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## Editorial

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It is with some trepidation that I sit to write my first Editorial and produce my first magazine knowing that three of my English teachers, not to mention the odd Headmaster, will be reading the results of my labours! One of the former, John Rayner, did a fantastic job both as Editor and OG Co-ordinator - he is a hard act to follow but I will do my best.

Gresham's School is - and was - a truly special place, as I hope this magazine will bear witness. Jonny and I came back here four years ago with our three children. A lot has changed but so much is still familiar. I think our daughter rather alarmed a certain Geography teacher when she declared in her first lesson, "That's a picture of my Dad up there". Poor John, teaching the father and the daughter! But that is Gresham's, full of dedicated, "characterful" teachers whose faces are part of our past and who helped to make us what we have become. So many of us have gravitated back here as teachers, as parents, as grandparents but, most importantly, as Old Greshamians who still want to feel part of the essence of Gresham's.

The 450th Anniversary brought many of us together again last year and we hope that the programme we are setting up for the next few years will appeal to you.

As you will see, the magazine has undergone a few changes. Most important of all, it is **your** magazine. I am delighted to receive comments, articles and news. Please do contact me if you have any thoughts or suggestions and, wherever possible, send photographs.

The deadline for copy will be the end of **July** each year.

I hope you are pleased with the new look. Happy reading!

*Charlotte Martin*

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## Chairman's Notes



Michael with outgoing OG Governor **Ian Mawson** (T 68 – 73) and Mark Jones, Director of Music

Welcome to the new look magazine, which we hope you will like. We have made it more informal and have linked it strongly with our website. We believe the website will become our prime means of communicating with you and therefore will also be in need of an overhaul. Obviously this is not something we can do overnight and we ask that you bear with us while we achieve this transformation.

Our Club is vibrant and healthy with many activities taking place; but it is primarily about you as individuals and we want to hear about your lives and achievements. We want to become interactive so that you can communicate through us, perhaps even locating long lost chums. We want you to help current Greshamians with careers advice, to be able to draw on your travel experiences and build a sense of community amongst OGs.

Dick Copas, our outgoing Chairman and incoming OG Governor, was keen that we should move forward and we are doing just that. Charlotte Martin, an outstanding co-ordinator, has worked tirelessly at this transformation and we

are extremely grateful to her. Indeed, I would like to thank all the committee who have given up their time to make this Club work - without them we wouldn't exist. I would particularly like to thank Ian Mawson who recently retired as our OG Governor and has been both a past Chairman and Secretary and also Adney Payne, a past OG Governor and Secretary. Both have served this committee for most of their adult lives and we are indebted to them.

We are a diverse, capable and yet modest group of people, often unaware of our influence on society. In an increasingly lonely world we need to communicate in order to remind ourselves of who we are and where we came from. This Club is made up of people who have all shared the same experiences, so let's keep in touch. Use the website, give us your email address and send us your news.

*Michael Goff*

**Michael Goff** (F 68 – 73)  
**Chairman**



Incoming OG Governor Dick Copas (S 63 – 02) with **John Cushing** (c & H 49 – 57)

## A Message from your President



Peter with **Bridget Neville (Lilly)** (O 73 – 75)  
Hon Secretary

It was a great honour to be elected as your President for this extended year. What a difference from being the youngest boy in the Senior School in the last term at Newquay to receiving the highest distinction that the OG Club can award!

I have no doubt that, each year, most of you eagerly await the arrival of the annual newsletter, which was assembled so capably by John Rayner until his retirement this year. I have seen several other old pupil magazines from different schools and John's production has always compared very favourably with the best of the others. I am sure you will equally enjoy Charlotte Martin's first magazine.

I suspect older Old Greshamians will scan the magazine for news of contemporaries, whilst younger Old Greshamians (and also a few who are not members of the Club) will tend to look at the website. Both the magazine and the website play vital parts in keeping in touch with the School and the Club. Enjoy your reading.

**Peter Corran** (W 44 – 50 & S 58 – 96)  
**President**

## The OG Club Committee

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Michael Goff                | Chairman                      |
| Peter Corran                | President                     |
| Michael Baker               | Vice Chairman                 |
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| Richard Copas               | OG Governor                   |
| Bridget Neville (Lilly)     | Hon Secretary                 |
| Charlotte Martin (Whitaker) | Editor &<br>Club Co-ordinator |
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## OG News

After much consultation with OGs, we decided to rearrange the format of the News section in a way which, I hope, will make it easier to find the information you really want to know - what friends of your era are up to. Therefore the News is now divided into decades. The decade is based on the year you left (i.e. if you started in 1985 but left in 1992, you will be under the 1990s). I would be delighted to add photographs with news!

## Erratum

Many apologies for the following errors which appeared in the last issue of the OG Magazine:

**Espen Ronneberg** (H 80 - 85) - none of the material written about him is correct in any way. He is living and working in the United States not Malaysia and much as he would have liked, he does not have two little girls.

**Gerrard Collett** (k & F 89 - 00) - is at the Royal Academy of Music, not the Royal College.

**Gavin Horsley** (k & F 86 - 96) - had a part in the chorus of the ENO's recent production of Billy Budd. He did not have a role.

**Joanna Wallace** (Brown) (O 85 - 87) - is not married to her brother **Ali Wallace** (W 88 - 92). In fact she is married to David Brown and has three girls - Flora, Polly and Eliza. (See 80s news for Joanna's update.) **Ali** is married to Jo and they have a daughter, Maisy Tallulah.

## Can You Reconnect Us?

The latest mail-out with a "Please return to Sender" address on the back resulted in some 200 envelopes being returned. In order to keep our database as up to date as possible, we have put Lost OGs in the same decades as News. If you know of the whereabouts of any of the OGs, please let the Editor know.



*Photograph courtesy of Raven Cozens-Hardy (raven@ravenphoto.co.uk) who also kindly took the photographs for the OG Day.*



## Pre 1960

**Anthony Baker** (F 42 - 50) writes of an interesting "double" for 2005-2006. The High Sheriff of North Yorkshire is Mrs. Elise Mackinley, wife of **J. L. Mackinley** (W 49 - 53) and at the same time the High Sheriff of East Yorkshire is Mrs. Carol Rymer, widow of **J.S. Rymer** (F 45 - 49). Elise was prominent at the inauguration of the new Archbishop of York where, with the Lord Lieutenant, she represented the Queen. Her husband (**Lindsay**) is a lay canon of York Minster. John Rymer's brother, **David** (F 48 - 53) escorts his sister-in-law at some of the functions she has to attend.

**George Birch** (F 50 - 53) after nearly 40 years in the USA, Southern Africa and Australia, is now semi retiring to a peaceful life in Devon. News from any contemporaries would be very welcome.

Director **Stephen Frears** (F 54 - 59) new film, *The Queen*, has been described by The Daily Mail as "the best film of the year". Starring Helen Mirren, it



Photo: [www.thequeenmovie.co.uk](http://www.thequeenmovie.co.uk)

received great acclaim at the recent Venice Film Festival with Dame Helen being named best actress and the film, as the only British film at the festival, picking up best screenplay. As Dame Helen collected her award she said she was "just a bit of DNA in the film - the movie's mother was screenwriter Peter Morgan and its father was director Stephen Frears."

**Michael Harper** (F 45 - 49) is now working in three main areas - as Priest of St Botolph's Orthodox Church in the City

of London, as Dean of the Antiochian Orthodox Deanery of The United Kingdom and Ireland and as Director of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge University. His Bishop has recently made him an Archpriest. In 2006 Michael and his wife Jeanne will celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. He also hopes to start work on his 19th book.

**John F. Spencer-Jones** (F 48 - 53) moved in 2005 to rural Berkshire from where his wife originates. He always attends the Royal Berkshire Aviation Society of which he is a member although his flying days are over. However, he has a boys' day every year and goes to an air show or an aviation museum. His two 6-year-old twin grandsons are aeroplane mad and keep him on his toes. He intends rejoining the Aircrew Association and RAFA both of which have social and charitable interests.

## Lost OGs

|          |           |         |
|----------|-----------|---------|
| Swain    | Gordon    | k       |
| Birks    | John      | OSH     |
| Dueicher | Andrew    | W       |
| Head     | Seafeld   | W       |
| Kinloch  | Alexander | H       |
| Perks    | Raymond   | H       |
| Dunlop   | John      | H       |
| Johnson  | John      | F       |
| Langley  | John      | H       |
| Webb     | Hugh      | H       |
| Allan    | James     | OSH     |
| Bettison | John      | F       |
| Carman   | Martin    | W       |
| Dodds    | Ian       | H       |
| Jowett   | William   | F       |
| Maddox   | Hugh      | H       |
| Mortimer | Ian       | H       |
| Oldfield | Julian    | OSH     |
| Rayner   | Adrien    | k & OSH |

## 1960s

**Richard Boyes** (T 64 - 68) is in his 33rd year as a Chartered Surveyor, now working for Hockleys Surveyors from their office in St Albans where he has lived since 1982. **William (Bill) Boyes** (T 63 - 67) is senior partner of his solicitor's practice in London. They both still play cricket for their local club in Hadley, near Barnet.

**Robert Dossor** (OSH 63 - 68) and his wife Pauline are partners in Gladwins Farm, a self-catering and B&B business based in Nayland, Suffolk ([www.gladwinsfarm.co.uk](http://www.gladwinsfarm.co.uk)). They have two daughters, 23 and 20 years old. Gladwins Farm has been built up since 1994 and Robert is actively involved in operator-linked joint promotions activities with The Cottage Collection. Gladwins Farm was winner of Self-catering Holiday of the Year for the East of England in 2003. Robert is also a retained fire fighter with Suffolk Fire Service and a committee member of Commercial Members' Group, East of England Tourist Board.

**Giles Large** (F 62 - 67) is living in North London and working as a freelance journalist, specialising in shipping and aviation. When he was younger and fitter this involved a lot of travel but now that the late effects of polio are kicking in, he is virtually deskbound. He doesn't really miss the early morning cab rides to Heathrow or Gatwick. He is still in touch with **Gordon Haylett**, **Chris Keith-Lucas**, **Ben Young** (all F) and **Richard Harvey** (W).

**Chris Nash** (W/T 61 - 65) on leaving Gresham's took up a career in Chartered Accountancy but found it wasn't for him so did articles for a firm of auctioneers and surveyors followed by university, qualifying as a Chartered Surveyor. Virtually all of his working life has been in

private practice in Norfolk. For numerous years now he has been specialising in Chartered Surveying professional work. He has lost contact with the majority of his contemporaries except through sport where many of you have continued to stumble across each other year after year (*"and the older we get the more stumbling seems to occur!"*). He is still fairly active in cricket and tennis but has stopped squash since breaking his jaw in a skiing accident. He still plays OG hockey having succeeded in his target of playing in the OG team against the School first team, when his son **James** (Jimmy) (W 90 - 95) was playing for them. He felt in need of a transplant after that! He is married to Carol and they also have a daughter **Samantha** (O 88 - 92). He would be pleased to hear from any contemporaries, as they approach the 60 mark, who he has not seen or spoken to for a long time. He ends *"I sign off with the same thought as I suppose everybody must have - where on earth did the last 40 years go? - in no time I will be 99 so I had better get weaving!"*

**Alan Paterson** (H 59 - 62) has been working as a professional artist for the past six years. Following a career divided equally between Architecture and Experimental Engineering he has already established himself as a popular and innovative water colourist. Some of his work is on display at the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours 2006 Exhibition at the Mall Galleries in London.

**Chris Sturman** (W 62 - 66) is married to Rosaleen, a district judge who sits in Reading. Chris now runs a management consultant business focused predominantly on the supply chain in the foods and drinks industry, mainly in the temperature control sector.

**John Walford** (W 63 - 68) on leaving school, he went to Birmingham to study

Drama and Theatre Arts. Amongst his alumni were Victoria Wood and Terry Johnstone. He went to work at the Royal Court Theatre where he stage-managed and worked in the Literary Department, reading unsolicited manuscripts. At the same time he started designing stages and lighting for Fashion Shows which he now produces. The most famous fashion designer he has worked for is Vivienne Westwood for whom he has produced over 50 shows around the world. He also now does consultancy work for the Shanghai Fashion Institute and the Vietnamese Government as well as producing 15 shows in London Fashion Week and starting the Graduate Fashion Week. Various spin offs have included lecturing - for a period he was senior lecturer in Fashion and Textiles at the Royal College of Art, organising fashion exhibitions for the Royal Palaces and Christies, plus charity shows. His main event, The Alternative Hair Show, has raised over £5m for Leukaemia Research. Instilled with the rigours of the right stuff that was forced into him at Holt, he runs regularly and has only recently given up cricket. He has been married for 30 years, lives in London and has one daughter. John concludes *"after all these years I have only knowingly met 4 OGs since leaving and would be interested to know how my contemporaries are faring"*.

**Peter Westley** (H 63 - 69) has retired from a 25-year career with a leading New York newspaper where he was director of national sales and service. He is now involved with Sotheby's International, developing and selling historic and contemporary real estate in coastal Georgia, South Carolina and throughout Latin America. Peter can be reached on [peter.westley@sothebysrealty.com](mailto:peter.westley@sothebysrealty.com) or [westley@bellsouth.net](mailto:westley@bellsouth.net). He lives in historic Savannah with his novelist wife Mary-Anne and they have three daughters, Amanda, Liza and Sarah and a

son, Brendan. **John Westley** (H 70 - 72) has been farming in New Zealand and for the last 15 years has been a professional polo player. He is currently a director of the Santa Barbara Polo Club's International School of Polo in California.

## Lost OGs

|                    |             |         |
|--------------------|-------------|---------|
| Aitken-Quack       | Peter       | OSH     |
| Bradley(Stevenson) | Susan       | O       |
| Burrows            | Henry       | W       |
| Cross              | David       | F/T     |
| Hackett            | Christopher | T       |
| Hatfield           | Henry       | OSH     |
| Hayman             | David       | OSH     |
| Parnell            | David       | OSH     |
| Prior              | Thomas      | H       |
| Quinton            | Andrew      | F       |
| Sawyer             | Michael     | H       |
| Strimshaw          | Robert      | OSH     |
| Symonds            | John        | W       |
| Williams           | Jonathan    | OSH     |
| Williams           | Paul        | c & OSH |



1st XV 1974 - Who's Who?!

## 1970s

*(Ed. & Sec. are mortified that the 70s are so feebly represented – where are you all?!)*

**Frank Froud** (W 74 - 76) after a few years in the army, Frank is now Managing Director at the Bank of New York based in London. He is married with two children.

**Michael Grandville** (H 68 - 72) wishes to extend his greetings to his old Headmaster, Logie Bruce-Lockhart. He would like to let him know that his former quiet, yet very resourceful, pupil is now also piloting small and medium sized propeller aircraft through Northern Switzerland and Southern Germany from his base at Zurich Airport. Michael promises, *“not to smile toothily while selling short any sterling (having formerly described a sunset in the Alps to have taken on the orange hue of the Financial Times).”*

**Philip Kemp** (H 71 - 74) joined North American Airlines, based at JFK International Airport in New York and has qualified as a Captain on the Boeing 757-200 and 767-300ER. North American Airlines flies all over the world in a mix of scheduled passenger service, charter and government flying. Philip would welcome hearing from any OGs. He can be contacted at PJK1649A@aol.com.

**Bridget Lilly (Neville)** (O 73 - 75) is still enjoying being a lady of leisure, working voluntarily as: secretary for the OGs; secretary, treasurer and Mrs. Mop for the local village hall; secretary, temporary treasurer, counsellor (*“well, it is very stressful for all concerned!”*) for the local, community run village shop; part time secretary to two small businesses and, whenever possible, travels extensively round the world, particularly Africa for the wildlife. Son, **Michael** (k & T 92 – 02), graduated with a 2:1 last year and is working as a trainee Manager in Norwich,

saving his pennies in an attempt to get on the property ladder but also unable to resist the lure of travel. Daughter, **Victoria** (c & O 94 – 04), is working as an assistant teacher in Berlin as part of her degree course in German and Business Management. She is also persevering with her Italian and hopes to be reasonably fluent in both languages by next summer.

**Nigel Logan** (k & H 63 - 70), having owned the Trengilly Wartha Inn in Constantine for nearly 18 years, has decided to sell up and concentrate on being a wine merchant. Wine In Cornwall Ltd was formed in 2000 - they are a specialist merchant to trade and private customers. His tenure of the inn saw him win many awards including The Good Pub Guide - National Pub of the Year in 1999. He can be contacted at [nigel@wineincornwall.co.uk](mailto:nigel@wineincornwall.co.uk).

**Simon Pestell** (c & F 69 - 76) recently purchased his own optometry practice in Sunninghill, just outside Ascot. So far it is going very well. Having been in partnership for the last 15 years, he found the first few months on his own quite nerve racking but things are going smoothly now. He still has a lot to do to build up the business.

**Pat Symonds** (k & H 64 - 71) has



continued to work in Formula One as Executive Director of Engineering for the Renault F1 team. He has continued success, winning the world championship for both drivers and constructors

in 2005 and, at the time of writing (May 2006), leading the 2006 World Championships. He still sees a few friends from School, notably **John Village** (W 66 - 71) and **Patrick Peal** (W 67 - 71).



**Charlotte Whitaker (Martin)** (O 74 – 77) has had a somewhat busy year! Having managed the School's 450th anniversary year, she decided on a change of career and is now working at Cley Mill. This has given her more time to concentrate on the OG Club! Her husband, **Jonny** (c & F 65 – 75), is starting his third year as Howson's Housemaster and is still involved in sport and mountaineering. Their eldest child, **Ellie** (B 02 – 06), has just become an OG which is making them both feel very old!

## Lost OGs

|            |             |       |
|------------|-------------|-------|
| Allen      | David       | OSH   |
| Bedale     | Julian      | H     |
| Boaden     | Andrew      | F     |
| Brown      | Ian         | H     |
| Couper     | Andrew      | H     |
| Coutts     | David       | H     |
| Fox        | James       | F     |
| Hawke      | Stephen     | OSH   |
| Hui        | Anthony     | H     |
| Leckenby   | Christopher | w     |
| Lee        | Siew Kai    | H     |
| Leggett    | Margaret    | O     |
| Meikle     | Iain        | k     |
| Murchie    | Colin       | OSH   |
| Nichols    | C           | k & W |
| Nichols    | Robert      | F     |
| Papworth   | Henry       | W     |
| Partington | Andrew      | F     |
| Prior      | Dominic     | H     |
| Richardson | James       | T     |
| Sampson    | Philip      | T     |
| Waymouth   | Peter       | F     |
| Whitton    | James       | F     |

## 1980s

**Simon Beck** (c & F 80 - 88) is married with two beautiful daughters, Abigail and Jessica, and living in Northamptonshire. He joined the Thames Valley Police in 1997 but transferred to Northamptonshire Police in 2002. He is currently on the Firearms Support Unit.

**Alex Birks** (OSH 80 - 85) having gained an MBA from Henley Management College in 2001, Alex now works as Head of Planning for CITB-Construction Skills, based in North West Norfolk. He married his Swiss wife in 2002 and they have a daughter.

**Scot Butcher** (k & F 80 - 89) is still a Project Manager on the Astute Class submarine programme, working in Bristol. He now has two children - Max who is 6 (and a fantastic footballer) and Emily who is 16 months.

**Andrew Ford** (OSH 80 – 82) after reading Economics at St. Andrews, he entered HM Diplomatic Service in 1987. He was posted to Guyana, South Africa, Mexico City and is currently based in Vienna. Andrew is married to Deli and he has two stepdaughters who are now at university. He is still in occasional touch with

**Jem Hulbert** (OSH 80 – 82).

**Becca Green (Cunningham)** (c & O 76 - 83) loves receiving the newsletters and "very informative" publications. "Hatched, matched and despatched" is an essential part of her year. Having left in 1983, she has continued to play hockey and moving over to New Zealand in 2003 means that she feels it is essential to keep active! At the time of writing, Becca was in mid season and in the process of preparing for a tour to the Gold Coast to play in a masters/vets tournament in November where she feels it will be "anything but a walk in the park!".

Editor's grateful thanks to  
Becca Green for the idea of the title  
"Hatched, matched and despatched"

**Marios Kyprianou** (F 84 - 89) is working out of Greece since leaving the UK in 1994. He is the regional manager for Africa and the Middle East for Frigoglass. The company is the second biggest supplier to Coca-Cola for merchandising coolers. He spends his time between Dubai, South Africa, Kenya, Egypt and Nigeria. He has been married to Aliki since early 2005 and their first baby is on the way. He keeps his Cyprus home and would love to hear from OGs from his era. Special regards sent to **Ali and Duncan Cargill**. Marios concludes *"If Ed Adshead Grant reads this soon, he should tell us if he is planning a 20 year Reunion Dinner in 2009 for the 1989 leavers (then we shall see who has put on most kilos this time around from all present back during the 1999 Reunion!!)"* Marios visits London 2 - 3 times a year and would love to hear from OGs working in London.

**David Hart** (S 79 - 84) an Anglican priest, moved to South India in July 2005 to teach. He is India Secretary of the World Congress of Faiths and author of four books. His latest, "Trading Faith: Global Religion in an Age of Rapid Change", is reviewed elsewhere in the magazine.

**Fiona McCaghrey (Matthews)** (O 85 - 87) is now settled in Cambridge with husband Simon and children Nicola (8) and Samantha (5). She has recently been awarded a PhD from Cambridge and continues to work for dementia research at the MRC Biostatistics in Cambridge.

**Charles Sladden** (H 80 - 84) is still serving with the Royal Engineers. He is moving to Woodbridge in Suffolk as Second-in-Command of 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault). He spends as much time as work allows with Amanda, Olivia (8) and Eleanor (5) in Norfolk.

**Dirk Strohe** (F 87 - 88) after leaving school both at Gresham's and in Germany, Dirk travelled to Australia and did military service in Germany. Having studied law, someone told him it would be wise to join one of the big law firms. After



another three years, someone else told him it would be unwise to stay with that law firm so in 2005 he joined a smaller company, specialising in business law, as a partner. His area of practice is Competition Law and Regulated Industries (mainly energy). During his time at university Dirk travelled extensively, learning Spanish and Japanese along the way. He wrote *"a novel (never published), some poems and short stories, became a member of a gentlemen's club and played keyboard in a band (which never made it big)."* Below is one of his poems written for a close friend's bride and was cited when, on the morning of the wedding, he brought her the flowers to carry during the ceremony (according to Spanish custom - so they said - a close friend of the bridegroom has to do this):

*El hombre está hecho de tierra*

*Y pequeno es su labor*

*Si no va creciendo por el amor.*

*Como la lluvia en la sierra*

*Lleno el rio y moja la tierra*

*Tu carino bendice su labor.*

*Por eso te manda este día*

*Un ramo, entre flores una flor,*

*Para llevar en el momento de*

*mayor alegría*

*Y que más alegre está este día*

*En que el Señor bendice vuestro amor.*

**Christopher Tang** (W 85 - 89) left Gresham's to study A levels in Cambridge. After that, he studied at the Les Roches Hotel Management School in Switzerland. He then went on to the Hilton in Kuala Lumpur and later continued his studies at the Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island, USA. Having obtained his degree in Hotel and Institutional Management, he worked in Singapore's Latour Fine Dining Restaurant at the Shangri La Hotel. After that he worked for the Sheraton group of hotels for five years. In 1998 he joined the Marriott chain of hotels and worked his way up from Food and Beverages Manager to his current position as Director of Operations at the Marriott Breadsall Priory – Marriott's oldest hotel property in the world. His work involves a lot of travel and he relishes every moment of it. Christopher is married to Sharon and they have a daughter, Abbianca. *"My spare time is spent as a family. My lifestyle has changed somewhat - from surfing in Hawaii to surfing the net. I guess time and age dictates one's interests!"* He would love to hear from anyone of his era, especially from Woodlands, and can be contacted at tangcm@yahoo.com.

**Julia Valentine** (O 88 - 89) has been working in the British Film Industry for the past ten years. She recently line produced Shane Meadow's new film "This is England" for Film Four. She lives in Fife with her partner.

**Joanna Wallace (Brown)** (O 85 - 87) is married to David and has three girls - Flora, Polly and Eliza. Following on from her History degree at Jesus College, Cambridge and a successful career in marketing for Proctor & Gamble and McVities in London, she has moved to Broomsthorpe near Fakenham. Joanna has set up her own business, Wallace & Brown, purveyors of antique bedroom furniture and fine bed linen, currently seen at Bayfield Hall, near Holt.

## Lost OGs

|                  |             |       |
|------------------|-------------|-------|
| Abraham (Stokes) | Annette     | O     |
| Annison          | Max         | F     |
| Annison          | Christopher | F     |
| Bacon            | Stephen     | T     |
| Banham           | Sarah       | c & O |
| Berry            | Grant       | W     |
| Burr             | Jonathan    | T     |
| Chalk            | Peter       | F     |
| Cheng            | Matthew     | OSH   |
| Coles            | Luke        | H     |
| Gray             | Christopher | F     |
| Gray             | Richard     | F     |
| Hayward          | Gemma       | E     |
| Holliday         | Jeremy      | H     |
| Howland          | Nicola      | O     |
| Jones            | Alistair    | W     |
| Key              | Fraser      | H     |
| King             | Alistair    | T     |
| Knight           | Christopher | H     |
| Lamb             | Rupert      | T     |
| Lanchester       | John        | H     |
| Leach            | Richard     | H     |
| Morgan (Taylor)  | Emily       | O     |
| Preece           | Guy         | H     |
| van Vredenburg   | Jonkheer    | F     |
| Walters          | Ian         | c & T |
| Webster          | Geoffrey    | W     |
| Webster          | Robert      | W     |



**Ali Cargill** (F 84 - 89) and **Richard Youngs** (c & W 55 - 61) serving Pimms on OG Day - those boaters do get around!

## Post 1990

**Becky Addy (Dickson)** (E 95 - 99) got married on 20th August 2005 to Neal Dickson who she met at Warwick University. **Ana Tawn** was her chief bridesmaid. OGs who attended included **Charlie Hartley, Louise Birriterri, Emma Alston** and **Suzie Walker**. Becky and her husband have bought a house in Yaxley and are both teaching in the Peterborough area. She is now a Leading Literacy teacher for Cambridgeshire.

**Charles Brown** (F 90 - 95) is currently working for an American Telecommunication company in Cambridge as a Project Manager.

**Rose Drew** (O 99 - 01) has graduated with an honours degree in medicine. She has very much enjoyed her time at the University of Sheffield and will be staying in the Sheffield area working as a junior doctor.

**Charlotte Goff** (O 96 - 01) qualified as a veterinary surgeon this summer at The Royal Veterinary College together with **Ashley Rubens** (k & T 93 - 01). She is currently working with an Equine Practice in Huntingdon and hopes to get in touch with many of her contemporaries.

**Peter Goodall** (F 95 - 97) has left Reed Elsevier and moved to ABM AMRO as a marketing analyst.

**Thomas Gray** (k & H 90 - 98) completed a BSc in Environmental Sciences with 1st Class Honours at the University of East Anglia in 2001. He completed a PhD in Sedimentology, titled "Sedimentation at Subaqueous Breaks in Slope" at the UEA in 2004. Thomas has published three scientific papers in leading international journals. He travelled round New Zealand for two months in 2005. He is now working as a Geophysicist in Aberdeen.

**Annette Hurst (Wearmouth)** (E 90 - 95) has moved back to Norfolk after spending many years working in the South West. Annette is married and has a wonderful daughter called Verity Grace.

**Alice Jenkins (Peters)** (c & B 90 - 97) married Alex on 25th June 2005 and they have just bought their first home. Alice is working for Accor Hotels in London as Director of Sales for Novotel London Euston Hotel. She is still diving and they went to Krabi for their honeymoon.

**Nic Marks (Arnold)** (E 87 - 91) and James are proud to announce the arrival in May 2005 of a baby boy called Max, who is completely unstoppable even at the age of seven months! Max is following closely behind **Dom Argyle** (T 85 - 90) and Laura's second child, Hugo, who was born in January 2005 (they also have a little girl called Beatrice) and just in front of **Al Peel** (k & T 83 - 90) and Catherine's first baby, Madeleine, who was born in September 2005. James and Nic live in Twickenham and she works in tax.

**Erwann Marshall** (W 87 - 91) after graduating with a degree in Film and Television from New York University, Erwann has moved to Los Angeles where he has begun working in the film industry.

**Marie McCartney** (E 89 - 94) managed to escape from London and is now living in Amsterdam with Gianni. She is getting married in June 2007. Marie has just completed the first year of a literature degree and is actually studying this time around!

**Richard Odling** (OSH 85 - 90) now has a second child, Daniel, who was born in July last year and is now into everything. His older sister, Harriet, is now 3 and just started pre-school. Richard has started a new job in Business Development having completed an MBA with the Open University.



**Sarah Odling (Thomas)** (E 87 - 92) also has two children with Alex being born a few weeks before Daniel. As if two children were not enough, she is now living in France for six months because her husband Nick works for Michelin.

**Anna Saltmarsh** (E 85 - 93) married Richard in July and now lives in London. Anna is now Anna Hartshorn but prefers to use her maiden name. (Anna's father attributes this to Dick Copas who spent a number of years winding her up about the superiority of males!)

**Nick Saltmarsh** (T 86 - 91) and his partner, Justine, have a daughter - Eliza. Nick writes occasionally for the EDP on the subject of food.

**Greg Sergeant** (T 80 - 90) is still living in Ashted, Surrey and running the Little Pub Company.

**Lydia Sturman** (E 97 - 99) is now living in Harrogate and is getting married in 2007. She is progressing well in her management career with La Senza.

**Robert Sturman** (W 88 - 93) is working at Demon Internet and has just returned from the Mongolian Rally, which was five weeks of hard driving from Hyde Park to Ulan Bator for charity (we hope to have a report on this next year).

**James Tovey** (k & T 86 - 97) is married to **Lisa Woodrow** (E 95 - 97) and they are living and working in London, James for Fujitsu and Lisa for Unilever.

**Anthony Tovey** (k & T 85 - 95) is also married and living in Bury St. Edmunds.

**Ali Wallace** (W 88 - 92) is happily married to Jo and they have a 9 month old baby daughter called Maisy Tallulah. He is living in London for the moment and has been working for a leading marketing recruitment consultant called Blue Skies where he is a Business Leader and doing very well.

## Lost OGs

|                   |              |       |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| Ayache            | Anthea       | E     |
| Ayache            | Renee-Jane   | E     |
| Beckingsale       | Elizabeth    | O     |
| Beckingsale       | Sarah        | O     |
| Bircham           | Joanna       | O     |
| Bradbury          | Stuart       | W     |
| Brooke-Lander     | Daniel       | W     |
| Brown             | Sarah        | O     |
| Coates            | Jonathon     | W     |
| Coates            | Sarah        | E     |
| Colebrook-Robjent | Harriet      | E     |
| Comins            | Andrew       | T     |
| Creed             | Robert       | T     |
| Croft             | Maxwell      | T     |
| Cutts             | Jonathan     | H     |
| Dunne             | Alexander    | T     |
| Fernandes         | Ryan         | H     |
| Fisher            | Ben          | k & W |
| Forsyth           | Alexander    | W     |
| Frostick          | Gemma        | E     |
| Georgiev          | Alexander    | W     |
| Gibson            | Josephine    | E     |
| Grieve            | Fiona        | O     |
| Gunning           | Matthew      | F     |
| Hollands          | J            | W     |
| Hughes-Lewis      | Natasha      | B     |
| Jamieson          | Humphrey     | H     |
| Jamieson          | Montague     | H     |
| Johnstone         | Kimberley    | E     |
| Kooreman          | James        | T     |
| Loades            | Suzannah     | O     |
| Luskin            | Daniel       | T     |
| Malabar           | David        | F     |
| Mehers            | Duncan       | F     |
| Middleditch       | Alexander    | W     |
| Nell              | Edward       | H     |
| Pirie             | Hamish       | F     |
| Pollock           | Hamish       | H     |
| Preece            | Paul         | OSH   |
| Rae               | Seonaidh     | E     |
| Riesenkampf       | Justus       | T     |
| Rogerson          | Hannah       | E     |
| Ryland            | Charles      | W     |
| Schneider         | Soren        | T     |
| Shreeve           | Heidi        | O     |
| Standley          | Thomas       | OSH   |
| Stirling-Hamilton | Iona         | B     |
| Tao               | William      | F     |
| Thompson          | Emily        | E     |
| Tinn              | Hannah       | O     |
| Tsang             | Garrison     | T     |
| Watts             | Victoria     | E     |
| Webster           | Philip       | W     |
| Welch             | Nina         | E     |
| Wholey            | Liam         | W     |
| Witt              | Richard      | W     |
| Zaharieva         | Aleksandrina | B     |

## Births

Congratulations to the following on the birth of their babies (*Ed: other births may also be mentioned in News*).

**Greg Sergeant** (T 80 - 90) on 20th April 2006, a daughter, Molly Grace.

**Matthew Holmes** (T 91 - 96) and Dawn on 3rd March 2006, a daughter, Isabelle.

**Simon Denn** (H 87 - 96) is the Godfather.

## Engagements

Further congratulations to all below:

**David Copas** (k & F 85 - 96) to Emma Collins.

Brendan Stones to **Suzanne Braybrook** (c & E/B 90 - 98).

**Nick Chesworth** (k & H 70 - 79) to Emma Heanley.

Jamie Gunning to **Rebecca Fisher** (c & E/B 89 - 97).

**Katie Spooner** (c & E/B 87 - 97) to **David Cooke** (k & H 89 - 97).

## and Marriages

**Tom Cary** (OSH 80 - 85) to Camilla Nicolson on May 6th 2006.

**Katherine Wright** (c & E/B 90 - 97) to **Joe Copeman** (T 94 - 97) on 5th August 2006.

**Gavin Panella** (k & F 87 - 96) to Chantal Schaul in Luxembourg on 1st June 2006.

**Kate Seymour** (c & O 91 - 98) and **Howard Olby** (k & F 87 - 97) on 8th July 2006.

**Piers Hopkirk** (k & T 79 - 88) to Kate, summer 2006.

**Amie Spooner** (c & E/B 88 - 99) to Justin Morfoot, brother of **Sophie Morfoot** (E 96 - 01) in August 2006. **David Cooke** (k & H 89 - 97) was best man. The organ was played by **Richard Peaver** (S 69 - present), Amie's former housemaster.



## Obituaries

**Alec Barclay** (k & W 35 - 44) died on 17th May 2004. For many years he and his wife were overseas: Jordan, Pakistan and finally Afghanistan where, having trained at Moorfields, Alec set up eye training centres in Kabul and other places. Here he initiated corneal grafting and other advanced surgery which is still being carried out by dedicated workers. Alec's wife, Pauline, is writing a book about him - "Eyes on the Kyber" - and kindly sent the first chapter to the Editor. She has also very kindly given the School Alec's prize-winning essays and has promised us a copy of her book.

**Gordon Bellerby, DFC** (F 33 - 37) died on January 17th 2006. On leaving school, Gordon read law at Cambridge. From 1940-46 he was in the RAF, doing two operational tours as a Fighter Pilot flying Hurricanes and Spitfires. He emigrated to Canada in 1947 and married Diana Kindersley in Montreal in 1951.

**Thomas Blanco White, QC** (F 26 - 32) died on January 12th 2006 aged 90. The obituary which appeared in The Times described him thus: "*Thomas Blanco White was the best intellectual property lawyer to have practiced in England since Fletcher Moulton - and there can be no higher praise.*" Whilst at Gresham's he shared a study with Benjamin Britten. "*His goodwill and friendliness were such that he died with many friends and no enemies.*" He married Anne Ironside-Smith in 1950. She survives him with their two sons and daughter.

**Robert Bray** (W & T 61 - 65) died in early 2006. His friend **Christopher Nash** (W & T 61 - 65) wrote of his untimely death. "*After leaving Gresham's, Bob entered the landed profession becoming a Chartered*

*Surveyor and partner of Earl and Lawrence...his was a very mixed role of residential and commercial property, combined with agricultural work including auctioneering. He then commenced practice in his own name in Norfolk, which he always felt was his second home. Bob and I were best mates at school and outside school our friendship continued, including Bob being my best man, and indeed it was he who introduced me to the Chartered Surveying profession...for that I will be forever grateful. Bob was certainly a character, had a real good sense of humour and, with drink in hand, a real raconteur."* He leaves a widow Christine and daughter Elizabeth. Christopher finishes with a story: "*three or four of we friends used to have liaisons with some rather pretty young wenches at Runton Hill Girls' School and this involved occasional cycle rides over there on a Sunday afternoon. On one such occasion, the previous week we were setting up arrangements, but at the last moment on Sunday morning, Bob called off much to our great surprise. The remainder of us carried on over to West Runton, battling against a headwind which was hard work. As we rounded the hedge at the end of their games field we were absolutely gob smacked to find Bob already there, relaxed and sartorially elegant, chatting to some girls. When asked what on earth was he doing there, bearing in mind his call-off, he replied that, when he was having a crafty smoke behind the squash courts, he noticed which way the wind was blowing and decided to get a taxi instead of cycling! - that was my introduction to the world of lateral thinking!"*

**Michael Z. Brooke** (W 35 - 39) died in 2003.

**Ian Bishop Butler** (k 31 - 34) Group Captain DFC, AFC, RAF retired, died in January 2005.

**Anthony F. H. Crawshaw** (H 45 - 49) died on 22nd August 2005.

**Andrew Eaton** (OSH 37 - 41) has died.

**Michael Everitt** (H 47 - 52) died peacefully on Boxing Day 2005. He had been suffering from cancer of the colon. His brother **Christopher** (H 48 - 53) writes: Michael "struggled academically whilst at Gresham's but played for the Rugby XV and represented the School in the shooting at Bisley. On leaving, Michael spent five years at the Leicester School of Architecture gaining his diploma and being awarded the prestigious Tite Prize by the RIBA. National Service followed and he was commissioned in the Sherwood Foresters in Malaya. At the end of his service his CO said to him 'You may not be a brilliant soldier, but it has been tremendous fun having you in the Mess.' On return to the UK, he was employed in the practice of Sir Hugh Casson, Neville Conder & Partners and in 1961 joined the Norwich practice of Feilden & Mawson, retiring as Senior Partner in 1993. He was much involved in building projects for the UEA and the 'old' Norfolk & Norwich Hospital. He also served on several national and local architectural bodies. Michael had many interests, including Magistrate on the Norwich bench and at his death was a member of 36 clubs & societies. Perhaps above all Michael will be remembered for his love of the arts and painting having been a past President of the Norfolk & Norwich Arts Circle and was himself a talented artist." He regularly attended a weekly lunch club whose members include **Michael Baker** (k & H 43 - 49) and **Michael Brett** (H 54 - 58). Christopher was a guest at one of the last lunches Michael attended. Michael is survived by his wife Bridget, daughter Mary, sons Richard and William and four grandchildren.

**Thomas J Garner** (k & W 43 - 49) died on 21st June 2005.

**Peter Francis Gedge** (c & W 51 - 59) died in May 2005. Dick Copas wrote: "Frank died suddenly just a few days after attending the 450th anniversary celebrations. A number of us attended his funeral held at Mundesley Parish Church for a service conducted by his brother the **Rev Simon Gedge** (c & W 54 - 63). There were many OGs present to say their farewells to a real character, who was popular with his chums, a great servant of the Club and always a vocal supporter of the School."

**Robert Gelder** (W 36 - 41) has died.

**David Gilling** (F 31 - 35) died on 25th September 2005.

**Richard Habershon** (F 33 - 37) died in January 2005.

**The Most Rev David Hand, KBE, CBE** (F 32 - 37) died on 6th April 2006. David was the first Archbishop of Papua New Guinea's Anglican church from 1977-1983. He attended Gresham's as an organ scholar and read history at Oriel College, Oxford. Obituaries on his life appeared in the The Guardian and The Telegraph, from where the following quote is taken: "he was one of the last Englishmen to respond to a call to devote his life heroically to Christian missionary work in some of the most inhospitable and dangerous places on the face of the earth." A colleague of David's, **Mike Newton** (F 32 - 37) wrote of David's distinguished career whilst at Gresham's. He was a School Prefect and Head of Farfield in 1936/7 under Bruce Douglas. He had hockey and rugby colours and was a pretty good cricketer. He was academically brilliant and it was apparent throughout his schooldays that the Church would be his vocation leading to a distinguished career. He was one of the few boys allowed to play the organ for chapel services. "David was greatly respected. He made and kept friends



easily. Douglas and he ran an extremely efficient and friendly house." At Oxford he was one of the four OGs who got 'Freshers' hockey trials there and at Cambridge that year. *"David was a wonderful person and I am proud to have had the good fortune to know him well and to count him as a great friend."*

**Robin Jarvis** (W 43 - 48) has died.

**Noel Johnson** (F 36 - 40) died in December 2005, aged 82. He was Head of Farfield and left to read Modern Languages at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He took a "war time degree" and was commissioned to the Royal Devon Yeomanry Artillery. Invalided out in 1944, he became Managing Director of the family clothing manufacturing company, Johnson and Sons of Great Yarmouth. Noel was Vice Chairman of the Norfolk Area Health Authority from 1974 - 1982 and Chairman of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Health Authority from 1982 - 1992. From 1993 to 1996 he was a non-executive director of the James Paget Hospital NHS Trust, having been one of the prime movers in the establishment of the hospital. His chairmanships included the Lowestoft Magistrates and the Great Yarmouth Tax Commissioners. He was also a director of the East Anglian Water Company. In 1987 he was awarded an MBE and became Deputy Lieutenant of Suffolk in 1987. Noel *"named the house which he built in 1954 and lived in until his death, Farfield"*.

**Roger Jones** (F 37 - 40) died in December 2004.

**Gerald le B Kidd** (W 24 - 28) has died.

**James Luxon** (F 43 - 46) died in January 2001.

**Geoffrey Marshall** (F 27 - 31) has died.

**Christopher Nicholson** (W 59 - 64) died in June 2006.

**Michael John Regester** (F 39 - 43) has died.

**Jack Rendell, OBE** (W 24 - 28), or Captain "Flaps" Rendell as he was known, died on July 18th, aged 92. His wife, Marion, pre-deceased him. He is survived by his three sons and three daughters. An obituary appeared in the Telegraph which described him as *"one of British Airways most charismatic captains, whose flying career began in a Handley Page HP 42 Hannibal class biplane, between London and Paris in 1936."* He flew more than 15,500 hours and ran wartime missions in Malta and Norway. For his services, the Norwegian Government appointed him Knight (First Class) of the Order of St Olaf. In 1954 he received the Queen's commendation for Valuable Services in the Air. In 1955 the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators awarded him a Master Pilot Certificate for "long service and high achievement" and in 1959 he became a Liveryman of the Guild. He was appointed OBE in 1964.

**Wilfred Rolfe** (k 20 - 27) has died.

**Tom Saul** (k 29 - 32) died on May 12th 2006.

**Lord (Jack) Simon of Glaisdale** (c & H 20 - 28) died on May 17th 2006, aged 96. He was Financial Secretary to the Treasury and then Solicitor-General in the government of Harold Macmillan. A barrister by profession, he resigned his seat in Parliament in 1962 to become President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court, and was later appointed a Law Lord. In the Daily Telegraph obituary he was described as a *"Judge whose belief in the merits of the traditional family unit underpinned his opposition to easier divorce."* After leaving

Gresham's, he won an exhibition to Trinity Hall, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1934 as Blackstone Prizeman. Jack was fond of cricket and trout fishing. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for North Yorkshire in 1973. The Telegraph continues *"although by nature a gentle and genial character, during his time in the High Court Simon became an outspoken, and at times, controversial, opponent of changes to the law that made divorce easier."*

**Roger Tyndale-Atkins** (W 56 - 59) has died.

**Jacques Paul van Burren** (W 46 - 50) has died.

**Hugh Webb** (H 40 - 44) died in June 2006.

**Barry Westley** (H 31 - 34) and **David Westley** (H 35 - 39) both died in 2005.

## Mentioned in Despatches

Congratulations to the following Old Greshamians:

**Tim Armstrong** (k & F 91 - 02) has graduated from Warwick University with a first class honours degree in Economics. He is now working for Price Waterhouse.

**Andrew Ellis** (k & H 89 - 99) has graduated from the Central School of Speech and Drama with a first class honours degree in Theatre Practice.

**Katie Franklin** (E 96 - 98) graduated from Kent University with a first class honours degree in 2005. She is now doing her

Law exams and will join a firm in Norwich Cathedral Close in 2006.

**Bishop Peter Lee** (k & H/T 58 - 65) has been awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree by the Archbishop of Canterbury. His citation reads *"In recognition of his ministry in South Africa, for his scholarly book on the history of the Diocese of Johannesburg, and in establishing the new Diocese of Christ the King, originally part of that Diocese, as the first elected bishop."*

**Louisa Peaver** (E 98 - 02) has graduated from Newcastle University with a first class honours degree in Geography.



OCdt Peaver with Captain **Jonny Martin** (c & F 66 - 74) on Summer Army Camp

**Laura Simpson** (c & E 95 - 02) has graduated with a first class honours degree in Business Science and Management from Loughborough.

**Tristan Sykes** (k & F 89 - 99) who has just become a Royal Marines Commando, successfully completing 32 weeks of the hardest initial military training in the world and has been awarded his coveted green beret.

**Eddie Thorne** (c & F 75 - 81) on receiving an MC - the first awarded to an OG since the Second World War.

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# News and Reports

## A Message from Antony Clark, Headmaster

### Dear Old Greshamians

This brief note to you is both an attempt to reflect upon the last year and to look forward to the future. We have traversed a period that has been highly successful, even if there have been (and remain) significant challenges for us: we are addressing these as the School evolves, as we upgrade accommodation and facilities and as we enhance our overall programme.

Firstly, our Upper Sixth group achieved the best results in A level examinations in our history: 72.4% of subjects taken by pupils were graded A or B and, though we understand the issue of grade inflation well, the leap from 65.8% of the previous year was significant. In view of the fact that our admissions policy permits entry of pupils at a Common Entrance average of 50%, our staff were extremely pleased with the outstanding results of the pupils. No fewer than five of our pupils gained recognition in the national arena, having been amongst the top pupils of their examination boards in English, Physics, and History.

We have a record number of pupils in the National Youth Theatre (six) which is, we believe, more than any other school in the country and we have several members in the National Youth Choir: once again, we believe this to be more than any other school currently in the country. Then, over the period 2002-05, there have been more Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Gresham's than at any other school in the East of England region and more overall awards than for any other school in our region.



Headmaster Antony Clark with former headmasters John Arkell, Logie Bruce-Lockhart and Hugh Wright at the 450th Anniversary Ball.

On the sporting front, Ben Youngs was the star of the England Under 16 Six Nations Tournament and won critical games against France and Wales with dazzling tries which resulted in an overall English victory. (Incidentally, we have had three England players in the last three years.) Luke Hedley, the Boys Hockey Captain, was the leading goal scorer for England Under 18 of this year's Six Nations Tournament and Felix Flower, the Cricket Captain, has amassed more runs than any other Gresham's 1st XI player in the history of the School.

Our shooting team currently holds two major titles in Small Bore shooting. Saskia Barlow holds an unprecedented hat trick of national titles: the British Schools, the British Schools Under 16 and England Under 18 Championships. Ed Johnson is the British Junior Champion. Saskia Barlow and Holly Foster both shot for this year's British Schools Team against New Zealand, whilst James Purdy shot for England in the Schools Home International and David Williams shot for Wales. The latter two are Athelings. In sailing, Felicity Foulds has represented Great Britain in the European Optimist Class at Under 18 level though she is only 14 and, finally, our swimmers won the prestigious



Aldenham Cup at Crystal Palace this year in a field of 64 HMC schools. This was easily our best performance ever.

In short we have a great range of pupils whose talents are being developed in a myriad of ways and there is tremendous goodwill amongst staff and friends of the School. Several of our staff have also retired recently and, as a result, there have been some changes in important positions in the School: Sue Smart has stepped aside as Deputy Head after 5 years of excellent service to be able to spend more time with her husband, John, who has retired and she is now in the role of Senior Mistress. Nigel Flower has been appointed Deputy Head and Dr Nick White has taken over from Norman Semple as Director of Studies. We also have a new Bursar in Alan Godfrey. He is experienced in this role, having spent more than a decade at Cheadle Hulme in Cheshire. A new appointment is that of Val Bowers to the role of Director of Development and External Relations; her responsibility spans the more effective marketing of the School and the raising of funds thorough legacies and the like. Val will be working closely with the Old Greshamian Committee under the chairmanship of Michael Goff to develop relations between the School and the OGs wherever possible.

Our upgrade of the boarding houses continues and we are particularly excited about the anticipated introduction of the International Baccalaureate (IB) in September 2007. Currently we are in the

process of seeking accreditation for this examination which we would run parallel to our A levels.

I am sure that the year ahead will prove to be most exciting as we build on the goodwill of the last 451 years. My thanks go to all Old Greshamians reading this magazine for their continued interest in the School.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



**Antony Clark**  
**Headmaster**



Have you remembered to book your tickets for the  
**Christmas Drinks Party at Fishmongers' Hall**  
on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm  
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## The Newquay Reunion Dinner

The Newquay weekend this year was, as always, a delightful occasion with an excellent turnout of OGs and their guests. Notwithstanding a poor weather forecast, there was glorious sunshine throughout Saturday and Sunday with Fistral Bay looking particularly magnificent.

In total, there were 56 diners at the Bay Hotel on Saturday 1 April. Maybe this was not a propitious date to have chosen, for several of those who were planning to come had to cancel at the last minute. Most notably, the Headmaster was suffering from suspected malaria. He kindly sent us a fax from his hospital bed where he described himself as 'being under observation - a bit like a naughty school-boy'.

The Headmaster had offered to bring with him the excellent new portrait of Philip Newell painted by Jack Spencer Ashworth. Happily, Walter Moll kindly transported the portrait instead and it duly arrived just in time to be put on show throughout the dinner. We had a Headmaster with us after all.

Another casualty was Michael Sexton who customarily says Grace before dinner. He was recovering from a recent spell in hospital. John Ramuz, having said Grace prior to the dinner in 1994 in his capacity as the then President of the OG Club, stood in for Michael and ably repeated his performance despite the 12 year gap.

Pat Mumby proposed the toast to the School. He recalled an occasion when Stewart Dodd, who was leading a section of boys on a Home Guard exercise, decided to take the entire group into a pub. The supposed enemy advanced

past the pub without checking, so that when Stewart and his section emerged they were behind enemy lines. They were then able to capture the enemy H.Q. No one discovered how they managed to escape detection.

On another occasion, a group of boys returning to Newquay by train for the Lent term were held up overnight in Exeter because of an air raid in Plymouth. Fortunately, Derek Addleshaw was on the train and, after much trekking through the streets of Exeter, he managed to find accommodation for all the affected boys in various hotels and boarding houses. This unexpected overnight stay suited the boys well for it led to their missing the first day of term.

In the absence of the Headmaster, Frank King recalled how fortunate we had been at the Newquay dinners with headmasterly attendance. Hugh Wright, John Arkell and Antony Clark had all joined us over the years with Hugh Wright making a special trip for the Philip Newell Centenary Dinner in 2003.

The new portrait of Philip Newell was much admired after the dinner. Some hours later, Frank King took the portrait to his bedroom and carefully propped it up for the night. On waking next morning he was greeted by a familiar youthful figure wearing a Cambridge M.A. gown and hood.

Following recent custom, many of those who attended the dinner went up to the Pentire Hotel for morning coffee on Sunday. We were in for a slight shock. The entire single-storey extension at the western end of the hotel has been demolished, the land sold off and new holiday apartments built on the site. The old Pentire Bar where Physics was taught and the old Pentire Bar Lounge where Biology was taught are no more.



After coffee, Ruth Seton said how pleased she was with her father's portrait, which it is planned to hang in Big School alongside the portraits of other former Headmasters.

Michael Garrard then invited us to go out onto the lawn at the back of the hotel for a group photograph.

This year's Newquay Reunion concludes the series of OG dinners held at the Pentire Hotel in 1990, 1994 and 1997 and at the Bay Hotel in 2000, 2003 and 2006. A select five OGs have been to all six dinners: David Freeman, Frank King, David Michell, David Spencer-Jones and Robin Turner.

As organiser, I should like to thank all those who have attended these Reunions for the many stories they have told me over the years and for the many letters they have written to me.

I shall not be organising any more formal dinners in Newquay but I just might spend a weekend at the Bay Hotel in early April 2009. If I do I shall, in January 2009, send a note of my plans to those who seem unable to keep away. I have a little list. If you wish to be on this list, just let me know.

**F.H. King** (F 55–61)

## Diners at the Newquay Reunion in 2006

D. Arnold  
M.F.B. Baker and Mrs. Baker  
J.A. Baldry and Mrs. Baldry  
R.F. Barclay and Mrs. Barclay  
Mr. C.J. Bennett  
J.T. Braunholtz and Mrs. Braunholtz  
R.W. Brown and Mrs. Brown  
R.F.C. Butler and Guest  
J.P. Crowdy  
D.M.R. Eagan  
D. Freeman and Mrs. Freeman  
R. Freeman  
M. Garrard and Mrs. Garrard  
J.F.R. Gillam  
P.M.S. Gillam  
J.N. Green  
Christine Guedalla  
J.R. Hussey  
F.H. King  
J.E. Lennard-Jones  
A.L. Le Quesne and Mrs. Le Quesne  
N. Logan  
C.J.B. Martin and Mrs. Martin  
P.J. Mellows and Mrs. Mellows  
D.G. Michell  
W.P. Moll and Mrs. Moll  
J.F. Moor  
P.d'A. Mumby  
F.J. Ramuz and Mrs. Ramuz  
C.F.M. Robinson  
R. Ruddock-West  
Ruth Seton  
P.B. Shove  
D.H. Spencer-Jones and  
Mrs. Spencer-Jones  
J.C.R. Turner  
M. Wallis and Mrs. Wallis  
W.R. Whitehouse and Mrs. Whitehouse  
R. Whittaker  
J.H.A. Willis and Mrs. Willis

## The New OG Website

The OG Club is determined not to be left out of cyberspace so we are very keen to make use of email and the web as much as possible. Do make sure you let us know your current email address and those of other OGs - with their permission of course.

Some of you may have already found the OG pages on the new Gresham's website at **[www.greshams.com](http://www.greshams.com)** – it's very much in its infancy and we would welcome your views on what you'd like to see and how it could help you keep in touch with the School and other OGs.

So far we have trialled a home page and a Forum; the Forum page is proving to be rather unwieldy and impractical and so we plan to take down that page and replace it for the time being with a link to the news pages of the old OG website, **[www.greshams.org.uk](http://www.greshams.org.uk)**.

Please send us your contributions, news and views to keep this page and the pages of the newsletter as current as possible.

We also plan to have a downloads section with pdfs of newsletters and useful documents, but this is all dependant on finding (limited) funding and (willing) manpower.

Once the School has decided its policy on databases we will then re-introduce the Forum or its equivalent which we plan will serve as a central contact point for OGs everywhere.

If you have any suggestions or comments on the future direction of the OG website, please email Charlotte Martin – **[cmartin@greshams.com](mailto:cmartin@greshams.com)**

## Please Note

The following items will no longer appear in the magazine but can be found on our website **[www.greshams.org.uk](http://www.greshams.org.uk)**

- Minutes of the OG Club AGM
- OG Club Accounts
- Speech Day July 2006
  - Headmaster's Speech
  - Chairman of the Governor's Speech
  - Baroness Helena Kennedy's Speech
- Exam Results and Destinations of Leavers

We realise that some of you may not have access to the internet but, if you would like a "hard copy" of any of the above, please contact the Editor who will be happy to send you a copy.



Baroness Kennedy captivating her audience on Speech Day

## Philip Newell Awards

Philip Newell Bursaries are awarded annually from the Philip Newell Memorial Fund. Bursaries are available to present members of the School and recent leavers. The Bursaries assist in the funding of any venture at home or abroad, the purpose of which is to help or serve people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Those who are awarded these Bursaries are asked to write reports on their experiences.

The Bursaries for 2005 were awarded to Richenda Gurney, Claire Burroughs and Lizzie Summers whose reports follow.

Richenda sent the account below of her two months spent in the Galapagos, volunteering on conservation projects with local Ecuador foundation "Jatun Sacha". Renowned for its huge diversity of marine and terrestrial life, the Galapagos Islands are very popular in the tourist industry and thus for Ecuador's economy. This creates problems as, with the movement of people, new invasive species of plant, mammal and insect species are continually being introduced, thus upsetting the delicate natural ecology of these islands.

The main aims of the project include reforestation work, the development of organic agricultural alternatives for fruit and vegetable production (to be sold to the local population instead of importing from the mainland) and an environmental programme. This involves the volunteers working with local schoolchildren to make them more aware of the ecological problems.

*"The Jatun Sacha conservation station is located on the most eastern island of the*

*archipelago, San Cristobal, in the highlands, which meant we had a stunning view over the Pacific Ocean. With no electricity or hot water it was fairly isolated, but it was really nice to spend some time away from civilisation! There were approximately 25 volunteers at any one time with 8 staff...*

*When I arrived on the station my first morning's work involved macheting blackberry bushes, which was exhausting in the heat! Because of the mosquitoes we had to cover up, even wearing beekeeper like mosquito hats, which didn't help the situation. We had time off between 12 and 2pm and in the afternoon we all went up to work in the shade of the nursery. Throughout the two months I was there we grew a variety of endemic plants to later be transferred to the reforestation corridor and also fruits such as watermelon, melon and papaya to make the station more self sufficient. However, surrounding the station were plenty of orange, papaya and banana trees, which meant we had a constant source of delicious fresh fruit. The evenings were spent relaxing in the hammocks after a hard day's work!..."*

A new research centre for university groups to use as a base for their projects was also high up on the agenda as the first group of students were due in three months.

*"...Therefore much time was spent on the construction site, firstly levelling the ground with pickaxes and spade and then making the foundations, which was the hardest part - digging huge holes about five foot deep into the ground! The numerous invasive guava trees were cut down to supply the wood for the house... The work was really tiring, but very rewarding when we saw how quickly the house was being built.*



Another focus at the station was on the reforestation corridor, which stretched from the station down towards the 'dry zone' of vegetation near sea level. We often visited the corridor of land to clear away the invasive species and to replant some endemic plants...

Jatun Sacha also provided the volunteers with opportunities to learn more about the island. Once a week we went on a hike or trip to various tourist sites... important for teaching visitors about the ecological issues facing the Galapagos Islands and the social dynamics within the communities. We hiked to farms around the area to collect seeds of the native plant species, to the Galapaguera where they bred giant tortoises or just to the beaches close by, where on the way we would pass a huge variety of wildlife, from the famous blue-footed boobies and frigate birds to sea turtles and sea lions... Some weekends were also spent in the small town, which is the capital of the Galapagos, Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, where we got the chance to experience the marine life; the snorkelling was amazing! From white-tipped reef sharks and turtles to diving birds and penguins, I was stunned at how much there was to see in the water. Huge schools of tropical fish passed us by and the sea lions were an endless source of amusement...

After two months at Jatun Sacha I was very sad to be leaving. I was really attached to the station and felt like I now belonged in the Galapagos! It was amazing how much had changed since my arrival at the start of January. The house had nearly been completed, minus the stairs, the tiny plantlets we transferred in my first weeks there had grown into trees, there were (thankfully) significantly less blackberry bushes surrounding us and the reforestation corridor had expanded.

As Jatun Sacha is only in its third year of operation on the Galapagos, the methodologies of its various conservation

projects are continually being improved. There is a long way to go to restoring the natural ecology of the islands and ensuring that their natural beauty will not be lost through excess tourism and 'escaped' exotic species being introduced to the islands..."

**Richenda Gurney** (c & B 99 - 05)

Claire spent **"Ten Weeks In A Tent In Patagonia"** and sent us the following (her full report can be found on the website):



"On a perfect September day I headed off via three different flights to Coyhaique in Patagonia, Southern Chile. I was joining Raleigh International for ten weeks.

The first week was getting to know the basics of camping lifestyle, radio protocol and of course the safety aspects of our trip. Raleigh International is broken down into three phases: community, environmental and adventure. My community phase was in the small town of Rio Tranquillo situated on the second largest lake in South America, Lago General Carrera. We built a greenhouse to





help educate the children in gardening and hopefully make the town more self-sufficient. We also had a show every day on the local radio, to help the children with their English. My second phase was trekking in the nature reserve of Lago Jeinmeni. It was a 140km walk through close knitted valleys and then across plains along the sides of green lakes, with attempts to see lagoons and glaciers; all in complete isolation from the outside world. We saw no one but ourselves for the whole three weeks. My final phase was environmental in an estancia (sheep farm) which was being transformed into a nature reserve. Our task was to remove alien species along the main road. We were, in other words, weeding. Although the work was dull we covered over 5km of roadside and went on treks.



*I had the most amazing ten weeks living in a tent and having the lifestyle that goes with it - very limited showers and realising how good washing powder is. I made great friends, have life long memories and gained an insight into the Chilean culture.*

*I would like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to have a great travel experience."*

**Claire Burroughs** (c & 0 98 - 05)


Last, but by no means least, Lizzie has sent the following account:

## **Voluntary work in Bangalore, India Community development and teaching**

*"The unknown can overcome you with fear at times, or it can be what drives you to do things that you never knew you had it in you to do. On Saturday 21st January 2006 I boarded an aeroplane to take me over 6,000 miles from home - to India, a place I had always been so intrigued to visit.*

*The reality hit me half way through my 9½ hour flight to Bangalore, when lunch was served and the Indian man next to me started eating his rice with his right hand - something I would soon be very accustomed to doing myself! Arriving in an Indian airport, alone at 2 a.m., was definitely one of the most nerve-racking times of my life. The smells, people and noise overwhelmed me enormously and finding my pre-booked taxi was my first challenge. Rickshaws (three wheeler taxis that cover the streets of India with their shouting drivers and bleeping horns) were everywhere. Their drivers bombarded me, trying to take my bags and offering ridiculous prices to take me to a "cheap hotel, close by".*

*The lady I lived with, Padmini, kindly welcomed me in at 3 a.m. and showed me to my relatively basic room where I would live for the next two months. I was so pleased to find running water in the*



bathroom; it's those small things which you take for granted at home that become so important when you are travelling. So overwhelmed by everything I hardly slept. Lying awake on my indescribably hard bed, I listened to the traffic on the main road below my window and the local dogs having a late night chat across town. At 6 a.m. Flynn, the girl I would be living and working with, arrived.

The following day lots of the volunteers met in the centre of Bangalore for lunch and our introduction from the in-country coordinator. Padmini then took us to meet the 7 foster children (ages 5-12) who live at the school. Frightened, excited and intrigued, they formally stood in a line in front of us and sang songs such as baa baa black sheep, I'm a little teapot, etc. - amazing! The following day we arrived at school and met all the staff and children. What a welcome! I had over twenty children hanging off my fingers and clothes, shouting "Aunty, Aunty" - a term of respect.

The Christian based centre, ACCESS, is run by dedicated staff and volunteers. They aim to help everyone, no matter what age or religion. The school provides a good start to the children who otherwise might not have had the opportunity to be educated - nearly all go on to continue their education. The centre also runs a Women's Tailoring unit allowing local women to learn a skill and earn a better wage. Every day after school almost 300 children congregate at ACCESS. They are tutored, helped with their homework and given a nutritious evening meal. They also have health checks by a doctor who attends weekly, and spiritual guidance with all going to Sunday School. Seven children live at ACCESS permanently; some are orphans while others come from low-income families where parents struggle to raise large families.

I soon settled in and was teaching basic English to the children. It was hard at first teaching children who hardly speak your language and you don't speak theirs but it

was all about using your initiative and being spontaneous. The smiles on the children's faces and the excitement made every day so worthwhile for me. After school, Flynn and I played with the foster children, singing songs and having fun. I built up a very close relationship with them; they were such special, happy and strong children despite their disturbing backgrounds. One evening Anju, 5, was stroking my skin saying "magic skin aunty. You white Aunty, good Aunty. Me black Aunty, bad. Why?" I explained to her that my parents had white skin and her parents had black skin. Her reply left me speechless: "my daddy doesn't have black skin, my daddy's dead." I gave her a hug and she held me so tightly. Ten seconds later she was laughing and joking with all the other children, completely carefree - incredible!

On most of my weekends I travelled, trying to see some more of India and experiencing the cultural differences. The Indians don't nod or shake their heads like we do, they wobble their heads from side to side and this means: yes, no, maybe, I don't know, hello, goodbye, thank you and much more - confusing at first! All food is eaten with your right hand, the Indians stare like you've got four eyes, haggling becomes a must and whole families will be seen all on one motorbike (plus a dog sometimes!).

Sadly my time with the children had to come to an end. I was very lucky to be able to take the seven foster children to the big park in the centre of Bangalore for a day out. They were delighted. The smiles on their faces while they played on the swings and see-saws were so moving. I will have to go back one day to see how the school has progressed and visit everyone who made such an impression on me. I undertook and experienced so much and felt every emotion under the sun - the most amazing and educating 5 months of my life. Many thanks to the Philip Newell Memorial Fund."

**Lizzie Summers** (0 00 - 05)

## In Praise of Auden

2007 is the centenary of Auden's birth and a committee has been formed to organise the celebrations of the "leading English writer of the twentieth century."



W.H. Auden performing Caliban (The Tempest) in The Theatre In the Woods in 1925.

In February 2007 the School will hold a special chapel service with readings from Auden's poetry and drama and there will be an exhibition in the foyer of the Auden Theatre

The **Autumn Programme** will be the weekend of 14th – 16th September 2007. All are welcome. The programme starts on Friday with a keynote speech in the Auden Theatre by a well-known literary figure. This will be followed by a drinks party. On Saturday our patron, Lord Gowrie, will lecture on post-war Auden. There will be a chance to do the "Auden walk" through the parts of the School and neighbourhood which Auden knew well and wrote about. Cocktails in Farfield House follow at Auden's favourite hour of 6.00pm. In the evening we shall hold a Grand Festival dinner followed by a performance of Auden's Cabaret Songs in the theatre. Running throughout the

weekend there will be a showing of Auden's films on a loop and, upstairs in the theatre, an exhibition of school photos, books and memorabilia. On Sunday morning we will hold a Centenary Service in Chapel which will be modelled on the celebratory service at New York's Anglican Cathedral.

Other events are still in the planning stage but we are confident that this will be a grand celebration shared by pupils, members of staff, OGs and the public.

We are in the process of collecting some sponsorship. Already the Fishmongers' Company, the Governors and the OG Club have offered generous support. We do, however, need more, and any offers or comments would be gratefully received by John Smart, c/o Gresham's School, Holt NR25 6EA or on 01263 861195.

A season ticket for all events will cost £30. The Dinner and Cabaret will cost £20 and all other events £5. The Committee hope to see as many of you as possible at our celebrations. Please make cheques payable to Gresham's School.

**John Smart**



The bust of Auden by Polish sculptor Kostek Wosnarowski being viewed in its new position by Kostek's widow Muriel and Sue Smart.



## News from the Archives

I can hardly believe another year has flown by since I reported on the progress of the Archives last September. Myself and the growing collection are still happily residing in Tallis waiting for more permanent accommodation to become available. Shelves now adorn one of the walls, with rows of acid-free boxes making it look less like a dumping ground and more like a 'proper' archive. I am gradually cataloguing the contents of the many boxes onto the computer database which is available for anyone to consult. Recently, I have been working on the wonderful photograph albums, wrapping them in acid-free tissue and listing their contents to make it easier to find pictures of bright-eyed pupils in the future.

In June I attended the AGM of the Schools Archivist Group at Cheltenham College and very much enjoyed having a look at their collection as well as meeting colleagues. The day focused on the issue of records management in schools, tackling the thorny problem of how on earth to decide what to keep and what not to keep. Lining up for the School photograph this term made me feel that I was taking part in an historic event in the life of the School and reminded me how important it is to record now for tomorrow. Consequently, I am making every effort to encourage staff to consider the archives as a home for anything they might be considering disposing of.

Other outings planned for this year include a visit to the Britten Pears Library at Aldeburgh plus a trip to Fishmongers' Hall to see the Company's archives. I hope reciprocal visits can be arranged in order that all parties are aware of what

the other is collecting and that any enquiries can quickly be directed to the most appropriate source of information.

Recent additions to the collection from within School have included some fascinating material from Farfield. Along with photograph albums and house registers, there are drama programmes, debating society minutes and an inventory carried out in 1929 by the staff of Harrods. Material is still coming in from outside, including some beautifully illustrated prize-winning essays on birds by OG **Alec Barclay** (k & W 35 - 44) and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has donated material to help develop the archive. After spending some time cataloguing minutes of the Natural History Society (formed in 1919) I was particularly pleased to see that this group is undergoing a revival and has a full programme of events planned.

Forthcoming celebrations for 2007 where you will see archives on display around the School include events commemorating the 100th anniversary of Auden and Farfield's 95th birthday. It would be good to see as many OGs as possible participating in these occasions and hopefully they will generate some happy memories of school years for all concerned.

**Liz Larby**  
**Archivist**



## Reviews and Articles

### Man of Sound and Television

**Alastair Duncan** (F 61 – 70)



An article on Alastair Duncan's change of career appeared recently in *The Soldier Magazine*. "Alastair Duncan is not a complete stranger to the electronic media, which will be an

advantage in his new job.

*Front line experience in the volatile, dangerous Bosnia of the early mid-1990s - his battalion followed Col Bob Stewart's hard-pressed Cheshires into the theatre - earned him a Distinguished Service Order and exposed him to the demands of television and radio.*

### Duncan dossier

**Maj Gen Alastair Duncan left the army last August and took over as Managing Director of SSVC the following month.**

**He was commissioned into The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire in 1973 and commanded the 1st Battalion from December 1990 for three years. Alastair Duncan later commanded 19th Mechanized Brigade and Catterick Garrison, was Director of Infantry and completed his 34 years in the Army as head of the Land Warfare Centre in Warminster. He was Colonel of the PWO until June 2006, when it merged with other Yorkshire regiments.**

*'I found we were woefully inadequate as an organisation for dealing with the media,' says the new Managing Director of the Services Sound and Vision Corporation (SSVC).*

*Maj. Gen Alastair Duncan has just made a lightning transition from career soldier to head of the charity which delivers TV, radio and cinema and live entertainment to Servicemen and women stationed around the globe.*

*With his time in the Army drawing to a natural conclusion, he was looking ahead for something to do next. 'One morning I had phone calls from four people saying there's a job that would fit me very well. I said: What's that? And they said: The SSVC.' He agreed.....and got the job."*

### A Centenary Tribute

**Robert Medley** (k 1919 – 1922)

Robert Medley's centenary on 19th December 2005 was marked by an article in the *Sunday Telegraph* by Andrew Graham Dixon. Hard copies are available from the Editor



This painting is kindly on loan to the School from **Steve Benson** (S 64 – 82)

## Aviating OGs

The OG Club would like to hear from OG aviators, whether military, commercial or private, powered or unpowered, rotary or fixed-wing. Not for any particular reason other than that aviators share the common bond of having 'slipped the surly bonds of earth' ('High Flight', P.O. Gillespie Magee, 1941). How many aviators got their first taste of flight thanks to the RAF section of the CCF? Did anyone ever get airborne on the school glider, launched by those fearsome bungees?

I'll start the ball rolling with a piece of history, noted from an obituary in the Daily Telegraph of **Captain 'Flaps' Rendell** who died recently aged 92. An Old Greshamian and noted as one of British Airways' most charismatic captains, he flew more than fifteen thousand hours in his career which included wartime service. A highlight of his career included overseeing the introduction into service of the VC10. By a strange quirk of fate, this led to the RAF recording in 2001 that three generations of his family had flown the same aircraft during its 38 years' service – himself, his eldest son and his granddaughter. Can any OG beat that for a record?

From my era at Gresham's (I left in 1972), **Philip Kemp** is now a commercial pilot flying for North American Airlines. (See article following.) **John Village** (W 66 - 71) runs a successful motor racing team and in his spare time is a keen aviator and air race competitor. Last year, he won arguably the world's most famous air race, the Schneider Trophy, flying an aircraft he'd built himself. I started my flying thanks to a RAF flying scholarship earned while at Gresham's. Flying is now both work and play, mostly the latter, with aerospace clients and a similar aircraft to John Village's under construction. It's an absorbing past-time

which brings together people from all walks of life.

If you'd like to share your experiences of aviation or just let us know what you're up to in flying, please email Charlotte Martin at [cmartin@greshams.com](mailto:cmartin@greshams.com).

Happy landings!

**Patrick Peal** (W 67 - 72)

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## Flight Biography of Philip J. Kemp



Waiting for paperwork in Kuwait

*"I have loved flying and everything connected with it for as long as I can remember. When I was two years old my parents took my brother and me to England to visit our grandparents for the first time, on a Sabena Airlines DC-7C, a piston engine propliner that was still in its heyday at the time. The image of the big propellers spinning, as we sat over the right wing, is still etched in my mind.*

*"At Gresham's I naturally chose to be involved with the CCF/RAF unit and thoroughly enjoyed it. Dick Copas, the Squadron Leader, was a wonderful officer who loved flying as much as we all did. One of the activities he organised was for our group to travel the local area all around Gresham's and explore the*

*abandoned airfields from the World War Two era. We interviewed a number of residents at local pubs (!) and farms and were told many fascinating stories of those days when East Anglia was the hub of the allied air effort against Germany.*

*After Gresham's I had to put my dream of becoming an airline pilot on hold for quite some time as the airlines were only hiring from the military." However, Philip didn't give up and so, "in 1982 I obtained my private pilot's licence in Boston and over the years flew whenever I could, building up my flight time little by little... but never giving up on my dream..."*

During 1988 Philip helped to save three Lockheed 1649A Starliner Constellations by working with the owner in restoring and flying them to new locations. He is still involved in trying to get one of them flying on a regular basis for the international airshow circuit - "...donations welcome!" **[www.starliner.net](http://www.starliner.net)**"

In 1999 he left his marketing and sales job with an air charter company in Maine to attend flight school. Passing exams for his multi engine, instrument and commercial ratings, he joined Continental Express and qualified on the ATR-42, assigned to Cleveland, Ohio, arriving on 10th September. The next morning his roommate knocked on his door, "You'd better come and see this..." which was the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Towers, September 11th 2001. *"An incredibly difficult day for all concerned, to say the least. For me, after all I had accomplished to get to the airlines, it meant I was furloughed and two weeks later, out of work."*

His perseverance paid off though and soon Philip was flying the Cessna Citation II jet in the USA, Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean, then co-piloting the Hawker 700 business jet before moving on to fly the twin turboprop EMB-120 Brasilia for SkyWest Airlines. He was subsequently

recalled to Continental Express, trained and flew the Embraer EMB-145 jet for nearly two years. However, last October, an old friend and chief pilot tracked him down and asked if he would like to interview for a job flying for North American Airlines, based at JFK. *"Needless to say, I jumped at the opportunity to fly the big jets!"* Philip was hired in October 2005 and completed his 757/767 type rating at Boeing's training facility in Seattle.

*"So, at fifty years old, I have finally realised my dream... flying the big Boeing jetliners all over the world and loving every minute of it. The view from my office window is incredible and sometimes I have to pinch myself to believe I am actually here. I have many people to thank for my progress over the years...to be able to go from light recreational aircraft like Pipers and Cessnas to Boeing jetliners in five years seems impossible but if you develop your contacts and work hard, anything is possible. Never, never, never give up on your dream and do what you love... it is always the best choice."*

**Philip J. Kemp** (H 71 – 74)  
Email: [pjk1649a@aol.com](mailto:pjk1649a@aol.com)

## Lines Written in Early Spring

An exhibition of new paintings and drawings by **Jenny Broom** (c & B 91 – 01) was held in the Nicholson Gallery at Gresham's in April.



## Why fly when you can drive...

Not content with a simple parachute jump or fun run, **Alex Towns** (T 87 - 89), his wife

Maz and a friend from university decided on a much more challenging event to raise money for charity. In August last year they embarked on a gruelling expedition to drive 65,000 km from the U.K. to New Zealand in aid of charity! As well as driving half way round the world, part of their charity fundraising is to dive in as many countries along the route making it a true overland-underwater adventure!



From left: Martin, Maz & Alex

Realising how fortunate they were to be able to undertake such a trip, the team felt that it would be a great opportunity to offer something back to the countries and communities that they will be travelling through. Having affiliated themselves with CARE International, a humanitarian organisation working to end world poverty, they have set themselves a very challenging target of trying to raise £25,000 for the charity.

After choosing a couple of old Land Cruisers for the challenge, they designed the cars to be a mobile home-from-home.

The feature that attracts most attention is the roof-top tent, which bolts to the roof rack then folds open over the bonnet - similar to a 'pop-up' book the tent pops up ready for bed! Of course the domestics of cooking and cleaning are all accounted for and they have even plumbed in a shower to wash away the grime of the road!



The team learn about the project work in Egypt

The expedition will be travelling through some of the poorest communities of the world, seeing people who deal with suffering and hardship on a daily basis. To this end they have arranged with CARE International to visit some of their projects in various countries along the route.

When in Egypt, the team visited a water purification and sanitation project where CARE work with villages to provide better water management. For a mere £20 per household the project is installing clean running water, vastly improving the health and hygiene for the community.



Delightful bridges in Esfahan, Iran



Later in rural India they visited education projects where as little as £5 funds a child's education for a whole year and helps combat the cycle of illiteracy! Now, as they pass through South East Asia, they are looking at how CARE is still actively helping to rebuild communities after the devastating tsunami wreaked havoc in the region just over a year ago.

The journey planned takes in many amazing sights during the 18 months on the road. Having already driven overland across Europe, they then did a dogleg down towards Egypt. Not only did this enable them to visit a CARE project there but also, as the route took them through Syria, to stop off at the magnificent castle, Krak Des Chevaliers, be befriended by a nomadic goat herder and visit the ancient city of Palmyra. Moving on to Jordan, the delights of Petra and the serenity of the beautiful Wadi Rum made quite a contrast to floating in the Dead Sea, which at 400m below sea level was the 'lowest' point on the trip.



Alex gets up close and personal to an Oceanic White Tip

The 60km ferry trip from Aqaba to Egypt was a story in its own right. It was only a mere 16 hours from boarding to finally clearing customs before the team were back on the road again, setting their sights on the spectacular wonders of ancient Egypt. They also submerged beneath the waves of the Red Sea where

they were lucky enough to spend a whole dive floating amongst a soup of oceanic white tips!



We arrive at the pyramids

Returning to Turkey before pressing on East, they fell victim to an unfortunate smash and grab. However the local community rallied around to fix the window and see the team safely on their way again and into Iran. Apprehensive and unsure what to expect, Iran was a delight of both Islamic architecture and extremely hospitable people and they waved a fond farewell before they crossed into Pakistan. Here they were met by a fantastic group of 4x4 enthusiasts who took them (escorted by 16 armed commandos just to be safe!) through the Baluchistan desert, before the team headed north to see for themselves the shocking after-effects and devastation left by the recent earthquake.



Trekking Annapurna



Experiencing the comical border closing ceremony between Pakistan and India, the team then explored the sub-continent and honed their acting skills as Bollywood extras before entering Nepal to trek through the Annapurna mountain range and get a little used to the altitude in preparation for their drive across Tibet - the roof of the world. Breaking down at 5100 m in front of Mt. Everest tested their bush mechanic skills but what an amazing place. China was somewhat disciplined and artificial - a complete contrast to the sleepy Laos where they stumbled upon a village that had never seen white people before!



Children at class in India

Nine months into the expedition, they are now in Thailand working with the dive communities to raise money for the charity. They then plan to continue through Asia and Australasia - 26 countries in total, before arriving at their final destination of New Zealand in February 2007!

The team have set up a website [www.overland-underwater.com](http://www.overland-underwater.com) which they regularly update with diary entries and photos. It makes interesting reading, looking at their adventures so far and hearing about the CARE projects they are visiting, with more to follow as they continue their drive to New Zealand.

To help the team in their bid to reach the £25,000 target, the team would be extremely grateful if you would like to give a donation to CARE International. This can be easily achieved by visiting their website and either downloading a sponsor form from the homepage or, alternatively, donate securely online via the link on their website to [www.justgiving.com/overland-underwater](http://www.justgiving.com/overland-underwater).

All donation money raised will be going to CARE International, of which CARE are proud to state that 93p in every £1 donated goes directly to help fund their work in the field. The entire expedition costs are being funded by the team.

The Club wishes the team success for their charity drive, safe travels and the best of luck!

## “A Family Affair”

**John K Coleridge** (S 52 - 85) has just completed the second part of his trilogy - “A Family Affair”. These volumes take the form of poetry by his famous forebear Samuel Taylor Coleridge and a lesser scion of his family, John Keats Coleridge. Commentary is given on each entry relating what was happening to the writer at the time of producing the particular poem.

Copies of John’s poems are available at £3 from Hall Cottage, 195 Norwich Road, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 8LR.



John enjoying the cricket on OG Day

## Siblings' success story

**Tom** (k & T 95 - 04) and **Ben** (k & T 97 - 06) **Youngs** and fellow OG and Leicester Academy player, **Ben Pienaar** (T 01 - 05) have continued their run of excellent rugby. Tom has been playing for England U19s, Ben for England U16s and Ben Pienaar for the national U21 squad. The following is taken from the Eastern Daily Press:

*"England and Leicester Tigers prospects Ben and Tom Youngs, from Aylsham, have been talking about their promising careers."*



England players Tom (left) and Ben Youngs

Older sibling Tom is a World Cup veteran at U19 level, and Gresham's and England U16 scrumhalf Ben is poised to join his brother after being selected to join the Tigers Academy. 'It's quite weird,' admitted Tom. 'I think he already knows what to expect, but I'm on hand if he needs advice because I've been through it. Dad (former England player **Nick** (F 76 - 78) has been there too but even he says the game has changed so much. It's a lot more professional - he trained three times a week whereas I train every day. The clubs really own the players nowadays.'

Tom's progress is set to continue next season at National Division One outfit

Bedford. 'Things have gone well for me so far', said the 19-year-old centre. 'The coaches think I am capable of first team standard, but we don't get enough out of academy and second team games. Playing for Bedford should give me the chance to experience that first team pressure to win matches. I'll train with them on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the rest of the time I am at Leicester.'



Tom and Ben in jovial mood!!

*I have already had a couple of contact sessions and it is a big step up - you feel the hits a lot more. When Martin Corry comes charging at you, you have to be technically right or you'll get found out.'*

Ben, 16, said 'playing for England was a wonderful experience. We were the first team at that age group to win all our matches away. Getting a two-year deal with the Tigers is exciting and I'm looking forward to the whole experience of living with my brother and Ben Pienaar. I just want to settle in and see how far I can push it. Making a career out of the game would be the ideal situation but I've got a lot of hard work ahead. We've never played together before but to run out at Welford Road in the same side would be brilliant.'

We look forward to watching their progress in the years ahead.



Actress **Miranda Raison** (E 90 – 91) talks in the Sunday Telegraph magazine



**“12pm** Get up. A lazy day because I am going to have a late evening. I usually have a good breakfast but today just a cup of coffee and a banana – I’m meeting my dad for lunch.

**3pm** To dad’s favourite restaurant. He has the same thing every time; prawn cocktail with avocado and minute steak with chips. I copied him. Then we potter about and go for a cup of tea at the Wolseley.

**7pm** To a screening with my agent; popcorn during the film.

**10pm** A very bready plate of hummus and tsatsiki - heavy stodge and not what I’d normally choose late at night - and a big bottle of fizzy water. I drink the odd glass of wine but it doesn’t sit with me well. I have a blowout sometimes - I’ll have chocolate fondant pudding with pistachio ice-cream about once a fortnight. I’ve drunk soy milk since I was a child to combat congestion and eczema, but I eat cheese. I eat meat, but not masses. I’m not a great cook so it’s limiting to be off carbs. I steer clear of white flour, and have brown rice. I don’t trust low-carb diets – they don’t recommend fruit, which can’t be right.”

**NIGEL DENBY**, Dietician, says “What a relief to find a celebrity talking sense about nutrition.... Why shouldn’t she enjoy a little of what she fancies in moderation? I like her non-faddy approach to food.”

**Miranda is currently starring in Woody Allen’s new film, Matchpoint.**

## Trading Faith: Global Religion in an Age of Rapid Change

2006 saw the publication of the above book by **Dr. David Hart** (S 79 - 84). It is published by O Books and John Hunt reviews it thus:

*“In an age of terrorism and increasing Christian/Muslim conflict it’s time for a new look at how differing religions can be reconciled, and contribute to the peace of the world rather than its destruction. The answer can be found in the similarity of the philosophical traditions at the heart of each, rather than in the particular dogmas and doctrines that divide. In Trading Faith, David Hart here leapfrogs the usual interfaith questions, the more mundane analysis by*

*social commentators and politicians, and provides a new, coherent vision of religious philosophy for the 21st century.*

*He also brings it down to earth in his own experiences of living in South India, perhaps the finest example of differing religions co-existing peacefully for the millennia... Essential reading for all concerned with the relations between faiths, this warm and witty evocation of the sights, sounds and spirits of Southern India is a journey of mind, body and soul for everyone today.”*



## The Aces in a Pack of Jokers



In May, the International Jester Tournament was the centrepiece of Britain's first Festival of Fools, held at Muncaster Castle in Cumbria.

When the post of Fool of Muncaster was revived in 2005, after more than 300 years, the winning applicant was Jem Famous [**Jeremy Hulbert** (OSH 80 - 82)] from neighbouring Ambleside. The article in *The Telegraph* by reporter Max Davidson continues, "Jem wowed the crowds with a performance that included juggling knives and riding a seven-foot unicycle ... although he will be sorry to say goodbye to Muncaster, he has enjoyed every minute of his year as Fool."

'Probably the highlight was the Feast of Fools last November, when we invited members of the National Guild of Jesters to a banquet at the castle. Muncaster is a magical place. In fact, I am getting married in the castle this autumn. These foolish ideas rub off on you.'

There are basically two kinds of fool according to Jem: stupid fools - Baldrick types with a few screws loose in the head; and intelligent fools whose trump card is their wit. He does not say so in so many words but he is obviously one of the latter. After taking a degree in psychology at Durham University, he was languishing on the dole when the Thatcher government dangled something called the Enterprise Allowance Scheme in front of him. 'You basically got £40 a week for starting your own business. I appeared on page 3 of *The Sun* -The Man Getting Taxpayers'

*Money to Juggle Balls. But it gave me a start and, 20 years on, I still earn good money as a street performer.'*

*How easy is it to play the fool? I (Max Davidson) am about to find out. Jem rummages around in his effects box and comes up with a medieval-monk costume. 'I shall introduce you as the Mad Monk of Muncaster. Is that OK? Just remember to stay relaxed. You have to be alert to what's going on around you. We'll give you something simple to start with. Have you ever bent spoons?'*



An audience is starting to gather on the lawn in front of the castle. I am not enjoying this. 'Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen' says Jem all smiles. 'My name is Jem, the Fool of Muncaster. A man of many parts - some of them still working. You are about to enjoy 15 minutes of high-class entertainment, crammed into half an hour.' A would-be heckler opens his mouth to say something. 'Don't clap with your hands in your pockets, sir, you'll do yourself a mischief.' The gags are awful, Christmas cracker stuff ('Why does a Frenchman only have one egg for breakfast? Because one egg is un oeuf'). But because it is done with a smile, the awfulness is not just forgiven, but enjoyed.

As Jem milks the crowd I recall a line of classroom Shakespeare: 'This fellow's wise enough to play the fool.' Exactly ... Yes, I think, removing my monk costume, I could get used to playing the fool. It's not only one of the oldest professions, but one of the most honourable too."



## Bridge On the River Kwai – A Myth Demolished

Alec Guinness created a movie legend with his portrayal of a British senior officer, prisoner of the Japanese. Now, almost 50 years on, a new book tells the true story of **Philip Toosey** (W 17 - 22) who was the real hero of The Bridge On the River Kwai.



The Bridge on the River Kwai was a movie classic. But to many former prisoners it was a slur on Philip Toosey. Steve Snelling of the EDP wrote a fascinating report on a new book by Philip's granddaughter, Julie Summers.

*".....While the film industry showered the movie with awards, former prisoners of war poured scorn on it. At the top of their long list of misrepresentations was the film's treatment of the bridge camp's senior British officer. As played by Alec Guinness...the fictional Colonel Nicholson was a vainglorious martinet whose twisted notion of honour and racial superiority led him on a path of collusion and collaboration. Yet the reality was altogether different. Lt Col Philip Toosey, a Territorial Army artilleryman serving with the 18th (East Anglian) Division, helped the Japanese build two bridges across the Kwai Yai river not in an effort to impress his captors with British engineering skills,*

*but because he had no choice. However, as officer in charge of the Tamarkan bridge camp he did all in his power to mitigate the maltreatment of the men under his command. So much so, in fact, that his name became a byword for courageous leadership amongst the prisoners compelled to toil as slave labourers on the Death Railway....*

*Almost 50 years after the film's release, Toosey has found a new champion in the shape of his granddaughter and biographer. Julie Summers has spent four years researching and writing a book that unravels the truth behind the movie myth.*

*'I have a feeling I have done the only job in my life that was worthwhile...I wonder if I shall ever find anything like it again.' The war completely changed Toosey, says Julie, he went from being a very ambitious would-be successful businessman to being someone who had lost all interest in material things. Thirty years after his death, tapes of his recollections, allied with interviews with ex-prisoners have provided his granddaughter with the basis for a book that stands not only as a testament to one of the war's most humane heroes, but as a much needed historical corrective.*

*Not that Julie is naïve enough to imagine that it will completely counteract the enormous impact of the fictional film version. 'Billions of people have seen the film and even in my wildest dreams I'm not going to sell that many copies of my book. But if there's just a drip, drip, drip into the common parlance that the film isn't absolutely accurate then I think we'll have done a service.'*

*It is a service of which her grandfather would be proud."*

The Colonel of Tamarkan by Julie Summers is published by Simon and Schuster.



## OG Sport

# The Old Greshamian Golfing Society

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Report to the Old Greshamian Club on  
the activities of the OG Golf Society  
during 2006 as follows:

**Spring Meeting, Royal Worlington** (Friday  
24th March) - Even with Worlington's  
bunkers out of play, following a  
programme of rebuilding over the winter,  
the course presented its usual challenge  
to the 19 Old Greshamian golfers.  
Conditions were good, we enjoyed the  
usual excellent Worlington hospitality and,  
playing foursomes all day, the winning  
aggregate score, on a high scoring day,  
was posted by Peter Watson with 81  
points, closely followed by Pat Cook and  
James Crick who both scored 78.

**Halford Hewitt** (6th - 9th April) - With  
Uppingham as our opponents this year  
and with the confidence of better  
performances in recent years behind the  
team, there was anticipation of progress.

Even with one or two regulars missing, a  
strong team went down to Royal St  
George's – Jeremy Mumby (capt), Tom  
Allison, Mike Barnard, Tom Hawes, Tristan  
Hedley, Adam Mann, James Marsom,  
Robert Mumby, Will Stebbings and Ben  
Stockham – but sadly, in cold and windy  
conditions, it was yet another case of  
defeat snatched from the jaws of victory,  
with Gresham's failing to convert a 3 up  
with 5 to play position in the deciding  
match and going down 3-2. Jeremy did  
draw some consolation from the  
performance and, with some younger  
talent coming out of the School in recent  
years, competition for places will start to  
hot up, which will hopefully be converted  
into success on the course in the future.  
Defeat sent us to the Plate competition  
where we came up against one of the  
Hewitt's stronger schools, Epsom, and we  
went down to a 3-0 defeat, although two  
matches did get to the 17th.

**Grafton Morrish Qualifying Round,  
Leicestershire GC** (14th May) - Bereft of  
regulars through holidays, births and last  
minute cancellations, it would have been  
an excellent achievement to have  
qualified for the Autumn finals – sadly,  
the 59 points scored was well short of  
the 74 required. Thanks to the team of  
Patrick Cook, Adam Mann, James Pointen,  
John Peal, Toby Rolph and Graham Wells  
who turned out on the day to a new  
venue, which will be used again next year.  
(Sunday 13th May 2007 – if anyone is  
planning to have babies, please ensure  
that arrivals steer well clear of this date!)

**Cyril Gray, Worplesden** (22nd - 24th June)  
- Following last years success in reaching  
the Plate Final there was considerable  
optimism going into this year's event.  
The team of Mike Barnard (capt), Patrick  
Cook, Peter Morton, Jeremy Mumby,  
Graham Wells and Simon Wilson, started  
well with a 2-1 victory over Rossall but  
succumbed in the 2nd round against  
Wrekin. With some regular Halford Hewitt

golfers now having reached the magical age of 50 (with one or two others to shortly follow suit) the prospects of putting out competitive teams in the future can only improve.

**Summer Meeting, Sheringham** (Sunday 25th June) - On a splendid summer's day 18 OG golfers turned out for the Summer Meeting and we were delighted to welcome our first lady members, Pat Blyth and Nicki Martin. We were also joined by 3 members of staff but, sadly, examination and cricket commitments prevented any of the pupils from joining us.

Sheringham was showing some signs of stress from the dry, hot spell that had recently started but, in general, the course and in particular the greens were in excellent order.

Following golf we were royally entertained to an excellent buffet supper back at school, which was much enjoyed by all, some of whom also managed to catch a glimpse of the OG cricket match. Our grateful thanks go to the School for their hospitality and in particular to George Heaney for his assistance in organising both the golf at very preferential rates and for the buffet afterwards.

On the golf course the trophies and prizes were awarded as follows:

- Overall winner – **Richard Stevens, 41 points**
- Veterans – **Martin Olley, 34 points**
- Staff/Pupils – **Peter Badger, 32 points**
- Longest Drive – **Walter Hammond**
- Nearest the Pin – **John Peal**

**Governors' Match, Royal West Norfolk** (Thursday 29th June) - Peter Watson very kindly captained the OG side on a 'beautiful sunny day', remarking how green the greens were! As ever, we

benefited from some wonderful hospitality from the Governors, both in the clubhouse and on the course, resulting in a victory for the OGs. Our thanks to the Governors once again for their ongoing support for this very popular event in the golfing calendar.

Those representing the OGs were: Peter Watson (capt), Walter Hammond, Mike Longe, Peter Morton, David Newling, Martin Olley, Roger Ridley-Thomas and John Rolph.

Remaining fixtures for 2006, which had yet to take place at the time of the print deadline are:

**Autumn Meeting, Aldeburgh** (Friday 6th October) and the **4 Schools Match, Royal Worlington** (Friday 20th October) - A report on these two meetings will be provided next year.

The OG Golf Society is always looking for new members of all abilities (the handicap range of existing members is from 2 to 28 for men and up to 34 for ladies). We enjoy our golf; our match against the Governors and the Spring, Summer and Autumn meeting days in particular are totally inclusive and we actively encourage golfers of all ages, sexes and abilities to join us. So if you are already a member but haven't been to any of our meetings, now is the time to change all that and if you are not a member but would like to join please contact the Hon Secretary.

**Richard Stevens**



## Hogs Hockey 2005/6 Season

This season has been a mixed bag, full of ups and downs, highs and lows, ins and outs, roughs with the smooth, out with the old and in with the new and all in all much like every other Hogs' year. We literally kicked off against the mighty Holt and scraped a 4-2 victory with goals from Deane, Farrow, Pickett and Pitcher. Sadly 'youth' then returned to soap-dodging studies, leaving 'experience' somewhat lacking in pace and fitness so early in the season. This resulted in a narrow 7-2 defeat against Broadland.

Clearly the summer had taken its toll on some of us and the propensity to shout "your man" due to lack of fitness became our war cry. However we battled our way through a gruelling encounter with the UEA and came out the wrong side of 5-3. Our saving grace was the final Lintott, Max, brother of "tap in" and son of "yuri", who scored a hat-trick and really kept us in contention throughout our games prior to Christmas. Max followed the UEA game by scoring all four goals in our (his) victory over Dereham and another three in our 7-1 drubbing of the Staff XI, ably assisted with goals from Payne, Cargill and Hedley (2). The Pelicans proved stiffer opposition and we lost 5-3 with goals from Pitcher and Hedley (2), who had been snatched from prep yet again.

A spate of wins, almost a run, continued against Norwich Union (9-3), the School (6-4) and the Students (8-6) earning us all a deserved break for Christmas. There was a suggestion from the back room staff to the back four of Mitchell, Payne, Bannock and Flower to "beef up a bit" over the festive period, as it seemed

not quite as long a trek to get round our defence these days. Sure enough the post Christmas weigh-in exceeded all expectations with Dale muscling in on the act and proving a serious obstacle to opposition strikers. Flower, on the other hand, seemed incapable of putting on any weight and was in danger of fading away.

However, with the epic school game approaching, it was time for Buckingham (elite director of training) to select a firebrand side to combat the school. In doing so, the majority of the Hogs had to be side lined - thankfully - and players from the youth policy brought into the limelight. Paskell, Sisson, Horsley, Waters, Marsom and lots of Lintotts performed at speeds unknown to the regular squad and produced another memorable victory (4-3) over a very talented school side, with Dale saving a penalty flick in the dying minutes. Thanks to NF for the afters, as usual we were royally entertained.

Basking in reflected glory was, in hindsight, a rather damp experience as losses against the Staff (6-2), Dereham (5-1) and Pelicans (7-0) felt as though we had begun to swim unsuccessfully against the tide of rather young opposition. We did however pick up towards the end of the season and achieved wins against a very agricultural Farmer's side (7-6) and Norwich Union (7-5). I have missed out many of the results and fixtures we played but I am sure we won all the rest.

All in all another hugely amusing and enjoyable season, with big thanks to Buck, our fixture secretary and all of you who wielded your sticks.

Skip.

**Ali Cargill** (F 84 - 89)

# OG Cricket

## OGs v The School

The match was played on a bright sunny day, with the OGs winning the toss and electing to bat. Tom Farrow (81) and Michael Pickett (44) quickly set about the school attack with a superb array of attacking shots and the hundred was up, without loss, in the 20th over. The first wicket fell when Pickett was caught behind off the bowling of Ben Farrow, making his debut. For once, skipper Jonny Wyatt failed to trouble the scorers but then more runs soon flowed from the elegant batting of Keiron Tuck (51) and Andy Wheeler (36\*). This enabled the declaration with a score of 275 for 5 off only 54 overs – a formidable total for the School to chase.



With Felix Flower opening the batting, anything was possible and after twenty overs the score stood at 84 for 1. There then followed an excellent stand between Felix and Charlie Ponder and with these two at the wicket a win for the School looked possible. However, when Felix went for 74, caught off the bowling of James Woodward, the School could not maintain the required run rate, despite

the best efforts of Charlie who finished on 59 not out. The game finished with a draw - the School being on 228 for 5. Daniel Jackson was the most economical OG bowler with 1 for 48 off 16 overs.



This was another excellent game played in absolutely the right spirit on the magnificent 1st XI square, with the bat generally dominating the ball. It is most satisfying and pleasing to see so many talented OGs coming back to play in this fixture and showing that they have not lost their touch. May we have many more days like this.

### Alan Ponder

[Alan has retired as Head of Cricket and Peter Watson is the new Master in Charge. We thank Alan for all his hard work over the years organising this fantastic day and we hope we will still see him on the boundary!]



## OGRE

### The Old Greshamian Rifle Establishment

OGRE's season started with the Piglet Shield – an annual .22 match against the current school team. Moved from its traditional venue at Winfarthing to the School, for many OGREs it is the one and only time in the year that they pick up a smallbore target rifle. Gresham's fielded a team blended of youth and experience, which compensated for OGRE rustiness. OGRE achieved a 16 point victory and had an enjoyable time, especially with the sumptuous buffet laid on by Master in Charge, Freddie Grounds, and the Gresham's Catering Department.

Easter saw a certain sporting event taking place in Melbourne, Australia, with Glyn Barnett shooting fullbore rifle for England in his third Commonwealth Games. He was delighted to finally get a gold medal with his partner, Parag Patel, in the pairs match to add to his two silvers and a bronze. In the individual event, he unfortunately paid the price of having an ultra-fast shooting technique and put a shot on the wrong target after which, in the words of his team manager, "he sort of lost interest". Even that could not keep the broad grin from his face!

OGRE was once again heavily involved in coaching the school's current rifle club members and the annual Astor heat took place during one training weekend - OGRE taking the match comfortably with Gresham's fielding some very young shooters. This gave OGRE the right to represent Norfolk in the Astor final, one of the first matches of the Imperial. For a few glorious hours it seemed we had won until it was discovered that, since we last bought a 'Bisley Bible', the team

constituency had changed and OGRE were disqualified.

There were several individual successes during the meeting. The two Nigels, Ball and Stangroom, both made the final of the Queen's Prize, while Nigel Ball and Richard Stewart got into the last hundred of the George's. Mr. Ball won the 900 yard Conan Doyle, the Admiral Campbell and the Volunteer Force. Richard Stewart picked up the Palma Aggregate on the way to claiming the Grand Aggregate, one of the 'Big Three' which requires consistently high levels of performance all day, every day, for five days. Pete Holden and Nigel Ball joined him in the top fifty, X-ing themselves – again!

Good performance brings reward in the form of team selections. Richard Stewart shot for England in the long range McKinnon match, while Ed Wood was in the England team in the short range Combined Services match. Guy Bartle shot with the Territorial Army in both Inter Services matches.

Since the Imperial, Nigel Ball and Mary Boston have toured Canada with the Great Britain team, where Nigel won the Tilton. He is also adjutant to the GB Palma team, in which Richard Stewart will shoot and for which Peter Holden is reserve.

**Guy Bartle** (k & OSH 78 – 85)





## OG Swimming Gala 2006

The annual OG swimming gala took place on Sunday 25th June 2006 and witnessed a more impressive turnout of OGs than in previous years, including: Mike Neville (T 02), Tom Morrison (H 03), Harry Stevenson (W 04), Celia Dupont (B 05), Asia Turner-Bridger (E 05), Abbey Hewson (E 05) and a special mention must go to the ever-committed Owen Hamilton (W 99) who zoomed down from Sheffield in time for a 10:30 a.m. start!

The National Schools Swimming Championships in May saw Gresham's boys demolish all other teams in the freestyle relay to take Gold for the first time in their history and they were also unlucky to only come second in the medley relay. This had the OG team quaking in their boots until two of the fastest Gresham's swimmers had to back out of the event. What a shame!

This gave the OGs a fighting chance to be within 10 points of Gresham's, come the

final score. However, with the exception of an Owen Hamilton victory in backstroke, Gresham's were in control throughout the gala. When it came to the relays at the end of the gala, a Gresham's swimmer managed to lose his swimming shorts, which proceeded to slide underneath the lane rope to obstruct the vision and progress of our OG swimmers! Unfortunately Mr. Tuck saw this as no reason to disqualify Gresham's and so they went on to claim victory!

The gala was followed by the traditional Barbecue round Mr. Tuck's house, which was delicious as always and for the twenty-sixth year running, there was no rain!

I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tuck for taking time on a Sunday to organise the event and prepare all the food. It is always a great occasion and this year was no exception. However, there is no time to relax; Gresham's, the current national champions, are able to provide the same team for next year so there is no time for OGs to take a respite from training!

**Mike Neville** (k & T 92 – 02)





## Gresham's vs. OGs Football Match 9th September 2006

The OGs fielded their strongest ever side and their most ghastly ever kit for the second OG match of 2006. The OGs were quick off the blocks when Mike Neville's corner was met by Adam Worthington who cleverly flicked the ball into the back of the net for 1 - 0. A superb solo run and rounding of the Gresham's keeper by Tanius Watfa set the half-time score at 2 - 0.

Soon after the break, the OGs were in cruise control when superb holding play by Will Portch led to a Dave Worthington cross, which in turn was met with a bullet of a header from Greg Clark. Tan Watfa grabbed his second of the afternoon soon afterwards and the match was as good as over. However, towards the final whistle, the beer-starved bellies of Gresham's

began to dominate possession as the slightly more bloated OGs looked tired and this pressure resulted in a consolation goal. Final score 4 - 1.

**Mike Neville** (T 92 - 02)

**Back Row (left to right):** Adam Worthington (F 06), Tanius Watfa (T 05), Tom Rawlings (T 06), Andy Griffiths (T 02), Iain Heaton (GK, F 02), Tim Gates (T 02), Des Smith (T 06), Dave Worthington (F 04)

**Front Row (left to right):** Tim Crane (T 02), Mike Neville (Capt. T 02), Will Portch (T 02), Tim Armstrong (F 02)

**Absent from photo:** Greg Clark (H 06).

## Miscellaneous

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### Articles

Where an article or obituary has referred to a fuller review which we have not had room to publish and a member would like a copy of the complete article, please contact the Editor who would be happy to comply with such a request.

### Bruce Douglas Memorial Scholarship

This year's winner of the Bruce Douglas Memorial Scholarship, funded by the generosity of the OGs for the most promising mathematician entering the Lower Sixth, is Rhodri Oliver.

### Careers

Patrick Cooper, Careers Master, is very happy to hear from OGs who would be willing to act as Careers Consultants at the Careers Convention which takes place at the School every December. Anyone interested should contact Patrick on 01263 714516.

### Club Regalia or the OG Collection

The Committee are looking to increase the collection of items on offer to Old Greshamians and would welcome any

input from OGs as to what they would like to see on offer and any ideas of suppliers. *(Particular plea from Ed: can anyone think of an equivalent of the tie for the girls!)*

Meanwhile, members can now purchase the following:

|                    |        |
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| Braces             | £16.00 |
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An excellent account of the period in World War II when the School was evacuated to Newquay.

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An illustrated History of Gresham's by Steve Benson and Martin Crossley-Evans

Please add £5.00 for postage and packaging and send cheques, payable to the OG Club, to The Club Co-ordinator, c/o The Staff Common Room, Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk NR25 6EA

### Contact

Please send all suggestions, articles, information and photographs (including your house and the dates you were at School) to the Editor:

c/o The Staff Common Room, Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk, NR25 6EA or via email to [cmartin@greshams.com](mailto:cmartin@greshams.com)

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## Database

Please Note: All OGs should be aware that their address, email addresses and telephone numbers are held on a Database. This Database is used only for activities that are on behalf of the School or the Old Greshamian Club. No information from this Database will be given to any other organisation (commercial or otherwise, even if run by an OG). Unless we are informed to the contrary, we shall assume that it is in order to communicate information from the Database to enable OGs to contact each other or for Gresham's and the OGs to contact members of the Club. We keep a record of those few OGs (currently five) who ask that their information should not be communicated to anyone; their addresses are used only to send OG magazines and other circulars. If you wish to be added to this list, please inform Charlotte Martin.

Members should be assured that during the proposed development of the Database to make it more useful and member-friendly, the first priority is to protect all information concerning OGs in every way. Members will be informed of any projected changes.

## Email Addresses

Please send us a note of your email addresses! We would much appreciate it and it helps us keep in touch. Members may email their addresses to Charlotte Martin at [cmartin@greshams.com](mailto:cmartin@greshams.com).

## Events

Please do let us know if any of you would like us to help organise any events either at the School, London or in other regions. We are keen to encourage everyone to get together, whether in year or house groups or right across the decades, and would love any feedback from such occasions.

## Farfield's 95th Birthday!



All Old Farfield Boys are warmly invited to celebrate

**THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF FARFIELD**  
on Saturday 26 May 2007

6.00pm Evensong in the School Chapel  
(Sung by Old Boys)

7.15pm Dinner in Farfield

Farfield celebrates its 95th Anniversary this academic year. Around 1000 pupils have spent their school days in Farfield since it opened in September 1911 with Major JC Miller as Housemaster. Old Farfield Boys have succeeded in a huge variety of different professions with a large number of nationally and internationally renowned former pupils; these include clergymen, composers, soldiers, poets, medical doctors, teachers, administrators, historians, publishers, film directors, engineers, lawyers, television and radio presenters, businessmen, farmers and even racing car drivers.

The Dinner will cost £35 (cheques made payable to Gresham's School) and will include 4 different wines and port, please bring your own cigars.

If you would like to attend please contact James Thomson (Housemaster Farfield) on 01263 714566 or [jthomson@greshams.com](mailto:jthomson@greshams.com); please also let him know if you would like to sing in the choir.

## Honours Board - Big School

Could OG's who have received 1st Class degrees or higher honours (up to knighthoods) since 2003 please contact the Head of Sixth Form ([gburnell@greshams.com](mailto:gburnell@greshams.com)) with details.

## Howson Commemoration Lunch

The date for the lunch is Sunday 24th June at 1.30pm in the Thatched Buildings after the AGM. Please contact Charlotte Martin if you would like a ticket. Tickets cost £15 and cheques should be made payable to Gresham's School.

## Howson's OGs – "Troni" Alert!!

A message to all Howson's OGs - Maureen Dimsdale, alias "Troni", is retiring as Matron of Howson's in Summer 2007. She has been here for more years than many of us can remember and in her time has seen four Housemasters, not to mention the odd House Tutor and how many hundreds of boys? As a token of appreciation, Jonny Martin, the current Housemaster, would like to produce a book of reminiscences from her boys. He would be grateful for any messages, stories, anecdotes, photographs, etc., so that he can give her a special memento to express everyone's gratitude. Please send all information to Jonny at Howson's.

## Men of Gresham's Lectures:

### Tom Bourdillon, Mountaineer and Scientist

The Men of Gresham's lectures, started as part of the 450th anniversary celebrations, continued with this lecture by Philip Hawes, Director of Studies at Gresham's Prep School.

"Tom Bourdillon died on 29th July 1956 whilst climbing on the East Buttress of the Jagilhorn in the Swiss Alps. This commemorative lecture investigates the influences that led him from being a shy Gresham's School pupil to becoming a ground breaking Scientist and the finest British mountaineer of his generation."

### 101 Heroes

Sue Smart is to resume this lecture series on the 8th November with the story of some of the 100 men of Gresham's killed in the Great War (actually 101 as one Master died in action). "Five hundred went out, four hundred came back." The BBC television programme "When Heroes Die", made in 2001, will be shown by Sue, plus she will be recounting some more stories which only came to light after the film was made.

*(By the time of going to print, the above lectures will have been given but the Editor would be happy to send on copies.)*

## OG Lodge, No 5769

(The Lodge is a member of the Public School Lodges Council, a group of 33 similar Old School Lodges who hold an annual Festival by rotation at their respective schools and share reciprocal visiting arrangements.)

Membership to the Old Greshamian Lodge is open to any Old Boy or member



of staff, provided entry qualifications are satisfied. Currently there are about 35 members of the Lodge. The Lodge meets four times a year, three times in London at Freemasons' Hall and on the Friday evening of the Howson Commemoration Weekend at Gresham's Big School. Enquiries about membership of the Old Greshamian Lodge should be addressed to the Secretary:

**Michael Stott** (W 53 - 56)) Brick Kiln Farm, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9LH. Email: [mikestott@tesco.net](mailto:mikestott@tesco.net).

New or joining members are always welcome.

## Peace Medal

Captain **Hugh Lock** (k & OSH 33 - 37) presented a Peace Medal to the School in 2005. The inscription on the medal reads "Make Peace Indestructible". This is awarded by the Headmaster to a pupil to underline the enormous importance that the School attaches to a society that is free from the scourge of war.

## Photographs

Please remember to send photographs with your articles and news. They can either be emailed or sent as hard copies and the Editor will return them as soon as possible.

## Thank You!

The Editor is indebted to the following people for getting this magazine to print: to Michael Goff, for giving me the freedom to change the format; to Bridget Neville and my mum for endless proof reading, changes and suggestions; to Richard Peaver as a fabulous source of articles and information; to Peter Corran for his endless help with keeping everything up to date; to Julian, Paul, Karen and the team at Barnwell's for putting up with me and getting this all to print and lastly to Jonny and my family for being so patient and understanding as I tackled my first magazine!

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