

# Flore@t 2014

## Summer Newsletter







# The President's Report

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The first seven months of my Presidency have just flown by. I have been delighted by the range and variety of the events and activities I have been able to attend; they have encapsulated exactly what our Society is all about in terms of enabling Rugbeians to socialise, network, play sport or just spend time together catching up with old friends.

One of the most pleasurable aspects of my role is that I am able to meet such a wide range of Rugbeians; both young and, like myself, a number who would no longer put themselves in that category! A highlight for me was our most recent Business Forum held in April where **Keith Abel (Br 78-82)**, one of the founders

of Abel & Cole, gave us a fascinating and wonderfully entertaining insight into how he built a business. From the early days of door to door potato selling to what

is today an online business which turns over in excess of £65 million. Keith's communication, marketing and selling skills shone through during the evening,

where a good proportion of the audience were younger Rugbeians hungry to hear how an entrepreneur built a business. Doggedness and determination seemed to be the themes which run through Keith's life story.

On the sporting front (something which is close to my heart), I travelled down to Deal on the Kent coast to see the ORGS Halford Hewitt team play in their first round match against Rossall in what, I believe, is the world's largest amateur golf competition. The team



*Keith Abel (B 78-82), Simon Penninston (C 65-70)*



was expertly organised and marshalled by **Simon Maisey (K 68-73)** who covered acres of ground on the course whilst monitoring each of the foursomes. Rugby won comfortably, but I was unable to return for the next round the following day, when we were beaten by a strong Eton team. As well as the golf itself, I was very impressed with the social side of the event. I thoroughly enjoyed my first Halford Hewitt and will definitely be returning for more next year. ([see page 139](#))

Our internship programme for Rugbeian undergraduates grows each year and my thanks to all those Rugbeians who provide these opportunities. From placements in the Middle East, Far East, Europe and UK we are really fortunate to be able to provide a wide variety of internships to young Rugbeians, thanks to the generosity of former pupils and friends. I would particularly like to thank **Stuart Wilson (W 81-86)** at RPI, who not only provided a number of internships at his firm, but also allowed us to use his offices to conduct the interviews. We were able to provide 20+ internships in total and managed to find opportunities for the majority who applied. I know



I interviewed 21 undergraduates over two days either face to face or via Skype. All exhibited the various qualities we have come to expect from Rugbeians, not least a friendly confidence without any trace of arrogance. We will look to maintain and, I hope, grow the programme again next year. ([see page 94](#))

On the social front, I enjoyed meeting a number of Rugbeians at the Cotton XX Club dinner which holds 3 dinners a year and is believed to be the oldest public school House Dining club in the country; all expertly organised by the Secretary, **Dave Orrock (C 94-99)**. I also attended a fun Rugbeian Society Theatre Club evening at the Phoenix Theatre to see a production of the very unusual musical “Once”, where the performers, as well as singing, provided the musical accompaniment. At our next event we will be looking to organise a pre show dinner. The 5 year leavers’ event, as always, provided an



evening of celebration and a high level of noise as Rugbeians who left in 2009 were reunited in the familiar surroundings of our usual venue the Atlas Pub in Fulham.

As many of you are aware, your Society cooperates closely with our colleagues in the Development Office led by the indefatigable Kerry Wilson. In January I attended a most enjoyable City

Reception in aid of the Arnold Foundation where **Baron Thomas of Cwmgiedd Kt. PC, (W 61-65)** the **Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales** was the special guest and speaker. The evening marked the launch of the ‘Patrick Derham Bursary Award’, to establish an endowment fund with the income used each year to support one Arnold Foundation pupil

at Rugby School in perpetuity. More recently, I was delighted to be present, together with nearly 300 Rugbeian parents, friends and other Rugbeians at a Parent Celebration Dinner in the wonderfully decorated Sports Hall. Kerry, Jacqueline Krarup and the Development Office Team, together with the Parent Committee did an absolutely wonderful



*Patrick Derham at the Parent's Celebration Dinner*



*The Development Team*



job in organising the evening. It included some great prizes donated by parents and Rugbeians to enable a silent auction and a live auction (and a very lively auction conducted by Keith Abel) which raised in excess of £150,000 towards the Patrick Derham Bursary target. This was a really memorable event for those Rugbeians and others present and their generosity bears testament to the regard in which Patrick is held for all he has done for the School in his and Alison's 13 years.

It is a pleasure and privilege to be your Society's President and I very much look forward to meeting as many of you as I can over the coming months at one of our events. In the autumn your committee will be reviewing the Society's aims and objectives and I would be delighted to hear from those of you who might have any thoughts or fresh ideas which you would like us to consider.

Finally, none of what we do would be possible without our energetic, friendly

and efficient Executive Assistant **Tracey Ahmet** and I would like to thank her for all her support for me in the months since I took over the reins from **Fiona Hughes-D'Aeth (D 80-82)** and to Julie for supporting Tracey.



*Julie, Tracey, Slmon and Fiona at the Flve Year Leavers party*

### Dates for the Diary

New Parents Reception	2 September 2014
Class of 2013 - 1 Year Leavers Party	10 September 2014
New York Reception	
with Ambassador Frank Wisner (Tu 56-57)	24 September 2014
Class of '89 - 25th Anniversary	2 October 2014
School Field Reunion	4 October 2014
Business Forum	
with Edward Boddington (K 78-83)	7 October 2014
XX Club Dinner	9 October 2014
8th Annual Real Estate Dinner	14 October 2014
Whitelaw Drinks	23 October 2014
Wales Dinner	23 October 2014
Hong Kong Drinks Reception	30 October 2014
East Anglia Lunch	
with Stuart Laing (St 61-66)	2 November 2014
Class of '84 - 30th Anniversary Event	20 November 2014
AGM	20 November 2014
Theatre Club trip to Miss Saigon	17 December 2014
XX Parents Festive Drinks	12 December 2014
Scottish Pub Quiz	14 December 2014





# Message from Tracey

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**As September approaches I have realized that the last four years with the Rugby School Rugby Society have flown by! In that time I have met so many Rugbeians at so many events.**

This year we held a Business Forum with **Keith Abel (Br 78-82)** which was hugely popular - make sure you book your place at the next forum on 7 October when **Edward Boddington (K 78-83)** will be our guest speaker talking about his experiences of building businesses, including the voting systems for the X Factor, so definitely one not to be missed.

There has been the usual programme of events which have

included the Theatre Club trip this May when we saw the show 'Once'. It was enthralling and the actors were also amazing musicians. Our next trip is planned for December 17th and we will be seeing Miss Saigon - please do let me know if you would be interested in joining us to see this epic musical love story.



*From Business Forums in London...*

From September through to December we have a wide range of events which include our reunion parties – 1st, 10th, 25th and 30th Anniversaries so there are plenty of opportunities to catch up with your contemporaries. We are also holding a drinks get together for all those who were in Whitelaw on 23 October and the 8th Annual Real Estate Dinner will take place on 14 October, so if you work in the property sector and are interested in attending do get in contact with me.

There is also another regional event in Cardiff on 23 October and we are also very fortunate that **Stuart Laing (St 61-66)**, has very kindly agreed to host another regional lunch on Sunday 2 November at Corpus Christie College, Cambridge.

To attend any Society events you can book online so please visit [www.rugsoc.com](http://www.rugsoc.com) and click on future events where you can find further details on all events.



*...to time keeping for the Crick at Rugby*





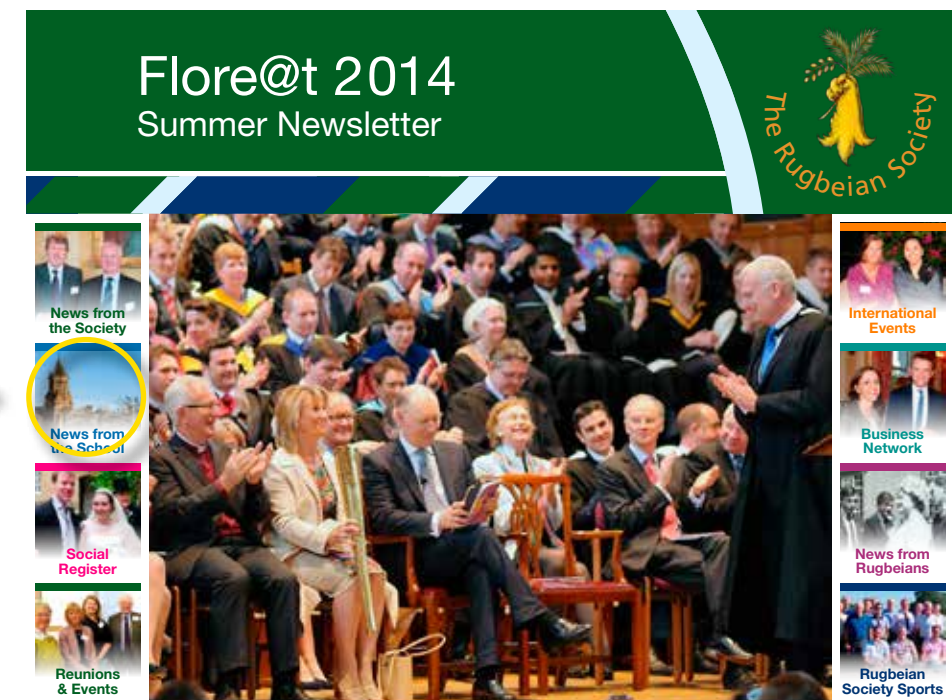
# Notes from the Editor

By Fiona Hughes-D'Aeth (D 80-82)

**Welcome to the Flore@t – Summer 2014.** This is the first time that we have published this newsletter in a purely electronic format. We hope that you will enjoy the fact that we have been able to incorporate many more images and on a larger scale. There are many other benefits to publishing electronically too – you can now read this wherever you are – dipping in and out of it on a train, plane or by the comfort of your own fireside. For those, who like me, find themselves reaching more regularly for their glasses, you can now enlarge the text to make the reading easier!

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The Floreat Annual, which will be published in the early part of 2015, will be available as a hard copy and electronically as it has been for the last few years. You will notice that the Flore@t is a much more newsy publication and we have not featured any of the more serious articles in this edition, this will now be found in the Annual. Both of the Floreats will, in future, be complemented by the addition of the Living Book, which is currently undergoing final revisions before going “live”. There will be more news about this in the next Floreat.

## Floreat 2014



## Floreat 2015

In the Floreat Annual we are looking forward to hearing from the new Head Master, Peter Green about his vision for Rugby and its future and from the new Chairman of the Governing Body, **Lucinda Holmes (née Little) (D 78-80)**. We will be continuing our series of articles commemorating Rugbeians and the First World War and there will be a special focus on Rugbeians in education. We will also have a fascinating article on Rugbeians who have appeared on stamps!

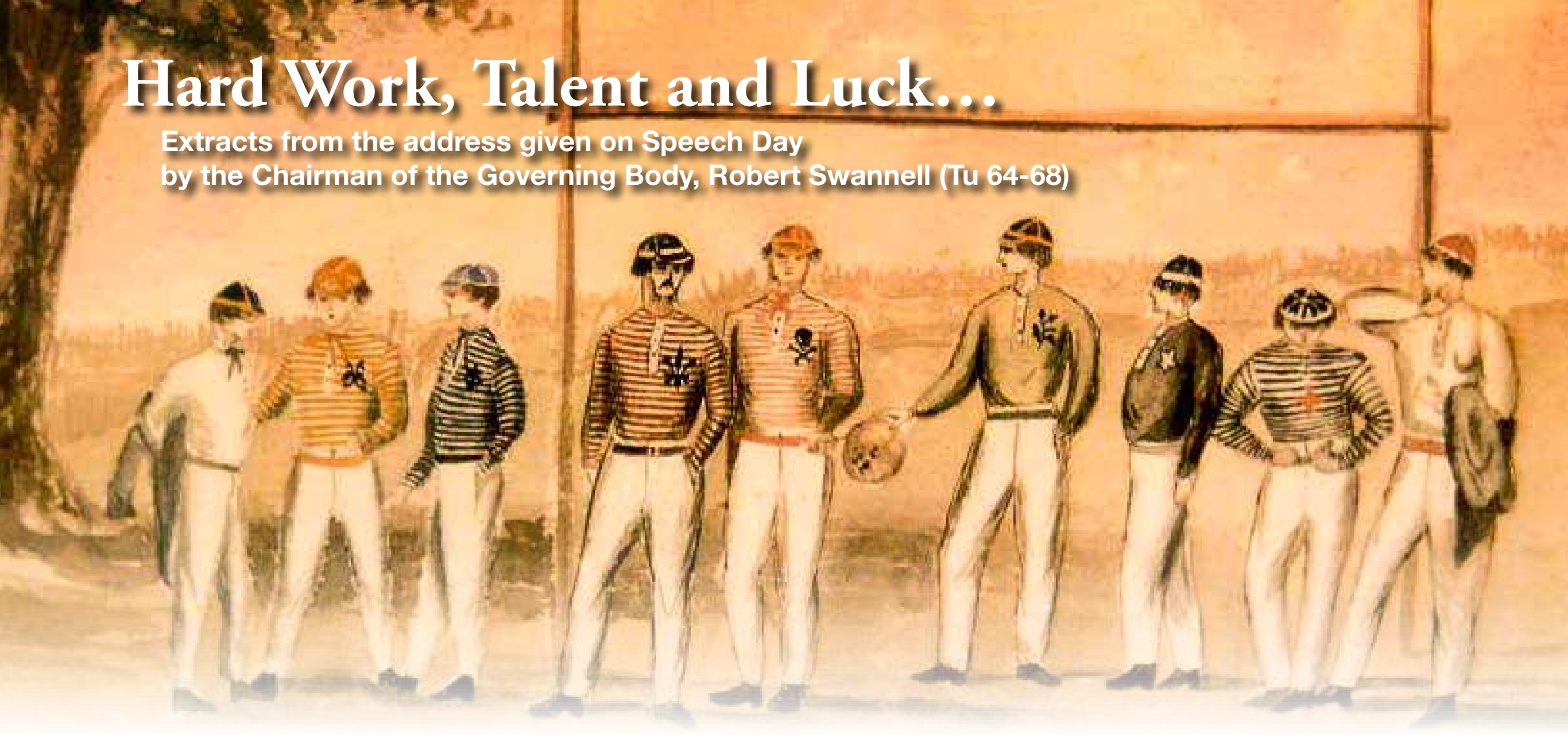
We are always interested in hearing news from Rugbeians so please do keep your letter and emails coming in and suggestions for further articles are always welcome.

We are also looking to increase the editorial team and in particular we are looking for someone who might be interested in taking over from the current editor in the near future, and also for a Rugbeian who would support the team with the Social Register section of the Floreats; this means keeping a regular eye on the announcements in the Times and the Telegraph looking for Rugbeian “hatches, matches and dispatches”. If you would be interested to know more about either of these roles please contact Fiona Hughes D’Aeth on [fihd.rugsoc@gmail.com](mailto:fihd.rugsoc@gmail.com)



# Hard Work, Talent and Luck...

Extracts from the address given on Speech Day  
by the Chairman of the Governing Body, Robert Swannell (Tu 64-68)



This is my last speech as Chairman of our Governing Body, after 10 years as a governor. It's a journey that began just over 50 years ago when I arrived here as a boy in Tudor House; and how much better it is as a girl's house today!

So I thought this would be a good moment to reflect on the factors that have shaped this school and how one factor

in its history might resonate with those of you leaving the school this year...

That factor is luck.

You see there is nothing inevitable about Rugby's success as a school. Dozens of schools were started in the 16th century, mostly by wealthy Elizabethan merchants looking for redemption before an appointment with

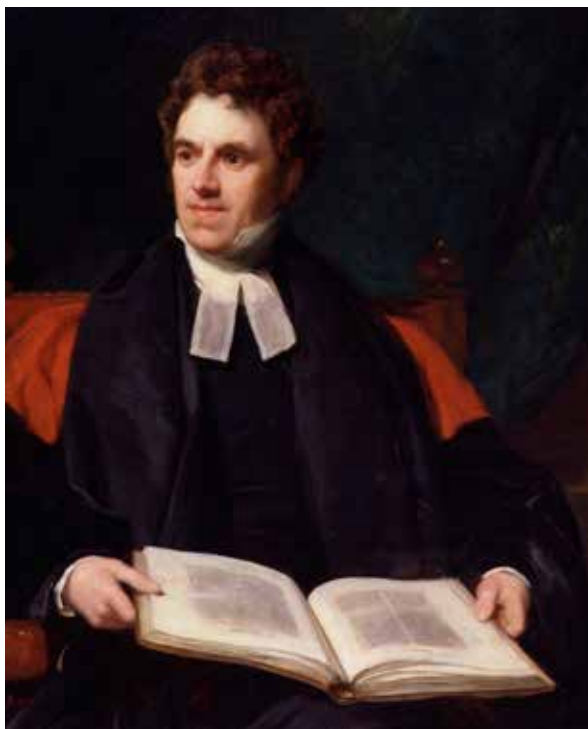
their maker. Astonishingly, 120 Schools from that century survive today. A few are well known, like Oundle, Uppingham and Harrow. But most remain relatively obscure or have disappeared without trace.

So what made Rugby so distinctive in the public consciousness? Well, I believe it's a mixture of hard work, talent and, yes,





***Rugby School Coat of Arms,  
based on that of Lawrence Sheriff***



***Thomas Arnold***

luck - just as each of our own lives reflects that very potent mixture.

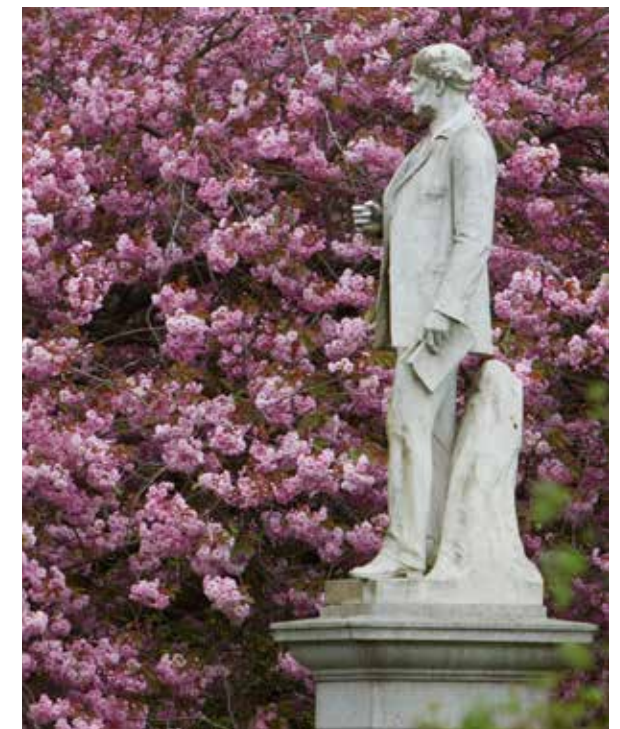
Let's look at some events that have shaped Rugby's history; three stand out for me. The first is the will of our founder, Lawrence Sheriff. The second is the influence of Thomas Arnold. The third is the invention of the eponymous game. Each of these has an element of serendipity about it.

The most extraordinary bit of luck was that, back in 1567, Lawrence Sheriff altered his will two weeks before he died. He was going to leave £100 for the poor boys of Rugby. But he changed his mind and instead made the bequest of a third of an orchard in what was then rural Bloomsbury. Who knows what would have become of the £100? But that small leafy orchard turned into prime central London land and this very same estate in modern Bloomsbury has paid for the day foundation places since that time - and much more besides. Equally luckily, successive governing bodies have through skill or masterly inactivity resisted the temptation to sell this land and invest the proceeds in The South Sea Company or its modern equivalent!

Then let us take the great Thomas Arnold. When he was appointed Head Master here in 1828 at the age of 33 there was nothing to mark him out as the single most important educator of the 19th century. He had been a teacher at a small school in Surrey. Of course he was a tireless worker and instituted some truly remarkable educational changes; the 23 masters from his time at Rugby who went on to headships at other schools speak volumes for his influence. But again chance played a part - his reputation would never have glowed so brightly were it not



***William Webb Ellis***



***Thomas Hughes***



for the writings of two of his admiring pupils. First, Arthur Stanley, the future Dean of Westminster, who published a famous biography shortly after Arnold's premature death at the age of 47. Then Thomas Hughes created the epic Tom Brown's Schooldays, based on Arnold's Rugby. Tom Brown became the Harry Potter of his day and Rugby its Hogwarts.

So, with Thomas Arnold, real talent met good fortune in the telling of the story. The same is true of rugby football. There is no evidence to show that William Webb Ellis really did "take the ball in his arms and run with it". But Rugby schoolboys codified the game in the 1870s and this led to the telling of the Webb Ellis story; this was good enough for the IRB to name the Rugby World Cup the Webb Ellis Trophy. The chance of the game being named after this school is much more remarkable than you might imagine. Badminton is the only other global or Olympic sport I can think of that is named after a town, country or institution. The point I am making is that institutions, like the people who shape them, depend to a large extent on luck or chance.

***Of course luck is not enough on its own to achieve lasting success; we all know the importance of determination, unremitting hard work and - sometimes - even a bit of talent!***

Rugby has benefited from all these factors. An army of largely unsung heroes has run with that luck. They have nurtured it and burnished it over decades and centuries. They are the true heroes because they have made the most of that luck and honed the distinctive qualities that make Rugby what it is. So I want to applaud Patrick Derham and all the staff at Rugby. I want to thank every single member of staff who has helped to make the school what it is today. Their name may not appear on the Rugby World Cup trophy or be immortalised in print but they are all heroes nonetheless.

When we talk about unsung heroes, I would also like to include the Governing Body. You do so much unseen work to make sure we do the right things; good governance matters. That's why, when we came to appointing a new

Head last year we did so as a team, with a very clear process and with clear criteria. The result was the unanimous choice of Peter Green as our new Head and we are looking forward very much to welcoming him and Brenda in September. Before that, in an equally clear process and choice, the governing body agreed that Cindy Holmes would be the outstanding chairman to replace me, ably assisted by Robert Hingley as deputy chairman. They will all be great leaders of this school for the next phase of its evolution.

We will miss Patrick and Alison and others who are moving on to new positions, a number as new Heads. But as Inspectors have attested this week they all leave the school in an incredibly strong position from which to keep on building and improving, as we know we must do. We should feel genuine pleasure that after his success here Patrick is going to a school that is probably the best of its kind in the country, if not the world.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Susanna McFarlane for her outstanding contribution to the governing



body over the past ten years. She and I joined together in 2004 and she has been wonderfully engaged and effective throughout that time. Miles Ruffell will also step down after great service, latterly as a really strong Chairman of our Audit and Risk committee.

And that leads me to connect my theme about Rugby and luck to all of you who are about to leave this school.

The first point I want to make is that each of you has already won the star prize in the lottery of life! Almost all of you have been born in a country that allows you every freedom worth having. Unlike your forebears, you have not had to fight a war to secure these rights. You all know what this means because each year on Remembrance Day you have honoured the sacrifice of more than 1,000 Rugbeians who died in the two world wars of the last century - truly unimaginable numbers.

You have people who care deeply for you and have given you the gift of a great education. You have made lasting friendships here. You will very probably enter the university of your choice, which in turn gives you every chance of achieving



*Lucinda Holmes, Chairman of the Governing Body*



a satisfying career. You have enormous opportunities ahead of you. But with this good fortune I hope when you leave you will remember the incredibly important qualities of humility and service you have learnt here. These qualities will help you appreciate that with good fortune comes obligations.

You should recognise that, often, it really is chance that separates those who appear to be successful from those who, in the words of Milton, “only stand and wait”. Pause often to give a helping hand to those on whom luck has not shined so brightly, that is what service is about. Remember there are children born into the slums of Kolkata or Rio or even London who would subscribe to the view that luck is earned by hard work alone.

Remember too that there is nothing that marks you out for further generous helpings of luck; you will have to work hard for your future successes and you will inevitably encounter setbacks and failures. Humility will help you handle these failures and treat them simply as the important and inevitable lessons of life. Humility will put your often relatively minor problems into perspective.

In Rugby’s case we have been fortunate to have a succession of Head Masters and staff and Governors who have worked extraordinarily hard to establish a reputation that grew thanks to the serendipitous generosity of

Lawrence Sheriff, the work of Thomas Arnold and the fame of the Rugby game.

And Rugby too must share its good fortune with others, which is why I am so proud of what has been accomplished in the past decade with the Arnold Foundation and the SpringBoard Bursary Foundation; it rekindles the strong flame of service and abiding values that has marked Rugby out so distinctively through the centuries.

I know that Rugby is in very good hands for the next stage of the journey.

### **Floreat Rugbeia!**







# “With privilege comes responsibility...”

Extracts from the Speech Day address given by the Head Master, Patrick Derham.

This is my 13th Speech Day and it is my last. Charles Stewart Parnell, the great Irish nationalist leader of the 19th century, and one of my heroes, had an irrational fear of the number 13, and interestingly the colour green, but that as they say is another story. I mention Parnell because when I was interviewed back in October 2000 I was asked to describe myself. My answer was that I am “*a conservative constitutionalist with a radical tinge*”, Paul Bew’s perceptive description of Parnell. I would like to think that I have been true to that in my time at Rugby.



***Patrick Derham on his final Speech Day***

What should a Head Master say on his final Speech Day? Whatever it is, I am sure it should be brief and not an account of the past 13 years. I will leave the assessment of the years 2001 – 2014 to the work of objective historians at some point in the future, far enough in the future for it to be clear what has lasted and what has not.

Legacy was the buzzword of the London Olympics, or more accurately, the glorious BBC sitcom *2012*. The hardest question I faced in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey, the daunting surroundings for my final interview last



June, was to say what I thought my legacy at Rugby was. I said that I hoped that future generations would say something about the restoration of self-confidence and belief to an institution with the most extraordinary history and heritage, something about the Arnold Foundation and SpringBoard, and something about my absolute belief that with privilege comes responsibility and how that has underpinned everything I have done.

I hope you will forgive one more story related to our American travels last summer which reinforces this point strongly. One month before he was assassinated, on 26 October 1963, JFK spoke at Amherst College to commemorate the life of the great American poet Robert Frost. It is a remarkable speech in which JFK talks about the connection between poverty and education. After telling the students and alumni that Woodrow Wilson had once said, *“What good is a political party unless it is serving a great national purpose?”* JFK asked, *“And what good is a private college or university unless it is serving a great national purpose?”*

In the best part of the speech JFK declared that *“privilege is here, and with*

*privilege goes responsibility.”* And the challenge he gave on that October day is one I would echo 50 years on. *“And unless the graduates of this college and other colleges like it who are given a running start in life - unless they are willing to put back into our society these talents... to put those qualities back into the service of the Great Republic... then obviously the presuppositions upon which our democracy is based are bound to be fallible.”* Those sentiments have been my

***“And what good is a private college or university unless it is serving a great national purpose?” JFK***

motivation throughout my life and JFK’s challenge is something that I believe is the cornerstone of the education provided in all great schools. I passionately believe that without that capacity to serve others a formal education counts for very little. I believe that those of us who have been privileged to be liberated by our educational experience have a responsibility to give back. Society - and its young minds - will be the winners. A rather scary 40 years on from my leaving

the Training Ship Arethusa I am even more convinced of this. I still have to pinch myself that from my humble schooling with the Shaftesbury Homes, that I am Head Master of Rugby School.

I want you all to know how much I have enjoyed being at Rugby School for these 13 years. Running a school is not exactly a simple exercise, but there can be few schools, if any, which abound with so much co-operative spirit, as this one, and few others, if any, so agreeable to manage. Very rarely have I heard a pupil say that he or she doesn’t enjoy the School and although the School contains a very wide diversity of people, hardly ever has there been a break down in the respect which ensures a happy and purposeful community and which has made this such a special place in which to live and work.

Over the years probably the most popular question I am asked at House lunches is, *“What do you do all day as Head Master?”* It remains a good question and not an easy one to answer. I suppose the Head Master’s main job is to create the tone of the School, by his own approach and bearing, and through the staff he maintains and appoints. It

is a team effort. I have tried to create a happy, purposeful atmosphere, in which there has been as much compassion and as much humour as possible. One of my favourite stories from the Inspection, not the most recent one but the 2008 one, was when an Inspector was talking to a new pupil about what is best about Rugby. Expecting an answer along the lines of it being a happy purposeful place with lots going on he was slightly taken aback when the pupil simply said, “*The Stodge*”.

My most important job this morning is to thank a number of people. The Chairman has said some generous things about me, and I thank him for his kindness. Indeed, I must thank him and the Governors for their support over

the years. I have said on more than one occasion that the School is singularly fortunate in the calibre of its governance, and that is a key factor in the School’s distinction. As you are all aware we are saying farewell to Robert Swannell at the end of this term. Under Robert’s guidance

***We have tried to equip you with the habits of mind which will sustain you through the snares, and the changes and chances of this life.***

Rugby has reached new heights and it has been a privilege for me to work with him, as it has been with his predecessors Michael Fowle and Ewen Fergusson. This School, like Marks & Spencer, is a national institution but I am not sure how much the Chairman was responsible for the recent pensioner’s experience of trying to send a

card via the M & S website. Ruth Levy, 77, wanted to wish her friend Dick a happy 90th birthday, but the system wouldn’t allow it. When she contacted M&S, they suggest she change the name to Richard. She sent a card by post instead. Even better the flowers sent to someone with a

card that read: “With love from Steve, Kerry and the cat (name too rude to print).” The cat’s name was Puss.

Robert, on behalf of us all here, thank you for all you have done and for your distinguished service to your old School.

My thanks also to the staff; throughout my time I have been blessed with committed people who have shared a belief in the transformational power of education. Time does not allow me the chance to say thank you to everyone in





person but I meant what I said earlier about this very much being a team effort. The end of this term sees considerable change to the Common Room and I strongly endorse all that is written about those who are leaving us this summer. They leave with our thanks and best wishes for a job very well done.

I have been spoilt too with the people who have worked closely with me in my senior management teams and in particular with the Deputy Heads I have worked with. Sally Rosser has more than continued the excellent work of her predecessors Sarah Fletcher and John Allen. Words are wholly inadequate for my gratitude and Peter Green is a lucky Head to inherit someone of Sally's calibre.

And thank you to the parents, who have with very few exceptions over the years been most co-operative in supporting the School's ethos and allowing it to shape their sons and daughters, even when it has taken the form of an implicit critique on some of the attitudes of parents themselves.

And of course the pupils. I have said goodbye to 13 XX year groups, and this year's XX, like those that have gone before

have enriched the life of this school and have been a pleasure to work with. This year's Levee have been one of the best and they have been superbly led by the two Heads of School, Harrison Anton and Eliza Talbot-Williams.



*Heads of School*

In addition to saying thank you, you would expect me to say something meaningful, or maybe you don't, but I am going to anyway! You, the pupils are the product of an education which is gentle and stern not cold and lax, and I hope and pray that you have learnt 3 key lessons. Firstly that it is a diminished life if the ambition to do well materially, to get on, to make a mark, to

generate money, crowds out the cultivation of spirituality and of a sense of beauty. Education is more than the grades you achieve. Education should have opened you up to that cultural, intellectual and artistic hinterland, the rich context in which

you will live an awakened, sensitive, and appreciative life - a fulfilled life rather than an empty material husk. It is Chapel, too, that has on a daily basis allowed you to ponder the bigger questions of your purpose, and of life's meaning. Chapel is a very special place, at the heart of the school's identity and ethos. Long may that continue to be the case.

Secondly, central to a life well lived is the relationship with others. It is said that there is a deep humanistic impulse to community living, and, if that is true, Rugby has been the perfect apprenticeship for you. Much time is spent here on encouraging you to be your own person, to help you recognise and appreciate the dignity of each individual. In the way we live and work you have come to understand the dangers of envy which will be a challenge you will face throughout your lives. Our culture so



drives us to personal achievement and acquisitiveness that life has become a constant competition with everyone around us. Too much envy can destroy our inner peace, stability and sense of deeper purpose.

Thirdly in the well-known poem, *The Road Not Taken*, Robert Frost writes of choices in life. In fact Frost is referring to his dear friend Edward Thomas's painful decision to join up and fight on the western front. But the point of the poem is that the options may look much the same but choosing which path to take has potentially huge consequences. There is no looking back, no room for regret about the road not taken. Your lives will be characterised by chance, by decisions good and bad; we have sought here by the best liberal education to give you the intellectual apparatus to distinguish the fashionable from the enduring, the phoney from the essential truth, to encourage you to take responsibility for what you've done and to give you the values to make good decisions; and, if as sometimes happens, the path was unwise, not to seek to shift blame on to others. We have tried to equip you with the habits of mind

which will sustain you through the snares, and the changes and chances of this life.

Ultimately, what I have tried to do in my time as Head Master is to create an atmosphere in this school in which it is possible for simple goodness to flourish. I have not often talked directly about



goodness as an abstract term but I have tried to encourage goodness to happen. Where in our timetable do we teach goodness? My answer to that question is everywhere. We teach goodness in arithmetic by accuracy, in language by learning to say what we mean (so that there is neither double talking nor double dealing), in history by humanity, in geography by breadth of mind, in art by thoroughness and courtesy to every

person whatever their function in the school, by truthfulness in all things, by staff showing to pupils that their elders are their friends and not their enemies. And so I think that we have been able to have a good understanding with each other. I like the way you go about things. I like your bearing, your simple courtesy, your sense of fairness, your openness to new ideas and your generous tolerance. There is a wonderful atmosphere in this school and I will miss you greatly.

There is one more thank you this morning and that is to the most important person in my life, to my helper through the last 31 years, my constant companion through thick and thin, my wife Alison.

Love is a key component of what Aristotle called practical wisdom and this is where I want to finish my final Speech Day. In truth I have strived in my time to ensure that Rugbeians can develop Aristotle's practical wisdom. And what I mean by that is the sense of how to give and take in society, how to think to some purpose, how to have friends, how to respect difference, and how to organise a life around values whose roots lie deeper than the purely utilitarian and mundane.



So wherever life takes you, I would remind you of the importance of adventure, intellectual as well as physical, of risk-taking, of allowing yourself to be distracted. Above all remember that with privilege comes responsibility and go forth and do great things.

It has been a huge privilege to have been Head Master of Rugby School and to follow in the footsteps of men like Arnold, Tait and Percival. Thank you for allowing me that opportunity and

***Floreat Rugbeia!***





# Valete!

To staff who have left and Governors who have retired from the Governing Body.

Rugby has always been proud of the calibre of its staff and a Common Room that has a foundation of long serving and dedicated staff, as well as being an acknowledged training ground for staff who then move on to successful careers in other Schools. This year we say farewell to several members of staff, who will be familiar to many generations of Rugbeians, as they retire from teaching. We also congratulate other members of staff who are moving on to take up their first Headships or Deputy Headships. We also acknowledge the retiring Governors for their role in shaping the School in recent years.

## Farewell to Teaching Staff

Assistant Head (Upper School); History	Toby Beaumont
Classics	Andrew Christie
Head Master	Patrick Derham
History	Peter Dewey
Head of Media Studies, Director of Theatre Productions	Bob Drennan

Biology  
Director of the Design Faculty  
Classics  
Deputy Head (Academic)  
Classics  
Hm Sheriff; Classics  
Physics  
Geography, Cricket Professional  
& Assistant Rackets Professional  
Assistant Head; Economics  
& Business Studies  
English  
Design & Technology  
History  
Hm Cotton; English

John Jarvis  
Chris John  
Claire Le Hur  
Kieran McLaughlin  
Elly Nicoll  
Henry Price  
Peter Richard  
Tim Roberts  
Mark Semmence  
Tim Shaw  
Paul Shelley  
Gerry Spreng  
Matt Williams

## Farewell to Governors

Robert Swannell  
Miles Ruffell  
Susanna McFarlane



# Tributes to Patrick Derham

by Robert Swannell (Tu 64-68)

Chairman of the Governing Body 2004-2014

I first met Patrick in 2002, when the Arnold Foundation was just a gleam in his eye – albeit a 1,000 watt gleam! Michael Fowle, (St 53-58) my predecessor as Chairman had asked if I would be interested in joining a new venture. I met Patrick; he set out a vision for the Arnold Foundation entirely in sympathy with the School's historic charitable mission, to reconnect the School with a wider section of society; and my answer was a resounding yes. I joined the first Arnold Foundation Board in 2003 and the School's Governing Body in 2004. Twelve years on from that first meeting, I count myself hugely fortunate to have travelled with Patrick on such an exciting journey.

The Arnold Foundation is the lasting legacy of Patrick's time at Rugby. The work has been ground-breaking in the independent boarding school sector and the establishing of the national SpringBoard Bursary Foundation to replicate its mission is a reminder of Rugby's pioneering work. But the wider effect of the Arnold Foundation on the School community should

not be underestimated: its objectives have galvanized alumni and parents in a remarkable way, with (to date) over £16.3 million having been raised to help disadvantaged children.

Patrick joined the School in 2001 after Michael Mavor had achieved major steps in moving it into full co-education and

helped it rediscover its confidence. Patrick took this platform and super-charged it to transform Rugby into arguably the top co-educational boarding school in the country. The first things you notice about Patrick are the intensity of his gaze, his restless impatience and his palpable energy. It is this energy that has allowed him to connect with every part of the School – every pupil and every member of staff – and to set a clear strategic course for the School and deliver it. Something else you notice is Patrick's fierce pride in the Rugby community and his evident connection with its history. No recent Head Master of Rugby can have more embodied the pioneering spirit of Thomas Arnold or been more conscious of its tradition than Patrick.

Rugby has always made clear that its aim is to teach lessons for life and to equip its pupils with a set of behaviours and attitudes to guide them through the world outside. Academic achievement is important: it is a key measure of a school's success and a necessary entry ticket to university and a career. But it is only part of the education Rugby



*Patrick & Alison Derham*



provides. Patrick has always been clear in everything he says and does that there are other qualities that define Rugbeians and equip them for a competitive, fast-changing world. Service, tolerance, kindness, perseverance, resilience and curiosity are just some of the attributes and qualities that Patrick encourages. Unpretentiousness has always been a hallmark of the School but it is the warmth and kindness that underlie unpretentiousness that are now Rugby's main characteristics. Patrick should take credit for that. Rugby is a happy School.

Service has always been part of the Rugby tradition: in this centenary year of the outbreak of the First World War the 682 Rugbeians whose deaths are commemorated in the Memorial Chapel are a sad testament to that. But Patrick has defined service in a way that is relevant today. He will leave the school with an ethos refreshed in a modern context.

And Patrick will leave the School with much else besides. Rugby has been innovative in many aspects of education reform; the Pre-U and the extended project qualifications are obvious examples. The fabric of the School has never been stronger. With the opening of the Modern Languages Building and the Collingwood Centre, the major capital programmes are largely complete; and both buildings are key

parts in the delivery of our core educational mission. That these programmes have been possible while avoiding debt is because of the reputation of the School, which has never been higher in my lifetime. The school is full and future entry lists are strong.

No account of Patrick's time here would be complete without mentioning his wife, Alison. All people in high profile jobs need someone who, from time to time, tells them a few home truths or gets them to see matters in a wider perspective. Alison has been that person for Patrick. She is an incredibly important part of how Patrick has succeeded as he has. We all know we owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

When Patrick hands on the baton to Peter Green, he will leave a School in, as he would say, 'very good heart'. That phrase is an understatement of all he has achieved here, although he would say that there is still more to do.

The joy of Rugby is that it has a history stretching back nearly 450 years. But histories are only the sum of shorter time spans, where individuals make a difference. I believe that when the next history of the School is written Patrick will have earned his place in its continuing story as a genuinely outstanding Head Master. I count myself fortunate to have shared twelve of those years with him.



*Patrick Derham at the 13th Arnold Foundation Lecture*



## **And Sally Rosser, Deputy Head adds...**

**Life in the School under Patrick's reign has not been dull. He is intensely driven and the vortex of energy which he creates around him sucks everyone in. Like Rugby since 1567, Patrick never stands still and his exhaustless energy can also be exhausting.**

Over a third of the current teaching staff, and all of the Senior Management team have been appointed by him; nobody within the School community, whether they agree or disagree with him, can help but admire his passion and desire to make all aspects of the School the best they can be. He delegates to those he trusts and expects all of them to do their job well.

Patrick's teaching, and therefore ours, is at the heart of what he believes makes up a school and all pupils who have been taught by him have been inspired by his passion and knowledge for his subject. He has never missed a lesson, gathering pupils in School House early in the morning or late in the evening on days where being absent from the classroom has been unavoidable. Contact with pupils has been what has always mattered most; and whether in the classroom, in the Houses, on the games field, as he rides by on his bike – who will ever forget that beautiful Dutch bike! – the interest that he shows in

every boy and girl is clear to see. He genuinely knows each by name and takes a real interest in every aspect of their progress. The thrill that he experiences in receiving emails from time to time from past pupils remembering him as they walk past a Pitt memorial, or thanking him for their opportunities at School has not diminished over the years. Patrick takes great pride in watching how his staff develop too, and it is no surprise that under his watch eight members of the Common Room have moved on to Headships. Very few people leave Rugby except to gain promotions.

As we all know, Patrick is a passionate advocate of the

transformational power of education. He believes that all pupils at Rugby have been given a gift and urges them to 'Use the voices you have developed to speak up, to speak your own mind and to draw out others around you. But more importantly help those who cannot speak up for themselves.' His commitment to Rugby School's legacy of service to the community has ensured that our Community Action programme continues to grow. He takes pride in the links we have established with the Coventry Diocesan Board of Education and the mentoring programme in local Schools which currently occupies 93 of our senior pupils. In his own words 'Go and give yourself to your communities



*Patrick Derham with the  
Development Director, Kerry Wilson*



and to this world, and in the process, do so for others and not for yourself alone.'

There have been no greater, nor well-established, expressions of this commitment than the Arnold Foundation of which Robert Swannell has written, and Rugby's link with Future Hope School in Kolkata which has also been very special. The benefits to this community as much as to Future Hope are clear. Patrick, Alison, Emma and Rupert have given freely of their own time to develop and cement the links, visiting Kolkata 2/3 times a year and offering advice and expertise in all sorts of areas. He knows the children there by name and the fondness with which he speaks of them and their circumstances can melt even the hardest of hearts. The few days I spent there in February demonstrated just how fondly 'Patrick Uncle' is thought of by teachers and boys and girls alike. As hard as it is to imagine Patrick on the floor playing with Meccano or eating rice with his fingers I can assure you I have the proof that it really happened.

For those of us caught up in the day to day busyness of a boarding school education it can be all too easy to forget the

importance of our profile in the wider world. During Patrick's time there is no doubt that Rugby School has risen to national prominence in the political arena and his voice is very much one to be listened to during Government consultations. A leading innovator of the way in which Bursaries can change lives Patrick is regularly consulted and he presents on this topic at all the major conferences. His legacy in the form of our own Arnold

Foundation and as a trustee of the national Boarding Bursaries Foundation, SpringBoard, is held as the shining example of true partnership work with socially deprived areas of the UK and the benefits to be gained from a boarding education. In a typically selfless way his leaving gift is a Bursary in his name so that a pupil is able to have the opportunity to experience for themselves the boarding education that Patrick values so highly.

He has been consulted, and has taken the lead, over the years in all manner of school

and educational development. He has taken a lead role in improvements to the Common Entrance Examination; taken part in reform of the secondary school history curriculum; and alongside his instigation of reviews of Sixth Form Education and



*The Derham Family*



assessment he has become a go-to Headmaster for governments looking for both wisdom and inspiration in educational reform.

I have been asked many times during the years that I have worked with Patrick how I would describe him. In my mind he is a visionary Head Master, strongly influenced by his own background and education, and his supreme self-confidence undoubtedly makes things happen.

Nothing sums up his quality as a leader better than a phrase that Bishop David Urquhart used recently in the School Confirmation Service. He commented that great leaders possess 5 leadership qualities and all of them have all of these in common, but the greatest of great leaders also possess the quality of 'confident humility' and this sets them apart from the rest. For me, this phrase captures Patrick completely. Confident, definitely, in all that he does, but with a humility that draws people to him.

Patrick has continued to build on the traditions handed down to Rugby through the years by some of England's greatest educationalists. There is no doubting the fact that he has a conscious and instinctive feel for the principles of liberal education, subscribing as much to Matthew as to Thomas Arnold in this respect.

I know that Patrick has always considered himself to have been very lucky to have had the opportunity to guide Rugby through the last thirteen years and the pupils, parents and staff who have been with him during that time consider ourselves to have been lucky too.

As Patrick himself has said, 'Rugby wasn't born great but did achieve greatness under Dr Arnold.' I have no doubt that there will be many who will look back at the years when Patrick has been

at the helm and comment that it has also achieved greatness under Mr Derham. I have seen first-hand how very sad he is to leave the community of which he and his family have grown so fond. At the final School Assembly of term Patrick threw down the challenge to us to 'Remain connected with each other and to this School. Take the connections and special friendships that you have formed at Rugby with you, and nurture them in years to come.' I know that he and his family will follow this advice.



*Patrick Derham on his familiar bicycle!*



# A tribute to Robert Swannell

## Chairman of the Governing Body 2009 – 2014

by Lucinda Holmes (D 78-80)

Chairman elect of the Governing Body

‘The difference between one man and another is not mere ability; it is energy.’ So said Thomas Arnold. **Robert Swannell (Tu 64-68)** has both ability and energy in spades and he has used both (together with enthusiasm and persuasiveness) to mark him out as a truly outstanding Chairman of the Governing Body over the last five years.

Educated at Rugby, Robert went on to qualify first as an accountant and was then called to the Bar. Robert spent his career between 1997 and 2010 working in investment banking with a handful of independent directorships and trusteeships, before becoming Chairman of Marks and Spencer in 2011.

Robert had not been back to Rugby until contacted by his predecessor as Chairman of the Governors, **Michael Fowle, (St 53-58)** who happened to be Robert’s first ever boss at KPMG. Together with Patrick Derham, Michael persuaded Robert to return and join the fledgling Arnold Foundation Board.

Robert has spent 10 years as a Governor, five of them as Chairman. Good governance matters and Robert has been fastidious in his management of the Governing Body. Calm, inclusive and collaborative, Robert was always supportive of Patrick and the Senior Management Team and has encouraged a tremendous team spirit. His legacy is that of a successful and ambitious school, which is financially sound and well managed.



*Robert Swannell (TU 64-68)*



Robert's energy is demonstrated by his attendance at meetings and the early morning start on his iPad. An email never goes unanswered for longer than moments, and his follow-up and thoroughness became legendary. Often accompanied and always supported by his lovely wife Patricia, Robert has been a very regular attendee at all Rugbeian events.

Robert has also been an active and generous member of the Arnold Foundation board and he has been hugely instrumental in the tremendous success over its first ten years.

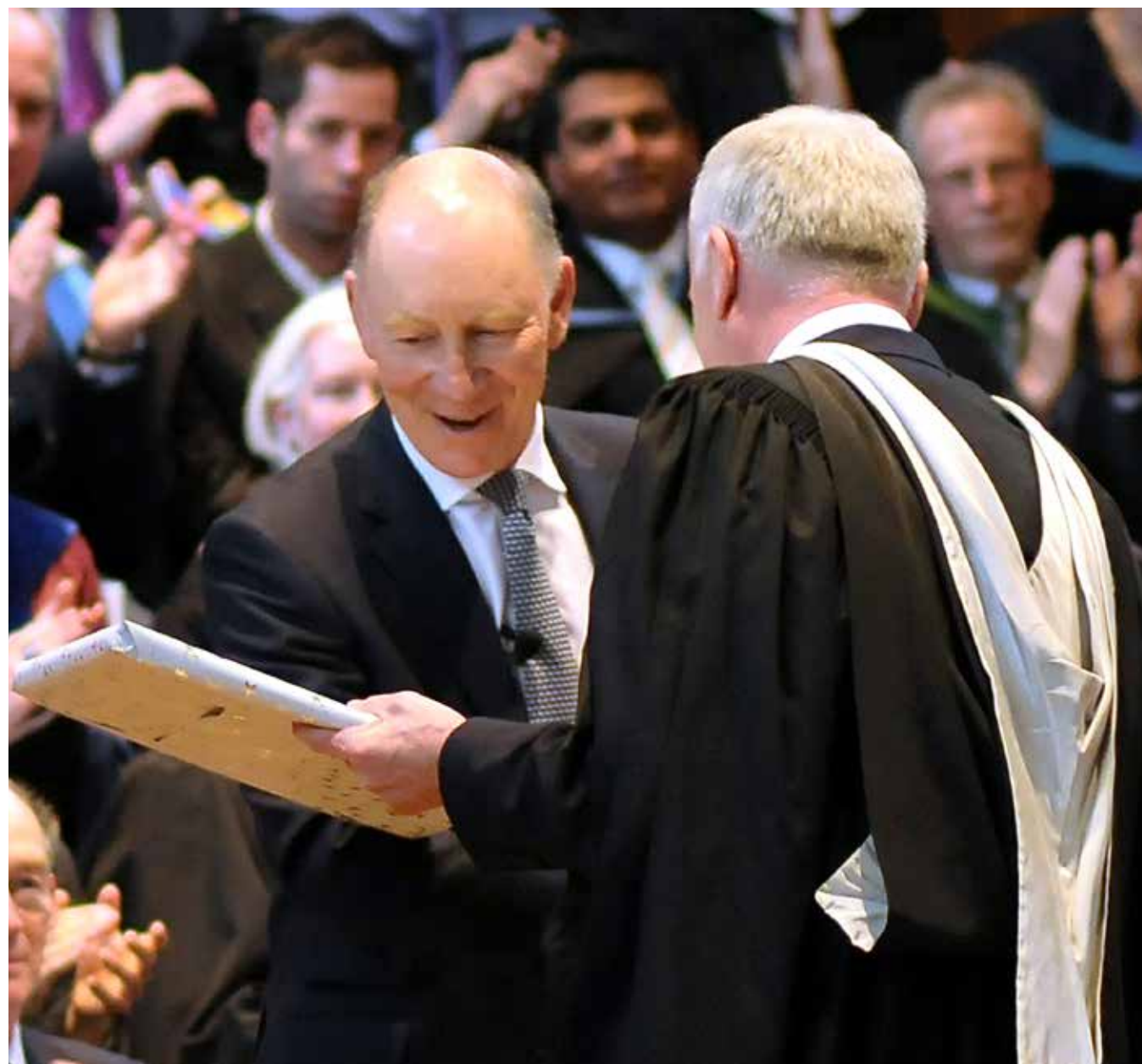
Robert's quiet determination and tenacity was demonstrated most clearly in the foundation of the SpringBoard Bursary Foundation, the independent and state boarding schools-led initiative which came into being in 2012. Based on Rugby School's Arnold Foundation scheme and the brainchild of the Arnold Foundation board, SpringBoard will offer hundreds of boarding places to disadvantaged pupils across the country. Without Robert's vision and his energy and commitment to driving the original concept forward, together with his own generous contribution of both time and funds, this national charity would never have been established.

During Robert's tenure as Chairman, Rugby acquired the former Bishop Wulstan School now successfully converted into the new sixth form centre, the Collingwood Centre. Robert also opened the new state-of-the-art Modern Languages Centre. Both will benefit generations of Rugbeians to come.

Robert literally passed the baton on Speech Day as he presented the Olympic Torch that he had very proudly

carried for a leg of the torch relay in 2012. He hands over the leadership of a thriving Rugby School and an institution that we can all feel proud of.

We wish Robert luck with all that he takes on in the future, and we thank him wholeheartedly for the ability, energy and enthusiasm that he put into his leadership of Rugby School.



*Robert Swannell (Tu 64-68) receiving a gift  
from Patrick Derham, the Head Master*



# Miles Ruffell

Miles brought the dash and elan of the natural sportsman to the Governing Body; that said, his work as Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee has been as valuable as it has been meticulous, perhaps betraying his ancestry as **the right type of Investment Banker!**

Miles has also made a really valuable contribution to the work of the Investment Committee and we are delighted we will retain his skills on this Committee for a little while after he has stepped down from the Governing body.

I always felt secure as Chairman in counting on Miles to identify and address properly with the SMT the key risks involved in a major school and so allow us to focus on the issues that really mattered. He brought a rigour to the task that I am sure David Bennett, as his successor will continue.

Like Susanna, Miles brought the perspective of an active parent to his work as a Governor and his contribution will be missed.



*Miles Ruffell*

# Susanna McFarlane

Susanna and I can trace our time on the Governing Body to the same series of interviews and we joined together in 2004. I have valued deeply her contribution as a colleague throughout that time.

Susanna has been the very best sort of Governor, committed, supportive, encouraging and challenging in equal measure. Her experience as a parent of three daughters at the School also gave her the perspective of life in the school and how it works in practice. She took on the important job of being the designated Governor for Health&Safety in her typically common-sense but clear way. Her support for Eric Wood on Safeguarding made her such a valuable member of the Governing Body, that she was the model when we looked for new talent on the Governing Body. She brought the same enquiring, common-sense approach to the work of the London Estate. She will be greatly missed. For both of us the 10 years have flown by, and my time as Chairman was enriched by her support and encouragement.



*Susanna McFarlane*



# Social Register

## The Society's Social News

### Engagements

Miss V C A MAURICE-WILLIAMS (B 95-00) to P J Creaton

Dr T J C WARD (T 00-05) to Dr D K Sham

N J ALLEN (T'92-96) to Miss S W Teo

A GROVE (SF 01-06) to Miss N PEACHEY (D 04-08)

### Wedding Announcements

N J ALLEN (C 60 - 64) to Miss H R Wojta on 15-07-13

Miss A GORDON-NAPIER (RB 00-05) to Mr C Tompkinson on 17/08/14

Miss L MILES (D 93-96) to Mr S M Robinson on 10/08/13

N WARNER (W 98-03) to Miss A F Baird on 10/05/14

Miss A MUIRHEAD (Ma + S 93-99) to Mr C J Foster on 21/02/14

### Wedding Anniversaries

#### SILVER

C MATHIESON (St 69-73) to Miss H Willershauser 24/06/14

#### RUBY

R J BICKERSTETH (Sh 64-68) to Miss S A Matthews on 06/04/14

#### GOLDEN

R SUNDERLAND (K 54-59) to Miss J Burr on 04/04/14

J PILKINGTON (M 45-50) to Miss C Collison on 04/4/14

C LEATHERS (B 55-59) to Miss M Merriman on 27/06/14

E G HAWKINS (W 55-59) to Miss W Gough on 02/05/14

#### DIAMOND

M S BENSON (W 43 - 47) to Miss M Matheson on 20/06/13

M H S HOWARD (Tu 40-44) to Miss A Gunter on 23/01/14



*Lucy Robinson née Miles (D 93-96)*



*Amanda Gordon-Napier (RB 00-05)  
to Christopher Tompkinson*



*Robert Sunderland & Janet Burr  
50th Anniversary*



**Births**

MILWARD HAMYLTON for Michael and Ella (née Milward) (B 94-96), a daughter, Celeste Francesca on 28/03/13

WILBY for Helen (St 96 - 98) and Robert Baker, a daughter, Jessica Elizabeth Baker 11/02/14

HOPGOOD for Isabel FAY (RB 95-97) (née Robinson) and Tom, a son, Spike on 27/01/14

SPENCER for Nick (C 91-96) and Connie, a daughter, Annise Mary on 02/02/14, a sister for Cecily Louise

JOHNSON for Red (SF 84-88) and Kate (B 93-95) (née Mayo), a son, Henry Guy on 02/04/14

LINDSAY, for Kate (RB 95-00) (née Jackson), a daughter, Amelia Sophie on 20/03/14, a sister for Athena Harriet

COSTAIN, for Michele (D 92-94) (née Williams), a son Peter John James 'Johnny', on 10/01/14, a brother for Harry



*Celeste Francesca  
Milward Hamylton*



*Amelia Sophie Lindsay*



*Annise Mary Spencer*



*Jessica Elizabeth Baker*



*Spike Sidney Gough Hopgood*



# Distinctions

**Amy Gray (née Jackson, RB 96-01)** has been selected as the Conservative Party's Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Hackney North and Stoke Newington.



*Nigel Clarke*

**Nigel Clarke (W 70-74)** has been appointed Chair of the General Pharmaceutical Council, the regulatory body for pharmacy, pharmacists and pharmacies in GB.

**Caspar Hobbs (C 82-87)** has been appointed Chairman of England Boxing (formally the Amateur Boxing Association)

**Tom Marcus (C 68-73)** has been given an honorary BSc in Leather Technology by the University of Northampton

**David Milner (T 06-08)** has graduated from RAF College Cranwell and is now due to start flying training



*Roger Merton*

**Roger L H Merton (Sh 54-58)** was awarded an MBE in the 2014 New Year's Honours for services to London Youth (Federation of London Youth Clubs) and Football and the community in Hertfordshire.



*David Milner*

## Your News!

We are always keen to include Rugbeian news of your Engagements, Marriages, Anniversaries, Births or Distinctions so please do let Tracey know on [tda@rugbyschool.net](mailto:tda@rugbyschool.net)



# Deaths & Obituaries

**CANON C L MARTINEAU (C 30-35)** on 21/12/13

**LT COL R F HEARN (Tu 35-40)** AMITA on 12/12/13

**R B SHIELDS (SCHWARZSCHILD) (K 37-39)** FCA on 15/02/14

**J H CROCKATT (C 38-41)** on 6/4/14

**A D REID-KAY (Tu 39-44)** on 03/10/13

**A D SPOTTISWOODE (St & K 39-42)** 02/02/14

**R M BUTTERWORTH (W 40-44)** on 13 January

**I AVAKUMOVIC (K 42-44)** on 16/07/13

**G M WALLACE-JONES (Sh 41-45)** BA FICE on 17/11/13

**J B TYSON (SH 41-46)** MC OBE MA on 10/03/14

**C H C BACON (SF 44-49)** on 12/12/13

**DR DEREK ANDERSON (SH 45-49)** on 24/02/14

**H G FANSHAWE (C 48-53)** on 11/11/13

**A HOLT-WILSON (C 49-55)** on 07/05/14

**P C H BARLOW (SH 50-54)** on 1/11/13

**W N HUTTON (K 50-55)** MB BCh MA FRCP on 26/02/14

**N G SMITH (C 52-57 )** on 08/07/14

**T R HAWKINS (C 59-64)** on 18/02/14

**J A F DEAN (C 59-64)** on 30/12/12

**W A BRUCE (SH 61-66)** FCA on 05/02/14

**N S TAYLOR (SH 62-67)** on 24/02/14

**ROBIN W ALDEN** English teacher, Head of English and Housemaster of Town House on 04/03/14

**JOYCE MILLWARD**, who was Matron at Whitelaw from the early 90s on 10/03/14



## R B Shields (K 37-39)

Robert Boris Shields (anglicised from Schwarzschild) was at Rugby from 1937 to 1939. As a Jew with a German-sounding name, a heavy German accent and a German national, he must have been the victim of much unpleasantness, which was sadly normal then. However, not being someone to harbour any offence, a few years back he and his wife Elizabeth went to a reunion, one of several to welcome a Head Master's visit to Toronto, where they lived, when he was feted as the oldest old boy present. Another time an old boy in his year who became a clergyman, turned up in Toronto, and related a funny school story: Boris went to the matron to get his trousers pressed and he said, "I vant my trousers squeezed."

Boris was modest about his family-clan which settled in Frankfurt as far back as 1499. Since 1588 they had resided in the house of the "Black Shield" (meaning Black Star of David) the origin of the Schwarzschild name. His family had prominent functions in the Jewish community as notaries, rabbis and dayanim or judges; or worked as silk merchants, money lenders or cloth merchants. Boris's grandfather, Alfred son of Isaac, joined J.A. Schwarzschild Söhne (Sons) the family bank as a partner in 1882, and in due course his son Jakob Alfred (Jack) also joined. Banking was the expected career for Boris, which he gladly did not pursue. On the textile merchanting side of the clan, 'Schwarzschild Ochs Ltd. Est. 1767' is still painted in German gothic letters above the entrance of 208 Great Portland Street London W1.



Boris may have been the only OR to suffer the bizarre fate of most other German-born Jews in UK when aged 18, having left school and after war had been declared, he was detained in the street and interned with his father as 'enemy aliens', ironically, with other Germans who really were Nazis. He was not deported to Canada as they did not separate fathers and sons.

Boris had always been 'a bit Zionist' at home. His internationalism partly came from his mother Sonia (Sofia) Hepner from Kiev who had moved to Frankfurt to marry and flee the Revolution. While in detention, he had time to think on his own and decided that being pro-Israel, before it came into existence in 1948, was the right thing for him to do. For the rest of his life he supported Jewish charities and hospitals. Four months later an MP was visiting the camp and noticed the school tie that Boris was wearing. The MP started and declared: "What's a Rugby boy doing here?" So Boris was then given a choice: to continue his internment until war's end or join the Pioneer corps. He duly joined the Pioneer Corps which took many "refujews". He was called up on 18 September 1940. As an entirely nonviolent person, it was natural that he joined the Royal Army Service Corps. He was strongly advised to change his name because if captured, it was not a good idea to be in the British Army with a German Jewish name. He was in the army from 1940 to 1946. He was naturalized British on 2 December 1946, after he had served his country.



He was a 'parts man' in the 3rd line transport unit RASC, and found his love of cars. He went to Normandy on D-Day + 27, landing at Courseulles-sur-Mer on Juno Beach. He was in charge of moving vehicle parts from the beachhead to workshops near the front line, as it advanced to the border of Belgium and Holland, when his unit became redundant. He then became an ordinary driver and was the platoon clerk until the end of the war.

After the liberation of Brussels on 3 September 1944, he, with other Jewish servicemen, was sent there to the synagogue to celebrate the Jewish New Year. Eight months later, he found himself at Luneburg airport during the surrender negotiations with the Germans whom he witnessed arrive, a disquieting experience, as they were responsible for the murder of many of his family. He was next stationed in Neumunster in Schleswig-Holstein, where he arrived a week after the armistice had been signed on 8 May 1945. He found that the city was still being run by the Nazis, with the swastika flag flying from the town hall. It took two weeks to disarm the Germans. Someone must have noticed his abilities, for he was next transferred to British Intelligence in Munster. In effect, because of his fluent language and deep knowledge of how Germans were motivated and worked, he was an essential 'hand'. He was appointed to give or refuse permission for every new activity or appointment that the Germans wanted to make in Munster under the British post-surrender occupation. It was the first step in civilian reconstruction. They sometimes tried it on, such as when an ex-Nazi was put forward as a school headmaster, which got short shrift. They realised that he knew as much as they did, and so became more constructive in their ideas, which in turn led to a speedier rehabilitation for the capital of Westphalia.

His 'police job' was way ahead of its time. There was poetic justice that a German Jew be responsible for putting a German city back together by reintroducing a civilized society after the nightmare of Nazism.

Boris was a shy, reserved man with a wry sense of humour. In many ways he was typical of pre-war elite Frankfurt Jews who were both entirely assimilated yet at the same time fully practised their religion. For example, his father had been a motorcycle rider and stretcher-bearer on the German side in the First World War.

Boris emigrated from the UK to Canada as soon as he had passed his accountancy exams, to be liberated from Europe. In Canada, his accountancy practice in Toronto prospered, reflecting post-war economic growth. He was first joined by a 1956 Hungarian refugee, Andrew Hayos, to form Shields and Hayos. They took in two more partners, and then they all merged with Samson Bélair a Quebec firm. They finally merged with Deloitte, where he was obliged to retire at 62. He was bemused to receive a pension for 30 years. He backed a chemist friend Sten, and they grew a chemical company, and he later returned his share to his partner. He had many long and happy business relationships, for example his pastoral accounting role with Dr. Oetker the major international family-owned food group whom he regularly visited in Germany.

His life reflected an essential principal of his religion, that people should use all their talents to make the world a better place – modestly but with determination, and always in a civilized way. He leaves a widow Elizabeth (née Ullmann) a, son Daniel Max (Danny) Shelley, a daughter Sonia Erich (Boehm), and 4 grandchildren.

**Robert Chenciner**



## THE REV D SPOTTISWOODE (St & K 39-42)

Derek was born in Edinburgh in 1925, son of David and Theodora. He was educated at the Temple Grove School, Eastbourne, and then at Rugby School where he famously won the "Crick" cross country race despite getting lost! Towards the end of the Second World War Derek joined the navy and afterwards studied classics at Pembroke College, Cambridge.

A mistaken suggestion by his tutor that he must leave Cambridge early led to what Derek always described as the turning point in his life. He had been planning to spend another term at Cambridge but he now changed his mind and went to London to become a solicitor. There, at a vicarage tea party, he met the young American opera singer, Estelle Johnson. They married at St Martin-in-the-Fields in 1950.

The couple stayed in London and raised four sons: Nigel, Michael, Patrick and Jonathan. Just before Nigel's birth, and thanks to Estelle's intervention, Derek was offered his first job, a three month stint assisting the solicitor Francis Mann.

The job became permanent and Francis, a German Jewish émigré, became Derek's mentor. A decade later, when Francis joined Herbert Smith, he insisted that Derek make the move with him. As a partner, Derek's analytical acumen and his own mentoring skills are credited as having helped lay the foundations for what is now one of the world's most renowned global firms.

By this time, the early 1960s, the young couple had moved

to Hampstead. However, despite a happy domestic life and a remarkably successful career, Derek often suffered from bouts of depression and became increasingly estranged from the demands of a top city firm. Considering a dramatic change of career, he arranged a meeting with the Anglican Bishop of Edmonton.

The Bishop called the now middle-aged solicitor's bluff and suggested he first try a year of parish work in Tottenham. Derek happily took on the challenge. A few years afterwards Derek was ordained and offered the position of curate at St John-at-Hampstead Parish Church, a job he greatly enjoyed. He became a popular preacher among the parishioners. It was said that people queued up for him to marry them, to baptise their children and even to take their funerals.

Derek also valued his chaplaincy work ministering to cancer patients at the Marie Curie Hospice. Some Hampstead residents may even remember him for his celebrated turns with the Hampstead Players, notably his roles as Thomas More and Thomas Becket in *A Man For All Seasons* and *Murder in the Cathedral*.

Derek Spottiswoode, passed away at the Royal Free Hospital on February 2 aged 88. Derek is survived by his wife Estelle; his sons Nigel, Patrick and Jonathan and his three grandsons. Derek and Estelle's second son, Michael, died last year at his home in New Mexico.





## C G GORDON (Tu 40-44)

Charles Grant Gordon was born in Glasgow on 21 August, 1927, eldest son of William Grant Gordon, a distiller in the family firm, and Janet Grant, a doctor. That made him a great-grandson of the founder, William Grant, twice over since his parents were distantly related.

He went to primary school near his home on Bearsden Road in the city, followed by Glasgow Academy, Ardvreck boarding school in Crieff and ultimately south of the Border at the historic Rugby public school in Warwickshire during the Second World War. From his dormitory at Rugby, he recalled seeing fires rise into the sky above Coventry, more than a dozen miles away, after the city was blitzed by the Luftwaffe.

Not quite turned 18, Gordon joined the Royal Navy just at the end of the war in 1945. Mostly based in Malta, he served aboard the heavy cruiser HMS Sussex, replenishing RN submarines, and ended his service in 1948 on board the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious. After demobilisation in 1948, he studied accounting at Glasgow University and having qualified, he joined the family firm in November 1951. His father, William, then managing director, gave Charlie his first managerial assignment: find out “what the hell’s happening” at the Glenfiddich distillery and get on with putting it right. However, William died just 18 months later, aged 53, leaving Charlie to shoulder responsibility as a director, supported, from 1954, by his younger brother Sandy, with whom he worked closely.

In six decades of energetic service to the firm he spearheaded major developments in its product range and international recognition. The latter was assisted in 1956 by the introduction of the soon-famous triangular bottle, both for the blended product and for the Glenfiddich single malt. As managing director in 1963,



Gordon oversaw the building of a new distillery at Girvan in Ayrshire, living in a caravan adjacent to the site which he patrolled by bicycle, promising free whisky to construction workers to encourage them to meet their Christmas completion date. In return they welded his bicycle to the distillery’s cooling towers as a sign of respect. A man of great warmth and zest, Gordon travelled ceaselessly in the decades that followed to find new opportunities for expansion and to raise awareness of Scotch as an aspirational drink for the middle classes of the emerging world.

He was often described by his peers as “Mr Scotch Whisky”. Later The Balvenie was relaunched as a premium malt brand, and other products gradually added to the company’s list included Frangelico Hazelnut Liqueur, Hendrick’s Gin, Reyka Vodka (distilled in Iceland), Milagro tequila, Tullamore Dew Irish whiskey and Gibson’s Canadian whiskey. Grant’s also became part-owner of the Famous Grouse, Macallan and Highland Park brands, and acquired control of much of its own distribution network in the US and Europe. While many other Scottish distilleries were absorbed into giant conglomerates, William Grant & Sons remained proudly independent under family control. Charlie Gordon was chairman until 2008, when he became life president.

Charlie Gordon was a passionate and experienced ocean sailor; at the age of 85 he made his last transatlantic crossing at the helm of his pride and joy, the 128ft Cinderella IV. He was returning to Scotland from a business trip to Latin America, and busy discussing a refit of the yacht for next season, when he was struck down by pneumonia in New York.

He married first, in 1954, Louise Eccles. After her death he married, secondly, Francesca Morales, who survives him with three sons of the first marriage.



## I AVAKUMOVIC (K 42-44)

Prof I AVAKUMOVIC, (K 42-44) Ivan grew up in a prominent diplomatic family, the son of Jelena and Aleksander Avakumovic. After fleeing Nazi terror in 1941 through the Middle East to South Africa, and meeting his future wife, Solange, enroute, his family found refuge in England.

Ivan arrived at Rugby aged just 16, completing his sixth form studies there before going up to Kings College, Cambridge, followed by further study at London University. He gained his D.Phil at Nuffield College, Oxford. As a student, Ivan co-authored with George Woodcock *The Anarchist Prince: a Biographical Study of Peter Kropotkin* (1950). With his D. Phil., Ivan, freed from Oxford's ban against married students, wed Solange in 1957.

Ivan began teaching at the University of Aberdeen in 1957 before immigrating to Canada in 1958 to teach at the University of Manitoba. In 1963, Ivan moved to Vancouver to teach at UBC, first in Political Science, then History. His research interests and many publications covered Movements of Social Dissent, Modern Russian and East European History



and Diplomatic History since 1789. Ivan's books included *History of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia* (1964), *Mihailovic prema nemackim dokumentima* (1969), *The Communist Party in Canada: A History* (1975), *Socialism in Canada: A Study of the CCF-NDP in Federal and Provincial Politics* (1978); also with George Woodcock *The Doukhobors* (1977) and with Roger Bouderon *Détruire Le PCF* (1988). Upon mandatory retirement in 1991, Ivan continued to advise students and teach countless guest lectures. In

2001, Maclean's named him one of UBC's top 10 most popular professors. Throughout, Ivan corresponded with colleagues in many languages, encouraged other authors, donated over 130,000 items to UBC Library and supported organizations such as the London Library and the Writers' Union of Canada.

Ivan, Professor Emeritus of History, prolific author, voracious reader, lover of French pastries and passionate advocate of education and democracy. He is survived by his wife, Solange, daughter and granddaughters.



## J B TYSON MC, OBE (Sh 41-46)

John Baird Tyson was the son of a School Master and the grandson of a former editor of The Glasgow Herald. He spent his youth in London where his father taught at St Paul's School but the family returned to live in Edinburgh's Colinton. Tyson attended Rugby School and then did National Service as a second lieutenant in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, from 1947 to 1949.

He was seconded to the Seaforth Highlanders in Malaya during the Emergency. His platoon located a temporary bandit camp in an overgrown rubber plantation but despite heavy fire from three Bren guns, Tyson's men continued to occupy a strategic position and eventually ambushed a group of communist guerrillas. Tyson was awarded an MC – recognising his courage in pursuing the retreating guerrillas and leading his men in a particularly hazardous patrol in the Segamat district.

On being demobbed Tyson read Geography at Magdalen College, Oxford, and in 1952 led the first ever Oxford University Scientific Expedition to the Himalayas. The team made first

ascents of Gangotri I and Gangotri III, both peaks over 21000ft.

The following year he joined the distinguished Scottish mountaineer WH Murray on an exploratory journey to the remote Api and Nampa region in the far north-west of Nepal. The region had newly opened its borders to foreigners but the annual monsoon rains broke over the team while they were on the

almost uninhabited north side of the Api complex. River gorges promptly became impassable, and the party could only escape by making a dangerous and illegal journey through a corner of Tibet, which had been recently occupied by the Chinese.

Moving into full-time teaching, in 1955 Mr Tyson filled a year's temporary vacancy at Rugby School and then taught at Christ's

Hospital in West Sussex between 1956 and 1958. During these years he climbed in the Alps with many leading mountaineers, but his most well publicised climb was with a comparative novice in 1955, when he teamed with Chris Brasher (SH 42-46) and Roger Bannister to climb the Finsteraarhorn. Bannister, who was a competent rock-climber but had little snow and ice





experience, was newsworthy after his recent four-minute mile success. In 1958, Mr Tyson returned to Rugby School where he taught geography for the next 17 years but between 1961 and 1969, he was able to take leave from School to lead lengthy scientific expeditions to map and explore in the Kanjiroba Himal region in west-central Nepal. At that time, these were probably the least-known mountain ranges of Nepal. Mr Tyson's map of the terrain, which was researched on his 1961 expedition up the Jagdula Khola on the south side of the range, and on his 1964 expedition up the Langu River from the north-west side, was first published in the Geographical Journal in 1967. Whilst Mr Tyson himself never did conquer Mount Kanjiroba, other visitors have left no doubt about the scale of his contribution to unravelling the mysteries of these ranges. His achievement is best captured by the words of a telegram he received in 1970. Sent by a Japanese climbing team which had finally reached its summit from the south-west, it simply stated "... with your permission, we have climbed your mountain..."

In 1965 Tyson was invited to become Headmaster designate of a planned National School in Nepal funded from Britain. He found a suitable site at Budhanilkantha, just north of Kathmandu, but delays in the construction resulted in Tyson withdrawing from the project. However, he was invited in 1975 to Nepal to become Headmaster of Yangchenphug School. Despite three very successful years at the school the unrest in the region led the UK government to withdraw its funding and Tyson accepted the post of Headmaster at Reed's School in Cobham, Surrey.

In 1982 he was offered the Headmastership at Budhanilkantha School back in Nepal where he spent six happy years. The school was both prestigious and egalitarian, with pupils on scholarship from all 150 districts of Nepal, some of whom lived in villages so remote that on leaving home they had to walk for days merely to get to a road on their way to school. His diligent stewardship of the school brought it an international reputation and it became known as the Royal School of Nepal. The King of Nepal took an active interest in the school and Mr Tyson's services were recognised by the award of Prasiddha Prabal Gorkha Dakshin Bahu in 1987 by the Nepalese Government (an unusually high award for a non-national). This was followed by the OBE in 1989 from the British Government.

At the age of 70 Tyson and his son returned to the Kanjiroba Himal in 1998 and climbed to a height of 18,000 ft. He met his friends and sherpas and made three films for the BBC.

On a trip to Swaziland, a bite from a spider led to infections, which forced the amputation of both legs in 2009. Although he was still a powerful man in his eighties, his efforts to learn to walk with artificial legs ultimately were unsuccessful and so his last years were wheelchair-bound.

Mr Tyson will mostly be remembered for his contributions to exploration in West Nepal, but he was a man of diverse talents. He was a photographer of mountains and mountain people and served as a council member of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Mount Everest Foundation.

He is survived by his wife Phebe, their three children (Andrew, James and Sarah) and six grand-children.



## SIR J ZOCHONIS (M 43-48)

John Basil Zochonis was born on October 2 1929, and was educated at Rugby and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, where he read Law. After National Service in the army he joined Paterson Zochonis in 1953 and became a director in 1957. Sir John was an industrialist, synonymous with the Imperial Leather soap brand. In the late 1870s Sir John's great-uncle George and his colleague, George Paterson, launched Paterson Zochonis & Co, to import products from West Africa. The business continued to expand and diversify, and in 1970 Sir John became chairman of the company, now known as PZ Cussons.

The Zochonis family originated from Greece but first built a business in Sierra Leone. In the late 1870s Sir John's great-uncle George was working for a trading company in Freetown when he and a Scots colleague, George Paterson, decided to venture on their own. Incorporated as Paterson Zochonis & Co, their firm imported palm produce, groundnuts, coffee, skins and timber to Liverpool and Manchester, and exported wax printed cotton fabrics.

Their network gradually spread across West Africa, and in 1948 — when Sir John's father Constantine was at the helm — Paterson Zochonis acquired its first soap factory in Aba, Nigeria. As the original trading business declined, a new portfolio of toiletry and pharmaceutical interests flourished.

John Zochonis succeeded a cousin as chairman of the group in 1970. Under his leadership it acquired a proprietary drugs maker, Roberts Laboratories, in 1972, and Cussons, whose most famous brand was Imperial Leather, in 1975. Expansion continued into Asia and eastern Europe and annual profits reached almost £40 million in the mid-1980s. In 1990 John Zochonis handed over to a nephew and retired from active business, though he served as a member of the Commonwealth Development Corporation from 1992 to 1995.



An intensely private man with gracious, old-fashioned manners, John Zochonis devoted his later years to philanthropy through a charitable trust endowed with PZ Cussons shares which regularly distributed more than £2 million a year. His belief was that he should give back to the regions in which his own family had prospered, including Africa as well as the north-west of England.

Beacons of the arts such as the Lowry Centre at Salford, the Royal Exchange Theatre and Manchester International Festival all benefited

— and the emergence of Manchester as a cultural destination was in part due to the consistent support of a small group of patrons for whom Zochonis was the role-model and trailblazer. Though he claimed not to have “a musical bone in my body”, he supported both the Royal Northern College of Music and Chetham's School for many years, discreetly funding gifted students who could not otherwise afford to study, as well as well as donating to building appeals. Over his lifetime, Sir John was always passionate about supporting local young people. At the University, he instigated the Zochonis Special Enterprise Fund which provides travel awards for students to undertake projects or special study. His most recent gifts were for Zochonis Scholarships which support local young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to study for a degree.

Sir John shunned recognition for his generosity, and few people knew the full breadth of his giving. The director of one institution that received Zochonis's support spoke of “the very rare and noble virtue... that he never seems interested in taking any credit.” Another called him “the most genuine philanthropist I've ever met”.

A deputy lieutenant and former high sheriff of Greater Manchester, he was knighted in 1997. He married, in 1990, Brigid Demetriades (née Smyth), who survives him.



## **P LINDSAY (St 47-52)**

Patrick was born in India where his father, later Brigadier, was serving with the Baluch Regiment. Before Rugby he went to school in Northern Ireland where his mother had linen connections. A distinguished picture restorer in his professional life, it was at Rugby that his artistic talents were recognised and much encouraged by the then Art master, RB Talbot Kelly, himself a noted painter, particularly of birds. After National Service in Trieste he read Modern Languages at Queens' Cambridge and he always maintained continental friendships. His formal training as restorer he received from Ruheman, an exile from Nazi Germany. Most of Patrick's restoration work was for private clients, but there are works he restored in the National Gallery, the National Gallery of Ireland, the National Maritime Museum and the Dulwich Gallery. At Dulwich he did magisterial restorations of a large Cuyp and of Dulwich's Claude which the Dulwich catalogue says was regarded as unexhibitable until restored by Patrick Lindsay in the 80's. Patrick Lindsay spent a year in the United States in 1979/80 working for the Fogg Art Museum and again in 1991/2 working for the Tercentenary Trust there, for which he did a full survey of pictures. Perhaps the highpoint of his career came in his 30s when he was chosen to lead the British group in the international team of restorers that went to Florence in 1967 to help with the restoration of pictures damaged in the disastrous floods of the preceding year. Patrick's main interest apart from painting was music. He played the piano well and had a trained voice of quality enough for him to say that he was, at times, tempted to try his chances as professional singer. He had a fine house in West London with a good collection of pictures. He cooked well and until he grew older, liked to entertain his friends of who he had many, both men and women. He never married.

*The Obituaries and the Social Register section of the Floreat were, for many years, complied by John and Di Marshall and latterly by John Inglis. Since the sad demise of John Marshall and John Inglis, we are very much missing someone to co-ordinate these sections. If you would be interested in helping us to keep this information up to date and being part of the Editorial team we would love to hear from you. To find out more about what the role involves please contact the Editor, Fiona Hughes-DAeth.*

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## **A D Holt-Wilson BA MB BChir FRCS, FRCOphth OBE (C 49-55)**

Sandy Holt-Wilson was an Ophthalmic Surgeon who devoted his retirement years to addressing the problem of poor standards of eye care in the Gondar region of Ethiopia. He pioneered the restructuring and development of Ophthalmic training in the region, and as a direct consequence of his work, 60 000 cataracts have been removed by Nurse Ophthalmic Surgeons, an eye centre built and an ophthalmoscope costing less than £10 has been developed.

Holt-Wilson's interest in Ethiopia had deep roots. When Téwodros II, the Emperor of Ethiopia was defeated by General Napier's army at the Battle of Magdala in 1868, his orphaned son Prince Alemayehu was brought to England where Queen Victoria took a personal interest in his welfare. He was educated by Holt-Wilson's great grandfather, before progressing to Rugby School. This story attracted Holt-Wilson's interest, and led to a longstanding fascination with Amharic culture and history, and Ethiopia more generally.

It was only when he retired as a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon from the Gwent Area Health Authority in 1999 that Holt-Wilson's interest alloyed with his clinical experience. He visited the Gondar Hospital Eye department in 2000 and returned in 2001

for six months to run the department. During these visits he was struck by the scale of need in Ethiopia, and Gondar in particular. An estimated 10 000 people were blind from cataracts, and only three eye doctors served a population of six million people. This led him to adopt a practice used in other African countries where, when doctors were scarce, nurses were trained to carry out routine ophthalmology, including cataract surgery.

Over numerous subsequent visits, Holt-Wilson fostered the development of degree courses administered by Gondar

University to enable nurses to learn these skills. With the aid of the Austrian charity 'Light of the World' he promoted and coordinated the building and equipping of a new Eye Department at Gondar University hospital, drawing up plans and instructing local builders himself. In 2003 he founded the charity Gondar (Ethiopia) Eye Surgery (GEES) to support this work. His work was recognised with an OBE.

Although instrumental in developing eye hospitals and clinics, Holt-Wilson also set out to improve standards of diagnosis. He discovered that there appeared to be only two ophthalmoscopes for ten million people, and that one of these was kept under lock and key in Gondar. This struck him as unsatisfactory and so, with a





colleague John Sandford-Smith and further help from the Fred Hollows Foundation he secured the development of a cheap ophthalmoscope, the first 10,000 of which have now been delivered. With the help of its inventor, William Williams, Sandy championed the development of a low cost solar-powered device to be used in the diagnosis of trachoma and cataract, the two blinding scourges of Ethiopia and many other parts of the world.

Sandy Holt-Wilson was born in 1936 to Daniel and Alison. He grew up in the south of England and attended Rugby School, as had Prince Alemayehu. He maintained his connections with Rugby, firstly, as a young doctor doing his ophthalmic training in London when he was involved as a volunteer at the Rugby Clubs and secondly, indirectly through that, he met his wife Caroline, who is the sister of two Rugbeians Michael (B 55-59) and James Davies (B 64-68)

As a teenager he cycled across Europe to meet his hero, the theologian, medical missionary, and Nobel Laureate Albert Schweitzer, living in retirement in Alsace. They shook hands, but realising neither could speak the other's language, parted almost immediately. This brief meeting had a profound effect on Holt-Wilson. He embodied Schweitzer's personal philosophy of 'reverence for life'. He read medicine at Pembroke College, Cambridge and trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital and, for one year, as a house surgeon in Bulawayo in what was, then, Rhodesia. After working as a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon

for the Ministry of Health in Kuwait, in 1978 he was appointed as a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in the Gwent Area Health Authority.

He was a quiet, reticent man with a natural courtesy and an independent streak. He had little truck with the vagaries of NHS management, once describing an incident where he had received two letters from different hospital managers on the same day. The first rebuked him because he was doing too much operating at great expense to the budget, the second complained that his waiting list was too long, and that he needed to do more operating to reduce it. He simply forwarded each letter to the sender of the other.

His family despaired of his apparent vagueness. As his daughter put it, he remembered everything, and recognised no-one – not even his wife on more than one occasion, when she drove past him in the street. But this insouciance disguised a single-mindedness and tenacity in improving the lives of others. When he retired in 1999 some imagined that he might quietly retreat to his farm in South Wales, where he and his wife raised organic turkeys. He had other ideas. He pursued these ideas with resolute dedication and the people of Ethiopia and other parts of the world afflicted by trachoma and cataract have much to thank him for.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline and their three children, Nell, Kate and Tom as well as six grand-children.

**James Davies**



## J A F DEAN (C 59-64)

There was then an international flavour to John's developing career as he joined the Warner Lambert Corporation as a market research analyst in Milford Haven, Connecticut followed by becoming assistant to the President of International Operations at American Optical Corporation in both Strasbourg in France and later in Watford. In 1977, John joined Citicorp International Bank Ltd as their Assistant Vice President in their Corporate Finance Department. He went on to become a Managing Director and, for a time, European Head of Mergers and Acquisitions at Citicorp in London, running a team that peaked at about 30 people. He was a generalist banker and worked on deals all over Europe. In 1989 he joined Chase Manhattan to run the European M&A business, which was about 10 people strong at the time. The business ebbed and flowed in terms of size and during that time John became a financial services expert. He did a number of Dutch insurance deals with Hudig Langeveldt and with Lloyd's of London companies and truly found a deeply technical sector that he loved. In 1997 he moved to a boutique financial services specialist investment bank, Fox-Pitt Kelton (FPK) for a new challenge. The Chairman of FPK wanted him to lead the charge in building out the small Corporate Finance business. Again John was successfully able to originate and execute a number of transactions over the years all across Europe and it was a stimulating and enjoyable time initially without the politics of a large organisation. In 1999 FPK was sold to Swiss Re as part of the "fashionable at the time" combination of insurance and banking and FPK merged into a newly formed capital markets business. Deals continued to flow, despite it becoming very clear quite quickly that Swiss Re was



not really the right owner of a boutique FS business and John continued to originate and execute deals with a new team that he built around him. With his 60th birthday approaching in 2006 John decided he did not want to hang around to wait and see if FPK would do a management buy-out from Swiss Re and he hung up his boots after a long and successful banking career.

John met his wife-to-be, Helen, in Cambridge shortly after leaving Rugby in 1965 when he invited her to the May Ball. They married in 1971 and after starting their married life in the States they returned to the UK settling in Rickmansworth, where their sons Stephen (1983) and David (1986) were born. John was clearly dedicated to his chosen career, but he was also dedicated to his family to the exclusion of a more social life. His family describe him as having a zest for life, an enthusiasm for activities like canoeing and sailing together on the lakes at Denham and in the Lake District – he was also a keen golfer having been encouraged to play by his father at an early age. John had played hockey at Cambridge and he kept this up (into his late forties) with the Rickmansworth Hockey Club where he was known as 'the bruiser' amongst his team mates and possibly the opposition! When he was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2009 he still persevered with his interests, calmly accepting and dealing with what life offered him. He had been very active in his retirement and had become Chair of Governors at Hammond Primary School playing a major role in its renovation and enabling it to become an Academy in 2011 – something of which he was very proud.

John did return to Rugby recently, to the 150th anniversary Cotton House celebrations and enjoyed being reunited with a number of ORs from his time at Rugby. He is survived by his wife, Helen, his sister and two sons.



## **R ALDEN – Head of English & Housemaster, Town House (1983 – 1994)**

Before attempting a summary of this talented, gentle, truly humane schoolmaster's life, I want to offer something of my memories of him as a man, and to explain why it is that I owe him so much. Robin had no say in my appointment to his department in '73; I was sprung upon him from Iran, where I had been working for the past two years, when a series of accidents conspired to leave the school an English teacher short. If he resented my unheralded and unqualified arrival (I had a Classics degree, and hardly any experience in teaching English), he never showed it; indeed, he went out of his way not just to help me settle but was offering me opportunities to develop my experience virtually from day one.

He ran the department with the lightest touch. It did comprise some remarkable men: over the years they included Geoff Helliwell, Nigel Brown, Coin Gray, Tim Suter, Barry Cunningham-Batt, a great assembly of varied talent. Robin was always encouraging us to explore new writers, different genres, and steering us to discover writing that I, at least, had never come across. It's no surprise, given his early years across the Atlantic, that this included much American literature: Fitzgerald and Faulkner, Robert Frost and Arthur Miller. He was tireless in bringing poets and novelists to Rugby – I recall Vernon Scannell and John Stallworthy as among the most memorable. He knew John Updike, and urged us to read him. What an exciting introduction that was!

I was lucky in being attached to School House as a tutor, so could rely on Robin to guide me in that exotic field of school life





as well. Robin helped Nigel Brown, that inspirational Director of Drama, to give me the confidence to produce house and other plays. But I could never approach the superb standard of his own tour-de-force *A Winter's Tale*, in which he brought out the best of Julian Cooksey and Isobel Wolff, two weeks before they took Oxbridge exams (which they sailed through, of course ... another world!). For a scholarly take on that production, do read Geoff Helliwell's appreciation in the *Floreat* after Robin retired from Rugby.

Above all, Robin was a true family man. Among all the families at Rugby in the 70s and 80s, he and Chris provided the most valuable role model for us to follow, a decade behind. I remember how, though no traditional sports-follower, he would faithfully accompany James to Filbert Street to support Leicester City. On one occasion he almost entreated me to come along, and the images of us standing on the terraces amid faces infused with hatred for opposition fans are seared in my memory to this day.

If team-sports, Rugby School style, didn't hold the slightest attraction for him, it is a measure of his modesty that I was never aware of what excellence he had achieved on the rivers; at St Edward's (as a boy and later a teacher), at Oxford, where he stroked Worcester to be Head of the River in Torpids, and even coached the varsity boat; at King's Chester, where they named a boat after him; and at St Paul's, where he also coached London University crews. He seemed to have reconciled himself to the fact that Rugby was not a rowing school, so that he had to move on from that passion.

Instead he devoted himself to introducing liberal culture to a school that could still make a virtue of philistinism at times. Music was just one aspect he shared with Chris, singing in the choir, belonging to societies in the town and beyond. His innovation of the Town House Culture Fair was perhaps the latest of his contributions in this field.

I wonder how many of his pupils or colleagues would have known that he had been a war-time evacuee, travelling by train to Liverpool, embarking on a Cunard liner to cross the Atlantic to Canada, stalked by a U-boat which could have sunk it at any time but mysteriously chose to spare it. Or that he inherited his meticulous scholarship from his mother, a First Class graduate of Somerville and a lexicographer at the Oxford English Dictionary. He clearly made a great success of his teaching at the three schools (King's Chester, St. Edward's and St Paul's) before he moved to Rugby, but he was never one to look back, always on the look-out for new challenges. I believe it was the happiness of his marriage to Chris, and the experience of bringing up their four so-variously talented children that gave him most fulfilment.

We were all so happy for Robin that after Chris's tragic death, following her brave fight against cancer, he found a new, different happiness with Pip, who looked after him with such loving care. Our thoughts are with her, and with all the family. Rugby School was fortunate to have had the best of his years, and we are all the richer for having known him.

**by Peter Wilkes, Rugby staff 1973-1984**



# Society Events

## New Members Reception

25 April 2014 – by Simon Penniston (C 65-70)

The Society's Committee gathered in Old Hall, School House, to welcome new staff members to the Rugbeian Society. Once members of staff at Rugby School have served the School for seven years they automatically become members of the Society in recognition of their service to the School.

We were delighted that the Head Master was able to attend, together with a number of former members of staff who live locally and are members of the Society. This was an enjoyable drinks reception attended by around 25 former and current members of staff.

## Theatre Club

22 May 2014

A group of Rugbeians, Parents and guests attended the smash-hit, multi-award winning musical 'Once' at the Phoenix Theatre, London. The production was exhilarating and performed by an extraordinary cast of actor-musicians.

*"I've attended a number of the Rugbeian Society Theatre Club events. All have been well organised and the seats are*

*always good. A few of the productions I've seen with the Club include 'The Railway Children' (at Waterloo Station), and of course 'Once - The Musical' which was the most recent trip. 'Once' is quite a unique production with very creative staging and some excellent folk and acoustic tunes. I'd thoroughly recommend the Theatre Club to all ORs".*

**Chris Large (C 94-99)**

*"'Once' is a modern-day musical production set on the streets of Dublin which tells the story of an Irish busker and a Czech girl after they meet in a bar. The stage is the bar throughout the play and during the interval the audience take their drinks in "the bar". The play follows this unlikely couple as they write, rehearse and record songs that reveal their unique story. It is a very uplifting and unusual production. Lots of foot tapping and laughing with some really enjoyable Irish music thrown in".*

**Anna Loder (Present Parent)**

*"Despite having had my fair share of shows in the West End, 'Once' was nothing like any musical I'd ever seen. One entered the theatre to the sight of the cast singing and playing a folk session in a pub taken straight out of Dublin before seamlessly flowing into the opening song. The music and drama were delicately placed together before the audience, as if crafted not to satisfy them, but to move them".*

**Eunseog Lee (W 05-10)**





# Waddesdon House Wine Tasting

6 June 2014 – by Simon Penniston (C 65-70)

On a wonderful summer's day Rugbeians and their guests gathered in the Buckinghamshire countryside in the beautiful surroundings of Waddesdon Manor, a gift to the National Trust by its former owner James de Rothschild. The gift included the Manor, together with an astounding collection of art and furniture, as well as a 6,000 acre estate and the largest sum of money ever bequeathed to the National Trust.

Our guide, the Head of Collections, Pippa Shirely, is co-incidentally a Rugby parent, with a son in his first year in Kilbracken. Pippa gave us a private tour of the ground floor of the Manor, which was built by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild (1839-1898). The Baron wanted a country retreat built in the style of a Loire château and so engaged the French architect Gabriel-Hippolyte Destailleur. Following the tour we enjoyed an excellent lunch which was followed by free time to explore the other parts of the Manor and the superb gardens.

To finish the day we descended into the Manor's wine cellars for a private tasting of six wines from some of the Rothschild estates from around the world, including Germany, South Africa and Chile to name a few. This was a really educational and entertaining day for all of us and our thanks go to Tracey for her excellent organisation of such a memorable Rugbeian Society event.



*Rugbeians and guests gather at Waddesdon House*



*Wine tasting in the Cellar at Waddesdon House*



# 5 Years Leavers' Party – Class of 2009

26 June 2014





The Society welcomed the Class of '09 to the Atlas Pub in London for a 5 Year Leavers' Reunion. Some 30 Rugbeians were present in an evening of celebration, reminiscence and friendly networking over drinks and snacks. In the draw for a bottle of champagne **Charles Wedgwood (C 04-09)** was successful, but willingly shared his good fortune with others in true Rugbeian style! A fun evening was had by all.

We very much look forward to another lively evening with the 1 Year Leavers' party - Class of 2013.

***“Four years on from the last one, in the Atlas pub, the 2009 leavers reunion attendees swapped stories, cv’s and gossip. It was so good to reconnect. Bring on the next one!”***  
**Charles Wedgewood (C 04-09)**



***Charles Wedgwood wins the Champagne draw.***



***Revellers at the 5 year Reunion***



***Old friends catching up***





*Ned Sedgwick (Sh 04-09), Teresa Smith (St 07-09), Fiona Roberts (St 07-09) & Ben Kirby (Sh 04-09)*



*Sari Thomas (B 04-09), Lottie Knight (B 04-09), Iola Hopkinson (D 04-09), Leo Carr (Tu 04-09)*



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

26 June 2014 – Mike Maclachlan (SF 64-69)





“To the minds of many, the purpose of a revisit half a century after the event would be to reassure ourselves that the good old days had been preserved in aspic. The TSR was, so was the majestic Close (with blueshirts slugging it out against an inferior but dogged Marlborough), so were the Chapel and the Mem Chapel, so was the Upper Bench, so was OBS where we dined.....But things had moved on, too. Besides the familiar sights there were the totally transformed Science Schools, the brand new Sixth Form Collingwood Centre (the erstwhile school attached to the Tolly Church) and apparently much else that our guided tour didn’t take in. Lunch in School Field was an improvement on the 1960s, and ‘Mummie’ would have approved the healthy green option if not the pizza.

But what stood out were our young guides – first year Sixth holding the fort after the departure of their post-exam GCSE and A level colleagues. Here were modest yet confident, articulate yet unaffected youngsters, tolerant of endless, ripping, sexagenarian yarns and eager to show us around their pride and joy. I mean pride and joy. Some plainly had generations of Rugby in their blood while others were from more humble backgrounds on scholarships, determined to excel and give their parents cause for pride. These were the true stars.

Dinner went down well; speeches scintillated; our girls glittered; we bade farewell to outgoing bodger Patrick Derham, congratulating him on a job well done; we thanked Angela and Kerry for organising us; kissed each other goodnight; and returned from whence we came.”



*Mike Maclachlan (SF 59-64)*



*Geoff Helliwell (Former teaching staff, 58 – 88)  
& Veronica Silvertap*



*John Urling Clark (L 60-64)*





*David Baker (SH 59-64), Margaret Lunn, Christopher Lunn (SH 59-64)  
& David Kent-Lemon (SH 60-64)*

*“A splendid day. It was delightful to meet the Housemistress and some of the girls at Stanley. The tour of the School had plenty of ‘wow!’ OBS has a pleasing atmosphere for a dinner, and it was remarkable how the years fell away as we found so much to talk about.”*

*John Plumb (St 59-64)*



*Henry Edmundson (T 59-64), Connie Edmundson,  
Michael Smith (C 59-64) & Colin Reisner (C 59-64)*



*Michael Wildblood (Tu 59-64)*





# Farewell & Thank You to the Derham's

16 June 2014 by Peter Bennett-Jones

Rugbeians and parents from the “Derham Era” had the opportunity to say a cheery farewell and thank you to Patrick and Alison for all they had contributed to Rugby School over a period of 13 years.

They were treated to a delightful and delicious picnic tea on the Close on a lovely June Sunday. With Pimms flowing and delicious cakes and sandwiches a-plenty, a fine cross-section of pupils and parents from all the Derham vintages enjoyed the sunny occasion. The Meteors provided a fine back-drop, roundly defeating Tonbridge, the current holders of The Cricketers Cup. It was a most enjoyable occasion and provided a great opportunity for old friends to catch up as well as wishing the Derhams good fortune in the future.







***“A lovely afternoon tea party on The Close to say farewell to Patrick and Alison Derham on Sunday 15 June and wish them good luck on the road to Westminster.”***







*"It was a great chance for parents of former pupils to catch up with Arnold Foundation and School news."*





# House Reunions



## **XX Club Dinner** by Julian Mant (C 67-71)

**27 March 2014**

The XX Club is a dining club for old boys from Cotton House. The XX Club was set up in 1903 and meets three times a year. The club has an active membership of just over 100 and typically the dinners, held at the Savile Club in London, reunite about 25

old boys from new leavers to those who were at school during the Second World War. The Housemaster attends the dinners bringing news from the House and in October brings down the new Head and Deputy Head of House to meet the Club.





## Bradley and Crescent Reunion

16 March 2014

*Fiona Newton (Hm Cr 76-92), Monica Barlow (Hm 99-12), Liz Sale (current Hm Bradley), Geoff Helliwell (Hm B 69-84), Ian Newton (Hm Cr 76-92), Ed Taylor (current Ahm B), Anne Helliwell & Emma Moyle (Ahm Bradley 04-09)*

Bradley opened its doors to over 120 old Bradleians, former pupils of Crescent and their partners. The weather was incredibly kind and showed off the House to its very best. Recent refurbishments meant there were changes for all to note – even for the most recent leavers! Older boys were amazed by how warm, bright and comfortable the accommodation was now. Lunch at the Collingwood Centre was followed by tours of the House and School.

Liz Sale, current Housemistress of Bradley welcomed back former tutors, Housemasters and Housemistresses as well as those staff who were part of Crescent House. Rosie Martin, Head

of House, reflected on the importance of the Reunion and also on some of the memories of her time in Bradley. The Head Master, noted the significance of his attendance at this, the final reunion in his tenure, as the House was named after George Granville Bradley, who entered Rugby in 1837 and went on to become Dean of Westminster from 1881 to 1902. Patrick Derham will of course move to Westminster school at the end of this academic year.

The reunion day ended splendidly for Bradley, with the sunshine spurring the girls across the line to make a win in the Barby, and a win and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Crick in the girl's races.





***“A very excellent do -  
I hope to last out till the next one!  
Very many thanks.”  
David Southward (B 50-54)***

***David Southward (B 50-54), Nigel Southward (B 54-59) & Ian Southward (B 60-65)***





***“Just a short message to say how much I enjoyed the Bradley reunion. The girls in the house were outstanding. The building has been transformed and we had some difficulty in tracing where our dorms had been. Much more civilized.”***

***Richard Caley (B 65-70)***

***“Thanking you all for a successful and sunny day on Sunday. My compliments to all involved.”***

***George Raine (B 48-52)***

***Olivia Huntingford (B 04-09), Francesca Haszard (B 04-09), Livie Brine (B 04-09), Charlotte Knight (B 04-09), Chloe Holmes (B 04-09) & Gabrielle Pütter (B 04-09)***





*Graham Underhill (B 43-47), Michael Ferrar (B 41-45),  
Michael Wheatley Price (B 41-45) & Ralph Tanner (B 35-39)*



*Tom Lindsay (B 78-82) Patrick Beddows (B 74-79),  
Colin Sotheby (B 75-50) & Ralph Thoburn (B 76-80)*



*Clare Moreland (Hm B 92-97, Deputy Head 97-99), Alice Crawford (Cr & B  
91-93), Rosanna Bryant (Cr & B 91-93) & Nomi Kakoty (B 92-94)*



*Madeline Evans (B 06-11), Emily Hampton (B 06-11),  
Eleanor Cunningham Batt (Ma +B 04-11), Catherine Richards (B 06-11)*





***“Many thanks to all concerned for organising the excellent Bradley reunion. Not having been back for 50 years (!) the tour of the House was a revelation, and our ‘tour guide’ Hermione was superb and a credit to both herself and the School.”***

***Jeremy Leathers (B 59-64)***

***Gary Waller (B 53-93), Jeremy Leathers (B 59-64) & Christopher Leathers (B 55-59)***



***“Thank you for an enjoyable day.  
It was fascinating to look round Bradley in  
particular and we had a very good lunch.”***

***Patrick Beddows (B 74-79)***

***“It was a beautifully organised and happy occasion.  
The Revd Canon Fiona Newton (Staff 76-92)”***







# Michell Dinner

by Adrian Fox (M 75-79)

27 March 2014

*Michell Dinner at the Saville Club*

The 2014 dinner was again held at the impressive Savile Club on Brook Street.

A solid turn out of ex Michell pupils included a broad range of seniorities from those who joined the School in the fifties to those who had left in the noughties. Brief speeches were welcomed from those at both ends of the spectrum.

We were also pleased to welcome Colin Edwards and his wife Jennifer, who was Housemaster of Michell between 95-05, as

well as current Michell Housemaster Tim Day who gave away the customary gifts.

Particular mention however must go to **Laurence Sterling (M 71-75)** and his wife Terry who had travelled all the way from their California Vineyard in the Sonoma Valley especially for the purpose of attending. And to **Louise Holland (D 78-80)** who travelled again from Washington DC for the 5th year running.

The date for the 2015 Michell Dinner will be announced shortly.





*Rupert Wilkinson (M 86-91)  
& Jay Kantaria (M 89-94)*



*Colin Edwards, Staff Governor & Former Hm  
& Simon Price (M 87-92)*



# International Events



*Guests and pupils at the Dubai Reception*

Gulf Friends of  
Rugby School



## Dubai Dinner

**21 February 2014 – by Richard Draycott (C 90-92)**

A vibrant collection of Gulf Friends of Rugby School attended a sumptuous evening in magnificent setting of the Kandhari house and grounds in Emirates Hills, Dubai.

**Jasjeev Kandhari (SH 85-90) welcomed everyone on behalf of his family.**

The Headmaster and Mrs Derham were in attendance and the attendees heard news of the School as well as the success of the Arnold Foundation and Future Hope from Mr Derham in his last Gulf address as Headmaster.

An eclectic mix of Rugbeians of all ages, creeds, and domiciles attended, with current pupils, parents (past and present), staff (past and present) and possible future Kandhari Rugbeians!





*Jasjeev Kandhari (SH 85-90)*



*Fiona Hughes-D'Aeth (D 80-82) with Manika Kandhari*





*The Head Master with Jasjeev Kandhari (SH 85-90)*





# Rugbeians in Dubai

by **Fiona Hughes D'Aeth (D 80-82)**

*Johnnie Kittermaster (SH 75-80), Fiona Hughes-D'Aeth (D 80-82), Jonathan Hughes-D'Aeth, Guy Steele Bodger (Tu 74-78), Mike Rust (Sh 96-01), Sally Rosser*

It's been a delight to welcome lots of Rugbeians in Dubai in the last six months, we nearly had a Senior Management Team meeting in the desert when both Sally Rosser and **Guy Steele Bodger (Tu 74-78)** overlapped in Dubai. Sally was on her way back from visiting Future Hope in Calcutta and Guy was here visiting family – **Mike Rust (Sh 96-01)** who is teaching in Dubai.

When **Adrian Fox (M 75-79)** was visiting he discovered that two of his contemporaries are now based out here in the sunshine, **Johnnie Kittermaster (SH 75-80)** and **Niall Hall (Sh 75-79)** who had recently arrived in the UAE.



*Johnnie Kittermaster (SH 75-80), Fiona Hughes D'Aeth (D 80-82), Niall Hall (Sh 75-79), Adrian Fox (M 75-79)*



# San Francisco Cook Out

4 May 2014



American Friends of  
Rugby School



Gale and David Harding (W 72-76) hosted a cookout for local Rugbeians at their home in Greenbrae, just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. They gathered to welcome Mary Cruz (G 06-08), who was a beneficiary of the Arnold Foundation. It was a beautiful, sunny spring day in California, and the Hardings were most gracious hosts.

Mary flew in from Hollywood, where she is studying acting at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. She spoke to the group about her family background in London, how she was invited to interview at Rugby under the auspices of the Arnold Foundation, and went on to thrive there both academically and socially. Mary was very enthusiastic about her experience at Rugby - the teachers, the programs, and the other pupils - and she claimed that Rugby helped her discover her own potential and to pursue big dreams. "Rugby taught me that you do anything if you really apply yourself," she declared.

Other attendees included Julie and **Michael Whitcomb (SH 70-74)**, Emma and **Charles Cockerton (Tu 89-94)**, **Laurence Sterling (M 71-75)**, Leslie Harding, **Peter Harding (W 40-44)** and **Ian Burditt (W 72-76)**.

As usual, there was plenty of merriment throughout the afternoon, proof of which was that we all stayed much later than planned. Now we all need to keep an eye out for Mary on stage or on the silver screen!



# Washington Drinks

17 April 2014

by Ainuddin Noordin (SF 73-77)



*Louise Holland (D 78-80), Mark Lees (K 80-84), Edmund Potter (Tu 87-88) & Tom Vacher (St 83-88).*

Louise Holland (D 78-80) organised a gathering of a small but select group in Georgetown. Unfortunately the numbers were diminished by Easter and work requirements.

Happy to welcome a new member to the group - **Mark Lees** (K 80-84).



# Vietnam Event

14 October

by Ainuddin Noordin (SF 73-77)



*Liz Hunt & Qaleem Ainuddin*



*Standing - from the left, Liz Hunt & Sabrinah Morad  
Sitting - from the left, Eleena Azmil, Rachel Dixon,  
Datin Karen Kow*



*Standing - from the left, Barry Knaggs,  
Ainuddin Noordin (SF 73-77) & Qaleem Ainuddin  
Sitting - from the left, Dato' Azmil Zabidi,  
Neil Hunt (Sh 73-76) & Aris Azmil*

His Excellency Dato' Azmil Zabidi, Ambassador of Malaysia, and his wife Datin Karen Low very kindly hosted dinner at their residence in Ha Noi for Dr Neil Hunt (Sh 73-76) and his wife,

Liz, when they were visiting Vietnam in October. We enjoyed a traditional Hanoian meal, "Cha Ca" (sautéed Red River catfish with rice noodles and fresh herbs) as well as some Malaysian dishes.

I look forward to welcoming more Rugbeians to Vietnam, and of course, Malaysia! If there are any ORs intending to venture into Myanmar, I'd also be very happy to assist/meet them.





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# The Arnold Foundation Ambassadors' Dinner

2 January 2014





The Canonbury in Islington played host for the annual Arnold Foundation Ambassadors' Dinner in January. It was an opportunity to see friends and make new ones, reminisce about schooldays and talk about ways to make a difference after Rugby through support to partner organisations, work with university access programmes and mentoring young pupils at local schools.



***Anthony Wright (SF 09-11), David Ejim-McCubbin (K 09-11)  
& Izaak Williams (C 08-13)***







**Bartek Zakrzewski (W 07-09)  
& Judith Welikala (B 07-09)**



**Kevin Phekanan (W 08-13)  
& Eunseog Lee (W 05-10)**





***Kerry Wilson, Development Director, Fran Oroma Odongkara (G 05-07)  
& Bartek Zakrzewski (W 07-09)***





# The Arnold Foundation Lecture

by Geoff Helliwell (Staff 58-02)

16 January 2014

*Patrick Derham with guest speaker Anthony Horowitz OBE (SF 68-73)  
& Peter Bennett-Jones*







**Anthony Horowitz OBE (SF 68-73)**

**Anthony Horowitz OBE (SF 68-73)** came back to Rugby after forty years to give the 2014 Arnold Foundation Lecture to a packed audience in TSR. He called his talk “Ten Million Words: A Life in Books, TV and Film”.

He had, he told us, been a story-teller all his life, starting from the time when he had told stories to his friends in the dormitory of his cruel prep school to escape its horrors. That he had accepted the invitation to speak in TSR was because at Rugby he had found encouragement to explore the world of words and of books which became the central theme of his life. The point of education was, he said, to discover what you most loved doing and then to do it.

Anthony’s talk was funny, crackling with ideas and spoken at a speed which perhaps partly explains his extraordinarily prolific output. The range of his writing has been remarkable: short stories, novels, children’s books, TV and film scripts. Alex Rider books, Foyle’s War, Poirot, Midsomer Murders are perhaps his most famous successes. His first message to his young audience was to read, anything and everything; and to potential young writers, to keep on: the only unsuccessful writer is one who has given up.

He raised all kinds of questions and doubts about the state of our national culture. Is reading becoming a specialist activity? How can we define our national culture without a continuing sense of narrative? (He was speaking before the recent concerns about Muslim schools in Birmingham and Bradford.) How can we avoid cultural fragmentation when we are continually subject to TV advertising breaks and to the tyranny of computer messaging? (To maintain narrative interest in Midsomer Murders he had been compelled to end each section with another unsolved murder,



eventually depopulating his fictional village.) How can we accept a government that pretends to care about education yet closes libraries? Or examination authorities which assume that (set) books can be fairly represented by short extracts? (In passing, Anthony praised the silent reading lessons he enjoyed at Rugby: I hope they still exist?) Does the quality of what we read matter?

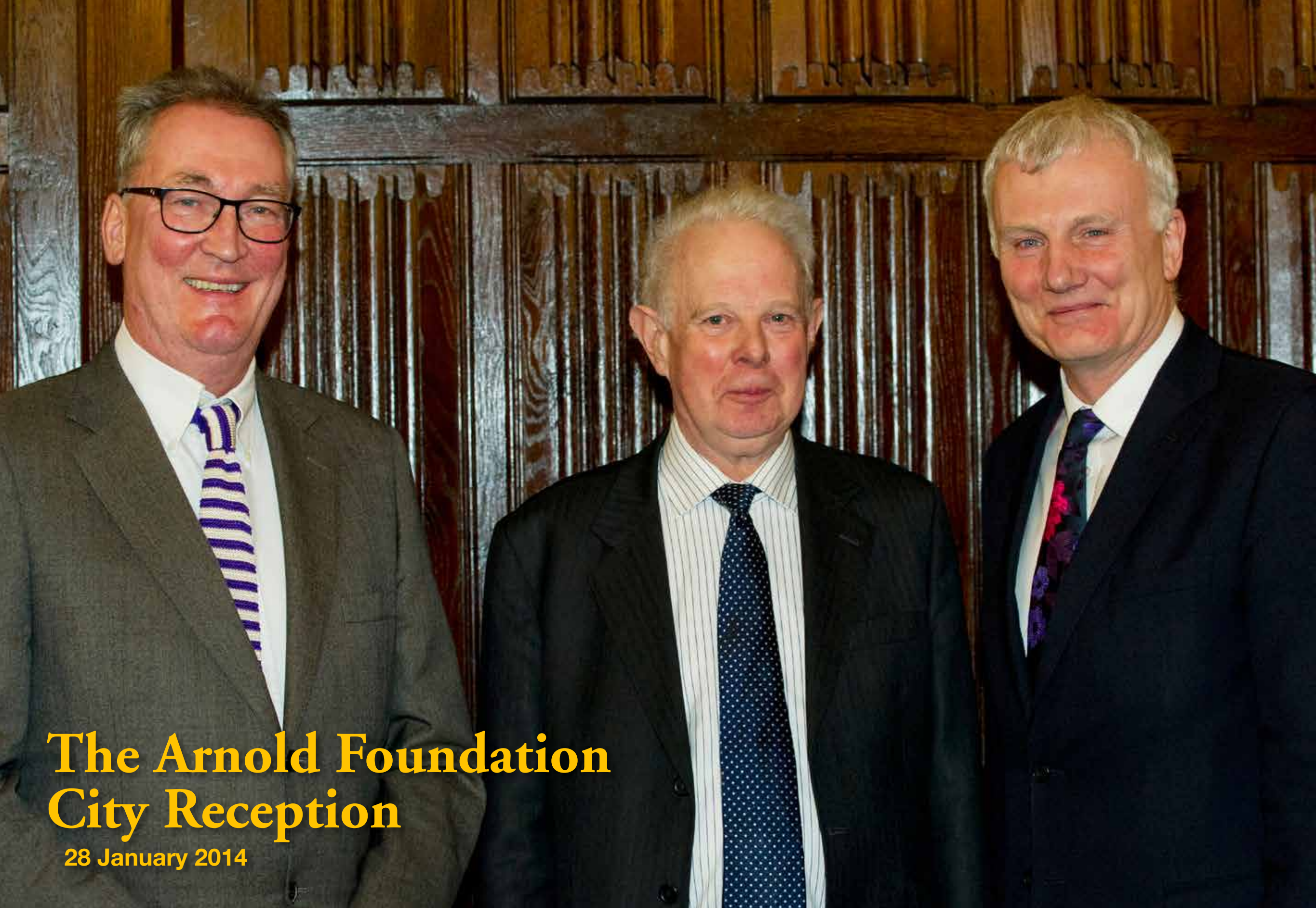
(Dan Brown may have encouraged many to read but was given short shrift.) He offered us his own forthright answers to many of his questions and challenged his audience to form their own views.

It was good to have him back.



***Rugby Pupils with Arnold Foundation Lecturer Anthony Horowitz OBE (SF 68-73)***





# The Arnold Foundation City Reception

28 January 2014

*Peter Bennett-Jones, The Right Honourable  
The Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd (W 61-65), Patrick Derham*







***Stephen Jones (K 77-81)  
& Lucinda Holmes (D 78-80)***

We were honoured that **The Right Honourable The Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd (W 61-65)** agreed to be our guest speaker at our City Event on 28 January. 160 Rugbeians, Rugby parents and guests gathered in the historic surroundings of the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn. After an update from the Head Master, Lord Thomas spoke passionately about his own experiences of Rugby School, the importance of widening access to education and the

powerful impact the Arnold Foundation has had on transforming the lives of so many young people. The occasion also marked the official launch by Peter Bennett-Jones, Chairman of the Arnold Foundation Board, of the appeal to raise funds for the Patrick Derham Bursary Award. The Award, established by the Governing Body as a tribute to Patrick Derham's time as Head Master, will support an Arnold Foundation pupil at Rugby School.





***Adnan Choudry (SH 04-09), Harriet Peachey (RB 04-09),  
George Connell (Sh 05-10) & Hugo Rut (Sh 05-10)***





*David Ejim-McCubbin (K 09-11), Salem Qunsol (W 09-11) & Jamal Khan (Tu 82-87)*





***John Coupland (Tu 80-84), Julian Mant (C 67-71), Ben Freeman (M 73-78),  
Matthew Saunders & Adrian Fox (M 75-79)***





# Rugbeian Under 30's End Dry January

*Tariq Hassan (SF 01-06), Abigail Dixon (RB & Tu 01-04), Nnamdi Obigwe (W 01-06),  
William Herlinger (W 01-06) & Leo Graham-Dullaert (W 01-06)*





***Emma Derham (St 01-03), Madeleine Spencer (St 01-03)  
& Rupert Derham (T 01-06)***



***Anthony Wright (SF 09-11), Edwina Bagge (RB & Tu 98-03)  
& Freddie fforde (SH 02-07)***



***Patrick Derham &  
Heather Smith (St 02-04)***

Rugbeian U30's got on with doing what they do best in January, and had a really good party. 'End Dry January' at GOAT featured Bar Tokens, a school cocktail and a final address from the outgoing Head Master. Mr. Derham's remarks were poignant as he has just about covered some or all of the schooling of all those present. Once again, catching up with old friends reminded us all of how wide and well our contemporaries have spread since school days, and the evening very much continued for lots of groups once the bar had shut. The event was sold out and the committee are thinking about adding more events to build on the success of the now regular winter party. Many thanks go to **Zeb Cohen (K 99-04)** and his team at GOAT as well as to the continued support from the School and of course the Rugbeians who keep coming back!





*Aaron O'Mahoney (SF 02-07), Rob Johns (SF 02-07), Thomas Royds (SF 02-07)  
& Richard Hirson (SF 02-07)*





*Josie Turpin (D 01-06), Rachel Morris (D 02-06), Zoe Dickinson (D 01-06),  
Sarah Mee (D 01-06) & Abigail Dixon (RB & Tu 01-04)*





## Scottish Friends of Rugby School Reception

*The Head Master welcoming guests  
to the New Club, Edinburgh*

the  
Arnold Foundation  
for Rugby School 

Almost 70 Rugbeians, Rugby Parents and guests attended the Scottish Reception at the New Club in Edinburgh on Friday 7 February 2014 where **The Rt Hon the Lord Hope of Craighead**

**(M 52-56)** was our guest speaker. Lord Hope spoke of his time during National Service, the benefits he gained and encouraged Rugbeians to take a gap year!





***Grant Cumming (W 11-13), The Rt Hon the Lord Hope of Craighead (M 52-56),  
Patrick Derham, Stefan Voinea (W 11-13) & Angus Crichton-Miller (SF 53-58)***



# Remembering your Will... and who to remember in it...

We very much hope that all Rugbeians, parents and friends of the School will also remember The Arnold Foundation for Rugby School.

Legacies are placed in the endowment fund unless otherwise specified and the income is used to support Arnold Foundation bursary awards. We are very grateful for your future support.

All gifts will make a difference and an initial £250 legacy would be a wonderful start.

Over the years you may decide to pledge more and it is easy to change the amount, either by a simple Codicil or Letter of Wishes giving your executors guidance on dealing with your estate.

In a Will where everything is left to a spouse there is no inheritance tax however a simple letter asking the spouse to give the Arnold Foundation a tax free sum which would attract gift aid would give the Foundation more and cost the family less if the spouse is a higher rate tax payer.

*If you will, they can.*

If you have a SIPP, a surviving spouse may draw down from the fund during their lifetime however the fund remaining on their death is taxed at a huge 55% after which it can be distributed as the individual may have directed. If the individual instructs that a charity is to benefit then the 55% tax is avoided.

When making your Will you should do so in consultation with a professional adviser.

You will find more information about the Arnold Foundation, and information about making a bequest [here](#), or please contact Kerry Wilson, Development Director in the Development Office: 01788 566139 or [development@rugbyschool.net](mailto:development@rugbyschool.net)



# Business Network

by **Stuart Wilson (W 81-86)**

**The two main initiatives of the Business Network have been fantastically supported this year and I would like to thank all those involved.**

Our focus has been on entrepreneurship, with a series of networking events held in London on this theme, which have been a great success and with our spotlight on Rugbeian Entrepreneurs in the last Floreat. At our most recent Business Forum, an audience of over 100 Rugbeians and friends were treated to a very informative and humorous evening with **Keith Abel (Br 78-82)** the founder of Abel & Cole, whose key messages around customer service, employee engagement and having fun were all brought to life in a most engaging way. Anyone listening to Keith was left in no doubt that whatever else happens, critical to any successful business is tenacity and a very thick skin!

We are all looking forward to the next event on 7th October with the 'King of Digital Media', **Edward 'Bod' Boddington (K 78-83)** who will be drawing on his experience as the pioneer of reality TV voting for the X Factor and Britain's Got Talent, when he asks 'Have Rugbeians got talent?' – an event not to be missed! Further information is available on the website.

After last year's success, our other major focus this year has been our Internship Network programme, which I am pleased to report found young Rugbeians placements of between two weeks and nine months in London, Dubai, Cape Town,



Hong Kong, Daventry and Rotherham. We must have done something right in 2013, as the number of applications this year doubled and we spent three days interviewing an outstanding shortlist from which we were pleased to select 20.

We were very keen this year to get the feedback from the Companies who had taken on the young Rugbeians: after all, this has to be a two-way street as repeated philanthropic generosity cannot go on and on without some benefit. Without exception the response has been overwhelmingly positive and all have acknowledged the value that these

bright, hardworking, enthusiastic students have brought to their organisations. You will be able to read on the next few pages the sort of comments that have come from both the interns and the employers and also those of the interview team too!

We are hugely grateful to all the Companies who have supported us over the last year and I hope that any of you reading this will be open to offering an internship for 2015. I can speak from personal experience by saying that they are incredibly rewarding from all sides and I would really encourage you to contact me (07771 968264 / [sw@rpint.com](mailto:sw@rpint.com)) for further details. Whether you would like to offer an internship in your company, be involved in the interview process or apply for one of our future intern opportunities please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**Stuart Wilson (W 81-86) & Jane Phelps (Member of Staff 93-07)** are the Business Network Co-ordinators for the Rugbeian Society.



## Rugbeian Society Internships 2014

We were delighted that so many Rugbeians have joined us in supporting the Internship Network by offering young Rugbeians the chance to intern with them this summer. This year the following Rugbeians have been offered placements. You can read about some of their experiences on [page 99](#).

### Clews and Co.

Hector Alexander (C 07-12)

Emma Lawrence (St 11-13)

### Al Dobowi

Theo Carter (SH 06-11)

### Elapco

Hugo Manson (W 07-12)

### New College of the Humanities

Sam Livingstone (C 07-12)

Gus Allen (K 07-12)

Lily Armstrong (Tu 05-10)

### First Property

Sebastian Foster (Sh 05-10)

Sari Thomas (B 04-09)

### Qlickit

Christopher Halliwell (M 06-09)

### Rugbeian Society

Katie Kelsall

Natasha Neeley,

### RPI – London

Jenny Burton (Tu 05-10)

Emma Laurie

Sophie Ogunyemi

Tilly Bennett-Jones

Maddie Evans

Olivia Jackson

### RPI – Hong Kong

Athena Tam (D 07-12)



## What the Interview Panel had to say...

“Happily, we were able to place the vast majority of applicants and, in the small number of cases where this was not possible, we are hopeful that should those individuals re-apply next year they will have another opportunity to find an internship”.

“It was a pleasure to meet, and have the opportunity to talk to, young Rugbeians about their hopes and aspirations and I am delighted that so many of them found their internships interesting, challenging, educational and, above all, fun!”

“We hope to be able to offer as many or more opportunities next year and would ask anyone in the Rugbeian community who feels they may be able to offer a summer placement to contact the Rugbeian Society office.”

“Seb did not have any relevant experience before his Internship but he was a nice guy, had done his research and gave an excellent presentation on why he wanted the internship opportunity so we thought ‘let’s give him a chance!’ and it helped him enormously.”

“we very much enjoyed interviewing an interesting cross section of Rugbeians who, as is their wont, came across as interesting, pleasantly sociable and confident individuals.”

“These young people are impressive - they are motivated, ambitious but expect there to be life outside work and may well create a better work/life balance than their predecessors ever managed. With their internship experience they will have actual evidence to use to bring to life job applications and some good experience to make informed choices for their future.”

“Whatever the employment figures show, it is still very tough getting a good first job and even more difficult getting the internship which will provide the evidence that employers are looking for and that a potential employee needs to discover if this is an area of employment they would like to be involved in for a few years. It is all a bit of a lottery but of course there are some things to be done to improve the odds and making the most of an internship is one of them.”



## What the Employers had to say...

### Jeremy Barks from First Property Group wrote to say

"As it turned out that the work we were doing at the time underwriting development projects was relevant to Sari's coursework; in fact it helped her to complete one of her assignments. She was helpful to us too so it was a mutually rewarding experience. Sari was a pleasure to have around the office and we would welcome her back."

"The interns I have worked directly with have definitely been a return on the investment of time and money... these aren't work experience people, these are young people wanting to learn, wanting to get stuck in and we benefit from it."

"What I have found in each of the interns is their overwhelming sense of excitement on joining us coupled with an equal sense of wanting to do well, feel worthwhile and by the end of their term have a sense of achievement."

### Team Manager Brian Trappe from RPI reports

"Athena Tam supported a major project for a management consultancy client, helped us to recruit staff for one of our major telecom enterprise clients and co-ordinated the involvement of participants for a major event we are running in August. She had an excellent attitude, youthful exuberance and diligent hard work. We will be keeping in touch with Athena into, what I'm sure will be, a bright future."

### David Clews from Clews & Co wrote in his report...

"From our point of view the fact you selected someone quite clearly considering a career as a Chartered Surveyor made the whole thing tick. Hector has one year to go on his estate management course and he is on one of the best at Reading. At times he felt more like a graduate trainee"

"I did commit a fair bit of preparation time and this is clearly vital, Hector loved the fact his first day consisted of a detailed project meeting at Heathrow at 11.00 on a new build project followed by a dilapidations job in Northampton later the same day. Then site inspections at Leicester, Derby/Chester all on the same day."

**David Clews (K 76-80)**

"I would have liked William for longer. He fitted in so well and amazed us all with the research he had done and the value he added."

### Jane Phelps at NCH writes:

"We have had three Rugbeians as interns this summer working in the marketing department and undertaking a whole variety of tasks. They grow in confidence, learn how to present their views coherently, how to present research in the most user friendly approach and that it is OK to be yourself at work! Learning to turn up on time, to think about others and take your share of making the tea and coffee are also helpful. We always discuss with them their future plans and suggest additional contacts they might investigate through the network."



## What the Interns had to say...

**Jenny Burton (Tu 05-10)** contacted us to say...

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time with RP International and I feel that I have learnt a huge amount about the recruitment world. I am incredibly grateful to the Rugbeian Society for offering this internship and thoroughly recommend that ORs continue to make the most of all the opportunities available."

**Sari Thomas (B 04-09)** thanked the Rugbeian Society...

The internship with First Property was the first internship/work experience I felt I was actually useful in someway instead of just observing, and the timing was perfect as I not only learnt a lot but it significantly helped with what I was doing on my course at the time.

**Emma Laurie (St 10-12)** commented...

"Following the month at RPI it couldn't be clearer that it is work experience that will open doors in the future so it is a huge benefit to all of us that these internship opportunities are available especially when they are so hard to come by."

**Sebastian Foster (Sh 05-10)** wrote...

"The internship scheme that you have set up is a fantastic programme. It is one I am fully behind and will encourage my old school mates to apply."



# Clews & Co. A Learning Curve

by Hector Alexander (C 07-12)

**Manchester, Portsmouth, Heathrow, Stafford and Derby... not all the most desirable parts of the UK you might think? You would be wrong.** These are

all places I have visited over the course of my two week internship and I have discovered that for the 'big shed' industry these locations are pure gold dust. Well connected to our vast web of motorways, often close to international airports, and with relatively low land values. These 300,000 sqft elephants have become increasingly important to us as internet firms require more and more distribution centres to service our 'next/same day delivery' needs. It's an extremely busy sector of the property industry.

Clews and Co, a specialist property firm based in Daventry, has given me an insight into the property industry rarely available to people at my stage. I am going into my third year of Real Estate at Reading and being handed the responsibility of meeting tenants and landlords, updating condition schedules, assessing tenants dilapidation liabilities and measuring up warehouses has been both testing and rewarding.

The week kicked off with a trip to Heathrow to visit a soon to be salmon dealing refrigerated warehouse. I found out early on that to a property man dealing in sheds, nothing is more exciting than 'lazering' (not a scientific term) the size of a warehouse with a small black box that emits a red beam of light, producing a distance on a screen. I suspect it's not magic, but it is pretty good fun. I learnt of my enjoyment for it a week later in a warehouse near Manchester



airport. The warm up to the 'lazering' involves dressing in a fluorescent gilet, and the warm down is working out the square footage of the property using the obtained figures. Perhaps the most interesting part is experiencing the buzz of a working warehouse, something one rarely comes across at university.

A highlight of my time at Clews was being sent to London to find a property in the city for a large insurance firm. The instruction was clear, 2000 sqft of office space in EC3. It was, however, not an enormous

amount of guidance, and as I sat on the train to London. Daunted, I felt a little like Suarez. I had bitten off more than I could chew. Luckily the sky was blue and it was a joy wondering the streets, meeting commercial agents, noting numbers and scrawling details. By the end of the day I had compiled a report containing 10 real options for the insurance firm. I had also strolled miles – much, much too far. Unnecessarily far. So far in fact that I had to get an over ground train back, on which I passed a sign saying 'Welcome to London'. Note to self: stay focussed and keep the search area small. Somewhat of a learning curve.

In all, my time at Clews and Co has been a complete pleasure. Not only have I learnt a huge amount as I have been granted large responsibilities (there's a strong argument here for doing internships with smaller firms), working with David Clews has been interesting, exciting, amusing and fundamentally memorable. His incredible depth of knowledge in the shed market is unprecedented, and his charismatic attitude towards his interns makes their experiences at the firm busy and broad. It really has been a fantastic internship.



## Magic Circle Law Firms to Major Airlines the Recruitment world is an Eye Opener

by Emma Laurie (St 10-12)

**Having applied for an internship last summer, this January I was lucky enough to secure a month working in London working with Stuart Wilson and his team at RP International.**

RPI is a recruitment agency that operates in the telecommunications and financial services industries; an area I would never have seen myself! However after some training and a month in the office I have learnt an enormous amount about recruitment; as well as understanding how a small firm operates on a global basis which has been eye opening and interesting. The variety of work has been fantastic and full on from the start – for example I helped map the market for a Russian client as well as sourcing candidates for a Magic Circle Law firm and a major airline (and they got interviews!)

The month I spent at RP was great; I improved my networking skills, socialised with new colleagues and experienced life working in the City. I feel very lucky to have seen recruitment from the



other side; the insight I gained was invaluable as I now understand what matters to recruiters and why; and have been able to pick the brains of industry experts who were willing to share their experiences. As I go forward and submit applications for more internships I feel far more informed and in a position to increase my chances of success.

## IT and Transformation to Table Tennis - all in a days work

by Jenny Burton (Tu 05-10)

During my time at the global recruitment firm, I was introduced to the world of executive search and IT recruitment. I had the opportunity to get hands on experience by looking through job specifications, searching for candidates and increasing my professional network. I was even asked to give a presentation on a new field of recruitment for the company, information architecture, which was presented to the entire London office in my third week.

Spending the majority of my time in the IT and Transformation department, I became well-versed in the various different skills necessary in order to work in IT. I was encouraged to learn quickly, and I was able to pick up a new technical vocabulary in my first week in order to have in depth conversations with candidates and clients over the phone early on in the internship.



I particularly enjoyed the atmosphere in the office at RPI, and I was able to sit down with the managers and ask any questions about their individual fields of expertise. Despite the fact that I was an intern, I felt treated as part of the team and was even welcomed to join in the table tennis tournaments!



# RP International - Hong Kong

## The Diverse Day to Day Life of a Recruiter

by Athena Tan (D 07-12)

**My internship at RP International was an array of new and exciting experiences. After my interview in April, I was offered a 10 week internship at RPI's London Headquarters and Hong Kong Office.**

RPI is a global executive search firm, which specializes in the telecommunications sector. Even though I was admittedly a little nervous to work in an industry that I was unfamiliar with, RPI's welcoming ambience enabled me to seamlessly immerse myself into the world of recruitment.

As a soon to-be fresh graduate, I was eager to learn more about the reality of the job market and the recruitment process. In the London office, I received a comprehensive introduction to the business and industry through mapping and research. I was placed in the UK financial services team, as I had expressed a particular interest in the industry during my interview. My colleagues' willingness to teach helped to enhance my understanding of the commercial world within a friendly atmosphere. RPI's company culture also inspired a healthy and balanced work ethic. From table tennis tournaments to 'Wig Wednesday', my days were varied and rarely dull.



As 3 weeks flew by, I embarked onto my next journey with RPI in Hong Kong. From the onset, the office's dynamic and supportive environment was infectious. Here, I was able to experience the diverse day-to-day life of a recruiter first hand. I faced challenges such as cold-calling and interviewing candidates, which I quickly grew accustomed to with the support of my mentor and colleagues. As a native Cantonese speaker, I was also able to practice my language skills within a professional setting by helping to organize office events and communicate with our local staff. And so, with a panoramic view

of the Victoria Harbour as our office backdrop, I was able to get a real taster of globalization and its impact on the international market.

Throughout my internship, I was encouraged to apply my academic skills and improve my soft skills – such as time management and communication abilities. RPI provided me with a chance to utilize my skills in the real world, where I could test out its practicality and felt that my input was valued. One of the most rewarding moments of my internship was when I found out that one of my candidates was offered an interview, as it was a project that I had been involved in from the very beginning.

I am grateful to both the Rugbeian Society and RP International for this educational and eye-opening journey. I would highly recommend other Rugbeians to take part in the programme. It is an excellent opportunity for one to explore the world of work and to take away valuable lessons for the future.



# First Property Group Plc

## The Building Blocks to a New Role

by Sebastian Foster (Sh 05-10)

**I'm writing this article 7 weeks after finishing my placement with First Property Group Plc, sitting at my desk at the Wilson Bowden head office (the commercial division of Barratt Developments Plc) in my new role as a Graduate Commercial Development Surveyor.**

In Spring this year I made the bold decision to leave my graduate role with Schlumberger, the world's leading oil services firm, after 8 months of working around the world from Paris to Abu Dhabi, Kuala Lumpur and the South China Sea.

The motivation behind leaving was to pursue a career in real estate, even if it meant parting with such a leading company. After touching down in the UK from Abu Dhabi, I received a newsletter from the Rugbeian Society, which included a host of placement opportunities organised by the Rugbeian Internship Network.

After a rigorous application process headed by Simon Penniston and Stuart Wilson, I managed to secure a 2 week placement with Ben Habib at First Property Group Plc, a commercial property fund management company with operations in both the UK and Poland.

I learnt how funds are raised, and the importance of investing these funds in sustainable income producing assets. I also

observed how the group co-invested in these funds, assessing opportunistic developments in order to earn a good return on capital invested. I helped contribute towards this by assisting in the search for lucrative investments, assessing their potential through

processes such as commercial due diligence.

In addition to learning new concepts and skills, it kept me up to date with current market trends and provided me with the momentum, market understanding and confidence to apply for graduate positions. The philosophy of the group, its professionalism and teamwork is one of the best I've been involved in and confirmed my decision to pursue a career in real estate.

It was during this time I was offered an interview with Barratt Developments. So, on my lunch break I headed over to begin the first round of interviews.

I was able to use my up to date knowledge, confidence and know-how gained from my exposure at First Property and apply it to the process.

As a result, I am now working directly for the MD of the commercial development arm of a FTSE 100 company and the UK's largest house builder. I am enrolled on the RICS APC programme, on the pathway to becoming a Chartered Surveyor and will start my part-time Real Estate MSc at Nottingham Trent University in September.

I owe a great deal to the Rugbeian Society and the Internship network. It provided me with the building blocks to secure a great role in my chosen field and I would urge any of my fellow Rugbeians to apply.





# New College of the Humanities

## Transferable Skills in a Stimulating Environment

by Gus Allen (K 07-12)

**I applied for the marketing internship at New College of the Humanities in early 2014 and, after an interview with Simon Penniston, I was delighted to be offered a place.**

New College of the Humanities was set up in 2011 as a radical new alternative in the field of tertiary education, offering what even many Russell Group universities are no longer able to: greater contact time, one-to-one tuition and a high intensity syllabus. The unique and innovative nature of the college made it an interesting outfit to work for from a marketing point of view.

Prior to the internship, marketing had been a field I was keen to explore and, having just finished my first year at university, the internship at the New College seemed like the perfect opportunity. After five weeks at the College, I feel I have learnt many transferable skills in a stimulating environment and couldn't have asked for a better first experience.

From the start I was given real responsibility and worked on projects that were actually used by the College, rather than just

menial tasks to keep the intern busy! The varied nature of the work I undertook also gave me an insight into many different areas of the broad marketing field. This included updating the College's social media accounts, producing reports on the

effectiveness of different forms of social media, writing press releases, updating the College website, working with a graphic designer to produce a series of student welfare posters and producing a daily news roundup to be sent to all the College staff: pressing the send button was always a nerve-wracking experience given the high calibre of the recipients!

The fascinating nature of the work was greatly complemented by the atmosphere within the office. The majority of the College's non-academic staff work together from a large open office in the College's impressive home in

Bedford Square, the heart of central London. From my first day I felt really welcome, as each member of staff kindly took time to introduce themselves and explain their role within the organisation. I was particularly struck by the fact that everyone seemed to really enjoy their work and despite a fun and relaxed atmosphere (Wimbledon was always on in the background!), everyone worked incredibly hard and efficiently.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the New College. I learnt a great deal and am most grateful to the Rugbeian Society and everyone at the New College for giving me this opportunity.







## Business Forum – 24 April 2014

by Simon Penniston (C 65-70)

*John Coupland (Tu 80-84), Rupert Derham (T 01-06)  
& Nik Darlington (Sh 99-04)*

On the evening of 24th April around 70 Rugbeians, together with their guests, gathered at the Cavalry and Guards Club in London for the latest in our series of Business Forums with Keith Abel, one of the founders of Abel and Cole, purveyors of organic fruit and vegetables. In his own inimitable, engaging, entertaining and humorous way Keith told us how, following his days at Rugby and the failure to pass his bar exams, he started selling potatoes door to door in South London and subsequently to build the business and brand of Abel and Cole. Keith entertained us with his description of how, from near disaster early on, the business grew and prospered to the point where he decided to

sell it in 2007. Over time the business began to struggle and the company's bankers decided that a radical solution was required to try and get it back on track. Their solution was to hire Keith as a "company doctor" and they appointed him CEO. Over time the business started growing again with turnover reaching £65 million. Following Keith's talk, we had a lively question and answer session after which, over a few glasses of wine, Rugbeians socialised and networked, with Keith being sought out by many of the assembled company. All-in-all a very successful evening, which we hope to repeat with another interesting guest at our next Forum in the autumn.





*“Keith was very amusing about the perils and pitfalls of setting up a business and the importance of customer service. I am not sure I would go as far as mowing a client’s lawn, but it does demonstrate Able and Cole’s commitment to its customers and his pride in what he does.”*

*Christopher Stanwell (M 85-90)*

*Neil Crombie (M 89-94), Richard Stanwell (M 87-92) & Jay Kantaria (M 89-94)*





*Charlotte Frische (D 88-90)  
& Paul Robinson*

*“Keith Abel has an inspiring story to tell any entrepreneur, and tells it like he has grown his successful business: having a huge amount of fun. It was a great evening.”*

*Will Hicks (M 97-02)*



*David Firth (W 74-78)  
& Melanie Welch*

*“Keith Abel’s story is inspiring. From failed exams and selling door to door in Catford. To Abel & Cole’s organic veg business sold for about £40m. A great business example of cheerful persistence and having fun selling customers what they like, was turned into a huge business.”*

*Nik Darlington (Sh 99-04)*





*Vanessa Fawcett, Georgina Krone (Cr 87-89) & Jeremy Fawcett (SH 84-89)*





***‘Keith was very inspiring and impressive. His ‘work hard, play hard’ approach towards school/business/life was interesting and obviously successful. I came away from the talk with some great business advice/tips up my sleeve and a couple of business leads - so a win all round! Looking forward to the next.’***

**David Sanger (SF 79-83), Alex Livingstone (Ma + T + Sh 99-06)  
& Rahi Daneshmand (Sh 02-07)**



# Autumn Business Forum

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 6.30pm

## ‘Have Rugbeians got Talent?’ Finding the X-Factor in Business’

CEO of Harvest Media, **Edward ‘Bod’ Boddington** is the pioneer of reality TV voting for popular formats such as The X Factor, Britain’s Got Talent, Pop Idol and American Idol. Bod’s combination of entrepreneurial flair and professional management skills in the digital and direct response media have seen him launching new companies and successfully grow them to sale. He has raised money through private equity, made an acquisition and carried out two joint ventures having worked in South-East Asia, North America and India as well as the UK. He has also got it wrong plenty of times along the way! Bod will be talking about his experiences around building businesses and will also be inviting an unsuspecting audience member to participate in the event! ***One not to be missed!***



***This networking forum is taking place at the Cavalry & Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PX.***

***To secure your place please either post a cheque made payable to ‘The Rugbeian Society’ to Tracey Ahmet at the address below or book online at the Rugbeian Society website (the cost to book online includes an online processing fee).***

***The cost including refreshments,  
will be £25 per person (over 30’s) and we are offering a concessionary rate of £10 for Under 30’s.***

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# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner - Class of '89

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014**  
at Bluebird Restaurant, London  
350 King's Road, London SW3 5UU  
7.00pm for 7.30pm

*The cost to attend is £62 and includes  
a three course meal with wine*

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Real Estate Dinner

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**Champagne on arrival from 6.45pm followed by dinner at 7.30pm**

You are invited to join us for the 8th Annual Real Estate Dinner which this year sees a change of venue to the Cavalry & Guards Club, Mayfair. The dinner is open to Old Rugbeians, current and past parents who are working or who have worked in the property business and related professions only.

***This networking dinner is taking place at the Cavalry & Guards Club,  
127 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PX***

***A maximum of 60 places are available. To secure your place  
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***Dress code: Black Tie***

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# News from Rugbeians



*Robert Dickson (W 76-80), Richard Bentley, Chloe MacLaren, Archie Stirling (B 74-79), Nigel Seddon (K74-79) & Chris Imray (St 72-77)*



# Commandos Reunion in Skye

June 2013 - by Robert Dickson (W76-80)



*The view of the ridge from the North West*

In the very early hours of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, a gathering of Rugbeians (all ex CCF Commandos from the 70's) converged on Glen Brittle with the intent of a traverse (partial or complete) of the Cuillins Ridge; the company was completed by Chloe, daughter of Maurice (**Maurice Maclaren M 71-76**) and Richard Bentley, an experienced mountaineering guide. **Brian Elvins (staff 58-95)**, who with Richard Smith had changed our lives by introducing us to climbing at school, came to Glen Brittle to wave us off and wish us luck.

Nige's (**Nigel Seddon K74-79**) February email followed hotly on the heels of the last reunion event, a mere three years ago. His invitation to prospective climbers had reminded us of our bodies' imminent descent into the "over 50s abyss". Seven accepted the challenge: the potential reprieve from failing legs and lungs, and for many the chance to revisit Commando section adventures on the Cuillins from April 1977.

Most of us had assembled in Patterdale in the Lake District two weeks beforehand for a "training week-end" – a night bivvying up the mountain, followed by a jaunt up Striding Edge to Helvellyn, and some light climbing on St Sunday Crag - but we all knew that this would be a bit more serious, even for the regular climbers such as Chris (**Chris Imray St72-77**) and Archie (**Archie Stirling B74-79**), both of whom had recent Himalayan experience. The Cuillin ridge on Skye is unlike any other mountain ridge in the UK. 13 km long from one end to the other, it contains eleven Munros, and total ascent of over 3000m. Much of the ridge is exposed with steep drops on both sides, and some sections require technical climbing up to a standard of 'Hard Severe'.

We came ready for normal Cuillin summer weather conditions: multiple layers of gortex and thermals, changes of clothes etc. Astonishingly we hit a settled week-end: sunshine, no wind, temperatures up to 20C, an alien experience for us in the Scottish hills. The challenge would be hydration rather than warmth. The midges were appreciating the weather too, and also gathered at dawn in Glen Brittle to heed us on our way.



*Brian seeing us on our way in Glen Brittle, with Mark and Rob*



We set out to climb the ridge from South to North. Pete (**Peter Dickson W75-79**) would ascend separately and join us mid- way along the ridge that evening to bivvy with us that night. As we slowly gained height in the shadow of ridge, we had ever better views over the glassy sea of the Inner Hebrides to Eigg and Rhum as far away as Mull. The conversation was intermittent as we contemplated the days ahead and kidded ourselves that our knees and hips were not hurting already. At 8am, after 2 hours of climbing, we reached Coire a Grunnda, our last chance to fill water canisters. By 9.00am we were on top of Sgurr nan Eag, our first Munro on the ridge. The ridge meandered away from us to the north. Sgurr nan Gillean, the most northerly peak, did not really look so far away...



*Our first summit – Sgurr nan Eag*

Things began to go awry fairly quickly after that. As Mark (**Mark Lavelle T72-76**) re-ascended Eag to retrieve his sun hat (essential piece of kit), Nige at the rear lost the rest of us all together and ended up climbing the next peak twice from different directions. We were reunited on Sgurr Dubh Mor with the help of GSM. A hasty conversation about our (lack of) discipline and we organised ourselves into climbing pods. Mark, Maurice and Chloe would climb with Richard, and I would climb with Chris, and Archie would climb with Nige. We made better progress after that, and before long we were abseiling down into the Thearlich Dubh (TD) gap.

The climb out of the TD gap is a rock climb now graded as ‘Hard Severe.’ While most of the Cuillin Ridge is comprised of Gabro, and tough and coarse volcanic rock ideal for climbing, there are also ribs of basalt which becomes smooth and polished when worn – the case of the crux of the TD gap, comprising a shallow holdless chimney with a deep crack at the back of it, ideal for a knee jam but



*Maurice approaching the crux of the TD gap*



not much more. After some extended trials and tribulations and more than a few expletives, we eventually succeeded in getting everyone to the top. We were on our way again. We were soon at the summit of Sgurr Alasdair the highest peak on the ridge, but it was now about 3pm, and looking back towards Sgurr nan Eag, we were shocked to see how little distance we had covered. Gillean did not look any closer at all.

Having fallen so far behind our time schedule, we skirted Kings Chimney along a Tolkien-esque narrow ledge and continued up towards Sgurr Dearg and the Inaccessible Pinnacle (the In Pinn)

where we would meet up with Pete. It was on this section that Mark's knee got the better of him, and he descended from the ridge with the assistance of another climbing party.

The Pinn is the second highest summit on the ridge and is renowned as the hardest of all the Munros. Although the climbing is straightforward, the exposure is terrific.



*Nige descending the In Pinn*

The legendary climbing pioneer WH Murray wrote of it in 1947: “a knife-edged ridge, with an overhanging and infinite drop on one side, and a drop on the other side even steeper and longer”. There was no way we would miss this out, and in no time we were in turn up it and abseiling down the northern side.

Pete joined us for the next section over Sgurr na Banachdich, and at around 9pm we finally arrived at our bivvy site for the night, a narrow col before Sgurr a Ghreadaidh. With a melting patch of snow beneath the col, we were soon able to rehydrate and refill bottles and eat, and had it not been for Maurice's raucous tones, we would have been fast asleep long before the glorious 11pm sunset.



*Pete all ready for a sleepless night*



Following Nige's 5.00am brew, we were off again at 5.30am. At 7.30am we reached an Dorus where Pete and Maurice were able to descend the ridge, and the remaining party of six continued at a steady rate over Mhaidaih and Bidein. We were making excellent progress, and by noon we were on the Bruach na Frithe, the start of the final northern section. The ascent of Bruach na Frithe revived memories of Pete's last descent of it in 1977: about 1000 feet in about 20 seconds. Something that he probably recovered from faster than Brian or Richard did.



*Chloe and Nige on Naismith's, Basteir Tooth*



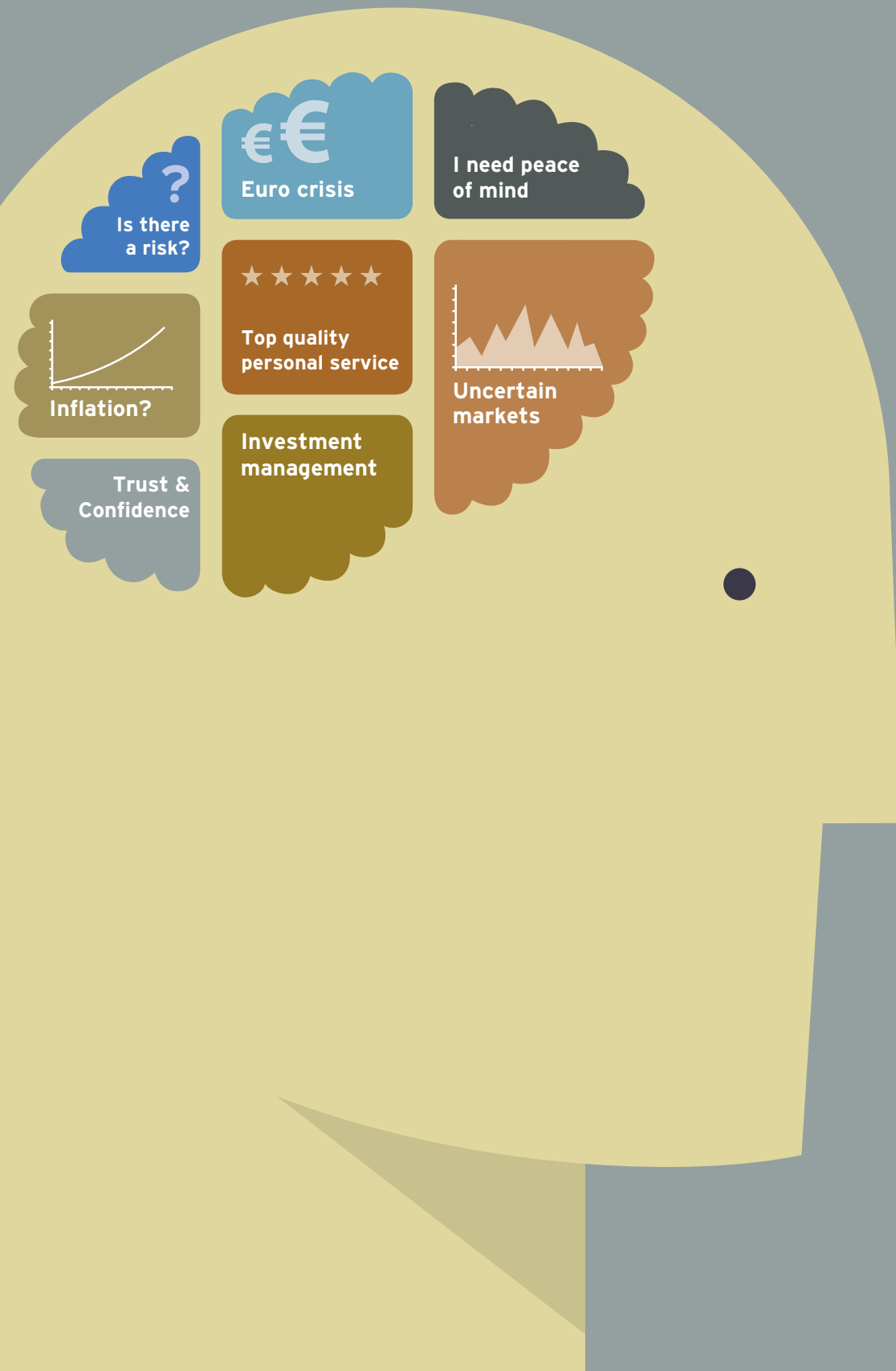
*Bathtime on the way down*

Richard, Chloe and Nige ascended Naismith's route on the Basteir tooth, and before long we were over Am Basteir and climbing the last exposed section to the top of Sgurr nan Gilleann. The bottle of Talisker that Pete had brought up to the ridge was drained in celebration of the last summit and the completion of the ridge.

Following a bathe in the burn on the path back to Sligachan, we arrived at the hotel (the "Slig") at around 5.30pm to be welcomed down off the mountain by Brian with a few beers.

Nige had originally positioned this Cuillin trip as a "Swan song". Certainly not – the conversation in the Slig quickly turned to "What next?" Talk of Kanchenjunga... We suspect that North Wales is more realistic. If you are a Rugbeian climber and are interested in joining in next year, please let Nige know!





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# Letters to the Editor

## Alan Staveley

by Michael Walker (SF & C 41-46)

I was very interested to read in this year's Floreat the article about **Alan Staveley** who was House Tutor in Cotton when I was appointed Head of that House upon its reopening in 1945. I was reminded of him a year or two ago when I was living in Norfolk and I played golf from time to time in the same group as Sam Staveley who is his nephew. He told me that Alan was still alive and whilst physically frail his mind was still very active. In response to a letter I sent him, Alan rang me and we had quite a chat. He seemed to be remarkably cheerful and full of beans.

Floreat readers may be interested to know more about the re-opening of Cotton in 1945. When asked by the Headmaster in the Spring of 1945 whether I would be interested in moving from School Field where I had been since 1941 to become Head of Cotton which was due to be reopened at the start of the Christmas term I decided to accept the challenge. The House had been requisitioned just before I went to Rugby for use as a dormitory for women members of the army (the ATS). The new Housemaster was to be **Dick Stott** and the House Tutor, who I think was new to the school, **Alan Staveley**. Dick Stott and I met from time to time to go through School lists to identify up to about 10 boys who we thought would fit in well if they were prepared to make



the transfer from their existing Houses and we duly filled the places, though not without some disappointments. Before moving in I contacted "Duke" Hussey (later to become chairman of the board of BBC governors) who had been Head of House when it was closed. My purpose in doing so was to find out if there were any House customs which he thought should be continued, as I wanted to ensure that traditions were maintained wherever possible.

For the first year the House numbered just over 30 which included one or two who were waiting until vacancies occurred at the Houses to which they would ultimately be going and some more mature boys who for one reason or another had been entered for Rugby later than normal. The year passed without too many problems although House matches with such limited numbers from which to pick a team tended to be rather one-sided, although we did record some particularly pleasing results!

by Marcus Titley (St 55-60)

That was a wonderful article on **Alan Staveley**. I am sure a lot of folk he taught in that era did not know what happened to him and he certainly had two excellent Headmasterships. I have not the vaguest idea who might be the next oldest but **John Dewes** the England cricketer may not be too far off. He was born in 1926, if I remember rightly. He went from Rugby (he taught me) to Barker College Sydney but didn't last long and I think played out his days at Dulwich College.



Alan lives in Oakham, England. His son Peter (T 62-67) lives in Tuscany, Italy. There is correspondence from Brisbane, Australia and a copy goes to Dubai and Rugby. Isn't this the object of the wonderful Rugbeian Society, ie to connect the new with the old, to encourage international correspondence and to highlight the careers of those rather older than ourselves as a tribute to them and as an eye-opener to the younger generation. Floreat continues to be magic and majestic. Wonderful stuff.

Re J Inglis. In terms of cricket it should be noted that he was captain of Cranleigh and was a very fine wicketkeeper and a very fine captain. Interestingly at Rugby when he came the keepers were Will Inge, Oxfordshire, Michael Coates, Marlborough, who played for the Lord's Schools and Iain Campbell, Oxford University and Kent. I would suspect that JI was not far off higher honours behind the stumps but there were a number of other excellent keepers who went one step higher.

### by Alan Sayles (T 46-51)

I was particularly interested in the interview with **Alan Staveley**. Alan was my Form Master at one time, and I always held him in great respect and affection. I wrote to Alan that day, reminding him among other things of his driving me back from the Rugby Clubs Camp at St. Mary's Bay in his, even then very old, Alvis car. Two days later, I received a telephone call from him when we were able to share more memories. It really was a delightful and moving experience, and I am grateful to Floreat for making this possible.

Many other articles were of great interest, and I look forward to the next edition in due course. Once again a splendid edition

of the Floreat, and congratulations to Fiona and Tracey for the immense amount of work which you must have put into it.

## The new Head Master

### by Stewart Hett (W & C 40-44)

When it was announced that Peter Green was to be the new Headmaster of Rugby School, I wrote him a letter giving the links between Ardingly College, Rugby School and the Hett Family.



Peter Green made a courteous reply. I thought these links might be of interest to some people.

The Hetts have lived in Ardingly since the start of the 20th century. My brother, A I Hett, still lives in Ardingly and my sister lived in Ardingly until her death last year. My Naval Service meant I moved away from Ardingly for many years.

My Father, **A I Hett (Cotton 1905-09)**, taught at Ardingly College from about 1927 until he retired in around 1955. He taught the younger boys, but as a keen swimmer, a half-blue at Cambridge, he took a great interest in College swimming, when the pool was in the open! He commanded the College OTC during World War 2. He retained his interest and contact with the school until his death in 1969. The stained glass window in the West end of the Under was installed in his memory.

My Uncle **L K Hett (Cotton 1902-05)**, was an architect, and lived



in Ardingly most of his life. He executed many architectural works at Ardingly College. My brother sings with the Choral Society who rehearse at the College and often give performances there. He was at Clifton College, not Rugby School, getting a Scholarship to Clifton.

L K and A I Hett's elder brother **H A Hett (W 1897-00)** was also at Rugby School. I was at Rugby School (Cotton and Whitelaw 1940-44) and both my sons were at Rugby (**Charles Hett W 73-76**) and **Christopher (W 76-81)** as well as my daughter **Caroline (Cr 76-78)**, who was one of the early sixth form girls. So three generations of Hetts were Old Rugbeians. Mr Woodhouse, the Headmaster of Rugby, when my children were there moved on to become Head of Lancing, also a Woodard School.

My younger daughter did not go to Rugby, but did her sixth form time at Ardingly College. There were two Rugbeians on the staff at Ardingly College when she was at the School; **Patrick Moloney** and **Tom King**. They both still live in Mid Sussex, though they are both in poor health. I hope this may be of some interest to Floreat readers.

*(note from the Editor, we look forward to publishing an interview with the new Head Master, Peter Green, in the Floreat Annual 2015).*

## Rugbeians & WWI

by **Nigel Creese Staff 55-63**

Congratulations to all concerned on "Floreat 2014": interesting, nostalgic, and informative.

But really I am writing to say how profoundly moving were the eight pages on 'Rugbeians and WWI'. I could hardly read any further. The choice of an ordinary 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, and 'to follow up' them,

was inspired. I left school at just 18, so I know what it feels like. Admittedly I was straight into the RAF, but so many of them were almost immediately dead, killed. And on the front cover, so many familiar names: the 4 **Luptons**, who must be relatives of **Arthur Lupton**, teaching Physics as a Beak in my time. And **Lutyens**, who must be a son or relative of the architect. Plus many others.

The piece about **John Inglis** is yet another piece of typical Helliwell quality. I suspect it is what Geoff said at JI's memorial service. As part of the world travelling, he found time to include, I am glad to say, a week or more in Melbourne, fairly recently. We are still in Melbourne, with 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren all there. Val has about 18 tutees still, and I run 3 U3A classes for my sins.

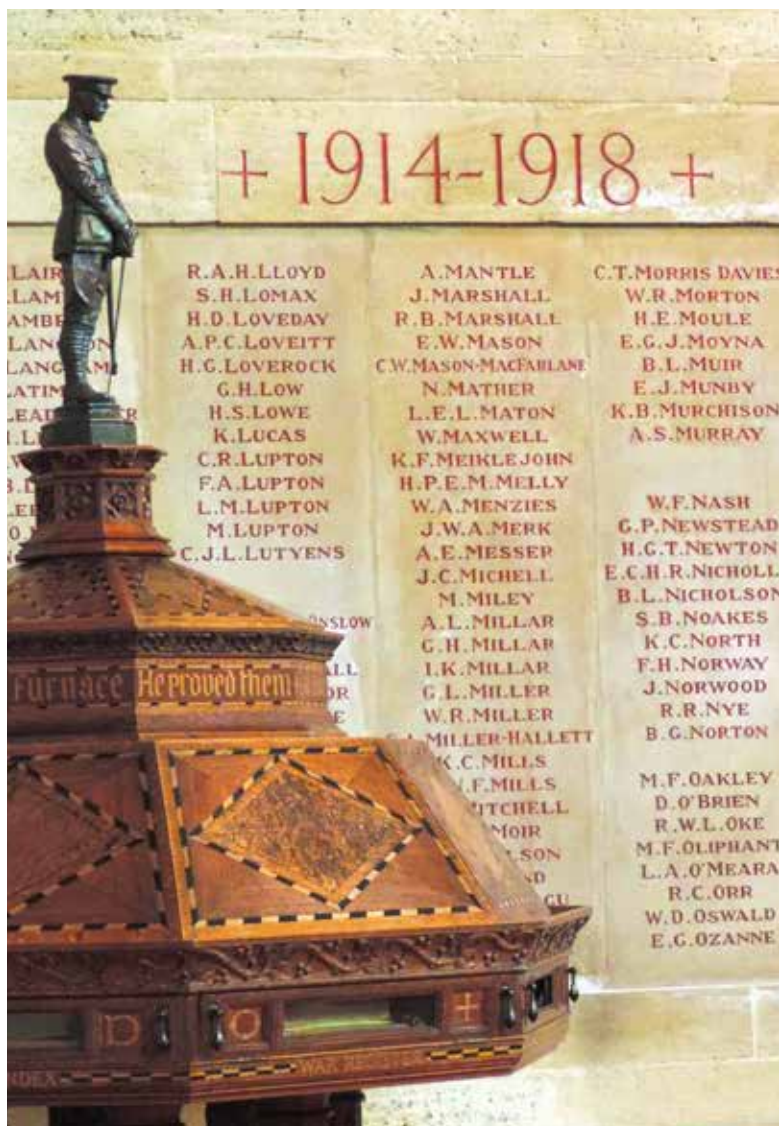
A propos of the "16 Rugby teams" we only ran 6 with external matches, but every boy in the School played in Countings, and as Master I/c Football (sic) I never put a single notice on the board. It was all run by the boys: education for you!

by **Charles White (SH 85-90)**

I just thought I would let you know in case anyone was wondering, but the soldier who is standing on top of the war memorial in the Memorial Chapel on the front cover of the Floreat 2014 is **Lt Wilfred Littleboy, (left 1914)** who was in School House, and is my great uncle. I am not sure of the exact years he was at Rugby, but it was around the period of the 1st World War.

Also at Rugby (& School House) at a similar time was my Grandfather, (**Charles**) **Norman Littleboy (left 1913)**. He was a couple of years older than Wilfred, and he also fought in the 1st World War and was awarded MC and Bar.





The octagonal (if I recall) wooden war memorial, that Wilfred stands upon, was gifted to the school by my Great Grandparents, they also, I believe, contributed to the cost of the construction of the Memorial Chapel. I recall that David Ray (my tutor in School House) was quite knowledgeable on the history of the Memorial Chapel and so may know more.

Other Littleboy relations of mine who went to Rugby are my two uncles: Graham (SH 41-46) and Peter (SH 44-49), and my two cousins: Kevin (SH 70-75) and Perry (SH 74-79). Perry's daughter, Alice, (Tu 03-08) also went to Rugby. So there have now been four generations of Littleboy's at Rugby.

You might also like to know that when I arrived at Rugby in 1985, the sword that Wilfred is holding was missing, and so during a handful of D&T classes (below the gym in my day) I made a replacement sword and then once finished I glued it in place myself. I am glad to see from the photo on the front cover that his sword is still there!

## John Tyson

by Richard J Grillo (SH 58-62)

Several School House alumni from the 1958 to 1963 era were at John's funeral on Friday, 21 March 2014 at St Catherine's at Boot in Eskdale including my brother **Harry (SH 59-63)** (with his wife Phebe, who is Phebe Tyson's goddaughter), **Simon Brown (SH 58-63)**, **Nicholas Walsh (SH 58-63)** and myself. John was buried in the graveyard at St Catherine's, where generations of Tysons going back to the 1700s, are buried.

I am sure that many of us have stories about John Tyson. My favourite memories of John were from the skiing trip to Zermatt which he took us on at Easter 1962. John and his family shared a chalet with the younger boys while we senior and presumably more responsible few shared an attic bedroom at the Hotel Bahnhof, owned by a mountain guide. We were all complete beginners and I ended up spending my second day of the holiday with his family in the chalet, as I had not used any sun block and had burnt my face badly while learning the basics of stem turns and traversing on the nursery slopes high up the mountain. By the end of the trip we were all skiing down from the top and I vividly remember following John down the Kelle run having great difficulty in keeping up. Apart from his climbing skills, John certainly knew how to get down a mountain fast.

*(Note from the Editor - please see [page 38](#) for John Tyson's Obituary)*



# The Queen Mother's Visit to Rugby 1961

by John Prescott (SF 57-61)

I enclose a copy of a photo taken by a photographer for the local newspaper, who was present when HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visited Rugby School in June 1961. It is taken by the steps that were between OBS and the New Quad, where I was assembled with a few of my classmates. I am the one that the “Queen Mum” is smiling at because she came directly over to talk to me having been steered by Head of School **Rodney Cove-Smith (SF 56-61)** who is far right. Rodney was also Head of School Field at the time. I am on the left of the picture with my cap stuffed in my jacket pocket! I remember the Queen Mother talking to me, asking me how I was and then myself saying politely that it was marvellous for her to be here. She asked me “Why was that?” I replied that “Because of her visit - we all had the day off!” She replied “Well, I had better come more often then shouldn't I?!” She was great fun. I can't remember the names of the other onlookers but they were in my class - XX1c I think.

*(We would love to hear other Rugbeians recollections of this visit – Ed)*



*The Queen Mother's Visit to Rugby 1961*

## Floreat

by David Malcolm (SH 50-54)

Once again I have enjoyed reading the Floreat cover to cover - some pages quicker than others but always with interest. This is now my only contact with current, and past, events at Rugby so it is lovely to be kept in touch with such a vibrant and respected institution. I do find it unnerving however to read of a fifteen, or more, years anniversary of a House of which I have no knowledge!! I am glad to see that a decision has been taken to maintain the hard copy version of the Floreat, for a number of reasons mostly connected with age!!

Thank you again for an excellent production.



# Publications

## The Trigger – Hunting the Assassin who Brought the World to War

by Tim Butcher (K 80-85)

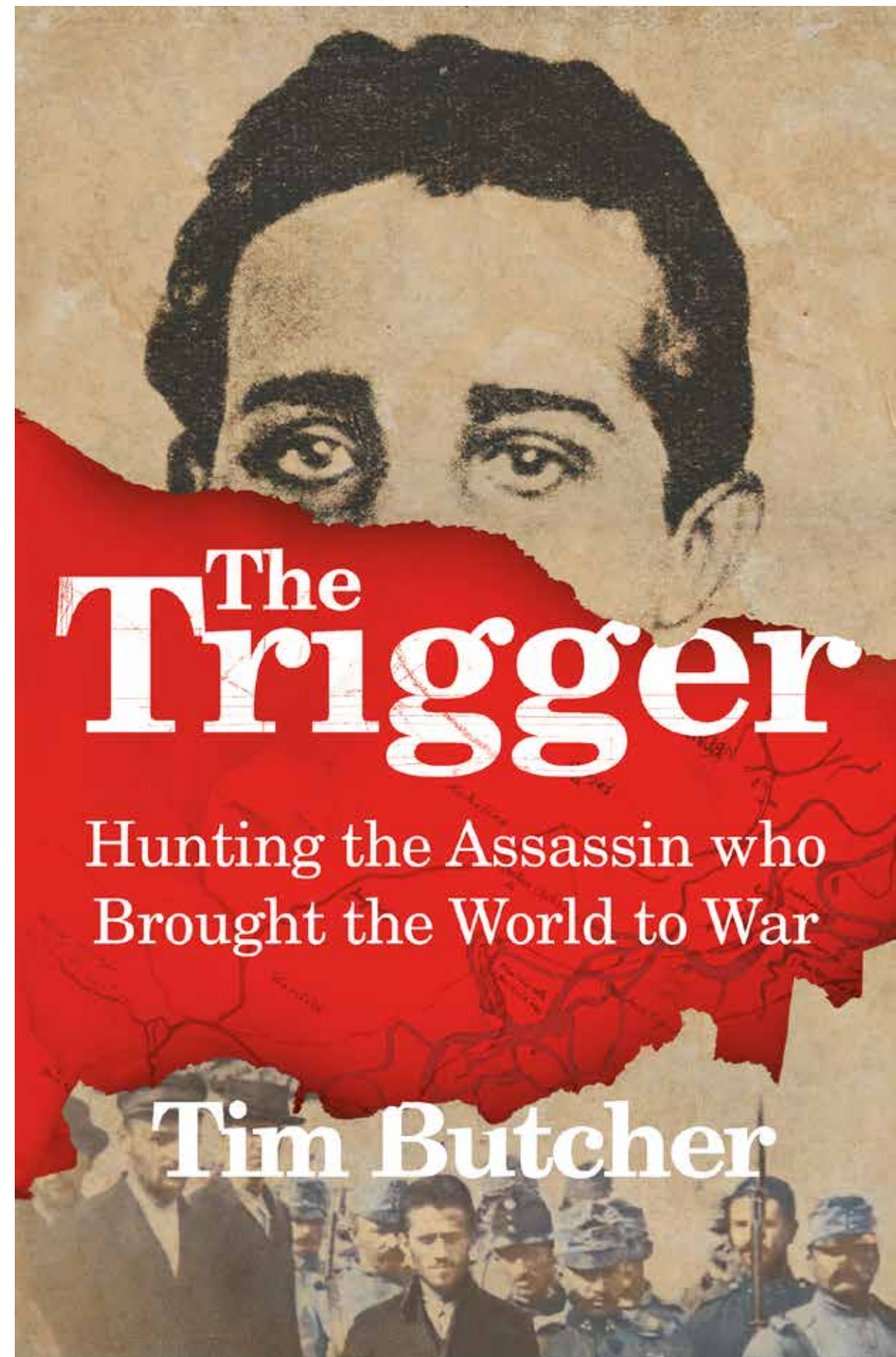
On a summer morning in Sarajevo a hundred years ago, a teenage assassin named Gavrilo Princip fired not just the opening shots of the First World War but the starting gun for modern history, when he killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Yet the events Princip triggered were so monumental that his own story has been largely overlooked, his role garbled and motivations misrepresented.

The Trigger puts this right, filling out as never before a figure who changed our world and whose legacy still impacts all of us today. Born a penniless backwoodsman, Princip's life changed when he trekked through Bosnia and Serbia to attend school. As he ventured across fault lines of faith, nationalism and empire, so tightly clustered in the Balkans, radicalisation slowly transformed him from a frail farm boy into history's most influential assassin.

By retracing Princip's journey from his highland birthplace, through the mythical valleys of Bosnia to the fortress city of Belgrade and ultimately Sarajevo, Tim Butcher illuminates our understanding both of Princip and the places that shaped him. Tim uncovers details about Princip that have eluded historians for a century and draws on his own experience, as a war reporter in the Balkans in the 1990s, to face down ghosts of conflicts past and present.

The Trigger is a rich and timely work that brings to life both the moment the world first went to war and an extraordinary region with a potent hold over history.

**ISBN: 978-0701187934**





## Festivals

by Robin Bradshaw (M 50-55)

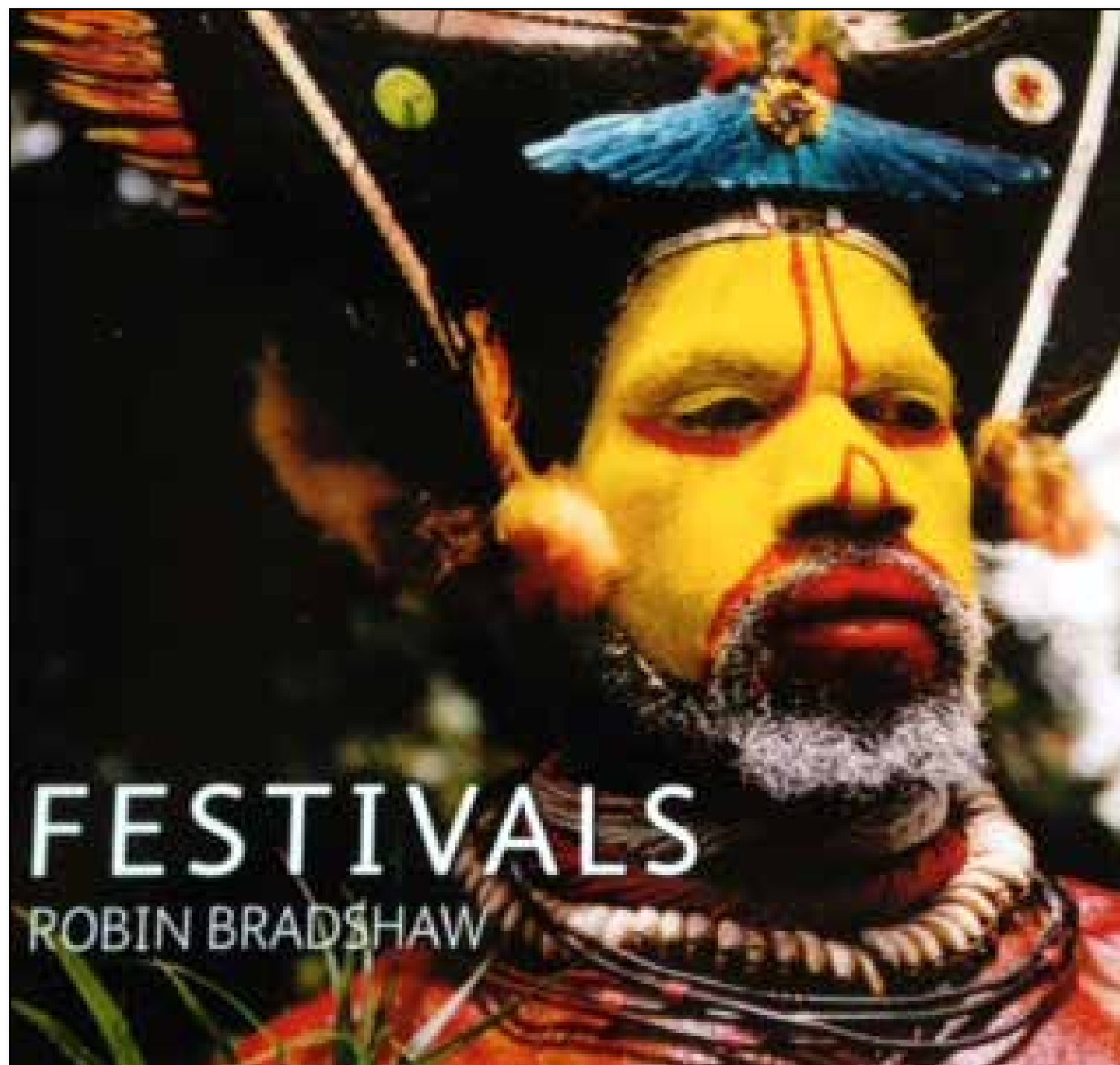
A life-long passion for travel is illustrated by this 252-page book on festivals around the world. Starting with tribal festivals and ceremonies in New Guinea and Africa, the book moves on to carnivals and religious ceremonies in the Americas and to shamans and Khampa horse festivals in Mongolia and Greater Tibet; then on to Nepal, Bhutan and a wide variety of festivals in India. The book finishes with some fascinating festivals in Burma.

Bradshaw was born in London and then for seven years he was brought up in India's (now Pakistan's) North-West Frontier with Afghanistan. This was followed by two years living on a farm in South Africa.

After his education in England, which included Rugby School and a degree in Modern History at Oxford, Bradshaw set off on an 18-month journey by motor-scooter from London to Cape Town in South Africa and back again. He travelled through the then Belgian Congo at the time of its Independence in 1960. This journey inspired a life-long interest in tribal cultures.

Bradshaw later worked for 21 years as a banker in New York, East and Central Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. After retiring from banking, Bradshaw was CEO of Tiger Mountain in Kathmandu, perhaps at the time, South Asia's leading wildlife and trekking company. He has followed this for 12 years travelling widely in about 150 countries and photographing festivals, often in remote tribal areas.

**ISBN: 978-0992858001**



*(Editor's note - There are only a few copies of this publication remaining, they are available direct from Robin in return for a donation to Mercy Corps in Edinburgh. Please contact Tracey [tda@rugbyschool.net](mailto:tda@rugbyschool.net) to reserve a copy. Robin has very kindly donated a copy to the School with the aim of showing what some Rugbeians have done and also to inspire future Rugbeian would be travellers.)*





# The Crick 2014

by Guy Steele-Bodger (Tu 74-78)

The Crick Run of 2014 attracted the usual strong field of adult runners. A few weeks of drying weather after the persistent rains of December, January and February meant the going was largely firm and we were blessed with a day of beautiful spring sunshine.

Andrew Siggers has devised a new course which takes almost all of the road running away and is exactly 10 miles in length. This was received very positively by the experienced runners. There was also an innovative fun run in the Close for

youngsters to involve all of the family on the afternoon. As a nod to the history of the race and its return to a start in the village of Crick the runners were blessed in their endeavours by the Rector of Crick before they set off. They all completed the course safely!

The winner of the Crick Run was Ben Sutherland in 61 minutes. The Rugbeian champion was **James Firth (SF 06-11)** in a time of 68 minutes, with past winner **Mike Shervington (M 85-90)** a very impressive second.





*Charlotte Sweet (G 08-13)*



*Helen Harbottle (Present Parent),  
Richard Seabrook (M 86-91)*





*Bill Hughes (C 79-84)*



*Michael Maurant (T 78-83)*





*Mike Shervington (M 85-90)*



*Martin Cruickshank (St 74-79)*





*The winner of the OR race, James Firth (SF 06-11)*



# FINISH



*Tom Lawley (M 86 -91), Simon Tannett (M 86-91)*



# Games Report Trinity 2014

by Guy Steele Bodger (Tu 74-78)



**Mark Semmence reports that the cricket club had another very successful season.** The XI often opened the bowling with two leg spinners, before turning to a further two leg spinners and a left arm orthodox spinner! Their eight wins included victories over Uppingham, Stowe, MCS Oxford and Trent, where the opposition were bowled out for 97, 140, 72 and 97 respectively. The annual two day match against Marlborough was a thriller,

but sadly still ended in a draw. Marlborough were bowled out twice and Rugby needed only 52 to win in the fourth innings but, with 4 overs left in the game, they only managed to reach 41 for 3 when stumps were drawn. The XXII and U15a XI have also had successful seasons, only losing one game each and the U14a XI reached the final stages of the County Cup.





***Matt Taylor & Lautaro Musiani-Perez***

Matthew Taylor has been the stand out senior cricketer with both bat and ball and represented the senior Northamptonshire CCC 1st XI this term, as well as various England development squads. Lautaro Musiani-Perez has played for the full Argentine XI.



***Maia Bouchier***

Maia Bouchier representing the U15a XI produced a number of match winning performances and was the first girl to win the Middlesex young cricketer of the Year award. Maia will be pushing for a place in the XI next year.





### ***Rugby School Boys Winners 2014***

Peter Dewey reports that tennis at Rugby has enjoyed a very successful year greatly helped by the work of tennis professional Jamie Taylor. Highlights include the victory of our boys' team at the Aegon Senior Student Championships in March.

In the summer term the first pair of Lucas Graham and Ollie Skailes in all their school matches have won 23 sets and lost only one, they have beaten all 19 opponents and won 138 games against 38. These results put them on a par with the most successful partnerships at Rugby in the last 30 years.

Katie Hollings reports that it has also been a successful season for the girls' tennis club, which has won all but one block fixture. The most notable victories came against Oundle and Uppingham who traditionally pose some of the strongest opposition. The 1st VI led the way losing only one match throughout the season, a feat that was matched by the U14A team. The senior 1st pair, Jamie Graham and Millie Hughes, progressed all the way to the semi-finals of the main draw of the Independent Schools' Tennis Competition.





On the athletics track our teams reached a number of finals at the Achilles relays and at the Radley relays the Under 14 boys' squad of Chauncey De Los Santos, Arkadiy Baskaev, Eric Chan

and Casper Massey won the 4x100m title in a time of 49.6 whilst the Senior boys' squad of Tom Howell, Ope Okuboyejo, Henry Holmes and George Lewis won the 4x100m race in a time of 45.6.



## Congratulations to...

**The Soccer XI** who completed their season with a 4-2 win over Radley in the Independent Schools LB Cup Final in March.

**Harry Sutherland** - who won a gold medal at the England Athletics indoor Combined Events U17 and U15.

**Kirsty Martin** - who won the singles competition and, with partner **Nush Mehta**, the National Doubles at the Rugby Fives Girls' National Championship

**Jaydene Robinson** - who was Vice-Captain of the England U17 netball team playing in the European Championships. England won the tournament.

**Harry Mallinder** - who was part of the winning England U18 team which played against Scotland in April and in the FIRA/AER European Championships during the Easter holidays

**Ben Pointon** - who played for England U18 Clubs squad against and Ireland during the Easter holidays



*Jaydene Robinson Vice Captain of the England U17 Netball squad*



# Rugbeian Society Sport



*ORGS Summer Meeting with players from across six generations attending*



# ORGS

by Tim Watts (St 66-71) Hon Secretary ORGS

Mid-June means that the OR Golfing Society is in Scotland. In the second annual match against Luffness, which takes place as a most enticing preliminary to the Scottish meeting, the OR Golfing Society won again (4.5 : 3.5). Luffness is a delightful course and club and, despite the odd brief rain shower, the morning and the lunch were hugely enjoyed by all. The Scottish Meeting proper began with a further round at Luffness followed next day by two rounds at Muirfield (the dinner in a local restaurant on Friday perhaps helping to cause some of the wayward shots early on



*4th Fairway, with Luffness clubhouse in the background.  
ORGS Captain Richard Jones (B 65-69), David Graham (W 64-69)  
& Richard Lloyd (Tu 92-96)*



*Match against Luffness: A luffness member, Nick Hills (playing for Luffness) and Jock Fraser: Jock's partner, Richard Prior, took the photo*

Saturday). The rough at Muirfield was severe, although Saturday afternoon particularly produced some good scores. The format, as ever at ORGS meetings, is drawn foursomes stableford against the card and then adding half the combined handicap at the end (so half points count) - it is more easy to understand than it sounds, but the format is to ensure a swift round. The winner of the Howard Thompson Trophy (aggregate stableford score over three rounds was the ORGS captain, **Richard Jones (B 65-69)**, with **Ian MacInnes (M 59-63)** winning the Coburn Osborn Cup (for players over 60). **David Fergus (SF 60-64)** joined us as a spectator and for lunch with a badly damaged hand caused on the hockey pitch (time to stick to golf, perhaps?) but best wishes



for a speedy recovery. Our thanks, as ever, to **Nick Hills (C 61-66)** and **Jock Fraser (K 56-60)** for arranging everything, not least a continuing welcome at these great courses.

Mid-summer golf continues with our Senior Darwin team (captained by **Robert Lyons (K 56-60)**) drawn against Tonbridge tomorrow morning (as I write) at Woking and a young team out in a friendly against Eton this coming weekend at Royal St George's (playing for a new trophy very kindly presented by our vice-Captain, **Christopher Johnson-Gilbert (W 68-73)**).

**David Clews (K 76-80)** already has good numbers for the summer meeting at Church Brampton (Northampton County GC) on Thursday 10th July, though I am sure he could find more room for late applicants.



**ORGS officers: Richard Jones (Captain), Tim Watts (Hon Sec) & Christopher Johnson-Gilbert (Vice Captain)**



**Thirsty work: ORGS members (and some wives) enjoying dinner with Niall Kennedy in foreground**

ORs, who are not members of the Society, may wish to look at our fixture list which can be found on the Rugby Society website. They will also find there some more detailed, including about our Northern Meeting (at Ganton, near Scarborough, which this year is holding the British Seniors Championship) and our Spring Meeting (at Huntercombe, near Henley). The winner of the singles competition at Ganton was our captain Richard Jones and the stableford winner was **Robert Prior (C 81-86)**. Robert also won the Spring Cup (handicap, stableford) at Huntercombe (time for a handicap adjustment, perhaps?) with **Christopher Gabbey (W 59-64)** winning the Duncan Salver for the best scratch score.



# ORGS and the School

by David Clews (K 76-80)

The ORGS Summer Meeting was, for the third time, held at Northamptonshire County GC at Church Brampton, a top class course not too far from Rugby School and we were joined by Andy Davey, master in charge of golf, his predecessor in the role, Bob Drennan, and two other members of staff. As with previous years the weather was excellent peaking at 26 degrees in the afternoon. An extra points allowance for age saw some of the older players do well in the stableford format with **David Rutherford (SH 49-54)** sweeping all before him with a fantastic 36 points.

The scratch cup, the Alan Cave Memorial Trophy, was won with an outstanding 73 from **Rory Browne (K 07-12)** closely followed by **Huw Phillips (Ma + T 06-13)** with 76. Andy Davey was third.



*Richard Jones (B 65-69) congratulating Rory Browne (K 07-12)*

On behalf of the Old Rugbeian Golfing Society, its Captain **Richard Jones (B 65-69)** presented to Bob Drennan, who passed on the baton as master in charge of golf last year and who retired at the end of the summer term from the School, with a very advanced Nike driver as a token of thanks for his outstanding contribution to golf at the School. We look forward to hearing of his handicap reducing as a result of using it. Bob gave a wonderful speech to commemorate his time in charge of golf and his departure from Rugby. He will be most welcome to return next year and demonstrate his driver in action.

A number of great fixtures remain in the golfing calendar for 2014, a point that was emphasised by new President of the Rugbeian Society, **Simon Penniston (C 65-70)**, who joined for the day and spoke generously about the contribution made by the ORGS to golf both to ORs and current students.



*Richard Jones (B 65-69) making a presentation to Bob Drennan, retiring Master in Charge of Golf*



# 2014 Halford Hewitt Report

by Simon Maisey (K 68-73)

Rugby have been given extremely tough draws for a number of years, having to meet recent winners of the Halford Hewitt in early rounds.

This year was no exception, with a difficult opponent in Rossall in round one and if that match was won, a game against the winners of Eton or Malvern. Both those schools are ranked above Rugby in the Anderson Scale ([http://www.halfordhewitt.org/files/halfordhewitt.org/39/HH\\_10\\_year\\_Anderson\\_scale.pdf](http://www.halfordhewitt.org/files/halfordhewitt.org/39/HH_10_year_Anderson_scale.pdf)).

However, Rugby is regarded as “one of the schools to avoid” and we have now beaten many of the schools ranked above us.

This year we played our two rounds at Deal GC and we beat Rossall 3.5/1.5 and lost to Eton 4/1. The Eton scoreline does not reflect the closeness of four of the games, which were decided on the last few greens ([http://www.halfordhewitt.org/2014\\_drawsheet/](http://www.halfordhewitt.org/2014_drawsheet/)).



*Antony Aitkin, Michael Colclasure (T 06-08)  
& Bob Walker*



*Huw Phillips (Ma + T 06-13)  
& Samarth Ghorpade (K 07-09)*



*Jamie Plews (SH 88-93)*



# OR Sailing 2014

by Magnus Wheatley (Sh 88-90)



*Tom Davidson (SF 97-02), Charles Cruise (C 97-02) & Magnus Wheatley (Sh 88-90)  
sailing No 32 Destroyer at Cowes*

After a very good showing at the increasingly competitive Arrow Trophy in 2013, the OR Sailing Club continues to grow and attract new members keen to take part in our events calendar.

Under the joint Commodore-ship of Oliver Dix (Tu & W 00-05) and Henry

Clarke (M 93-98), both are keen to encourage the next generation of sailors through, to compete for the School at the flagship Arrow Trophy event held in October and also in the traditional match against the School which unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute this year.

The core nucleus of sailors from the last ten years remains as strong as ever and with the President (**Magnus Wheatley (Sh 88-90)**) buying a Daring Class yacht this year and competing every weekend in Cowes. The likes of **Charles Cruise (C 97-02)**, **Tom Davidson (SF 97-02)**,



**Oliver Dix (Tu & W 00-05), William Bibby (SF 78-82) and Simon Hirtzel (M 79-84)** have all been venturing aboard the good-ship 'Destroyer' for some very close one-design racing throughout 2014 and we are keen to encourage more sailors young and old to join the scene. If any Rugbeians would like to come and race, the season lasts



**Magnus Wheatley (Sh 88-90) & Henry Clarke (M 93-98) wait for the wind at the Arrow Trophy**

from April to October with some wonderful social events at the top clubs in Cowes, please do get in touch with Magnus directly via email: [magnuswheatley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:magnuswheatley@yahoo.co.uk)

The focus for the latter part of the season continues to be on the Arrow Trophy on the weekend 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October 2014, sailed in Sunsail's fleet of F40 yachts which are collected by the crew from Portsmouth on Friday evening (3<sup>rd</sup> October) and returned, hopefully undamaged, on the Sunday evening after a cracking weekend of very good racing. Rugby has won the event three times in the recent past and in 2014 we hope to have a major 'changing of the guard' and encourage the younger crews to take over. **Ludo Bennett-Jones (W 04-09)** has indicated that he would like to skipper the Rugby entry for 2014 supported by Oliver Dix and the two are very keen to hear from any other Rugbeians who would like to be considered for the 10-man crew.

The OR Sailing Club is willing to support to some degree the costs for the Arrow Trophy weekend for any young Rugbeians. The usual format is that the crew sleep onboard the yacht so accommodation costs are zero, however there is a dinner

at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club on the Saturday evening plus an entry fee per boat which is usually divided up amongst the crews. In the past, the OR Sailing Club has paid entry fees for those in the first 2-3 years of leaving school whilst the senior members of the team pay for the dinner and we would hope to do this again this year. For more information, please email Oliver Dix: [ollydix@hotmail.com](mailto:ollydix@hotmail.com)

On the subject of finances, the OR Sailing Club has a new Treasurer in the form of Tom Davidson and the accounts show that subscriptions have held steady with funds in account just under £3000. This may seem healthy but it is in fact a precarious situation with our continued involvement



**Kate Johnson (B 93-95) with the Arrow Trophy**



and commitment to the Arrow Trophy. The organisers continue to race the event in the Sunsail F40 fleet of 40 foot boats and accidents and racing incidents do happen – most notably Dulwich College had a complete write-off a couple of years ago having hit a marker post whilst motoring out of Portsmouth Harbour!

The damage deposit is £3000 per boat for 2014 unless the crew agree to pay an increase of £120 per day, in which case the damage deposit would fall to £800. This is an option that we will have to consider going forward as it would be irresponsible to see years of subscriptions being decimated in one weekend. However, we do have to be mindful that the current entry fee for the Arrow Trophy regatta is £1400 per boat plus the additional £240, pushing the overall costs per crew-member to £164 for a weekend of racing.

A healthy situation for the Club to flourish and be able to encourage more young Rugbeians to come and sail would have club funds nearer to the £4000 mark, so we are actively seeking any donations from the general Rugbeian community to raise an additional

£1000. Please contact Tom Davidson if you are able to either donate or would like to set up a standing order with the OR Sailing Club. All donations very gratefully received: [tcrdavidson@hotmail.com](mailto:tcrdavidson@hotmail.com)

On behalf of the OR sailing Club we wish you fair winds and smooth sailing for the rest of 2014. Do get in touch if you would like more details on any of our activities.



*Magnus Wheatley (Sh 88-90) steers as Charles Cruise (C 97-02) trims the spinnaker & Henry Clarke (M 93-98) & Kate Johnson (B 93-95) work the cockpit*



# ORRTC

by Oliver Buckley (W 67-71)



(Div A) - P. Cipriano, D. Aldrich, O. Buckley (W 67-71), S. Goss (B 74-79)  
(Div B) - V. Williams (M 57-62), M. Shellim (K 64-69), T. Rowe, B. Rowe

Six members of the ORRTC and four supporters travelled to USA in mid-June for a real tennis tour.

*The tourists were: Oliver Buckley (W 67-71), Stephen Cobb (W 61-65), Stephen Goss (B 74-79), Michael Shellim (K 64-69), Vaughan Williams (M 57-62) and Paul Yates (W 70-75).*

A mix-up at the airport led to Michael Shellim and Stephen Goss waiting a couple of hours in Arrivals for Oliver Buckley to emerge from what they presumed to have been the rubber gloves treatment in Customs. In fact I sailed through Customs, seconds after they did and we all missed seeing each other. We all (6 players and

5 guests) managed to meet for a first-class steak in New York on the evening of Monday 16th in preparation for our match at the New York Racquet & Tennis Club the following morning. With two courts to play on in New York, we managed seven full length matches, losing 2-5. That was not unexpected. Stephen Goss won



his singles against Peter Cipriano and Vaughan Williams and Oliver Buckley won a Doubles. Rugbeian, Stephen Cobb lives in Calgary, well over a thousand miles from the nearest court and had not played a game in twenty years. In the event, he played well. Paul Yates had turned his ankle over the previous week hiking and Oliver Buckley was carrying a couple of injuries. The real obstacle however, was the handicap system which encourages pairs of widely differing abilities to leave as much of the play as possible to the stronger player, while the weaker partner tries to keep out of the way. This of course is the only way to play in serious competition, but unreasonable for a social match, which this was.

Supporters went off to do touristy things in the city before joining us for lunch at the club. We then taxied out to get the flight to Boston, leaving Stephen Cobb's daughter to enjoy New York. The remaining ten of us were on the same flight and arrived there in time to hire a couple of vehicles and eat lobster at the Union Oyster House – one of Boston's oldest restaurants. For no very obvious reason, Boston hotels seem unusually expensive. Some of our

party had quite a nice hotel. Most of us had a converted YWCA for the night at close to \$300 for a room, so Michael and I decided to share. It took considerable manoeuvring to get most of the furniture out of the room so we could get an extra Z-bed to open up inside the room, which may correctly give an idea that the room space was considerably less generous than they often are in USA. So not a huge difference resulting from the YWCA conversion – probably won't be staying there again. Still, the lobster was excellent.

The following morning, we were welcomed to the Boston T&R and found the same difficulties (playing Doubles in a social match format) as in New York, eventually going down 2-6. Michael Shellim, Stephen Goss and Oliver Buckley found a bit of time in between tennis matches to play some Rackets. Again, the supporters had time to explore the Freedom Trail around Boston, which gives a good introduction to most of the major tourist sights. Unfortunately we found ourselves leaving Boston for Newport RI at the start of the evening rush hour and what should have been an hour's drive took two and a half. We had a small Jeep

SUV and a People Carrier for the ten of us, which was manageable but quite cosy with all the luggage!

We checked into the various hotels we had arranged in Newport – all within fairly easy walking distance to the Club and then went out for dinner. The tournament began for all of us on Thursday. We managed a few sessions of Bridge in the club during the day for small stakes and an introductory driving tour of the island, past its magnificent mansions and harbour. I was nervous about playing in the A division, which had in the past been almost entirely professionals with a couple of highly talented amateurs making up the numbers, so I had asked the head professional a couple of times if he was really sure he wanted hackers of my poor calibre clogging up the A division. This year, there was only one ex-professional and one top amateur, so we did not get blasted off court as can sometimes happen. In fact we won our first game (against the ex-pro) 10-2, which, candidly, is a thrashing. After the match, the head professional called me over and asked if I would perhaps feel more at home in the B division, or even the C...



On the Friday of the tournament, we had arranged a free morning and one of our Newport friends had hired a classic motor launch to take us out on a tour of Narragansett Bay and to watch half a dozen class “starts” in the Newport to Bermuda race which was setting off that day. Gorgeous sunshine and a really memorable trip.

Friday’s match in the A division saw the ORs under pressure, still, we pulled it back from 9-3 down to 9-6 before finally succumbing to a strong pair from New York, including Peter Cipriano, who Stephen had beaten in New York. Peter, it turned out was comfortably the weaker player of the pairing. Vaughan and Michael pulled off another win in the B division. In the evening, I hosted a small cocktail party in the Club and managed to empty a half-gallon bottle of tequila in about 1½ hours making Margaritas for all comers. I had thought half a gallon might suffice, but no. This led into the seafood and cocktail party at the Canfield House – always a highlight in the old Casino building and former house of ill-repute, now a decent hotel.

Saturday saw victories for all three OR pairs and Paul Yates’s birthday, which we celebrated with some champagne on the roof of one of our hotels as the sun went down, all dressed up in formal wear (see picture) ready for the Gala Tournament dinner at the New York Yacht Club. After dinner, speeches and entertainments, including a comedian and the tournament sponsor singing, ORs were reluctant



to call it a night, so ended the evening with a couple of bottles of bubbly on the terrace of the Club watching the harbour. Very picturesque.

Sunday was Finals day – the knock-out section of the tournament. Sadly Paul and Stephen C, in spite of winning one of their Group games, did not make it through to Finals. However, at High

Noon, Shellim & Williams (Kilbracken and Michell, rather than Sheriff) faced down the Rowe family (Tom & Brewer) winning the B division convincingly 10-4. This was followed by Buckley & Goss once again facing Aldrich & Cipriano in the A division final. By this time, Buckley’s elbow injury had made it difficult for him even to hold a racket and in spite of making a couple of attempts at 2-handed shots, could

barely serve. I tried to leave as much of the play as possible to Stephen Goss, but it was not an even contest by this time and we went down 10-2. Some further Bridge was played and enjoyed by Shellim, Yates, Buckley and Amanda Brandler – a guest of Paul’s - with occasional fill-ins from Stephen Cobb.

Different groups of us set off around 2pm for Boston, New York and Providence. Once again, traffic nearly did for the New York group and we made it to the terminal at JFK with less than an hour to spare before departure. However, all went without major mishap and four trophies out of six players (see picture) seems a decent result for the week.





# OR Football Matches

by Fraser Hemming – Allen

9 February 2014

40+ OR's returned for the three matches with the day running from 11.30 am – 5 pm. The OR's won two out of the three, with the other match drawn.....Everyone Happy!







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Alexander Anton (Sh 73-77)

Peter Berners-Price (St 56-61)

Angus Crichton-Miller (SF 53-58)

Nick Etches (B 61-66)

Ewen Fergusson (SH 45-51)

Michael Fowle (St 53-58)

Anthony Given (K 48-53)

Tim Grandage (W 71-76)

Adam Hackett (St 63-68)

Ben Habib (M 79-84)

Jeremy Hanley (K 59-63)

Nick Hills (C 61-66)

Richard Hodder-Williams (SH 56-61)

David Hope (M 52-56)

Fiona Hughes-D'Aeth (D 80-84)

Stephen Johnson (St 70-74)

Tom King (Sh 47-51)

Ian Lang (St 54-58)

John Li (B 69-72)

Peter Lusty (SF 61-65)

George Magnus (Sh 49-54)

Charles Maisey (K 65-70)

Adam Osborn (SF 81-86)

John Osborn (Sh 36-41)

Meyrick Payne (SF 57-61)

Ted Rose (M 49-55)

Tony Shearer (B 62-66)

Jeremy Skinner (K 50-55)

John Snowdon (SF 53-58)

Micky Steele-Bodger (Tu 39-44)

Hew Strachan (K 63-67)

Robert Swannell (Tu 64-68)

Michael Thomas (St 50-55)

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