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## RUGBEIAN SOCIETY 2017

# PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

The 450th anniversary year connected more Rugbeians than ever with the School and with each other. Whether that was passing on a rugby ball in a far-flung corner of the world or dancing the night away at the Society's gala ball on the Close, 2017 was the year Rugbeians came together.

This issue of the Floreat captures a flavour of the School's birthday year and all the incredible hard work of **Peter Berners Price (St 56-61)**, and many others, to make it a year to remember.

We could of course leave it there and simply record all the celebrations as another chapter in Rugby's long history.

What the Rugbeian Society hopes to do however is to fan the flames that the link between Rugbeians the 450th anniversary reignited.

In 2018 the Society will continue, thanks to Tracey Ahmet's hard work, to bring Rugbeians together through reunions, sport, emails, the Floreat and other ways.

But this year we also want to start to find a way of actually helping Rugbeians a little more, be that through more internship programmes or mentoring or even supporting them in times of crisis.

Families and true friends are there in good times and bad, and in its own way that is what the Rugbeian Society should be too.

We would like to thank all who have supported the Society over the past year, and I look forward to seeing what more we can do in the year ahead.

**Gareth Lloyd-Jones (M 80-84),  
President, Rugbeian Society**

*Families and true friends are there in good times and bad, and in its own way that is what the Rugbeian Society should be too.*

*Mark Carr (C 77-82),  
Gareth Lloyd-Jones (M 80-84)  
& Jeremy Maddocks (Sh 79-84)*



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Floreat is arguably nothing more than a 'birthday bash'. Rightly so, because it's an appropriate opportunity to record for posterity the amazing events in 2017 that marked the School's 450th anniversary celebrations.

Credit must go to all those who helped to make the 450th something for all Rugbeians to remember and maybe the School can now take a break before plotting what to do for the 475th in 2042!

Aside from the anniversary, the Floreat again has a feast of regular content,

from sports reports and reunions to reports from around the boarding houses, an update on the Arnold Foundation, reviews, School news, tributes and much more.

Once again I am grateful to Rugbeian Society Executive Assistant Tracey Ahmet for pulling it all together, our printers, designers and advertisers, and all else who contributed in any way.

*Robin Fletcher (K 79-84)  
Editor and Vice President Elect,  
Rugbeian Society*



## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

2017: what an incredible year it was! And as the 450th events and celebrations drew to a close it was hard not to be overwhelmed at the impact the year had.

So many Rugbeians, parents and staff attended many unique events expertly organised by Denise Osborne and **Peter Berners-Price (St 56-61)** (summary on pages 36-41).

The 450th year provided the perfect opportunity for many Rugbeians not previously engaged with the School or Society to join in the celebrations.

The Global Pass in particular was largely responsible for this and you can read more about this on page 34. **Toby Marsh and Matt Hodder-Williams (both SH 88-93)** masterminded a plan for the ball to be passed around the world. With the help of myself, sponsor DHL and a lot of supportive and enthusiastic Rugbeians (to whom much thanks!) the ball travelled across 127 countries in six continents totalling approximately 105k miles!

In this issue you will also see details of the internships available to Rugbeians aged 19-25 and I am very grateful to those companies that support this scheme. You can read about the internships available on page 56 and reports from Rugbeians who benefited from the scheme in 2017. If you can offer a placement for this year's scheme, please get in touch with me through [tda@rugbyschool.net](mailto:tda@rugbyschool.net)

As always, it's been a pleasure to meet so many of you at events and I look forward to meeting many more in 2018 – our forthcoming events are detailed on the back cover and on the website [www.rugsoc.com](http://www.rugsoc.com)



Finally, it has been an honour to be involved in the 450th Anniversary events and, in particular, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Denise Osborne. We have worked hard and had fun along the way – I will really miss her in the office.

*Tracey Ahmet  
Executive Assistant,  
Rugbeian Society*



# DEATHS & OBITUARIES

**J Mathieson (St 32-38) MA**  
on 28/04/16

**JH Neill (Tu 34-39) KCVO CBE TD**  
JP on 05/11/17

**PP Griffith-Jones (M 34-36)**  
on 24/07/15

**A Solomon (M 35-39)**  
on 14/12/17

**AB Merriam (SH 36-40)**  
on 23/12/16

**RK Appleyard (B 36-41) KBE,**  
MA, PhD on 22/01/17

**D Heaton (37-42) OBE**  
on 30/11/17

**T Meageen (K 38-41)**  
on 21/07/17

**CD Lacey (SH 39-40) MA,**  
MB BChir, MRCP on 30/03/17

**Major HFR Mason**  
(St & W 39-44) on 21/03/17

**TSR Hardy (M 39-44) CBE**  
on 3/08/17

**AJB fforde (SH 40-45) MA**  
on 19/03/17

**ME Morton (Sh 41-46) BA**  
MScTech on 23/10/17

**SG Errington (B 43-47)**  
CBE DL JP MA on 16/11/17

**OR Jesell (M 43-47)**  
on 21/06/17

**SJ France (St 45-50)**  
on 29/09/17

**TH Pasteur (K 47-52) BA**  
on 11/12/16

**DBG Barraclough (B 48-53)**  
MA FCIT on 21/09/17

**MJ Legge (Tu 48-53)**  
on 06/10/17

**JP Raisman (SH 48-53)**  
on 04/10/16

**JKE Stanford (SH 50-54) OBE**  
on 14/09/16

**JR Colbourne (Tu 51-55)**  
on 09/06/16

**CJB Larby (K 51-56) MA**  
on 20/06/17

**JE Hamilton (St 54-56)**  
on 12/10/17

**DN Goslett (St 56-60)**  
on 27/09/17

**GPA Waller (B 59-63) MBA**  
on 24/07/17

**AP Shearer (B 62-66)**  
on 12/10/17

**NR Choudhury (C 64-68)**  
on 02/11/17

**JAD Scott (Sh 64-69)**  
on 18/07/17

**MG Reading (St 67-71)**  
on 29/01/17

**K Lai (Sh 88-92)**  
on 09/17

**Miss RJ Dykes (St 03-05)**  
on 16/12/17

**Miss KME Saye (St 08-10)**  
on 14/06/17

**Mr RD Montgomerie**  
(former staff) on 17/04/17

**Mr J Peirson (former staff)**  
on 28/01/17



## DEATHS & OBITUARIES

### JAMES MATHIESON (St 32-39)

James Mathieson, who was born on June 12, 1919, the youngest of six musical children.

With the help of Marcus Beresford, his music teacher at Rugby, he developed a fine singing voice and won a Choral Scholarship to King's College, Cambridge in 1938.

At the end of his second year James joined the army and after training in Halifax was sent to India to join the Bengal Sappers & Miners, headquartered in Roorkee, Uttarakhand. There he spent two years training Indian and Gurkha sappers.

He was ordered in 1944 to join a company in Kohima as their new subaltern. However, as it took so long to get there Captain James Mathieson found his place had been filled by another promoted lieutenant, and he was promptly demoted and given the other officer's former role!

When VE day was announced he was almost immediately ordered to return to Europe. He arrived home in the autumn of 1945, having missed out on the surrender of the Japanese and the recapture of Rangoon.

After the war James joined the engineering firm W.H.A Robertson in Bedford, in which his father had invested £500 in 1907. Within a few years he asked if he could join the business founded by his grandfather, Clarnico, a sweet manufacturer, at that time the largest in the UK. He was appointed Chief Engineer and remained



with the company for the rest of his working life.

In the early 1960s he was offered the opportunity to run a South African subsidiary but with a young family believed the political risks were too great.

Later he oversaw the sale of the bulk confectionary business to Trebor Sharps (yet another Rugby family) and the conversion of the business to being a property investor and developer.

James met his wife Kathleen Stokes, daughter of Leonard, then vicar of Brentwood and a canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, in 1951 at music camp.

The facilities were basic and everyone was compelled to 'muck in'. One day on sanitary duty James heard shrieks coming from the ladies' wash tent. He rushed over to find a 'princess' cowering from a frog, starting a happy relationship that lasted until his death on April 28, 2016.

From their marriage in 1952 until 1983, James and Kathleen lived in Brentwood. They had four children, Patricia, Christopher, Robert, and Mary.

James continued his musical interest forming a madrigal group, taking various roles in local operetta, and playing viola and piano. He became actively involved in the church life at St Thomas' Church, serving as a member of the Parochial Council and a sidesman.

During the 1990s James and Kathleen moved to a new, but rather vertical town house in Bury St Edmunds. This provided much opportunity for exercise as James placed his study on the second floor, requiring much climbing up and down the stairs. They remained based in Bury until they decided to emigrate to Spain in 2006.

*By Robert Mathieson (St 71-76) (Son)*



## SIR HUGH NEILL

(Tu 34-39)

Sir Hugh Neil, who has died aged 96, was the third-generation chairman of his family's toolmaking business and a civic leader in South Yorkshire.

James Hugh Neill was born in Sheffield on March 29, 1921. He was educated at Rugby and destined for Cambridge until war intervened.

On leaving school he worked briefly in the family's factory and was commissioned into a West Riding territorial division of the Royal Engineers which his father had commanded. Called up in August 1939, he was in Norway with the North West Expeditionary Force during 1940 and embarked for India in 1942 to be posted to the Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners as adjutant of a training battalion at Kirkee (Khadki).

He went on to command a field company of 20th Indian Division during the advance through Burma from Chindwin to Rangoon, building bridges and repairing railway lines as they went.

After a stopover in England, Neill was posted to Germany and promoted lieutenant colonel, ending his service as Commander Royal Engineers 15th (Scottish) Division. He was demobbed in May 1946, rejoining James Neill & Co (then one of the world's largest manufacturers of domestic and engineering tools) to become director of sales, and later chairman from 1963 to 1989.



In 1985, a hard-fought takeover of Spear & Jackson, was later hit by the recession, forcing the sale of the whole company in 1989. This led to the loss of the family name from the business, as the group was rebranded Spear & Jackson.

Hugh was high sheriff of Hallamshire in 1971, a deputy lieutenant of South Yorkshire from 1974 and Lord Lieutenant from 1985 to 1996. He was honorary colonel of 3rd Bn Yorks Volunteers and chairman of the Yorks & Humberside TAVRA. Appointed CBE for services to exports in 1969, he was raised to KCVO at the end of his lieutenantcy. He was secretary and later president of the Royal Bombay Sappers & Miners Officers' Association.

In 1958 he was Master Cutler of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire – the trade guild of Sheffield's metalworking community – following his father in 1937, his paternal grandfather in 1923 and his maternal grandfather in 1890. He was also president of the city's chamber of commerce, chairman (for 34 years) of its council for voluntary service and a member of the regional health authority. Nationally, he was a member of the British Overseas Trade Board, president of several industrial and trade federations, and a council member of the CBI.

Hugh, who died on November 5, 2017, was also president of Lindrick golf club, near his home, and captain of the Royal & Ancient at St Andrews in 1981, as well as pursuing equestrian interests as a council member of the British Horse Society and chairman of its horse trials committee.

He married first, in Bombay in 1943, Jane Shuttleworth. Jane died in 1980 and he married secondly, in 1982, Anne O'Leary who survives him with their son, and two daughters of the first marriage. A third daughter died in infancy.

*Taken from The Daily Telegraph*

## ANTONY (TONY)

MERRIAM

(SH 36-40)

Antony Merriam died on December 23, 2016.

Tony was the third of four brothers to attend Rugby. He remained there on the outbreak of war and by his final term was in charge of air-raid precautions for School House. He was on the House roof as a fire watcher on the night of November 14, 1940 which he described in a letter home shortly afterwards.

"It gave us quite the worst night we have had here, but in Coventry it was worse than anything there has ever been in London. They started about 8.30 in the evening, and absolutely plastered the town until 6 o'clock the next morning. It was a beautiful night, and we had spotters on the roof all the time, and I was up there for several hours. Hundreds of planes came over and there was always at least one within hearing...Some...explosions were terrific, and often so distant that the House would give a lurch and then a shiver as she righted herself when we had not seen the flash. On



occasions, the activity spread this way and two or three things were dropped between here and Dunchurch. I was on the roof when a land-mine went up a mile away. I've never laid down so fast in my life...an adventurous small boy from the house broke through the police cordons to get there on a bicycle, and said the spire of the cathedral was still standing but the centre was gone..."

In his final term a recruiting party from the India Office in London came to the School looking for men to be drafted for training as officers in the Indian army. Tony enlisted and left for India on August 1, 1941. He joined the 19th Lancers – a tank regiment – where he reached the rank of Captain and saw action in Burma.

On returning to England in 1946, Tony did a two-year degree in Engineering at Corpus Christi College Cambridge before joining Bakelite Xylonite, the family plastics business where he eventually became managing director of its Hallex division. In 1967, he became managing director of Spearwell Tools before in 1972 buying Mason Cash – a pottery in Swadlingcote specialising in earthenware products where he remained until retirement.

Tony married Pat Tribe in 1948. They had three children – Bill, Karen and Mark who followed him into School House in 1968. After Pat's death in 1975, he married a second time to Pat Plato who survives him.

*By Mark Merriam, (Son)*



## SIR RAYMOND APPLEYARD (B 36-41)

My father, Ray Appleyard, who died on January 22, 2017, was profoundly grateful for his experience at Rugby. He considered that he owed its science teaching a great deal and also appreciated Rugby for awakening a love of poetry, literature and classics.



Ray joined Rugby early as a main entrance scholar, and went on to be head prefect of Harris's (now Bradley).

"I was told that a scholarship in physics at Trinity College, Cambridge was the most difficult thing to get in the UK, so being cheeky and a bit ahead for my age, I put in for one and got a major scholarship a year early."

Having obtained a first in physics, a research scholarship in nuclear physics, and a PhD in physics from Cambridge in 1949, as molecular biology and modern genetics were beginning to develop, he joined the early 'brain drain' to the USA.

A two-year postdoc post in physics and biophysics at Yale University was followed by a stint at Caltech as a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow. There he joined Max Delbrück's pioneering team of molecular biologists and was the first to demonstrate the key property which made lambda phage (a bacterial virus). He moved to the genetics group of the Atomic Energy of Canada Laboratory at Chalk River in 1953.

In 1956 he became Director and Secretary of the new United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) in New York. This was the first attempt to use independent scientists to examine a world-wide hazard, report to itself, and inform public policy.

In 1961 Ray returned to Europe to become Director of Biology Services at the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) working mainly on nuclear energy radiation risks. He elaborated and set up EURATOM's radiobiological programme, funding applied long-range as well as pure collaborative interdisciplinary research, and education and training programmes.

Ray's Euratom programme soon drew the attention of a group of very eminent molecular biologists (some five Nobel Prize winners among them) who, in 1964, founded the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO) to promote molecular biology as a pan-European discipline.

Approached in 1965 to become EMBO's first Executive Secretary, Ray took the post, unpaid, part-time and with Euratom's blessing. He designed and introduced short-term fellowships of a few days to a few weeks, enabling researchers to get access to specialised equipment in a European laboratory, within 24 hours if necessary, with simple and minimal formalities.

When Britain joined the European Economic Community in 1973, Ray was appointed as Director General, DG XIII: Scientific and Technical Information and Information Management. He set about reinvigorating and reorienting the directorate general's priorities towards emerging issues. He focused on stimulating the market in computerised information databases to give industry ready access to develop new applications and products.

In 1977 Ray received an honorary doctorate of medicine from Ulm University and was knighted in 1986.

Ray was a keen bridge, tennis and squash player as well as an accomplished cook and ballroom dancer. He married Joan Greenwood, a research biochemist, in 1947 and had two daughters and a son **Mark Appleyard (Sh 70-74)**.

*By Carol Geldart (daughter)*

## DAVID HEATON (M 37-42) OBE

David Heaton, a popular administrator in Ghana as it gained independence, died aged 94 November 30, 2017.

Born in Oxford on September 22, 1923 David joined the Navy in 1942 after leaving Rugby and saw action in North Africa, Sicily, Salerno and Normandy.

After demobilisation, he was posted to the Gold Coast (which became Ghana in 1957) in 1948 and served as a district commissioner in the towns of Ho and Kpandu.

David spent 11 years in the Gold Coast. There he had to act with a good deal of independent initiative, recalling later that when a maternity home was needed, he designed and commissioned one himself.

In his capacity as Treasurer, he found the money for it, put it out to tender, supervised the building, and, as Inspector of Buildings, passed it when finished. In due course, as the Queen's Representative, he opened it, to the accompaniment of the National Anthem, which was, however, played by other people.

Ghana had its own flavour, which David relished. Once he walked



three or four miles off a road to visit a remote village, and heard strange sounds coming from the village schoolroom. The children had been persuaded to make an attempt at On Ilkley Moor Baht'At.

David lived his professional life according to a favourite proverb: "Hold the egg firmly, or it will fall: but not too firmly, or it will break."

He continued loving Ghana to the end of his life, although never made much progress with the Ewe language. He could immediately identify a nurse of Ghanaian origin in hospital when he was very old, and took great pleasure in his lifelong friendships with Ghanaians.

In 1959 David returned to the UK, working in the War Office and later as secretary to the Joint Intelligence Committee.

Later in life, working in the London Civil Service, his calm temperament sustained him in maintaining good relations with ministers including Merlyn Rees, Willie Whitelaw and Douglas Hurd. His level head proved useful in challenging emergency and siege situations such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Iranian Embassy siege and the Balcombe Street Siege.

Post-retirement, David worked for the Museums and Galleries Commission, for which he was appointed OBE in 1993, in and did voluntary work for the National Art-Collections Fund.

He married in 1961 Joan Lainé of Guernsey, who survives him with their two sons and a daughter.

*Taken from The Daily Telegraph*



## CHARLES (DAVID) LACEY (SH 39-40)

David Lacey was born in India. In 1940, after a year at Rugby, his father cabled his mother suggesting their return from leave, bringing both boys out to India with her. His brother Michael preferred to go to Cambridge and face the threat of invasion, but David landed at Bombay on his 15th birthday, having sailed round the Cape in convoy on SS Stratheden.



After four months in India his parents decided there was no suitable school for him, so David returned to The Cape alone, in a neutral American ship. For the next two years he studied at the Diocesan College in Cape Town where his uncle was a master. It was in his time here that David decided to become a doctor. Having done well in his South African matriculation, he failed to do the necessary work to pass his first MB at the University of Cape Town. He returned to the UK and offered himself for military service. However, his good intentions were frustrated by being told that, despite his modest academic achievement, he was a medical student and thus in a 'reserved occupation'.

There followed three years (1944 to 1947) at King's Cambridge (where, among other distinctions, he was fined ten shillings by the local constabulary for riding his bicycle 'hands-free' down

King's Parade) and a further three at St Thomas's London. His call up for national service was further postponed to enable him to sit for – and pass – the MRCP examination in October 1952. At St Thomas's he was also awarded in 1950 the Bhatia medal, for distinguished work for a patient in paediatrics.

David was called up to the RAF in January 1953 and spent nearly two years working at Halton Hospital. In May 1953 David married Vivien Ball, a Nightingale nurse he had met on the children's ward at St. Thomas's. General practice had always had a greater appeal for him than hospital medicine and he was offered a practice in Chichester, Sussex, where he and Vivien lived and brought up their children over the next 30 years.

In 1980 he supported a project to finance and build an independent hospice in Chichester and was appointed the first medical director in 1987. Here he applied the principles which had determined his approach to his patients when he was a GP: listening and clinical examination.

David retired for a second time in 1990. Retirement was spent happily in Bosham near Chichester where he had practised as a GP, gardening, playing golf, and with Vivien visiting their four children and nine grandchildren (including those living in Australia) until Vivien died in August 2015. He then moved to live with his eldest daughter in Tunbridge Wells.

He remained very fit for the vast majority of his 91 years and lived life to the full almost right up until his death, from prostate cancer, on March 30, 2017.

*By Graham Lacey (Son)*

## HUGH FRANCIS 'ROSS' MASON (St & W 39-44)

Ross Mason started at Rugby in September 1939, first at Stanley House and then Whitelaw after Stanley closed in 1942. His school sporting achievements were quite modest but he enjoyed his rugby and was part of the 1942 Whitelaw Cock House winning team.



In 1944 he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers. He increasingly specialised in transportation (railways and ports) and after postings to Italy, Egypt and Palestine he arrived in Korea in 1952. There Ross joined 55 Field Squadron RE, supporting the infantry regiments during the Battles of the Hook. One of his claims to fame though is that he's pretty sure that he was Her Majesty's officer 'closest to the enemy' on the day of her Coronation in June 1953 and described in his memoirs the Divisional artillery firing red, white and blue smoke shells over his head into no man's land in celebration.

On return from Korea, Ross was posted to London where he met and married Mavis in what was to be a long, enduring partnership of nearly 60 years. He often mentioned that his wedding was the first that he had ever been to and so he had to

learn all the protocol from a book! Married life did not get off to a smooth start, when Mavis and Ross were on their honeymoon in Norway, the Suez crisis erupted. Somehow the Army tracked him down and he was recalled back to the UK and shipped off to Cyprus. It was over a year before he was properly home again.

By this time Ross was predominantly involved in port operations and transferred to the Royal Corps of Transport when it was formed in the early 60s. A series of postings sent him and the family around the UK and the world including tours in Hong Kong and Germany. On retiring from the Army he took up a Retired Officers post project managing the modernisation of Marchwood Military Port until he retired at the age of 68 after 50 years of service to the Crown.

In his retirement, he kept himself busy. He was a governor at the local primary school for 25 years and its Chairman of Governors for 13 years. He was active at his local church in Beaulieu in Hampshire and served three terms as a member of the Parochial Church Council. He also had a keen 'chronicler' on a range of historical topics, particularly military history, but also contributed a number of articles to The Floreat over the years.

*By Neil Mason (Son)*



**SIR SYDNEY (ROBERT)  
HARDY CBE**  
(M 39-44)

Actor and historian Robert Hardy died aged 91 in August 2017. On television he was best known for playing Winston Churchill (eight times) and irascible senior vet Siegfried Farnon in the long-running BBC series *All Creatures Great and Small*.

The *Daily Telegraph* described Hardy's acting as "many-faceted, energetic, and – like the English climate – subject to sunshine, small storms and changeable moods."

The *Daily Mail* said he was was "A man of unbridled enthusiasm, with a voice like butter melting on a hot crumpet".

And the *Washington Post* wrote that "...Mr Hardy thrived primarily as a character actor with patrician good looks and a booming voice."

Born in Cheltenham, Hardy was the youngest of six children of Major Henry Harrison Hardy, headmaster of Cheltenham College, and his wife, Edith (nee Dugdale). After Rugby, he read English at Magdalen College, Oxford (splitting his studies with service in the RAF), where his tutors were CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien and he became friends with Richard Burton.

He made his professional debut at the Memorial theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1949, touring to Australia as Banquo in *Macbeth*, and making his first London mark as Claudio in John Gielgud's revival of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Phoenix in 1952. His star rose at the Old Vic in three seasons, 1953-56, when he played Laertes to Richard Burton's Hamlet and Claire Bloom's Ophelia; Ariel in the *Tempest*; Dumaine in *Love's Labour's Lost*; and a dashing Prince Hal to Paul Rogers's Falstaff.

After West End stints in *The Caine Mutiny* Court Martial, and as Lord Byron in Tennessee Williams's *Camino Real*, he returned to Stratford in 1959, playing a highly rated, viciously evil Edmund to Charles Laughton's *King Lear*; the King of France in *All's Well That Ends Well*; and a devious tribune alongside Laurence Olivier's *Coriolanus*.

For five years in the late 1960s, he appeared as a thrusting oil-company executive in the BBC's groundbreaking *The Troubleshooters*, a series that started in black and white and ended in colour. This was an immensely popular programme, with gripping plotlines of global espionage, free-market enterprise, middle-aged testosterone, internal politics and dangers on the North Sea oil rigs.



Hardy appeared in the hit *All Creatures Great and Small* for 90 episodes between 1978 and 1990, and played Churchill in eight episodes of *The Wilderness Years* in 1981.

His other Churchills included an appearance in the television abdication drama *The Woman He Loved* (1988), and the miniseries *War and Remembrance* (also 1988), starring Robert Mitchum as a second world war naval officer. He played Churchill in French, in Paris, in a play called *Celui Qui A Dit Non* (1999). His last, seriously ailing Churchill was in Marion Milne's TV movie *Churchill: 100 Days That Saved Britain* (2015), with Phil Davis as his physician, Charles McMoran Wilson, and Jemma Redgrave as Clementine.

Hardy's film work included *The Shooting Party* (1985), *Paris by Night* (1988), *Frankenstein* (1994), *Sense and Sensibility* (1995), *Mrs Dalloway* (1997) *The Tichborne Claimant* (1998) and *An Ideal Husband* (1999). He followed this by joining the Harry Potter film franchise, appearing in four of the series, starting with the second, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (2002), as Cornelius Fudge, the Minister of Magic.

His book about his passion, *The Longbow* (1976), is a standard work on the subject, and he co-authored another volume, *The Great Warbow*, in 2004. He served as a trustee of the board of the Royal Armouries, chairman of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists' Trust Appeal and as a member of the Woodmen of Arden. He held several honorary degrees and was made CBE in 1981.

Hardy was twice married, first to Elizabeth Fox, and second to Sally Pearson, both marriages ending in divorce. He is survived by a son, Paul, from the first and two daughters, Emma and Justine, from the second.

*Timothy Sydney Robert Hardy, actor, born October 29, 1925; died August 3, 2017. Adapted from the Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail, Washington Post and the Guardian.*





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## JOHN FFORDE

(SH 40-45)

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John fforde died peacefully at home on March 19, 2017, after a long retirement.

Born in Kensington on April 18, 1927 and primarily of Scottish and Irish descent, John was the posthumous nephew of James **Colin MacLehose (SH 11-16)** whose bravery as a 19-year-old 2nd Lieutenant is recorded in the Memorial Chapel – and the second of six ffordes educated at Rugby within a century.

He acknowledged several links between his life and that of his father, **Sir Arthur fforde (SH 1914-1918)**. They were (non-simultaneous) partners at the same law firm, but it was through Rugby most of the connections arose. Both were (like MacLehose) Head of House at SH, played football for the XV and musical.

Having commandeered a porter to follow with his trunk, John's first sight of Rugby was his cycle ride up from the station, a little early and completely alone. (He would later cycle to Milan, with a porter for the Alps!). Reaching School House, he announced to the man who answered the bell: "I'm fforde: I'm new", to which he received the reply: "I'm Lyon: I'm old".



Soon after WW2, Arthur at first refused the Governing Body's 'polite request' that he leave the City to become Head Master. Asked again in 1947, Arthur took John back to the school he had recently left and enquired whether he would mind if it became their home? John's acceptance played its part in allowing old Lyon finally to retire, and the controversial appointment of a city lawyer as Head Master.

Meanwhile, having joined up on the day of the Hiroshima bomb, John's naval highlight was an 18-month MTB command.

After PPE at Trinity College, Oxford, he enjoyed a highly successful career with solicitors Linklaters & Paines. Admired by his peers, he served as managing partner, sowing seeds for its expansion. Retiring at 60, he then worked part-time, primarily as Deputy Chairman of the Woolwich Building Society.

For 30 years John was a trustee of the charitable Lord Wandsworth public school, a liveryman of the Fishmongers' Company, a member of church PCCs and trustee for his village hall and cricket ground.

Having outlived Jane, his beloved and also musical wife who was tragically killed in a car accident, he is survived by their four children and 11 grandchildren. Typically, in a note left for his family, he asked them to publicise his wish to thank everyone who, through their interaction with him, had enriched his life.

*By son, William fforde (SH 70-74)*

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## OLIVER JESSEL

(M 43-47)

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Oliver Jessel, who has died aged 87, was a high-flying City dealmaker whose industrial and financial empire came to grief in the crash of 1974.

Jessel was a debonair, pipe-smoking 1960s man-about-town, with expensive tastes and boundless self-confidence. He achieved business fame in his mid-thirties as a takeover player with a Midas touch, and a successful entrepreneur in the fast-growing field of unit trusts.

At its peak, the Jessel group was worth more than £400 million. But it was brought down in late 1974 when its life insurance arm, London Indemnity & General Insurance, was unable to meet redemptions by policyholders and Jessel was ordered by regulators to make a capital injection to save it.

Oliver Richard Jessel was born in New Zealand on August 24, 1929 into a dynasty descended from Zadok Jessel, a wealthy London merchant of the early 19th Century.

Oliver was educated at Rugby, having spent the early wartime years evacuated to Rannoch in Perthshire. He studied briefly for the bar and did National Service in the RNVR before turning to business, establishing an investment company in 1954 to manage his own inheritance.



His first entrepreneurial ventures were self-service grocery stores in Paddington and Mayfair, and a stake in a greyhound racing track. In the late 1950s he tried farming battery chickens, until fire destroyed his sheds and birds. Finally in 1960 he arrived in the City, buying and rationalising undervalued businesses.

Jessel Securities was launched on the stock market in 1965, principally as a "finance and issuing house" – a small merchant bank combined with an investment holding company.

Among his first targets was France Fenwick, a shipbroking and insurance firm, followed by Demerara, a West Indian sugar producer, and by many others that could be loosely grouped into the industrial, commodity and property arms of his fast-growing portfolio. After early setbacks, Jessel Securities' share price tripled between 1967 and 1969. He became active in the steel industry, completing a series of mergers and reorganisations to create the steelmaking conglomerate Johnson and Firth Brown. Elsewhere, he held a large stake in Associated Fisheries, Britain's largest trawler operator.

Meanwhile, Jessel's unit trust activity grew both by acquisition and through the launch of innovative specialist funds. In the early 1970s the Jessel Britannia brand emerged as a leader in the sector and was also one of the better performers when the stock market crash came.

After the demise of Jessel Securities, he remained active in corporate finance until the late 1980s as chairman of a number of smaller companies, and lived a relatively quiet life in rural Kent.

He married, in 1950, Gloria Holden, who survives him with their son and five daughters.

*Taken from The Telegraph August 22, 2017*

## TOM PASTEUR

(K 47-52)

Tom was brought up at Fairseat in Kent where he remembered lying under a hay-cart watching planes fighting in the Battle of Britain, and helping the local Home Guard camouflage a pill box.

Entering Rugby in 1947, music soon became a big part of his life, nurtured by inspirational teachers such as Michael Tillett and Marcus Beresford.

He fondly recalled playing cello in string quartets and went on to join the National Youth Orchestra under its visionary founder, Ruth Railton.

After National Service, he read law at King's College, Cambridge before starting what he called a 'knockabout' business career. He trained with the shipping line Shaw, Savill and Albion, working on the launch of the round-the-world liner, the Northern Star.



In mid-life, his entrepreneurial side emerged when he set up two small companies in North Sea offshore engineering. The remainder of his career was spent as a publisher at Faber Music, where he was Managing Director and Chairman over eight years. This was the happiest time of his working life and made full use of his musical interests, good brain and sympathetic personality.

Tom had a life-long interest in vintage machinery, a passion also kindled by Marcus Beresford at Rugby. Over the course of his life he acquired several vintage motor cars and even, for a brief period, a Mark IX Spitfire (sadly never airworthy).

He and his wife Sarah spent a happy retirement in Suffolk where Tom enjoyed singing in the parish choir, growing fruit and entertaining visitors and his eight grandchildren, especially at Christmas, when he vamped on his double bass to family versions of Moon River, Rock around the Clock and other numbers.

*By George Pasteur (Son)*

## JEREMY RAISMAN

(SH 48-53)

Jeremy Raisman, who died on October 4, 2016, had a charmed and idyllic upbringing.

His father, Sir Jeremy Raisman, joined the Indian Civil Service during the First World War.

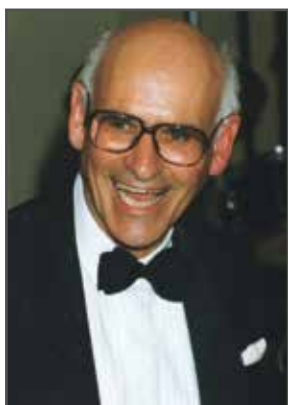
He became as Finance Minister in India, a role which entitled him to the pick of Government accommodation, including the former Viceroy's house in Simla and a prime Lutyens house in Delhi.

Jeremy's main interest as a young boy was riding and his life revolved around the Pony Club and the Delhi Hunt. Jeremy and his elder brother John had many friends of the same age, who were also keen riders and who were similarly unable to travel to the UK during the war.

Following the war, Jeremy came to England, entering both the Dragon School in Oxford and world of rationing.

The family settled in Surrey and Jeremy continued riding and eventually became Chairman of the Friends of the Hurtwood.

He also began a 60-year period of beagling, as Joint Master of the local pack based on Ranmore Common, and as a



member of the Clinkard Meon Beagles. Another enthusiasm was sailing in dinghy's, a pastime enjoyed particularly in Bosham, West Sussex and in the Camel Estuary in Cornwall.

Jeremy followed John to School House in 1948. He was a keen actor and had leading parts in several house and school plays.

He qualified as a solicitor and enjoyed many years in Gray's Inn, as a partner in Jaques & Co (Jaques & Lewis after 1982) and later in Eversheds, where he was the Senior Partner of the London office. He played an important part in the development of the corporate department, particularly regarding international mergers. He received warm personal thanks from President Kaunda for his legal work in the two stages of the nationalisation of the Zambian copper mines.

Despite a heavy work list, he always had time to teach young lawyers and help his colleagues. He loved his work and refused retirement at 65. He then spent several years acting for a multi-national client, on a supposedly part-time consultancy, until he became ill in 2012.

He married Diana in 1963 and he was devoted to her and all their children and grandchildren and was rightly proud of their achievements. Diana looked after him wonderfully well during the nearly four years he was ill.

*By Tony Yablon (Sh 53-58) (Friend)*



## JAMES STANFORD (SH 50-54)

James Stanford combined a business career with a lifelong passion for the countryside that drove him to organise the Liberty and Livelihood Countryside March in 2002 to protest against the proposed ban on fox hunting. He also played a key role in helping to resurrect Stanfords, the family mapmaking firm.

Born in Winchester on April 12 1937, James' early childhood was spent near Kingsclere and later in the Woodford Valley north of Salisbury.

An intrepid child, he once rode his sister's pony 40 miles from Kingsclere to Durnford School so she could ride him in the term time. The journey took him four days and he was greeted 'like a national hero'.

James attended Rugby in 1950. Joining the 17th/21st Lancers in 1954 he became a captain during 10 years' service. Various roles in business and the City followed and in 1991 he became Director General of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation. In 1999 he was appointed OBE for services to the disabled.

The family business, Stanfords, had been established by James' great-grandfather in 1853 and was sold by his father in 1947. The world's largest map and travel bookshop, it was the first port of call for maps of anywhere in the world for adventurers and travellers including Florence Nightingale, Shackleton and Captain Scott.



By 2001 the business had shrunk to its shop in Long Acre – and directors appealed to Stanford family members with a rights issue. James enthused other relations to follow him, and subsequently served on the board and as chairman between 2009 and 2011.

He was a passionate supporter of the business at a time when electronic books and digital maps were threatening traditional books and maps. Whenever he visited the shop he would speak to every member of staff, remembering each by name. Stanfords is still the world's largest map retailer.

James had a lifelong love of fox hunting. He was not particularly interested in the politics of fox hunting, but his passion for the sport, and a sense of outrage, led him to agree to organise the 2002 Countryside March for the Countryside Alliance.

Between 2009 and 2014 he chaired the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. He also served as a governor and later chairman of the Governors at Milton Abbey School, Dorset, helping to take the school co-educational.

James died on September 14, 2016. He married Carol Harbord in 1964, who survives him with a son and a daughter.

*Taken from the Telegraph on December 27, 2016*

## JOHN COLBOURNE (Tu 51-55)

John passed away peacefully on June 9, 2016 in St. Albert, Alberta, Canada after an 11-month battle with cancer.

John was born in Leamington Spa and attended Rugby in Tudor House where four of his grandchildren are current or former students. At Rugby he was Head Boy, head of house and played for the rugby first XV and the tennis squad. He went up to King's College, Cambridge in 1956 to study engineering and philosophy, followed by a scholarship year at the Technische Hochschule in Darmstadt, Germany.

He started his career in 1960 with Ove Arup, the British engineering firm, where he worked on the structural design of the Sydney Opera House. After receiving a Harkness Fellowship he completed an MS and PhD at Stanford University, California (1962-1965) and upon his return to England joined the Building Research Station.



In 1967 John emigrated to Canada, becoming Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Alberta until his retirement in 1995. There he became a leading academic on gears, regularly presenting research papers at international conferences and consulting to many leading gear manufacturers in North America and Europe.

In 1987 he published his major academic work, *The Geometry of Involute Gears*.

John was a keen sportsman, playing squash to a high level, and was an avid golf and tennis player. After retirement, John and his wife Lucienne travelled widely, particularly to Arizona where they had a home. John continued consulting and research in gear design, and was actively involved in a gear venture, Genesis Partners, until a month before his death.

John is survived by Lucienne, his wife of 31 years, his sister Caroline, his sons Charles and Jack, his daughter Tanya, nine grandchildren, and his first spouse, Jennifer, mother of his three children.

*By Charles Colbourne (Son)*

## DAVID GOSLETT (St 56-60)

David Goslett, who was born on July 13, 1942, came to Stanley House in 1956.

He loved his time at the School (where he specialized in ancient Greek), and became part of a well-knit support 'gang' of Helme, Hoggarth, Herbert, Reid, Dodds and Berners-Price among others, which played in the victorious 1960 Cock House team.

He was Head of House and Cadet Officer, and before every Corps day would spend hours hunched over a candle heating a teaspoon, meticulously burnishing his toe-caps to mirrored perfection!

Dave's other main asset was his ability to run, which in later life he often did for charity, and he was Captain of the school Running VIII.

After Rugby, Dave went to Australia for a year and lived with his sister Sal in Canberra. Returning to the UK, he went to work in the family business, Gosletts Builders Merchants in Charing Cross Road, and then went on to start his own business called Roomservice fitting out new building estate show homes with furniture, which he sold in 1999.

He then decided to re-kindle the travel adventures he had so enjoyed in his youth, and set out on a three-month trip alone in South America, starting in Chile and ending in Belize..... 57 years old with a 60lb rucksack on his back so he could camp!

Some things were of paramount importance to Dave when travelling: always try to find locals to talk to (and if you can't speak their language try signing), if you get invited in to a local's house seize the opportunity, eat street food as often as possible, if in doubt get a guide and use local transport wherever possible.

At the end of this South American trip he wrote: "There is so much to see and learn in the world that I must find time to keep an open mind and go on being a bit adventurous from time to time."

A bit adventurous?! His later travels took in 28 countries including Peru, Turkmenistan and China doing amazing things like trekking through the Gobi Desert on horseback and camel, and trout fishing in Kyrgyzstan. But he was always wanting to see how he could help others.

He worked at the Sobell House hospice, and at The Porch, a day centre for rough sleepers. He worked for The Probation Service until it was privatized, and over this period mentored many young people. He also spent time fundraising for WildCru, a wildlife conservation trust ....and he ran the London Marathon for them in a Wild Dog outfit!



But his 'Big One' was an 18-month Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) stint in Sri Lanka, working, often as the only Westerner, in a town near the Tamil Tiger region. He made a lot of local friends, and returned to the town some months after the catastrophic tsunami to see how he could help.

Typically, when exploring the jungle one day he came upon a group of Tamil Tiger soldiers. To him this was not a threat but an opportunity and with his usual open friendliness he developed a rapport with the leader and was soon given a turn firing an AK-47 into the woods!

Following Sri Lanka, he went off to Canada for a year, but having being mown down on his bicycle by an aged Canadian driver, in 2008 he moved back to England and to Oxford, where he met Nicola Piested. He finally plucked up the courage to ask her out and found great happiness!

The head injury he sustained from being run over however plagued him for the rest of his life, but he hardly ever mentioned it.

Headway, a local independent charity that supports those affected by brain injury across Oxfordshire became his special charity. David joined as a trustee in 2011 and then shortly afterwards had his arm twisted to take over as treasurer. He stood down from the Board of Trustees in early 2014 and became a volunteer in their Activity and Rehabilitation Centre, where his attributes really shone through.

David, who died on September 27, 2017, was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word and was everybody's friend. He listened, he shared, he supported and empathised.

He was reliable and honest, was never condescending or flippant and never put himself before others. A very dear friend of Dave's wrote: "I count myself lucky to have found a friend like David, a walking definition of decency. His quest to understand why the world cannot be a better place was unending, and in his own life he did what he could to move in that direction." That will stand well as David Goslett's epitaph.

*By Peter Berners-Price (St 56-61)*



## GARY WALLER (B 59-63)

Gary Waller, who has died aged 72, was Conservative MP for Brighouse & Spenborough, and later Keighley, between 1983 and 1997.

As well as championing the West Riding's embattled woollen industry, Waller, a keen sports car racer, spoke on vehicle safety, was briefly PPS to the Transport Secretary David Howell and promoted parliamentary Bills for British Rail. Amiable, balding and forgetful, with a physique that made him an unlikely nine-time finisher of the London Marathon, he was popular in the House and was unlucky not to have been a junior minister.

Waller was a protégé of Keighley MP Sir Marcus Fox. He first joined the party in Shipley, and after Fox – like himself – lost his seat in 1997, made an unsuccessful bid for the nomination there at the 2001 election.

Gary Peter Anthony Waller was born in Bradford on June 24, 1945, the son of John Waller, a company director, and the former Elizabeth Weiss. They sent him to Rugby, where an 'unmemorable' Salman Rushdie was his fag. With 3,000 Asians in his constituency, Waller would as an MP oppose publication of a paperback edition of Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*.



After attending the University of Lancaster, where he chaired the Conservative Association, he stood for Kensington & Chelsea council in 1971, and two years later at Leyton for the Greater London Council. He fought and lost the safe Labour Rother Valley seat at both 1974 elections, but in 1979 won Brighouse & Spenborough by 1,734 votes.

At Westminster he was a founder-member of the Transport Select Committee until, in 1982, Howell appointed him his PPS.

1983 boundary changes abolished Waller's constituency, so he tried for Keighley, where the Labour Left-winger Bob Cryer had hung on in 1979 by 78 votes. Waller won by 2,774.

Mrs Thatcher sacked Howell after winning her second term, leaving Waller without a minister.

In 1989 British Rail invited him to sponsor its Bill to create a futuristic Channel Tunnel terminal beneath King's Cross station. It took three years, but then Michael Heseltine demanded that the high-speed link to the tunnel be re-routed to run through Stratford instead of south London and terminate at St Pancras so the project was abandoned.

At the 1997 election he was opposed by Ann Cryer, Bob Cryer's widow and lost by 7,932 votes.

Out of the Commons, Waller became a director of Which? He was unmarried and died on July 21, 2017.

*Taken from the Telegraph on August 9, 2017*

## ANTHONY (TONY) SHEARER (B 62-66)

Tony Shearer, former school governor from 1994-2004, has died aged 68. He was Chief Executive of the merchant bank Singer & Friedlander until it was bought by Kaupthing of Iceland and went bankrupt.

After Rugby, he became an articled clerk with the City accountancy Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in 1967, qualifying in 1971.

His name first came to prominence in 1982 when as a young Deloitte's partner he led a "fair-value audit" of the high-flying Lloyd's insurance firm of Howden.

In 1987 Tony was seconded as a director of the Harland & Wolff shipyard in Belfast, then preparing for privatisation. The following year he left Deloitte to become chief operating officer of the unit trust business M & G.

Tony joined the Singer & Friedlander in 2003, which specialised in finance for smaller listed companies. Soon after his arrival, Iceland's largest bank Kaupthing took a 9.5 per cent stake. When the stake doubled, Shearer flew to Reykjavik to find out more.

"Everyone there was incredibly young," he later recalled, "and they had no idea what they were doing."



After some internal upheaval, Shearer was promoted from finance director to chief executive in 2005. By then Kaupthing's long-expected bid for full control was imminent. He sought to alert the Financial Services Authority – but the regulator, having consulted its opposite number in Reykjavik, declined to intervene.

Kaupthing's cash offer of more than £500 million represented such a rich price that Singer's board was obliged to recommend it to shareholders.

Tony promptly resigned, while the renamed Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander embarked on a spree of high-risk investment and lending that ended abruptly in October 2008, when the London bank was forced into administration.

Appearing before the Treasury Select Committee in 2009, Tony was highly critical of the FSA for its failure to act on his warnings.

After leaving Singer & Friedlander, he was chairman or director of several smaller listed companies in the financial and natural resources sectors.

An avid sportsman, Tony completed the Cresta Run in his younger days, loved skiing at Arosa in Switzerland, and tennis. He was also a lifelong Elvis Presley fan and whilst a governor at Rugby he joined the School's swing band to play tenor sax.

Tony married first, in 1972, Jenny Dixon. The marriage was dissolved in 2007 and the same year he married, secondly, Pam Mapes, who survives him with two daughters from his first marriage.

Tony Shearer, born October 24, 1948, died October 12, 2017.

*Taken from The Daily Telegraph*

## MARIO READING (St 67-71)

After attending Rugby, Mario read Comparative Literature at the University of East Anglia. He wished to write, but was drawn to adventure, setting off by cargo boat for Africa, before taking his degree, for a life of worldwide travel and incident. He exploited his experiences fully, writing non-fiction books and a series of popular novels translated into many languages. Worldly and much-loved, he was nevertheless a man of exacting intellect. In his obituary The Times noted Mario was "a considerable scholar, who also wrote thrillers and was an authority on Mayan and Catholic mysticism who devoted much of his life to getting it right." He died aged 63 from cancer on January 30, 2017.

He is survived by his wife Claudia and his son, Lawrence, by a previous marriage.

*By Claudia Reading*



## KHADIIJA SAYE (St 08-10)

Khadija Saye won an Arnold Foundation Award to study at Rugby and was an internationally respected photographer, lost her life along with her mother Mary Mendy in the Grenfell Tower fire in London.



An exhibition of Khadija's work entitled 'Dwelling: in this space we breathe' was on display at the 57th Venice Biennale at the time of her death.

Born in Britain in December 1992 to Gambian parents, Khadija (also known as Ya-Haddy Sisi Saye or Kay) came to Rugby on an Arnold Foundation bursary in 2008.

Her matron Marian Bennett recalled Khadija being 'likeable and friendly, with a beaming smile'.

"Khadija arrived at Stanley in the Advent term 2008. Every new girl I'm sure, leaving that which is very familiar, and coming to a completely different environment will feel nervous at the big change in her life.

"For Khadija, the change would have been different to the other new students coming to 6th form at Rugby.

"I couldn't say what was going through her mind as she settled into a new School environment, but one thing is certain if she did feel any trepidation or fear she certainly didn't show it.

"The house photograph of 2009 could almost be a superimposed photograph of the previous year of Khadija, albeit she was standing in a different place. She remained the same girl that arrived the year before. I cannot ever remember having to chivvy Khadija along, she had a fine stride on her and she used it with purpose, there was a determination about her, she was going places."

Marian added: "Rugby I imagine would have been quite a culture shock for Khadija, she wasn't however phased, she had her own culture to celebrate.

"Her imagination and photography embraced the world she knew, sadly her ambitions will not come to fruition."

Former Head Master Patrick Derham said Khadija had left 'an indelible mark on all of us'.

"Khadija is what makes the Arnold Foundation so special. Rachel Carr, the Chief Executive of IntoUniversity, told me before I met her for the first time that here was someone who would enrich the Rugby community and who we would never forget. How true that was. From the interview where we could see behind the shyness a wonderful human being who wanted to make her mark and to make a difference. She did.

"Her creativity was unleashed by her time in the photography department in particular and her teachers spoke of her talent, her passion and her unbridled enthusiasm for the

## REBECCA DYKES (St 03-05)

We were all devastated to hear that Becky Dykes had passed away in tragic circumstances in Lebanon just before Christmas. She was working for the UK Department of International Development, based in Lebanon, on projects to improve the lives of refugees and impoverished Lebanese, helping these vulnerable communities to become more peaceful and resilient. She was building on work she had started in Bahrain with VSO.



Becky came into Stanley in 2003, joining from Malvern College. While fairly self-contained, she made a quiet but effective contribution to the life of the School. She was an able student and built on her enjoyment of English Literature, History and Art History by developing a deep interest in Anthropology, which she later studied at Manchester University.

We all remember Becky as a lovely person, caring, supportive, getting on with her life at School with a smile on her face and always standing up for the underdog. The world is a much poorer place for her loss.

*By Jane Phelps, Housemistress, Stanley, 1995-2007*



opportunities she was given. The journey she made was remarkable and to see her on the final day of term with a big beaming smile is an image I will never forget. And her mother too on that occasion who was so proud of her wonderful daughter. She had every right to be.

"For their lives to be so cruelly ended is hard to comprehend. Her work will surely be a lasting tribute both to her gifts, and to those at IntoUniversity, Rugby and beyond who recognised and encouraged them."

Former Stanley housemistress Jane Phelps said Khadija had 'made the best use of her time at Rugby'.

"I had left Stanley when Khadija was there but knew her as a sixth former. I...remember her as a very positive, optimistic, full of life young woman trying to find her way with her artistic talent, concentrating on photography and exploring a whole range of approaches. I know she went on to Farnham Art School to do her photography and I remember her excitement when she knew she had got in!"

Khadija's A Level Photography teacher Amy Farrelly, remembered her as a 'humble and unassuming spirit who was making a difference in her own community'.

"She was incredibly empathetic to others and she was one of my most talented students in her year. She went on to study Photography at Falmouth and recently had an exhibition in Venice. She was truly an up and coming artist. She has produced a beautiful documentary series on Gambians living London. She was going to do great things and was beloved by all who knew her."

MP David Lammy, who also knew Khadija, described her as "a beautiful young woman who had blossomed over the last few years."

## Rugbeian Society Khadija Saye Photography Award

The Rugbeian Society is establishing the Khadija Saye Photography Prize worth £250 a year to the best photograph portfolio by a Rugby pupil. A portfolio of no less than three and no more than six original and unedited photographs can be submitted for entry (by June 30, 2018), with full details of each picture, where, when and why they were taken, and technical information.

Entries can be submitted digitally to Tracey Ahmet, Executive Assistant of the Rugbeian Society via [tda@rugbyschool.net](mailto:tda@rugbyschool.net) or delivered as hard copy to Tracey at The Old Marshal's Office next to Old Quad. Details of the first prize winner will be announced in Autumn 2018.

## SIR EWEN FERGUSSON (SH 45-51)

*Sir Ewen Fergusson (SH 45-51) chaired Rugby's Governing Body from 1995-2002 and was the first Chairman of the Arnold Foundation from 2002-07. He opened the School's new sixth form building, the Collingwood Centre in November 2013.*



Returning to Rugby in the 80s as a new Governing Body member, it was daunting to join great men: Geoff Foxcroft (who had taught me physics), Alan McLintock (a leader of my profession), Campbell Adamson (chairman of Abbey National), and the Ambassador to France (who had been capped for Scotland when I was a schoolboy contemporary of his younger brother). They had in common a devotion to the School and shared determination to see Rugby's reputation back where it should be. The Ambassador was no part timer – he seemed never to miss a meeting.

Once Ewen invited the Governing Body to meet at his Embassy, Pauline Borghese's great house on Faubourg St Honoré, we believe its only overseas meeting in 450 years. The Fergussons' hospitality was wonderful while Alan made sure we got the business done.

The downstairs loo displayed a tasselled crimson velvet School House Cap, between the Scotland Caps.

When Ewen returned to live in London and became more closely involved with the School and its committees, his no-nonsense clear thinking and his sense of fun were immensely valuable. There was no doubt who should succeed Alan as Chairman in 1995.

Ewen's devotion to the School was matched by his commitment to School House. In the early 1990s the Governing Body and Head Master made the extraordinary decision to close School House, a decision quickly reversed following determined action by School House parents. Ewen, while always loyal to his colleagues, was with the parents all the way, becoming the committed and ever practical leader of the successful School House Appeal.

Ewen's seven years as Chairman were good years for Rugby, the bumpy moments negotiated with unerring skill. On his retirement, I persuaded him to become the first Chairman of the Arnold Foundation, firmly setting it on its successful path. A great friend.

*Michael Fowle (St 53-58), Former Chair of the Governing Body*



*Ewen and Sara at the British Embassy in Paris with my wife, Jane and me, and the French Defence Minister, Jean Paul Chevenement and his wife. Jane is far left, next to Jean.*

Ewen Fergusson was a big man in every sense of the word. His massive build and athleticism made him a star on the rugby field. He was strike man in the water polo team and won the School 100 yards, for all his 15-stone build! Highly intelligent, and a leading member of the choir, he was an outstanding figure as a boy at Rugby. I knew him well, but my closest encounter came when I, at 12 stone, had to try to balance him in the School seven-a-side front row of the scrum! He went on to get a blue at Oxford, and then on into the second row for Scotland.

After National Service, he joined the Foreign Office, in what was a most impressive career, including Addis Ababa, New York, Brussels, Ambassador to South Africa, and culminating in an outstanding period as our Ambassador in Paris. His love of France and his knowledge of the country, and not least its wines made him an excellent host, and invitations to the Embassy were extremely popular. That was when our paths really crossed again, when I became Defence Secretary, with our close relationship with France, not least as the only two European nuclear countries in the NATO alliance. When Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, we and the United States responded very quickly, but France initially hesitated. I remember Ewen explaining about France's embarrassment, as Iraq had been a major customer for their defence industries, and my opposite number, the French Defence Minister, was the President of the Franco-Iraqi Friendship Society! With Ewen's help, all was satisfactorily resolved, and France joined our alliance.

When he retired from the Foreign Office, he was much in demand, not just by Rugby, but as Chairman of Coutts and the Savoy Hotel. He was also particularly remembered for chairing the Government Wine Advisory Committee, responsible for buying all the wine for official Government entertaining! His great knowledge of wine made him the ideal person for this role, and it continues to enhance the welcome we give to our foreign guests!

*Tom King (Sh 47-51)*

At the end of his Chairmanship of the Governing Body, and just as he might have been expecting to retire from formal responsibilities at Rugby School, Sir Ewen Fergusson was skilfully, and I believe willingly, secured to Chair the new Arnold Foundation. At the same time, I had joined Rugby School to establish a Development Office and our first meeting fell at the end of my first week as we celebrated the opening of a new laboratory and astroturf pitch with Sir Tony O'Reilly. Rugby was new to me at that time but Ewen's affection for his old School, alongside his friendships and connections across the Rugbeian network, were hugely important as we sought to establish the Foundation among the wider School Community. His wisdom and experience ensured important foundations were laid as the School trail-blazed a new kind of boarding bursary opportunity which remains the gold standard in the UK today. Apart from the Board meetings Ewen chaired over five years and the formal events and receptions, there were other memorable occasions including a dinner for his School House contemporaries at the Beefsteak Club which was particularly special for the fine company and the Vive-las! No-one appeared to have forgotten the words and the intervening years almost disappeared with an extremely noisy reminder of School House life.

*Kerry Wilson, Director Development*



## JOHN PEIRSON

*John Peirson was appointed to teach Science at Rugby in 1950 and remained in the town for the rest of his life. He taught at the School from 1950-87, continued part time until 2000. John was Housemaster of Whitelaw 1965-77, and Tutor in School Field 1951-65.*



John Peirson was born in Marlborough, Wiltshire. After prep school in Seaford, Sussex, he became a pupil at Marlborough College where his father taught sciences. He thoroughly enjoyed Marlborough, discovered the joys of music and spent much time playing the flute. He then joined the army and was posted to India during the latter part of the war. His time in India no doubt planted some of the seeds of his great interest in different cultures and languages. He was able to spend much time reading during a hospital spell and discovered Rumi, one of his great loves. In January 1946 he went up to Peterhouse, Cambridge, to study Sciences. After a fairly daunting start, living in a freezing cold room with no heating, and joining the course partway through the academic year, he had a wonderful time, making the most of opportunities, including music. He also taught General Studies, Religious Studies, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and was thoroughly involved in the musical life of the school and the town, performing himself and encouraging others. He was perhaps 'the School's resident polymath'.

*By Michael, Margaret and Richard Peirson*

For a young master at Rugby nearly 50 years ago life was full of unfathomable complexities. Curious terminology (rot-up, bosh, Bodger and Boomer) mingled with unintelligible demands at the termly Masters' Meeting ('Smithers mi. needs to take an X-Option!'). It was just as well that a year of grace was tolerated before a Tutorial invitation was accepted in a Boarding House and a huge relief to me that the inviting Housemaster was John Pierson.

At that time, John was about half-way through his Whitelaw term, although he was a familiar friend and fellow biologist in the newly opened Parker Building. We rubbed shoulders and swapped daily anecdotes particularly as John had preceded me as Chairman of Botany and Zoology in the Natural History Society. His repertoire of curiosities was legendary. On one occasion (and with a wry smile), he pulled from his jacket pocket an encased specimen of *Crataerina pallida*, with the words "what do you make of this?" My hesitant identification was followed by further rummaging through heavily annotated field guides, before the final revelation, in his neat pencil annotation, of the exact time and place of capture.

During lesson times his distinctive voice would sometimes drift into my classroom, punctuated by snatches of a few chords on a flute, or the shrill blast of a wavelength generator. On one occasion I popped my head around the door to find he was physically absent, his voice substituted by a strategically placed reel-to-reel tape recorder on the front bench! An elected spokesperson for the enwrapped class

assured me all was well, as Mr Pierson had left full instructions for the lesson! I wondered whether John had gone off in pursuit of one of the many people he added to his long thin list of daily 'must-dos'. Half of these seemed to be written in Chinese and many had been completed during the more tedious moments of my last Departmental Meeting!

Back in the House the same infectious enthusiasm prevailed. Weekly supervision of Hall Prep was followed by Dics, a curious 'Thought for the Night' affair, of which John seemed a fan. Sometimes visitors were drafted in to deliver 10 minutes of wisdom, while at others I would bring in my wind-up gramophone, sending melancholy blues along the dusky Whitelaw corridors. John chuckled at the novelty, perhaps using one of his favourite descriptors, 'marvellous' or 'monstrous'. And there was no hurrying away at the end. Long and engaging conversation across his desk followed, until the Head of House appeared at the study door to proclaim all was well. Indeed it was, for there was no more welcoming and inspiring a figure to greet the young Rugby apprentice and I am eternally grateful for knowing John as I did.

*John Winchester (Former Teaching Staff 1972-2007)*

How well Sarah and I remember arriving at Rugby just before the start of the Lent Term 1967. The need to get to know all the staff and their families and over 700 boys, taking on the running of School House as well as the School and preparing for the Quartercentenary celebrations – all this seemed an awesome prospect. What made it possible was the warmth of the welcome given to us and our family, not least by John and Rosamond Peirson.

From our first meeting John and Rosamond took us to their hearts. As the years went by we were nurtured by them, though sometimes taken aback when at one of their musical parties Rosamond would press a flute of violin or flute into our hands and say: "Just play a few notes. It's quite easy!" The sense of being in the Rugby family is what they gave us.

How did John manage to be so gifted and intelligent and at the same time so unfailingly humble? The pupils in his house trusted, admired and loved him. He never made them feel small or rejected, always affirmed and listened to, even when they were being a right nuisance.

Sometimes John would come and talk with me about a boy who was really miserable and found the pressures of living in a large busy boarding house more than he could bear. John explored every way possible to get him to feel secure and respected, so he could start moving forward again. Sometimes he would take the pressure off by giving a boy a break from the house and arranging for him to live with another teacher and their family. He was unique in that way. His gift of empathy went hand in hand with his clear thinking and humanity.

It was just John's pupils and the boys in his house who learned from him. His example spread through the whole school and to parents, local churches and the mixed-race community of Rugby which he and Rosamond got to know well. Their initiative in founding the international concerts in the Speech Room drew people from every race and faith. They created a new feeling of togetherness at a time when racial tensions in the town were high.

John's command of many languages, and especially his insight into Islam and Eastern faiths, also reached many beyond the school. His

talks in St. Mark's church were treasured. He never found giving these talks a chore and always looked forward to the next one with the same excitement as the last. If you called at the right moment, you could be lucky enough to get quite a lot of the talk in advance over a glass of sherry. Always, always, John was looking outwards, fascinated by the sheer variety of nature, and human nature in particular.

Which brings me to John's Christian faith. Never pious or ceremonious, it came to him as naturally as his music, his science and his fascination with the whole range of human experience. John's breadth of knowledge made it clear that science is the partner, not the adversary, of religion.

This is how we knew John and came to love him and Rosamond and their family in a way which is rare in anyone's life. For both of us it is a pearl of great price.

*Jim and Sarah Woodhouse, past Head Master of Rugby and his wife*

John Peirson was an extraordinary schoolmaster, a kind scholar, a funny and learned man, an inspirational teacher and a glorious intellect. I was at Rugby from 1979-1984, towards the end of JP's long career. John and one or two others (Geoff Foxcroft, Phil Cheshire) made sure the Science Schools were at the forefront of excellence and integrity. JP was why so many of us chose to study A-level sciences. He was lucid, original, incisive – and 23 years later, I'm grateful to him.

John had a good knowledge of languages too. A friend of mine learnt this when he swore fruitily in Urdu, not expecting to be understood. JP heard him and reprimanded him for his foul language in class!

*Richard Heaton (M 79-84)*

Throughout my time at Rugby, John was (and Rosamond too) a marvellous friend and an astonishing example of almost everything I could hope to be. Intelligent, wise (how different those qualities are!), imaginative, generous and with a wonderfully wicked sense of humour. He made the Senior Common Room a place worth visiting. And all those languages! Sitting in the horn section of the Rococo Players I whiled away the 157 bars rest by gloomily thinking of marking still to be done, while in front of me sat JP with the woodwind filling in the occasional three bars rest by memorising a couple of dozen Chinese characters. He was a good friend, a great example and I'm very happy we did not lose touch after I left Rugby.

*Keith Maclellan, past Rugby staff*

Many people like me, his pupils, members of Whitelaw House and colleagues of all sorts, thought the world of John Peirson, and will miss him. What made John so special was his empathy. He understood people (talented or unexceptional), took time to see what made us tick, and encouraged and cared about each of us.

I very much enjoyed getting to know John, as a senior member of Whitelaw in the late 60s, and saw at first hand just how thoughtful, intelligent, supportive a person he was. A great gift, and a hard one to exercise amid the competing pressures and demands of a young family, a full teaching load, and the logistics of running a house of 70 boys. But he did it, and with considerable panache.

*Dick Warner (W 64-69)*

John was an enormous influence on my life and I owe him more than I could possibly articulate clearly. His huge intellectual curiosity, enormous breadth of interests and extraordinary range of teaching skills were quite remarkable.

He and Rosamond were highly musical, and at all times kind and courteous. He clearly regarded any corporal punishment as utterly pointless (rare in those days), but would rather provoke thinking, be positive and seek to intrigue not punish.

He inspired intellectual curiosity, had a huge sense of decency and right and wrong, and he never made an unkind remark about anybody. And he was a giant among his peers, at all times interested in people, ideas, beliefs and morals. He was very special indeed and in the highest tradition of the great English housemasters of all time.

*Giles Clarke (W 66-71)*

John Peirson taught me Japanese and set me on my current path. His inspirational teaching made me decide to read Japanese at university. After graduating from the University of Durham, I lived in Japan for nine years, working as a translator, and now run my own Japanese translation business in New Zealand. The Japanese onshi is often translated as 'former teacher', but the term also implies a debt of obligation for that teacher's kindness. I consider John Peirson to have been my onshi. Without him, I would not have gone to live in Japan, become a Japanese translator, learned Japanese tea ceremony, or met my husband (who is Russian – another of the many languages that Mr Peirson spoke, as I recall – and whom I met while working in Japan). It is also unlikely that I would have emigrated to New Zealand 10 years ago without all that had gone before.

There is a haiku by the poet Kobayashi Issa, which has always been my favourite of those I studied with Mr Peirson:

*Tsuyu no yo wa Tsuyu no yo nagara Sarinagara  
This dewdrop world is but a dewdrop world And yet...*

Issa wrote it on the anniversary of his young son's death. According to Buddhist teaching (to which Mr Peirson also gave us an introduction), life is as fleeting as a dewdrop and so one should not grow attached to the things of this world. And yet we grieve, even when a life as long and fulfilling as his comes to an end.

I remembered my gratitude and obligation to him when I received a commendation from the Consul-General of Japan in Auckland for my contribution to promoting Japanese culture in Auckland. This award would not have happened had it not been for John's inspirational teaching.

*Eleanor Goldsmith  
(née Hinds), (D 92-94)*





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## ROBERT MONTGOMERIE

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***Robert Montgomerie was Michell Housemaster from 1978-89, Deputy Head from 1989-97 and a Tutor in Dean and School House.***



Bob Montgomerie was housemaster of Michell throughout my time there (83-88). He always seemed incredibly cheerful for a man with around 70 unruly boys under his care, and his good humour was a welcome presence amid the strictures of a boarding house environment. One of the highlights of the house calendar was his Christmas dinner speech, for which he painstakingly crafted a lengthy story that included the surname of everyone in the house, each name disguised inside the words and phrases of an elaborate plot. The game for us was to try to spot the names like a wordsearch, each discovery triggering cheers and groans from the audience.

He ran Michell highly effectively, not by enforcing rules for rules' sake, but with a degree of freedom and a sense of perspective about what was important and what wasn't. His relaxed style involved giving the senior boys in the house the responsibility for the day-to-day running of operations, ultimately a great confidence builder and excellent preparation for the outside world. And although he gave the appearance of keeping a light hand on the tiller, he still had a mystifying ability to know exactly what was going on, and where it was going on. Beneath the smiles there was a steely core that never let you off if he felt you were drifting from the straight and narrow. He ensured my time at Rugby was rewarding and enjoyable, and I shall always be grateful for that.

***By David Lee (M 83-88)***

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Some people don't like change. But I think Michell House was ready for it when Bob took over as housemaster in 1978. Of course it was not just Bob, but Jill and his whole family, breathing new life into the private side. Bob was an energetic gust of fresh air that blew throughout the entire house. A rarity in my experience, as a housemaster and a teacher, he was able to connect with his pupils at their level, despite the encumbrance of age differential. Never a strict disciplinarian, with 'Monty' there was always a slight danger things might run a little out of control. But his light managerial touch gave his pupils freedom, and this was repaid with high respect. Even a brief review is incomplete without reference to his never-ending good humour. I recall showing round new parents with him, and on spotting an old round bathtub, he noted (to the horror of his audience) that their loving offspring would likely be returned to them in that shape aged 18. And yes, his love of sport and especially cricket...my final conversation with him being about a return trip to Lord's. He will genuinely be greatly missed.

***Adrian Fox (M 75-79)***

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Bob Montgomerie (I never learned to call him Robert) came to Rugby in 1969 after seven very successful years on the staff of St. Edward's School Oxford. He was a natural teacher, warm and supportive and with a lovely sense of humour. He combined teaching Latin and Greek as a form master with his favourite subject, Ancient History, which he taught at A level. An outstanding cricketer and squash player, he took over from John Marshall as Master in Charge of Cricket in the following year.

Bob was also soon in demand as a House Tutor, and he joined School House after it returned from its exile in Horton Crescent to its refurbished premises in the Close. When a new Commander of the CCF was needed, I tentatively asked Bob if he felt he could take on that job too. He paused for a moment, when I think he was asking himself "Is this really the job for me?". Then he gave me his typical, modest smile and said "I think I can manage that". He did more than manage. With the help of the ebullient Sgt. Major John Potter morale in the CCF rose to new heights. The training camps and expeditions to wild places were probably closer to Bob's heart than the parade ground. There is a photo of him perched up high in the turret of a tank which has echoes of the great Field Marshall at Alamein. Jack Baiss was due to retire from running Michell House in 1978, and Bob was the obvious choice as his successor. He and Gill and their young family instantly won the hearts of the boys and their parents and the house flourished in their care.

Bob's record as a first-rate teacher, sportsman and housemaster would have placed him high in any contest for a headmastership, but his loyalty to Rugby won the day. In 1990 he was once again successor to John Marshall, in the pivotal role of Second Master and Deputy Head. It is hard to think of anyone who so well matches the old saying "Cometh the hour, cometh the man".

It was Rugby's great good fortune to benefit from such a talented and generous couple as Bob and Gill Montgomerie together with their four gifted children, all of whom became distinguished members of the school.

***By Jim Woodhouse, Former Head Master, teaching staff and Housemaster School House 67-81.***

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My abiding memory of Bob Montgomery was his enigmatic smile, which exuded goodwill and bonhomie, but gave little away. He was my E Block Latin teacher and smiled (probably with pity) while I and Will Riley (now a successful business owner in Sydney) spent more time munching mints than conjugating verbs. He smiled benignly when he popped his head around the door of a distant pub during my autumn term in the XX, catching half a dozen of us in the wrong place at the wrong time. Finally, he smiled warmly again when I sat next to him at a 20-year XV reunion lunch in 2003 (for some reason as touch judge in 1983-4 I manage to cadge an invite) and reminded him of Latin lessons and busting illicit upper-sixth pub visits. With great patience he heard my story, before charmingly admitting he had no recollection of me at the School whatsoever! Priceless.

***Robin Fletcher (K 79-84)***

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Robert Montgomerie's 12-year tenure as Housemaster (the eighth of a mere dozen of Mr Michell's House) from 1978 to 1990, ensured him a deep, lasting legacy among Rugbeians and his teaching colleagues. No finer tribute to his leadership during that successful period can be expressed than in summarising the reputation he built among his many charges. Generations of 'Michell-men' universally admired his warmth of character, his sense of fairness, his caring nature, his unflappable, phlegmatic response to whatever problems the boys created for him and the persuasive magisterial example he set for them all. The Michell reunion of 2009 was a special occasion, with no fewer than five Housemasters and their wives in attendance. The event afforded the opportunity to many of his boys to return to the House to enjoy a meal in the Michell garden, delighted to catch up with Robert and Jill and to reminisce fondly with them. A fine cricketer, Robert captained Oxfordshire, but he was also a fine classicist. His much-appreciated gift to the House, on that occasion, of his novel, written in retirement in 2008, 'Helot: a story of ancient Sparta' was an impressive work.

***Tim Day (T 83-88), Current Michell Housemaster***

## BIRTHS



### GROVE

GROVE for Alex (SF 01-06) and Natasha (née Peachey) (D 04-08), a daughter, Imogen Sienna Grove on 06/06/17



### BARLOW

BARLOW for Thomas (Sh 95-00) and Maria Rodriguez, a son Jake Rodriguez Barlow on 10/07/17

## DISTINCTIONS

### SIR HEW STRACHAN

was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 2016.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### DIAMOND (60)

NM Nicol (SH 45-50) to Miss JM Mather on 27/07/2017



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# HOUSE REUNIONS & EVENTS

## CLASS OF '16 I YEAR LEAVERS' PARTY SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

The leavers' reunion had a really good turnout, with what seemed like at least 100 of us all in the Atlas Pub, London. We got three drinks tokens to start off our night – it was just like being back at Saturday night school bar! It was great to see everyone and catch up with gap year and university stories. A few teachers came along too and I'm so glad that I made the trip for it.

*Tiffany Bucknall (G 11-16)*

*Matt Jackson (Sh 11-16),  
Tim Day (T83-88) Hm Michell.  
& Gareth Lloyd-Jones (M 80-84)*



*Sophie Levin (RB 11-16),  
Barney Preece (SF 11-16),  
Sam Pougatch (C 11-16) &  
Jonty Carr (C 11-16)*



*Alice Parker (RB 11-16), Tiffany Bucknall (G 11-16), Imogen Holmes (Tu 11-16)  
& Octavia Spray (RB 11-16)*

The event was so well organised and was based in an amazing setting. I had such a brilliant time catching up with old friends, but it was also great to chat to those I didn't have much chance to get to know during my time at School. To hear what people had been up to over the course of the year, and what they plan to do next, was really interesting. The added highlight for me was winning a bottle of champagne!

*Matt Jackson (Sh 11-16)*



*Ewan Rowlands (SH 11-16), Philip Garthwaite (SH 11-16),  
Ed Cattermole (M 11-16) & Tim Day (T83-88) Hm Michell.*



*Rufus Hall (Sh 11-16), Imy Wheeler (Tu 11-16), Emily Lauterpacht (Tu 11-16)  
& Olivia Clarke (G 11-16)*



# CLASS OF '12

## 5 YEAR LEAVERS' PARTY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

It is comforting to know that, even after five years of university and/or work, little has changed when Rugbeians reunite. The gathering at The Atlas Pub in West Brompton evoked warm memories of Bar on a Saturday night. Regrettably, the establishment does not enforce the infamous two (equally warm) tinny limit. It was fun to reignite friendships after so long, picking up again as if it has only been an exeat. Everyone is keenly awaiting the next reunion, and many thanks to Tracey and her team for organising.

**Hector Alexander (C 07-12)**

Had a fantastic time at the reunion, was great to see some old faces, now looking significantly more professionally dressed than at School! Lovely to hear the interesting and varied paths everyone has taken, and winning the raffle for a bottle of champagne wasn't too bad either!

**Catriona Low (St 10-12)**



Katie Stafford (St 10-12),  
Rob Hinchley (K 07-12), Toby Skailes  
(C 07-12) & Sophie Skipper



Jameela Thurloway (G 07-12),  
Amelia Brine (Tu 07-12) &  
Felicity Bramall (RB 08-12)



Ollie Akinboro (St 10-12),  
Stéphane Victor (Ma & T 05-  
12) & Agnes Traore (St 10-12)



Katherine Dauncey (Tu 07-12),  
Amelia Brine (Tu 07-12), Katie Berwick  
& Lucy Ripman (Tu 07-12)



Theo McKibbin (K 07-12), Felix Douglas Ferguson  
(W 07-12) & Rob Hinchley (K 07-12)



Catriona Low (St 10-12) & Tim Day  
(T 83-88) Hm Michell



Hector Alexander (C 07-12), Becky Denton (B 07-12), Harriet Slater (Tu 07-12), Katherine Dauncey (Tu 07-12),  
Alex Roden (SF 07-12), Jamie Hirst (Ma & T 05-12), Will Lynn (SH & T 07-12) & Costa Thrasyvoulou (T 07-12)



## CLASS OF '92

### 25TH ANNIVERSARY DRINKS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

An impressive 42 Rugbeians attended the 'Class of '92' on September 21 in Soho's Groucho Club. While for some it was a tube trip or a short hop across country, a few went to greater lengths travelling from distant places such as Hong Kong and Thailand. 25 years seemed to have passed in a heartbeat but the years apart did not dilute the excitement of the reunion with memories and old school banter quickly revived!

Many pictures and stories were shared and at times counsel sought of the experienced from the newcomers to the parental ranks!

Although babysitter deadlines and early morning meetings enforced an early exit for some, a good group stayed until the club was closing and the cleaners were in full swing. Numbers were exchanged and promises made to meet again soon so hopefully this get together will be the catalyst for many more.

*Nick Gallagher (SH 87-92)*

*Adam Branscombe (T 87-92),  
Jeremy Reed (T 87-92),  
Giles Avery (T 87-92) &  
Mark Tredwell (T 87-92)*



*Alex Crombie (M 87-92), Tom (or Thomas!) Tuthill  
(C & M 87-92) & Nick Gallagher (SH 87-92)*



*Helen Hawker (S 90-92) & Will Butler-Adams (W 87-92)*



*John Van De Poll (W 87-92), Thamrong Mahadumrongkul  
(W 87-92), Babajide Kayode (K 87-92), James Hall (C 87-92)  
& Desmond Cheung (C 87-92)*



*Alison Harwood (S 90-92), Hannah Walker (née Richards (S 90-92),  
Amy Lim (née Cox) (D 90-92), Marcus Stevens (Sh 87-92),  
Stephanie Maguire (D 90-92) & Suzi Douglas (née Cottrell) (D 90-92)*

## CLASS OF '07

### 10 YEAR LEAVERS' PARTY

OCTOBER 18, 2017

London's Bar Soho hosted the 'Class of 2007' 10-year leavers' drinks. Guests were in fine spirits and the threat of a Thursday morning at work didn't detract from the lure of beers and prosecco on tap. Conversation flowed freely as Rugbeians voiced their confusion over

the dress code, reminisced about Majid Rahman's heroics on the cricket pitch and recalled with fondness Alex Israel's performance in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. It was an entertaining evening and the only thing lacking was a fuller turn out. Hopefully those who

couldn't make it are saving themselves for the 15-year leavers' drinks and we look forward to seeing them there!

*Richard Offord (SF 02-07)*

# CLASS OF '87

## 30TH ANNIVERSARY DRINKS

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Having regretfully missed the milestone 25-year celebration, I decided that nothing would stop me from attending the 30-year reunion! However, I didn't feel quite as brave as the evening drew closer. Doubt set in as to whether I would know anybody and if people would remember me. These thoughts evaporated as the evening got underway with shouts of delight and laughter as we fondly reminisced and re-lived shared memories and banter. We were a perfectly formed group of about 30 with a good turnout from different Houses. Top marks to the ladies as all the girls' Houses of the day

were represented. It was a treat to meet up with old friends and catch up on each other's lives. There was so much to get through (families, careers, life abroad) which we skipped our way through and settled back into the old rhythm. I later reflected on just how little people had changed in their mannerisms and features over the intervening years and how life-affirming that felt. We were all delighted to have the opportunity to reconnect and refresh our friendships. With our thanks to the Rugbeian Society for organising – Floreat Rugbeia!

*Suzanne Duke (née Milward) (B 85-87)*



*Alexandra Troubridge  
(née Fergusson)  
& Wilsey Mockett  
(S 85-87)*



*Donald Fraser (B 82-87), Betty Fraser, Nick Graves  
(SH 82-87), Suzanna Duke (née Milward) (Cr 85-87)  
& Agnes Diezinger (Cr 85-87)*



*Rupert Walford (SF  
82-87), Rick Parkman  
(K 82-87) & Will Slack  
(SF 82-87)*



*Samir Kantaria  
(M 83-87), Henry  
Scutt (M 82-87)  
& Hitesh Bhatia  
(M 82-87)*



*Steve Anderson (St 82-87) & Candice Raby  
(née Bell) (S 85-87)*



Any 30th school reunion invite must be received with the thoughts: 'who else is going?' and 'will I remember them?' Luckily peer pressure got the better of any doubts about the trek on a Thursday in November to the wilds of the City. Once there, I found most of the ladies had changed their name (!), which was a challenge as my memory of the who's who of 130 names from 1987 failed me.

There was a hilarious moment when we discovered that a fellow Rugbeian's eldest offspring had been friends with my eldest for at least the past three years without either knowing their crusty parents had shared five years together many years before.

For two to three hours we were all able to catch up like old times. The banter was more middle aged but probably as pointed as ever after so long together. As ever the evening ended with promises of not leaving it nearly so long next time.

*Henry Scutt (M 82-87)*



# TUDOR PLAQUE REUNION

## OCTOBER 1, 2017

October 1, 2017 marked the ruby anniversary of Tudor winning Cock House six times between 1971 and 1977 – the longest undefeated run in recorded School history by any House in any major sport – was celebrated.

Although already recorded on a plaque in Tudor, at the last House reunion in Spring 2015, **Colin McCosh (Tu 69-74)** and Tudor Housemistress Debbie Horner discussed how to best commemorate the ruby anniversary.

Debbie enthusiastically embraced the idea and a date was settled for October 1 to coincide with a Girls hockey festival as part of 450th Celebration year.

Twenty-two 'plaquers' and guests, including seven of the 1974 winning XI, returned to Rugby and were thoroughly looked after by the School and House representatives.

They were applauded during the School Chapel Service, had coffee afterwards with the Headmaster, then given tours of the School and House by girls from Tudor. Following a photo session, lunch was held in Tudor and afterwards they witnessed the Girls First XI win through to the final of the festival.



L-R Colin McCosh (Tu 69-74), Mick Walker (Tu 69-74), Tim Robinson (Tu 72-77), Roger McCosh (Tu 72-76), James Cox (Tu 72-76), Robert Pugh (Tu 69-74), Richard Thornely (Tu 69-74), Malcolm Davies (Tu 70-75), William Assheton (Tu 70-75), William Spurgin (Tu 73-77), Darrell Webb (Tu 73-77) & David Bateson (Tu 68-73)  
Seated: Bruce Johnson (Tu 67-72), Alexander Walker (Tu 66-71), Debbie Horner current Hm, William Trounson (Tu 67-72), Tim Bowker (Tu 66-71) & Nick Panitza (Tu 76-77). Guy Steele Bodger missed the photo!

There was very positive feedback from Rugbeians including some who had not been back to Rugby for over 45 years. Good memories were recalled, bad ones

laid to rest and old friendships rekindled in what was deemed a major success.

**Colin McCosh (Tu 69-74)**

# NEW PARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

On September 3 last year, the Society hosted its now traditional annual tea and cakes reception for new parents in OBS. This event raises the profile of the Society with new parents who pay for their child's membership over the time they are at Rugby.

Many of the parents were impressed with the benefits of life membership of the Society and left with at least some idea as to why we exist and

what we are trying to achieve. The reception was ably organised by our Executive Assistant, Tracey Ahmet.

The occasion also allowed parents to mingle and socialise before leaving their children in the safe hands of their respective Housemasters and Housemistresses.

**Simon Penniston (C 65-70)**  
**Vice-President**



## WALES DINNER

### OCTOBER 13, 2017

The 2017 Wales Rugbeian Dinner had a record attendance of 12 Rugbeians, guests and former staff, and it was fantastic to welcome some new faces. The evening started with drinks in the



Cardiff and County Club bar followed by dinner in the intimate Card Room. Monica Barlow (former Bradley Housemistress) commenced proceedings with a lovely Welsh language grace.

Stories and memories flowed as liberally as the wine. After the obligatory photo, most repaired to the

*Left to right – John Lazarus (C 55-59), Nick Wood (St 90-92), Robin Barlow, Dan Caunt (C 92-97), Martin Long (Tu 80-85), Kay Murphy, Mark Powell (St 65-70), Monica Barlow, Sam Nada (K 92-97), Caroline Nada & Fern Williams (G 05-07)*

bar for a few post-prandials. Clifton College old boys had also held their dinner in the club and so it was great to revive some of the healthy old rivalry. Naturally we reminded them that their school was set up by a Rugbeian who kindly lent them the use of words such as the 'Close' and 'Big Side'! Many thanks to **Martin Long (Tu 80-85)** for again hosting a wonderful evening. Sadly **Robert Pickford (K 55-59)** had left us before the photo but has already signed up for the 2018 dinner.

Please contact **Dan Caunt (C 92-97)** (dan.caunt@admiralgroup.co.uk) if you would like to attend the 2018 Wales Rugbeian dinner.

**Dan Caunt (C 92-97)**

## ICE MAIDEN

### EXHIBITION

Major Nics Wetherill, a doctor in the British Army has just led the first all female team to ski coast to coast across Antarctica using muscle power alone...

The journey took 61 days. The team of six women from various regiments and corps started at the base of the Leverett glacier on the Ross ice shelf, travelled to the South Pole and then onwards towards Hercules Inlet on the Ronne Ice shelf, what will be a total of 1704km.

The aim of this expedition was not only the crossing but to inspire women and men to get active and outdoors and to aim for a dream no matter how daunting it might seem.

The selection and training over the past two years saw as many women as possible given opportunities and experiences they might otherwise have missed.

Supported by the British Army, this expedition has been sponsored by AECOM, Blackrock, Qioptiq and Team Army.

Lieutenant General **Tim Radford (C 77-81)** CB DSO OBE is the military patron for Ex Ice Maiden and **Professor Chris Imray (St 72-77)** is coordinating the medical research.

For more information, please visit [www.exicemaiden.com](http://www.exicemaiden.com)

**Maj Nics Wetherill (B 99-04)**



*Nics celebrates arriving at the South Pole with our 450 Gilbert ball, as part of the Ice Maiden expedition. We made it!*

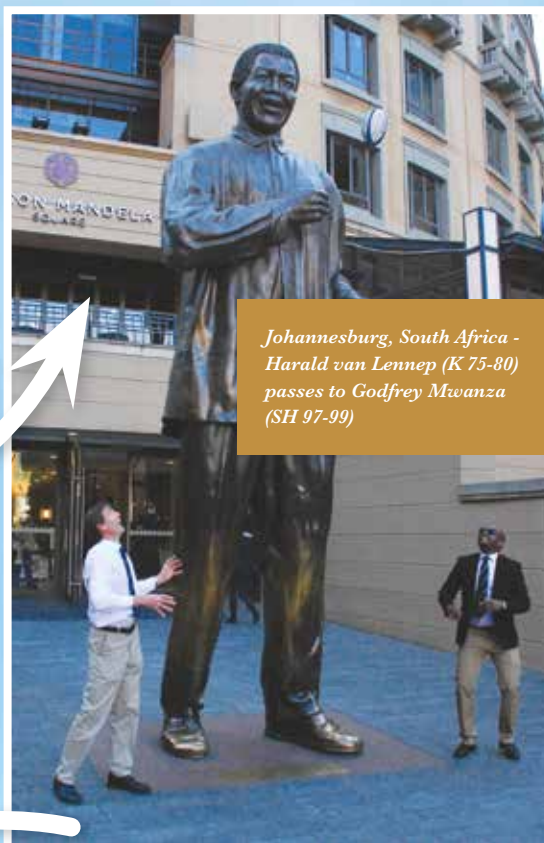


# THE GLOBAL PASS

The Global Pass ball travelled across 127 countries in six continents. The circumference of the Earth is 24,901 miles so it has travelled over four times round the world. Amazing! #globalpass2017



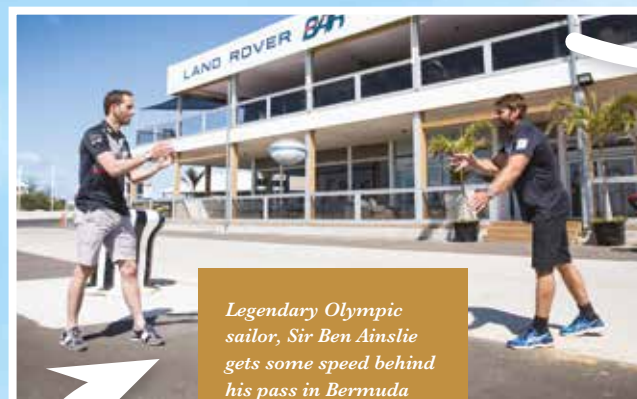
*Table Mountain, Cape Town - Alex Hetherington (Tu 88-89) & Ian Wason (Sh 90-95)*



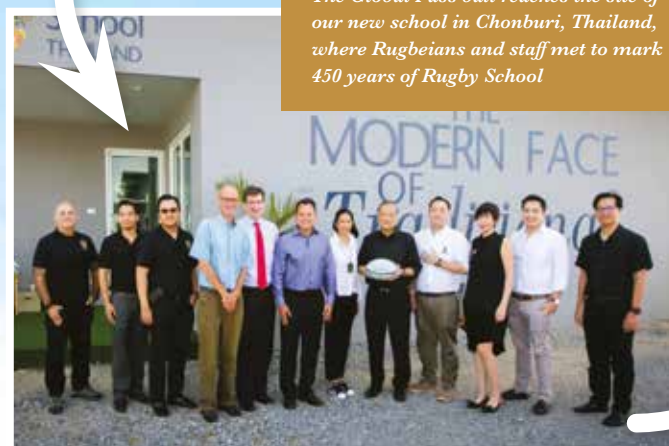
*Johannesburg, South Africa - Harald van Lennep (K 75-80) passes to Godfrey Mwanza (SH 97-99)*



*All Black legend, Ian Jones passes to Kim Goodhart (D 94-96) at Milford Beach, New Zealand*



*Legendary Olympic sailor, Sir Ben Ainslie gets some speed behind his pass in Bermuda*



*The Global Pass ball reaches the site of our new school in Chonburi, Thailand, where Rugbeians and staff met to mark 450 years of Rugby School*



*Lt Gen Tim Radford, OBE, DSO (C 77-81) currently Commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps passes to Andrew Maguire Commandante of Rugby School CCF*



Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey, His Excellency Admiral Sir Ian Corder KBE CB (T 73-77) passes to Freddie Furley of Guernsey Rugby Academy, then to Nathan Hazzan (Sh 11-13) at Government House, Guernsey



The Global Pass ball makes the pilgrimage to Stonehenge, Rupert Wilkinson (M 86-91), Nick Berners-Price (St 85-90) & Jonas Fieldhouse (St 85-90) passed the ball around the famous stone circle



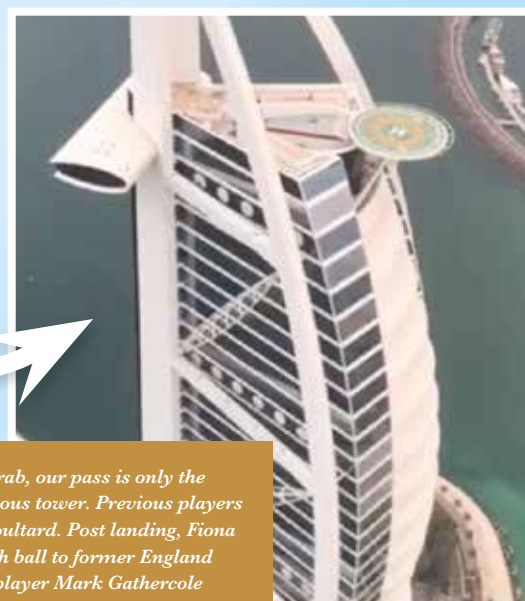
Toby Marsh (SH 88-93) & Kendra Marsh (née Roche) (St 91-93) pass in the Austrian Alps



The Global Pass ball at Kingsdown Stables with Kenneth Lau (B 83-86), his newly acquired racehorse kindly named Global Pass! and jockey Tom Brown! All true. Many thanks to trainer Ed Walker, blood stock agent Alastair Donald (SF 88-93) and current pupil Nicholas Lau for their support



The Global Pass ball arrived safely at Bagram Air Base, Kabul, Afghanistan, courtesy of Maj Adrian Grinonneau (SF 83-88). The ball survived a quick tour of duty in an F16 and being placed in the cannon of Hades Gunship!



High Pass - Dubai, 1053 ft up, atop the Burj Al Arab, our pass is only the 4th sporting event to take place on top of the famous tower. Previous players include Tiger Woods, Rafael Nadal and David Coulthard. Post landing, Fiona Hughes-D'Aeth (D 80-82), passes our Gilbert 450th ball to former England International Steve Thompson, Exiles and Gulf player Mark Gathercole & former Barbarians player, Scott Hudson #globalpass2017



# NOTES FROM THE HEAD MASTER



*If we achieve these three things (and much else besides), I hope we will help to write a valuable new chapter in the history of Rugby when the School comes to mark its 500th anniversary in 2067.*

While we rightly mark the end of an amazing year celebrating Rugby's 450th anniversary (for which huge thanks to all involved), we can now turn to a smaller (but no less important) number: three. Three is a powerful number.

On the rugby pitch there is the 'back three', in the Bible the Three Wise Men, in maths three sides to a triangle, and in life sequences such as beginning, middle and end or birth, marriage and death.

Thomas Arnold clearly understood the power of three when he introduced his priorities for Rugby boys: 'first religious and moral principle, second gentlemanly conduct, third academic ability'.

At Rugby today we have our own updated version of Arnold's trio - Restlessness, Reflection and Rigour - which contribute vitally to our wider Aristotelian belief in the 'The whole person, the whole point'.

With the Governing Body we are currently shaping further the future vision and narrative for the School for the next three years and beyond.

Our starting point is to understand and reflect upon what has been achieved (with much restlessness and rigour!) over the past three years.

This is not about trumpet blowing or laurel resting but understanding how far we have come and how far we need to go.

F Block newcomers may not understand that their journey is better planned and supported than at any point in our history.

From their first day, new pupils are given a Rugby Learning Profile, which goes way beyond the classroom to include their own weekly reflection on what they have learned and what they can improve.

They receive a tutor specifically to help them settle in during their first year, before gaining a second tutor for E Block and D Block. That's now two people, not just one, who know each pupil through tutorials, and notes of every tutee meeting are now recorded and reviewed.

Rugby pupils are now being taught in improved learning spaces, such as the new specialist classrooms in the design centre, and now have sport built into their timetables.

As they cross the Rugby campus, they may notice older buildings or crests benefiting from a £300,000 building restoration programme.

Boarders (particularly those in Michell, School Field, Rupert Brooke or Sheriff) will be starting to feel the benefit of a £23.5m house refurbishment programme.

And members of Southfield and Town will soon experience bigger and better facilities too, while the School maintains its

current day/boarder balance.

Parents will perhaps notice that at 815 pupils the School is larger than it has ever been and that our public exam results are now better than many leading rivals.

Rugby also achieves the best results in Warwickshire (state and independent) and in the town we are of course a significant employer.

Internationally, we continue to welcome pupils to the School from all over the world and our first overseas venture, Rugby School Thailand, is now educating its first students.

Within the UK, the Arnold Foundation, which celebrates its 15th birthday (remarkably) in 2018, continues to provide a life-changing opportunity



Cheque Presentation



to young people of many different backgrounds, and remains the gold standard of independent school bursary schemes.

It's too early to define exactly what the next three years in the life of Rugby will look like in fine detail, although we will share those thoughts as soon as we can.

But in the spirit of 'three' here are a trio of priorities:

First, ensuring every Rugby pupil leaves the School with the character and courage to question the world around them, rather than accepting the status quo because tradition dictates or they feel they should. So much of the future belongs to those who can and will do this.

Second, planting in the minds of Rugbeians the importance and value of lifelong learning and providing transportable tools so this can happen. Our students will learn more in life after

they leave the School than they will in their brief years with us and it is our duty to invoke a passion for learning that lives on beyond the gates of the School and the walls of our boarding houses.

Finally, creating leaders at all levels of the community – within and without the School. Like all Schools we can impart more efficiently and effectively knowledge and information, but the real value comes in helping to foster a new generation of leaders who can go out and make a genuine difference in the world.

If we achieve these three things (and much else besides), I hope we will help to write a valuable new chapter in the history of Rugby when the School comes to mark its 500th anniversary in 2067.

*Floreat Rugbeia!*

**Peter Green, Head Master**



Top image: Rugby Estate Day  
Above: 'William Webb Ellis' passes to Head Master



## VIEW FROM THE CHAIRMAN



*2017 can only be described as an extraordinary year.*

The 450th anniversary celebrations have served to demonstrate that our School is flying high and maintains its rightful place amongst the highest echelons of the Public Schools.

The anniversary events arranged throughout the year are well documented in this Floreat but I would like to pay a particular tribute to **Peter Berners-Price (St 56-61)**, the Chairman of the 450th Anniversary Committee. Peter has worked tirelessly and with tremendous inspiration to deliver a series of events which have collectively contributed to what has been a truly amazing year, surpassing all expectations. I make no apologies for using so many superlatives; our events have included literally thousands of Rugbeians, some who have not previously engaged with the School for decades.

I am pleased too to report that our Legacies campaign, which has been a cornerstone of the anniversary year, has also been well supported, and I encourage you to consider making a pledge to leave a gift to our School in your Will.

However, for the Governing Body, this has not simply been a year of celebration and congratulation. These are not easy times either politically or economically for schools like ours. Such uncertainty carries with it many threats and we, as

the Trustees of this great School, are preparing for whatever comes.

There has been a threat to our charitable status for many years, However, when Michael Gove, ex Conservative Minister of Education, writes an article in The Times in February entitled 'Put VAT on school fees and soak the rich', the threat takes on a more imminent danger.

The answer, we believe, lies principally in three broad areas: to be certain that our School is excellent and thriving in academic as well as all other co-curricular areas; to be certain that the School is operating efficiently and economically so that fees can be kept as low as possible; and to seek out alternative sources of income to support our School and to ensure that it remains at the forefront of education world-wide.

The excellence of our School and its reputation is obviously critically dependent on our Head Master and his Senior Management Team. Peter Green's own report will reassure Rugbeians that the School is performing well against all of our vital objectives and is on the right trajectory in all areas.

The Governing Body has been working with the Leadership team to consider the urgent matter of 'affordability' and I am pleased to say that we have kept our fee increases to a minimum. Indeed, whilst not compromising on quality in any way, our fees are now noticeably and deliberately lower than those of many of our competitor schools. At the same time, we have been determined to increase the number of scholarships and bursaries awarded. We are very clear too that our strength lies with the people that we employ. We are committed to rewarding excellence.

Our major building programme has now begun, and we have ensured that these essential works will also enhance the campus and thereby increase income potential as well as improving both the attractiveness and quality of our offering for both current and future generations of pupils and their parents.

A further development this year has been the opening of Rugby School, Thailand. The Governing Body is extremely proud of our partnership with the Teepsuwan family, whose achievement in developing a green field site into the most amazing school campus has been nothing short of miraculous.

I am aware that some Rugbeians have questioned the motivation behind our international development, but we will continue to consider partnerships in other territories because we believe that these carefully selected franchise operations will provide additional resources to help us to protect and strengthen our School whilst also spreading the Rugbeian ethos internationally.

Finally, I would like to thank the Governing Body and pay tribute to our Deputy Chairman, Robert Hingley. Being a Governor and a Trustee of an Independent School is a considerable responsibility and the more so because we work in a world of increasing compliance and safeguarding issues. Our Governing Body is made up of a very talented collection of individuals and I have confidence that, working together with our Head Master and the Senior Management Team, we can look forward to our 500th anniversary celebrations with tremendous confidence.

**Lucinda Holmes (D 78-80),  
Chairman Governing Body**

# FAREWELL TO DENISE OSBORNE...AND TO 2017!

2017 was a wonderful Anniversary year, packed with events and projects that gave everyone the opportunity to reflect on the position our great School holds in the world today.

As recorded in the Minutes of our first Committee meeting held on January 17th 2015, we set out to...

"Connect with as many people as possible and specifically with all who have a connection to the School, past, present and future...

Realise the length and richness of our history...

Celebrate our 'Britishness' and heritage...

Inform those who are not yet aware about what an extraordinary school Rugby School actually is...

Embrace change and 'show how it can be done.'"

I think we have shown how it can be done, and a very large part of that has been due to the dedication and professionalism of Denise Osborne, without whom we could not have achieved either the scale or quality of events that took place.

Quite apart from the overall brand, communication and budget management, there were 20 separate events and projects in which Denise was involved.

Following a role as Event Manager for a company in London, Denise joined the School in April 2016. Living in Rugby meant that she was always on hand to deal with the unexpected. She put in many long hours, and forged close working relationships with many School staff. Working with Tracey Ahmet in the Rugby Society office has also meant creating many helpful relationships with Rugbeians worldwide, and I am very grateful to Tracey for the constructive and practical support she gave to Denise.

Denise has now moved on to a new role as Marketing and Events Manager for the Law Faculty at Coventry University.

We thank her for her good humour and commitment during our 450th Anniversary Year, and wish her all the very best in the future. As Coventry has been voted 'City of Culture' for 2021, I suspect, and hope that her relationship with the School will continue.

*By Peter Berners-Price (St 56-61),  
Chairman 450th Anniversary Year*



*Farewell to Denise*





# WE GIVE THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS AND CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 450<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR

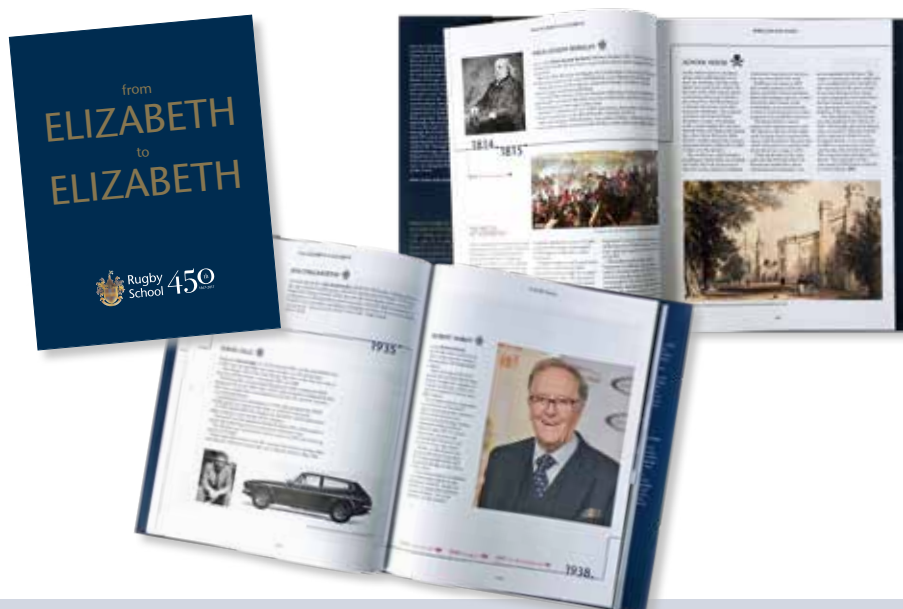
*We give thanks to the very many people and organisations who have contributed to the successful planning and delivery of the programme of projects and events held during 2017 to celebrate the 450th Anniversary of the founding of Rugby School in 1567...*

Firstly and most importantly we thank our 30 Founding Patrons and 132 Patrons for contributing so generously to the funding of the 450th Anniversary Year, and whose personal donations have made it all possible.

In addition, we are immensely grateful to our commercial sponsors – DHL, Quilter Cheviot, Chartwells, Celixir, De Boer, Farebrother, CV22 and CWC – for their generous support, which has allowed us to deliver our events and projects to such a high standard.

## For Publication of our 450th

**Anniversary book**, from Elizabeth to Elizabeth, recording the history of the School as well as world events since 1567, we thank **Robin Fletcher (K 79-84)**, Editor, Tim Mercer, Creative Director, and Reuben Wakeman for his visionary design...we thank **Sir Hew Strachan (K 63-67)** for writing the foreword...and we thank all those who have contributed to the content, especially David Ray, **Michael Fowle MBE (St 53-58)**, **David Urquhart (K 65-70)**, **Roger Ringrose (SH 79-85)**, David Howe, David Hemsall, Ian Newton and **Angus Crichton-Miller (SF 53-58)**.



## For the Production of our 450th

**film**, 'A Never-ending Journey', which encapsulates the values and ethos of the School, we give thanks to all those who agreed to take part in the film – **Than Arulampalam (SH 82-87)**, **Tristan Baker (Tu 92-97)**, **Will Butler-Adam (W 87-92) OBE**, **Jake Elmhirst (B 81-85)**,



**Alex (SF 01-06)** and **Natasha (D 04-08) Grove**, **Anthony Horowitz (SF 68-73) OBE**, **Maj General Andrew Keeling (Tu 56-61) CB CBE**, **The Rt Hon the Lord King of Bridgwater (Sh 47-51)**, **Ben Skaiies (B 12-17)**, **Heather Smith (St 02-04)**, **Nathan Williamson (Tu 92-97)**, **Zenga Niyirenda (B 12-17)**, and



**Artemis Denton** currently at the School, as well as School staff **Omar Gardner** and **Anne Naylor**. We also thank **Nick Crean** and **Cathy Ryan** for their creative direction and production expertise, and **Jamie Elson** and **PJ Green** for their filming support.



**For the 450th Anniversary Launch Event** on January 9 at the School we thank Reuben Wakeman of Mercer Design for designing, and Richard Clark of Richard Signs for constructing the 450th Anniversary Exhibition in the Collingwood Centre...we thank Ed Anthony for playing the part of William Webb Ellis (yet again!) for the entry of the 'Global Pass' ball...and we thank **Micky Steele-Bodger (Tu 39-44)** for sending the ball on its journey around the world.



**For the prestigious Dinner at Middle Temple Hall** hosted by the Lord Chief Justice, **Lord Thomas (W 61-65)** on March 21, we thank **Robert Swannell (Tu 64-68)** for a fine speech in praise of Rugby School's charitable ethos and in particular for the work of the Arnold Foundation...we thank the Choir and Musicians of the School for a delightful programme of music...we thank the staff of Middle Temple for looking after us so well...we thank Angela Bamford for her administrative support... and we thank our 288 guests for filling the Hall to capacity!



**For the wonderful International Schools' U18 Rugby Sevens Tournament** on March 24 and 25 we thank those schools who travelled from all over the world to take part – from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Japan, as well as from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales...and of course we had

our own Rugby School team there too. They gave us a wonderful demonstration of fast, good-humoured rugby which was watched by over 200,000 people worldwide over the two days via the streamed feed set up by PJ Green and Jamie Elson. We also welcomed many members of the Town as spectators.

We thank Debbie Skene, Head of School Sport for her enthusiastic support, Denise Osborne and Vicky Henderson for managing the complex logistics, and all referees for their sensitive control of the games. Special thanks also to those Rugbeians and Past Parents who hosted the teams magnificently...



*Mark Carr (C 77-82), Mark Furber (T 54-59), Julian Hall, Mike Jacoby, Peter Kilvert and Simon Penniston (C 65-70) – and to Neil Hampton who acted as commentator throughout the Tournament. The 450th Anniversary Cup was won by Hilton College from Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.*



For the London Street Festival on April 28, we thank the traders of the Rugby Estate, especially Maggie Owen, Marie Poutissou and Steven Quinn for their support and help with the Festival...we thank Gabriella Karney for her delightful portrait photography for the Lamb's Conduit Street Booklet...we thank Patrizia

Pollano of Ciao Bella for donating and masterminding the 450th Anniversary cake....we thank stonemason, John Nash, for so beautifully carving, and Camden Council, in particular Councillor Cotton, for their help with the planning and installation of the stone Plaque in memory of our Founder, Lawrence

Sheriff...and we thank AN Wilson (M 64-68) for performing the official plaque unveiling and for delivering his thought-provoking speech! We also thank those members of staff who gave of their time to help on the day – Tracey Broadhurst, Tracey Skinner, Karen Brown, Amanda Hunter and Tracey Ahmet.



For the Sports Day between the Rugbeian Society and the School on April 30 we thank Mark Carr (C 77-82) and Tracey Ahmet, Executive Assistant of the Rugbeian Society for fielding teams in Tennis, Sailing, Rackets and Clay Pigeon Shooting to play against the School.



For the Plaque to honour Rugbeian holders of Victoria and George Crosses through history, we thank Caspar Hobbs (C 82-87) for coming forward with the original idea, and we thank Maj General Andy Keeling (Tu 56-61) for performing the official unveiling...we thank all those past Cadet Officers who made donations...and we thank Nigel Johnson-Hill (St 60-65) for holding a special event to close the funding gap.





For the 450th Anniversary CCF Inspection Parade on May 10 we thank **Lt General Tim Radford (C 77-81)** for carrying out the Inspection...we thank the School Contingent under Major

Andrew Maguire, CCF Commanding Officer for parading to such a high standard...we thank members of the Parachute Regiment for putting on a stimulating display...and we thank Ssgt.

Jeff Howe, Staff Instructor for arranging for the Red Devils to drop out of the sky – with the tracked Global Pass rugby ball! – to end the day on such a dramatic note.



For the fabulous **Gala Ball** on Saturday 24 June, we thank Karen Pardoe and the team from the School's caterers, Chartwells, for a superb dinner...we thank Peter Spruce, Managing Director of De Boer, for the magnificent 'Performance Arena'...we thank Dave Doughty and MCL Create for their very professional technical and staging support...we thank the JG Collective Band and **Alan Reid (SH 68-73)** for the music... and we thank **Gareth Lloyd-Jones (M 80-84)** and the Rugbeian Society for their support.



For the ambitious '**Festival on the Close**' from June 25 to 29, we thank Andy Chessell, Artistic Director, Tim Coker, Head of Drama, and Richard Tanner, Co-Director for creating such an exciting programme of events which included world class artists such as Laura Mvula, G4 with Lesley Garrett, Motionhouse and Stomp Workshops, National Youth Jazz Orchestra, Louis de Bernières, Simon Evans and Voces8. We thank all performers for their willing participation, not just in the Festival itself which attracted so many townsfolk, but also for so enthusiastically engaging with over 1,000 Primary School children at workshops held during the day. We thank Matthew Gray and MCL Create for overseeing the technical production, and Vicky Henderson and Peter Thomas for their promotion and logistics support.





For the special 450th Golf Day at New Zealand Golf Club on July 14 we thank **Tim Watts (St 66-71)**, ORGS Secretary, **Nick Hills (C 61-66)** for making the arrangements with New Zealand, and all those members of the Old Rugbeian Golfing Society and guests who took part in a great day's golf.



For the splendid re-creation of the **Rugby vs Marlborough** cricket match at Lord's, last played in 1972, we thank **Barry O'Brien**, MCC member and Chair of the Arnold Foundation Board, for making

the introduction, and **Michael Powell**, Director of Cricket, for delivering the School team in the holidays!...we thank the staff of Lord's for looking after us so well...and we thank the MCC for hosting

an excellent Reception for both sides in the Lord's Pavilion Long Room at the end of the match...which Rugby just lost to Marlborough in the second to last over!



For the **Community Day** on September 27 at the School we thank **Brenda Green** and many members of the School staff for masterminding a brilliant day. With the entire School walking together around Draycote Water in the morning, to inter-House 'It's a Knockout' team games in the afternoon, to an evening of food and music on the Close which included the dramatic return of the 'Global Pass' by helicopter, it was a day that perfectly reflected the School's commitment to the community, and resulted in a cheque being presented to **John Robertson** of the Bradby Youth Club for £11,000.



Our thanks to **Zoe Muncaster**, current parent, for sourcing the helicopter, and to **Harry Mallinder (T 09-14)** for joining the flight back to the School with **Toby Marsh** where the ball was safely delivered back to... 'William Webb Ellis'!





We also thank Mike Hickling, Deputy Head of Lawrence Sheriff School whose pupils raised £3,000 towards the sum, and Anthony Thomas, Chair of Governors who both ensured a strong link between the two Schools throughout the Anniversary year.

And we must thank the brave team of staff cyclists who rode 100 miles as a relay from the Lawrence Sheriff Plaque in Rugby Street, Bloomsbury in the morning, to arrive back at the School at 7.30 in the evening! – Andrew Siggers, Maths...Ben Welch, Design...Alex Thomson, Classics...Phil Byrne, Design and Technology...Dan Shaw, Maths... and Graham Joyce, Biology.



For the Girls' Schools Hockey Tournament played at the School on October 1 for the 450th Anniversary Cup we thank Debbie Skene, Head of

School Sport and Mindy Dhanda, Head of Hockey for arranging participation from Oundle School, Repton School, Clifton College, Fettes College, Tudor Hall

School, Glantaf School, and Cheltenham College to join Rugby School. The Anniversary Cup was won by Repton, with Rugby following up!



## AROUND THE HOUSES



### BRADLEY

I am delighted  
Bradley is full to  
brimming this year!  
Our healthy and  
thriving community

has not one empty room and, notably this year, nine girls are daughters of Old Rugbeians. It is wonderful to be able to continue the tradition of a Rugby School education through several generations.

Bradley's success is evident in so many areas. For the second year in a row, Head of School is a Bradleian and we have three additional blue jackets representing us on the Levee. Half of the XI live in Bradley, and we have a record-breaking eight Sport Scholar hopefuls coming through into the House next year. We are also proud to have Jika Nyirenda with us – a name you may become familiar with as she pursues her already successful England Hockey career. Drama is on the agenda too, with several girls cast in February's Cabaret and we have the most diverse range of musicians, but most exceptionally Rose Wang who, in the F Block, has been awarded her Diploma in Piano: a remarkable achievement. Credit also to Bethan Robinson who, having been 'spotted' at the Arts Festival last year, has been invited to join the band 'Passport to Stockholm' at their studio in London. It is a great pleasure to see so many of the girls in the choir this year, too. Amongst all the busy-ness of a Bradleian life, they seem to fit in a decent amount of academic work. Our A-Level results last year were good and our GCSE results outstanding (91% A-A\*).

The house itself is still looking good after refurbishment five years ago (the girls take good care of it) and I look forward to the next wave of change as we renovate the Old Tosh this summer. The planned domestic kitchen for the girls to use for occasional cooking and baking (candlelit suppers for parents, perhaps?) and a bigger,



better pantry to accommodate the volume of break-time toast will no-doubt go down well. The large dining space will become a big, communal common/movie room and I'm sure the girls will be pleased to be involved in the planning for how all that develops.

*Floreat Bradleia.*  
*Liz Sale, Housemistress*



### COTTON

It has been a  
typically jam-  
packed start to  
the new academic  
year in Cotton.

Eleven new boys have joined the House, nine in the F Block and two in the LXX. We have also welcomed a new E Block tutor, Tom Rennoldson, who is the School's Head of Computing.

House refurbishment is nearing completion and today's Cotton boys enjoy comparatively palatial surroundings compared to their predecessors!

Academic success continues, including one boy who managed to persuade Oxford University to defer his place to read Geography, which is almost unheard of these days. Five Cottonians played rugby for the XV last term, including the Captain, and one of the first D Block boys to play in the XV for many years – at fly half no less. In total, 23 Cottonians (half the House) played rugby for the School last term across all teams and at all age groups. We welcomed new Drama and Music scholars in September and, whilst not crowned winners of the Whole House Sing Off competition, the boys produced a very proud, enthusiastic and surprisingly tuneful rendition of Disney's 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight.' Our hopes are high for the Beaven House Singing Competition, after the fantastic experience of hearing three Cottonians singing together in the Chapel Choir.

*Ed Trelinski, Housemaster*



### DEAN

Dean continues to  
sparkle and shine. Our  
superb XX lead the  
way, with the Heads  
of House supporting

the younger years and two more Dean Levee. The rest of the XX are fully involved as Head of Choir, Engineering Society, Law Society, Fine Art, and Medical Society. Dean welcomed 12 lovely new girls to the house and I am happy to report we are full without a room to spare.

Exam results remain strong and the girls are encouraged to have an open mind and a love of learning. Giving back to the wider community is never far from our

thoughts. One of our XX spent three weeks in Ghana working with a medical charity helping women deliver babies (in extreme conditions) and observing surgeries. Another member of the XX donated eight inches of hair to the Princess Trust. Five members of the XX embarked on the World Challenge trip to Madagascar over the summer and they truly loved the experience. The girls recently enjoyed the 450th celebrations and three of our new F block have been selected for Choir. A member of our LXX has signed with a football development team in Coventry and another has been selected for the U17 Wasps. Two of our girls have been cast in Cabaret and two F block have been selected for U14 Netball. The girls are most excited about our 7-a-side football team being undefeated this season. The House council has created many fun events and we have hosted a couple of socials with Whitelaw and School House. It is always great to hear from former Dean girls. **Minty Sheridan (D 06-08)** visited the House before the summer to speak with the girls about her life since Rugby and her company Araminta Marketing. We would love to hear from others so please feel free to get in touch.



*Amy Farrelly, Housemistress*



## GRIFFIN

It has been lovely to return to Griffin House, where I was once a Tutor, as the new Housemistress.

Having had a thorough handover with Mrs Naylor, where she was in post for 12 years, the new girls and I settled in well to House life last term.

It was fitting Griffin hosted a 12-year reunion in April 2017 to welcome back all the girls who had spent time in the House with Mrs Naylor at the helm. The Trinity term was topped off by a full sweep of prizes for the FB who won all the House sports competitions in their first year!



We are proud to have a House containing a wide range of talents including academic, Arnold Foundation, art, drama, music and sports scholars. In just the first half of term we were able to go out and support one of the XX in the Hockey XI numerous times, including the first-ever 'Friday nights' match vs. Repton XI as well as in the 450th Anniversary Hockey Festival. Several girls were also involved in the Lamda showcase events, in addition to the drama scholars' play, and the whole School production of Cabaret coming up in February.

*Liz Robinson, Housemistress*



## KILBRACKEN

It has been all change at the top in Kilbracken in recent months. A brand new F Block

each September is an inevitability but not always accompanied by a brand new Housemaster and Assistant Housemaster: Saul Foulds and Richard Parker taking over from Jamie Walker (who achieved much in his short, three-year reign) and David Gillett respectively.

With a brand new HM team it has required great leadership from this year's XX and they have really stepped up to the mark. Head of House Xavier Addy only joined in the LXX: to get the biggest study in Kilbracken amongst a group of very strong contenders really shows the quality of the man. Jack Clifford is proving about as good a Deputy Head of House as it is possible to find. Kilbracken can also boast the Deputy Head of School in Jack Salvesen and Sam Tuckwell's elevation to the Pastoral Levée surprised nobody given the personal skills and empathetic qualities he exudes, to the benefit of all year groups in the House. Sam Wright and Xavier were also amongst the first names on the XV teamsheet last term.



Togetherness and camaraderie have been key features of Kilbracken boys. The new intake have gelled quickly and even managed to unearth another bagpiping gem. A new LXX recruit, was quickly scouted by Warwickshire County Senior badminton coaches, whilst two others excelled in sailing and tennis respectively. The 'Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)' was performed by the Kilbracken Players for House Drama with genuine success – two were particularly effective as Romeo and Juliet.

*Saul Foulds, Housemaster*



## MICHELL

Michell's leavers of 2017 were a committed group, always participants, never spectators,

and just occasionally exhibiting a fine disregard for the School's guidelines, as Michell-men invariably do. Their excellent examination results bore out an ambitious approach to learning, but the boys will have been equally proud to reflect upon their leadership of the House's co-curricular achievements.

The School's Captain of Cricket had the honour of leading out three fellow Michell-men in the XI against Marlborough College at Lord's, and lifting the 1st House cricket trophy for yet another year, a scarcely credible knock of 75 off 19 balls in the final by the XI's wicket-keeper being an obvious highlight, if rather a shock for the cricket-purist Housemaster. Michell also boasted the Captains of Hockey, Rackets, Squash, Sailing and Polo, the last-mentioned skippering Great Britain's Under 20 Polo team to glory against China. Add some not inglorious musical performances and an excellent production of Terence Rattigan's 'The Browning Version' and a good year can be recorded. The new intake of 2017 have made an excellent start, and include a gifted music scholar and a talented screen actor. The Michell omens augur well.



*Tim Day, Housemaster*







## RUPERT BROOKE

The Rupert Brooke girls arrived back

in September to a completely re-furbished House. The new foyer and dispensary area were particularly big hits and have now become regular locations for evening CO-time crossword fun and a dissection of socials on Saturday nights.

The LXX returned from the summer to high praise for their outstanding GCSE performance. They were joined by a new member, one of 12 new girls this year.



The F Block are settling really well and, in true RB style, making the most of school life. Rupert Brooke continues to be a place of laughter, not least on the 450th Community Day when the whole House approached the fancy dress brief with a little more gusto than some others! This year's push cart saw us claim third place. And although we are still waiting for that elusive House Singing trophy, the girls once again secured victory in two out of the three House Tennis competitions and won Senior House Rounders with only four players! It was great to see so many RB girls involved in the Festival on the Close at the end of last year in a variety of different mediums from singing to acting to performing on stage with Stomp!

*Katie Hollings, Housemistress*



## SCHOOL FIELD

2017 was a busy year in School Field. Although

there were no physical changes in the House, the boys' as ever continued to succeed.

One highlight was a charity walk around the Close. This idea from two of our senior boys for the 450th Charity Event for School Field was to walk a combined 450 laps of the Close, inviting parents, staff and friends to sponsor our efforts. All 52 boys and a several staff took part, raising in excess of £3,500 for the 450th Charity, the Bradby Boys Club in Rugby. The School total came to £11,000, so School Field boys and sponsors did a fantastic job in supporting these endeavours.



Another highlight in our 450th year was the cricket match at Lord's. While we eventually lost out to Marlborough in what ended up being a thrilling 50-over game, there were no fewer than five School Field boys involved in the XI on that day – what a magnificent thing for them to be able to do, to walk out onto the pitch at the Home of Cricket. One of the boys in the E block helped us win 3rd House cricket, scoring an unbeaten 84 from 23 balls!

Exam results remained strong last year and we are especially delighted with Hamish Venters' offer to read history at Oxford and Stefano Antoci, who scored four D1 grades at PreU – the equivalent of 4 A\*\* grades. That doesn't happen often!

It is always good to hear from alumni of the House and what they have been up to, so do get in touch if you'd like to share your news!

*Mindy Dhanda, Housemaster*



## SCHOOL HOUSE

After celebrating some excellent results at A-Level

and GCSE in August, the School House boys returned in September ready for a busy term.

Thirteen boys joined the House for the first time, 11 in the F Block and two in the LXX. As always, the School House boys took very seriously the House Sing-Off and Pushcart race. In the House Sing-Off, their rendition of 'Under the sea' drew praise from the adjudicator for their 'well thought out and effective performance' with 'confident singing', 'great solos and brilliant dancers'. However, it was not quite enough to win the crown. The day of the pushcart race dawned with the boys determined to complete a hat-trick of victories. Eight pairs of boys gave their all, pushing the driver and his passenger around the Close, before collapsing in exhaustion. No more could have been asked of them and their efforts were rewarded with victory, which was celebrated with typical School House passion. Another highlight was the School House Reunion. More than 100 former members of School House, spanning the years from 1937 until 2016, as well as many former staff, returned to the School on Saturday, November 11. Most guests took the opportunity to tour the House and the School before we all sat down to a fine lunch. The day finished in style as we watched the XV defeat Abingdon on the Close. It was a wonderful occasion enjoyed by all, not least the current School House boys, who learned a tremendous amount about life in School House in the past.



*Peter Bell, Housemaster*



## SHERIFF

Sheriff remains very popular with plenty of competition for places. 2017

highlights included Crick winner **Simon Waterhouse (Sh 12-17)**, a convincing victory at Sports Day (11 winning events), 16 academic prizes at Speech Day and excellent exam results including 84% A\*/A grades at GCSE. The new academic year has started very well with 14 energetic and ebullient new F Block boys.

Two boys regularly played for the XV, including two who also played representative rugby for Scotland and Ireland. We also secured second place in the push cart

race and an outstanding performance in the House Singing competition.

The house play, 'Whenever' written by Alan Ayckbourn, will be fondly remembered for many years to come.

A special mention for **Lautaro Musiani (Sh 13-15)**, who was recently appointed as the Argentinian cricket captain.

There remains lots of commitment, camaraderie and achievement – life is good in Sheriff!

**Maurice Monteith, Housemaster**



## SOUTHFIELD

With 72 girls, Southfield continues to expand, with work in progress to give us capacity for 100, alongside a large dining-room and smart new studies.

Recent success has included winning the Push-Cart race in our much more aerodynamically designed vehicle, the retention of the Prest Cup in the House athletics competition as well as being the home of the record-breaking Crick winner and England hockey star! (You know who you are, oh curly-haired wonder!) We are very lucky to have excellent senior girls who galvanised the whole House (including tutors) to raise more than £700 for the Bradby Clubs. We aimed to run/walk the distance from Land's End to John O'Groats, cycle across England and swim the Channel but we exceeded all these targets and, in fact, more than doubled our running objectives. We also all became avid readers of our Fitbits during the week of the challenge! Whilst House spirit remains strong, it's important that individuals are also flourishing academically and contributing in so many ways to the life of the community. We have six new members in the LXX who live in the Annexe across the road and an F Block of 16 and we are all excited about being united as one House again in 2018/9.

**Lizzie Beesley, Housemistress**



## STANLEY

Stanley continues to flourish and the girls who arrive in Stanley are

determined to make the most of their two years.

As always our new girls settle quickly with our traditional Big Sister – Little Sister system. Maybe any Stanley readers might drop a line to say hello to their 'Little Sister' to rekindle this important relationship.



We have some wonderful musicians in the House and we were delighted to hear a Stanley girl read as Head of Choir at the Carol Service in 2016-17 as well as several of the girls travel to New York to sing in Carnegie Hall as part of the 450th celebrations. Last year we had Stanley representation in nearly every concert and recital. It was no surprise that these inspirational musicians led us to win the House Singing competition.

Last year saw us reach the final of most of the House sporting competitions. We are proud to have Stanley girls captain all the major school sports. In 2016-17, Stanley girls captained hockey and rounders and this year, we are proud to have Stanley girls captain netball, tennis, rounders and girls' soccer.

We welcomed the first Sixth form drama scholar to Stanley in 2016-17 and were in awe watching her perform on the stage in numerous performances.

We were sad to say goodbye to Mary who returned home to South Africa but we have loved keeping up with her news about her charity work and her beautiful granddaughter. We welcomed Sue in January; she is already making her warm presence felt in the House.

Do keep up with the latest news from Stanley by following our twitter feed on @stanley\_rugby

**Lara Hampton, Housemistress**







## TUDOR

Tudor House remains a happy and purposeful place. We were

very sad indeed to wave goodbye to a strong XX last year. The new F block includes a Drama Scholar, a Design Scholar and a Sports Scholar and they have all settled in well and are incredibly busy.

We are so proud a member of Tudor E block has been chosen as the BBC's Chorister of the Year. She will perform at a number of events throughout the year and I was delighted to be at Media City in Manchester along with her family and our Director of Music for the final of the competition.



A great highlight last term was catching up with a number of old boys who had an unbeaten run in House Hockey in the 1970s. A good number were able to attend, but sadly not acclaimed actor **Alex Hanson (Tu 74-79)**. However, I was delighted to be able to catch up with him and his wife Samantha Bond after one of their performances – they are wonderful starring together in *The Lie*.

Girls from all years performed in a terrific evening of sketches and monologues, entirely produced and directed by two of our LXX Drama Scholars. There is a great deal of talent in Tudor!

On the sporting front we have a number of excellent hockey players in Tudor, and some of our D block had an extraordinary day last year – winning the Warwickshire U16 Tournament in the morning, and then went straight on to win against Bromsgrove 7-0 in the afternoon!

Some Tudor girls had fun with the 450th Global Pass ball, seeing it on its trip to Hong Kong and New York, and we enjoyed the celebrations from It's a Knockout, to playing with the Corps of Drums in London, to selling wristbands on the Close in the Arts Festival. I remain the proud housemistress of a house of interested and interesting girls.

**Debbie Horner, Housemistress**



## TOWN

After six very successful years as Housemaster of Town, the summer of 2017 saw the departure of Tony Darby.

We wish him every success in his new role as Sub-Warden at St. Edward's School, Oxford. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to take on the role of Housemaster and my family and I have been made to feel very welcome indeed. It is a really exciting time to join this dynamic house. There are currently 70 boys and an ambitious programme of growth is afoot with plans agreed to start a significant build in the next few months to enhance our facilities, creating a day house complex that can ensure we can continue to provide a first-class day educational experience for years to come. But we are not waiting on a building. Life carries on now at a hectic and invigorating pace. Last term started with success in the House Singing Competition with an engaging and poised performance. One wet October day, the boys also had fun raising funds for the Bradby Club, successfully completing a relay marathon bouncing around The Close on Space Hoppers! Town has always greatly valued academic achievement (there are currently 14 academic scholars) and we were also delighted to win the Academic Boys' House Cup for the Advent Term. It all bodes very well for the future.



**Andrew Chessell, Housemaster**



## WHITELAW

Whitelaw remains in fine form and the boys are hard at work on all aspects of school life.

Fifteen new boys have settled in incredibly well and bring a wealth of talent and enthusiasm to enliven the 'old lags'. As well as academic focus, a good number of the House played for the top rugby teams in each age group. Ben Poole-Phillips was offered a professional rugby contract with the Dragons for next year and several of the boys are also involved in the local academies at Wasps and Tigers too. Unfortunately, the House Singing cup was taken too easily from our grasp last term, despite the best efforts of our Music scholars.



**Floreat Whitelaw, Chris Evans, Housemaster**

## HOUSE PRIZES

A prize has been launched recognising all-round endeavour in each House by a boy or girl in the XX. The new award was first launched in Kilbracken in 2016 following an initiative by a generous past pupil.

The Kilbracken prize involves the recipient's name being inscribed on an Honours Board, a book token with dated certificate and a framed copy of the poem "If" headed with the House crest. The Housemaster is the sole judge for the award, with input from house tutors as appropriate.

The donor suggested to me the initiative should be extended to all Houses to ensure pupils were recognised by each of the Housemasters and Housemistresses.

As House life at Rugby is central to the School's values, I thought an annual House prize would be willingly embraced and supported.

The Governing Body and Head Master have now agreed that the School will award prizes to a pupil in each House from 2018.

This will reinforce the belief in the values of House life at Rugby and recognise a final-year pupil who has demonstrated a belief in 'all round' endeavour.

**Simon Penniston (C 65-70)**  
**Vice-President, Rugbeian Society**



# FLOREAT FLASHBACK:

## COTTON HOUSE ATHLETICS TEAM 1969

School Sports Day in the 1960s was a major event. All the Houses fielded teams and members of the School athletics team tried to defend their reputations. Unlike today's School Sports Day held on a state-of-the art, all-weather track with fantastic facilities for field sports, we used a grass track marked out on Hillbrow. There was a basic sandpit for long and triple jumps, and the javelin was perilously competed for in the middle of the track!

In Cotton we had a fierce reputation for athletics and fielded a strong team in 1969. We had members of the School junior and senior teams, including the reigning School 100 metres cup holder and record holder, a stylish hurdler in Mark Jackson and in Willie Dunlop a very useful 800 metre runner.

The Cotton team did the House proud, winning the Wrigley Cup, the Standards Cup and Senior Relay Cup. I somehow managed to retain the 100 metres cup, while Mark Jackson and Willie Dunlop won the cups for hurdles and 800 metres. I think our rather laid back House Master John Inglis was proud of us! Interestingly, my notes on the back of the photograph record that we were running events over distances measured in metres that year, but I may be wrong as the previous year it was definitely yards (readers please let the Editor know if you know for certain!). School facilities might be much improved today, but the competitive House spirit at Rugby was as strong then as it is now!

*Simon Penniston (C 65-70)*  
*Vice-President, Rugbeian Society*

*The Cotton team did the House proud, winning the Wrigley Cup, the Standards Cup and Senior Relay Cup.*

Were you a member of the Cotton House athletics team 1969?  
 If so please email Tracey at [tda@rugbyschool.net](mailto:tda@rugbyschool.net)



Cotton House Athletics Team: Front Row, 4th from the right – Simon Penniston (C 65-70)



# TRIBUTE TO ALATAU TAMCHIBOULAC ATKINSON

AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH IN 1906

*"Convinced...circumstances had inevitably linked the destiny of Hawaii with that of the United States of America, he wrought, in season and out of season, to make the political alliance secure and permanent. Abandoning for the time his duties as school master he took up the editorial pen and through the medium of journalism did master work for annexation. To him more than to any other one man it is due that, during the long period of waiting which followed the first enthusiastic hopes of annexation, the determination to unite Hawaii's fortunes with those of America, never faltered."*

**Alatau Tamchiboulac Atkinson (1848-1906)**

Atkinson, a name well known in Honolulu for 40 years, left his mark on the evolution of modern Hawaii, both with respect to its annexation to the United States and the forging of an education system in which English was the single medium of instruction. With this international language, he helped prepare "an isolated people speaking a little known tongue, having neither a literature nor a vocabulary of commerce or science" to enter into meaningful exchange with the rapidly advancing world beyond.

**Alatau Atkinson (Temple 1864-1866)** was born on November 16, 1848 in Kapal, Kazakhstan to English parents, Thomas Witlam Atkinson and Lucy Sherrard Atkinson.

Thomas Atkinson died in England in 1861 and, in straitened circumstances, Lucy was encouraged by friends to write a book of her experiences. She was further assisted when a number of eminent persons, including Charles Dickens, joined together to pay for Alatau to complete his education at Rugby.

After leaving Rugby, Alatau returned briefly to Russia. In January 1868 he married Annie Humble and the following year they left England for Hawaii, where Alatau had been offered a teaching position. In 1878 he was appointed Principal of the Fort Street High School, the leading public school in Honolulu, and in 1887 became Inspector-General of Education.



In January 1881 he also became editor of the Hawaiian Gazette, and public opinion was from then largely shaped by his own convictions. These were based on observations of an Hawaii with a considerably decreased native population and an infusion of multi-ethnic peoples – very different from that Captain James Cook had encountered a century earlier.

On January 17 1893, anti-monarchical insurgents composed largely of United States citizens living and conducting business in Hawaii, engineered the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani and in 1894 a republic was proclaimed. In 1897 Alatau took up his new post as editor of the Hawaiian Star and immediately declared himself:



*Hawaiian descendant, Paul Dahlquist.*

"The policy of this paper under its present management may be at once laid down. It will advocate the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands to the United States in season and out of season. There is no other great issue before us. It is either annexation or a feeble state that is anybody's meat... Held by the United States the practical command of the Pacific is obtained."

The official transfer of power to the United States took place on August 12, 1898. The following year Alatau was appointed as Special Agent in charge of the United States 1900 census of the Territory of Hawaii and proceeded to Washington for discussions. Here he successfully argued that the enumeration in Hawaii should be by race and not colour (as on the mainland).

Alatau Atkinson died in Honolulu on April 24, 1906, survived by his wife and seven children.

*By Marianne J E Simpson*



## FUTURE HOPE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

KANCHENJUNGA TREK  
MAY 2017

It all started about a year ago – **Nigel Seddon (K 74-78)** mooted a suggestion that the ageing contingent from the school Commando section of the 1970s should try something a bit more ambitious than the occasional weekend walk in North Wales or Scotland. The next thing we know, we (plus Quentin's wife and Nigel's nephew and two friends) are Kolkata-bound to escort 30 of the Future Hope children on a 10-day trek in Sikkim 'in loco parentis' – how did that happen?

Some of the group thought we were going on holiday. Big mistake. An adventure certainly, but no stroll in the park. Probably one of the most challenging, heart-warming, inspiring and memorable two weeks of our lives, and we would like to share with you some reflections of the trip, and of the amazing Future Hope children.

**Tim Grandage (W 72-77)** was posted to Kolkata (Calcutta then) to run a bank for HSBC in the early 1980s. He was unsettled by the sheer volume of children sleeping on the streets – seemingly perfectly happy but dealt a rough hand, with no prospects for changing the patterns of their lives. Twisting the arm of a befriended doctor (Tim's good at that!), he starts to take some of the children off the streets. It starts with six and quickly rises to 20, all living in his tiny flat.

The bank are sympathetic for a while but it becomes apparent where Tim's heart lies and Future Hope is born in 1987 – so last year, as Rugby celebrated its 450th anniversary, it was Future Hope's 30th. Future Hope is home and school to 250 children, half of whom are orphans from the streets of Kolkata (and cared for 365 days a year) and half of whom attend school at Future Hope daily in term-time, returning to their homes in the slums at night.



*Future Hope Flag*

So there we were, in the middle of the night in May 2017, stumbling out of the airport into 35 degrees of heat and pretty uncomfortable humidity to be met by Tim and whisked into his wonderful world – and Kolkata is amazing. Full-on India with its own particular noises, colours, smells and vibrant personality and with fewer children living on the streets, thanks to Future Hope and other commendable agencies.

We spent a couple of days getting to know more about Future Hope and meeting the children and staff – not least the impressive CEO, Sujata Sen, formerly the Head of the British Council in India. You will be pleased to know that Tim and Sujata run Future Hope pretty much like Rugby School (without the Latin!). Big on food, big on sport, big on other interests and big on challenging the status quo. The results are impressive – each child we met has all of the confidence, communication skills and determination you would hope for. Each one learns to be proud, and not ashamed, of where they have come from. Each of them has 'a plan' of what they're going to do after school, and the honours list in their short 30-year history is impressive.

The children are very supportive of each other – this after all is the only family that many of them have got – and we saw numerous acts of kindness on the trek like carrying rucksacks of those having a bad day without being asked. They are also very stoic: there was no murmur of complaint about the tortuous 30-hours-each way bus trip from Kolkata to Yuksom in Sikkim (the start of our trek).

The trek itself was glorious, through some incredible scenery up to the high point of the Goechcha-La pass at 4,950m (16,200ft) in the shadow of Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest mountain. It was a big group and the trekking company were wonderful. Thirty children aged 14-16, six porters, four sherpas, six Zor (hybrid Yak-cows), six ponies, and the kitchen crew. With no supplies available, en route we had to carry everything – the 23-year-old chef planned and catered meticulously. 2,000 hot meals over the 10 days – we set off with over a quarter of a tonne of rice! The walking was pretty challenging at times, especially when we got over 4,000m with sub-zero temperatures, and regular hot drinks and meals were most welcome.

There were many 'nods' to those commando-trips of old: traversing a landslide in the middle of the night, a game of touch rugby at 4,300m (with the 450th anniversary 'Global Pass' ball), a full-immersion wash in a glacial torrent, and of course a few beers when we got back to Yoksum.

For those interested you can access photos and a full report of the trip if you look on the Rugbeian Society website.

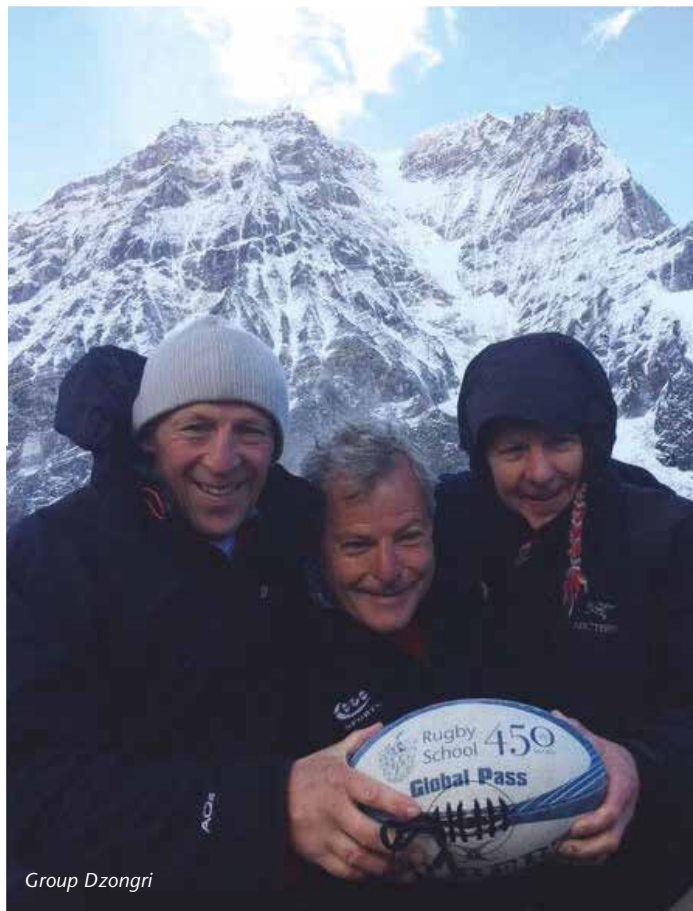
Also please visit the Future Hope web-site to find out more about the charity, the amazing children and their achievements: **[www.futurehope.net](http://www.futurehope.net)**

*by Quentin Hayes (W 73-77)  
& Nigel Seddon (K 74-78)*





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# RUGBY POETS

Rugby's influence in literary history is increasingly undeniable. While notable for its prominent authors – particularly **Salman Rushdie (B 61-65)** and **Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (SH 1846-51)**, better known by his pen name Lewis Carroll – it's not just in prose but poetry that Rugbeians shine.

As one of the School's more contemporary literary figures (and with a boarding house named after him), **Rupert Brooke (Brooke 1901-1906)** is probably one of the first names that springs to mind when considering the school's poetic heritage. Famed for his patriotism and capturing the zeitgeist of the wartime spirit, his poem 'The Soldier' has since become a seminal work. Selflessly giving his own life in the First World War, the poem's opening line of "If I should die, think only this of me" has only become all the more haunting in its prophetic nature.

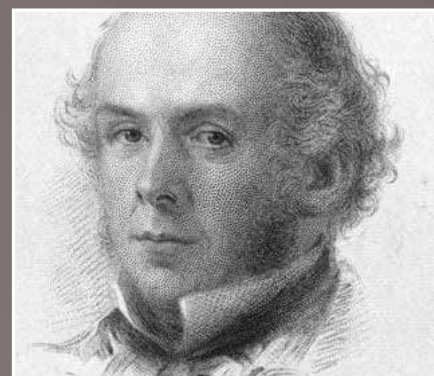


Matthew Arnold

Son of the famous headmaster Dr **Thomas Arnold**, **Matthew Arnold's (SH 1837-1842)** relevance as a Rugby poet is also being felt to this day. In one of his most famous poems, 'Dover Beach', the tone is decidedly bleaker than Brooke. Confused and lost in the world, he compares his existence to standing, blind, on "a darkling plain see. While hardly uplifting, the poem's message is one that still resonates with its readers. You don't have to look any further than Ian McEwan's novel 'Saturday' to see this. McEwan's inclusion of the poem towards the end of the novel not only plays a significant role in the story's plot, but shows that the themes that Arnold dealt with haven't disappeared since.

Striking the balancing between Brooke's positivity and Arnold's negativity though is **Arthur Hugh Clough (SH 1829-34)**. Navigating between the two, his seminal 'Say Not the Struggle Nought Availeth' is relatable and realistic in equal measures. The translated title roughly means 'Don't say that struggle doesn't bring about success'. As an educationalist and intellectual, Clough knew more than anyone that you can only expect to be as successful the work you put in, but despite this also acknowledges that life doesn't always work out this way. Oozing with wisdom, the poem can be read almost like paternal advice to a child.

It's not unfair to say that while separated by centuries, the messages advocated by these poets still ring true at Rugby's today. With Brooke it's fairly explicit that his message is to act for what you believe in, while for Arnold, despite being more difficult to unpack, his morbid descriptions are just encouraging others to read his message and act on it; he's not being destructive, but rather provocatively constructive. The irony is though, that while probably the least well known, it is Clough who comes closest to representing Rugby's core values, advocating that success must be achieved through hard work and persistence.



Arthur Hugh Clough



By Ollie Hastings (SH 11-16) who is currently in his second year studying English Literature at Manchester University.

## THE ARNOLD FOUNDATION

## SCHOOL HOUSE REUNION

The recent School House reunion was a great success with former School House boys from every decade since 1930s attending. Tours of the House and School were much appreciated, as many guests enjoyed returning to old haunts with current students as their guides. There were, of course, many comments from those who had left the School some time ago about the comparative luxury of the modern House!

Speakers at lunch included the current School House Housemaster, Peter Bell, and the Head of House who spoke of School House's recent achievements. The Head Master also gave an update on the latest news from Rugby. **William fforde (SH 70-74)**, unfortunately unable to join the celebrations in person, recorded a video message played just before lunch, calling on School House to lead the way in creating a legacy for the future. You can find out more about this on page 55.

After a warming lunch, which all generally agreed was far superior to previous school lunches, guests were able to enjoy watching the XV win against Abingdon School on the Close with a final score of 29-5.



Sam Dalton (SH 05-10),  
Alistair Brown (SH 04-09),  
Dr Nick Morse, Housemaster 03-13,  
Jack Bidgood (SH 03-08) &  
Jack Eastwood (SH 03-08)



Peter Brown (SH 45-51),  
Henry Gessler (SH 48-52),  
Wyndham Lloyd-Davies  
(SH 48-52) & Dennis  
Daniels (SH 46-51)



Charlie Austin (SH 09-14),  
Kerry Hunt Former Deputy Matron  
& Oliver Austin (SH 06-11)

Richard Hodder-Williams (SH 56-61),  
Martin Lowe (SH 53-57),  
Robert Hancock (SH 57-62)  
& Robert Turcan (SH 60-64)



Anne Morris & Philip  
Morris (SH 45-50)



Mike Igglesden (SH 37-41) &  
Charles Igglesden (SH 68-73)





## THE ARNOLD FOUNDATION

# LECTURE & LUNCH

September saw our annual Arnold Foundation Lunch and Lecture, held on the same day for the first time.

We were thrilled to welcome back **Michael Mather (C 06-08)** as the first former Arnold Foundation student to give the lecture, particularly fitting during the School's 450th year. Titled 'So, you want to be a surgeon', Michael spoke passionately about Rugby and the Arnold Foundation's role in his own path to becoming a doctor while giving an overview of his research interest, inspiring many of the assembled students (and future medics).

The lecture was quickly followed by our Arnold Foundation lunch in the Collingwood Centre Hall, held to thank donors and those who have pledged to remember the School in their Will. This was an opportunity for Rugbeians and friends to speak with Arnold Foundation Ambassadors, current Arnold Foundation students and tutors.



*Peter Green (Head Master)  
& Agnes Traore (St 10-12) with  
current student*



*Jean Russell, Dilys Lewis &  
Frank Drewett with students*



*Peter Whiteman (SH 50-55), Judith Whiteman, Brian Dent & Margery Dent*



# the Arnold Foundation for Rugby School



It was a strong start to the new academic year, with returning GCSE Arnold Foundation students and departing A Level students outperforming the rest of the School at A-A\* grades. Others received honours and scholarships while three Arnold Foundation students were appointed to the Levée, one as a Head of House.

Over the summer, several students took part in a range of trips, including the Global Young Leaders conference in America, which included the opportunity to speak at a UN-style public conference. Arnold Foundation students continue to take a full and active role in School life and have recently featured prominently in sports teams, CCF commitments and House activities.

The Head Master is delighted Arnold Foundation student performance is strong and having a hugely positive impact on the School: "It is quite remarkable when you consider their backgrounds and where they come from and the way they are grasping this opportunity."

Former student, Arnold Foundation Ambassadors, have also been celebrating successes. A further eight have graduated from university and are embarking on post-graduate courses or starting their careers including at KPMG and as a trainee architect. They attended School and external events throughout 2017 often speaking to guests about the impact the Arnold Foundation and Rugby on their lives and what this means to them. We were absolutely thrilled to welcome Arnold Foundation Ambassador, Dr **Michael Mather (C 06-08)** who gave the 2017 Arnold Foundation Lecture in the Macready Theatre, packed with current students and invited guests.

As of September 2017 there were 34 Arnold Foundation students at Rugby, among 123 who have benefitted in total and £20.6 million secured to date.

## IF YOU WILL, THEY CAN

The response to our 'If you will, they can' Legacy Campaign has been hugely positive, with almost 300 members of the Rugbeian Community and other friends pledging to include Rugby School in their wills. We were particularly delighted with the commitment following the letter sent by the Head Master and Chairman of the Governing Body in September (below).

If you have not yet done so, we would be delighted if you would join us. It is so easy to pledge, either online at [www.thearnoldfoundation.net](http://www.thearnoldfoundation.net) or by contacting a member of the Development Office team.

Dear Rugbeian

Since 1567, generations of Rugbeians have benefited from Lawrence Sheriff's bequest, taking what they have learnt at Rugby to make a difference in the wider world.

In this 450th year, we are asking you to build on Lawrence Sheriff's philanthropy, by pledging to include a gift, of whatever size, to Rugby School or the Arnold Foundation for Rugby School in your first or next Will.

Every Rugbeian who pledges during this 450th year will be invited to become one of the 450 names commemorated in a special plaque on The Close.

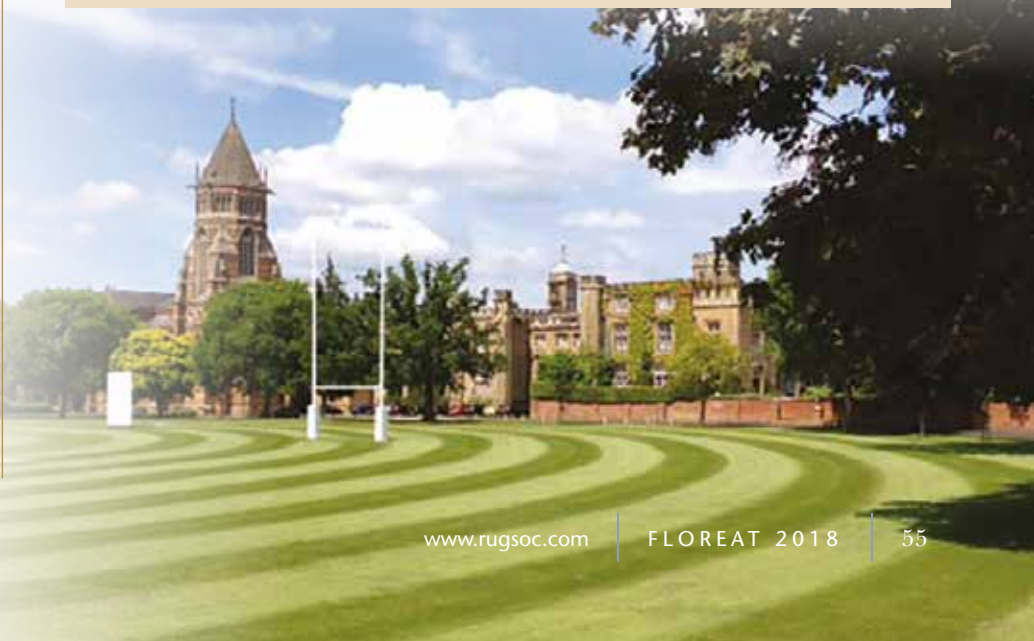
There is no need to tell us the size of your intended gift, or update your Will immediately. All we ask is that you join us in creating our own special legacy.

It is easy to pledge by following the 'Make a Gift' link at [www.thearnoldfoundation.net](http://www.thearnoldfoundation.net) or, for more information, please contact Kerry Wilson or Alix Morley on [development@rugbyschool.net](mailto:development@rugbyschool.net) or 01788 556139.

All best wishes,

**Peter Green, Lucinda Holmes (D 78-80)**

Head Master, Chairman of the Governing Body





# INTERNSHIP REPORTS

Launched in 2013, the highly popular internship scheme continues to offer Rugbeians a vital opportunity to gain experience with successful companies in the Education, Property Development, Recruitment, High Tech, Marketing, Investment, Manufacturing and Retail sectors. In 2017 interns benefited from placements in a wide variety of businesses. Further details of some of the experiences they had can be found on the following pages.

## OLLIE HASTINGS BOARDING SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (BSA)



*Ollie Hastings (SH 11-16)*

Last summer I successfully gained a two-week placement at BSA in London. Following news that I had passed the interview stage, I was put in touch with the company's Chief Executive, **Robin Fletcher (K 79-84)** and BSA's Director of Operations, Aileen Kane. Aileen was hugely helpful and chatted to me over the phone to organise the dates of the internship, but also to ask me where my own personal interests lay. As I told her I was studying English and enjoyed writing she made sure to tailor my placement accordingly, allowing me to be involved in the creation of articles for the company's website and magazine.

The experience as a whole was very eye-opening. Having had no prior marketing knowledge, the team showed me the strategies which the company uses, including digital or physical marketing. The team were very welcoming, even kindly taking me along to one of their team building days. I would like to thank Robin, Aileen and the whole BSA team for what was a very enjoyable two weeks. I would also recommend the opportunity to any Rugbians who may be considering applying in the future.

## GEORGE HOMER FIRST PROPERTY



*George Homer (SH 08-13)*

In June last year I spent two weeks with First Property, which invests in commercial property around the UK regions and Europe. My daily tasks included updating investor reports, spreadsheets and public statements. I was lucky enough to be working during the weeks before and after First Property's release of its annual statement meaning I was kept busy updating the website and joined several meeting with investors, stockbrokers and other property companies.

The internship was a valuable experience, improving my CV and giving me a well-rounded understanding of the investment market. I had two very busy and interesting weeks and I would like to thank the Rugbeian Society and First Property for the opportunity.

## PPR ESTATES

In September last year I spent two weeks with PPR Estates, a private property developer with a wide portfolio of commercial and residential properties in London and South East England. With the acquisitions team we looked at site viability for purchase. It was exciting and rewarding to work in a company involved in substantial developments around London, especially in a relatively small team who involved me at every step. The work included finding sites for high-profile clients and completing development appraisals. This enabled me to have contact with important clients in the industry and be exposed to exciting residential developments in London.

The internship gave me unique experience in working for a developer, which will be very important when I start work on the consultancy side next year. Everyone was very friendly and gave me useful advice for the future.

I had two very insightful and valuable weeks at PPR Estates and I would like to thank the Rugbeian Society and PPR estates for the opportunity.

## HANNAH HAWKSLEY GRAPHICKS



Hannah Hawksley (B & S 08-13)

Last year, I was offered a summer internship by **Will Hicks (M 97-02)**, Director at Graphicks, a strategic, branding, digital, print and advertising agency. Graphicks works with clients such as Savills, Aberdeen Asset Management, Aviva and Knight Frank.

Shadowing predominately the Head of Creative and the Creative & Strategy Director, the internship allowed me to understand how Graphicks implements its internal marketing strategies. The team gave me a lot of responsibility from day one, from designing pitching documents for clients to re-designing brand guidelines and strategising social media improvements. The Graphicks environment was extremely supportive, allowing me to voice my ideas confidently and assist with more ease. This role was my first graphic design client

work since graduating from Edinburgh and gave me the opportunity to put my skills into practice.

I learned the critical steps towards a successful project, including account handling, financial management, research, creative planning and creative execution. Later I had the almighty challenge of conceptualising, designing and building a pop-up coffee shop in the heart of Edinburgh in just five and a half days. Collaborating with my partner, we showed fantastic entrepreneurial spirit and the ability to meet financial and time based targets. This project may not have been so successful without the knowledge and skillset that I learnt during this internship.

I must say a massive thank you to the Rugbeian Society and the Graphicks team – hopefully I shall work for you again one day.

## RICHARD BRUMPTON CORBETT KEELING



Richard Brumpton (T 08-13)

I was lucky enough to glimpse the working world of corporate finance during an internship with Corbett Keeling. Located just behind the Bank of England, Corbett Keeling is an 'elite boutique' corporate finance firm specialising in advising management teams on buy-outs and buy-ins.

What struck me was the friendly and welcoming atmosphere at the firm. The day-to-day core team is only around 13 strong, and this intimate feel meant I quickly got to know and be comfortable around my new colleagues. It also gave me the opportunity to work with everyone, assisting analysts with market research or working directly with Chairman and Chief Executive Jim Keeling with prospective clients. Working at Corbett Keeling means everyone gets stuck in and there was never a dull moment.

During my time at Corbett Keeling I was able to gain key insight and confidence into the world of corporate finance. I would like to thank the firm for such a valuable introduction to the financial industry, and also the Rugbeian Society for this exceptional opportunity.



## MEGAN GAIZUTYTE NORTHCOTT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS (NGS)



Megan Gaizutyte (St 13-15)

My internship at Northcott Global Solutions was above and beyond what I had expected. I arrived with little knowledge of global emergency response work and was introduced to a highly experienced team of security, maritime, risk, insurance, and medical specialists.

Throughout the month, I had the opportunity to work with the tracking team (monitoring client networks and installing tracking devices), the risk analysis team (analysing political and civil developments in high risk countries), the claims team (learning the assessment process of medical claims), and joined the security team and former Rugbeian and co-founder of NGS, **Richard Magnus (Sh 94-99)**, for an important client meeting. It was very interesting to see how the NGS team manages to respond to emergencies within hours, and the extent of co-ordination and co-operation between departments dealing with high-pressure tasks. The professionalism and open, friendly atmosphere made it easy to ask anyone questions and get to know very interesting people.

I was encouraged to use my knowledge of politics and international relations researching countries such as Kenya, Ivory Coast and Ukraine. The Head of Risk Analysis introduced

me to various platforms to advise clients and travellers of country risks including crime, environmental risks and political uprisings, and I used these to develop a report and risk assessment of terrorism in Europe. My work with the NGS operations manager required me to understand quickly long lists of ongoing and completed cases and report back on further actions required.

I was even challenged to speak French by the operations co-ordinator, who asked me discuss the price of decompression chambers for divers with a French hospital!

In just four weeks I felt like I became part of the team, and was trusted with tasks that complemented the work of other colleagues. I was never left empty handed and my interests were always reflected in the work I was doing. My experience really opened my eyes to the extraordinary work of crisis management, and the opportunities available for students wanting a very interesting career in the global emergency response sector.

## LUKE STAFFORD NORTHCOTT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS (NGS)



Luke Stafford (Sh 09-14)

Last summer I was fortunate enough to spend a month at Northcott Global Solutions – a 24/7 crisis response service provider dealing with live cases from all over the world – courtesy of **Richard Magnus (Sh 94-99)** and the Rugbeian Society. I saw many different sides of a fascinating, multidimensional business. There are opportunities to work closely with the insurance industry, to assist in the response to live crisis situations, to work on risk analysis for NGS's clients, and more.

NGS is an exciting working environment. I sat in the Operations Room, where a team of trackers and ops managers orchestrate emergency responses. I was made to feel very welcome and in the interludes from the high tempo work, there is plenty of joking around. Everyone gets their fair share of stick, including interns!

The team were keen to ensure I got as much as I could out of my time there. As a Politics

and International Relations student, I was most interested by the political risk and intelligence analysis element of the business. I worked on client assessments, focusing on countries such as Ivory Coast and Pakistan. I also kept up to date with world news, and wrote updates for NGS's various social media outlets. It is a perfect environment for someone looking to mix international affairs with business.

Each day was different. Aside from risk analysis, I worked with the Operations Manager on live cases, which means swift work with lives on the line. I spent one morning urgently trying to source a visa, communicating with Indian Embassies in London, Kabul and Colombo. Other times I supported NGS's databases to improve their response speed and worked with the commercial team. I got a useful insight into the insurance industry, picked up some valuable office skills and got to grips with Salesforce software.

My time at NGS was well spent: I had an action-packed month doing fulfilling work with great people.

## DUNCAN LENG NORTHCOTT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS (NGS)



*Duncan Leng (T 10-15)*

NGS provides global emergency response and logistics – planes, private security, hospitals and secure transfer, including location specific risk assessments. But it does not own the assets themselves as it would be very expensive and inefficient to have their own teams on standby all the time. The key is their database, linking clients to highly vetted in-country service providers who know best how to get things done in their home region.

Throughout my internship, I worked under the eye of Mark Sanders Crook, ex Navy and in command of all aviation matters. My first task was to help find possible security companies for Mark to vet before they are added to the database. I was soon researching companies from across the world, from Colombia to Russia to the east coast of Africa. This is a sector I have never thought about before and I found it intriguing to see how they work and where they fit into NGS's ecosystem. I next worked on compiling a list of all the hospitals, dentists and GPs around the Cote d'Azur as a primary list for Mark to inspect when he visited in the following weeks. For the second half of the internship I was helping the insurance team. NGS runs a third party assistance service (TPA) which helps co-ordinate the clients' insurance policies claims, where NGS is the named emergency response. This started by sorting through paperwork and checking it against their database. Everything stems off from the database, and the insurance policy is key to ensuring they know what they can legally provide. I felt the whole experience was very worthwhile and I learnt a lot about how the insurance industry operates. After a month working for NGS I gained a great insight into the workings of a global response company, including their interface with the insurance industry through their TPA services. Thanks to the Rugbeian Society and **Richard Magnus (Sh 94-99)** for giving me this great opportunity!

## APPLYING FOR AN INTERNSHIP

Internships are available to members of the Society aged from 19-25. All applicants are asked to send a CV, the names of two referees and a 300-word letter of application explaining what they think they would gain from this experience to Tracey Ahmet at [tda@rugbyschool.net](mailto:tda@rugbyschool.net) by March 23, 2018. Interviews will be held with candidates in central London on April 10-12, 2018.



### 2 x two-week summer internships

Boarding Schools' Association,  
Victoria, London

The Boarding Schools' Association is the membership association for over 450 state and independent UK boarding schools (including Rugby) and around 60 overseas. The BSA champions boarding and promotes excellence, and its services include professional development, government relations, communications, media, publications, conferences and events.

These two, two-week internships will support the BSA communications and events team on a range of marketing projects.

The placement will ideally suit candidates with strong organisational and communications skills who enjoy seeing through a project from start to finish against a tight timeframe!

For more information, contact **Robin Fletcher (K 79-84)**, Chief Executive, BSA, via [robin@boarding.org.uk](mailto:robin@boarding.org.uk)

The internship is unpaid but local travel expenses will be reimbursed.

*With thanks to Robin Fletcher (K 79-84)*





## 4 x 4-8 Week Executive Search Placement

RP International

RP International is pleased to offer a four week executive search and Interim management placement at one of their offices either in Dubai, Singapore or New Zealand.

RP International is a leading specialist recruiter to the global telecom and digital industries. More details can be found at [www.rpint.com](http://www.rpint.com).

*With thanks to Stuart Wilson (W 81-86)*



## 3 x 1 month placements

Northcott Global Solutions

### 1 Month Operations & Control Placement

The new generation of Global Emergency Response and the only dedicated Political, Natural Disaster and Medical Evacuation provider designed to meet modern, commercial travel patterns.

NCS is pleased to offer a placement in the Operations Room and Command and Control Centre with exposure to the live global cases, tracking and emergency response, along with report writing and country briefings.

*With thanks to Richard Magnus (Sh 94-99)*



## 1 x 2 Week Commercial Property Placement

First Property

First Property Group plc is an award-winning property fund manager and investor with operations in the United Kingdom and Central Europe. Its focus is on higher yielding commercial property with sustainable cash flows. The company is flexible and takes an active approach to asset management. Its earnings are derived from:

- Fund management – via its FCA regulated and AIFMD approved subsidiary, First Property Asset Management Ltd (FPAM), which earns fees from investing for third parties in property. FPAM currently manages eleven funds which are invested across the United Kingdom, Poland and Romania.
- Group Properties – principal investments by the Group to earn a return on its own capital, usually in partnership with third parties. Investments include ten directly held properties in Poland and Romania (including five held by Fprop Opportunities plc [FOP], in which the Group is currently the majority shareholder), and interests in nine other funds managed by FPAM.

Listed on AIM the Company has offices in London, and Warsaw and Bucharest. Further information about the Company and its products can be found at: [www.fprop.com](http://www.fprop.com).

First Property will cover local travel expenses.

*With thanks to Ben Habib (M 79-84)  
& Jeremy Barks*

# graphicks

## 2 x 1 x month internship graphicks

graphicks is pleased to offer a one month's Junior Account Executive internship next summer.

We are a creative agency based in Borough, London. With a 70% property focus clients including La Salle Investment Managers, Aberdeen Asset Management, Savills and Knight Frank. Our other 20% is a variety of sectors including Burger & Lobster and XECO Sherry.

If you are looking for an insight inside an agency then please apply.

graphicks will cover local travel expenses.

*With thanks to Will Hicks (M 97-02)*



## 1 x week Mechanical Engineering work experience WRR Pedley & Co Ltd

WRR Pedley Co. Ltd are specialists in Engineered Components and Assemblies supplying supply a high quality, diverse range of products to the market segments which include automotive, petrochemical, furniture, construction, rail, defence industries and white goods. WRR Pedley & Co Ltd is offering a week of work experience in the Technical Department, Production Department and the Quality Department.

WRR Pedley & Co Ltd will cover local travel expenses.

*With thanks to Charles Carver (SH 74-79)*

# pprestates

## 1 x 2 week internship PPR Estates

The candidate will need to be doing a property-based degree and be able to travel to our office in London.

The candidate will mostly be involved with site finding but they will have opportunity to spend time and experience different projects from acquisition, through to development management and delivery.

PPR Estates are a privately funded property developer and investor. We have completed/in the pipeline a GDV of £250m. We are looking to acquire sites from £1m up to £50m for the right product.

We have a successful track record of acquiring mixed use, commercial and residential real estate throughout London. We are privately funded and make fast decisions. We are best known for creating value through hands-on asset management.

PPR Estate will cover travel expenses and lunch.

*With thanks to James Valentine (Sh 99-04)*

# GSSarchitecture

## 1 x 1 month architecture internship GSSArchitecture

GSSArchitecture is a national practice, with offices in Kettering, Harrogate, Gloucester, Milton Keynes and Newcastle; operating across the whole of England and Wales. We are a 70 strong practice of architects and surveyors with a varied portfolio including the new boarding house at Rugby, many University buildings and also many other sectors.

Time spent with us would provide experience within the various stages of architectural design and construction including attending meetings visiting construction sites. You will also have the opportunity to design a building during your time with us which you will present to other team members at the end of your stay.

This placement will take place in either July or August in one of our studios.

*With thanks to William Assheton (Tu 70-75)*





## 1 x 1 month marketing internship

NCH

Working as part of a small marketing team in a high profile university-level college based in central London, this is an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in marketing including PR, digital, print and events.

This is a paid internship.

Please apply directly to Elizabeth at NCH [elizabeth.oconnell@nchlondon.ac.uk](mailto:elizabeth.oconnell@nchlondon.ac.uk)

Contact Elizabeth O'Connell, Director of Marketing. New College of the Humanities

*With thanks to Elizabeth O'Connell*



## 1 or 2 week placements in the Hospitality Industry

The Culloden Estate & Spa outside Belfast/Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, Newcastle County Down

Hastings Hotels were founded over fifty years ago and are Northern Ireland's premier collection of Hotels. The Hastings portfolio has six luxurious hotels of character and distinction, each set in key locations across Northern Ireland. This placement will offer an insight into the world of luxury hospitality in all areas.

Hastings Hotels will provide accommodation and meals and the Rugbeian Society will cover travel costs.

*With thanks to Howards Hastings, past parent*

## Corbett Keeling

Corporate Finance

## 6 week Corporate Finance placement

Corbett Keeling

We ensure clients realise their company's true value. We think more broadly and live by unshakeable values. Our world-class sector specialism, focus on privately owned businesses and 25 year track record are our advantage.

Interns are welcomed as full members of the Corbett Keeling team. We operate a relatively flat structure and interns are likely to work with most members of the team at some stage of their time with the firm.

We specialise in advising owners and directors of private companies on raising capital, building value through M&A and, when the time comes, on selling their business.

Depending on experience to date, projects may include:

- Researching target clients in specific sectors
- Researching M&A transactions in a sector
- Modelling
- Updating the CRM (Client relationship management) database
- Contributing to Corbett Keeling's quarterly publications
- Preparing marketing materials
- Interns receive expenses of £53 per day

Applicants should be in their second or final year of university and be available for a minimum of 6 weeks. Competition for internships at Corbett Keeling is fierce. Successful applicants are likely to have a minimum of A\*AA at A level and to be at a Russell Group university. They are also likely to have had some sort of previous work experience, whether it be in hospitality, working in a shop or anything which demonstrates they have some drive and willingness to work hard.

*With thanks to Emma Keeling (D 78-81)*

# PUBLICATIONS

## Labour And The Gulag Russia and the Seduction of the British Left

by Giles Udy (SH 69-73)

The Labour Party welcomed the Russian Revolution in 1917: it paved the way for the birth of a socialist superpower and ushered in a new era in Soviet governance. Labour excused the Bolshevik excesses and prepared for its own revolution in Britain.

In 1929, Stalin deported hundreds of thousands of men, women and children to work in labour camps. Subjected to appalling treatment, thousands died. When news of the camps leaked out in Britain, there were protests demanding the government ban imports of timber cut by slave labourers.

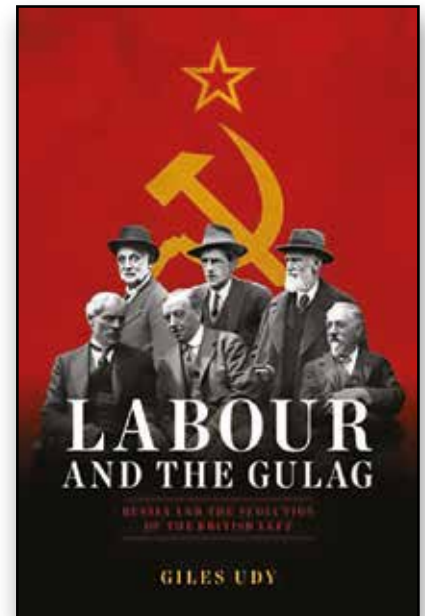
The Labour government of the day dismissed mistreatment claims as Tory propaganda and blocked appeals for an

inquiry. Despite the Cabinet privately acknowledging the harsh realities of the work camps, Soviet denials were publicly repeated as fact. One Labour minister even defended them as part of 'a remarkable economic experiment'.

Labour and the Gulag explains how Britain's Labour Party was seduced by the promise of a socialist utopia and enamoured of a Russian Communist system it sought to emulate. It reveals the moral compromises Labour made, and how it turned its back on the people in order to further its own political agenda.

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[www.bitebackpublishing.com](http://www.bitebackpublishing.com)



## Life Goes On

by Michael Ludlow (SH 46-51)

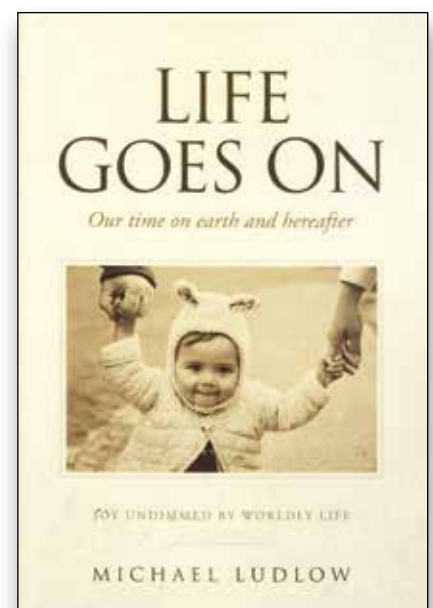
Michael Ludlow's book *Life Goes On* challenges the evidence of atheistic scientists and others, whose conviction that human life is the outcome of an accident of nature, with no divine purpose, is so absolute that they treat belief in a divine power with scorn, thus dismissing the beliefs of many millions of people. They are also at odds with the following statements of their hero, Charles Darwin, said to have been made by him in 1879:

*"I have never been an atheist in the sense of denying the existence of God. I think, generally, an agnostic would be the more correct description of my state of mind", and "It is absurd to doubt that a man might be an ardent theist and an evolutionist."*

According to the author's book, using the same standard of proof as has been faultily used by these scientists to confirm their convictions, but based on such factual evidence as is currently available, it is probable that no sustainable form of life (far less life with brain-power equivalent to the human brain) exists elsewhere in the universe than on earth. Without this factual evidence, the scientists have no basis for their conviction, and creation through divine involvement becomes far more probable.

ISBN: 978-1785452017

Available to purchase from Amazon





## RUGBEIANS

## AROUND THE WORLD

## BERMUDA

Although a tiny island, Bermuda is home to a small group of Rugbeians. My family accounts for six: my two brothers and me (between 1974 and 1980) and my three sons (between 1998 and 2009). History doesn't recall why my parents first selected Rugby for my generation, but the School has made an important contribution to our family.

Bermuda is a self-governing British colony in the middle of the Atlantic about 1,000 miles north of the Caribbean and 600 miles from the US mainland. There are about 65,000 people in 22 square miles, one of the most densely populated countries in the world. It is a popular tourist resort and squeezes in eight golf courses. While some aspects of life resemble life in the UK, there is obviously a very heavy American influence, and, being small, everything is a microcosm of life in the UK or the US.

In 2017, Bermuda hosted the America's Cup, the world's oldest international sporting competition. America was the cup holder and defender, and Britain's Sir Ben Ainslie skippered the UK challenger. Ultimately, the New Zealand team won. It was hard not to be impressed by the spectacle of these boats flying or 'foiling' across the water at speeds up to 45 knots. While training in Bermuda, Sir Ben and his team participated in the Global Pass for the School's 450th anniversary.

*John Collis (SF 74-76)*



*Sir Ben Ainslie with the Land Rover America's Cup boat in Bermuda*

## CANADA

Canada is a vast country: its land mass is 40 times bigger than the UK. Yet its relatively small population of 37 million – 90% within 100 miles of the US border – means the country is mostly uninhabited (uninhabitable, some might say)! So it is with justifiable pride that Canada can claim to have three of the "top 5 most liveable cities in the world", according to the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Not surprisingly, most of the 65 or so Rugbeians in Canada are clustered in and around those three cities (Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver) but close to 4,000 miles separates the Rugbeian living in Victoria, British Columbia from their fellow Rugbeian in Halifax, Nova Scotia. So there has never really been an occasion to "unite" us all - until The Global Pass came along this past year.

With events held in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto and Ottawa, Canadian Rugbeians embraced the opportunity to celebrate the school's 450th Anniversary. The events were well attended and greatly enjoyed. Falling in the same year as Canada celebrated its

150th Anniversary (since Confederation), this sense of the school's history was not lost on any of us.

Plans to establish the British Schools Foundation in Canada are well underway. This charitable organisation will allow Canadian residents who are former pupils of Rugby, Oundle, Radley and Uppingham to donate to their respective alma mater tax-efficiently. Canadians are a charitable lot, so it's the Arnold Foundation will benefit from the good fortune we Rugbeians have for living in this great country.

*Blair Agnew (B 49-54)*



*Pictured left to right:  
Ike Jetha (C 66-70),  
Emma Stodel (S 88-90),  
Richard Watt (C 54-59),  
Richard Tudor Price (St 53-58),  
Michael Peach (T 51-55),  
Blair Agnew (B 75-79)  
& Jack Tannett (M 64-69)*

*Pictured front centre:  
David Townshend (W 71-75)*

## CHINA

Ni hao from China! I am initially from Dusseldorf but since around the age of 12 I call Shanghai my home. It was surely my year at Rugby School that led me to China! Rugby was my first time abroad for a longer time...away from family, friends and familiar surroundings. And it turned out that I (eventually) loved it! So after my legal exams in Germany I wanted to get into a similar new adventure – if I can survive Rugby School I can surely survive China!

I am now living and working in Shanghai as a happy wife, a lucky mum of two kids and as a busy corporate lawyer. To me Shanghai is a challenge and inspiration. I meet interesting people from all over the world and enjoy living in a very local environment in the city centre. With my dear Chinese neighbours there's always a curious exchange of cultural differences and lots of laughter. This heartwarming situation may not always be found in the tough business environment where it's a real challenge to keep up with Chinese negotiation behaviour and skills (fascinating and still a little bit of a mystery).

Shanghai has many faces and is full of contrasts. When I have the time I enjoy cycling through the city amongst so many others on Shanghai's crazy busy streets. Some still ride on rusty bikes and others speed up in pink Ferraris. In the night the city lights up in beautiful colours while some gather in parks for evening ballroom dancing (I watch...) or pick and choose from various street barbecues (I join...). Every Tuesday afternoon I collect my daughter from a Chinese kindergarten and once we have crossed a 16-lane street we make our way to one of the old hidden lane houses with the most beautiful garden and an enchanted painting class studio.



Shanghai's breakneck speed of development can be overwhelming at times and regular decompression is strongly advised (foot massage always helps!). It's transitory and fluid, in search of its own identity core and style. Where new ideas and business models are seemingly being piloted every week, bars and restaurants open and close at will. But that's what I love about this vibrant place. It never stands still and there's always so much to see and discover. If you are ever in Shanghai please let me know and I will show you my world!

**Minka Melanie Stoeckert Huelsemann**  
(D 93-94)

## MALAYSIA

In the winter of 2014 I set foot on the hallowed grounds of Rugby for the first time in over 20 years. Everything seemed exactly the same, but of course they weren't. In 1992, I was part of the small group of young ladies joining as sixth formers before the school became fully mixed. As I returned to Bradley House and was invited by the current headmistress to join them for lunch, I could see young girls from the age of 11, bright eyed and full of potential. One of them even thought I was about to enrol as new student (one of the many plus points of wearing a hijab is that nobody can see your grey hair!).

Since leaving Bradley House 24 years ago, I swapped the sleepy town of Rugby with the ever-alive London, studying law at LSE before starting a 14-year career in taxation, banking and corporate transformation in a few global firms in Kuala Lumpur. In 2012, I made a truly life-changing decision to join full-time the startup I co-founded, Brand Geeks Inc. Only then have I found Rugby's motto to be most relevant, Orando Laborando, "I prayed, I worked". Although most of the time "I worked, I prayed" (such are the rewards of entrepreneurship!).

In addition to my two biological babies, my team and I at Brand Geeks Inc continue to Nurture Legendary Brands through branding and marketing strategy, creativity and engagement focusing on youth. We have had the privilege of working with eventual unicorns, Grab (MyTeksi when we first met them and their team of six) as well as the likes of Malaysia's Ministry of Finance (SME & Startup Promotion Year 2017) and the Selangor State government (Smart Selangor). Of course, we would gladly support any Rugbeian entrepreneurs or entities looking for branding and marketing support in South East Asia.



While there is no official chapter in Malaysia, in recent years I have been able to keep in touch with several former classmates and housemates through social media, Skype, Whatsapp and a few meet-ups while traveling to the UK and Hong Kong. A special shout-out to my BFFs, Emma Walton (B 92-94) and Emilie Haworth (S 92-94) as well as Mr CJ Edwards (my statistics teacher) whom I bumped into as we were both walking round the corner at the gate of the Old Big School while visiting Rugby in 2014. And yes, he still remembered me!

**Siti Manisah Sarujee (Bradley 92-94)**



## SINGAPORE

Singapore Rugbeian gatherings bring together those living within the surrounding 'Eastern Archipelago' (Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand) and passers-through on business or holiday.

2017 was a relatively busy year. The Singapore 'Global Pass' event, co-ordinated by **Raji Ramason** (Tu 83-86) and **Clive Kerner** (M 75-79), was perhaps the highlight that brought together many Rugbeians, current parents and pupils. This was a fantastic project and the Singapore contingent had great fun organising and participating in the excellent video (please email us for the link to view this), taking in a number of landmark Singapore locations including Changi Airport, the Merlion, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Marina Bay Sands, Raffles Hotel and finally Eden Hall (the British High Commissioner's Residence). British High Commissioner Scott Wightman kindly participated and laid on tea after filming. We were fortunate that Jason Robinson OBE (2003 Rugby World Cup winner) also joined in. A dinner followed at the Singapore Cricket Club, organised by Raji Ramason. Around 25 Rugbeians, parents and current pupils took part in the event with a wide age range from current pupil Morgan Oruche to **John Fenley** (T 44-49).

September saw another gathering at the Bakalaki Greek Tavern and in October **Guy Steele-Bodger** (Tu 75-79) joined us for dinner as he passed through Singapore.

**Raji Ramason** (Tu 83-86)

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**Clive Kerner** (M 75-59)

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*H E Scott Wightman (British High Commissioner) & Jason Robinson*



*Nick Allen (T 91-96), Alex Newman (SH 87-90) & Janna Joethy (C 89-93)*



## NEW ZEALAND

### *Still Inspired by Rugby School*

I can't but appreciate the irony that as a Rugbeian I live in New Zealand (where rugby is almost a religion and the All Blacks have turned the game into a fine art form) or that my life's passion and work has been so influenced by Rugby School and Thomas Arnold.

At first glance, as the director of Real-TV – an inspiration and communication agency in Auckland – it may be hard to reconcile Arnold's legacy with the fairly innocuous-seeming activity of making videos. But any individual, company or organisation wishing to be sustainable, valuable and profitable, needs a vision bigger than money. And it must communicate in a way that inspires transformation, growth and goal tenacity.

It takes personal vision like that of Thomas Arnold to inspire meaningful change and to make a real difference in the world. My job and is passion is to help visionary leaders by using real stories to inspire their people, create a movement and change behaviours to deliver better results.

If you look to the All Blacks, you can see that the reason such a small country has built itself into the superpower of world rugby is not due to money and a big

population. It is that they are inspired by the vision of 'leaving the jersey in a better place'? It's not about them but representing all those who come after them.

For me this is what Arnold's vision achieved for Rugby – to create men (women) of strength and character with the intellectual capability to make the world a better place. When that vision is communicated with power, there's no telling what great heights it can reach.

After all these years the Global Pass has put me back in touch with Rugby. It's been a pleasure to meet other Rugbeians and to realise how much I was influenced by my life at Rugby. It would be lovely to meet more Rugbeians in NZ and Australia so if you're interested please contact me at [kim@real-tv.co.nz](mailto:kim@real-tv.co.nz)

**Kim Goodhart (D 94-96)**



Kim Goodhart (D 94-96)

## LETTERS

### *The Boomer*

The Boomer has figured largely in the 450th Anniversary celebrations and with good reason.

I did not appreciate until a good quarter of a century after leaving Rugby how deep an impression the Boomer had made. This realisation came about when I was walking near the parish church of St. Alban the Martyr in Holborn and whose architect, William Butterfield, was of course also responsible for the design of the School chapel. As I neared the church, its bell began to sound. Clearly Butterfield must have involved the same bell foundry which cast the Boomer as the sound of the church bell was indistinguishable from that of the School Chapel. After all those years my immediate and involuntary reaction on hearing the St. Alban's bell was to quicken my pace. However, I believe my memory must have been at fault. Surely, I used to speed up when the Boomer stopped sounding.

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Holloway (St 56-61)**



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# METEORS TRIUMPH

## SUMMER MATCH REPORT



Last summer the Meteors managed a joyous fixture against the Butterflies CC, and another against Bradfield Waifs.

The Butterflies match was well attended and the weather held for what turned out to be wonderful day out. The Butterflies were very strong and both Hammond and Gravell batted superbly as the Meteors struggled to contain the steady flow of runs. A dropped catch look to be costly as Hammond finished on a hundred. The bowlers had a tough time with the wicket not offering too many

favours. The Butterflies declared on 242, with only a couple of scalps for the Meteors. Special mention to **James Barker (T 06-11)** who bent his back for a tough 14 overs.

The Meteors started off well, with **Theo McKibbin (K 07-12)** scoring at over a run a ball, before the ship started to wobble as a flurry of quick wickets left us at 44 for 3 (although well done to **Rob Johns (SF 02-07)** for playing anchor!). The Meteors then clawed their way back with free-flowing shots from Adamson and his partner. But we ran out of time and closed on 170-7. A

thoroughly enjoyable day out and my thanks must go to Michael Powell for his support and, as ever, **Guy Steele-Bodger (Tu 74-78)**.

The first round of the cricketer cup against Bradfield was at home. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to play in the fixture. Sadly a swift loss saw our 2017 campaign over. This year the game is on June 17, 2018 – please make yourselves available for selection by emailing [wedgcj@btinternet.com](mailto:wedgcj@btinternet.com).

*Charlie Wedgwood (W 04-09)*



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# 450TH GOLF DAY

## JULY 14, 2017

The 450th Golf Day in July (reported in the Summer Floreat) was the highlight of the 2017 season and was typical day of Old Rugbeian golf (although we do not normally have 68 playing).

At our AGM in September, **Alick Hay (SF 62-66)** became Captain (our first Scot for some years) in succession to **Jamie Clark (M 65-70)**. The Captains of our Senior Darwin and Bernard Darwin teams, **Robert Lyons (K 56-60)** and **Peter Stanbrook (T 62-67)**, are both standing down after a decade or more and we thank them for their hard work. Jamie Clark and **Nigel Cadbury (Tu 70-74)** take over and we wish them and their sides much success (even if the respective draws for 2018 could have been kinder).

The ORGS depends entirely on the time and effort members give in arranging our meetings, matches and teams, and we thanks them all for their hard work. Active support of the Society is also crucial and thanks also to those who regularly give theirs. Finally, our continuing thanks to the designer and operator of our website, **Robert Prior (C 81-86)**.

As that website contains reports and many photos of our events, do take a few minutes to visit <http://rugbeian-golf.co.uk/>

With more detailed reports available on that site, I shall limit myself just to mentioning that at our most important annual meeting, the Autumn Meeting in September, **Patrick Lyons (K 90-95)** won the Autumn Cup, **John Hendry (B 63-68)** won the Raymond Wills Claret Jug and our Vice-President **Jock Fraser (K 56-60)** won the Pattison Memorial Prize. In our usual matches, we lost to Uppingham and the

Lady Vets, but beat Malvern. An our end of season golf match, the ORGS beat the Meteors. In two 'unofficial' matches a select group of OR golfers lost to a Royal North Devon side at Rye while another team beat a host side at Royal Porthcawl.

As I keep saying, OR golfers who do not join and take part in ORGS events are missing the fun.

*Tim Watts (St 66-71)  
Hon Secretary*



*Retiring Captains: Peter Stanbrook (T 62-67) & Robert Lyons (K 56-60) at Royal St George'*



*Hon Sec and Treasurer Tim Watts (St 66-71) & Captain Jamie Clark (M 65-70) face a tricky question at the AGM*



*John Hendry (B 63-68), new ORGS Captain Alick Hay (SF 62-66) & Clive Pickerill (T 65-70)*



*Robert Lyons (K 56-60), Charles Maisey (K 65-70) & Christopher Johnson-Gilbert (W 68-73)*



# RACKETS

## 2017 REVIEW

It's been a year of reinvigoration for the OR Rackets society as we try to establish a good core of players. Our ambition is to have regular fixtures and ORs playing as many competitions as possible.

Last April we held the inaugural Old Rugbeians' Sapphire Racket, part of the School's 450th anniversary. Fourteen made the trip back and it was a cracking day. Play started early and went on all day, only to be interrupted for the mandatory trip to the local Weatherspoons for lunch. A surprising amount of quality was on show, despite many stepping on court for the first time since School. Cheers and jeers came in equal measures as somehow **Louis Winstanley (M 04-09) & Dave Mackenzie (SF 05-10)** met **Chris Atkins (W 05-10) & Sam Phillipson (SF 09-14)** in the final. The former went on to win. Big thanks to Philip and Tracey Ahmet for their help. We

look forward to next April and I'm sure Rugbeians will come out in force for the now annual tournament.

We entered three pairs in the Noel Bruce Old Public School Boys Championship, the most for some years. This was helped by the Rugbeian Society finacing some rather fetching green and navy styled rackets (available to all Rugbeian rackets enthusiasts now, so get in touch!).

Stand-out performances came from **Richard Offord (SF 02-07)** and **George Mackenzie (SF 05-10)** who managed to turn over a strong Clifton School old boys pair. The field was tough and we look to build on this next year with more pairs and more wins.

On the weekend of November 9, we had three ORs playing in the New York Silver Racquet. **Louis Winstanley (M 04-09)**, **Charlie Foreman (K 76-80)** and **Guy**

**Devereux (Sh 81-86)** were out in force on and off the court for a simply outstanding tournament weekend. There was a bit of friendly fire as Foreman and his partner James Coyne knocked out Winstanley and his partner Ned Perrepoint in the quarter finals. On the other side of the draw Devereux and his partner Rory Sutton were vanquished in their quarter final. Foreman and Coyne went on to the final, though fell at the final hurdle against the former world number two Will Hopton and his partner 3-0.

Nearly mid-way through the season and there is plenty more rackets to be played. We are holding regular weekend sessions and fixtures at Queens Club and other London-orientated courts, for those interested please do get in touch and get involved.

*Louis Winstanley (M 04-09)*



# REAL TENNIS

## ORRTC MID-SEASON REVIEW

The ORRTC had a well-attended and well-fought match against Marlborough on August 12 last year at Lord's on the MCC's Real Tennis court to coincide with the cricket match between the two schools. The result was a 4-3 win to the ORs. I have some sympathy with the Marlburians since three of the OR players have played so seldom in recent years (decades even) that they do not have handicaps recorded on the official system. I therefore had to make a complete stab-in-the-dark guess at what handicap to assess for two players that I had never seen play and a third whom I had not seen play for some time. Richard Montgomerie played very well for the handicap I had assessed, Martin Lee-Warner (C 67-61) did also, Adrian Ridgwick (W 64-69) unfortunately injured himself and had to retire.

The main season launched with our match against Cambridge in September, drawn 2-2. This was followed by the Peripatetics tournament at Hardwick House later in September. **Oliver Buckley (W 67-71)** and **Richard Bray (M 58-63)** had no answers to the Irish RTA's Roland Budd and lost heavily. We did better in our other group match but not well enough to qualify for the knock-out stages. Another OR pair **Fred Satow (C 70-75)** and **Stephen Goss**

**(B 74-79)** – representing the Jesters on this occasion – did better and won their group but did not survive the first knock-out match against Tonbridge.

We appear to have beaten Radley 4-3 in October. This was reported by the Radley pros as a 4-3 win to Radley, but they seem crucially to have recorded one match score the wrong way round, turning the result. This was the first appearance for the ORs of a number of Old Rugbeian Rackets players who proved to be very useful. I hope we can persuade them to play more often for us.

Late October saw us at the relatively new court at Wellington College. I had forgotten that this august institution referred to itself as a "College" and was on the point of following Satnav instructions to Wellington School (Ayrshire and over 300 miles away) before common sense prevailed. I suppose we have to record the match as a 3-2 loss, since at 2-2 and barely into the fifth string **Charles Fraser (St 74-79)** for the ORs had to retire hurt with a back injury. The Wellington court has had a few issues since it opened just over a year ago. Our first fixture there in October 2016 had to be postponed because they were re-doing the floor after being open for barely two weeks. Our fixture this year followed seven weeks of re-surfacing work on the walls, following which the court had only been open for two weeks. I would have to say that the wall surface

is now extremely rough. This means that it grips the ball and magnifies any spin put on the ball by a player, whereas a smoother surface extracts a much smaller proportion of the spin. This makes the court a definite outlier at present. Hopefully the surface will settle down in time, but at present it is very odd.

Our last 2017 fixtures were at Oxford on Sunday, November 12 followed by Queen's Club on December 1.

***Oliver Buckley (W 67-71)***

***Hon Secretary***





# SAILING

The highlight of a busy year was undoubtedly the annual match against the School at the end of April on a very blustery Draycote Water. For many of the OR sailors, the annual match is the only annual dinghy sailing so it was no surprise to see the quite excellent school team quickly dominate and take an unassailable 1, 2, 3 in the first race.

After a re-shuffle of crews for the second race, the ORs fared a little better as they found their reservoir-legs and started to predict the cold gusty cat-paws of breeze that filtered over the reservoir walls with increasing gusto. It probably also helped that a few of us are not as light as we used to be so were able to keep the boats flatter than the athletic Rugby Team. But a few capsizes (**William Bibby (SF 78-82)**)

and some questionable gung-ho tactics (**Magnus Wheatley (Sh 88-90)**), led to the Rugbeian team scoring a resounding thumping of the ORs and retaining the rather wonderful trophy. Only a win in the final race saw the ORs retain some sort of pride.

The OR Sailing Club is changing. Older members have largely moved on with families, careers and commitments so we are now looking for new blood to take over the reins and get the club competing again against the other schools in the annual Arrow Trophy and in the annual match against the School. Although many Rugbeians enjoy sailing privately, there seems a reticence among some current members to get together and represent the School. Recent experience shows the Club really flourishes with an enthusiastic

and organised Commodore and we are now seeking applications. There are older Rugbeians very keen and willing to commit to weekends but it is vital now that the younger generation takes over and encourages their Rugby peers to participate. Rugby is a three-time winner of the Arrow Trophy (the most prestigious Independent Schools regatta) and has won events in the Solent such as the Cory Cup and regatta weeks. The framework, and indeed some considerable funds from annual subscriptions, are available in the ORSC bank account to support any plans. But without the enthusiasm to compete against the other schools then the club is in danger of waning to a once-a-year event at Draycote Water. If you would like to apply for the Commodore role then please email: [magnuswheatley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:magnuswheatley@yahoo.co.uk)





# SOCCER

## ORRTC MID-SEASON REVIEW

The 2016-2017 season saw the Old Rugbeian Association Football Club enjoy a campaign of barely believable drama and success.

The season's curtain raiser saw the men in white 3-2 down with 10 minutes to play against a raw but talented Old Johnnians side. An audacious **Louis Winstanley (M 04-09)** header restored parity before a glorious 30-yard strike from **Marcus Hunter (SH 09-14)** sealed all three points and generated raucous dressing room celebrations. Reflecting on his match-winning effort, Hunter revealed: "I never gave it a second thought, it was written for me."

The winning start continued with victories against Malvern (4-2), Ampleforth (2-1) and Westminster (5-1), planting the ORs on top of Arthurian League Division 5 South.

An ill-advised winter trip to Colombia for the club's board coincided with the visit of the dangerous Old Alleynians and a first (and probably last) crack at captaincy for Louis Winstanley (M 04-09). The gamble failed to pay off as Rugby were topped 4-1 and the title race was thrown open.

A welcome break from the league came with the preliminary stage of the JLC and the ghosts of the Alleynians fiasco were exorcised with a thumping 9-1 victory over Foresters.

Back to league matters following the Christmas break saw a clinical 7-0 win away at Harrow, followed by a point at Ampleforth sending the squad into a crucial stage of the season in high spirits.

The JLC draw appeared cruel as Eton away came out the hat, a side pushing for the title three leagues above. Many saw a win at the famous old school as mission impossible but not those wearing white. 1-0 down in the driving snow, the ORs turned it round to snatch an improbable 2-1 victory.

Back-to-back league games followed and a 7-1 away bouncing of Old Alleynians preceded a 2-1 rear guard triumph against title contenders Old Johnnians. The squad held their nerve with wins against King's College Wimbledon (2-0), Westminster (6-0) and finally secured the league with a 2-1 victory against Harrow.

No less impressive than the league campaign was that of the DW Trophy. The run kicked off with another giant killing as Old Merchant Taylors were slain 3-2 and this was followed by two dramatic encounters. The Rugbeians twice went behind in their quarter final against Old Albanians but a thunderbolt from **Henry Huntingford (SF 01-06)** on the cusp of injury time and a last-minute volley from **Sam Carver (SH 04-09)** sent the Rugbeian support staff and fans into ecstasy.

Onto the semi-final against the Old Columbans. Farcical scenes ensued in the



Header from Fergus Adamson (Sh 02-07) at Hampton Sports Centre vs Harrow



Penalty during the DW Trophy final shoot out at Old Merchant Taylor's School vs Tonbridge

hours before kick-off as half the team went down with food poisoning and **Rob Johns' (SF 02-07)** position as Club Chef was terminated with immediate effect. Rugby trailed 3-2 towards the end of extra-time. However, this team has never known when it's beaten and after some sensational wing play by **Albert Neuendorf (SF 06-11)**, **Jake Kings (W 08-13)** thrashed the ball into the roof of the net to send the tie to penalty kicks. There was only ever likely to be one winner and it was perhaps fitting that **Richard Offord (SF 02-07)**, the founder of the club, struck the penalty that sent the ORs into their first-ever final, shedding tears in the process.

Nerves played their part in a cagey final against the Old Tonbridgians and the Rugbeians went behind on the hour mark. But back they came again and top scorer, Carver, struck with minutes remaining to send the game into extra-time. Deadlock ensued and the Rugbeians fate would once again be dictated by a penalty shoot-out. This proved to be an improbable victory too far and the OT's lifted the DW trophy after a 6-5 penalty kick win.

A wonderful season where each and every player did Rugby School proud. In Frazer Hemming-Allen's final year as Master-In-Charge of Soccer, it was almost as though this was one last gift from him to the sport he gave so much. It's a nice thought.

**Rob Johns (SF 02-07)**



BACK ROW L-R: Freddie fforde (SF 02-07), Tom Murphy (W 01-06), Rob Johns (SF 02-07), Tariq Hassan (SF 01-06), Ed Le Brun (Sh 07-09), Sam Carver (SH 04-09) & Albert Neuendorf (SF 06-11)  
FRONT L-R: Sam Hawkesley (T 02-07), Alex Drake (M 02-07), Fergus Adamson (Sh 02-07), Richard Offord (SF 02-07), Joe Moxham (W 08-10), Tom Matthews (SH 01-04) & Tim Aldersley (K 02-07)



# RUGBY V MARLBOROUGH

## CRICKET

AUGUST 12, 2017

Last year, Rugby School's historic annual fixture against Marlborough College took centre stage at Lord's in celebration of Rugby's 450th anniversary. The MCC set up an unbelievable day for all to celebrate the anniversary in style resulting in an unforgettable, momentous occasion enjoyed by players and supporters from both sides.

The match did not disappoint either. Rugby asked Marlborough to bat and quickly set about the top order and reduced Marlborough to 8 for 3. A resilient middle order however kept

Marlborough very much in the game at lunch on 126 for 6. Marlborough's Max Reid played a quite brilliant knock of 141\* helping his team through to 270 in their 50 overs.

Rugby's response started disastrously losing the first five wickets for only 30 runs. School Field duo of Finlay McCreath and Will Hardman repaired the damage and at the half way stage had recovered to 86 for 5. A quite incredible partnership between the two catapulted Rugby to within 56 of the target with 5 overs to go.

The loss of Will Hardman for a quite brilliant 86 left Finlay McCreath to

continue the onslaught. Only one hit away from what would have been a remarkable century, McCreath was caught right on the edge for 95. A maximum at that stage would have kept Rugby within striking distance of almost unlikely victory. The game ended in the 49th over with Rugby 25 short.

A partnership of 185 at Lords for McCreath and Hardman was without a doubt the highlight of a day that will stay in the memories of the many Rugbeians able to enjoy this spectacular occasion.

*Mike Powell*  
Director of Cricket





# SCHOOL SPORT

Debbie Skene took over as Director of Sport in September 2017 and with her team oversee sport at Rugby. During the Advent term 2017, students representing 52 teams competed in 251 matches in eight different sports, and 16 sporting activities were offered every week.

## RUGBY:

In September we welcomed new Director of Rugby, Mike Bayly, a former professional rugby player for Western Province Rugby and Boland in South Africa.

He coached the Boland Currie Cup team for two seasons and was Head Coach at Rovigo, Italy, before spending seven years helping the Bulls to become Super Rugby Champions.

This season, Rugby fielded 14 teams,

had 14 students attending premiership academies (three at Wasps, five at Leicester Tigers and six at Northampton Saints), and Fergus Hodgson and Ben Poole-Phillips were selected for a wider Wales U18 training squad.

By end November, the School had a 52% win-to-loss ratio. The XV had strong wins over King's Macclesfield, Uppingham, Trent, Stowe and Abingdon and our U14D side remained unbeaten. All teams played well with positive attitudes and work ethic.

## HOCKEY:

James Stedman joined as Director of Hockey in January 2017. James played for England at all junior levels and was capped 20 times at senior level. The girls' hockey teams started the 2017 season with success after winning the U18 and U16 Warwickshire County Tournaments, allowing them to progress to the Regional round of the National Competition. The U1's also qualified into the third round of the Independent Schools Cup. The School also hosted the 450th hockey tournament. Eight schools attended the event from England, Scotland and Wales. Rugby came 2nd after losing out in the final to winners Repton. Repton were also the chosen School to attend our first 'Friday Night Lights' games. This event helped showcase girls' hockey and gave students in the School the opportunity to watch.

During the season, Rugby are fielding 17 teams who have played 115 matches and maintained a 58% win ratio.

Rugby also hosted its first U11 and U13 IAPS hockey tournament. Six prep schools from the local area competed to win a place in the regional round of the competition.

The U15 boys' team had a successful hockey trip to Munich. Congratulations to Beno Wiltshire who played in the England Hockey Futures Cup at the end of last summer. The Futures Cup is a tournament made up of the top 16 players in each region in the UK and is watched by the national selectors. Beno's team, the Mercia Lynx, finished in 4th place.

Other individual successes of note should go to Jika Nyirenda who represented England in the U16 squad last summer.







## NETBALL

This year we have signed an agreement with Wasps Netball to become a partnership hub for their U17 netball academy. Weekly training sessions are held at Rugby and eight Rugby pupils have been selected for the hub. The students will get the chance to play at the Ricoh arena before televised Super League matches and benefit from coaching by the super league winning Wasps players such as Sam May. Wasps players and coaches will also be on hand to provide training for our coaches and staff and lead sessions at our prep school tournaments. To support the player pathways for netball we have also secured our School as a training venue for Warwickshire U16 and U14 county academies. Seven of our students have been selected to attend these academies.

The U19 netball team came second in the County Tournament, progressed to the second round of the National School Competition, and progressed to the second round of the National Independent Schools Cup.

## TENNIS

The U15 Tennis team made the top 16 schools after competing in area and county rounds of the Teams Tennis competition. They go on to compete in the Regional Finals.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Gigi Woodward and Freddie Webb finished within the top eight of the Warwickshire Inter Area competition and were been selected to represent Warwickshire in the inter counties competition.

## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

We had some outstanding results at the Marlborough Challenge. Our first-ever girls team entered the competition, with Cordelia Marcus coming 6th out of 15. Rugby A team came first out of 26 to win the trophy and Rugby B came sixth. High Gun Max Broad shot 37/40 to win a trophy, and we had five of boys in the top seven spots from 130 competitors.

## FIVES

Seven students travelled to Cambridge University to compete in the Rugby Fives Lady's Cup. Freya Harrison won the competition playing with Dick Warner (W 64-69). Freya currently holds the U16 National doubles and U23 National double titles.

## ATHLETICS

The athletics team had an excellent season in the Trinity term. The boys U17 won the U17 4x100 relay at the Radley Relays. At the prestigious Archilles Relays at Iffley Road, the club reached a record number of finals against quality opposition. The ESAA intermediate boys' and girls' teams became Warwickshire Champions and went on to the Midland Finals. Both the boys' and girls' team are unbeaten in all fixtures. They retained the Six Schools Trophy and won the Overall Winner's Trophy at the Rugby Relays. Congratulations to those who represented Warwickshire in the Midlands County Championships for the Mason Trophy where Emmanuel Yapobi-Attie won the U17 Intermediate 100m race in a time of 11.16. He has been selected to represent Warwickshire in the National Athletics Finals in the 100m and relay.

## RACKETS

The rackets team played at Queen's before Christmas 2016. Pride of place went to Peter Colbourne who won some tight matches, showing courage to reach the semi-final. By the time he got there he was arguably the second best player in the competition. He lost to a very powerful boy from Wellington who was way ahead of the others, having lived all his life near the New York rackets club and played with the top players in the world. Noah Martle reached the quarter final losing in the final game. The girls, Harriet Fagan and Freya Harrison, came second in a group of four and lost in the semi-final to Cheltenham 15-11 in a close final game. Ed Beard won three matches and only Jonnie Fagan lost first round other than Will Hardman who was in the top 16.

The success of Queen's continued in the summer term with the first pair Ed Beard and Will Hardman being unbeaten, winning against Tonbridge, Haileybury and Radley.

## CRICKET

Director of Cricket Michael Powell guided another strong season for Rugby School. Finlay McCreath continued his impressive form in the Trinity term with scores of 111\*, 67\*, 89, 109 & 90\*. Fin amassed 627 runs at an average of just over 78. Wills Hatton hit a sparkling 50\* off just 33 deliveries v Bedford and a tournament winning 75\* off 19 for Michell House in the 1st House tournament.

An equally explosive effort in the 3rd House tournament saw E Block cricketer Josh Montfort Bebb hit 84\* off just 23 deliveries to help School Field lift the trophy. Josh also made his XI debut v Bedford School. It was great to see the junior members of the Cricket Club starting to reap the rewards for hard work throughout the year. The U14 team made it through to the semi-final of the Regional Trophy and came second at the Cheltenham Festival where Paddy Powell-Capper scored over 150 runs.

In the final week of the term, XI had two two-day fixtures v Clifton and Marlborough College, as well as the eagerly anticipated 450th Anniversary match at Lords.

The XI returned to Lord's on August 12, 2017, 45 years after the last Colours match Rugby – Marlborough match was played there. An enthralling game saw a brilliant rear-guard action from Scotland International Finlay McCreath (95) & School Field's Will Hardman (85). With the XI reeling on 30 for 5 the School Field pair put on a brilliant partnership worth 185 runs. The game was worthy of the 450th anniversary celebration and was a truly incredible experience for all involved.

## POLO

On a blistering June Saturday, Benjie Bradshaw captained the Great Britain Schools Polo team against China at Kirtlington Park in Oxfordshire. Despite strong opposition from the outset from the Chinese, Benjie led a team more than up to the challenge, scoring the first goal himself, ending the first chukka 2-1. In the second chukka China fought back, but GB were the stronger team, with many excellent backhands denying opposition goals. GB finished on a fantastic score of 7-3.

On the same afternoon, Martin Teo played three chukkas in a combined Schools and Universities Polo Association team against Millfield and Cheltenham Ladies, winning two of the three and again demonstrating the great sportsmanship and sporting ability of the Rugby polo players, though sadly the big silver cup stays with the organisers.

## BOYS' SOCCER

Trinity 2017 was a good season with soccer putting out eight teams weekly. The XI won one, drew one and lost one, but the pick of the sides was the U15A XI (unbeaten) and the 2nd XI & U16 A's (won three out of four). There were notable performances from Captain, Stefano Antoci, Tom Ireland-Life at centre back, Stas Chistyakov and Jamie Harvey at left midfield and striker respectively.

## GIRLS' SOCCER

A big congratulations to the girls 1st XI Soccer team, who battled hard to come back from 0-1 to win 3-1 against Stamford.

Special mention must go to Maia Bouchier who regularly rattled the woodwork and the team's excellent captain, Katherine Johns, who marshalled the defence. Victoria Perronet-Miller and Olivia Scarozza must also be commended for holding their own against girls three years older than them.

## SAILING

The sailors continued to have great success and are excited to now own six new fireflies. In the Trinity term, the first team beat Oakham 3-0 and competed in the BSDRA Thames Valley competition. On the back of their win at the BSDRA Eastern Championships hopes were high. They sailed very well in difficult conditions as the start line was very close to the shore. They beat several good schools including Eton 1sts and Eton 2nds, Millfield and Cokethorpe, but two unfortunate losses to Clifton and Sherborne meant they just missed being placed in the gold fleet. There was still the possibility of reaching the finals if they won the silver fleet and things started well as they beat both Magdalen College teams, but an unfortunate series of events and infringements meant they lost the crucial match against RGS. However they are now more determined than ever to return next year.

The second team also made excellent progress. They competed in the BSDRA Thames Valley competition, came second in the Plate competition and convincingly beat the Stowe 1st team 6-0.





## INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE

## ACCOUNT

Income and Expenditure for the  
Year Ended April 5, 2017

## INCOME

	2017	2016
	Total £	Total £
Joining subscriptions	104,527	100,378
Other subscriptions	5,460	4,243
Magazine advertising and other revenue	1,000	3,450
Donations and sundry income	-	525
Income from events	20,344	14,639
<b>Total income</b>	<b>131,331</b>	<b>123,235</b>

## EXPENDITURE

Newsletter printing and mailing	23,559	35,009
Editor's honorarium, staff salaries and expenses	53,057	52,526
Grants	925	985
Expenditure on events	30,818	21,576
Examination fee	686	698
Cost of committee meetings	69	769
Bank charges	-	198
Postage, stationery and copying charges	2,171	1,483
Photography	1,376	372
Hospitality	306	-
Licence fees	-	3,068
Sundry	2,953	856
Telephone	92	163
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>116,012</b>	<b>117,703</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>15,319</b>	<b>5,532</b>

Approved by the Committee  
of Management and  
authorised for issue on  
November, 15, 2017

## CURRENT ASSETS

	2017		2016
	Total £	Total £	Total £
Other debtors	109,270	78,074	
Cash at bank and in hand	28,807	26,207	
		138,077	104,281

## CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Other creditors	(55,309)	(36,832)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>82,768</b>	<b>67,449</b>

## FUNDS

As at 6 April 2015	67,449	61,917
Surplus for the year	15,319	5,532
<b>As at 5 April 2016</b>	<b>82,768</b>	<b>67,449</b>

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# 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR



DATE	EVENT	VENUE
9 Feb	Scottish Reception	New Club, Edinburgh
Tbc Feb/Mar	London Reception	Rugby
Tbc 8 Mar	Cotton XX Club Dinner	tbc, London
14 Mar	Kilbracken Dinner	Oriental Club, London
18 Mar	Crick Run	Rugby
18 Mar	Hong CricHK (tbc)	Hong Kong
22 Mar	9th Annual Michell House Dinner	Oriental Club, London
18 Apr	3rd Annual Midlands Dinner	Bank, Birmingham
19 Apr	Business Forum with David Sanger (SF 79-83)	Kleinwort Hambros Bank, London
20 Apr	New Members Drinks	Rugby
21 Apr	Cotton House Reunion	Rugby
21 Jun	Class of '67 & '68 – 50th Anniversary Dinner	Rugby
Tbc Sep	Arnold Foundation Lecture & Lunch	Rugby
2 Sep	New Parents' Afternoon Tea	Rugby
6 Sep	Class of '17 – 1 Year Leavers' Party	The Atlas Pub, Fulham, London
28 Sep	Class of '13 – 5 Year Leavers' Party	The Atlas Pub, Fulham, London
4 Oct	Class of '93 – 25th Anniversary event	tbc, London
13 Oct	Kilbracken Reunion	Rugby
19 Oct	10 Year Leavers' Party – Class of '08	London
Tbc Oct	Cotton XX Club Dinner	tbc, London
Tbc Oct	Wales Dinner	Cardiff, Wales
Tbc Oct	Hong Kong Dinner	Hong Kong
1 Nov	30th Anniversary Drinks – Class of '87	tbc, London
10 Nov	XV Follow Up Club Lunch	Rugby
15 Nov	Real Estate Dinner	Oriental Club, London

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