake was adamant that we celebrate his life and not mourn his passing. His legacy will live on in donations, volunteer time and time spent with loved ones.

During his last years, faced with weakening health, Blake was supported by a strong community in Rosthern and Saskatoon, as well as the nurses and his friends at the renal dialysis unit who brought so much joy to such a challenging burden.

Blake is survived and deeply missed by his family; Nikki and their four children, Michael, Katie, Julia and Chrissie, along with his two grandchildren Maria and Burton and his sisters Jan Jessica, BJ and Nina.

Paul Jordan adds:

While at the College, Blake excelled at swimming (then held in the Devonshire Park Baths in Carlisle Road). He was in the 1st swimming team from 1960 to 1962 and in 1961, gained his 1st swimming colours. In the same year, he equalled the school breaststroke record and won the senior Victor Ludorum in this sport. In 1962 he was part of the cross-country running team. Blake also gained a silver award as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme in 1961 and progressed to the rank of leading seaman in the Royal Navy section of the Combined Cadet Corps.

Anthony Frederick Sewell (Powell 1952–55) died on 1 October 2021, aged 83. He worked in public services in an administrative and clerical role. Anthony was a church sidesman and joint secretary of the local children's society. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.



Dr Paul Herman Steen (School 1969–70) died of a heart attack on 4 September 2020, aged 68. Paul grew up in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio. He subsequently spent a gap year at the College on an American exchange scholarship in 1969. The March 1970 edition of the *Eastbournian* published an article by Paul entitled *Through American Eyes* in which he describes his thoughts about life at the College from an American's point of view.

At Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, Paul received a BSc in engineering and a BA in English literature; he completed a fifth year of undergraduate studies at Bristol University

in England. Paul earned his PhD in fluid dynamics at Johns Hopkins University and was a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University.

In 1982, he joined Cornell's School of Chemical Engineering, and in 2008 he became the Maxwell M Upson Professor of Engineering, an endowed professorship which he held until his death. For 38 years, Paul was a valued teacher and advisor across departments and graduate fields in the College of Engineering at Cornell. He was internationally recognized as a scholar in fluid mechanics and engaged broadly and generously in the international research community.

Paul had a special skill for identifying basic scientific questions within important engineering contexts. He had a keen sense of humour and an infectious laugh. Paul was a runner, hiker, and avid bicyclist who enjoyed travelling and experiencing other cultures.

He was a remarkable man who is survived by his wife Kyra D Stephanoff; daughters Ana and Frances; sister Martha Steen Whitney; and brothers Robert, John and Rodger.



Richard John Elwell Stenhouse (Nugent/School 1959–63) died on 6 December 2022, aged 76. We are grateful to Richard's daughter Ellie for her contribution to his tribute.

Richard started a career in accountancy working at two girls schools in East Sussex before going on to work at Glyndebourne. Here he found his footing and made lifelong friends, stage appearances, met his first wife and had two daughters. Later, he was head hunted by Scottish Opera

for the post of financial controller and company secretary and moved to Glasgow. He was able to return to his passion of mountain climbing that he enjoyed in his younger years, as well as sailing.

He had belonged to the Eastbourne College Boat Club while at school and the 1963 *Eastbournian* reported: 'Our gratitude is also due to everyone else who coached or helped to maintain boats, and especially to Stenhouse, who did so much.'

Richard was always sociable, loved the company of others and was a strong community figure in Glasgow. He loved to travel and as a boy inter-railed through Europe to Austria with friends from school. Ellie said: 'He is always loved and he was always kind. A true gentleman.'

Richard is survived by his daughters Ellie and Katharine.



Arthur Still in 1953

Arthur William Still (Wargrave 1949–53) died at home on 29 October 2022, aged 87. We are grateful to his nephew Richard Still (Wargrave 1951–56) and Arthur's wife, Maureen, for providing details for the following tribute:

Arthur won a scholarship to the College and, taught by Ken Hindley and Paul Hirst, he passed GCE A-levels in pure and applied mathematics and physics. He excelled in sport at the College playing in the 1st XI and 1st XV. A report in the 1953 *Eastbournian* described him thus:

'(Scrum-half) Starting as a forward he has taken to this position remarkably well... He is strong and fast and if he can get off his marks a bit quicker his breaks will be most dangerous.' In the same year, he played in the 1st XV against Radley College. The College won 9–8 and the *Eastbournian* reported:

'Shortly after half time, however, Radley were leading 8–3.

Undismayed the whole team attacked with the utmost fury... just before time, Still made an opening for Pateras who literally threw himself over the line for the winning try... Those who played and those who watched will long remember this classic contest.'

He won the junior singles tennis cup in 1950 and 1951 and was awarded his tennis colours in 1953. Arthur was also in the squash and athletics teams.

In later years he recalled to a cricket enthusiast son-in-law how he had bowled to Ted Dexter, without being hit for a six!

Before taking the place he was awarded at Queens' College, Cambridge, he served his national service as a second lieutenant, radar instructor with the Royal Artillery. At Cambridge Arthur passed parts of the tripos in mathematics, moral sciences, and psychology, finally obtaining a PhD in psychology in 1965.

That same year he was appointed to a position as lecturer in psychology at Durham University, and remained at Durham until 1988, being promoted to senior lecturer in 1979. He continued on a part-time basis at Durham until 1997 and was an honorary research fellow at the university from 1988 to 2002.

While at Durham Arthur was also a visiting scientist in India under the British Council's Younger Scientists exchange scheme from 1969–70 and a visiting associate professor at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, from 1973–74. He made numerous contributions to academic journals and conferences, in some cases himself being the organiser or editor. He also co-published several

books such as *Cognitive Psychology in Question* and *Against Cognitivism: Alternative Foundations for Cognitive Psychology* with Alan Costall; and *Rewriting the History of Madness: Studies in Foucault's 'Histoire de la folie'* with Irving Velody.

Arthur's academic interests were wide and varied, including topics in experimental psychology, ecological psychology and mutualism, medical psychology, statistics and mathematical psychology, as well as the history and philosophy of psychology. It was in line with these interests that he co-founded and edited the interdisciplinary journal, *The History of Human Sciences*, with Irving Velody in 1988, now in its 35th year.

Following retirement from full-time employment in academic psychology, Arthur took various qualifications and trained as a counsellor. From 1996 to 2019 he worked as a counselling psychologist (psychotherapy and supervision) for the NHS and privately in the Scottish Borders and Edinburgh, and developed his own private practice.

In recent years he had been working with Professor Mark D'Inverno on publications about creativity and artificial intelligence. For his research purposes, Arthur again became an honorary research fellow at Durham University from 2019 to 2022.

Arthur was buried on 3 November at Hundy Mundy Natural Burial Ground near Kelso in the Scottish Borders. He is survived by his brother Henry (Wargrave 1959–62), first wife Shirley, wife Maureen and five daughters, Charlotte, Melly, Lucy, Maisie and Enid. Richard's brother, John, also attended the College, Wargrave 1948 to 1952.



Anthony Eric Tabor (School 1955–58) died unexpectedly at home on 1 May 2022 aged 80. Anthony's brother, David, has kindly contributed the following:

Anthony was born in Croydon, the eldest of six children of Eric and Evelyn. They lived in Shirley, later moving to Chipstead, Surrey. After attending Branksome Hilders preparatory school, Haslemere, Anthony went on to the College, where his father had been before and brother Christopher was later to go. There he learned to row on the Cuckmere river and played drums in the school band.

After leaving Eastbourne he joined his father in the family business – George Tabor Limited, an old established wholesale fish merchants, situated in Pudding Lane, London, EC3, near the old Billingsgate Market. There he was to learn the fish trade, commuting by train, or driving there at the crack of dawn for when the market opened. In 1968 Eric died and Anthony, at the age of 27, became managing director. He was a member of The Shellfish Association of Great Britain.

The company later relocated from London to Coulsdon but unfortunately during the severe recession of 1973 it got into financial difficulties and receivers had to be appointed. Anthony was however able to continue trading through The Pure Oyster Company Limited, which had been established in 1907, and eventually found a suitable location for a new office and warehouse at Pease Pottage, West Sussex, from where the business has traded successfully ever since. Two of Anthony's three sons, Nicholas and Thomas, had in turn joined him in the business, bringing with them a young approach and fresh ideas to the company while retaining old fashioned family values, adding a retail shop and home delivery service.

Anthony was very sociable and had many leisure interests. He had a good ear for music and over the years owned various instruments including a piano accordion, banjo and guitar, drums and a double bass. He enjoyed 60s and 70s pop music, cinema, skiing, arranging day trips to Dieppe and Boulogne by ferry, city breaks in Europe, later taking his own family on holidays, often in France. He occasionally took part in clay pigeon shooting, painting, sailing weekends and was a keen darts player. For many years he went on an annual fly-fishing weekend in Somerset arranged by a friend, but while enjoyable he was probably

better at selling trout than catching them! However, when invited to go fishing on a trawler from Sway to the Isle of Wight, Anthony was quite surprised when he found himself there in the middle of the Solent, struggling with a fishing rod, as he hauled aboard a 50lb porbeagle shark!

For over 25 years he played squash at Betchworth with his cousin and a group of friends. In quieter moments he liked to relax by reading and was particularly interested in military history. Years ago, when it was on television, he could be seen avidly watching Brian Inglis's programme *All Our Yesterdays*.

Anthony had always been very keen on cars. His first was a yellow and black Austin 7 'Bumblebee'. Taking a friend out for a pint at The Wellhouse, Mogador, one Sunday morning he misjudged a bend down a country lane and turned the car onto its side. Thankfully nobody was hurt and they managed to right it, but it was remarkable because they were actually on their way to the pub! Despite that early mishap Anthony went on to become a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists. His next car was an Austin Healey 100/4, then followed two Karmann Ghias, a VW Caravanette, an Austin Healey 3000 Mk III – for many years his pride and joy, and finally an HMC Mk IV. He enjoyed making the annual visit to Le Mans for the 24-hour meeting, driving there to rendezvous with friends.

With two dogs the family had always wanted a bigger garden where they could enjoy 'the good life'. To that end some seven years ago they found a semi-derelict barn with two acres of land at Staplefield, near Handcross. They set about converting it into a comfortable home with lovely gardens and an orchard. Later they added an artist's studio for his wife Angela and a workshop for Anthony where he could pursue his various woodworking projects.

Anthony was an incredibly hard worker, dedicated to the business, had no plans on retiring though gently encouraged to by his family. Indeed he had been delivering fish right up to the last day of his life.

In the wholesale fish business for 63 years Anthony was a well-respected figure in the trade and a responsible employer. He was a generous and kind man, friendly and very modest, despite all his achievements. Anthony was much loved by his family and friends and is greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Angela, children Nicholas, William and Thomas and grandchildren Evelyn and Joseph.

Anthony's father Eric attended the College (School 1920–23) as did his brother Christopher (School 1959–63).

Malcolm Charles Tait (Reeves 1947–50) died on 7 February 2022, aged 87.

A keen member of the Eastbourne Sailing Club where he developed a love for the sea, on leaving the College Malcolm attended the school of navigation at Warsash for pre-sea training and was subsequently apprenticed to T & J Brocklebank of Liverpool. He joined his first ship in 1952 and nearly four years later, during his final voyage as a cadet, he was promoted to uncertified 4th mate. In 1958 he returned to Warsash to study for his first mate's certificate. He married Faith in the summer of

1959 and subsequently returned to sea. In 1961 he resigned from Brocklebanks and the couple moved to Bromley when he became an area manager for Lush & Cooks (dry cleaners) based in central London. Malcolm retrained as a junior school teacher at the College of St Mark & St John in Chelsea as a mature student. Having obtained his teaching certificate, he then went on to acquiring the diploma of child development and spent the rest of his career at Malcolm School in Penge.

He had many and varied interests. He was a group scout leader in Hayes and a staunch member

of the Bromley Arts Society. He built and played the harp. His big passion was steam trains and he spent many happy holidays travelling under steam both in this country and abroad. He was a committed Christian and took great pleasure in participating in the various aspects of church life both at St Luke's Bromley and St Mary The Virgin, Hayes.

He is survived by his wife Faith, daughter Alison, son Graeme, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Malcolm was one of the first boys to join the new Reeves day boy house in September 1947. The boys were initially based in

the Nissen huts (put up by the Royal Navy during the Second World War) before moving into Reeves House in Grange Road in November 1947. The 1949 *Eastbourne* reported that Malcolm was patrol leader of the Woodpeckers scout troop and that under his leadership, had won the Inter Patrol Shield. The following year, he was praised for his hard work as a stagehand and scene painter in a production of *The Merchant of Venice*. He was also a member of the choir.

Paul Honney (Powell 1951–54) was Malcolm's brother-in-law and has helped us with this tribute.

David Temple



James David Temple (Reeves 1949–54) died on 20 September 2022, aged 86. David's daughter, Kate, has kindly sent us the following tribute:

David was born in 1936 and attended the College on a scholarship. He loved all sport, especially rugby, and played for England school boys. As a boy he kept carrier pigeons at home as well as breeding butterflies. His love of animals led him to study veterinary medicine at Queen's College, Cambridge, where he was one of only seven students in his year. He would say that his success at the Queen's interview was due entirely to a butterfly which flew in through an open window, whereupon he took advantage of a moment's diversion to describe the life cycle of the Peacock butterfly.

In Eastbourne on vacation, he met the love of his life, Nancy, at a dance at the Chelsea College of Physical Education where she was a student. They married in 1959 when David was still at Queen's.

Soon after David qualified, daughter Sarah arrived in 1962, followed by Kate in 1963. Then in 1965 David and Nancy opted to sail to New Zealand as part of the 'Ten Pound Pom' migration scheme and the family set off aboard the ocean liner *Rangitoto*, having paid their £10 fare, where they enjoyed the deck quoits and swimming pool.

After six weeks the family disembarked

in Auckland, and settled in Manaia, Taranaki, where David worked in dairy practice for the Farmers' Co-operative Organisation Society. Into this idyllic life in the foothills of Mount Taranaki, Rachel was born (and she has preferred the bare-foot life ever since).

In 1968 they sailed for Sydney, Australia, where David joined his old Cambridge friend David Anderson in veterinary practice in Timboon, Victoria. In 1970 they returned to the UK to a mainly dairy veterinary practice in mid-Devon, and joined in rural life to the full, in the village of Witheridge, where Richard was born.

Long hard-working days were often followed by nights on duty. David was excellent with farm animals and was also the lead in the small animal operating theatre for many years. If David was on duty, Nancy had to answer the phone if he was out on call. 'Able to base, Able to base do you read me over?' David's two-way radio blared out.

David sometimes recruited one of his teenage daughters to assist in an out of hours caesarean. He once lassoed a cow drowning in a slurry pit from the bucket of a digger and pulled it to safety. In the latter part of his veterinary career David developed a keen interest in equine practice and stud work in particular, including working with the well-known racehorse Double Trigger.

David was highly respected, his wisdom, hard work, patience and gentle approach endearing him to colleagues, clients and the many vet students who were privileged to join him on his rounds. He inspired his daughter Sarah to follow in his footsteps to study medicine at Queen's College, Cambridge.

David's love of the sea and happy memories of his youth in Eastbourne drew him to Sidmouth in Devon for his retirement, which for him and Nancy involved competitive croquet. David eventually became chairman and then president of the Sidmouth Croquet Club. He also developed his artistic skills and produced a beautiful sculpture of a mare

and foal. Nancy and David also had great adventures caravanning throughout Europe. David's friendships included his rugby friends, all keen supporters of Exeter Chiefs.

He will be remembered as the loving man he was, totally dedicated to Nancy and to his large family including 12 grandchildren. He was a wonderful mixture of humility, pride and honour. David lived a wonderful long life and retained the ability to bring his conversation alive with a raised eyebrow, a wink and a twinkle of his blue eyes, while he glowed with love and kindness. He was a lover of life and a leader of men who will remain forever an inspiration to all who knew him. David died peacefully on 20 September 2022 at home in Sidmouth.

Paul Jordan adds: David enjoyed sports at the College. In 1953, he was awarded his athletic colours and his 2nd swimming colours. A year later he won his rugby stag (he played in the Tigers in 1952) and became captain of the athletics team. The standard of athletics had improved by 1954 as the *Eastbourne* of that year reported: 'These advances are largely the achievement of Temple, the captain of athletics, nobly backed by the house captains. The formation of the Reeves' House Athletics Club, whose members could be seen practising on most mornings in the Christmas holidays, was an expression of their spirit and enthusiasm.'

A year later, the *Eastbourne* was again able to report that: 'It was with pride that we heard that Temple had been selected to play for the English Public Schools XV at Richmond and Coulcher as a reserve.' David was head of house, a school prefect and hon sec of the Science Society.

David was a member of the Rivett-Carnac family (on his mother's side). Four of his uncles came to the College: Colin (Martynside 1895–95), John (School 1904–09), Percy (School 1905–09) and Charles (School 1916–17), Commissioner of the Royal Mounted Canadian Police 1959–60.



David John Weight (Ascham 1946–50; School 1950–52; Powell 1952–55) died on 12 June 2022, aged 85. We are grateful to David's son, Christopher and to his good friend Simon Wood (Ascham 1948–50; Powell 1950–54) for the following tribute:

David was a bright and accomplished boy from an early age at Ascham, where he made careful works of art and cartoons and developed other skills in character acting in *HMS Pinafore* and *Toad of Toad Hall*. He gained an

academic scholarship to the College, like his contemporary John Wells (Powell 1950–55), a life-long friend. They both excelled in modern languages, wit and in theatricals. David was inspired in particular by Max Halliday (Head of Modern Languages) also producer of annual productions in Big School, plays by Shakespeare, Sheridan and Wilde among others.

David won a variety of prizes at the College: music, art and the Newton Reading Prize. He was hon sec of the Dramatic Society, Cercle Français and at one time editor of the *Eastbournian*. In sport, David was in the first fencing team in 1955, winning the Foil Cup in the same year. Some *Eastbournian* quotes from the 1950s about drama productions:

'It is only fair to mention Weight's Aguecheek in *Twelfth Night* for a brilliant performance... never for a moment overplayed. Not a gesture nor a facial expression wrong from start to finish... ineffably absurd, this was, I really think, the funniest Sir Andrew I have seen.' And in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*: 'D J Weight's Quince was a completely thought out and beautifully unselfish piece of acting... This is perhaps the place to mention the great debt which the Society owes to its secretary, D J Weight, invaluable for several years past as a highly competent actor and most gifted scene-painter. His two backcloths were once more integral parts of the production... Imaginative and extremely effective.'

Both David and John Wells won open scholarships to Oxford, David to Trinity and John to St Edmund Hall, after national service in the army. Following Oxford, David embarked on his career in education starting at Milton Academy near Boston and St Bernard's in New York City. He returned to the UK to teach at Dulwich and then for a few years worked in local education administration in the Brighton area. David met his future wife, Victoria, when both were members of the Brighton Festival Choir. David moved back to London and the classroom, where he joined the staff at Highgate School. He became Head of Modern Languages and a housemaster, remaining there until his retirement in the early 1990s.

David and Vicky had two children, Emily and Christopher. During retirement in Southwold in Suffolk Vicky died after a long illness, but they had many happy years beforehand and made several trips abroad. David continued to paint, print and to sing in the St Edmund's Church choir. He battled with cancer, latterly, but died peacefully following a fall in the garden. Many who valued his friendship will miss his calm, steady character. A man short in stature but tall in intellect. He leaves his beloved daughter and son and three grandchildren.

David's brother Michael also attended Ascham and the College (Ascham 1946–52; Powell 1952–55).



Thomas Crichton Wilson (School 1950–55) died on 27 April 2022, aged 85. He was born in Bendemeer (now Marlborough House) in Old Wish Road on 18 November 1936, the son of Olive and T Henry Wilson, a doctor and surgeon in Eastbourne. A day boy at Chelmsford Hall, Crichton enjoyed a distinguished College career in School House as a member of the Maths VI, a school prefect and head boy of his house. He won 1st XI cricket colours in 1953–55 and was captain in 1955; 1st tennis colours in 1953–54 and the doubles and singles cups; and 2nd athletics strings.

Joining the RAF section of the CCF, he was a sergeant, passed the advanced training exam, won a flying scholarship, the special lanyard of honour and learned to fly in an open cockpit Tiger Moth during his

RAF service. In 1960 he played a single first-class cricket match for LC Stevens' XI against Cambridge University on the Saffrons. He gained a Pilot's 'A' licence and left to join Clare College, Cambridge, where he read civil engineering. After a few years in the aviation industry, Crichton joined CAE Electronics and in 1966 emigrated to Montreal, Canada. There he had a career in project management with assignments in different countries and provinces of Canada. One of his assignments was as project manager for the hand control simulator for the space shuttle in Houston, Texas. There he met many of the astronauts.

In Montreal in 1967 he joined the Monkland Tennis Club which became his second home. Here in 1978 he found his love match in Christa and for 40 years they travelled together, for pleasure or for tennis tournaments. He was a member of the MTC for 55 years, serving as president and member of the board. In 1976 the Olympic Organization Committee gave him the position of project manager for field hockey. In 2011, Crichton edited and published the memoirs of his father, Tom Henry Wilson, entitled *Doctor in War and Peace*. We have some copies available in the College archives.

In 2016 he underwent a heart operation at the Montreal Heart Institute and then in 2022 he died after a hard-fought battle with Covid-19 at the Montreal Jewish General Hospital, just after his 85th birthday.

He leaves a wife Christa, a younger sister Sandra, a sister-in-law Waltraud, a late sister Anthea, wife of the late Giles Langton (School 1947–51), and many nephews and nieces in the UK, Spain and Germany. His ashes were interred in the summer of 2022 in the rural cemetery in Wenham, East Anglia, joining his sister Anthea and brother-in-law Giles Langton, who both died in February 2019.



John Howitt Wilson (Blackwater 1947–51) died on 8 December 2022, aged 88. We would like to thank John's wife, Christine, for the following contribution:

John did his articles in accountancy with Thornton and Thornton in Oxford and after qualifying in 1957, worked in Singapore and Borneo for Turquand Young's accountants. He married Christine Heritage in 1962, on his return to the UK.

His next job was back in the Far East with a British trading company Peterson Simons for the next ten years. The family, including their young children Carolyn and Paul, returned to the UK in 1972 and settled in the west country. John joined a small builders' merchants, Weston Trading, which was later bought out by Travis and Arnold. The company eventually merged with Sandel Perkins and became Travis Perkins.

John and the family later moved to Northampton where Travis Perkins's head office was based and he built a Cotswold stone house in a village near the Northamptonshire County Golf Club. He loved golf, tennis, walking and bridge.

Following retirement, they moved to Newton Ferrers, Devon, where John started a walk group, a bridge club and was involved with maintaining a local wood and checked the accounts for various societies etc. He had good health for most of his life but in 2018, he had an above-knee amputation due to lack of blood flow. John made the very most of life, never complaining, and loved going to Spain for winter months to enjoy the sun.

John died peacefully at home with his loving family around him. The local church was packed for his final send-off and he was remembered by many as a 'jovial caring character'. He is survived by his wife Christine, daughter Carolyn and son Paul and their families.

While he was at the College, he was a house prefect, won his fives colours in 1951 and was a member of the fives team from 1950 to 1951. He was also a member of the winning Blackwater House junior XI cricket team in 1949 and won XXII cricket colours. After leaving the College, John lived for a while with his parents in Kings Norton, a suburb of Birmingham, where he played rugby with Michael Partridge (Blackwater 1946–51) in the Kings Norton club.

John had been an Arnold Embellisher since 2003.

THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY COMMITTEE

The 2022 AGM of the Eastbournian Society was held at the College on Saturday 5 March 2022. At the meeting the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021 were approved and the existing officers re-elected unanimously.

Parents representative Sharon Leek stepped down from her position, and Helen Medlycott continued as Alumni and Community Engagement Officer until the end of the summer term. Sam Wicks (Powell 2005–10) served as Events Organiser from 14 June 2022 to 10 February 2023, when his fixed-term contract came to an end. Jayne Caines started as the ES Administrator on 6 March 2023.

All other members of the committee remained in situ.

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THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY



THE OLD EASTBOURNIAN ASSOCIATION INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022

ALL FIGURES IN GBP

		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
INCOME					
Subscriptions receivable			24,000		24,000
Profit from sale of OE Regalia			—		—
Sundry income			—		—
Revaluation of stock			—		—
			<u>24,000</u>		<u>24,000</u>
DEDUCT OUTGOINGS					
The Old Eastbourne	15,430			11,846	
Birley Centre sponsorship	—			—	
London dinner sponsorship	4,100			—	
Secretarial services	1,250			2,500	
Grants – OE Cricket	1,800			1,800	
OE Golf	2,000			—	
OE Football	—			—	
OE Squash	—			—	
OE Tennis	—			—	
OE Rugby	2,000			1,500	
Marketing and membership systems	16,380			—	
Regalia	—			—	
Other OE events	—			—	
			<u>42,960</u>		<u>17,646</u>
			(18,960)		6,354
INVESTMENT INCOME					
Interest received net of tax			<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
			<u>(18,958)</u>		<u>6,356</u>

		2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2022					
GENERAL FUND					
Balance as at 1 August			46,187		39,831
Deduct					
Donation to Old Eastbourne Charity		—		—	
Birley Centre		—		—	
			<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>
Add					
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account			(18,958)		6,356
Balance as at 31 July			<u>27,229</u>		<u>46,187</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
Monies on deposit at RBS plc					
Special interest-bearing account	759			9,017	
OE Regalia Stock Deposit	4,505			4,505	
Sundry debtors	1,042			—	
Debtors – amounts owed by ECi	29,563			41,473	
Bank Current Account at RBS plc	1,000			1,000	
			<u>36,869</u>		<u>55,995</u>
Deduct					
Creditors			(9,640)		(9,808)
Bank account			—		—
			<u>27,229</u>		<u>46,187</u>

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastbourne Society (incorporating the Old Eastbourne Association) was held on Saturday 4 March 2023.

The Agenda

1. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022.
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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