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January

- Monday 6**
Lent term begins
- Friday 10**
New parents welcome to ES,
College Theatre, 6.30pm
- Wednesday 15**
Stephen Ward the Musical,
Aldwych Theatre, 2.30pm
- Thursday 23**
Talk by John Ryley OE, Head of Sky
News, Birley Centre, 6pm
- Friday 31**
Visit to Cabinet War Rooms, London,
1.30pm

February

- Saturday 1**
ES annual quiz and dinner,
Social Common Room, 7.30pm
- Saturday 8**
Annual sports dinner,
Dining Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 15**
OE university reception, Cambridge

March

- Friday 7**
OE university reception, Bristol
- Thursday 20**
ES annual London dinner,
Church House, Westminster, 7pm
- Friday 21**
Careers and gap year convention,
College, 7pm
- Saturday 22**
ES committee meeting, Eastbourne,
10am
- Wednesday 26**
Blithe Spirit, Gielgud Theatre, London,
2.30pm
- Friday 28**
Lent term ends

April

- Tuesday 8**
Law networking event, London, 6pm
- Monday 21**
Summer term begins
- Thursday 24**
Property networking event, London,
6pm

May

- Thursday 1**
Shipping networking event, London,
6pm
- Thursday 8**
OE pub evening, London, 6pm
- Thursday 15**
ES events planning meeting,
Long Room, 7.30pm
- Monday 19**
Over 60s lunch, Caledonian Club,
London, 12.30pm

June

- Sunday 1**
Lunch celebrating Forbes Wastie,
Dining Hall, 12.30pm
- Tuesday 17**
City of London churches and gardens
guided walk, 11am
- Thursday 19**
OE pub evening, The Dolphin,
Eastbourne, 6pm
- Thursday 26**
Devonshire Society Day, 12.30pm
- Thursday 26**
Cricket: 1st XI v MCC, followed by
dinner, Dining Hall, 7.30pm
- Saturday 28**
Summer term ends; Speech Day;
ES AGM, 12.15pm

July

- Thursday 3**
Foundation Golf Challenge,
Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, from
10am; evening dinner and charity
auction
- Thursday 10**
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the
Night-time*, Gielgud Theatre, 2.30pm
- date tbc**
Visit to Houses of Parliament
(date to be confirmed but will be on a
Monday)

September

- Monday 1**
Michaelmas term begins
- Saturday 6**
OE reunion day; lunch (12.30pm),
tea and visits to houses (4pm),
reception drinks (7pm) and evening
dinner (7.30pm)
- Saturday 13**
London guided walk
- Thursday 25**
ES committee meeting, London, 5pm
- date tbc**
Digital marketing networking event

October

- Friday 3**
London business lunch, Fino's,
Mayfair, 12.30pm
- date tbc**
Insurance networking event

November

- Sunday 9**
Remembrance Sunday, Chapel service
(10am) and Act of Remembrance,
Memorial Arch (11am)
- Thursday 27**
ES committee meeting, London, 5pm
- date tbc**
OE pub evening, London
- date tbc**
OE pub evening, The Dolphin,
Eastbourne
- date tbc**
Financial services networking event,
London, 6pm

December

- Thursday 11**
Carol service for visitors,
All Saints' Church, 6pm
- Friday 12**
Michaelmas term ends
- Sunday 25**
Christmas Day Family Eucharist,
College Chapel, 10am

Price: £75 per person • Reception drink on arrival • Three-course dinner with wine • Coffee to follow

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Annual London Dinner

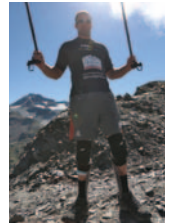
7pm Thursday 20 March 2014

**Church House Conference Centre, Dean's Yard,
Westminster, London, SW1P 3NZ**

This year's dinner will be hosted by Dinner Chairman Paul Stewart (W94-99), whose inspirational story can be read on pages 18 and 19

Husbands, wives and partners are welcome to attend.

The dress code is suit and tie for gentlemen;
dress, skirt or trouser suit for ladies.



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Price: £20 per person for a two-course lunch with wine and coffee

A lunch in honour of Forbes Wastie MBE



**12.30pm
Sunday 1 June
2014**

College Dining Hall

Our guest of honour Forbes Wastie was a member of the teaching staff from 1961 to 1998, Head of Biology (1965-83 and 1985-88), Contingent Commander of the CCF (1968-73), Head of Science (1971-73), Housemaster of Blackwater (1972-83), and Second Master (Deputy Head) from 1983 to 1998. Forbes ran the appeal for the new Science Centre in 2000, later becoming the first Director of the Foundation from 2002 to the end of 2004.

Old Eastbournians, former and current staff, and friends of the College are all invited, and wives, husbands and partners are also welcome.

Dress code: Jacket and tie / smart daywear

Please reserve your place(s) by contacting Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk

The OEA Annual Reunion 2014



Saturday 6 September

All Old Eastbournians who were, or would have been, in the sixth form in a summer term between and including 1980 and 1994 are invited to the annual reunion. Members of staff from this era are also welcome.

The day's activities include:

- Lunch in the Dining Hall (12.30pm)
- Guided tour of the College
- 1st XV Rugby on College Field
- Tea, followed by a chance to visit former houses (4pm)
- Evensong in Chapel
- Evening drinks reception (7pm)
- Evening dinner in the Dining Hall (7.30pm)

You can come to as many or as few of the day's activities as you wish. Wives and partners are welcome and there is no charge for any part of the day.

If you wish to come to lunch and/or dinner you must reserve your place(s) by contacting Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk. You can also write to us at Eastbournian Society, Headmaster's House, Old Wish Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JX.

The dress code for the evening dinner is jacket and tie for gentlemen; dress, skirt or trouser suit for ladies.



The Old Eastbournian 2013

This is the magazine for all Eastbournians: OEs of all vintages, staff and former staff, parents of both current and former pupils and friends of the College. The newly founded Eastbournian Society brings together all these groups under one umbrella organisation which incorporates the Old Eastbournian Association as its core entity. In its first full year of operation, it has hosted no fewer than 30 social, business and university events in Australia, Dubai, Hong Kong, South Africa and the USA, as well as in the UK, and involved 2,000 members in them. We do however need your help; please do let us know if you are willing to help in any capacity: hosting events, making contacts, providing student placements etc.

In this edition you will find information and articles about current pupils, former pupils, staff and others, right back to information about our 1867 foundation and our founder, Dr Charles Christopher Hayman. Several of these are contributed by Old Eastbournians. We like to think that this magazine reflects the complete spectrum of OE and College life. Our thanks go to all who have contributed, with particular thanks to John Thornley, who has taken a large proportion of the photographs of ES events throughout the year.

The year 2014 will be the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of 'the war to end wars'. In keeping with the national intention to mark the centenary of the Great War, we shall note the sacrifice of the OEs who gave their lives in that conflict, as well as those who served. The College Archives team has taken the lead in examining the records of those who served and has found evidence which extends and amplifies our previous records, particularly of those who died in the conflict.

In the News of OEs, you will find heartening news of the lives and activities of OEs of all generations, their families and their achievements. And, in the obituaries, you will find, as usual, some inspiring lives, including three distinguished members of staff and two Royal Marine Generals who both served with great distinction in the Second World War, and who died in 2013, as well as many others.

We celebrate the loyal service of Sir Ian Forbes, who retires after nine years as Chairman of Governors, and welcome Sir Kevin O'Donoghue, his successor in that role.

On 24 January, just as we went to press, it was announced that the Queen has conferred a life peerage on General Sir David Richards upon his retirement as Chief of the Defence Staff. We can be proud that Sir David's 42 distinguished years of service have been justly recognized.

Overall, you will find the College, its alumni and its friends in very good heart and active on all fronts. So let us celebrate the culture, ethos and ambience that permeate every corner of this great school. Long may it be so.

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Front cover:

OE Paul Stewart celebrates completing his Iron Spine challenge in August 2013. Paul's success in raising funds for and awareness about spinal injury research will be celebrated at the London dinner on Thursday 20 March 2014, an annual event which recognises Eastbournian achievement. Read more about Paul's inspirational story on pages 18-19

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Chairman's report

Last year in my report, I spoke enthusiastically about the formation and launch of the Eastbournian Society. After just one year of operation we are seeing the benefits of what we incorporated a year ago. The OEA as we know it has not changed, but by incorporating it in to the Eastbournian Society, we have been able to expand our network to include the many other participants in College life, former and current parents and the staff, to name but a few.

David Stewart, the Foundation and Development Director, and Deputy Chairman of the OEA, along with his colleagues in the Eastbournian Society office, John Thornley, Christine Todd, David Blake, Lulu Brown and Michael Partridge, have arranged a mass of events and activities during 2013 with the aim of bringing together as many people connected with the College as possible. In just one year what they have achieved is amazing.

In this magnificent publication, you will read about the forthcoming development plans for the building of the new sports hall and dining room in the area currently occupied by the gym and swimming pool. It is an exciting and ambitious project, which will give the College some of the modern facilities that it currently lacks. None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our alumni. David and John's efforts in organising over 30 events that bring everyone together is valued and much appreciated. There are separate reports on the events that have taken place during 2013 and also on forthcoming 2014 events. I would draw your attention to these and as I have said on many occasions in the past, if you haven't attended an ES event yet, you will be surprised at how good you find them. I can almost guarantee that once you attend one, you will be back for more.

In the UK today it is difficult for school and university leavers to find jobs. We have been successful in arranging gatherings during the past year for specific professions, such as insurance, shipping, property, accountancy, medical and financial services, with a view not only of bringing together OEs in those professions and reuniting them with their former schoolmates, but also encouraging them to find job vacancies of any nature, if they can, to help Eastbournians seeking careers in those industries. As many of you know, it is just as much about 'who you know rather than what you know' and any help that Old Eastbournians can give is invaluable. All these functions have been hosted by Old Eastbournians working in these professions and furthermore, OEs who have achieved significant status during their working careers have come along to say a few words about their expe-



Business networking events like this one for financial services professionals, held in November, are a chance for OEs, pupils and recent graduates to discuss career opportunities and to hear business leaders such as Philip Broadley, Chairman of Old Mutual plc (fourth from left), speak on the issues affecting the industry

riences. We are extremely grateful to OEs Nicholas Cooper (S64–68) and Philip Broadley (W74–79) and College parent and governor Andrew Wolstenholme for giving up their time either to host or to speak at these functions. You cannot imagine how rewarding it was when David Stewart and I met an Old Eastbournian on the London tube, who had just gained employment in a ship broking company as a result of a chance meeting at the shipping event we held at the Baltic Exchange.

We have also been active in promoting events abroad. David has been to Dubai, Hong Kong, New York and Los Angeles, where he has organised dinners and meetings with OEs working and living in those areas. My son lives and works in Dubai and attended the first of the Middle East functions hosted by James Young (B80–85), which was such a success that there seems to be an OE gathering almost every month now! His wife says David Stewart has a lot to answer for! I don't believe it will be any different in any of the other territories. It seems that once Eastbournians get to know where each other are they like to keep the candle

burning. We are grateful to OEs for being active in promoting these international gatherings, more details and photos of which are on pages 6–8.

We have held four pub evenings during 2013 in London and Eastbourne and three university pub gatherings at Cambridge, Bristol and Newcastle. There is a nucleus of OEs that attend each of these occasions and each time they come and bring more of their friends and acquaintances, the gatherings get bigger. I encourage you to try and come along if you can.

One such example of increasing support is the London dinner, which took place in May at the In & Out Club. We like to celebrate an OE's achievement at this event and following the previous year's very successful dinner with John Ryley (B75–80) from Sky News, this year we honoured Hugo Southwell (W93–98), the Scottish rugby international full back, who has won 59 caps for his country. He is easily the most capped rugby international OE, by some margin. The dinner was a sell-out, Nigel Wheeler acted as question master and Hugo responded well. It was a wonderful evening and very well



Hugh Price, left, with Alex Brown (B80–85), who helped organise the London pub evening in March

supported by the younger generation OEs who apparently continued the evening elsewhere. The OEA subsidises younger OEs to events such as this and it is paying dividends. I am also grateful to Hugo for dedicating his valuable time to his old school.

We held a lunch at the college in May, to celebrate the headmastership of John Nugee from 1938 to 1956, and the guest of honour was his daughter Tishy Nugee. It was pleasing to honour the headmaster whom some regard as the second founder of the College, because of his efforts to rebuild the

school after the wartime evacuation. There was an excellent turnout of older generation OEs with approximately 100 people attending.

Another highlight was the reunion for leavers from the period 1965–79 in September. There were over 200 attending at the College that day with 175 staying for the evening dinner in the dining hall. Once again, there were many who attended who have had very little contact with the College since they had left but who, after enjoying such a wonderful day, will probably now return to more functions in the future.

I have mentioned in earlier reports the careers convention, which is run each year in March for Year 11 and Lower Sixth pupils. OEs from many professions present themselves at the College and give advice and help to students who are deciding what career path to follow. This function has been run for many years by Jonathan Hyder (C77–82), but his increasing business commitments have forced him to step down from this role. We are extremely grateful to him for everything that he has done and fortunately for us, he has agreed to stay on until after the March 2014 convention, while we seek a suitable replacement.

Jane Wilders, who is in charge of careers for the College, will assist in this respect and will work well with Jonathan's replacement. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of the role the OEA have in assisting the

college in this part of the pupils' future.

Another very important part of College life is the Devonshire Society and in June they held their annual day for members of the legacy club. We thank them for their loyalty and continued support of the College and should you wish to be part of this Society, you can find out more about it in this magazine. The Foundation held its golf day in July at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club and the day and the charity auction raised in the region of £25,000 towards bursaries at the College. This is another function that is such an important part of our calendar.

As you can see from all that I have said, there are no boundaries to what the Eastbournian Society office is capable of doing. In its first year of operation attendance numbers at all the events mentioned totalled just short of 2,000. This is almost three times the number in 2012. However, we must not rest on our laurels; it is our intention to engage with more of the wider College community at future events.

I am extremely grateful to all the members of the ES office and the ES committee members who have contributed to the success of our first year of operation and hope that in 2014, not only OEs receiving this report, but also parents, staff, pupils, friends and supporters, will join the many activities that are organised to bring us together.

Hugh Price (S61–66)

OEA and Eastbournian Society Chairman

The Eastbournian Society committee

The AGM of the Eastbournian Society was held on Saturday 29 June 2013, to coincide with Speech Day at the College. Two new members were welcomed to the committee. Dr Alister Scott, who will represent parents, has a son in Reeves and a daughter in Watt House. Oscar Orellana-Hyder, who will help with OE sports, is the hon sec of the OE rugby team, The Stags.

The AGM also gave the committee a chance to say thank you to Ben Dalaunay, the College catering manager, who retired that day. David Winn, Eastbournian Society President, announced that Ben had been made an honorary Old Eastbournian and presented him with a set of OE cufflinks and a silk tie. A tribute to Ben and a photo are on page 24.

Two retirements from the committee were announced during the year. At the committee meeting on Thursday 26 September, the retirement of Jonathan Hyder (C77–82) was accepted by the committee. However, Jonathan will continue to help

organise the annual careers convention in 2014, together with Oscar Orellana-Hyder. At the meeting on Thursday 27 November, Liz Foster (N69–70) stood down from her role overseeing OE regalia. Eastbournian Society Chairman Hugh Price put on record his and the committee's thanks for all of the work both Jonathan and Liz have contributed in the last few years.

Alex Vanotti (Wt94–96), who represented young OEs, has also stood down on a temporary basis while she takes maternity leave. She hopes to return to the committee at a later date.

The current committee is:

President David Winn (S54–59)

Chairman Hugh Price (S61–66)

Vice Chairman and Treasurer

Darren Meek (B82–87)

Headmaster Simon Davies

Development Director David Stewart

Archives Michael Partridge (B46–51)

Careers advisor (College) Jane Wilders



New members of the Eastbournian Society committee: Oscar Orellana-Hyder and Alister Scott

Careers representative (OE)

to be appointed

Charity Eric Koops (G59–63)

Events John Thornley/Alex Brown (B80–85)

Parent representative Dr Alister Scott

Sports Will Ripley (G99–04);

Oscar Orellana-Hyder (R02–07)

Young OEs to be appointed

The Secretariat of the Eastbournian Society

The Eastbournian Society team – who we are, what we do, and how to contact us

David Stewart, Development Director



David runs the College Foundation and alumni relations. As a long-standing member of staff, former College Deputy Head, former Vice Chairman of the OEA and a parent of OEs, he is very enthusiastic about everything to do with the College. Please contact David if you are interested in making a gift or leaving a legacy, or wish to

discuss how you can help with the College's development projects. David has overseen the increasing number of professional networking receptions and has made a number of trips overseas in recent months to meet OEs worldwide.

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John Thornley, Eastbournian Society Events



John is the Common Room's longest-serving member of staff and a former OEA Secretary. He continues to teach at the College and has a number of other administrative roles, alongside which he plans, organises and helps host Eastbournian Society events, including the London pub evenings, where he is

normally on hand to buy the first drink.

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Lulu Brown, Events Assistant



The newest member of the team is Lulu Brown (N80–82), who joined us in April 2013. Lulu works part-time and assists John with events planning, organising and hosting, and you will often see Lulu's name as the main contact for booking places at our events. As an OE herself, she has recently been

using her contacts to track down some

of the OEs with whom we have lost touch in recent years.

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Christine Todd, Foundation and Eastbournian Society Administrator



Christine has been involved with the Foundation since and prior to its formation in 2002. Please contact her for any general matter concerning the Eastbournian Society. She is a familiar face at the annual Devonshire Society Day and the Golf Challenge, both of which she organises, as well as at other events such as the reunion day and OE lunches.

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David Blake, Database and Communications Manager



David manages the Eastbournian Society database, updates our web pages and sends emails and other communications about future events. He is joint editor of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine and compiles the 'News of OEs' section, for which he welcomes news items and photos. If you have an address change or would like to contact a fellow OE, or

have news on any 'lost' OEs, please contact David.

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Michael Partridge, College Archivist



Over the last 15 years Michael and his team of volunteers have created the College Archives department, and all archive enquiries should be directed to him. He welcomes gifts of College memorabilia of all sorts and enjoys responding to enquiries about former staff and OE ancestors. Research is undertaken and sometimes published.

Michael is also joint editor of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine, and compiles the obituaries and many of the historical features.

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College Council



Admiral Sir Ian Forbes



General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue

In December 2013, the Chairman of the College Council, Admiral Sir Ian Forbes KCB CBE (Pw60–65), stepped down after nearly nine years at the helm, during which he oversaw the amalgamation of St Andrew's and the College into one Charity and the opening of the Birley Centre in 2011. During his chairmanship there has been significant restructuring of the governance and management models at both schools and he leaves with extensive development plans in place.

Headmaster Simon Davies commented: 'He has given selflessly of his time, energy and wisdom, and both schools owe him a great deal'.

The new Chairman is General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue KCB CBE (Pw60–65), who spent much of his working life in the army, where he became Chief of Defence Logistics and later Materiel. He is currently chairman of SSAFA (the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association), and has been a member of Council since 15 March 2013.

A global community

This year has seen a large number of OE events throughout the world, showing just how far the Old Eastbournian community stretches across the globe. David Stewart, Director of the Eastbournian Society, visited Dubai, Hong Kong, New York and Los Angeles during the year, and had an enthusiastic response from OEs. David Winn, President of the Society, visited South Africa in May and made his annual trip to Australia in November, where he joined in the reunions in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. We would like to thank all those who have helped organise, publicise and attend these events.

Australia



Left to right: Ken Barton (S44-47), Brian Tullis (P46-51), David Winn (S54-59), Bernadette Brooke-Smith, Richard Chilcott (R99-04), Richard's partner Rebecca, Richard Brooke-Smith (G69-73), Cecil Walkley (S44-48) and Anne Tullis

Perth

Richard Brooke-Smith writes: Our annual reunion dinner was held in Perth on Friday 8 November 2013 and for a change we tried a new venue, the Terrazza cafe restaurant in Applecross, which proved quite successful. The dinner was timed around David Winn's visit to Perth and it was good to catch up with him once again. We were pleased that Brian Tullis and his wife Anne joined us for the first time and it was good to meet up with another OE in Perth. It turns out that Brian has had regular contact with David Howell (Pw60-64) for many years and they only recently discovered they are both OEs. Richard Chilcott has had a busy year and gained good experience in the ship broking business. He hopes to move into a brokering role soon. Unfortunately Martin Gadd (C73-78) was unable to join us this year due to his work commitments. He has been a regular supporter of our group which is admirable considering he has a two-hour drive to get to Perth. Cecil Walkley has recovered well from his fall last year and he is back running again. He plans to compete in one more triathlon next January at the age of 85. He has also continued with his small medical consulting practice from which he expects to retire next year.'

Sydney

Sam Miller tells us: 'We had a very enjoyable evening, as always, and attracted some new faces in the shape of Simon Ling and Rupert Bairamian, who dialled up the Headmaster during the dinner for a casual chat... We would have had a larger contingent but several were overseas or indisposed.'



Standing, left to right: Tony Hilton (B55-60), Rupert Bairamian (S75-80), Martin Benge (S57-62), Sam Miller (S60-65), David Anderson (G57-61), Thomas Holden (W46-49), Ken Raphael (S57-62); seated, left to right: Mary Butler (N84-86), Sally Clark (née Edwards) (N74-76), David Winn and Simon Ling (R76-81)



Left to right: Carol Copp, Anthony Copp (B60-64), seated: David Winn (S54-59), Simon Vinson (G69-74), Wendy Barr and Philip Venn (B38-42)

Melbourne

Anthony Copp writes: 'Once again we welcomed David Winn to our reunion dinner held on 25 November at the Windows restaurant in the Pullman Hotel, Albert Park, Melbourne. This is only the second year the Victorian OEs have met and, while a small gathering, we look forward to being joined by others next year.'

Dubai

On Thursday 21 February 2013, the Eastbournian Society hosted a business networking forum at Dubai's Crowne Plaza Hotel, which James Young (B80-85), in his capacity as the hotel's general manager, organised. On the following evening a supper party for OEs was hosted by Ed Atkinson (P79-84) at his house, with catering provided by the Crowne Plaza. David Stewart was in Dubai that week to represent the College at the annual UK Boarding Schools Exhibition, so it was also an opportunity to promote the value of an Eastbourne College education to those living and working in the UAE.



Guests at the Arabian Nights-themed supper party



John Ashcroft (R60-65) and Tim Riordan (S54-58)



Furo Adoki (R97-02), David Stewart, Ed Atkinson and James Young at the business networking event



At the end of June, James organised a brunch for OEs at Wheeler's in the Dubai International Financial Centre

Hong Kong

In October 2013, David Stewart visited Hong Kong for two events. On Tuesday 22 October a reception for OEs was held at The Hong Kong Club, invitations having gone out to former pupils who lived or worked in the area. On the following day current College parents met at the Conrad Hotel, an opportunity for them to hear news about the College and future development plans. David was grateful for the assistance of Tim Freshwater, who had helped organise things at a local level.



OEs at the Hong Kong Club



Tim Freshwater (S58-63), Maddie Eckert (S02-07) and Andrew Macrae (S69-74), a School House group



Old Wargravians: standing, left to right: Chris Keene (W91-96), James Hossack (W88-93), Sheel Kohli (W82-85), Anil Melwani (W77-80); seated, left to right: David Stewart (Wargrave Housemaster 1989-98), Bernadette Dickson and Charles Dickson (W65-69)

South Africa

South African OEs met for a lunch in May 2013 at Simon's Restaurant on the Groot Constantia wine estate, near Cape Town. The lunch was organised by OE rep, Jon Diboll. David Winn was also there and he paid for the champagne, a gesture which was much appreciated by the group. Plans are already underway for the next get-together, which is to be hosted by John Kendall and his wife Jenny Cottrell at their farm in Robertson, where they make clotted cream with the milk from their herd of Jersey cows. Colin Soole, also an OE rep, said that there is now 'a good nucleus of OEs in the Western Cape' and that it was good to welcome newcomers John and Jenny, as well as Anna Tomlinson, the first female OE to join one of the South African gatherings.



Standing, left to right: Peter Spickernell (S40-44), Jenny Cottrell, John Kendall (B57-60), David Winn, Deon Morris (B82-87), Vicky Morris; seated, left to right: Jon Diboll (B69-71), Colin Soole (P63-67), Anna Tomlinson (née Meanley) (N85-87), Bruce Bintley (S58-62) and Ian Law (W57-62)

USA

New York

Tuesday 19 November was the date for the Eastbournian Society drinks reception in New York. The event was held at the Union Club on E 69th Street, and was hosted by Jim Penrose (P66–68), with the College represented by David Stewart and Nigel Wheeler (College staff, 1976–2006). Some of those attending went on after to enjoy dinner at the Tiramisu restaurant in Manhattan. The event was very well received by OEs, some of whom had travelled from out of town to attend, and with such enthusiasm we hope that this will be the start of regular get-togethers for OEs in the area. Our thanks go to Jim for his organisation skills at the New York end! Thanks also to Amanda Reant and Chris Williams for their assistance.



Top left: The group assembled in the Jones Room in the Union Club

Left: Nigel Wheeler, Amanda Reant (née Price) (N94–96), Nadai Tarazi (N95–97) and Chris Williams (P91–96)

Right: Jim Penrose (P66–68), Bill Nolan (S65–66), Wendy Nolan and Neil Benedict (P62–66)

Los Angeles

Two days after the New York event, on Thursday 21 November, David Stewart and Nigel Wheeler had arrived in Los Angeles for the OE reception held at The Jonathan Club on South Figueroa Street. They were there to welcome OEs who live in, work in or just happened to be visiting the city. Their host was Matthew Allnatt (S76–81), the club's general manager and chief operating officer, who also arranged dinner for some of the guests following the reception. The feedback we have received from the attendees has been very positive and we would like to thank Matthew for proving to be such a superb host.



Ben Wolstenholme (Pw88–93) with Peter Homburger (S42–47) and his wife Ruth, who had travelled from Colorado to attend. Peter told the guests of how he and his brothers Wolf (S41–44) and Walter (S39–40) had escaped Nazi persecution under the Kindertransport scheme in 1939 and had found refuge in the UK, and subsequently at the College. Peter and Wolf later emigrated to the USA and Walter to Toronto, Canada. Ben is the founder of Moving Brands and Madefire, the digital publishing company, more details of which are in his entry in the OE news section on page 58

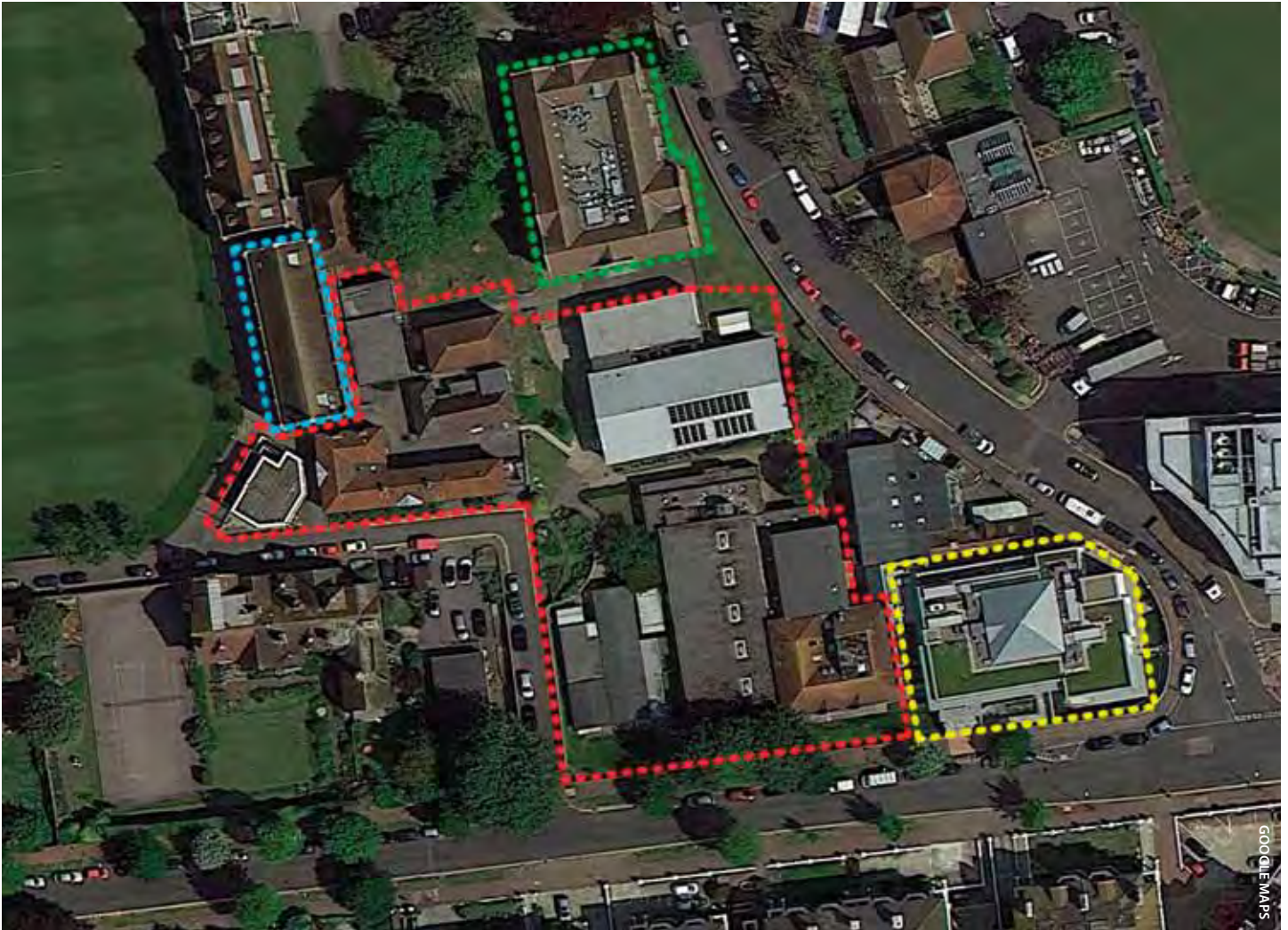


Judee Fraser, Ian Fraser (formerly Sykes) (P47–51), Matthew Allnatt and his partner Adrienne Lee. Ian is a renowned musical director and has been nominated 32 times at the Emmy Awards, winning on 11 occasions. He was Dame Julie Andrews' musical director for many years



The group enjoying dinner in the Wine Room of the Jonathan Club

A message from the Headmaster



An aerial view of the south-east corner of the College grounds, with the edge of College Field at top left, Carlisle Road running along the bottom and College Road running diagonally from centre top to bottom right. The proposed Project 150 development site is outlined in red. A comparison with existing College buildings highlights the scale of the site: Big School (College Theatre) is shown outlined in blue, the Science Centre in green and the Birley Centre in yellow

This year I have a telescope in one hand, looking forward to 2017 and beyond, and a microscope in the other, looking in minute detail, at plans for the single largest development the College has ever embarked upon: one which will transform the central site and in a single stride close the facilities deficit from which the College suffers when prospective parents compare it with top schools across the South East.

In 2017 the College will be celebrating its 150th birthday. We want to be ready to celebrate in style – not extravagantly, not in a vulgar ‘hey look at us’ way; but appropriately, sharing our love of the College and rejoicing in its rude health, confident in its future. It will be a chance to remember the College’s rich history and acknowledge the very many people (since Dr Hayman and his co-founders were enabled by the then Duke of Devonshire to establish the College in 1867) who have built it, populated it and nurtured it.

Thanks to strong leaders with vision, and the power of collective effort, Eastbourne College has grown stronger and

stronger since John Nugee brought it out of exile at Radley in 1944. Even after five years of harsh recession, the College is the fullest it has ever been (632 girls and boys on roll at the start of 2013/14) and has very exciting plans. We think you will be inspired by the scale and ambition of these plans when they are revealed in more detail later this year and that you will want to be part of the collective effort to deliver them. If the planners oblige and we all work together, we have every reason to believe the new development will be completed in time for our birthday in 2017 – hence its working title of Project 150.

The dream at the heart of more than twenty years of successive strategic plans has been a sports complex to replace the 1958 gym and the 1976 pool which both belong to a different age: they are the kind of facilities that were on offer when I was a schoolboy. At the same time, it has become clear that the dining hall’s capacity is insufficient for the College’s needs. Designed for a school of 450, it caters for one that is almost half as big again and a vastly more sophisticated operation, too; built in the

1960s, it is on the verge of needing major work simply to keep it operational. The final pressure the College faces is a lack of high quality classroom space to allow us to be effective in our core business: delivering top quality teaching and learning to every child in our care.

Over the past few years we and our architects have wrestled with the best way to meet these three needs while working within the bounds of our tightly confined site. We have found a way forward that will allow us to deliver all that the College needs on its central site in one very exciting development.

What would have taken us a decade or more to deliver piece by piece (with all the attendant cost, disruption, risk and swallowing up of valuable real estate) can, we confidently believe, be made to happen in three short years from now – and a build time of 18–20 months. During the course of 2014, as plans are completed and undergo the planning process, there will be opportunities to find out more about this huge project. I hope you will be able to see the plans in the next 12 months.

For the meantime, and simply as an indication of scale, please see the photograph that accompanies this piece. On it is set out the area that will be re-developed: a total of more than 5,500 square metres or 1.4 acres. More than half of this space will be over four floors, the rest over three. The College's cramped site will be revolutionised by this compact centralisation of essential facilities. We will have a state-of-the-art sports complex; a top floor dining hall, café and social space with a terrace that offers views to the Downs and sea; 31 new classrooms; a new school shop; a new pavilion; and foyer space for Big School that is spread across three floors. This is not gold-plating; not extravagant: it will simply equip the College with a central site fit for a 21st century public school.

The excitement is palpable. The unveiling of the plans to the College Council resulted in an immediate donation of £1 million; other sums have also been spontaneously pledged towards the project. This is a great start to what will be a significant fundraising challenge over the next few years. The rolling of three major projects and myriad minor ones into a single build has captured people's imagination with its immediacy and scale; it also, essentially,

brings together what would otherwise be two separate fundraising drives that would have been divided by a few years. All who have seen the plans know that Project 150 will be transformational; governors are 100% behind it and there is every reason to believe that just as the College family has united in the past to bring about great things, it will do so again.

Others have written in this publication about the contribution to the College's success over the past nine years of Admiral Sir Ian Forbes, the Chairman of Governors since 2005. Having worked closely with him throughout those nine years, I want to single out three aspects of his leadership.

Firstly I pay tribute to all he has achieved in his time at the top. Greatest among these achievements are: the strength of the College through recession; the manner in which he has brought this strength to a resurgent St Andrew's since the amalgamation in February 2010 (to which he was central); the delivery of the Birley Centre; and the fact that we have the exciting and appropriately ambitious plans outlined above and the confidence that we will deliver them.

Secondly, I acknowledge the countless hours he has invested in the College and

St Andrew's: getting to know individuals, finding his way to the heart of every issue and achieving consensus time and time again. This last has ensured that the Charity has been led by governors and senior management working together with a genuine sense of collective purpose and energy. All this service has been freely and generously given with no thought of reward, only the wish to do his best for his old school.

Lastly, Sir Ian has been unfailingly supportive and unflinchingly challenging of me: relentless in his quiet enquiries, forensic in his understanding, and wholeheartedly behind the Headmaster and senior management when a well-researched decision has been reached. Such constancy does not come cheaply – it costs time, effort and emotion.

In his place comes another highly successful OE with a distinguished military career, General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue. I am much looking forward to working with and for Sir Kevin. I know he will bring great skill and energy to the Charity's development over the coming years – not least in the delivery of Project 150. Through both microscope and telescope, the future looks exciting!

Simon Davies

Pub evenings

We have continued our regular pub evenings in both Eastbourne and London during the year and they remain a popular way of catching up with old school-mates. They are all very informal and the first drink is paid for by the Eastbournian Society. Watch out for our email alerts about forthcoming get-togethers so you don't miss out.

25 April 2013
The Dolphin,
South Street,
Eastbourne

The Dolphin in South Street is the regular venue for our Eastbourne evenings, and the picture shows some of the OEs who went along on Thursday 25 April. A further pub evening was held there on 7 November



21 March 2013
Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, Fleet Street EC4



Some of the OEs who went to Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese in Fleet Street on Thursday 21 March

21 November 2013
The Adam and Eve, Wells Street W1



The second London get-together of the year was held at The Adam and Eve in Wells Street, close to Oxford Circus, on Thursday 21 November

A view of the year

Each year we ask a member of staff to write about the College from their own perspective. There are no parameters or guidelines, which gives the opportunity for a more idiosyncratic and personal view. This year Danny and Josephine Gabelman, who joined the College in September 2012, give us two viewpoints of their first few terms.

An American in Eastbourne

by Daniel Gabelman

Eastbourne College is unlike any school of which I have been a part. This is largely because I am an American, and I went to a state high school with 720 students in my year group (and almost 3,000 in the school). Although my wife Josie had taught at Uppingham School prior to our arrival at the College last September, this is my first teaching post outside of a university setting.

Both of us immediately noticed how welcoming, encouraging and supportive the College were. From the senior management team, the teaching staff, the support staff to the pupils. Everyone seemed extremely friendly and happy to be here. In the English department, Oliver Marlow has been a delightful head of department, and has helped me make the transition from university to school teaching as seamless as possible. Oliver plies his teachers with chocolate and caffeine and creates a light-hearted, yet focused environment in which the good of the pupils is always central.

I had never experienced a house system before – and thought it was something reserved for the wizarding world of Hogwarts – but I quickly discovered the benefits of boys and girls having their own space and ‘home’ within the College. There was nothing like tutors at my high school, but what an amazing opportunity for both the pupils and the teachers to engage with each other on all sorts of issues ranging from academic, athletic, artistic and pastoral areas. It was especially gratifying to watch my Upper Sixth tutees in Pennell develop dramatically through the course of the year, transforming from school boys to young men ready to attend university or begin apprenticeships.

Who’s going out with a Duck?

As an American, one of the most bewildering and bemusing aspects of school life has been the sports chat that occurs in the dining hall and common room, particularly related to cricket:

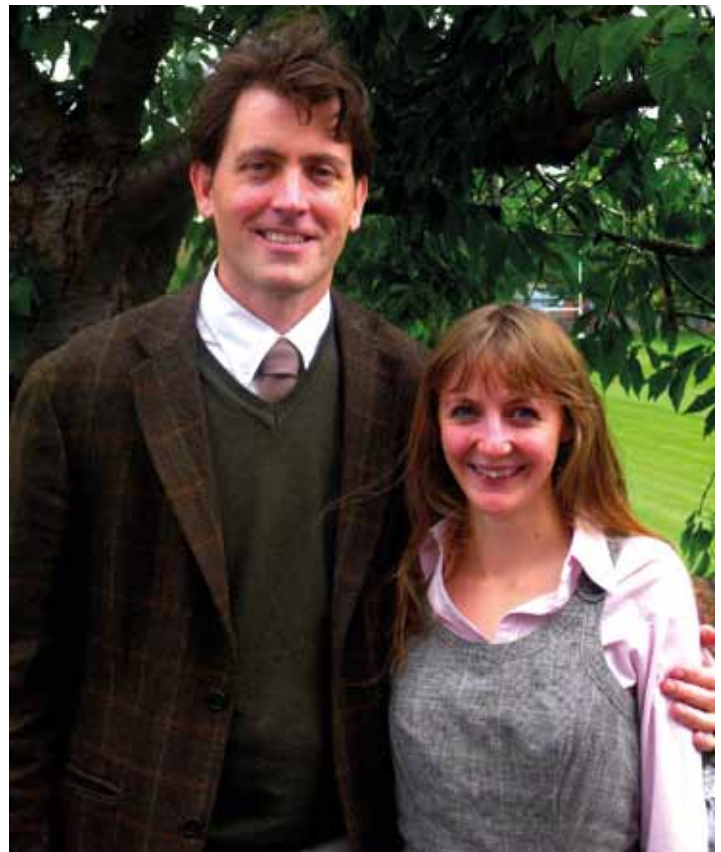
‘Did you hear that Tom went out for a duck?’

‘It was a cart-wheeling stump, wasn’t it?’

‘Yes, a chinaman was throwing googlies in the corridor of uncertainty. But he was a bit of a ferret chasing after all those rabbits.’

‘Such a shame for him, but he was a good fine leg. The square leg muffed a skier.’

Such dazzling images suggest to me a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland-like world, where boys magnanimously sacrifice themselves for the sake of feathered creatures, inanimate objects take up gymnastics, and where the one-legged have a special role to play in defending the ground from aerial assault. I have yet to detect any of these fantastical occurrences myself—despite tutorials graciously given by several members of staff – but I have high hopes that next summer these great Eleusinian Mysteries will be revealed to me, perhaps after a nice dose of cakes and wine.



Danny Gabelman teaches English, religious studies and philosophy. In August 2013 his book, *George MacDonald: Divine Carelessness and Fairytale Levity*, a study of the works of the Scottish poet, author and Christian minister, was published by Baylor University Press. Josephine Gabelman teaches religious studies and philosophy. She is a graduate of both St Andrews and Cambridge and wrote a doctoral thesis about the relationship between Christian faith and *Alice in Wonderland* that is soon to be published.

A female perspective

by Josephine Gabelman

When we first came to the school (sorry, College!) it became clear that nothing is done here by halves! It struck me that lessons are only a small part of the daily routine for Eastbourmians. Pupils and teachers dash between a dizzying array of activities outside the classroom including sports, CCF, art, drama, orchestra, chapel, house concerts, play rehearsals, charity fundraisers and much, much more. I have had to become extremely organised to make sure I don’t end up wearing my gown to umpire a hockey match or turn up to chapel wearing my jodhpurs! Having settled down happily into the routine we have thoroughly enjoyed the diversity of activities on offer at the College. Something that makes Eastbourne particularly special is the use of College Field for matches. It is wonderful seeing pupils, teachers and parents gathered around the perimeter cheering on Eastbourne.

I have found the house system to be very rewarding and enjoyable. For me it is a retreat from the continual rugby and cricket talk (depending on the time of year) and a chance to discuss slightly more female issues from baking to feminism, ballet to One Direction! Watt House has given me a real sense of belonging, and it fosters a familial environment in which both pupils and teachers can find respite from the busy school day, and develop as individuals. If I could change one thing about Eastbourne, it would be to make Old Wish Road a little wider as I find parallel parking troublesome at the best of times.



Peter Birchall

Schooldays as a boarder at Ascham and the College

Peter Birchall

Ascham 1951–56, Pennell 1956–60

I was, sent to Ascham at the age of eight by my parents who lived in Rio de Janeiro as my father, an Englishman, felt that a British education would be the best for me and my brother Stephen who was three years older than me. At the time I suppose there was little alternative as there were no British or international schools in Brazil. I was not completely foreign to boarding schools as I had attended for one year St George's College in Buenos Aires where my father was stationed at the time until the Peronist regime expelled all British nationals.

However, to be left in England after my parents returned to Brazil was a sad experience as I missed the love of my parents, the sun and friendliness of the Brazilians, my daily escapades to Ipanema beach with my old-fashioned surf board and my friends. Headmaster Mr Collis was a kind person and a gentleman but of course he and his wife and the matrons were no substitute for my parents. My father had arranged guardians who managed a small hotel in Forest Row where I spent my winter holidays and other short holidays. They were wonderful guardians, the Kennards, who did everything possible to give me a family life while I was with them.

After the first week at Ascham I settled down well, made good friends and enjoyed their comradeship. Special friends that still come to mind are Tim Oakshott and Harry Bridgland, Timothy Mitchell and at Granville Tim Landon, among many others.

I found it difficult to adapt to the discipline that was imposed on us and soon obtained a reputation of being something of a rebel. I believe I was given six of the best (as they called it in those days – or a whacking) by the headmaster, Mr Collis. I had never been hit so hard in my life till then although my mother often kept me in line with a firm spanking. I refused to shake hands with the person that had just whacked me after being congratulated for taking it well. I was determined not to cry or massage my bottom until out of sight of Mr Collis. My parents were advised by mail of my non-British attitude. 'Well taken,



Peter in the 1959 1st XV

young man' were not the words I was looking for.

As time went by things improved and I very much enjoyed sports. I was what might be said to be a good sportsman, playing soccer and rugby for the 1st teams, winning the games cup for rugby and receiving several medals for gym, boxing, shooting and swimming. I still remember being introduced to Rocky Marciano as part of the boxing team. I also enjoyed being in the choir and school plays. Saturday night films were also fun.

I was no great scholar but arrived at Ascham speaking Portuguese and Spanish well so found modern languages easy to learn; French and Latin were no problem.

I was once again reprimanded for having postcards of Marilyn Monroe, Brigitte Bardot and Diana Dors in the inside of my tuck box, the only private item we were supposed to possess. Other boys preferred photos of tanks, sports cars and other things children are supposed to relate to. Sunday letter writing was not personal as we were literally told what to write. How I wanted to let my parents know that I missed and loved them.

I do remember the very pretty matrons, one who looked like Grace Kelly that I think married Mr Luard, and another dark haired, very sweet young lady who was dating Mr Kirk-Greene. As I was no favourite with the teachers I had only one or two

whom I respected. In particular Brian Luard who once also gave me a good whacking for fooling around at night after lights-out. I never repeated truancies when he was on duty. He was a strict but very fair man who encouraged me more than any other teacher in my studies but principally for rugby. I still remember him watching a 1st XV match on College Field when I scored a try and looked up to see him clap. This gesture of his was very encouraging.

Tuck day was also special, as was our little patch for gardening. I recall having many good games on the grass tennis court. Above all I want to thank my friends already mentioned and others I may have forgotten who invited me to their homes in Eastbourne on Sundays or out with their parents. My very best friend Tim Oakshott, with whom I have lost touch, invited me practically twice a month and I still remember his wonderful parents and the delicious Sunday roasts. His mother, a wonderful kind Irish lady, treated me as a family member.

Escapades to the beach after midnight gave us a sense of adventure and of trying things forbidden. Although I personally was not bullied it seemed to be accepted at both Ascham and at the College. Prefects turned a blind eye.

So as you can read there were some very happy moments and some less happy ones.

I scraped through common entrance and joined my brother Stephen at Pennell. Stephen was the big brother who tried to protect me and counsel me when I arrived. I must have caused him some distress. Apparently once again I was the first boy to be beaten after two weeks at College for, can you believe it, whistling from our study rooms at some girls who were going past in the street. This time the whacking was from a house prefect aged seventeen; thank heavens that it has been abolished. It was as if some of these prefects enjoyed giving corporal punishment as they used to reinforce the gym shoes with weights and lead.

The dormitory at Pennell was a disgrace with holes in the windows so that at night in winter even blankets did not keep the cold out. The food was atrocious and I have never touched porridge or spotted dick ever again. Meat and vegetables were overcooked and the food was definitely not healthy. Today I can modestly claim to be a gourmet and to have eaten in the best restaurants in the world.

The study rooms were dark and dingy.

The boaters we had to wear on Sundays looked ridiculous on us. Even on Saturdays, if we were not invited by friends to their homes, we were not allowed in coffee shops, cinemas and many other places. Fortunately we found ways to get around these rules.

Pennell was situated not far from a very exclusive finishing school for international girls and it was a pleasure to watch them pass by in their modern haute couture



Gill and Brian Luard from a 1962 house photo

clothes. The cookery school girls ('Cookers' as we called them) brought a little sanity to our lives as did the Danish girls who helped with housekeeping duties. Meetings were arranged on weekends with these young ladies.

I felt that at those times some teachers and some prefects looked for students who were not following the rules as if they actually enjoyed it. When I became



Robin Harrison in 1957



Chris Kirk-Greene in 1963

a house prefect I promised myself that I would never beat another boy for whatever reason and that I would never humiliate younger boys by shouting down the corridor 'fag, fag'. Just imagine if this still existed in today's age. I also did not enjoy playing soldiers every Thursday afternoon. I tried the army cadets and then naval cadets where I at least learnt the ropes of sailing. Once again what I really enjoyed about the College were my very

good friends, my team mates with the Under Fourteens, Junior Colts, Colts and then First XV, hockey, soccer on the Pennell yard, escapades to pubs and cinemas.

As at Ascham, teachers were impartial to me as I was to them with the exception of Robin Harrison who despite all my imperfections treated me fairly, and I enjoyed geography lessons with him. Despite my size he was always positive and encouraging on the rugby field as were the other members of the 1959 1st XV of which I was the youngest. I thrived with team sports and the team spirit they created*.

I also enjoyed French with Mr Kirk-Greene and said to myself that I would have a Jag like his one day. A very talented teacher.

In a nutshell these were my experiences at Eastbourne. However I believe that Eastbourne College gave me the discipline I needed in later life as I went on to the Ecole Hotelière de Lausanne in Switzerland, attended Columbia University in New York and IMI in Geneva, later fulfilling a very successful career in the international hotel field, managing hotels in sixteen different countries.

To conclude, schooldays were not the happiest days of my life but I thank Eastbourne College for preparing me for life and I admit that I was not the easiest boy to handle. Life would be very boring if we all fitted the mould. Eastbourne College has had some extraordinary students and personalities so they must be doing something right. I congratulate the College and other public schools for the changes they have made over the years.

In my case the happiest days of my life were with my family and living and working in seventeen countries around the world, experiencing different cultures. I believe there were other boys at College in the 50s and 60s who may agree with some of my findings and feelings for boarding schools in those years.

I would very much like to hear from my old friends. My email address is peter.birchall@orange.fr. I live in the south west of France in St Jean de Luz most of the year, escaping to Rio during the winter months.

* Robin Harrison's end of season report said of Peter:

'Birchall was a blind side wing forward who followed the ball like a ferret after a rabbit, instigating many a forward rush and passing movement.'

The London business lunch

The business lunch on Friday 4 October was the tenth time that this annual event has been held.



Angus Graham (S83-86), Jane Wilders (College careers advisor), Alister Scott (College parent and ES committee member), Roger Fendall (B54-58), Sam Wicks (Pw05-10) and Tim Mote (S83-88)



Lulu Brown (N80-82) (ES events assistant), Robert Wilson (W77-82), Nigel Gatehouse (College parent), Tom Johnson (P05-10) and Kumarini Fonseka (Wt06-09)

The inaugural lunch, then known as the 'OE City Lunch', was held on 27 September 2004 and, according to the report in that year's Old Eastbournian, 'the intention was to achieve an informal gathering of OEs of all generations who work in the City across a variety of generations'. The same intention is true today, except that the scope has expanded from just those working in the City, and College parents and staff, as well as OEs, are welcome to attend. In 2010 the lunch was held for the first time in the West End at Fino's Restaurant in Brook Street, a venue that has been its home ever since. It has been encouraging to see an increasing number of younger OEs coming along to the lunch in recent years and taking the opportunity to build their network of contacts in the business world.



Hugh Price (S61-66) (ES Chairman), Nicholas Weston (G67-72), Alex Brown (B80-85) (ES committee member), David Sibree (P69-74) and George Awty (S81-83)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



On 5 February 2013, nine OEs with their parents and Tim Lucey visited St James's Palace to be presented with their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. They enjoyed two hours in the private banqueting rooms of the palace and were congratulated and entertained by broadcaster and songwriter Sir Richard Stilgoe before meeting HRH The Earl of Wessex to share stories of their Gold Award experience.

With Tim Lucey, left, are Elizabeth Hodkinson (B02-07), Alexandra Simpson (B07-12), Amy Corfield (Wt07-12), Katherine Allan (B07-12), William Langer (G06-11), Ella Harriott (B07-12), Jonathan Langer (G03-08), Kenneth Lam (W07-12) and Oliver Bensted-Smith (W07-12).

Careers convention

College Head of Careers
Jane Wilders writes:

The careers and higher education department works closely with teachers and tutors advising pupils as they make choices which will affect their future. We encourage pupils to become effective planners and managers of their own careers and encourage them to develop skills valued by employers through activities and experience both inside and outside school. The department has a professional careers adviser as well as a higher education adviser who provide personal advice and guidance. There is also a careers library which has extensive information on a wide variety of careers and higher education options, and includes the latest university prospectuses. Throughout their time at the College, pupils participate in a comprehensive careers education and are encouraged to explore their career options, get work experience and use the College network of OEs, parents and friends to prepare themselves for the world of work. Pupils in the sixth form have begun to attend the regular Eastbournian Society networking events and the careers department works closely with the ES committee to develop relationships and identify OEs who are willing to assist with mentoring, offering work experience and speaking at careers events.

One of the highlights of the year is the annual careers convention which this year took place on Friday 8 March. The event was very well attended with over sixty OEs, parents and friends volunteering their time to represent their area of work and talk to current pupils about routes in to



The team from Winn & Coales included Chris Winn (S85-90), right

their profession, relevant courses and their personal experience and tips. There were also a good number of OE undergraduates representing their universities and giving pupils advice about course choices. Ten gap year organisations gave talks to the Lower Sixth in the afternoon and also attended the evening event. Pupils from Year 11 and the Lower Sixth attended with their parents and feedback received was positive. Links were made by some which led to work experience placements – some-

thing the College encourages.

The next careers convention will take place on Friday 21 March 2014 and the careers department and Eastbournian Society would warmly encourage anyone interested in volunteering their time to get in touch. Similarly if you are able to offer work experience or shadowing or willing to talk about your area of work please contact Jane Wilders, Head of Careers, jfwilders@eastbourne-college.co.uk or call the careers department on 01323 452211.



Pupils had a chance to meet with OEs at university to discuss their higher education options

OE Fighter Aces of the Great War

by Bill Bowden and Michael Partridge



A replica of an original 1918 painting by artist Jack Pelling, which shows Gordon Fox Rule in his DH9 when he shot down two enemy Albatross aircraft

In the course of research into the lives of those who served, and those who died, in the war of 1914–18, we found no fewer than seven Old Eastbournians who qualified as ‘aces’. This is an impressive number for what was then a comparatively small school. The term ‘ace’ was first used by French newspapers to describe the French pilot Adolphe Pégoud who downed five German aircraft and the term has been used since to describe any airman with five or more victories. Remarkably, at a time when the life expectancy of an airman was measured in weeks, if not days, all but one of the OE aces survived the war and four went on to serve in the Second World War.

The most distinguished was **Lionel Wilmot Brabazon Rees VC OBE MC AFC** (B1898–1901) one of the College’s only two holders of the Victoria Cross. Much has been published about him, including a biography and articles in the *Old Eastbournian* magazine. Commanding 32 Squadron and ignoring the order of Viscount Trenchard (Commander of the Royal Flying Corps) that no CO should fly east of the lines, he was credited with eight confirmed victories, comprising one enemy aircraft captured, one destroyed, one ‘forced to land’ and five ‘driven down’. Rees, 10–15 years older than most other pilots, was the only ace to fly the earliest purpose-built British fighter airplane, the Vickers FB5 Gunbus. As his colleague Gwilym Lewis wrote: ‘Everyone knows that the major is mad ... I told you he was the bravest



Lionel Rees



Hugh White

man in the world’. In 1915 the Royal Flying Corps required him to compile an instruction manual for young fighter pilots; *Fighting in the Air* was the result. In 1931, on retirement from the RAF, he gave his medals, sword and aiguillettes to the College. Then, at the age of 57, Rees insisted on serving in the Second World War and for two years commanded the allied aerodrome at Helwan in Egypt. He died on 28 September 1955.

Hugh Granville White CB CBE (S1913–14) joined 20 Squadron in July 1916 at the age of 18, and was nicknamed ‘Child Pilot’. Flying an FE2d on 5 April 1917, he shot down Josef Flink of Jasta 18. He followed up by scoring twice more in late May. After a period in England he returned to the front and, flying an SE5a with 29 Squadron, between 15 and 19 May 1918 he drove down an Albatros DV and destroyed three Pfalz DIIs. His final victory of 19 May was an eventful one, as he collided with Karl Pech of Jasta 29 during a dogfight, killing the German ace.

Hugh White survived the war, and went on to play rugby for the RAF. He continued in the service, through the Second World War, and retired in 1955, having risen to the rank of Air Vice-Marshal. He died on 23 September 1983.

The highest scoring OE ace was **Andrew King Cowper MC and Two Bars** (S1913–15) who was born in New South Wales on 16 November 1898.

He was a good sportsman, playing first XV rugby and first XI cricket for the College. Cowper enlisted in the Royal Sussex Regiment and on 10 May 1917 transferred to the Royal Flying Corps. Posted to 24 Squadron in France and piloting Airco DH5s he claimed his first victories in November 1917, shooting down two German Albatros DIII's. The following month, now flying an SE5a, Cowper achieved his fifth victory. Seven days later he led a formation of six aircraft on a patrol and destroyed one of a party of four German triplanes. He next spotted a Pfalz DIII scout and 'shepherding it by the most skilful piloting west of the lines', forced the aircraft to land, undamaged, at a British aerodrome. Thus, during a period of three weeks, he accounted for six hostile aircraft, bringing his tally to nine. For his 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty' coupled with the 'greatest courage and determination' Cowper was awarded the Military Cross.

By the end of March 1918, Cowper had shot down a further ten German aircraft. These proved to be his final victories of the war, bringing his ultimate score to nineteen. Cited for 'gallantry and skill... of the highest order', Cowper was awarded a Bar to his Military Cross.

In addition, he carried out twenty ground-attack sorties between 21 March and 1 April 1918. On one day he executed four separate attacks on German infantry and transport. He set off a second time and successfully assaulted troops and transport forces before carrying out two further raids that day. Cowper was awarded a second Bar to his Military Cross for his 'magnificent dash and determination'.

He retired from the RAF on 13 February 1920 and returned to Australia and, moving to Sydney, became proprietor of a seed and plant merchant company. On the outbreak of the Second World War, he enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force and served in the Administrative and Special Duties Branch, rising to the rank of squadron leader. He was discharged on 2 March 1945, his final posting being to RAAF Base Rathmines. Cowper died on 25 June 1980.

Gordon Fox Rule DFC (G1914-15) was the son of a Brazilian father and British mother. Born in Brazil but raised in England, he joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1917 and was posted to 49 Squadron in January 1918, becoming a flight commander and captain on 15 May 1918. By 14 August 1918 he had scored seven victories flying DH4 and DH9 aircraft.

He was awarded a DFC, the citation stating:

'Whilst on a bombing raid this officer dived to 100 feet and obtained a direct hit on a bridge, completely destroying it. Seeing a body of the enemy on the bank of the river he attacked them, causing them to disperse in disorder. He was then attacked by five biplanes; these he drove off, though his observer had been hit twice, and he landed safely at a French aerodrome. In all, he has taken part in thirty bomb raids and ten photographic reconnaissances, invariably displaying a marked offensive spirit.'

He was also awarded the Croix de Guerre avec Palme by the French.

In 1921, serving in Ireland, he was hospitalised during the troubles and resigned his commission. At the age of thirty he returned to Brazil where he received the 17th Brazilian brevet. Fox Rule was fluent in Portuguese and owned property in Jardim Icarai, São Paulo, where a street was named in his



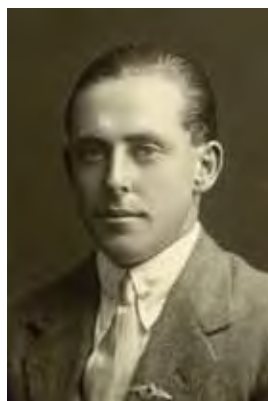
Andrew Cowper



Gordon Fox Rule



Frederick Hall



Frederick Gordon

honour. In 1925 he was responsible for introducing rugby football into Brazil. Before his death in 1987, he donated his First World War photo albums to the Imperial War Museum in London. They constitute an extraordinarily detailed record of his war and of his Royal Flying Corps colleagues. He also published a small book about his war service. Rule died on 10 June 1987 aged 89.

Frederick Vincent Hall (W1911), who also attended Highgate school, received the Royal Aero Club Aviator's Certificate 3898 on 1 December 1916. Posted to 4 Naval Squadron on 26 April 1917, he scored one victory flying a Sopwith Pup. He was awarded a medal by the citizens of Dunkerque for bravery in defending the town from hostile aircraft on 2 May 1917 before being reassigned to 8 Naval Squadron on 5 May 1917. He was wounded in action when he was shot down on 23 May 1917. When he recovered he was posted to 10 Naval Squadron where he scored six more victories flying a Sopwith Camel. Hall was killed in a collision with another Camel pilot on 15 May 1918.

Frederick Stanley Gordon DFC (S & Home Boarder 1911-12) was born in Auckland, New Zealand. After attending the College he worked as a farmer before in October 1917 receiving his Royal Aero Club Aviator's Certificate in New Zealand. Known as 'Freddie' or 'Sweet Freddie', he served with 74 (Tiger) Squadron during the summer and autumn of 1918 and was credited with nine victories, seven aircraft and two balloons. Ira Jones, in his book *Tiger Squadron*, writes affectionately of Gordon.

Gordon was awarded the DFC in June 1919 and the Belgium Croix de Guerre in July 1919. After the war he returned to New Zealand and during the Second World War held the rank of Flight Lieutenant while serving at Wigram and as adjutant of the Advanced Flying Squadron. He died at Cromwell, Otago, in June 1985.

Alexander Beck DFC (B1913-16). The son of English parents living in Argentina, he joined the RFC and after pilot training was posted to 60 Squadron in July 1917 aged just 17½. When his parents discovered that he was in France, they had him posted home in August, even though he had already flown 13 sorties over the lines. He returned to 60 Squadron in March 1918, became a flight commander and was awarded a DFC whose citation said:



Alexander Beck

'A bold and skilful leader, who has himself shot down four enemy aeroplanes. His personal courage and able leadership have had a marked influence in maintaining the efficiency of the squadron.'

In all Beck achieved 11 victories, three of which were shared. Beck married in 1937 and owned farms in both Argentina and Lower Heyford in Northamptonshire.

Note:

This is an abbreviated version of a longer article on the exploits of these seven OEs which will be published on the Eastbournian Society website in due course.

Iron Man Paul Stewart

The OE London dinner is a chance for the College community to celebrate an Eastbournian achiever. This year's special guest is Paul Stewart, who in 2013 completed a gruelling Iron Man challenge to raise funds and awareness about spinal injury research.



Paul in the Stoke Mandeville pool

A 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile cycle ride, a 26.2 mile walk and a mountain climb. All within 15 days. That was the challenge that Paul Stewart (W94-99) set out to achieve last August. For most of us the prospect of this would be daunting in itself, but for Paul the effort and determination required was significantly greater. Why? Because Paul was severely injured in a snowboarding accident in 2008 which left him paralysed below the waist.

Paul's injuries were so severe that he was initially told he would never walk again. But he was determined that one day he would – and his positive attitude has enabled him to achieve that goal.

In an interview with David Stewart in November 2013, Paul talked about overcoming his accident and the challenge that he set himself. Here is an abridged version of their conversation.

DS: Can you tell us about the accident?

PS: I was with friends from university in the Alps, in a place called La Plagne. I was teaching one of their friends and we went down this run. It looked pretty safe – it was above a chair lift and it had been skied, which normally is low risk. I was a bit lower than the other guys and unfortunately I set off an avalanche. The

move and I couldn't feel anything below my waist. The cliff saved my life because the snow fell quicker than I did, so I landed on top of it, otherwise I would have been buried and it would have taken a while to find me. The ski patrol came and they got a helicopter, but it couldn't land because it's too steep, so they winched a doctor down. He put me on a board and they winched me up and took me to hospital.

When did you get back to the UK?

After five days in France I was airlifted home in an air ambulance to the London Clinic. After a few days I got taken to Stoke Mandeville. I was there six months. I went straight into a rehab ward because I was quite stable.

What was the nature of your injury?

It was a spinal cord injury to the L1, which is your lower lumbar. Unfortunately it hit my spinal column and basically dislocated my back in half. In France they had said that I wouldn't walk again, and that I'd be paralysed.

What happens when someone tells you something like that?

At first, mentally you refuse to accept it. I felt sorry for myself for about a day and a half, and then something inside me just went, 'This isn't going to help is it? Feeling sorry for yourself.' And then I went back into sports mode and thought, 'What are you going to do about it then? Well, I'll just train.' So that was it, I just said to my friends, 'Get me to a gym and let me train and I'll walk'.

Tell us about the rehab process.

Well I wasn't a patient patient, as I was told numerous times! I had to be moving, I had to be doing something to feel alive. I remember I looked at my catheter bag and there was white stuff in it. And I said to the nurse, 'What's that?'. And she said, 'That's your bones. Because you're not



On the trike on the way to London

Sport has always been an important part of Paul's life; he played hockey and rugby at the College and was in the hockey first team at Loughborough University, where he studied sport and business studies. He then worked as a snowboarding instructor in Whistler, Canada, before returning to the UK where he set up an events company and, later, a sports website.

safety training kicked in; then I started to tumble and I lost my bearings... and then the avalanche took me off a 200-foot cliff. And if you play a lot of sport you know the crack. I heard the crack and I knew I'd broken something. When I opened my eyes I wasn't buried, which was a relief. But I just had this inkling and I thought, 'Move your toes Paul' and they wouldn't

using them, your body doesn't think it needs them so it's just getting rid of it.'

That probably spurs you on even more doesn't it?

I had a big brace on and had to wear it for 12 weeks so I couldn't bend or flex my back. But mentally I couldn't rest. I remember I was allowed to put my bed on an incline after about three or four weeks. So I set myself a target to have it at 90 degrees. So I was moving the bed up and down – I was in so much pain – but by the end of the week I got to 90 degrees. I rang the bell and the nurse came and I said, 'I'm at 90 degrees', sitting upright in my bed, 'and 90 degrees is a sitting position.' And she said, 'Yes?'. I said, 'Therefore I can go in a wheelchair now and you can take me to the gym.' But she said no and I was gutted because all I wanted to do was to get to the gym. Eventually I did... I would borrow weights and do physio. Then I found that there was a big hill in the hospital and I used to push up and down it and set myself lap times to make sure I was getting fitter.

Tell us about the challenge – how did that come about?

I honestly do believe I'm very lucky, despite what happened to me, and I thought that it was only fair rather than just go away with that luck that I should repay and be thankful for how lucky I was. I picked two spinal charities, Wings for Life and Spinal Research, and eventually we came up with the Iron Spine Challenge.

Which was?

It was telling my story backwards. I started in Stoke Mandeville swimming pool, and swam 2.4 miles. I then got on a three-wheeled trike and cycled 112 miles, doing 18 miles a day from Stoke Mandeville to London, and then I walked a marathon through London on my walking sticks doing seven miles a day. Then I went to France and I climbed the cliff I fell off. All over a 15-day period.

And how much did you raise?

Just over £400,000. And it's going into research into finding a cure because I honestly do believe that in my generation there will be one. What they've managed to achieve in the last ten years is phenomenal.

Let's move on to your next challenge – wheelchair tennis, and the prospect of going to the Olympics at Rio.

Typical me – wheelchair tennis is probably the hardest Paralympic sport there is because only four go and there's only one medal – one gold. It's a very fast game and I can play able-bodied people. I find it hard because I didn't do individual sports at Eastbourne, where I was more of a team man.

Is wheelchair tennis different from able-bodied tennis?

No, apart from the backhand everything else is pretty much the same, although you're allowed two bounces.

You've got a pretty specialised wheelchair.

Yes, the wheels are cambered so they slant out and then there's a wheel at the back. It probably weighs one-tenth of a regular wheelchair. It's very manoeuvrable, very light and quick. I can move it with my trunk without having to use my hands, it's that light. When you're watching the top level, it's a great spectator sport.

When will you know if you've been selected for Rio?

Basically a year in advance. I'm ranked 64 in the world at the moment and I need to be about 45. I'm number five in the country.

And only four get selected?

Yes. The average person playing Paralympic tennis has played for six years. I've played for two. So my learning curve is a lot higher than theirs. But it's exactly the same as the able-bodied game: the person who can read the game better can sometimes beat a more talented player.



During the marathon walk through London Paul was supported by sports broadcaster Clare Balding

So what other plans are there for the future?

I want to carry on helping people. I did a fair few talks when I did the challenge and I helped a lot of people that I didn't think I would. So I think I'm going to go and try to do some talks and help people who maybe weren't as lucky as I was.

Can you tell me where you get that belief and motivation and drive to turn adversity into triumph from?

I think it's from the people around you. I had amazing support and I have friends that I've had since I was 14. Everyone was there for me and all I had to do was to get myself better. I think I always went with the attitude that it can never be as bad as the first day. As long as I worked and worked I was always going to get better. And that initial time, that's the lowest you're going to be. And you just have to remember that.

It seems that you set yourself lots of little goals to achieve almost on a daily or even an hourly basis?

Yes, it dawned on me when I was doing the climb, that if I looked from bottom to top it was impossible. I just did a little step. I wouldn't look up, I just kept looking at my feet and I suddenly realised that it was like my rehab, it was just one step at a time. Two and a half hours later I'd climbed a mountain.

So the future's good?

Yes. I could have sat around all day, but there's so much more. I ski again; I ski the same mountains that I had the accident on and I go and do the same things with my friends that I would beforehand. Sometimes it might take me a little bit longer, but there's so much out there that you can do.

Paul is the guest of honour at the OE London Dinner on Thursday 20 March. More details of how to book are opposite page 1.



Paul and his team at the top of the mountain

Three Old Eastbournians and a few boxes of books

Julian Holloway tells us of the search to track down his father Roger's books and the OEs he came across along the way

You really don't want to lose a collection of books with titles like *Lion-hunting in Somaliland*. But we had. My brother had been leaving messages for the auctioneer's UK agent for weeks with no result. So I rang the auction house, Clarke's Africana and Rare Books in Cape Town. 'I'm sorry to say that Richard Sawyer died several months ago', a polite voice informed me. Later that day, the owner of the company, Paul Mills rang, sincerely concerned about our property. Paul was an old friend of Mr Sawyer's from their undergraduate days at the University of Cape Town. He told me about Richard's preventable death, and about the difficulties experienced by his widow dealing with the mass of books he had left behind him. My heart sank when he said the house in Tonbridge had now been cleared. I explained that these books were mementoes of Roger Holloway (P46-51), my father, and his military experience in Kenya in the 1950s and his big game hunting in the years following it. We were, and still are, grieving his death in October 2010. We talked about Chas J Sawyer & Sons, Richard's family firm with its pre-eminence in Africana, and decided it was very likely that some of the lost books had been bought there.

At his suggestion I rang Jonathan Potter, another friend and map dealer, who'd been advising on what to do with the stock. He

also feared the worst. Rather hopelessly, I wrote a letter to Richard's widow Karen with a copy of the receipt Mr Sawyer had left with my mother when he took away the collection for cataloguing.

Thanks to the internet, the most valuable items had sold through Cape Town without ever leaving Tonbridge. They fetched a surprisingly large amount of money, in particular an inscribed copy of the future President of the United States Theodore Roosevelt's *African Game Trails*. We decided to keep what was left, infused as it was with a time when my father's life was ripe with adventure.

The day after I posted my letter another South African voice, that of Karen Sawyer, came down the line. 'I was so happy to read the name 'Holloway' on your letter... At the end of everything - all those thousands of books - there were just these boxes with your name on them. I didn't know what to do with them.' 'Where did they go?' An old school friend of Richard's from Eastbourne is keeping them for me in his stable near Amersham. 'Was Richard Sawyer an Old Eastbournian? My father was at Eastbourne,' I said. Richard Sawyer was in Wargrave House from 1960 to 1965.

A few weeks later I was drinking tea in the house of Richard Canham (S61-67) and the books were safely deposited in the boot of my car.



Roger Holloway

This is a simple story. The reason that I am writing it is that it is so liberally studded with the calm trustworthiness, care, and loyalty of Richard Sawyer's friends. I never met him, but they say you can judge a man by his friends.

Similarly, I think you can tell a school by its Old Boys, and I like to remember a few: my surrogate grandfather VM Allom (College staff 1929-65 and housemaster of Wargrave 38-42), my godfather Stephen Howell (P46-51), my immensely kind new friend Richard Canham, and my uncle, Ian Holloway (P36-40), killed in his Stirling bomber in 1944.

Lieutenant Forbes Manson Grant Tulloch



As a pupil in 1896



Lieutenant RAMC

The College's Medical Centre is known as Tulloch House, as was, from 1921, the previous sanatorium in Meads Road. Many younger OEs may be unaware of the reason for this. The name remembers Forbes Tulloch who was a home boarder (day boy) at the College from 1894 until 1896. The son of an Eastbourne doctor, he proved to be a talented artist, exhibiting at the local Art and Industry Exhibition, an active member of the school debating society, a 2nd XI football colour and an athlete. He next spent five

years at St Mary's Hospital in London, gaining a scholarship for dermatology, and qualifying MRCS and LRCP. By 1902 he had become a civil surgeon with the South African Field Force and, on returning to England, won a prize for pathology at the Royal Army Medical College. He was commissioned into the RAMC in 1903 and was married in December 1904. In 1905 he was sent to Uganda as a member of the Royal Society's Commission to investigate trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness). Based at Entebbe, he worked conscientiously until March of 1906 when it was found that he had contracted

the disease. Invalided home, he died at the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital on Millbank on 20 June, aged just 27. Although the disease at that time was invariably fatal, such a short period of illness was unprecedented. He is buried at Eachwick in Northumberland near to his wife's home.

Following his death, the College and the OEA erected a stained glass window in the south aisle of Chapel to his memory. It was Mary Lowndes' second window and is of Saint Martin.



MP The Chapel window

Eastbournian Medical Society

The Eastbournian Medical Society held its second lunch on Saturday 4 May 2013 at the College. President of the Society Dr Chris Allen MA MD FRCP (S62-66) welcomed over 35 OEs, pupils and parents to the Birley Centre, and gave a short talk on the possibilities of a career in neurology and the many changes that have occurred in this sector over the past 30 to 40 years. This was followed by lunch in the Social Common Room.

The aim of the society is to provide career advice for current pupils and OEs at



medical school, mentoring for those who have embarked on their careers in medicine and a forum for networking and to share expertise. If you

are interested in attending future Medical Society events please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

The group assembled in the foyer of the Birley Centre for pre-lunch drinks

Insurance networking

The second insurance networking reception was held on Thursday 17 October at Davy's at Plantation Place, Mincing Lane, in the City. A number of College pupils were able to attend, an opportunity for them to discuss career prospects with those in the industry. It was also a chance for OEs already working in insurance to make business contacts. Old Eastbournian Nicholas Cooper, Chairman of Sterling Insurance Group, was the speaker for the evening and gave an overview of the

opportunities available to those who wanted to make a career in insurance.

The feedback we have received following our networking events has been very positive. One OE wrote: 'After attending a number of the events that you have hosted (shipping and insurance) I just wanted to say what a great tool I believe them to be and, for people leaving the College, an invaluable insight into a number of industries. When leaving the College or university this is exactly the kind of advice and introductions you wish for, to enable you to get your foot in the door in what is, as everyone is aware, an incredibly competitive graduate job market. The number

of people who attended from all sectors of insurance and ranging from graduate trainees to company directors provides a great pot from which to glean information and take on advice.'

Another commented: 'I think it's a hugely important evening and a massive help to anyone interested in getting into the industry. I only wish it was something we did when I was at school as I think it's much better to meet people when you are 16, 17, 18 face to face than to be told "you should be thinking about your career". It's also great for different generations of OEs to meet those older or younger and share some knowledge and advice.'



Will Finn (B85-89), Matthew Grover (W90-95), Phoebe Barnes (S03-08), Becky Stewart (S04-08), Rosie Eckert (S00-05), James Gibbs (W03-08), Simon Horton (C03-08), Andy Edwards (R00-04) and Joseph Horton (W98-03)



Nicholas Pomeroy (G73-78), Adeeb Makda (R08-13) and James Turner (G07-12)



Hugh Price (S61-66), Neil Eckert (parent), Nicholas Cooper (S64-68) and Forbes Wastie (College staff 61-98)



Peter Matthews (parent), Henry Yorke (C97-02), Curtis Suggitt (Pennell, Upper Sixth), David Sibree (P69-74) and Tom Johnson (P05-10)

Staff farewells

Four long-serving members of staff left the College at the end of the summer term in 2013. Here are the tributes that appeared in *The Eastbournian* magazine this year.

Jo Toy



Jo Toy is the consummate school master. He set the highest standard through his own enthusiastic participation and never expected anything less than the very best

of efforts from those around him. He is someone who bought in wholeheartedly to the values of the College and whose integrity and professionalism meant he never ceased in his efforts to instil them in others. Jo wanted to participate in everything, often putting those younger than him to shame with his commitment and energy. On pitch and parade ground, in Powell, classroom and Chapel, his voice could be heard booming out. Fortified with nibbles purloined earlier from the dining hall, he would keep up a steady stream of emails into the early hours. The only reason his voice did not boom across the Birley Centre was that he often had a saxophone in his mouth as a member of the Swing Band. A stalwart of the staff Parlov team, an ever reliable batsman for the Eclectics and a popular choice for any quiz team, Jo was an enthusiastic and energetic supporter of the school community too.

Having arrived as Head of Economics and Business Studies he spent nine of his 12 years at the College as Housemaster of Powell, where he encouraged the boys to develop responsibility for their own actions. He was proud of the musical tradition he helped to instil in the house and made a virtue of it with the annual Powell Soirée in which the Powell Cats, led by their housemaster, would invariably get the audience swinging. A Cambridge graduate, Jo brought real intellect to the classroom and while always supporting the standards and expectations of the College, he encouraged his pupils to challenge convention. There can be few teachers who embody so well the wide range of opportunities available at the College. We are sorry to lose Jo and we wish him and Lana the very best for their future at Canford. **Mark Turnbull**

Jonathan Stevens



Jonathan joined the College in September 1995. He, Sage, Tamryn, Benjamin and a nine month-old Ursula arrived from Eaglesvale High School in Zimbabwe. He had held various job titles in Africa: Head of Maths, Housemaster and House Superintendent, where he was in charge of administering corporal punishment to errant boys: happy days! Eighteen years later Jonathan leaves to take on fresh challenges as Deputy Headmaster at Cokethorpe School, having established himself here as an excellent teacher, a highly regarded housemaster of supreme

efficiency and first class care, and a much valued colleague and friend to many.

As his head of department I have always been able to leave him to it, safe in the knowledge that pupils would punch the air in delight in September when they knew he was their teacher, and again the following August on results day. There are no trendy gimmicks with Jonathan; that combination of humour, authority, clarity and knowledge does the trick. We will miss him enormously in the department.

As a housemaster he was always quick to see to the heart of an issue in a meeting, true to himself and unafraid to speak his mind, urging that decisions or initiatives be properly justified. Whatever he does, he quickly works out what is important and gives that his all to make sure of an excellent outcome. In running Pennell for nine years, Jonathan displayed his consummate pastoral skills. As former colleague and College Deputy Head Forbes Wastie once told me: 'Boys like a housemaster who is well organised, so that they know where they are supposed to be and what they are supposed to be doing'; Jonathan was supreme in this regard and Pennellians always knew what was expected of them. They also knew he was passionate about Pennell:

'Every boy respects him, knows that he wants the best for them and we will all be very sad to see him go.'

Rugby and basketball have seen Jonathan involved on the sports field but one of his top interests is film editing. Pennell State of Mind – a parody of Alicia Keyes and Jay-Z starring Simon Beal and Jonathan – has to be one of the funniest house concert videos ever created. He loves any interesting directors such as David Lynch and his latest music video creation submitted to YouTube – a Lynch/Daft Punk Get Lucky synthesis – currently has over 25,000 hits!

Combining ultra-efficiency with genuine care, Jonathan leaves a tremendous legacy from his time with us. Pennellians knew that; Pennell parents knew that; his pupils knew it too. Yes, Eastbourne has been good to the Stevens family but they, in turn, have all added hugely to the College community. Benjamin was our first, and almost certainly last, pupil to gain a triple A* in mathematics and he followed Tamryn to Oxford University. Ursula finished in great style too and she starts at Nottingham University as Jonathan and Sage begin their new life as a great team again in Oxfordshire. We wish them all the very best.

Dr Graham Jones



Graham started at the College in September 1980, joining us from Dulwich College, to run the physics department for 21 years and serve as Head of Science for over a decade. In his 33 years at the College

Graham did far more than take the physics and science into the twenty-first century. He was involved in every facet of College life, from tutoring to staff representative, and played an integral part in the debate about the need for a Science Centre and its design, ensuring a state-of-the-art facility which is still the envy of many schools 15 years after its inception. Graham coached and refereed rugby at the highest level and also ran the sailing for many years, on numerous occasions discovering that engines and centreboards do not float if they become detached from the boat!

Graham has always been an academic powerhouse and many Oxbridge and Physics Olympiad candidates have

benefited from his depth of knowledge. Graham also worked tirelessly for the Common Room, representing his colleagues on the SCLC and presenting evidence to support the annual salary reviews. His eloquence and non-confrontational approach to this prickly topic were always favourably received by Council. He has always found time to examine for the exam boards, and now, with more free time, he is a Senior Examiner and advises Ofqual on far-reaching changes to the educational and examining system. Graham has never been one to advertise his doctorate but he did take advantage of the 'Dr GL Jones' on his driving licence when he was stopped by the police on the way home from a

party. The police assumed he was a medical practitioner on call at that late hour; Graham didn't argue with them and was soon on his way.

As Head of Physics he would always find time to help, advise and support members of staff in his department or pupils grappling with a physics problem. I have been very lucky to have had Graham as mentor in the early years of my teaching career and to have enjoyed his support during my time as a housemaster and latterly as head of department. I owe Graham far more than words can say and the College owes him an enormous debt of gratitude for all that he has done during his time with us.

David Hodkinson

Ben Dalaunay

Ben Delaunay joined the College in October 1973. He worked in a variety of roles in the College's kitchen and reached the senior position of Catering Manager in 2000. Ben was a dedicated and loyal member of staff who contributed fully to the life of the College community within which he worked and lived. His tireless effort and commitment, often going beyond the call of duty, ensured that the needs of students and staff were always his top priority. His calm, caring and unflustered manner was always very welcome in the hectic environment of a busy school, and students and staff held him in high esteem. After nearly 40 years of service, Ben stepped down at the end of the summer term 2013. His final duty was the successful catering of the school's end-of-year events for leavers. Ben's retirement will enable him to spend quality time with his family and grandchildren as well as to enjoy his two other passions: Arsenal FC and sea fishing.

Ben was a very proud member of the RNLI, and his colleagues from the Eastbourne RNLI station recall that he enrolled as a station shore-helper at Eastbourne Lifeboat Station in 1982 and fulfilled this role for two years before becoming a full crew member of the All-Weather Lifeboat for several years. He stood down in 1988 on account of work commitments but re-joined in 1994 as a

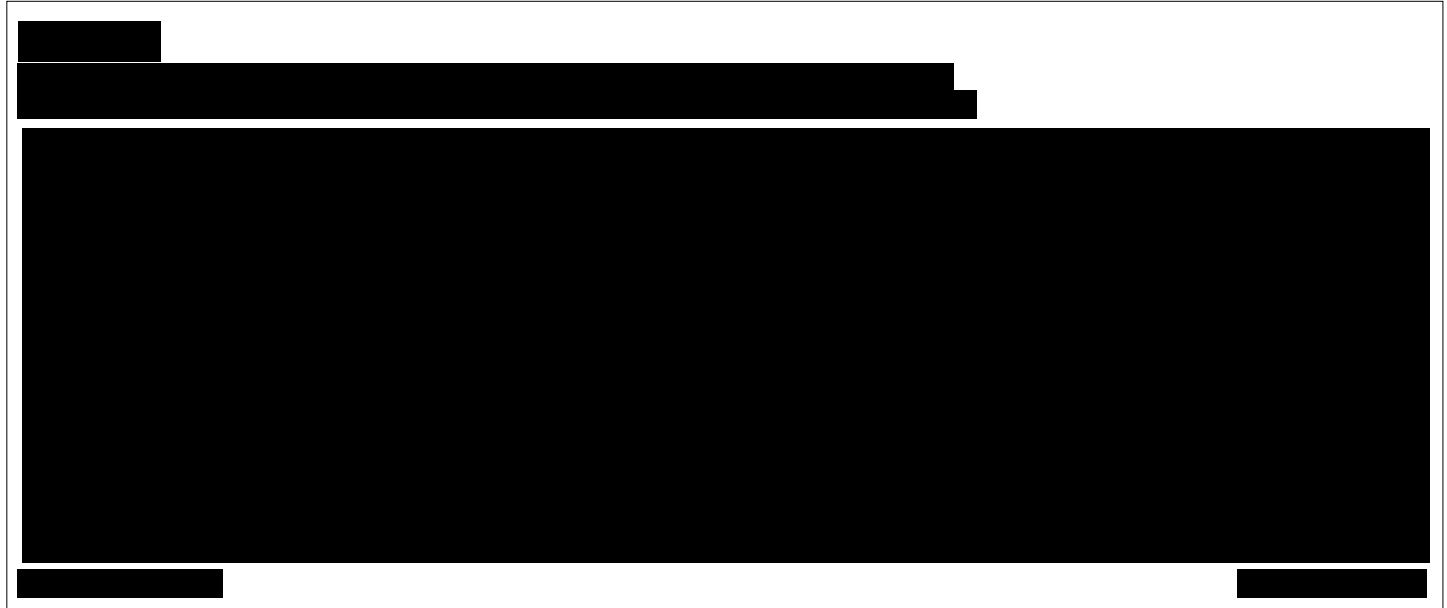
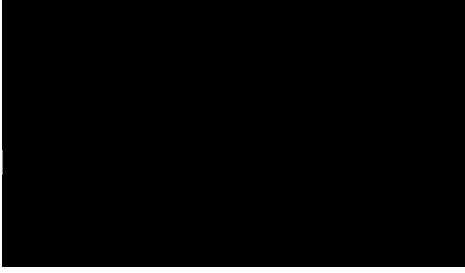
Speech Day, Saturday 29 June 2013, was Ben's last day before retirement. To thank him for his support and hard work at OE events over the years, Ben was made an honorary Old Eastbournian and presented with an OE tie and pair of cufflinks by Eastbournian Society President, David Winn (S54-59)



crew member until his statutory retirement in 2009. He was offered the role of Boats Officer in 1999 but turned it down because of his College commitments. In 2003 he was awarded a Medal Service Certificate for his part in a dramatic sea rescue in October 2002. In 2008 he was awarded an RNLI Long Service Badge for his accumulated twenty years' service with the RNLI and Eastbourne Lifeboat Station. He was always held in high regard by the crew, the boat's officers and the station management. **Nick Chapman**

David Blake adds: Ben will be known to many OEs for the large number of reunion dinners, celebratory lunches and other events for which he has managed

the catering. What they may not have known is the huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to make sure that these events proceed so smoothly. Ben was always unflappable; a last-minute request for an extra table to be set for a reunion dinner would be answered with a calm 'No problem'. I have been involved with OE reunions for the last seven years, and I was always grateful for the reassuring presence of Ben in the Dining Hall as he made my job so much easier. I would feel somewhat embarrassed when guests would thank me for having enjoyed the evening, when I knew that most of that praise should have been directed towards Ben and his team.




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Property networking



Almost 60 people attended the evening

The first property networking event was a huge success with some 57 OEs, parents, pupils and others attending the reception on Wednesday 24 April. Held at The Clubhouse in Grafton Street, Mayfair, the evening provided a business networking opportunity for those working in all aspects of the property sector. Current College pupils and OE undergraduates were there to benefit from careers advice and younger OEs making their way in the profession had a chance to build up their business contacts.

Andrew Wolstenholme, CEO of Crossrail and College parent and governor, gave a brief presentation on the impact of Crossrail, Europe's largest construction project which will provide a new east-west rail route across central London. How the project will change the property landscape in and around London was the subject of much discussion afterwards.

Following the evening we received a lot of positive comment on how successful it had been. One OE commented: 'It was very good to catch up... as well as meet some

new faces, not only in the property world but from other walks of life. It was a fantastic effort to get Andrew Wolstenholme to provide an interesting presentation on Crossrail, particularly for me since the infrastructure is and will continue to have a direct impact on the market in which I work.'

The next property event will be held on Thursday 24 April from 6–8.30pm at AECOM, MidCity Place, 71 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6QS. To book your place please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk.



Andrew Wolstenholme, CEO of Crossrail, second right, spoke about the impact of the new rail route on London's property market



Alex Brown (B80–85), fourth from right, helped arrange the venue and organise the evening, as well as drumming up a lot of support from his contacts in the property sector. He is pictured here with young OEs and current College pupils

Devonshire Society Day

The Devonshire Society is the College's legacy club, whereby anybody can pledge to make a bequest to the school in their will. Since its foundation in 2002 over 100 people have done so, and Devonshire Society Day is a way of saying thank you to their generosity. This year it was held on Thursday 27 June and just under 50 members were able to attend a reception and musical entertainment in the Birley Centre, followed by lunch in the College Theatre (Big School). The lunch was also attended by two pupils, Matt Ginno (Reeves) and Sarah Hill-Smith (School), who spoke about the opportunities and experiences they have had since joining the school as sixth formers in September 2012. Devonshire Society legacies help in part to fund bursaries for pupils who might not otherwise be able to attend the College.



Devonshire Society members assembled in the foyer of the Birley Centre



Matt Ginno spoke during lunch about the opportunities he has had since joining the Lower Sixth. He has since gone on to become Joint Head of School in the 2013-14 academic year. Around the table are, left to right, Jennie Harari, Eric Koops (G59-63), Paul Birkbeck, Robina Davies, Matt, Barbara Birkbeck and Robert Mumford

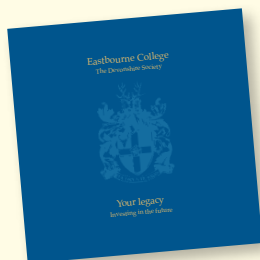


Sarah Hill-Smith, centre, with Sally and Philip Le Brocq

Legacy brochure

More details about the Devonshire Society are available in a brochure which explains how to make a bequest, the different types of legacy, how to save on inheritance tax and how your gift can help shape the lives and careers of a younger generation of Eastbournians.

The College has been built and developed through the generosity of its supporters and benefactors, with each generation of pupils inheriting the opportunities provided by their predecessors. If you would like to receive a copy of the brochure and consider becoming a member of the Devonshire Society, please contact David Stewart or Christine Todd.



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An archives exhibition about Old Eastbournian Henry Singleton Pennell VC was mounted in the College Theatre, which guests had an opportunity to look at while chatting after lunch

The Two Paintings

The paintings of two men, the Seventh Duke of Devonshire and Mr Arnold, who were both of great significance in the early years of the College, have this year, 2013, been hung in the Memorial Building. Senior OEs will remember that they used to hang, together with that of the Eighth Duke, behind the raised stage in Big School, the College Theatre. Somehow they escaped destruction in the great fire of 1981. Earlier this year they were restored at a cost of £1,200 by the Arnold Embellishers, who also provided the descriptive plaques. If you go up to the first floor level of the

Memorial Building, at the south end, known as the Devonshire Wing, you will find a 19th century painting of the Seventh Duke of Devonshire, in fact a replica of a painting that hangs in the Fitzwilliam at Cambridge. Without his benevolent and generous support for the first 24 years of the College's existence, we might not now be here, and certainly would not enjoy the land, buildings and facilities that we do.

The other painting, at the north end of the building, known as the Arnold Wing, is of Mr Arnold, teacher, headmaster and Governor for exactly 50 years, 1899 to 1949.

He was a seminal figure in our growth and development over the first half of the 20th century, introducing us to rugby, panelling Big School, writing some five books on birds and donating significant funds to the Memorial Building project as well as leading it to completion.

In November, at the suggestion of the headmaster, a circular email was sent to all Governors, staff (both teaching and support), and all pupils to draw their attention to this distinctive record of our early history and of two of the great men who were behind it.

MP



William Cavendish
7th Duke of Devonshire
1808–1891

Benefactor who enabled the foundation of the College in 1867.

As President of the College Council, the Duke made available a 12 acre site at a modest rent and purchased the flint building Larkfield, extending it to form what is now School House. Despite having inherited a severely indebted estate, he remained a benevolent patron for the rest of his life, paying for most of the original College buildings. Together with his architect Henry Currey, he was also responsible for much of the 19th century development of the town of Eastbourne. He served successively as Chancellor of the universities of London and Cambridge. His statue stands at the seaward end of Devonshire Place.



Edward Carleton Arnold
1869–1949

Assistant Master 1900–1924,
Headmaster 1924–1929, Governor 1930–1949

Known to boys as 'Og', Arnold is often regarded as the key figure in the early 20th century development of the College. His enterprise, along with a handsome financial contribution, led to construction of the Memorial Building. He introduced rugby to the school, and in 24 years of coaching produced both Blues and internationals. For two decades he superintended the carving of panels in the original Big School (destroyed by fire in 1981). A devoted naturalist, he wrote five acclaimed books on ornithology. He bequeathed several parcels of land in Sussex as well as a collection of Napoleonic and Crimean memorabilia. His inspiration is perpetuated in the name of the Arnold Embellishers.

The OE London dinner

The annual London dinner on Thursday 9 May 2013 attracted another good turnout of OEs and guests to the In and Out Club in St James's Square.



In recent years the meal has been hosted by a dinner chairman, an OE whose success and achievement are celebrated. This year's chairman was Hugo Southwell (W93-98), the most successful rugby international that the College has produced, having won 59 caps for Scotland. After playing for Stade Français, Hugo signed for London Wasps in 2011 and became captain in 2012. Instead of addressing the guests with a speech, Hugo had a more informal question-and-answer session with Nigel Wheeler during the meal, much appreciated by the assembled diners.

Guests were welcomed with a reception drink on arrival



Sir Ian Forbes (Pw60-65) with Hugo Southwell



Nigel Wheeler and Hugo during their question-and-answer session



Stephen Yorke (B77-81), Euan Clarke (College staff 76-94) and Miles Quitmann (B77-80)



Rory Garratt (W03-08), Charlie West (C96-01), Will Ripley (G99-04), Simon Cane-Hardy (Pw00-02)



Tom Boltjes (G64-69), Richard Haining (S64-68), Iqui Gelu (P64-69) and David West (G64-69)



Peter Jamieson (B60-63), Gillie Barford, Mike Barford (R63-68) and David Burt (G66-70)



Standing: Izzi Highett (B02-07), Sam Collett (R02-07), Oscar Orellana-Hyder (R02-07), Laurie Hebden, Pat Graham (Pw02-07); seated: Niki Mapouras (B02-07), Rebecca Bartlett (B02-07), James Stewart (B01-06), James Hopkinson (R02-07), Alice Kielmann (N05-06) and Alexander Wilhelmi

The 2013 Foundation Golf Challenge

Teams of Old Eastbournians, College parents, staff, local businesses and other friends and supporters of the College turned out to play in the annual golf challenge on Thursday 4 July. It was an overcast and unseasonably cold day at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, but this did not deter the players, who enjoyed a good day's golf. The event was generously sponsored by M-Tech Systems, the local IT company owned by Martin Lulham (Pw91-96), and goody bags were supplied by NatWest. We are grateful for the many businesses and individuals who sponsored holes, provided team prizes or donated items for the charity auction. Thanks to their generosity, this

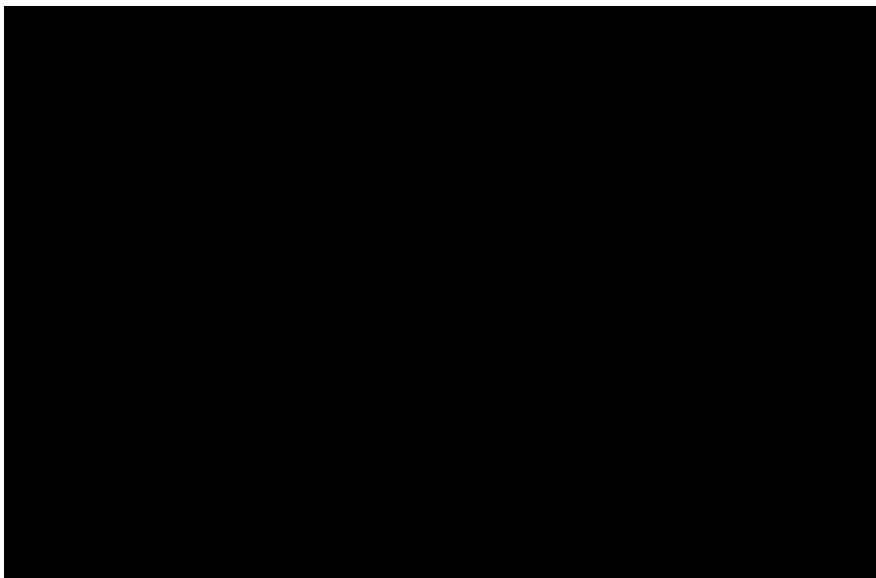


year's golf day raised more than £25,000 towards the Peter Bibby Award fund, a record-breaking amount.

The day's golf was followed by a dinner in the club house and a lively charity auction,

with items ranging from the hire of a skip to two tickets at the Wimbledon men's singles final with seats in front of the royal box. Needless to say, the Wimbledon tickets attracted a bigger winning bid!

The 2014 Golf Challenge will be held on Thursday 3 July at the REGC. If you would like to play please let Christine Todd know on 01323 452316 or ct@eastbourne-college.co.uk.



Roger Myall, Harry Finch, Mirren Mace (Peter Bibby's daughter) and David Stewart

Donors and sponsors

Our thanks go to the many OEs, parents, businesses and others who supported the golf day with sponsorship and donations of items as prizes and auction items. If you would like to be a sponsor or donor for the 2014 Golf Challenge, please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

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The Peter Bibby Award

The Peter Bibby Award was set up by Peter's family, friends and sporting colleagues to honour and celebrate his life. The aim is to give a local youngster, who has a clear aptitude and passion for cricket, the chance of an education at the College by providing bursary funding. If you would like to donate to the Peter Bibby Award please contact the Eastbournian Society office on 01323 452316 or 452308. You can also donate online via Virgin Money Giving.

The Over-60s Lunch



The inaugural Eastbourne Society Over-60s Lunch was held at the Caledonian Club in Belgravia, London, on Monday 20 May 2013. We are grateful to Colin McKerrow (W47-51) for suggesting the Caledonian Club, of which he is a member, and arranging the use of the Selkirk Room for the occasion. The lunch was hosted by David Stewart and it proved to be a popular get-together, with all the places taken. Another lunch for senior OEs and their partners will be held in 2014; we will let OEs know the date and venue in due course.

Our Founder

Simon Wood (Pw50-54)



An image of Dr Hayman taken from a print showing the first mayor and officers of the Borough of Eastbourne in 1883

Allom writes in *Ex Oriente Salus*:

'The man to whom it first occurred to start a College in Eastbourne was Dr Charles Christopher Hayman, then one of the leading medical practitioners in the town; and since he also took the leading part in making his idea an actuality, to him rather than to any other single person should belong the honour as being counted as the school's founder. On May 18th 1865, he communicated his idea to a solicitor, John Henry Campion Coles, and, with Coles thereafter to second him, lost no time in seeking to win support among the townsfolk for his scheme. Arrangements were made for convening and advertising a public meeting at Diplock's Assembly Room on June 6th; a leading article was written and appeared in the Eastbourne Gazette, and a circular letter was sent out to some two hundred people. Meanwhile the Memoranda and Articles of Association of Malvern, Marlborough and Cheltenham were obtained to assist the doctor and his associates in devising ways and means of carrying his undertaking to success.

'On June 6th the public meeting duly took place, and at it resolutions were passed expressing general approval of the idea, electing a committee to forward it, and approving the sending of a memorial to the Duke of Devonshire to try and secure his support.'

This support was forthcoming and the 7th Duke of Devonshire became our first benefactor.

Dr Charles Christopher Hayman was born in Axminster, Devon, in 1826, the son of Dr Charles Dell Hayman and his wife Dorothy. They had four sons, some of whom entered the medical profession, as did Charles Christopher's sons.

Young Hayman commenced his professional edu-

cation at the Middlesex Hospital in 1846. In 1849 he became a Licentiate of the Apothecaries Company and in 1850 MRCS (Eng), when he started his general practice in West Malling, Kent. However in 1854 Hayman developed congestion of the lung and his health started to decline until in 1860 he was advised to move to Eastbourne (by 1860 he had added MD & LRCP to his qualifications). His strength gradually returned and for 14 years he attended to the needs of a growing practice.

Dr Hayman was well known for promoting the interests of Eastbourne and in 1861 he co-authored a book *Eastbourne, and the Advantages which it Possesses as a Resort for Invalids*. During the epidemic of scarlet fever in 1863, he was chiefly instrumental in improving the sanitary and drainage arrangements of the town. He wrote medical articles about how the ill and poor benefited from a 'dip in the sea'. In Eastbourne he was a member of the Local Board (this was before he became a member of the Borough's original Town Council in 1883); Chairman of the Workmen's Hall; President of the Cricket Club and an active member of the Board of Guardians.

He married Elizabeth Hughes Norton at West Malling in September 1851 and they had four sons and two daughters. He died at Brooke House, West Malling, on 2 August 1874, while his main residence was 22 Grand Parade, Eastbourne.

The College Archives were delighted to trace a living descendant – Mrs Judy Martin-Jenkins (née Hayman) great-granddaughter of Dr Hayman. Judy is the widow of the late Christopher Martin-Jenkins (a former pupil of St Bede's Preparatory School), the well-known cricket commentator and writer.

Note. The Hayman Society at the College is a tribute to our founder, where Year 9 pupils debate, invite speakers and go on cultural outings during the year.

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Stringent Years



James Bowman

The debt the College owes to its bursars may never be fully appreciated. The situation is ever changing. Like the weather for the seafarer, a ship needs a steady hand at the helm. James Bowman – what an ideal name (though pronounced like an archer) – played a vital role in keeping the College financially afloat. An exhibitioner of St John's College, Cambridge, he joined the College in 1924 and was a vigorous senior mathematics master who produced a steady trickle of university scholars, as well as assisting Bursar Stephen Foot (W&G1901–06).

In 1935, with ten years understudying behind him, he stepped into Stephen Foot's shoes as bursar, but still managed to keep a full timetable of mathematics teaching and games coaching. Of course, the College was smaller in those days – in pupil numbers, teaching staff, administrative and maintenance personnel.

During the Second World War James Bowman was kept more than busy serving the College at Radley during the evacuation years, shrewdly bargaining with the Radley bursar while at the same time keeping an eye on our property in Eastbourne, tactfully keeping the London Life Insurance Company happy about our vast debt to them, starting and helping our junior school in Gonville and finally battling with and evicting the Navy, HMS *Marlborough*, from our buildings. All the while continuing to teach mathematics to both Radley and Eastbourne boys.

After moving back to Eastbourne in 1945 he applied himself

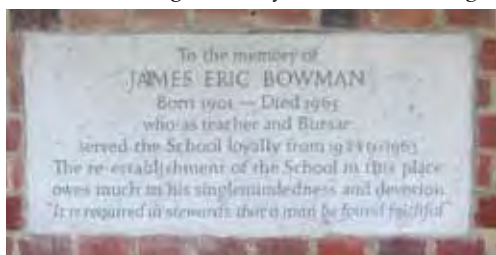
to the school's tricky financial position. Stephen Foot had formed a bold bursarial policy and secured the freehold of most of the school's buildings and land and had vastly extended them, but had increased the debt to the neighbourhood of £100,000. This in 1945, with a school reduced in numbers and facing many difficult post-war problems, seemed completely crippling. Bowman, with the support and confidence of a strong Council, helped by the wisdom and advice of OE stalwarts – Harold Trouncer, Herbert Reeves and George Plummer, managed to extinguish the debt. This he did while continuing to build, expand and generally improve the school properties. Incidentally, before the dining hall was built, meals were provided in houses and supervised by housemasters' wives. All this extra post-war work persuaded him to give up his teaching. It should be noted that during this early post-war period, some loyal members of staff (some of whom had been on active service) took a cut in their salaries to help the College back on its feet financially.

So James Bowman, who had served the College faithfully for nearly forty years (he retired in 1963) passed on to his successor a school in excellent material order, free from debt and ready to face the future with confidence.

Note: Stephen Foot, our first Bursar, played a large part in founding the Bursars Association, a body that does much to further the interests of independent schools. Bowman served on the Committee.

Simon Wood (Pw50–54)

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The plaque in the cloisters which pays tribute to Bowman

Travels in China

Two OEs, who left the College at the end of the summer term 2013, spent part of their gap year exploring China. Max Walker (C08–13) recounts their adventure.



Patrick, left, and Max stand in front of the giant statue of the young Chairman Mao in Changsha, Hunan Province

On 1 September Patrick Davies (Pw08–13) and I embarked on a two-month trip to China. We had been taken on to teach English in a Chinese secondary school in Dao Xian, a small town in the south of Hunan Province (Mao's birthplace). Although the town does not appear on most maps, it has a population of 800,000. As the only two tall white men in a sea of black-haired Chinese people we stood out like two sore thumbs, often seeing jaws dropped and hearing whispers of 'laowai' (foreigner) as we walked through the town.

We soon grew accustomed to Chinese culture, from the constant spitting in the streets to the province's notoriously spicy food that left us with horribly ulcerated mouths. We experienced life in the Chinese classroom, teaching classes of up to 80 students, some of whom fell asleep or were even drunk. Let's hope that this wasn't a reflection of the quality of our tuition!

After three weeks, however, our stay in Dao Xian was cut short due to an unexpected administrative problem. One morning we were called in to the police station with our host and after an hour or so of listening incomprehendingly to the Chinese officials, we ascertained that we had to leave the town within 24 hours or pay a fine of up to £10,000! Although initially a shock, our expulsion gave us the opportunity to travel around China for a month. After being evicted from Dao Xian we headed north-east on an overnight thirteen-hour standing train trip to Shanghai where we were thrilled to be treated to lunch by two OEs, Jez McQueen (W83–88) and Rachael Macpherson (N87–89).

We then travelled down the coast and eventually ended up in Hong Kong where our journey finished. Between these two sky-scraping megacities we experienced many aspects of Chinese life, from rural farmers and fishermen, ancient architecture and colonial villages to modern touristy



Patrick and Max met OEs Jez McQueen and Rachael Macpherson for lunch in Shanghai, where they both live and work

seaside resorts, colossal factories and smog-filled streets. We felt we had seen so much, yet when we plotted our route on a map at the end of our trip, we had covered only a tiny corner of this amazingly vast country. A fascinating two months which opened our eyes to China, its people and its culture.

The Bartons

Chris Walker (S68–73) writes about his OE ancestors, the Bartons

I am descended from the Bartons on my mother's side; Harold Barton was my mother Avril's father. The three Bartons from that generation were:

- Harold Charles Barton (1886 to 1990) School House 1900–03.
- Frank Gordon Barton (1887 to 1977) School House 1902–05.
- Reginald 'Reggie' Ernest Barton (1890 to 1918) School House 1904–07.

Their parents were Charles Thomas and Emily Barton and they had a sister, Esther May. They lived at 20 Vanbrugh Park, overlooking Blackheath in south-east London.

All three brothers fought in the First World War and Reggie was killed in action on 26 August 1918 by machine gun fire while leading his platoon in an attack at Summit Trench, near Croisilles. He is buried in Summit Trench Cemetery, Croisilles, eight miles south-east of Arras. In May 2013 my wife and I visited great uncle Reggie's grave.



The Barton family at 20 Vanbrugh Park, Blackheath, February 1918: Esther, Gordon, Emily, Reggie and Charles



Chris Walker at Reggie Barton's grave

Uncle Reggie graduated from the City & Guilds College of London University in 1911 with a BSc in engineering, then attended a civil engineering course at Woolwich Arsenal. He volunteered for military service on the outbreak of war but was rejected on account of defective eyesight. He was accepted in April 1915 and served as a sergeant and musketry instructor in England. He went to France in April 1917 and was transferred into the 1/3rd battalion, the 20th London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers) and then to the 1/1st battalion. He was commended by the GOC 56th (London) Division as having distinguished himself by his conduct in the field during the fight for Cambrai in autumn 1917. We are fortunate to have a letter to his father from a fellow soldier who knew Reggie and had last seen him only a few days before he was killed, aged 28.

We have a field notebook of his from his time on active service which makes interesting reading with its mixture of mathematical and chess problems, a trea-

tise on stamp collecting and references to recently published books and newspaper articles. He was clearly a man with an active mind.

My grandfather, Harold Barton, served with the Public Schools battalion, the 29th Royal Fusiliers. He lived to 104 and was



Harold Barton at his 100th birthday lunch

a lifelong supporter of both Blackheath Rugby Club and the College. He played in the 1902 1st XV for the College alongside Gordon Carey. Having retired to Eastbourne from Blackheath, he was a frequent spectator at rugby matches on College Field and a considerable benefactor to the College (being 'mentioned in dispatches' when Big School had to be rebuilt). His 100th birthday lunch at the College in 1986 was a memorable occasion (attended by both myself and my uncle, Harold's son, Ken Barton (S44–47), along with several others including Beefy Howell.

Uncle Gordon served as a CQMS with the London Regiment. He worked as an accountant in London. My chief memories of him concern Sunday lunches at 20 Vanbrugh Park where he and his sister, my Auntie Esther, lived until the late 1970s (and where nothing very much had changed since about 1900). He died in August 1977.

Another Boer War combatant

In the 2012 magazine we reported the previously unknown details of the death of OE Herbert Edwards. Bill Bowden's meticulous OE researches have discovered another such death, that of Dudley Seagrim, who was in Blackwater from 1878.

Captain Dudley Gillum Seagrim, Royal Garrison Artillery, died of an abscess of the liver at Cape Town on 15 May 1900. He was born in July 1867 and was educated at the College, at Clifton College Junior School and probably elsewhere. He joined the Royal Artillery in July 1886, being promoted Captain in July 1897. He had qualified as an interpreter in French. He served with the Burmese Expedition in 1885–89, receiving the medal with two clasps; with the Zho Valley

Expedition in 1890; and with the Isazai Field Force in 1892. He also served with the Waziristan Expedition under the late Sir William Lockhart in 1894–95, including the 1895 attack on camp Wano, for which he received a clasp. On 30 March 1899 he was appointed ADC to the Lieut General commanding in the Punjab, but volunteered for active service and was selected for special duty in South Africa in January 1900. He served there until his death.

Old Eastbournian Lodge No. 4946



Dermot Bambridge and Peter Gates

The Lodge has had another successful year under the Mastership of Howard Riddall, another experienced Mason. Sadly we have had no new members joining since our last report, the first time this has happened for many years, but we hope that this will be remedied in the near future.

At our annual Installation Meeting in January, James Fok (P97-02) will be installed as our new Worshipful Master

and we hope that we will get a good turn out from as many OEs as possible to support him. You do not need to be a Lodge member to attend, although you do need to be a Mason. The Secretary's contact details are below if you would like to join us.

By a happy coincidence three of the College's 1962 intake are now all active and senior members of the Lodge. Nick Clive-Matthews

(P62-66) as Secretary, Dermot Bambridge (R62-66) as Treasurer and Peter Gates, JP (R62-67), who will be taking over as Director of Ceremonies in January.

Brother Nick had the great honour of being appointed as Senior Warden for the Masonic Province of Sussex last year, while this year Brother Dermot was appointed as the Provincial Assistant Grand Registrar and Brother Peter as Provincial Senior Grand Deacon. It is a rare honour for a Lodge to have three brethren appointed to active ranks in such a short period of time and we hope this bodes well for the Lodge in future. Dermot and Peter are pictured wearing their new badges of office. All three find it hard to believe that it is now over fifty years since they first met and find the Lodge meetings the perfect way to keep in touch.

Dermot has had an exciting year Masonically as in May he also became the first Master of the brand new Silverstone Lodge, the first motor racing Lodge in the country. This Lodge was consecrated at the new Masonic Centre in Northampton by the Provincial Grand Master for Northampton and Huntingdonshire. Nick and Peter were invited to see the cer-

emony as guests, as was Hafiz Khandwala (S68-73), the second longest standing member of the Lodge.

The longest serving member and Father of the Lodge is John Seldon (W49-53), now the Lodge Chaplain and following in the very distinctive footsteps of Cliff Comyns (College staff 75-06) who sadly passed away in December 2011. John joined the Lodge in September 1960, before the others were even at the College!

The Lodge meets at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre, South Street, on four Fridays a year, either dining at the College or the Masonic Centre afterwards. For further information about the Lodge please contact Nick Clive-Matthews at nickc_m@yahoo.co.uk or by calling 01323 509401.



Nick Clive-Matthews

Shipping industry reception



The second networking evening for those involved in the shipping industry was held at the Baltic Exchange on Thursday 18 April 2013. Thanks are due once again to Mark Jackson and AM Nomikos for sponsoring and hosting the event. As with all our business networking evenings the aim is not only a means of making business contacts, but also an opportunity for younger OEs, who may have just graduated or are still studying, to get advice on careers, work placements and other opportunities in an increasingly competitive employment marketplace. We are planning a similar reception at the Baltic Exchange on 1 May 2014; please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Some of the attendees at the Baltic Exchange, left to right: Oscar Orellana-Hyder (R02-07), Pat Graham (Pw02-07), Guy Ingham (C02-07), Jamie Orsler (C02-07), John Thornley, Mark Jackson (S75-77), John Garratt (parent of OEs), David Stewart, Nigel Prentis (C71-76), Jamie Freeland (S86-91), Leo Askaroff (W01-03), William Lyth (Pw67-71), Philip Baker (W92-97) and Thomas Grover (W94-99)

Foundation and Development



The Eastbournian Society brings together the OEA and all those with a College connection. It supports Eastbourne College, and the Foundation and Development Office continues to organise that support for the Charity. Funds are raised to help sponsor pupils and to provide funding for the best possible facilities.

We are very grateful to those supporters at home and abroad, who continue to support in their different ways – through tax-efficient giving, through taking part in our annual Golf Challenge whatever the weather, through sponsoring an event, through pledging a legacy and becoming a member of the Devonshire Society. Thank you to you all.

One of the key tasks of the office is gently to remind everyone that the College is an educational charity. Yes, part of the revolution in independent schools over the last 40 years is that the financial systems and management are much like that of other businesses, but we remain first and foremost an educational charity. Like all charities that successfully deliver their charitable objects



Current Head of School Matt Ginno is the first recipient of the Bernard Drake Award. He is shown here in the drama department's Christmas 2013 musical production *I Love You Because*

we need to be supported by the community that surrounds us. Separating out the commercial realities of running a viable and successful school from our charitable objects requires a constant reminder to the community.

The College's history clearly tells us that it has been the generosity of benefactors that has enabled the College to survive. OEs have been at the heart of that process. Our challenge today is to emulate that same vision and generosity so



The Birley Centre is the latest example of how the College has been enriched through the generosity of benefactors; the Jennifer Winn Auditorium shown here is just one part of this building, which also includes a state-of-the-art recording studio, classrooms, staff offices, music practice rooms and foyer space for exhibitions and receptions

that the College can feel confident of celebrating its two and three hundredth anniversaries! It is quite right that names such as Powell, Reeves, Nugent and Rule live on because of their generosity just as the Watt, Craig, Pennell and Birley names recognise the exceptional service and/or example to others. Indeed almost every building at the College has been supported through donation and the list is long: Big School (x2), the Memorial Block, the Pavilion (x2) the Science Centre, the Memorial Playing Field, the Dining Hall, the Gym, the Birley Centre and the list goes on. Point made.

On the subject of celebrating names elsewhere we rightly have the Forbes Wastie Award and the Nigel Wheeler Sports Scholarship. In time we must find the funding that will underpin these awards and ensure that the names of these College giants live on.

The Foundation, through generous donations, is delighted to make it possible to sponsor 21 talented pupils. You may be interested to know that staff contribute to a bursary scheme and we believe that this is a unique initiative in schools of this type; it proves in a very practical way our staff's commitment to the cause of making a difference to young people's lives. This year's Head of School, Matt Ginno (Reeves), is the first beneficiary of the Bernard Drake Award. He spoke most eloquently on

Devonshire Society Day about the opportunities that have come his way since joining the College. Harry Finch, our first Peter Bibby Award holder, has a contract with Sussex CCC and Ben Twine (Craig), his successor, has made an excellent start. A number of sponsors, who in the main wish to remain anonymous, are providing life-changing opportunities to College pupils. If you were in receipt of fee support you may wish to consider offering this opportunity to one of the next generation. If you are interested in joining our team of benefactors, please do get in touch.

Clearly we are faced by exciting challenges but we know OEs have the character to take on such challenges. Dwight Eisenhower once said 'What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – it's the size of the fight in the dog.!' With a collective effort we can help the College complete its exciting development programme, continue to

change lives for the better and at the same time secure the school's future.

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Harry Finch (C11-13) was the first beneficiary of the Peter Bibby Award for talented young cricketers. He now has a professional contract with Sussex CCC

Foundation and Development Committee members

We are very grateful to the Foundation and Development Committee for their continuing support and wisdom. They represent each constituency within the College community:

Philip Broadley (Chairman)	Neil Eckert	Hugh Price
Neville Brauer	Richard Emslie	David Stewart
Simon Davies	Eric Koops	Forbes Wastie
	John Maidens	David Winn

The John Nugee Lunch

Just under 100 guests joined us for lunch in the Dining Hall on Sunday 26 May to celebrate the life and headmastership of John Nugee. The College owes a great deal to Mr Nugee, who was Headmaster between 1938 and 1956. Without his leadership and initiative the school would not have survived the wartime evacuation to Radley and the subsequent return

and painstaking re-building process. He is regarded by many as the College's second founder, building up pupil numbers and establishing Ascham in 1945. We were delighted that his daughter Tishy Nugee was able to attend as our guest of honour, along with other members of the family, friends, colleagues and former pupils.

It was an opportunity for OEs to remi-

nise and swap anecdotes about school life in the 1940s and '50s under Nugee's leadership. An exhibition of his life and achievements was put on by Michael Partridge and his archives team, something which was greatly appreciated by the guests. As ever our thanks go to Ben Delaunay and his catering staff for providing a fine lunch.



Guests enjoy a reception drink before lunch



Left to right: Mgr John Klyberg (G45-50), Joanna Kidd-May, Forbes Wastie (College staff 1961-98), Hugh Dyer (S46-50), Di Wastie, David Kidd-May (G45-50) and Raymond Townley (Pw45-50)



Left to right: David Thomson (G55-60), Helen Sharp, Jeremy Sharp (W56-60), Allan Mornement (G55-61), Derek Connolly (Pw55-59), David Imlach (P55-59) and Sharon Imlach



Left to right: Liz Harrison, John Roberts (G39-43), June Roberts, Robin Harrison (P42-47), Peter Milton-Thompson (B40-46), Jill Ohlson, Francis Hall (B41-46) and Ken Ohlson (G37-41)



Left to right: Peter Vinall (Pw46-47; R47-50), Philippa Vinall, David Blake (Eastbournian Society), Donald Perrens (College staff 1946-81), Patrick Coulcher (R50-54), Carol Wines, Anthony Parker (S49-54) and David Candlin (R50-54)



Tishy's guests included those who had close connections to the Nugee family: left to right, Judy Wolsey-Cooper (John Nugee's granddaughter, daughter of Keith Walker and Lucy Nugee), Fiona Storrs (the daughter of Robert Storrs, who taught at the College 1924-65), Tishy Nugee, Lucinda Lourie (the daughter of Tom Rodd, who taught at the College 1939-71), John Rodd (the son of Tom Rodd), Sally Pastellas (John Nugee's granddaughter, daughter of Keith Walker and Lucy Nugee) and Robert Howell (P49-55) (the son of Ronald 'Beefy' Howell, who taught at the College 1925-67)

The Class of 2013

The latest group of Old Eastbournians are the Upper Sixth who left the College in summer 2013.

Blackwater



Michelle Bridal



Rachel Brooks



Gemma Field



Libby Hyder



Liskin Jellings



Fleur Kimber



Jessica Lees



Helen McAll



Isabel Penny



Nell Peters



Ursula Stevens



Georgie Williams

Craig



Jack Chaloner



Ed Field



Harry Finch



Jack Hughes



William Hutchinson



Sam Hyne



Edward Lewis



Christopher Maskill



Alex Prior



Jonathan Robinson



Joseph Tickle



Max Walker



Charles Williamson

Gonville



Alexander Barbour



John Dowling



Haoxin Fei



Ryan Fishwick



Alex Hodges



Jack King



Michael Leung



Louis Maxwell



Jack Porter



Harry Raikes



Stuart Weston

Nugent



Phoebe Alexander



Grace Cheung



Charlie Dodds



Jess Glasser



Samantha Gordon



Christy Huang



Taighan Melloy



Tessa Mills



Evie Morrice



Elizabeth Prideaux



Karin Teramoto



Anna-Louise Walters



Georgia Williams

Pennell



James Allan



William Dore



Jack Elkington



Rory Ellis



Alexander Emslie



Fred Gregory



Jasper Keeling



Toby Marriott



Joseph Osborne



Benjamin Simmons



Jason Tam



Max Townley



Monty Wilson

Powell



Dom Barnes



Isaac Brown



Patrick Davies



Rob Flett



Adam Godfrey



Samuel Hill



Chay Kent



Henry Miller



Cameron Smith



Henry Smith



John Wheeler



George Woolley

Reeves



Harris Bilal



Matthew Brittain



Matthew Butcher



George Eaton



Cary Frame



George Hayward



Adeeb Makda



Ben Saunders

School



Victoria Black



Katie Brauer



Fiona Chong



Minna Down



Catherine Henderson



Megan Hill-Smith



Plum Hoppen



Lucy Hudson



Esmé Hurry



Christy Lam



Hannah MacKinnon



Olivia Mills



Charlotte Thomas



Lily Watson



Rachel Wong

Wargrave



Nicholas Aitkenhead



Jonathan Devine



Magnus Henderson



Charlie Hobden



Thomas Houchin



Alexander Jaeggi



Dennis Kang



Oliver Morgan



Matthew Prifti



Oliver Raw



Jack Skinner



Lenny Tian



Radley Troy



Harold Wolstenholme



Tim Yapp



Dominic York

Watt



Olivia Allan



Nicola Cook



Rachel Fenner



Sarah Ginn



Jenni Hreben



Hannela Matthews



Shreyna Patel



Lily Rogers



Eleanor Ruskin



Felicity Shaw



Katie Webb



Isabella Why



Lucy Wicks



Olivia Yabsley

Financial services reception

The last of the series of business networking events in 2013 was one for the financial services industry, held on Wednesday 6 November. The venue was the offices of PwC overlooking the Thames near London Bridge, and we are grateful to Darren Meek (B82–87), Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the Eastbournian Society, for arranging for the reception to be held there.

In his words of welcome Darren said: 'This is one of a new series of industry-focused networking events that has rapidly become a popular and valuable part of the Eastbourne experience. The Eastbournian Society has evolved a huge amount and today is increasingly active across areas that will benefit pupils, parents, OEs and others connected to the College. Let me touch on two of those. It has never been more challenging for young people to access the UK jobs market, and we want the College to provide an unparalleled level of support to its pupils. High quality networking, work experience opportunities and careers guidance have never been more valuable. We here in this room are in an ideal position to help others – if you are able to in any way that would be wonderful. We also want the ES to provide a more inclusive experience for parents and so have invited some parent representatives to join the ES and help shape its future. I am really pleased that a number of parents are here tonight.'

The evening's speaker was Philip Broadley (W74–79), who gave a short talk on the theme 'Five Years after Lehman Brothers – What next?' In his introduction Darren said: 'Philip has accomplished a huge amount in his distinguished and high profile career – first in professional practice as a chartered accountant and then as finance director at two of the UKs largest financial services groups – Prudential and Old Mutual. Like me, Philip has never forgotten those who provided him with education and opportunity as a young man, and he actively supports the College and has done so over many years. He has also served as one of the College governors for over 13 of those years and I have no doubt that its success

and financial strength today owes a great deal to his guidance and stewardship.' Philip is pictured with other guests on page 3.

The financial services event was particularly well attended, with nearly 60 guests, including Upper Sixth pupils, OEs at university, others in the early stages of their careers, parents and more senior OEs able to offer advice and guidance. If you would be interested in attending or hosting future professional networking evenings, please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk.



James Hillman (B82–87) and Darren Meek



James Hawthorne (Pw06–08), Jenny Webborn (B99–04), Jaxom Brown (R, Upper Sixth), Giles Bowmer (College staff), Louis Oscrift (C04–06), James Fok (P97–02) and Peter Morgan (C99–04)



Hendrick Ache (G01–06) and Chris Hampton (G00–05)



Tammy Tan (S, Upper Sixth), Charlotte Francis (B99–04), Sandy Larkin (College parent), Kelly Kuo (N, Upper Sixth) and Phil Pickard (College parent)



The Great War Centenary

August 2014 will mark the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War in which 174 Old Eastbournians made the ultimate sacrifice and in which 1,022 boys and eight staff served in the armed forces. Schools, villages, towns and regiments are preparing to remember this anniversary. We, as a school, shall do so too.

As you will read elsewhere in this magazine, the College Archives have been preparing for this for many months. Every boy who attended the College from our foundation in 1867 until 1915 has been researched in depth and their war record uncovered. More than were originally identified as having served have been found. In part, this is because for many years the OEA did not exist and, even when it did, membership was not automatic. OEs were easily 'lost'; many emigrated to forge new careers in the Dominions and the Colonies and of those, many joined the military services of those countries. So we now have a new, extended War Record and a full Roll of Honour, as complete as human effort can make them.

We need to add the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice to the panels in the Memorial Arch and, in some way, republish our 1914–18 Roll of Honour and of War Service. We then need to arrange, sometime in the autumn of 2014, a Service of Dedication at which we can pay due and solemn homage to those boys who enjoyed the privilege of being a part of the Eastbourne College family and then gave their lives so that others might enjoy liberty and freedom.

Having studied the causes, events and impact of the First World War, our Year 9 pupils get the opportunity to visit Ypres at the end of the summer term. This has become an annual trip in recent years and we believe that our pupils benefit, not only from being able to engage physically with the topic they have studied, but also in being able to reflect on the personal sacrifice that family members and College alumni have made when visiting some of the cemeteries and attending the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. This year's trip will have added poignancy in light of the centenary of the commencement of the Great War.

The Eastbournian Society is planning a two-day trip to Ypres, Thiepval and the Somme. We would leave the College early one midweek morning, and travel by coach with a view to returning the following evening, having stayed for one night at an hotel within easy reach of the battlefield cemeteries. Several expert guides will accompany the tour and provide us with a commentary and necessary information. We will focus the tour around the stories of a number of OEs but also leave room for some individual family connections. If you are interested in joining such a trip please contact Lulu Brown (01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk). The date is still to be confirmed.

Matt Bennett, Head of History
Michael Partridge, College Archivist
David Stewart, Director, Eastbournian Society

The College Archives

This year, in anticipation of the 2014 centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, Bill Bowden has researched the lives and war records of OEs from the Boer War through to the Great War. Assisted by Sam Gray and pupil Alex Khoroshkovskiy, he has found that our existing records are less than complete. In fact he has found two further Boer War casualties and another 71 who served in that conflict. In addition we now know of a further 11 OEs who lost their lives in the Great War, and one, Cyril Wickings-Smith, who did not die on the *Lusitania*, as was supposed, making 174 in all. Bill has also identified a further 144 who served, in addition to those that have hitherto been recorded, making precisely 1,030, including eight staff. We plan to have completed the updating of the 1914–18 Roll of War Service in early 2014 with extended biographies and photos in as many cases as possible. This will, we hope, be published on the Eastbournian Society website and the panels in the Memorial Arch and Chapel amended or adjusted.

The history and heritage that we cherish continues to dominate all that we in the archives team do in and for the College. We truly believe that we have a unique story to tell and that our 146-year history has built an impressive culture and ethos that permeates every corner of the school.

If any OE would care to support the publication of a revised First World War Roll of Honour and War Service in book form, would they please contact the writer at the address at the foot of this article.

This summer we hosted in the Birley Centre the annual conference of the School Archivists Group. Some 60 delegates from independent schools

attended and were greeted with a typically amusing and warm welcome from the headmaster. The feedback was very positive and we like to think we played our part in raising the College's profile.

We research and compile obituaries for OEs and former staff who have died in the preceding year, a sad but inspiring task, and these are published

in this magazine. We give talks on the history of the College to all newly joined staff, Year 11 pupils and to outside groups. To all of these we give a copy of the Arnold Embellisher's recent publication *A Guide to the College*. And we host two or three S@S Lower Sixth volunteers every Monday afternoon who gain from the experience as we gain from their efforts.



The Pennell display

We mount a termly exhibition outside the LRC on an aspect of College history, as well as, within the library, an illustrated extract from the autograph letters collection of former headmaster Gordon Carey. We handle a steady flow of research enquiries from authors, family historians and others, as well as contributing substantially to the content of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine. Our massive photo library and OE and staff biographical library helps greatly in this work. We receive donations of memorabilia from OEs and others and from time to time make purchases on the internet or at auction (see panel, right). This summer the Arnold Embellishers purchased for the school the dress helmet of Henry Singleton Pennell, the College's first winner of the Victoria Cross. We subsequently mounted a Pennell display which included his medals and the helmet for Devonshire Day, for the OE Reunion, on Remembrance Sunday and in the staff common room. Remarkably, we were able to acquire an action photo of his sad death fall in 1907 on the

College's first 100 years; for example, a man who was instrumental in unravelling the Enigma cyphers at Bletchley Park and so helped to bring the USA into the war; another who played a notable part in the development of the Mulberry harbour used on D Day; two brothers, one of whom played a role in recruiting agents within occupied France during the Second World War while the other, following war service, acted in stage, film and TV in the USA; and three more distinguished actors from the late Victorian/Edwardian eras. The list is impressive and will, we hope, feature on the Eastbournian Society website in due course.

Forbes Wastie has recorded interviews for the archives with Chris Kirk-Greene and Brian Prentis, each of whom taught at the College for 37 years and whom many OEs will remember.

Would OEs and retired members of staff please continue to send us memorabilia, reminiscences, press cuttings, news of OEs and so on. And please don't hesitate to mail or



Pennell's death fall

Cresta Run in Switzerland from the St Moritz Tobogganing Club. We collect and cherish biographical data about our Old Eastbournian community and marvel at the accomplishments of our alumni. This year we have had the Allom Register put onto CD. This is a biographical record of every pupil from 1867 until 1949 that was compiled by former teacher Mr Vincent Allom. We have discovered distinguished OE careers, hitherto unknown to us, from the Col-

lege's first 100 years; for example, a man who was instrumental in unravelling the Enigma cyphers at Bletchley Park and so helped to bring the USA into the war; another who played a notable part in the development of the Mulberry harbour used on D Day; two brothers, one of whom played a role in recruiting agents within occupied France during the Second World War while the other, following war service, acted in stage, film and TV in the USA; and three more distinguished actors from the late Victorian/Edwardian eras. The list is impressive and will, we hope, feature on the Eastbournian Society website in due course.

The College Archives are staffed by the author of this article supported by seven part-time volunteers: Bill Bowden, Sam Gray, Paul Jordan, Pat Larkin, Sheila Partridge, Henry Underhill and Simon Wood. But we can always find a role for another volunteer. Just contact the writer.

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The College Archives – donations and acquisitions 2013

Donations to and acquisitions by the College Archives this year have included:

Stephen Bartley

Hon. Archivist, St Moritz Tobogganing Club
Photo of the HS Pennell VC death fall

George Binns (B38–42)

Photo of a Blackwater group 1942 and rugby and athletics fixture cards

Mrs Elaine Burrett

daughter of **Air Commodore John Chaplin, DSO, DFC** (S25–30)

Memorabilia and her father's medals (actually given in 2000)

Mrs Helen Comyns (widow of the **Revd Cliff Comyns**)

Various memorabilia

Michael Drummond-Brady (B42–47)

Play programme and Cornflower ball ticket

John Feakins

Book: *A History of the Eastbourne Rugby Football Club*

Mrs Catherine Frewen

(Her father **GJ Freirichs** (P25–28), uncle **GR Freirichs** (P20–24) and son **DE Frewen** (G82–87) were or are OEs)
Framed limited edition print of the Memorial Building by John Western

J Stuart Glass (P35–40)

Four photos of Pennell groups and rugby teams

Mrs Caroline Goulden

Book: *The Autobiography of Helen Mary Pyper*, wife of **Capt JR Pyper MC and Bar** (HB 1908–11)

Philip Gray (P40–44)

Wartime diaries, handwritten while at Radley

Brigadier MCH Manners-Smith

HM silver College medal in case, formerly the property of **Major General LC Manners-Smith** (G1912–15)

Darren Meek (B82–87)

Bound volume of the *Eastbournian* for the year 1900

Carl Newton

Extracts from two recent books about the exploits of **Major RT Partridge DSO** (S23–28) in Norway in 1940

Tim Partridge (Pw77–82)

Two term invoices for 1942 and 1943

Robin Patterson (G47–51)

Photos of 7s team, gym, Drums etc from c.1951

Peter Paul (W50–52)

Drawing of Claud Burton, 'Billy B'

Christopher Plunkett (P58–62)

Photos of ten Pennell contemporaries

David Stone (P50–55)

Stag rugby sweater

Dr John Toby (S54–58)

Eastbournian and *Old Eastbournian* magazines

John Vinnicombe (S44–49)

Photos of Big School fire

Forbes Wastie

(Staff 1961–2004)

Large collection of College memorabilia

Brian Wilson (S49–53)

Books: *Deborah Devonshire, Dowager Duchess* and *Wait for Me* by Deborah Devonshire

Purchased

Framed photo of **DG Rouquette** (S1903–10), a First World War casualty

Signed photo of **Wing Cmmdr Peter Cundy, DSO, DFC, AFC** (B31–34)

Photo of College cadets being inspected by Prince Georg Schaumburg-Lippe on College Field in 1901

Books: *My Testament* and *Time out of Life* by **Peter Baker MC** (W35–39)

Book: *Dilly: The Man who Broke Enigma, The Life of Alfred Dillwyn Knox* (HB1895–96)

Book: *A Soldier's Diary* by **Murray Jackson** (HB & W1890)

Book: *Candied Peel* by **Kinsey Peile** (S or B 1872)

Book: *Public Schools and the Great War*

Architectural Plans for the proposed Memorial Buildings by **Geoffrey Wilson** (B1900–04) & Sydney Tatchell, printed in 1922 as a supplement to *The Builder*

The Arnold Embellishers

The Embellishers continue to be busy. We have 159 members and an active committee made up of OEs and staff. Eight new members joined during the year and sadly seven have died. Newcomers are always very welcome. Jim McCue (S77-81) and David Ruskin (Assistant Head – Teaching and Learning) have joined the committee.

During the last 12 months we have published a *Visitor's Guide to the College*, which takes the reader on a walk around the main College campus, pointing out the buildings and other places of historic interest. It is for sale in the school shop for £3. Copies have been given to the Headmaster, the Registrar, the Foundation Director and the housemasters/mistresses for them to give to OEs, visitors and prospective parents.

We have now restored the paintings of the 7th Duke and of Mr Arnold, two seminal figures in the history of the College, and they have been hung at the north and south interior end walls of the Memorial Building. Suitable descriptive panels have been installed. We met the £1,200 cost of restoration and this has been funded in full by a generous OE Embellisher. Photos of the paintings and their plaques will be found on page 27.

Henry Singleton Pennell, a Blackwater House boy 1887-92, was the College's first Victoria Cross winner, decorated for conspicuous bravery on the North West Frontier in 1897. In June we were able to purchase at auction his dress helmet and case for £2,230, a sum that was fully funded by four Embellishers who wish to remain anonymous. Pennell's exploit was a remarkable example of bravery under fire. He went on to serve



The Pennell helmet

in the South African War when he was wounded and gained two more 'mentions' as well as five clasps. He lost his life on the Cresta Run at St Moritz in January 1907. The helmet will complement his Victoria Cross medal set which was created a few years ago and will, we hope, form the basis of a permanent display in due course. Displays of the Pennell artefacts have been mounted on Devonshire Day, OE Reunion Day, in the Chapel on Remembrance Sunday and in the Senior Common Room.

OE Matt Green (C02-07), a member of staff, with the assistance of 12 pupils and support of committee member Roger Sloley, has built a 1/10 scale model of the Fokker aircraft in which OE Freddie Minchin lost his life in 1927. Matt showed the model and explained its construction to members at the AGM in September. Roger Sloley (Pw54-57) is working on the problem of developing a suitable engine.

We have sponsored the annual Young Musician Competition.

A tribute panel which records our £7,200 funding of the display equipment in the Donald Perrens Foyer of the Birley Centre has been put in place.

We can assure OEs, parents, staff and friends of a warm welcome should they think of joining us. There is a modest annual subscription and a convivial annual lunch and AGM each September on the day of the OE Reunion. Contact us on 01323 451901, at ae@eastbourne-college.co.uk or by letter to Marlborough House, Old Wish Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JY. And do have a look at our new web pages on the College website.

Michael Partridge, Chairman

Social and cultural events

In previous years social and cultural trips, walks, visits to places of interest and outings to the theatre were organised by the Eastbourne College Society (formerly known as the Collegial Society). These now come under the Eastbournian Society banner, and all members are welcome, whether they be parents of former or current pupils, staff, local people and, of course, Old Eastbournians. Meetings to plan future events are held at the beginning of each term and suggestions are welcomed. Here is a selection of some of the activities that took place in 2013.



Quiz night

The annual ES quiz and dinner is always a popular event, even though the prize for the winning team is just a Mars bar each! This year's was held at the College on Saturday 2 February



Sports dinner

The Olympic sports dinner on Saturday 9 February had a 'red, white and blue' theme and helped raise funds for overseas sports trips for pupils. Pictured here are members of staff Anthony Lamb (left), Jess Simmonds (centre) and Matt Banes (right), with special guests Team GB hockey players and Olympic 2012 medal winners Anne Panter (second left) and Hannah Macleod

Albert Hall

A behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Albert Hall took place on Monday 11 February



The Audience

The first theatre trip of the year was on Wednesday 27 February to see Helen Mirren as the Queen in *The Audience* at the Gielgud Theatre. Polly and David Stone-Lee (R57-60) are pictured here with BBC arts editor Will Gompertz who was also attending the matinee



Compton Place

A guided tour of Compton Place in Eastbourne on Tuesday 5 March was over-subscribed, so a second tour was organised for Wednesday 16 October for all those unable to go the first time round



Les Misérables

Some of the group who went to see *Les Misérables* on Wednesday 24 April are pictured outside the Queen's Theatre, London



Olympic Park

A visit to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park on Saturday 27 April was another popular trip, and included a chance to ascend the ArcelorMittal Orbit observation tower, overlooking the stadium



View from the Shard

The Shard by London Bridge is the tallest building in the European Union. Wednesday 19 June was the date for the ES trip; three of the group are pictured here in the observation area



Nature walk

Patrick Coulcher (R50-54), who has written a number of books on the natural history of the area, led a nature ramble from Birling Gap to Deep Dean on Saturday 3 August, pointing out the many birds, butterflies and plants to be seen



Annual London walk

The guided London walk is now a regular fixture in the calendar, and this year's, on Saturday 7 September, took in the heart of the City, the famous Square Mile



Hinton Ampner and Winchester

A coach trip on Saturday 14 September took in Hinton Ampner, an elegant National Trust property with beautiful gardens, followed by lunch in Winchester and a guided tour of the Cathedral, outside which the group are pictured. They then attended Evensong before the journey home



St Pancras

A guided tour round St Pancras International Station in London took place on Thursday 10 October, which showed how the Victorian train shed had been transformed into a 21st century Eurostar terminus. Here the group gaze skywards, inspired by the statue of Sir John Betjeman

BBC Broadcasting House

The trip to see behind the scenes at the BBC's new Broadcasting House complex proved to be so popular that two tours were laid on for Wednesday 4 December and a further one booked for Saturday 14 December. Here one of the groups stands by a recreation of the news desk where they could practise their presentation techniques

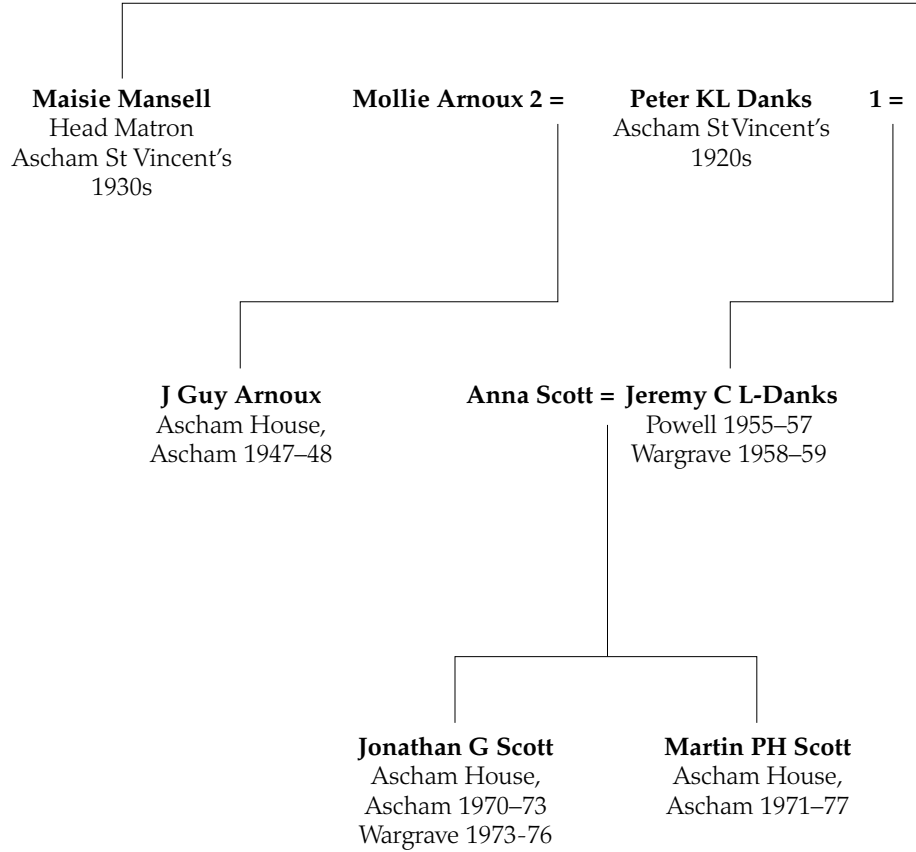


An extraordinary family tree

Jeremy Lovitt-Danks (Pw55–57) sent us, earlier this year, a family tree which depicted a long and broad family relationship with Ascham St Vincent's, Ascham and the College.

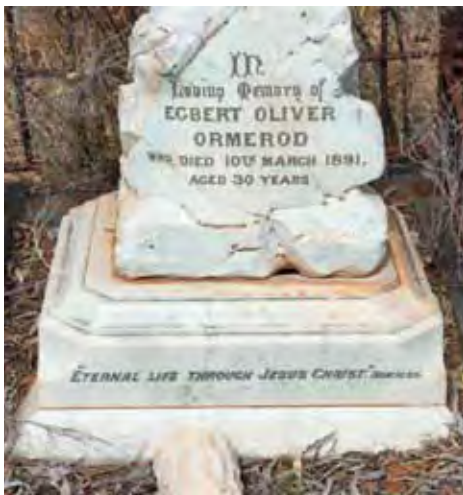
Bill Bowden (W61–65) and Sarah Davies-Jones at St Andrew's were both able to add detail with the names of houses, dates and indeed additional names, so bringing St Andrew's into the scheme. So we now have a diagram which describes how 16 of Dr and Mrs Mansell's offspring and their descendants attended one or more of our family of schools.

As Jeremy said: 'We should have asked for a quantity discount'.



Egbert Oliver Ormerod 1860–91

Bill Bowden (W61–65)



The grave in Australia

In the autumn of 2012 the College Archives received an enquiry from a lady who lived at The Retreat, a remote farming station in the middle of the Queensland outback in Australia. Her enquiry concerned an Old Eastbournian named Egbert Oliver Ormerod.

On her land was a gravestone for Ormerod and by Googling his name she had found a reference to Eastbourne College. This reference was to a brass memorial plaque to Ormerod in the College Chapel and the correspondent asked whether we had any information on him. We did.

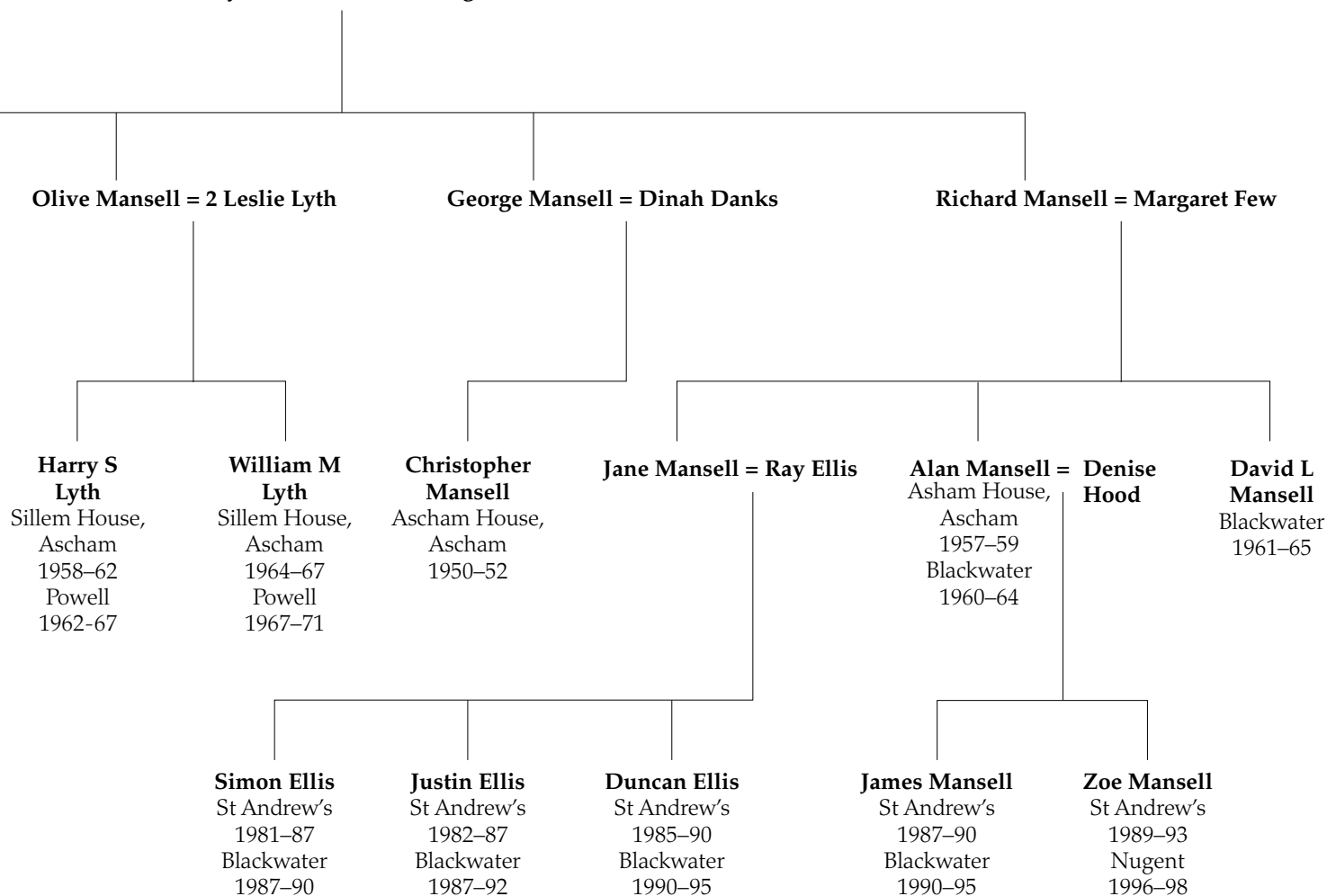
Ormerod entered School House in 1874. Later in the same year and during his four years at Eastbourne he represented the school at cricket in 1875–77; also at football,

the rugby XV in 1874 and the football XI in 1875 and also in 1876–77 when he was captain. These were clearly years in which the type of football (Harrow, Rugby or Association) were in some disarray. He was on the Committee of Games in 1876 and 1877. In October 1875 in the *Eastbournian* Ormerod was described as having 'a straight bat but should hit loose balls harder. Good field'.

Further research on the Ormerod family showed that Egbert was born circa 1860 at Robe in South Australia, the son of George Ormerod. Egbert had nine siblings including three brothers who were all members of School House: Edward Booth Ormerod (1876–80), William Henry Ormerod (1876–81) and Thomas Ormerod (1877–83).

Egbert's father George had emigrated to

Dr Harry Mansell = Lilian Langham



Australia, first to Naracoorte in 1842 where he built a stone cottage which became Naracoorte's first bakery and a larger home-stead that he named Dartmoor. He bought up areas of land and hired shepherds to look after large flocks of sheep that grazed on the land. He moved to Robe where he became a prominent citizen and built a number of properties including Grey Masts Woolstore, Ormerod Cottages and Moorakynne House. He founded an export company, Ormerod and Co, and owned jetties at Robe as well as a store. He also owned ships such as the *Ant*, wrecked in 1866, and the *Penola*. Between 1855 and 1866 nearly £2 million worth of goods passed through Ormerod and Co.

George Ormerod died in April 1872 and his widow and children embarked in February 1874 for London. Following the education of her sons at the College, Mrs Ormerod returned to Australia and her sons followed her when they completed their education.

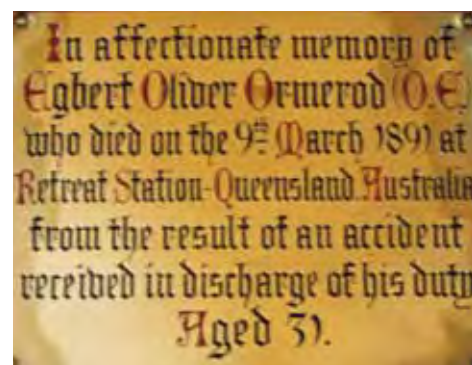
Egbert Ormerod matriculated and entered Clare College, Cambridge, in April 1879. He played cricket for Clare and also rowed and took part in trial eights in November 1879. In the college club book for 1880 Ormerod is described as '3rd year's man. Rowed in last 3rd boat. Rows very hard. Form very fair. Unfortunately is going down at end of term.'

He abandoned a plan to enter the Church of England and left Clare without a degree before returning to Australia in January 1883. He became a 'jackeroo' and went to work on the Retreat Station in the rural outback of Queensland. In 1887 he was in charge of teams moving 'fat wethers' (sheep), up to 9,000 at a time, to a town about 400 miles from the retreat station.

Ormerod died on 9 March 1891 at the Retreat Station as a result of a wagon accident which, after three days suffering, caused his death. We have been unable to find the

nature of the accident but the distance from any medical help would have ensured that he received little proper treatment.

Of Egbert's brothers, Edward Booth qualified as a doctor and returned to Australia to practise, William Henry qualified as a solicitor and practised in Australia, and Thomas farmed in Australia.



The plaque in the Chapel