

THE CLASS OF 2024



The Eastbournian Society held a reception on Friday 17 May for the newest members of the society, the Upper Sixth leavers in the summer term of 2024. They were welcomed by Development Director Emma Garrett who told them that, as Old Eastbournians, they had access to a

worldwide network of support. Glasses were raised to toast their future success, and we were delighted to give them a leaving gift of an ES notebook and pen. On the same day, the leavers gathered for a group photo beneath the Memorial Tower, a future memory of their time at Eastbourne.

BLACKWATER



Francesca Dale



Clara Delaney



Emily Hall



Lois
Harfey-Burkhill



Tallulah Hodges



Sophie
Inaparth-
Wickens



Eliza Jones



Emma Marsh



Sophie
McDonald



Izzy Pedley



Lucia Ridley



Maya Toor



Kirsty Williams



Nellie Yarrow
Davies

CRAIG



Alexander
Bailey



Ben Chambers



Matteo Chu



Ben Clark



Struan Dunlop



Ridley Flind



Jamie Gordon



Alfie Hunter



Joshua Mayhew



Tom McDonald



Rufus Piper



Marcus Skyrme



Herbie Sleep

GONVILLE



Adrian Chan



Max Crowther



William Daniels



Oliver Du Feu



Otto
Klosterfelde



Leo Makarov



Henry Tang



Rohan
Van de Ven



Ricky Verger

NUGENT



Selena
Brathwaite



Evie Clayson



Stella Hare



Chloe Hynes



Isla Irvin



Rachel LI



Polina Lipanova



Alice Pepper



Olivia Reeves



Claudia
Schroder-Smith



Elsie Southern

PENNELL



Bassel
Abdul-Azeez



William Allen



Darryl Fong



Tiger Ge



Sam Huang



Zain Radwan



Gustav
Stahlbage



Duke Wilkinson



Michele Zhang

POWELL



Michael
Abourous



Thomas Arnold



Laurence
Callow



Alexander
Davies



Oliver Edmead



Alex Edwards



Samuel
Hamilton



Frederik Jensen



Christopher
Johnson-Bird



Thomas
Johnston



Oliver May



Alan McMahon



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Matthew
Woodall

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Ewan Clark



Isaac Ellwood



Alex Farlam



Charlie Jenden



Zizie Ndlovu



Isaac Ripley



Oliver Tutt



Alex Weame

SCHOOL



Lati Akinyemi



Milly Bateman



Millie Bonnar



Cindy Deng



Lola Dutton



Rebecca Fisher



Shelly Jiang



Annabel
McKenna



Holly Mitchell



Olivia Molliet



Ella Panayiotou

WARGRAVE



Tom Burn



Luca Dumas



Kachi Edet



Jack Evans



Sean Foster



Jack Greig



Finn Hill



Hayes Ho



Zach Howard



Maksym
Matviievskyi



Will Steed



Toby Wheatley



Ivan Wong



Kenneth Yau



Bob Zhao

WATT



Molly Best



May
Fogarty-Stevens



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Callie Gent



Kayla Ginger



Katie Hillyer



Grace King



Dory
Lee-Potter



Cecily Luther



Sophia Marshall



Ruby Mills
Kennelly



Leticia Nare



Liv Reade



Missy
Richardson



Hannah Sewell



Sophie Stevens



Ella Stevenson



Ava Talman



Poppy Thomas



Alice Younger

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

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128. 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 is in alphabetical order of surname.

OEs LISTED BY LEAVING YEAR

1953 David Houchin (Pennell 1949–53)
1957 Chris Lewis (Wargrave 1952–57)
1959 Nigel Strofton (Gonville 1955–59)
1960 Carl Pohl (Blackwater 1956–60)
1961 Bob Rogers (Pennell 1957–61)
1962 Andrew Carstairs-McCarthy (Gonville 1958–62)
 Rob Newman (Wargrave 1959–62)
1963 John Daniels (School House, 1959–63)
1965 Tom Pettifer (Nugent & Blackwater 1961–65)
1967 Peter Braithwaite (School 1963–67)
 Anthony Newman (Wargrave 1963–67)
1971 Paul Mayhew-Archer (Reeves 1967–71)
1972 Richard Austen (School 1967–72)
1975 Clare Cosslett (Nugent 1973–75)
1978 Christopher Lush (Powell 1973–78)
 Tim McHenry (Cross) (Pennell 1973–78)
1979 Mark Hunter (Gonville 1974–79)
 Deborah Lawrenson (Nugent 1977–79)
1981 Jax Comyn (Batcup) (Nugent 1979–81)
 Martin Hole (Blackwater 1976–81)
 Hartmut Richter (Powell 1976–81)
 Kevin Vinke (Powell 1976–81)
1982 Robin Blenkarn (Powell 1977–82)
 David Lush (Powell 1977–82)
1983 Roy Bishop (Powell 1978–83)
 Amanda Burger (Ford) (Nugent 1981–83)
 Adam Gladwin (Powell 1978–83)
 Andrew Haviland (Gonville 1978–83)
 Jo Histed (Watt) (Nugent 1981–83)
 Rob Owen (Blackwater 1978–83)
 Giles Tomsett (Powell 1978–83)
1984 Stephen Gray (Powell 1979–84)
 Mark Le Brocq (Craig 1979–84)
 Jonathan Lush (Powell 1980–84)
1986 Liam Sharp (Pennell 1981–86)
1987 Alison Griffiths (Stow) (Nugent 1985–87)
 Peter Thwaites (Gonville 1982–87)
1988 Ed Tourle (School 1984–88)
 Angus Wingfield (School 1984–88)
1989 Nikki Awdry (Lush) (Nugent 1987–89)
 Guy Thwaites (Blackwater 1984–89)
1991 Katy Parker (Thwaites) (Nugent 1989–91)
 Tim Parker (Wargrave 1986–91)

1992 Martin Trott (Powell 1987–92)
 Alex Williamson (Wargrave 1987–92)
1996 Alex Vanotti (Cullis) (Watt 1994–96)
 Rebecca Verling (Nugent 1994–96)
1998 Pete Fellows (Powell 1993–98)
2000 Oliver Close (Reeves 1995–2000)
 Mike Dobell (Reeves 1995–2000)
 Johnny Mercer (Pennell 1995–2000)
2002 Lorna White (Nugent 2000–02)
2003 Hugh Skinner (Pennell 1998–2003)
2005 Rosie Bowles (Eckert) (School 2000–05)
 Robyn Cooke (Eyre) (Nugent 2003–05)
2006 Alex Partridge (Powell 2001–06)
2007 Sam Adcock (Craig 2002–07)
 Alexander Jarvis (Powell 2002–07)
2008 Sophie Franks (Blackwater 2006–08)
 Yasmin Gizzi (Iqbal) (Blackwater 2003–08)
 Dani Hughes (Blackwater 2003–08)
 Sophie Hopkins (Blackwater 2003–08)
 Alice Peck (Blackwater 2003–08)
2011 Isabella Brougham (Jarvis) (Eastbourne College 2011)
2012 Matthew Batson (Reeves 2010–12)
2014 Piers O'Connor (Gonville 2009–14)
2015 Lulu McNally (Blackwater and Arnold 2010–15)
2016 Josh Curryer (Reeves 2014–16)
 Freddie Henderson (Reeves 2011–16)
 Gearoid O'Callaghan (Reeves 2014–16)
 Matthew Rust (Reeves 2014–16)
2017 Katya Goodwin (Watt 2012–17)
2019 Leah Hallinon (Watt 2017–19)
 Annie Wilson (Nugent 2014–19)
2020 Mark Burnham (Gonville 2018–20)
2021 Anda Kadia (School 2019–21)
2022 Maia Mountain (School 2020–22)
2023 Will James (Wargrave 2021–23)
2024 Alex Bailey (Craig 2019–24)
 Ben Clark (Craig 2019–24)
 Oliver Edmead (Powell 2019–24)

Former members of staff

Jan Bending
 Sue Davies
 Jenny Lush

A

Sam Adcock (Craig 2002–07) tells us: 'I've just welcomed my second child, was living in Manila for eight years running a b2b marketing agency called The Ortus Club (www.ortusclub.com) but the pandemic saw me return to Europe. I now live in the centre of Rome, a stone's throw from St Peter's Basilica, with my wife and two kids. Still frequent Manila often, where most of the agency is still located and always keen to meet Eastbournians who are passing through.'



Richard Austen (School 1967–72), who is the OE rep in Singapore, sent us this photo of himself and **Peter Braithwaite** (School 1963–67), on the left, when they met up in November.

Nikki Awdry (Lush) (Nugent 1987–89) – see the photo in Jenny Lush's entry in this section.

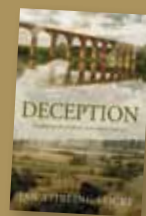
B



Alex Bailey (Craig 2019–24) was awarded the Fundamentals of Financial Services Outstanding Achievement Award from the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments (CISI) after achieving 100 per cent in his exam. The CISI qualification in the Fundamentals of Financial Services provides the essential basic knowledge required to work in financial services and is typically studied by new or junior employees working in the industry. Alex studied for the qualification during Year 12 at the College and was the first pupil to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award in the five years that the course has been offered at the school. Alex said: 'I am delighted to receive this award, which should set me up well to enter the world

JAN BENDING

Jan Bending, who worked as a nurse in the College medical centre from 2019–22, got in touch with us a few weeks before the D-Day 80th anniversary commemorations to say: 'I have been invited to be present at the British Legion ceremony in Normandy on 6 June. I had already arranged to be staying with former neighbours from my days living in Normandy and was pleasantly surprised to be sent an invitation to the event. I am an honorary Normandy Veteran but did not expect an invite. I am bringing a copy of my first (published) novel to leave at the Mairie in the village where we lived. The book *Deception* is published under my maiden name Jan Stirling Locke and is set in Normandy during the years of occupation. The sequel, *Restoration*, which will be published next year, is set mainly in Bonn in 1946 but also in pre-war East Prussia and highlights the plight of the 'Wolf Children of East Prussia' post war. The third book of the trilogy, *Destiny*, is set mainly in Berlin 1948–49 as well as in East Prussia 1888–1921.'



of finance.' Following his A-levels last summer, Alex is now in his first year studying Economics at the University of Bath.

Matthew Batson (Reeves 2010–12) studied at Nottingham University where he gained a degree and a Masters in microbiology. From there he went to University of Kent (Canterbury) where he did research work on the subject of antibiotic resistance, as a result of which he attained a PhD in July.

Roy Bishop (Powell 1978–83) – see the entry for Hartmut Richter in this section.

Robin Blenkarn (Powell 1977–82) – see the photo in Stephen Gray's entry in this section.



Rosie Bowles (Eckert) (School 2000–05) sent us this photo of her son Albert, proudly wearing his Eastbourne College baseball cap on the beach last summer, which would no doubt please his grandmother **Nicky Eckert**, who is the Chair of Governors.

Peter Braithwaite (School 1963–67) – see the photo in Richard Austen's entry in this section.



Amanda Burger (Ford) (Nugent 1981–83) sent us this photo of a get-together of College friends. She told us that she, **Jo Histed (Watt)** (Nugent 1981–83), **Giles Tomsett** (Powell 1978–83) and

Adam Gladwin (Powell 1978–83) had a long-overdue meet up in October 2023, enjoying Adam's hospitality in Eastbourne. She said: 'Nostalgia was the keynote and we laughed at our 18-year-old selves and re-lived the pain and ecstasy of not being boarders in the sixth form of Eastbourne College! Only geography stops us meeting up more frequently.' From left to right: **Giles, Jo, Adam, Amanda.**



Mark, left, with co-writer and director **Sean Renwick**, who also appears in the film

Mark Burnham (Gonville 2018–20) contacted us in August 2024, with news of a short film called *Pocket Money* that he was planning to make, highlighting the theme of men's mental health. Mark had recently graduated with distinction from a film production course at the University of Southern California (USC) and is aiming

ISABELLA BROUGHAM (JARVIS)



Isabella Brougham (Jarvis) (St Andrew's 1996–2001, Eastbourne College 2011), under her professional name of Bella Grace, designed the official posters for the Wimbledon tennis championships in July 2024. Bella was at Moira House school but completed her A-level in Art at the College in 2011,

achieving an A grade. Her designs took inspiration from some of Wimbledon's most iconic trophies and incorporated foliage and traditional English gardens. She said that there were creative tennis elements incorporated in the images, with hydrangeas made from score cards, roses inspired by tennis nets and agapanthus fashioned out of tennis rackets. The designs appeared on tickets, programmes, billboards, t-shirts, mugs, posters and notebooks and would have been seen by over 500,000 ticket holders during the event. She said at the time, 'I'm completely honoured to have this opportunity and it means the world to me.'

Bella's love of tennis goes back to her childhood when she was a ball girl at the LTA international tournaments in Eastbourne. After the College she went to the College of Creative Arts in Fareham and achieved a 1st in Digital Film and Screen Arts. She then moved to the Isle of Wight, with her soon-to-be husband, and worked for a company designing the sails for Cowes week, before leaving to build up her business as a freelance digital illustrator, and has mainly worked for Disney, Netflix and Warner Brothers.



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for a career in the entertainment industry. He told us: 'The story follows two Brits on the eve of their deportation from the US – a situation I may find myself in a few months' time. One convinces the other that if they pulled off a daring bank heist, they could pay away all their issues. But when the ill-planned bank heist inevitably goes terribly wrong, resentments in their lifelong friendship are revealed.'

'The bank heist gimmick is a way to showcase male mental health stigma and criticise male friendships. The idea is that if we can lead the audience to believe they are watching a film they would 'want' to see (a UK vs. US bank heist), we can then sneak in messaging that audiences 'need' to see (the 'Let's Get Men Talking' aspect, similar to the emphasis the College places on 'November'). It's a topic that is important to me and I am trying to get it in front of as many people as possible through this project.'

In the 2022 OE magazine, Mark told us how his time at the College played a major part in his successful acceptance to study at USC. His application film, *A Lonely Rhythm*, was partly shot on College grounds and he was grateful for the support the College gave him in realising his film-making projects.

C

Andrew Carstairs-McCarthy (Gonville 1958–62), who lives in Christchurch, New Zealand, told us: 'My partner Jeremy and I, together since 1985, had ourselves blessed under the terms of the Vatican declaration *Fiducia Supplicans* on 23 January 2024.'



Ben Clark (Craig 2019–24) took part in the London to Brighton cycle event on 15 September 2024 to raise money for his local air ambulance charity (Kent, Surrey and Sussex), and received donations totalling £700, with a further £167 in Gift Aid. Ben is now studying medicine at Keele University.

JAX COMYN (BATCUP)



Jax Comyn (Batcup) (Nugent 1979–81) was awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours in June 2024 for services to education in Kenya. Jax is the co-founder, with her mother Ann, of Bushbells, a clothing company which aims to support the community where the garments are made: Watamu, Kenya. The social enterprise gives secure, ongoing employment to a team of four tailors, and provides the necessary revenue for the building of schools and to support various educational projects and a breakfast club. Bushbells

school was completed in 2015 and its sister primary school, Bluebells, followed shortly after. Bluebells now has 150 children and eight members of staff. The company is on a mission to get people to buy less and buy better, and to consider what a product represents in terms of its social and environmental price. Jax has visited the College to spread the work about Bushbells and to sell its colourful kikoy clothing. The school supported the charity in 2023 and raised over £5000 which contributed amongst other things to the building of a new office block, and a much-needed latrine pit. Emma Garrett, Development Director, said 'We are keen to continue our association with Jax and her wonderful schools in Kenya. I have been to visit them and they really are extraordinary places full of joy, love and laughter – this MBE is very well-deserved indeed and we as a community are extremely proud of Jax and all she has achieved'.

Oliver Close (Reeves 1995–2000) – see the photo in Martin Trott's entry in this section.

Robyn Cooke (Eyre) (Nugent 2003–05), who now teaches biology at the College, spent her schooldays rowing and thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity which was new to her. Following on from this, Robyn learnt to sail in her late teens, although she always wished she had had the opportunity to do so earlier. From there she moved across and focused on windsurfing, subsequently becoming an instructor and spending several years teaching windsurfing abroad. In recent years Robyn has learnt to wing foil and has enjoyed many weeks SUP (Stand Up Paddle) surfing in Cornwall. She takes every opportunity available to her to get out on the water both in her own free time and when accompanying College pupils to Buzz Active. Robyn says, 'I have found participating in watersports to be of huge benefit to both my physical and mental health. It is the perfect antidote during times of stress and anxiety, and I am passionate about expanding water sports at the College.'

Clare Cosslett (Nugent 1973–75) edited a collection of interviews with leading members of the legal profession, *Lawyers at Work*, which was published in 2012. A copy has been purchased and placed in the OE Collection in the College's Learning Resources Centre.

Tim Cross (Pennell 1973–78) – see the entry for Tim McHenry in this section.

Josh Curryer (Reeves 2014–16) took part in the India Rickshaw Run in December, along with three College friends, **Matthew Rust** (Reeves 2014–16), **Freddie Henderson** (Reeves 2011–16), and **Gearoid O'Callaghan** (Reeves 2014–16). Driving two tuk-tuks from Chennai to Trivandrum over the course of 10 days, the group aimed to raise £1 for every kilometre they travelled. With no set route, no back-up and no way of knowing if they were going to make it, Josh said: 'It was a true adventure and very special to do it with some of the College lads'. They successfully raised £2,500 and Josh's employer, Moore Kingston Smith, matched the amount with a further £2,500. The money was split

between the Emmott Foundation and the Blue Sky Bursaries Appeal. The Emmott Foundation makes grants to enable pupils to remain at their school when their parents or guardians are no longer able to meet their planned financial commitments for education as a result of a sudden or unexpected family crisis such as death, accident, severe illness, divorce, desertion or loss of employment. Josh benefited from such a grant which enabled him to attend the College. He said that it was something 'that changed the trajectory of my life forever, for which I am eternally grateful.' Josh attended Foundation Day in 2024 (see page 33) and he is also pictured in the Foundation report on page 11.

D



John Daniels with College librarian Phil Martin

John Daniels (School House, 1959–63) visited St Andrew's and the College in October, when John Thornley gave him a tour of the school and introduced him to Head of Modern Languages Amy Millar, and Librarian Phil Martin. John told us:

'Playing Hamlet at Eastbourne College in 1963 was a formative experience but I didn't want to be an actor. I became a foreign language student, studying French and Social Sciences at Neuchâtel University in Switzerland. The view from my room of the changing moods of the lake with the snow-capped Alps in the far distance, a reminder of the distance I had travelled. Existing within a different culture and language marked me. As a middle school language teacher and later, head teacher, I was determined to make language learning a practical activity, developing communicative competence, eg a 'secret agent' training programme entirely in French in the Lake District. The development of a theory of 'vocabulary dormancy' suggested some vocabulary



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introduced in school requires the catalyst of intensive language work to become fully acquired. Research led to an MA and PhD at Durham University. I continue in retirement to publish: language articles and an historical novel, *Isolde Daughter of the Priest* – a girl excommunicated in 1353, with other members of her community, for not paying tithes to Holy Island.

'An expedition tracking gorillas in the rain forest of South West Cameroon in 2013 led to creating a charity to help save the most endangered of all the great apes, the Cross River Gorilla Project. I was delighted to present to the libraries of Eastbourne College and St Andrew's, copies of *Strategies for Survival, the butterflies of the Lebaleme Highlands*, a way to access the complex world of rain forest ecology and to investigate the language of butterfly wings. A second publication records fifty years of observing and recording butterflies in my parish of Lowick, North Northumberland, *Colours of Summer*. It was a real pleasure to be able to visit St Andrew's and Eastbourne College, the first time in more than 60 years. I am very grateful to have had the chance to see the dramatic and impressive changes that have taken place in both schools and feel proud to have had an Eastbourne education!'

Sue Davies, secretary to three College headmasters from 1973 to 1999. See the photo in the entry for Jenny Lush in this section.

Mike Dobell (Reeves 1995–2000) – see the photo in Martin Trott's entry in this section.

E



Oliver Edmead (Powell 2019–24) was awarded a QUEST undergraduate scholarship from the Institute for Civil Engineers in October 2024. The scholarship is worth up to £8,000 over the course of study, with paid work placements every summer and potential for a full-time job with a leading civil engineering or construction company on gradu-

ation. **Matthew Clover**, Head of Design & Technology, who taught Oliver for two years, said he was very pleased that he had been successful.

F

Pete Fellows (Powell 1993–98) – see the entry for Angus Wingfield in this section.

Sophie Franks (Blackwater 2006–08) married Alex Hall at Chelsea Register Office on 18 May 2024. The reception at The Prince Albert near Battersea Park was well attended with other OEs such as **Alice Peck**, **Yasmin Gizzi (Iqbal)**, **Dani Hughes** and **Sophie Hopkins** (all at Blackwater with Sophie, 2003–08). Sophie gave birth to a son, Maximilian Michel Hall on 14 October 2024 weighing 8lbs 8oz. She is currently living in south west London with her husband Alex whom she met at Durham University after leaving Eastbourne College.

G

Adam Gladwin (Powell 1978–83) – see the photo in Amanda Burger's entry in this section.



Katya Goodwin (Watt 2012–17) returned to the College on Tuesday 7 May to speak to pupils about her fascinating PhD research. Katya, who graduated in 2022 with a 1st class MEng in aeronautical engineering from Imperial College, London, covered a range of topics including space-craft engineering, medical devices and flapping flight. It was a great insight for any pupils interested in STEM subjects, the experience of an engineer and the work that completing a PhD entails.

Revd Stephen Gray (Powell 1979–84) is the Conduct (senior chaplain) at Eton College and has shared some photos of OEs he has met over the year. On Eton's speech day, known as the 'Fourth of June' in honour of King George III's birthday, but actually held on Saturday 16 June in 2024, Stephen celebrated with **Robin Blenkarn**



(Powell 1977–82) and his wife Sue. Stephen is on the left, wearing his OE tie.



On Sunday 13 October, **Revd Canon Andrew Haviland** (Gonville 1978–83), the senior chaplain at Epsom College, preached at Eton's harvest festival service. Stephen told us that they had 'a great catch up over dinner the night before'. They are pictured here in Eton's chapel.



Alison Griffiths (Stow) (Nugent 1985–87) was elected as Conservative MP for Bognor Regis & Littlehampton in the 2024 general election on 4 July, with a majority of 1,765 over Labour. On her constituency website, Alison writes: 'I live with my husband, Chris, and have three grown-up step daughters. I grew up in Surrey and Sussex, before going on to study at university. It was there that my life took a dramatically different turn. In my first year, I contracted bacterial meningitis. In a coma for a week, I lost 70% of my hearing, permanently. I know the value of the NHS – the doctors and nurses saved my life. I know I was lucky: I learned to hear again – just differently. Through adversity I came out the other side to focus on how I could make a difference to the world. I became a trustee of the national charity Meningitis Now and I remain an ambassador for them. As a newly-elected MP,

one of my national priorities will be to support disability charities. In my thirty-year business career, I worked in senior roles for global businesses including pensions provider Aviva, and Coca-Cola, helped technology companies grow, and advised the government on FinTech and cybersecurity.'

H



Leah Hallinon (Watt 2017–19), a first-year MMus student at the prestigious Royal College of Music (RCM), recently had the honour of performing at 10 Downing Street. Leah was invited to showcase her talents at an exclusive event held on Wednesday 9 October where she played Debussy's Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp, a piece which she has performed extensively at college. The concert was for senior staff members of RCM, including Directorate and Council and senior staff in Downing Street. Leah admitted to feeling a bit apprehensive before the performance. 'I was a little nervous as I knew the Prime Minister plays the flute!', she said. In addition to performing, an opportunity to chat with Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Chancellor Rachel Reeves over a glass of champagne made it a true evening to remember. Leah said, 'We were warmly welcomed and I really enjoyed the occasion.'

Revd Canon Andrew Haviland (Gonville 1978–83) – see the photo in Stephen Gray's entry in this section.

Freddie Henderson (Reeves 2011–16) – see the entry for Josh Curryer in this section.

Jo Histed (Watt) (Nugent 1981–83) – see the photo in Amanda Burger's entry in this section.

Martin Hole (Blackwater 1976–81) is the co-owner of Montague Farm in Pevensey, and the National Farmers Union East Sussex Chair. He has been critical of the Labour government's policies on inheritance tax on family farms, as well as changes to business property relief, agricultural property relief and the increase in employer's National Insurance contributions. In an article for *British Farmer and Grower* magazine, Martin wrote about attending Forbes Wastie's funeral service in December and of imagining one final conversation with Forbes, himself the son of a farmer, part of which we reproduce here:

"Well, Martin, not a good budget for farmers!" he said.

"No Forbes, we're pretty upset about it. I worry about the next generation and all the dependants of the current one."

"Well, Martin, it is a very big challenge for you."

"Yes, Forbes, the industry is united in fighting it."

"No, Martin, I mean for you. And your dear family. What are you going to do about it?"

Typical Forbes, He had that knack of making you ask yourself the right question and of getting to a better balance, through a bottomless well of kindness.

Sophie Hawkins (Blackwater 2003–2008) – see the entry for Sophie Franks in this section.

David Houchin (Pennell 1949–53) was remembered at the 60th FACE exhibition by the Society of Portrait Sculptors, which was held at the Garrison Chapel in Chelsea Barracks between 15 and 28 April 2024. David, who died in 2023, exhibited at the society's 1980, 1982 and 1983 exhibitions, after which the society dwindled and became inactive. However, he was instrumental in re-establishing the society in the early 1990s, taking on the role of honorary secretary and later treasurer. The FACE exhibitions recommenced in 1996 and David continued as an exhibiting member until 2015. Etienne Millner, past president of the society, said: 'It is no exaggeration to say that without David Houchin the Society of Portrait Sculptors would not exist today... David worked tirelessly on every aspect of reviving the society. Venues, sponsors, council members and interested portrait sculptors were found... His sculpt-

ture was what mattered to him. It had a sensitivity and touching truth which is rare.'

Dani Hughes (Blackwater 2003–08) – see the entry for Sophie Franks in this section.



Mark Hunter (Gonville 1974–79) retired as a chartered accountant in 2021, selling his 12-person practice, Hunter Accountants, to another local firm. He lives in South Bristol with his wife Catherine, where they have been for the last 22 years, and now spends his time bee keeping (also being finance director of The British Beekeepers Association) and playing tennis, representing the county team in the over-60 category.



Will James (Wargrave 2021–23) qualified for the Ironman 70.3 world championship in December, which were held in Taupō, New Zealand. The Ironman 70.3, also known as a Half Ironman, is a long-distance triathlon race, and the '70.3' refers to the total distance in miles covered, consisting of a 1.2-mile (1.9 km) swim, a 56-mile (90 km) bike ride, and a 13.1-mile (21.1 km) run. Will qualified in an Ironman competition in Elsinore, Denmark, in late June, setting a qualifying time of 4h 51m 51s.

Alexander Jarvis (Powell 2002–07) went to Aberystwyth University and achieved a 1st in Internet Engineering. He now lives near Auckland, New Zealand, and is a successful software engineer. He has two little girls.



Anda Kadia (School 2019–21) completed her BSc Biomedical Science degree at the University of Birmingham in 2024 and was

awarded a four-year doctorate opportunity, fully funded by the university and the Midlands Integrative Biosciences Training Partnership (MIBTP).



Deborah Lawrenson (Nugent 1977–79) has had her latest novel, *The Secretary*, published. Set at the height of the Cold War in 1958, it tells the story of Lois Vale, who

is sent to Russia as a secretary at the British Embassy in Moscow. In fact, she is on a deep cover secret service mission to discover the identity of another suspected betrayer following the defections of notorious British traitors Burgess and Maclean. Deborah said: 'This is the most personal book I have yet written. Perhaps it might go some way to explaining the recurrent theme of secrets

JENNY LUSH

Jenny Lush sent us this photo taken at a lunch on 6 April at the Lansdowne Hotel in Eastbourne to celebrate her 90th birthday. She said, 'It was



a wonderful family occasion with people coming from Brunei, Vietnam and Namibia as well as numerous far-flung places in the UK.' Many OEs will remember Jenny, whose husband John was on the teaching staff from 1951 to 1993; he was master in charge of cricket for many years and housemaster of Powell from 1962 to 1972, then of Gonville from 1972 to 1983. Pictured are, back row, left to right: **Katy Parker (Thwaites)** (Nugent 1989–91), **Tim Parker** (Wargrave 1986–91), **Guy Thwaites** (Blackwater 1984–89), **Peter Thwaites** (Gonville 1982–87), **David Lush** (Powell 1977–82), **Jonathan Lush** (Powell 1980–84); front row, left to right: **Christopher Lush** (Powell 1973–78), **Nikki Awdry (Lush)** (Nugent 1987–89), **Jenny Lush (Thwaites)** and **Sue Davies**, secretary to three College headmasters from 1973 to 1999.

MARK LE BROCCQ

Mark Le Brocq (Craig 1979–84) received a number of outstanding reviews for his performance as Gustav von Aschenbach in the Welsh National Opera's production of Benjamin Britten's opera *Death in Venice*. Based



on the Thomas Mann novella, it tells the story of the author von Aschenbach's obsession with the boy Tadzio, whom he glimpses among the guests staying at a hotel in Venice. *The Daily Telegraph* gave the production five stars and said that Mark 'continually commands the stage'. *The Financial Times* also awarded it five stars and said that, 'in a role that is almost a three-hour monologue', Mark 'is unfailingly clear and communicative, making even the most philosophical of Aschenbach's musings easily understood.' And the *Guardian* commented: 'the work makes huge demands on the tenor singing the role of Gustav von Aschenbach – heroically sung here by Mark Le Brocq.' The production was described by the *Guardian* as 'a stunning spectacle', with the part of Tadzio, a non-singing role traditionally played by a dancer, portrayed by an aerial acrobat, Antony César. The production premiered at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff, in March and then went on tour to Llandudno, Southampton, Oxford, Bristol and Birmingham.

and covert operations in several of my previous novels. *The Secretary* is based on the diary my late mother Joy wrote in Moscow in 1958, a tiny book measuring eight centimetres by twelve that contains 41,000 tightly packed words.' However, she says that although the spy story is a work of fiction, 'in the domestic details, there is a great deal that is absolutely authentic. The diary provides a fascinating insight into how a single young British woman lived day to day in Moscow at that time, from the relentless hard work and socialising to the difficulties of surviving in a state of almost constant tension without privacy.'

Chris Lewis (Wargrave 1952–57) told us that, over 50 years since he qualified from the Royal Veterinary College in 1963, his granddaughter has started her first year at Aberdeen Vet School. He said, 'Like me she is intent on aspects of farm/equine veterinary medicine.'

M
Paul Mayhew-Archer (Reeves 1967–71) is hopeful that a new film he has written will go into production in 2025. He told BBC Radio Oxford he had been working on *But When We Dance* for the last 'five or six years'. He described it as a 'rom-com drama about two people who both have Parkinson's and fall in love at a dance class. The film has been commissioned by the BBC, and we've got a top director attached and hopefully once the casting is all sorted, we will make it later this year.' Paul

was himself diagnosed with Parkinson's 14 years ago and is one of the presenters of the *Movers and Shakers* podcast for people living with the condition. He has also regularly performed his one-man show, *Incurable Optimist*, around the country, helping to raise funds for Parkinson's UK.

Tim McHenry (Pennell 1973–78), known at school as **Tim Cross**, is the curator of the Mandala Lab at the Rubin Museum of Himalayan Art in New York City. He previously served as the deputy executive director and chief programmatic officer at the Rubin. The Mandala Lab is an interactive space that draws inspiration from a Tibetan Buddhist mandala, a teaching aid that Buddhist practitioners use to gain a clearer understanding of the world. Within the mandala, five difficult mental states (kleshas) are encountered. Tibetan Buddhist practitioners believe these feelings – pride, attachment, envy, anger, and ignorance – obscure understanding and limit growth and potential. When investigated further, each emotion can give way to a unique wisdom. The Lab is a travelling installation that has toured the world.

Lulu McNally (Blackwater and Arnold 2010–15) joined Royal Marines Commando training as the only female in early 2024 and was hoping to become the first woman to complete the course. She told us at the time: 'After a lot of hard work transforming my body throughout the year, in January I completed the physical and mental resilience tests allowing me to join Royal Marines Commando training. I've now completed a month and passed the ROP [Recruit Orientation Phase], being the third woman

ever to reach this stage and still the only woman in sight (kind of cool, but I'd so so love to see more women attempting it and wouldn't complain about a little more female company). It's been an utterly surreal experience. I've got 32 weeks of training left but we're taking each day as it comes and really enjoying the process! I was in charge of Eastbourne College Royal Navy CCF (as CPO) towards the end of my time there (as well as being in the U21 England karate squad at the time).'



Johnny Mercer (Pennell 1995–2000) was invited to address the whole school in a talk at All Saints' Church on Thursday 18 January. At the time Johnny was MP for Plymouth Moor View, a seat which he had held since 2015, as well as being the Minister for Veterans' Affairs. He spoke about a wide variety of subjects, from his time at the College, serving in the military in Afghanistan, and life as a minister and an MP, in a talk which was inspirational for many of the pupils present. In the 2024 general election, Johnny lost his seat, placing second after the Labour candidate.

Maia Mountain (School 2020–22) ran an ultra-marathon in February 2024 along the coastline of Costa Rica, aptly named the Coastal Challenge as it's run nearly entirely on sand. It's a 138km run with an incline of just under 5,000 metres. She said before embarking on the run: 'I'm doing this in order to raise money for the charity Mind, a cause very close to my heart. During my time at Eastbourne and for a large portion of my teenage years I struggled with depression. I'm grateful to say that after a lot of work and support it's a lot better now and I'm able to appreciate and try to give back to other networks that have helped me. So it's a very personal topic but I'd love the opportunity to raise as much money as possible to help those who are still struggling today, who may not be fortunate enough as to have had the same access to resources as I had. It's such a great charity and I think so relevant given the tough times pupils have

gone through in recent years and the rise in mental health related issues.' Maia raised over £16,000, easily beating her target of £5,000.

N
Rob Newman (Wargrave 1959–62) wrote with his news and an update to the Roll of Honour regarding his uncle, **Robert ('Bobby') Turner** (Wargrave 1930–33). Bobby is one of the youngest entries on the Roll, having died on active service in 1940, aged 22.

After leaving the College in 1962, Rob worked as a farm student near Tidworth on Salisbury Plain. This was a prerequisite for entry into the Royal Agricultural College (now University), Cirencester. The farm was a large arable and livestock business. He notes that the freezing winter of 1962–63 was a good character test, especially when caring for livestock, and riding a motorbike! Maybe attendance at three army cadet camps while at the College, one being in remote Scotland, also helped with survival skills.

Following graduation in 1966, Australia beckoned and an agricultural career in government based in New South Wales and then Canberra. To overcome any possibility of boredom Rob did a business degree, then a post-graduate management diploma. This led to part-time tutoring in business studies at university. Rob and his wife Carol still live in Canberra. Having children and grandchildren in both Australia and UK means they have kept up contact with relatives and friends, including visiting the College. For several years Rob was one of the OE representatives in Australia and still gets to reunions in Sydney when possible.

He also mentioned that his brother **Anthony Newman** (Wargrave 1963–67) is well. After a career teaching, both in UK and Sri Lanka, Anthony now operates two businesses where OEs would be most welcome. The Kandyan is a Sri Lankan restaurant in Bristol (www.thekandyan.co.uk). The other is Rangala House, a hotel near Kandy in Sri Lanka (www.rangalahouse.com).

O
Gearoid O'Callaghan (Reeves 2014–16) – see the entry for Josh Curryer in this section.

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Piers O'Connor (Gonville 2009–14) signed for Connaught Rugby for the 2024–25

season, after a hugely successful six years at Bristol Bears, with 137 appearances and 175 points or 35 tries. Piers qualifies for the Irish side through his grandfather, with roots in Roscommon as well as Dublin. He played a major role in a period of success for Bristol Bears, which included a Challenge Cup winners medal in 2020. He was also named man of the match in one of his two visits to Dexcom Stadium, when he featured against Connacht during the 2020–21 Champions Cup campaign. Earlier he had spells at Wasps and Ealing Trailfinders. He also has experience at under-age international level, featuring 10 times for the England U20s in 2015 while he also played for the Ireland U19s. Primarily an outside centre, O'Connor can also play at full back or on either wing.



Rob Owen OBE (Blackwater 1978–83) is the new CEO of the Invictus Games

Foundation, which offers a recovery pathway for international wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women. It aims to provide opportunities for post-traumatic growth: enabling those involved to reclaim their purpose, identity and future, beyond injury. Rob joins Invictus from the St Giles Trust, a charity that works with people facing disadvantages such as homelessness, long-term unemployment, an offending background, addiction, severe poverty and involvement in gangs. He was CEO there for 16 years and, under his leadership, the charity grew from a regional basis to a nationally recognised, award-winning organisation. Rob has also managed to find time to climb Mount Everest and Mount McKinley, reached both the North and South Poles, completed the Marathon des Sables, the New York Marathon, the Devises to Westminster kayak race, and pulled a sledge three times around the London Marathon.

ALEX PARTRIDGE



Alex Partridge (Powell 2001–06) has had his first book published, *Now It All Makes Sense*, which brings together a range of insights into Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Alex was the founder of UNILAD and LADBible, social news websites which now have a following of 100 million people around the globe. A legal case over their ownership in 2017 tipped him into alcoholism, triggering years of mental health issues until, aged 34, he was diagnosed with ADHD. In his podcast, ADHD Chatter, Alex has spoken to dozens of experts on ADHD and related conditions in a bid to understand and improve outcomes for the neurodiverse population – and the book brings them all together, for the first time, in one place. It recently reached number 3 in the General Paperback chart of the *Sunday Times* bestseller lists.

P

Katy Parker (Thwaites) (Nugent 1989–91) – see the photo in Jenny Lush's entry in this section.

Tim Parker (Wargrave 1986–91) – see the photo in Jenny Lush's entry in this section.

Alice Peck (Blackwater 2003–08) – see the entry for Sophie Franks in this section.

Carl Pohl (Blackwater 1956–60) – see the photo in Nigel Strofton's entry in this section.

R

Hartmut Richter (Powell 1976–81) sent us an update on what has been going on in his life since he

last wrote to the College in the mid-1990s. He says:

'Before that, I had been in Cambridge (Trinity College), thereafter went to Northern Ireland to do my MSc at Queen's University, Belfast, and also work as an environmental consultant. Once out of work, I returned to my native Germany and took on a position at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart. This involved a stint in the Philippines, stationed with our partner SEAFDEC (Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre) at Tapao Point on the shore of Laguna de Bay, east of the capital Manila, studying the nutrition of milkfish and Nile tilapia. I returned to Germany at the end of 1997 and completed my doctorate in

agricultural sciences (Dr.sc.agr., equivalent to the UK PhD) while doing subsequent research work on quantifying food intake in fish.

'My work at the university was interesting but not very lucrative: in Germany, the academic system is rather more hostile towards 'ordinary' doctors than that in the UK since doctorate students do the research work cheaper (they only get half a wage for a full-time job) and the only people with a tenure are professors. Doctors are expected to aspire to becoming professors by doing a second thesis (called 'Habilitation' in Germany) while also formally proving that they can lecture. Once they have completed this, they can apply for a professorship – but by no means always get one! Since I did not want to participate in that lottery, I left the university and completely changed my career. My thesis involved a fair amount of mathematics and statistics so I taught myself SAS programming and data management. After one year's employment in a small consulting company east of Stuttgart, I lost my job in 2006 but immediately gained another at IMS Health in Frankfurt (now called IQVIA after their merger with Quintiles in 2017) where I work with anonymised patient data as a consultant in pharmaceutical market research. I started mainly in the field of pure analysis but have more recently diversified my work by developing and standardising statistical methodologies for our analyses (macro programming) and now also work in project management and tutoring more junior members in the field of efficient programming and statistical methods.

'While in Hohenheim, I got to know and finally also joined the Landsmannschaft Württembergia (www.wuerttembergia.de). This is a form of German fraternity (rather different to the US equivalent) – the sort of place where members still go around with colourful caps and bands and occasionally beat each other around the head with sharp blades! It is one of the best forms of alumni system that one can have, has given me many friends who I meet regularly at the functions held at our house in Hohenheim and my life would be rather poorer without it. During my studies, I also met my wife Nahid who was doing her

TOM PETTIFER



Tom Pettifer (Nugent & Blackwater 1961–65) featured in last year's magazine when we reported on a visit by Tom's cousin, Richard Morgan, who wanted to find out more about him. Tom had died aged 18 in a tragic accident while

working as part of a Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) scheme in India. In 2024 we arranged for a cherry tree in Tom's memory to be planted on the Old Wish Road edge of College Field, and on 29 August Richard visited with his wife Brigitte from their home in Switzerland. They are pictured here toasting the tree, left to right: David Blake (ES office), Richard, Emma Garrett (Development Director) and Brigitte. The plaque at the base of the tree also honours Tom's mother, who we believe worked at the College in the 1960s. It reads: 'In loving memory of Dorothy Joan Glew (23 June 1916 – 5 February 2006) and her son Thomas Guy Pettifer (17 October 1947 – 17 December 1965) who was a pupil at Eastbourne College from 1961 to 1965.'

MSc there (and later also went on to do a Dr.sc.agr.) and whom I married in September 2001. We have three children, Manfred (born 2002) and the twin girls Luiselotte and Rosalinde (born 2008). Since my school days, which gave me a good Christian upbringing, I have been involved in the local church (wherever 'local' was at the various stages in my life!) and am now a member of the parish council in my current home town Groß-Umstadt.

'I have also kept in touch with **Kevin Vinke** (formerly Vinke-Tuke) (Powell 1976–81) and maintained contact with **Dr Roy Bishop** (Powell 1978–83) [who died in August 2023]. He wrote to me after he attended the OE dinner [in April 2023] and sent me some photos. I had half planned to see him in Scotland that summer and now wish that I had. I will miss him greatly.'



Bob on the winners' podium

Bob Rogers (Pennell 1957–61) is the new European triathlon champion in the 80–84 age group. He beat a German competitor by 12 seconds to take the gold medal in the championships, held in Vichy, France, on Saturday 21 September. Bob was a partner in the firm of Miller Parris solicitors for 40 years, and it was only after retirement at the age of 72 that he took up triathlon. He qualified for the European Championships at Dorney Lake, Windsor, last May. His main interest has always been rugby and he played for Worthing Rugby Club in the 1960s and 1970s, captained the club and played for Sussex. He went on to become president of both Worthing and Sussex clubs. In the 2006–07 season he became President of the Rugby Football Union.

At Vichy, Bob competed in a sprint triathlon which involved a 750m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run. He was second out of the water with a German competitor

ahead of him. Another German overtook him during the bike section putting him in third place but in transition, because Bob had worn running shoes for the cycle and they had to change their shoes, he was able to catch them up and all three left on the run together. Bob explained: 'After a bit, one dropped back but I managed to stay in front until about halfway when he overtook me. I quickly regained the lead and he continued to sit on my shoulder. I could tell from his breathing that he wasn't finding it easy and with 150 yards to go I thought "Right I'm off" and I just accelerated away.'

Matthew Rust (Reeves 2014–16) – see the entry for Josh Curryer in this section.



Liam Sharp (Pennell 1981–86) is an artist, writer and publisher, and visited the College in October 2024 to talk to art scholars about working in the creative industries. He was the first art scholar at the College and went on to have a very successful career working on science fiction titles published by Marvel and DC Comics, as well as co-founding Madefire, a digital comics platform. He discussed the pupils' projects and was impressed with the range of work that they had produced. Head of Art Eleanor Greenwood said: 'I am hoping to launch a new creative arts society in September 2025 to give our scholars and G&T [gifted and talented] pupils more opportunities to collaborate and network with OEs such as Liam, who now work professionally as creatives.'



Hugh Skinner (Pennell 1998–2003) appeared in Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the National Theatre from November 2024

to January 2025, playing the part of Jack Worthing alongside Ncuti Gatwa as Algernon Moncrieff. The production received much praise, with *The Guardian* commenting: 'there is a delicately judged balance between fidelity to Wilde's text and 21st-century playfulness'. Commenting on Hugh's performance it said: 'Skinner excels in balancing emotional vulnerability with archness and physical humour'. The production was filmed as part of the National Theatre Live series and has already been shown in cinemas. In December there was an ES trip to see the show and John Thornley and Emma Garrett caught up with Hugh afterwards – see the picture on page 6.



Nigel Strofton (Gonville 1955–59) sent us this photo of a reunion with old school friend **Carl Pohl** (Blackwater 1956–60), some 64 years after they had left the College. Nigel takes up the story:

'During a very good OE lunch at The Oriental Club in London in October 2023, the name of Carl Pohl came up. I thought to myself, well I am going to South Africa in January/ February next year, I will try and contact Carl. So with the considerable help of David Blake in the ES office I was able to make contact with him. Well, we met up with our respective wives and my son on Tuesday 13 February at The Muratie Winery just outside Stellenbosch. What a reunion we had after 64 years. Of course, we reminisced about our time at the College and looked at a team photo of the 1st XV of 1959. Sadly, a number of players are no longer with us. Carl became a solicitor working and living in Cape Town before semi-retiring in 2009 and moving to Hermanus, where he is now living in a retirement village in the area. What a great day we had, supping wines and enjoying a large food platter!'

Nigel also hosted a South African-themed wine tasting evening at the College in April, a picture of which is on page 44.

T

Guy Thwaites (Blackwater 1984–89) – see the photo in Jenny Lush's entry in this section.

Peter Thwaites (Gonville 1982–87) – see the photo in Jenny Lush's entry in this section.

Giles Tomsett (Powell 1978–83) – see the photo in Amanda Burgess's entry in this section.

Ed Tourle (School 1984–88) has been in touch with some news: 'I am a college counsellor and International ACAC awardee, specialising in helping students matriculate to top universities around the world, the US in particular. I currently work at Wycombe Abbey school, having started my career working with refugees and international students from disadvantaged backgrounds. I have lived in England most of my life with a very enjoyable spell in Costa Rica and have secured approximately \$6 million in scholarships over the last 10 years. I work with Duolingo and UNHCR as an interviewer for their refugee programme and continue with pro-bono work, advising students that have no means to pay for their education. I am a father of three and harmonica player in The Show Ponies, a band of 25 years making something resembling music.'



Martin Trott (Powell 1987–92) sent us this photo of OEs on the golf course in the Cayman Islands. He is pictured with **Oliver Close** (Reeves 1995–2000) and **Mike Dobell** (Reeves 1995–2000). Martin said that he and Oliver both live in the Cayman Islands and Mike was visiting.

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V

Alex Vanotti (Cullis) (Watt 1994–96) tells us: 'It's now three years since I hung up my BBC hat and started my own photography business and I've not looked back. I've really enjoyed the mix of school photos, headshots, weddings, branding and event photography, including the Eastbourne Society Annual Dinner! Despite being London based, I'm always delighted to be booked for work in Eastbourne, after a couple of events for the EB Chamber of Commerce, and an OE's Friston wedding in July. I love an excuse to escape the big smoke and combine my photo jobs visiting friends and family down here.'

Rebecca Verling (Nugent 1994–96) is a physiotherapist in the NHS on the Isle of Wight. She is a general community physio and has become very interested in Parkinson's over the last couple of years. She has set up an exercise and education course for newly diagnosed Parkinson's patients and had a business case accepted by the trust and a Parkinson's excellence grant for this. It is one afternoon a week for 10 weeks



Lorna winning at Eastbourne

and includes a talk from Cure Parkinson's. Rebecca says: 'There are many other projects around Parkinson's currently afoot and I continue to work closely with the local Parkinson's UK branch. One of the projects that we are looking at currently is on creative arts with the potential of creating a variety show. Other current projects have been around creating a leaflet for those newly diagnosed and educating local exercise professionals.' Rebecca is a big fan of the Movers

LORNA WHITE

Lorna White (Nugent 2000–02) raced in two triathlons in 2024 in which she placed first overall in the female category. At Eastbourne on 16 June, Lorna said: 'there was no swim due to the surf conditions, so it was a Run-Bike-Run, which didn't really suit me. However, my bike was strong, having the seventh fastest bike split out of men and women (sprint distance). I finished in a time of 1:14:58, placing me tenth out of the whole field, first woman, 16 seconds ahead of second. I lost my wetsuit at this race – very sad. At Reigate [on 8 September] (where I raced alongside Joe Wicks!), it was the usual Swim-Bike-Run format. Great swim in the lake following by a bike which was rather wet and we had to cross a flooded road, followed by two laps of a course around the lake. I was the first woman home, eighth overall, in a time of 1:11:02.'

and *Shakers* podcast about life with Parkinson's, which is co-presented by **Paul Mayhew-Archer** (Reeves 1967–71).

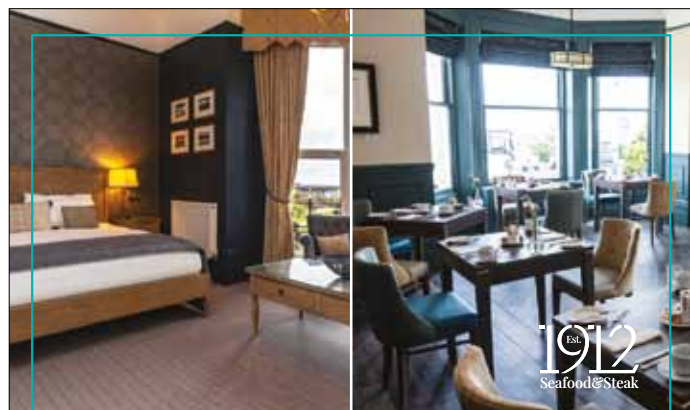
Kevin Vinke (Powell 1976–81) – see the entry for Hartmut Richter in this section.

W

Alex Williamson (Wargrave 1987–92) has been appointed the CEO of Scottish Rugby. A quali-

fied accountant, Alex previously ran the Goodwood Estate and is a former CEO of House of Fraser. He started his career with Ernst & Young and has had senior management and finance positions in music (Warner Music International), publishing (EMAP plc) and travel (TUI).

Annie Wilson (Nugent 2014–19) signed for Reading Hockey Club's Ladies 1st team in July for the 2024–25 season. Annie was captain of hockey while at the College and later went to the University of Bath to study Sport Science. She said, 'I'm really looking forward to getting started at Reading for the upcoming season. It's an exciting opportunity to join a club with such strong history and ambition, and to play with some class players.' Head Coach Rob Foxall-Smith commented, 'Annie has been making waves for some time and is renowned as a ferocious competitor and sharp finisher. I have no doubt that both her character and talent will complement our hard-working group, and I can't wait to see her doing damage in Reading colours.'



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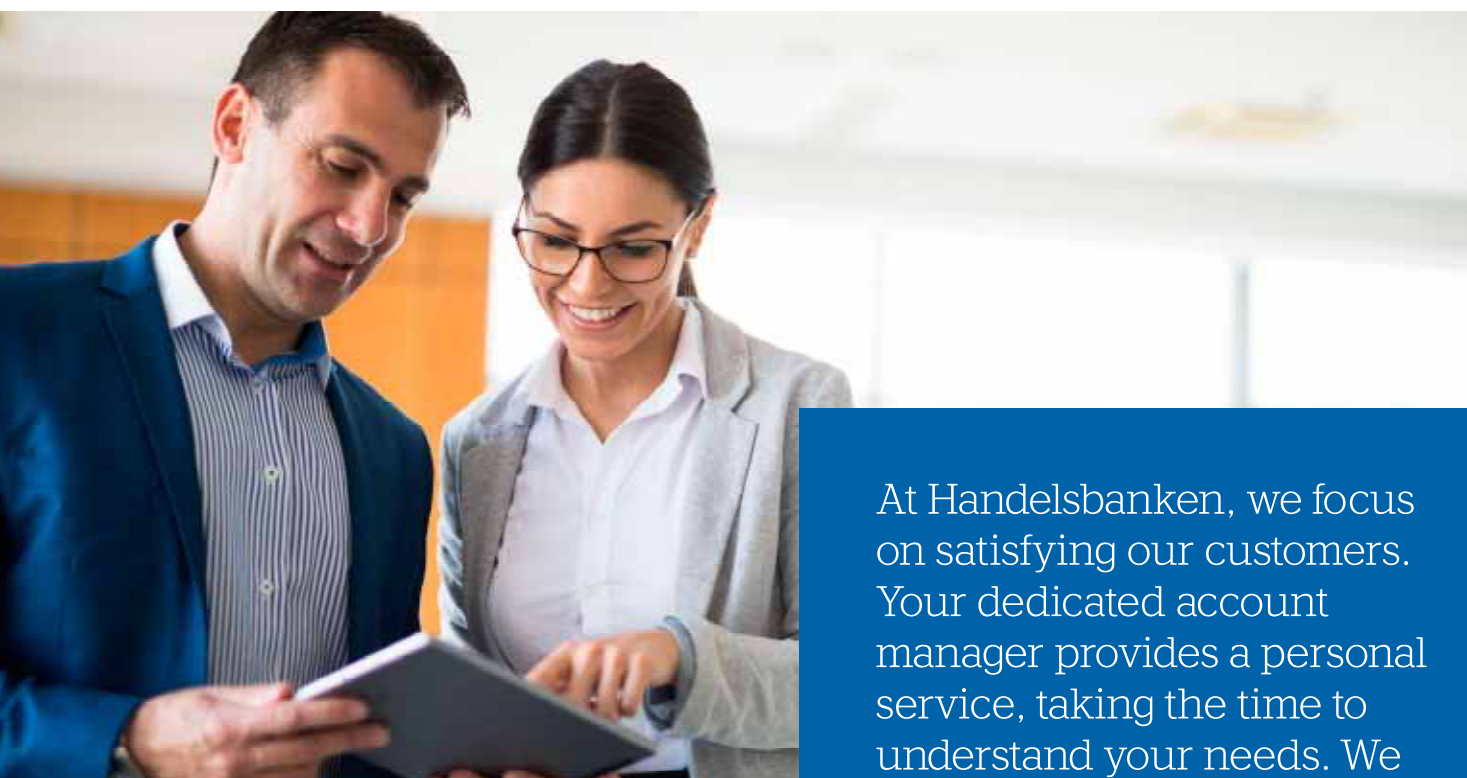


Angus, right, with the group on safari

Angus Wingfield (School 1984–88), the director of international group venture experts Africa Wild Trails, helped organise a conservation trip to South Africa in April 2024 for six Lower Sixth pupils and one from the Upper Sixth. College teacher **Pete Fellows**

(Powell 1993–98) said: 'The trip started with a tour of the historical Anglo-Zulu War battlefields, providing a comprehensive understanding of the region's rich history. The pupils engaged in giraffe conservation efforts by dedicating days to tracking, monitoring, and recording these animals in their natural habitat, immersing themselves in their environment, and contributing valuable data to ongoing research initiatives. They also explored the waterways and gained insight into the diverse ecosystems and wildlife that lived within them. They took part in guided day walks, honing their tracking skills and observing various animal species in their natural environment, while learning about their behaviours and habitats firsthand. The group attended informative sessions led by conservation experts, delving into various conservation techniques such as bird ringing, snake and fish tagging, and other methods employed to study and protect wildlife. They engaged with local communities through visits to orphanages and schools, encouraging cultural exchange and camaraderie by participating in sports activities such as football and netball with the locals. They delivered essential supplies such as food, clothing, and educational materials to these communities, while also raising funds to support larger initiatives such as providing internet access and computers to schools.'

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Check the Eastbournian Society website for timings and more details – spectators are very welcome!

CRICKET: LASHINGS WORLD XI

On Sunday 2 June we welcomed the Lashings World XI for a sun-filled day of cricket on College Field, when they took on the College 1st XI. The vibrant atmosphere was set by the melodic tunes of the College Jazz Band, creating a perfect backdrop as guests enjoyed refreshing Pimm's and soaked in the warm sunshine. Before the match, there was an opportunity for some junior coaching by members of the Lashings team, much appreciated by the youngsters who took part.

The star-studded line-up from Lashings included the iconic Henry Blofeld, whose presence added a touch of cricketing glamour to the occasion. Attendees were not only treated to a delectable lunch prepared by the College but also entertained by the humorous cricket tales shared by Geoff Millar which made the room echo with laughter.

The generosity of attendees shone through as numerous live and silent

auction prizes were eagerly won and gratefully received, with all proceeds going towards supporting Lashings' charities and the College. One lucky individual's dreams of winning a top prize in the raffle came true, winning a holiday in Jamaica.

The event ended with a thrilling match. The College managed to bowl Lashings out for 123 but it wasn't enough for the pros who took the win in the end. A sterling effort from the College 1st XI. Henry Blofeld commented that it was the first time the Lashings have been bowled out for a long time.

It was a special day filled with music, laughter, generosity, and, most importantly, a shared love for the sport of cricket.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our headline sponsors, Gaby Hardwicke, for their invaluable support towards this event. Special thanks to Jeremy Laws, Managing Partner at Gaby Hardwicke, for spearheading this collaboration with us.

OE GOLF SOCIETY



The Old Eastbournian Golf Society (OEGS) organised a full programme of events in 2024. We entered the main scratch team tournaments – namely the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Cyril Gray – and also the Public Schools Putting Tournament at Royal Wimbledon.

We played a total of nine matches against other old boys' golf societies, the College and the College Common Room. 2024 saw the third running of the Richard Day Singles Knockout and we again put on a Texas Scramble event aimed at younger OE golfers. To enable OEGS members to enjoy each other's company on the golf course, we also organised two 'Open Meetings' in 2024: one at Piltdown in June (jointly with the Eastbournian Society) and an 'end of season' event at Cooden Beach in September. We are giving consideration to adding another such event to the calendar in 2025. We are

also organising and subsidising a special golf evening in early 2025 for younger members and prospective members at a 'virtual' indoor golf venue in London.

A range of OEGS branded merchandise – polo shirts and sweaters (for both men and ladies), caps, umbrellas etc – is available to members through our website.

Membership of the OEGS is available 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 to Norfolk and June and Autumn Meetings are open to any member of the OEGS and to golfers of all abilities. We play on many magnificent golf courses, at times paying well below the usual green fee rate.

MATCHES AGAINST OTHER TEAMS

2024 was not our most successful year in these matches. The matches against Cranleigh at Royal St George's was just a friendly in preparation for the Halford Hewitt. Of the other eight matches (including those against the College and the College Common Room) we only won against Uppingham but did manage halves against Hurstpierpoint, the College and the Common Room. The other matches were against King's Canterbury, Tonbridge, Lancing and Reeds / Dover College.

The match against the **College** on 23 May saw wins for Iryna Photiou/Colin Farrant for the OEs and the formidable Shakespeare boys for the College. The boys were all excellent golfers but more importantly, delightful company both on and off the course – a credit to themselves, their parents and the College.

We were back at Royal Eastbourne GC just 10 days later to play against the **Common Room**. More glorious weather and another halved match. Jay Lorton, paired with Claire Patterson-Snell, may have lost their game but Jay made up for this with a hole-in-one at the 13th (which cost him a round of drinks for everyone).

The team of seven that took on **Tonbridge** at West Sussex on 21 July included four of our younger members: Will Buckland, Oliver May, Matteo Chu and Dominic Wright. We had a much better afternoon than morning and only narrowly lost the overall match. The youngsters seemed to have enjoyed it and hopefully they will spread the word about the OEGS and our activities to their friends.

We played **Uppingham** at Blackmoor GC on 24 July, a change from recent matches at North Hants, and we won by 3.5 matches

to 1.5. Our thanks go to Jo Grey for organising this match for several years but this does look as if it will be last in the series.

PILTDOWN GC SUMMER OPEN EVENT – 17 JUNE 2024



Emma Garrett with the winning team of Elaine, Iryna, Patricia and Claire

This was the first time the OEGS and the Eastbournian Society had joined forces to host a golf day and it turned out to be most successful with 24 people playing. The weather was excellent and the golf course challenging. We played in teams of four with the two best Stableford scores counting, as well as best individual score, longest drive and nearest the pin.

The team award went to Claire Patterson-Snell, Iryna Photiou, Elaine Robinson and Patricia Sneath with an amazing total of 100. Nearest the pin on the tricky seventh hole went to Carolyn Oldham and longest drive to Matt Grover. We shall be repeating this event in June 2025 and look forward hopefully to seeing a few new OE golfers joining us.

SCRATCH COMPETITIONS

This was a very special year for the **Halford Hewitt Tournament** seeing that the first one was played in 1924 (with Eastbourne joining in 1932). The Centenary Dinner was held in London in January, there were a series of special events at Deal during



The majority of our Hewitt team prior to our first-round match against Haileybury. From the left: Ben Twine, Jack Hughes, Tim Mote, Ian Sands, Geoff Campbell and Harry Rimmer

OE FIVES

Spencer Beal writes:

The number of players has grown through this last year, especially ladies, and those trying out for the first time have shown how quickly the game can be learned, even ending a first session with a very competitive singles match.

Seeds also continue to be sown at the younger end of the spectrum with the provision of a fives activity at St Andrew's (four sessions per week throughout the year) and the use of the new glass back wall which has created an indoor spectator space as well as a slightly reduced playing area more suitable for young players.

However, we await a further upgrade to this facility as the company tasked with installing the glass back wall went out of business before providing the finishing touches. We are also looking forward to the promised improvements to the College courts ie new roofing, although plans have understandably been delayed by the downturn in economic circumstances.

This is frustrating as the courts continue to suffer from the weather and any significant rain is likely to find its way into the courts and cause sessions to be cancelled. Nevertheless, we have enjoyed lots of great fives over the past twelve months and look forward to seeing more new faces in the future – every Tuesday evening at 8.00pm throughout the year (spencerbeal@hotmail.com).

Hewitt Week and all 64 schools had their flags flown down the side of the first fairway at Deal.

In the first round Eastbourne were drawn against a strong Haileybury team and we went down by 3 games to 2. Our winners were Ben Dawson and Peter Walker by 5 & 4 and Ben Twine and Jack Hughes by 2 up, the latter against a pair of young Italian brothers off scratch and plus 2.

In the Prince's Plate we beat King Edward's Birmingham 2-1 and then only narrowly lost to Epsom 2-1. Ben Dawson and Peter Walker, as a pair, remain undefeated in the Hewitt and Plate.

We failed to qualify at Knole Park for the finals of the **Grafton Morrish** but it was great to see Martin Patmore back playing for us with his long time teammate Mark Stewart.

In the **Cyril Gray Tournament** in June at Worplesdon Golf Club we sailed past Bishop's Stortford 3-0 but in the second round found Epsom too strong for us. The team consisted of: Adrian Sharpin, Mark Stewart, Ben Burrows, Paul Wickman, David Barwell, Adam Walker and Tony Dunn (taking the place of Mark in the second round).

In the **Public Schools Putting Tournament** at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club, we finished a lowly seventh out of the eight teams which means that we were relegated and will only be back in the competition in 2026. But our thanks go to Captain Grant Leonard and his team for putting up a good fight with some very close matches.

The Sussex Schools Tournament in September at West Sussex involves teams of six players from Eastbourne, Hurstpierpoint, Lancing and Brighton playing scratch four-somes matchplay over two rounds. We won one match in the morning and one in the afternoon but Hurstpierpoint won the tournament by a considerable distance, winning all six of their matches.

RICHARD DAY SINGLES KNOCKOUT

24 members of the OEGS entered in 2024. The semi-finals and final were played on 26 October at Rye, with the four competitors all getting a free day's golf and excellent lunch. Chris Stephenson was thanked for making this day at Rye possible.



Tony Riddick and Harry Rimmer with the Richard Day Trophy

Both semi-finals went right through to the 18th green: Harry Rimmer (giving 7 shots) beating Tony Dunn 1 up and Tony Riddick (receiving 9 shots) beating Jack King by the same margin.

The final, with Harry giving 9 shots to Tony, turned out to be a close contest but Harry emerged victorious by 2&1 partly thanks to a birdie 2 at the very demanding 17th.

Harry also won in 2023 so many congratulations to him on a successful defence of his title. And thanks to all those who took part in the competition over the summer. We plan to repeat the event in 2025 but would like to see more entries, up to a first round of 32 players.

OTHER EVENTS



Alex Photiou driving at the 5th hole at Sheringham

Once again our **Norfolk Tour** in the Spring of 2024 provided golf at the challenging and picturesque courses of Hunstanton, Royal West Norfolk (Brancaster) and Sheringham. Thanks go to David Burt for organising and for Andrew Sherwood and George Eve for enabling us to play these courses at much reduced green fees.

We held our **Autumn Meeting** at Cooden Beach GC with five first timers for an OEGS event out of the field of 17. A strong south easterly wind made for tough playing conditions. This did not however prevent Alex Photiou driving the green at the 306-yard 5th hole, indeed it may have helped! Local knowledge appeared to be



Andrew Langlands (left) presenting Jay Lorton with the Crosse Trophy

important with Jay Lorton on 35 points winning the Crosse Trophy (for the fourth time) ahead of Jonathan Winchester on 33 and Ian Sands on 29.

On 1 September, thanks to the organisational skills of Colin Farrant, a very good number of mostly younger OEs (and a team from the College itself) assembled at West Surrey GC to play a **Texas Scramble** event in teams of four. The victorious team was the one led by Spike Gleave and comprising Max Malewicz, Joshua Veitch and Leon



Spike Gleave's victorious Texas Scramble team

Wood. In second place was Charlie Hobden's team (who did have the consolation of being the team with the best gross score of 10 under par). Then came teams led by Charlie Baddeley and Jack Hughes. Thanks to David Burt for arranging for us to play at West Surrey and to Ian Sands for transporting the College team.



The College Texas Scramble team

Annual membership of the OEGS costs only £30 (or £5 if you are under 30 years old). 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.



BRIAN MEABY

We are extremely sorry to report the death of Brian Meaby in December 2024. Brian was one of the stalwarts of the OEGS alongside his brother Robert and, in more recent years, his son Charles. He represented Eastbourne in the Halford Hewitt between 1956 and 2010 and presented the Hewitt trophies in 2012. He was a President of the OEGS and also represented Eastbourne in the Cyril Gray Tournament for many years.

THE FOUNDATION GOLF CHALLENGE 2024



Thursday 11 July was a beautiful sunny day for the latest Foundation Golf Challenge, which is held to raise funds for the Peter Bibby Award. Named in honour of inspirational Eastbourne cricketing legend, Peter Bibby, and established by his daughter Mirren Mace, this award ensures Peter's legacy lives on by supporting talented young cricketers at the College. Mirren's sons are both now



Mirren Mace with her sons Reuben and Enzo and, standing behind, previous holders of the Peter Bibby Award, Joe Pocklington (Craig 2014–19), Tom Hinley (Wargrave 2019–21) and Ben Twine (Craig 2013–17)

pupils at the College and helped out on the day, and it gave the family particular pleasure to welcome back three of the former Bibby Award winners, who after dinner spoke movingly of the impact that receiving the award had had on their lives.

At the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club 72 eager golfers assembled for coffee and bacon rolls at the beginning of what proved to be an excellent day of golf. As the teams gathered, excitement mounted, with the prospects of Beat the Pro and Nearest the Pin on the short downhill 16th, Longest Drive on the 12th and the highly

contested honour of winning the prize of Best Dressed Team, the atmosphere was electric as the claxon sounded the start of the tournament.

Eighteen teams tee'd off to a shotgun start, the format of the day being best two Stableford scores per hole. The course was in good condition with many of the greens proving somewhat tricky and extremely fast in places. The subtle slopes made the putting difficult and many 3 or 4 putts were recorded.



The winning team Might Four 'Right' with Mirren Mace and Emma Garrett

The winning team was the Mighty Four 'Right' with a mighty score of 94. Congratulations to: Andy Bordass, Andy Edwards, Rob Hill and David Whatley. In a closely fought second place was AFC with 93 points – commiserations to regular contenders David Beer, Neil Cameron, Paul Lee and Adam Smith. And not far behind came You Know When You've Been Mangoed with 90 points – Geoff Campbell, Chris McGowan, Zack Smith and Jack Sutton.

The Longest Drive was won by Jack Hughes, Nearest the Pin was Iryna Photiou, and the Best Dressed Team was The Invincibles, comprising OEs Tim Mote, Jack Hughes, Harry Rimmer and Peter Walker.



The Best Dressed Team, The Invincibles

The day, evening dinner, games and a quick auction ensured over £16,000 in total was raised for the Peter Bibby fund with Nick Hoadley being the winner of 60 bottles of wine in the raffle.

Development Director Emma Garrett spoke about the Blue Sky Bursaries Appeal and the newly commissioned Caffè Sospeso film was shown, urging all those in the room to give just the cost of a coffee a week to support the bursaries programme at Eastbourne College.

With enormous appreciation as ever to Martin Lulham of M-Tech for his continued sponsorship and support as well as all our other sponsors and prize givers, and lastly to the Royal Eastbourne for their help with the organisation of what really was a very memorable day.

OE HOCKEY

The inaugural OE hockey event took place at Beresford on Sunday 12 May, with teams of OEs playing the boys and girls 1st teams.



Action on the pitch



The boys teams at Beresford



The College caterers laid on a great barbecue



The girls teams get ready for the game

Organised by Head of Hockey Rob Hill, Will Francis (Reeves 2005–10) and Abigail East (Watt 2009–14) with the help of the Eastbournian Society, two matches took place during the afternoon. A barbecue, with beer, wine and soft drinks was laid on for the players and spectators and the day was blessed with great weather. We are hoping that this will become an annual event, so check out the Eastbournian Society website for details.

On Sunday 18 August the newly reformed Old Eastbournian Hockey Club played what they hope to be the first of many old boys matches against local rival Old Bedians. There was a great crowd of over 40 people who showed up to watch. Domenico Wright ably led the OE side to a 4–2 win

with goals coming from Matt Robinson x 2, Hugo Askaroff and Charlie Edwards. Some fantastic hockey was on show and the Eastbournian Society put on a great match tea which was enjoyed by spectators and both

sides in the glorious Eastbourne sunshine.

Will Francis said: 'We plan as a club to host regular fixtures each year with the potential of hosting an old boys hockey tournament in the future with

local schools Bedes, Hurst and Tonbridge all showing interest.' If you wish to be included in communications or would like to be involved in the OE hockey committee please contact Will at willfrancis11@hotmail.com.



The match against Old Bedians

OE RUGBY



Ant Roberts (Wargrave 1995–2000) reports on a thrilling game:

On a beautiful, sun-drenched Saturday on the Sunshine Coast, the stage was set for a group of Old Eastbournians – some of Eastbourne College's finest alumni – gathering once again to pull on the famous squares. With the weather favouring open rugby, the anticipation was high as the OE Stags took on the British and Irish Wooden Spoon Vets in what would become a thrilling and hard-fought contest.

From the opening whistle, it was clear the Stags faced a stern challenge in the scrum. Within the first five minutes, six set pieces were called, with Gribble, Upton, and Keene standing tall, ensuring a fair contest against the powerful Spoons' front row. Despite their valiant efforts, the third scrum saw Keene lifted unusually high, an indication of the pressure from the opposition's pack.

The Stags' Number 8 role was initially marshalled by Tom Williams, who wreaked havoc in both tight and loose play, causing all sorts of problems for the opposition's defence. When Howard Jenkins took over, he seamlessly maintained control, continuing the pressure on the Spoons.

The Spoons struck first, with

captain Andy Collings slicing through the defence to score under the posts. However, the Stags responded quickly, with Ben Starr to his own surprise breaching the Spoons defensive line and putting Russell Hill crashing over after a series of quick phases, levelling the score.

At halftime, the match was finely balanced at 14–14. Both teams introduced fresh legs, and what followed was a display of slick handling and nimble footwork, with Tom Mills, Chris Alldridge, Rob Meek, and Russell Hill linking beautifully to create numerous chances. Paul Fleming's injection into the line added further options and confusion for the Spoons' defence.

Scott Monk was omnipresent, making it to every breakdown, showcasing incredible fitness and leading by example. The line-outs were expertly managed by David Price, whose accurate throws ensured the Stags retained vital possession, helping them keep pressure on the Spoons throughout the game.

The Stags' pack showed remarkable stamina, meeting every breakdown and ruck with full commitment. Matt Hine made a particularly memorable impact, charging into rucks with such force that, at one point, he collided with teammate Scott Monk, resulting in a brief injury break for stitches to his chin.

As the game progressed, it was the Spoons who nudged ahead, leading 21–19 after a tense back-and-forth. The game looked to be slipping away until Ben Pielow intercepted a pass on the Stags' 22, with a wide-open field ahead. As he raced past halfway, misfortune struck – Pielow seemed to pull up with an injury, much to the disbelief of the crowd. Jack Roberts, ever-supportive, also fell victim to what can only be described as an unfortunate case of 'sniper syndrome', leaving the Stags unable to capitalize on the break.

Despite these setbacks, the Stags displayed remarkable depth and resilience. Fred Cole, Jonny Rogerson, and Matt Cooke continued to pile the pressure on the Spoons, while Tom Sargent put his body on the line until forced to retire with an injury. Young blood from players like Joe McIntyre, Jack Pincus, Max Faulkner Bryant, and Joe Pratt ensured that the Stags didn't lose momentum in the closing stages.

With just over five minutes remaining, the Stags found themselves camped on their own try line, facing wave after wave of Spoons' attacks. However, the Stags dug deep, fending off the onslaught and turning defence into attack. In a dramatic turnaround, the Stags managed to run in four late tries,

We celebrated 125 years of rugby being played at the College with a series of school matches played in the week leading up to the finale, the OE Stags match against the British and Irish Wooden Spoon Vets on Saturday 21 September.

sealing the game and putting the result beyond doubt.

In the end, the Stags emerged victorious, with a final score of 43–21. Special recognition went to Nick Pile and Tom Gribble, who shared the well-deserved joint Man of the Match award for their relentless efforts throughout the game, making ground, tackling hard, and leading from the front.

The match was well-controlled by referee Chris Roberts, who expertly managed the 40-somethings on the pitch, many of whom still played by the laws of rugby from the 1990s. While there were plenty of decisions questioned by the Stags, Roberts kept his cards in his pocket, though following a series of telling offs, Tony Addison was strongly advised to take a five-minute breather to cool down.

Roberts was ably assisted by linesmen Mike Harrison and Olly Torri, whose professional officiating helped maintain the flow of the game.

A special mention goes to those who made considerable efforts to attend the match, including Chris Alldridge, who travelled from the British Virgin Islands, Tom Williams from Brooklyn, New York, Paul Fleming from Chicago, and Russ Hill from Edinburgh.

The match was played in the true spirit of rugby, with great sportsmanship on display. It was not just the players on the pitch who made the day special but also the many Old Eastbournians, their families, and friends who came to cheer from the sidelines. This was a game to remember, and for many, it was a day that will be cherished for years to come.

70 YEARS ON: A HISTORIC WIN AT MARLOW REGATTA

2024 marked the 70th anniversary of a historic win for the College rowing team. In June 1954, the team returned to Eastbourne in triumph having won the Public Schools Challenge Cup at the Marlow Regatta.



The 1954 team, seated, left to right: Michael Laurence, Richard Parker, Peter Lewin, Adrian Smart; standing are former coach William Bett, cox Robert Marzetti and Tony Champion. This is from a newspaper clipping in a scrapbook held by the archives; unfortunately, we do not have a copy of the original photo, so please let us know if you have one that we can scan



Following tradition, cox Robert Marzetti is thrown into the river at Marlow after the win

The crew consisted of Adrian Smart (Gonville 1949–54), whose obituary appears on page 125; Michael Laurence (Pennell 1950–54); Richard Parker (School 1951–55); captain of boats Peter Lewin (Gonville 1949–54) and cox Robert Marzetti (School 1953–57).

They were accompanied by master-in-charge Brian Mulvany and coach Tony Champion, whose obituary appears on page 116).

Tony Champion described the event in the *Eastbournian* at the time:

'As we had expected, our hardest race was against King's School, Worcester, in the first round, for they were a powerful four and as yet unbeaten. Both crews started at 37, and were running level after the first minute, but Lewin did not allow the rating to drop below 34, and the College gradually drew ahead to a lead of a third of a length. At the half way mark, King's School put in a strong spurt, and for a while the crews were level again, but forty strokes from the finish, Lewin called for a prearranged final effort, and at once the four regained its lead to win by half a length in 4 min. 40 secs., thus beating by three seconds the thirty-year-old record time for the event. A strong stream was flowing during the race which undoubtedly helped to ensure a fast time, but the main credit for the result must go to Lewin who stroked a finely judged race with great courage.

On Saturday morning, in the second round, the College were half a length ahead of Tonbridge and Hereford Cathedral School after the first minute, and rowing at a comfortable 34, they were able to increase their lead over the last half of the course to win by one length in 4 min. 56 secs. They now met Abingdon and Cheltenham in the final and again, after a fast start, they were gaining appreciably at the first corner. Once in the lead, they had little difficulty in holding off all attempts to catch them and won by one length in 4 min. 49 secs. The fostering of the crew by Mr and Mrs Godden was much appreciated and after the exceedingly hard rowed first race was, indeed, a direct contribution to victory.

Success was due to the crew having worked well together throughout their training in a spirit which many a more expert four lacks disastrously. Marzetti coxed over a difficult course with a coolness and sound judgment which must have cut our times considerably.'