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7pm Thursday 30 April 2015

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Our special guest will be General The Lord Richards of Herstmonceux GCB CBE DSO DL, former Chief of the Defence Staff, who, as David Richards, was in Wargrave House from 1965 to 1970. Lord Richards is a College Governor and the President of the Project 150 Campaign.

We will also be celebrating the 34-year College teaching career of David Hodkinson, who will be retiring from full-time teaching at the end of this academic year.

Husbands, wives and partners are also welcome

Dress code: suit and tie for gentlemen / dress, skirt or suit for ladies



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

A lunch to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the
College's return from Radley, and an Ascham reunion

12.30pm
Sunday 31 May
2015

College Dining Hall

Old Eastbournians, Old Aschamians and Eastbournian Society members are all invited to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the College's return to Eastbourne in 1945 after the wartime exile to Radley. The lunch will also serve as a reunion for all Old Aschamians, marking the fact that Ascham started as the College prep school in the same year.

Husbands, wives and partners are also welcome.
Dress code: Jacket and tie / smart daywear



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The OEA Annual Reunion 2015



Saturday 5 September

All Old Eastbournians who were or would have been in the sixth form in a summer term between and including 1995 and 2009 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, husbands 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.

Dress code for evening dinner: Jacket and tie for gentlemen / Dress, skirt or suit for ladies

Business networking events

Our free networking events are open to OEs, parents, pupils and staff. They are an opportunity for professionals to offer careers advice to those starting out in or considering joining their profession, as well as a chance for business networking and building up contacts. Drinks and canapés will be available. The following are planned for 2015:

Marketing and PR

Thursday 12 March, 6pm
Champagne Charlies Wine Bar,
17 The Arches,
Villiers Street,
London, WC2N 6NG

Nigel Gatehouse, College parent and founder of Quant Marketing, will be saying a few words, and sharing some of his experiences.

Property

Thursday 26 March, 6pm
The Clubhouse,
11-14 Grafton Street,
London, W1S 4EW

Kindly sponsored by OE Dan Moloney (S 1985-89) and Deverell Smith who provide leading property recruitment solutions and an executive search service.

The guest speaker will be Victoria Fairhall, Head of Commercial Development at Battersea Power Station Development Company.

Legal

Thursday 23 April, 6pm
RPC, Tower Bridge House,
London, E1W 1AA

A networking event for current pupils, OEs, parents and others interested in or working in the legal profession.

Shipping

Wednesday 6 May, 6pm
Baltic Exchange, London

The event will be held in the Members Bar at the Baltic Exchange, 39 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BH, and is being kindly hosted by Mark Jackson (S 1975-77) of AM Nomikos.

Eastbournian Medical Society

Saturday 9 May, 11am
College Theatre, Eastbourne College

A networking event for current pupils, OEs, parents and others in the medical profession.

Insurance

Date and venue to be confirmed

Financial services

Date and venue to be confirmed –

Check the Eastbournian Society website for regular updates.

For more information and to reserve your place(s) at any of these networking events please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk

The London business lunch



Friday 2 October
12.30pm

Put the date in your diary for this opportunity to meet OEs and parents in business over lunch. Young OEs are particularly welcome to talk about career prospects and build up networking contacts.

More details, including the venue, will be put on the Eastbournian Society website but in the meantime if you would like to register your interest please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk

Over 60s lunch



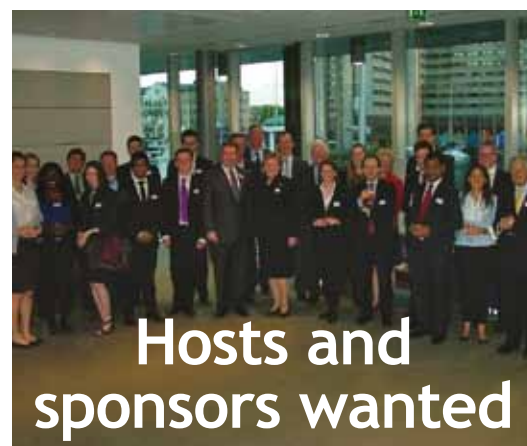
St George's Hill Club,
Warreners Lane,
Weybridge, KT13 0LL

Monday 18 May, 12 noon

Following the success of the Over-60s lunches, we are holding the next one at Weybridge. This is an opportunity for all senior OEs to meet for a convivial meal.

The cost is £40 per person, which includes a drink on arrival, three-course lunch (Beef Wellington main) with wine, followed by coffee. Transfers to and from Weybridge railway station can be arranged.

To reserve your place(s) please contact Lulu Brown on 01323 451911 or vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk



Hosts and sponsors wanted

We are always looking for people to help host and sponsor our various networking events. This generally involves providing a venue, such as your own offices, and the drinks and nibbles.

The events tend to run from around 6pm to about 8.30pm for up to 50 people. If you are able to help, then please let Lulu Brown know.



Celebrating Eastbournian achievement

This magazine is for all Eastbournians: OEs, current and former staff, parents of both current and former pupils and other friends and supporters of the College.

Achievement is in the blood, and every Eastbournian, dare we say, 'adds value' to any activity in which he or she is engaged. You will read extraordinary tales of courage and achievement from every decade of our existence. From distinguished Victorians to those who served and died in the Great War, to world class musician Ian Fraser through to recent leavers and their accomplishments in sport, academia, the creative arts, medicine, voluntary work, the church, technology, business and the military – the list is endless – as well as family news of weddings and children. And let us not forget the lives of our great teachers, exemplified this year by Chris Kirk-Greene's contribution to the College over 37 years.

Our cover this year causes us to pause for a moment to remember those boys who gave up peaceful lives to serve in the battle for justice and freedom – The Great War. No fewer than 174 made the supreme sacrifice and you will find several items in the magazine devoted to the memory of this centenary of the outbreak of war.

From a trip to the battlefields to the unveiling of new war memorials and the updating of the OE Roll of Honour, the College has been heavily involved in marking the centenary. One major contributor to this was OE Bill Bowden, who discovered ten OEs whose names did not appear on the memorial panels. Bill, a member of the College Archives team, was also responsible for a large amount of research for a number of articles in this issue. Sadly, Bill died just before Christmas. We remember him with gratitude and affection.

Like many others, Bill volunteered his services. And we are hugely appreciative of all those OEs, staff, pupils and parents who help out: to our overseas reps and those who organize receptions and get-togethers; to those who play in the OE sports teams; to those who persuade their friends to fill a table at the reunion or the London dinner; to those who host a business networking event or offer advice at the careers evening. And, of course, to all of you who take part and enjoy the various events that we put on throughout the year.

We are truly a global organization and you will see that OEs have been celebrating their connection with the College throughout the world. Meanwhile in the UK our informal pub evenings and university gatherings are more popular than ever.

With so much going on we do not have room to include everything in this magazine, so we would urge you to look at the Eastbournian Society website at www.eastbourniansociety.org. Once registered on the site you can have access to additional news and photos. You can also check and update your contact details and see the latest information about forthcoming events.

We welcome your comments and contributions so do please get in touch.

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Chairman's report

Hugh Price writes: We have now completed our third year as the Eastbournian Society and I am delighted to say that we go from strength to strength. The OEA is incorporated within the Eastbournian Society and the Society office is capably looked after by David Stewart, John Thornley, Christine Todd, David Blake, Michael Partridge and Lulu Brown, our event organiser.

The principle aim of the ES of establishing a network amongst OEs, current and former parents and current and former staff, is working well. The proof is shown in the tremendous support that we had for the events that were organised throughout the year. Communications via the website and e-mail gets better all the time and while we are not yet at the stage of being 100% tuned in to all our clientele, we are a million miles from where we were three years ago.

The College continues to flourish, with the ES alongside it, and this is largely due to the efforts that go in to blending the ES network with College activities. The impetus that we now have as the College embarks on Project 150, which you will read about elsewhere in the magazine, will define the success of the College and the ES in the future.

One of our most successful efforts in getting OEs and others together has been via our business networking evenings. In 2014 we held events, mainly in London, for those involved in law, property, shipping, medicine, insurance, banking and asset management, as well as our annual London-based business lunch. I am grateful to all OEs that spon-



The Eastbournian Society will be playing its part as the College embarks on the Project 150 development (artist's impression)

be retiring in August. If you have not booked your space then do so quickly, as this event is likely to be a sell-out.

Between them, ES President David Winn (S 1954-59) and ES Director David Stewart attended a variety of overseas events during 2014. David Winn went to reunion dinners in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth and David Stewart visited Singapore and Vietnam for OE get-togethers there. Resident OEs turned out at all of these occasions and I am led to believe

these events and then subsequently reappear at future occasions.

One of our main aims is that we want parents of former and current pupils to feel part of the bigger Eastbournian Society, so it is important that new parents become involved with College life during the time that their sons or daughters attend the school.

Therefore, in 2014, we held a welcome evening for new parents during the Michaelmas term and this will now be repeated annually.



Hugh Price, right, at the insurance networking evening on 25 November 2014, with Michael Gourlay (S 1963-68) and Juliette Braithwaite (S 2005-10)



The Eastbournian Society held a reception to welcome new parents in September 2014

sored these events and hopefully those that attended had such an enjoyable time they will encourage others to attend in the future.

Our guest of honour at our Annual London Dinner in March was Paul Stewart (W 1994-99), who has raised more than £400,000 for spinal injury research, having suffered severe injuries of his own. His achievements and details of the dinner are carried on page 35.

In April 2015, we will be similarly honoured to have as our guest General the Lord Richards of Herstmonceux (W 1965-70), the recently retired Chief of the Defence Staff, an OE of considerable military repute. We will also be celebrating the 34-year teaching career of David 'Hoddy' Hodgkinson, who will

these events will be repeated in 2015 at most of these same venues plus one or two more.

Pub evenings in London and Eastbourne and evenings for university students in Bristol, Cambridge, Newcastle and Leeds were also on the agenda. Our reunion in September for sixth form leavers between 1980 and 1994 was attended during the day by over 200 people, with 150 at the evening dinner in the dining hall. This was another highly successful event, as most of the reunions have been, and I would reiterate what I said last year, that if you have not yet attended a reunion for your particular cohort, then I would suggest you do so, as we find so many - who have not been back to the College for years - come to

We are encouraging housemasters/mistresses to do similar events for new parents whose children start in their houses. After all, they will probably be spending five years attending all types of functions while they are parents at the College and the earlier they get to know other parents, the more sociable their years as College parents will be. Hopefully, that will lead to a long lasting association with the ES after their sons and daughters have left.

The careers evening held each March, under the leadership of Head of Careers Jane Wilders, gives all pupils an insight into what can happen beyond their education at the College. The assistance given by OEs, parents and other members of the ES at this event is

very much appreciated and if you have not previously had the opportunity to attend it, I would encourage you to do so. It is vitally important that we join the dots between College education and jobs in the big wide world, so anything that the older generations can do to assist current pupils is invaluable.

I cannot mention individually all the outings, principally organised by John Thornley, for ES members, but a review of those that took place in 2014 is on pages 50–51. The trip to the First World War battlefields, organised by Lulu Brown, David Stewart and Michael Partridge, was a great success, and an account of this is on pages 11–12. Remember that you can see details of forthcoming

events on the ES website, which is regularly updated.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to the work of Michael Partridge, who looks after the College Archives and is co-editor of this magazine. The history of the College and its pupils is immensely important to us all and I cannot praise him enough for his work. This year he and his team of volunteers unearthed the names of ten additional OEs who died in the Great War and whose names have now been added to the War Memorial at the College. Such industrious work deserves considerable credit and we are grateful to Michael and his team for all they do for us.

Last, but not least, I would encourage

you all to look at the Eastbournian Society website at www.eastbourniansociety.org and register to be able to see exclusive photos of events and news. This will provide you with all the necessary information that you need to know about our annual and forthcoming activities.

As we embark on the most significant stage of development ever at the College, I trust you will acknowledge the efforts that the devoted personnel of the ES office put in to making our school and the ES the best there is on our behalf.

Hugh Price (S 1961–66)
Eastbournian Society Chairman

The Eastbournian Society committee

The AGM of the Eastbournian Society was held on Thursday 25 September 2014. At the meeting the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2013 were approved and the existing officers re-elected unanimously.

Officers

President	David Winn (S 1954–59)
Chairman	Hugh Price (S 1961–66)
Vice Chairman and Treasurer	Darren Meek (B 1982–87)
Development Director	David Stewart
Headmaster	Simon Davies

Committee

Archives (College/OE)	Michael Partridge (B 1946–51)
Careers (College)	Jane Wilders
Careers (OE)	Oscar Orellana-Hyder (R 2002–07)
Charity (OE)	Eric Koops (G 1959–63)
Events assistant (College/OE)	Lulu Brown (N 1980–82)
Events (College)	John Thornley
Events (OE)	Alex Brown (B 1980–85)
Parent (College)	Sharon Leek, Dr Alister Scott, Simon Virgo
Sports (OE)	Oscar Orellana-Hyder (R 2002–07)

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. 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 visits OEs at receptions in the UK and worldwide.

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as the Golf Challenge, both of which she organises.
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David manages the Eastbournian Society database, updates our web pages and sends emails about future events. He is joint editor of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine and welcomes news items and photos for the 'News of OEs' section.

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OE get togethers



Christmas drinks

Chris Mair (G 1989–94) met with some OE friends at The Yew Tree in Chalvington on 28 December 2013 (unfortunately we received this picture just too late to get in the magazine last year). Pictured are, from left to right, Richard Cassell (P 1989–94), Jonathan Medlycott (P 1989–94), Chris Mair, David Sitwell (B 1989–94), Jonathan Brass (P 1989–94) (standing at back), Giray Cordan (P 1992–94) and Alexander Edwards (G 1989–94).

Croft/Norman wedding



Guy Croft (G 1998–2003) married Sarah Norman (N 2001–03) on 19 April 2014 at Ramster Hall in Chiddingfold, Surrey. Among the many OE guests, Stuart Packham and Nick Laughton were best men with Chris Hurst one of the ushers. Kirsty Carr and Joanna Cripps were bridesmaids. Pictured are, back row, left to right, Lewis Winter (G 1999–2004),

Chris Hurst (G 1998–2003), Jenny Hylton (B 1998–2003), Edward Johnson (G 1998–2003), Anthony Johnson (G 1998–2003), Stuart Packham (C 1998–2003) and Nicholas Laughton (C 1998–2003); front row, left to right, Ben Marsh (G 1999–2003), Kirsty Carr (N 2001–03), Christopher Norman (W 2002–06), Guy Croft, Sarah Croft (née Norman), Richard Norman (Pw 1962–67), Joanna Cripps (N 2001–03), Charlotte Croft (S 2000–05) and Joe Arch (P 1999–03).

OEs in Vietnam



James with Guy and David

James Young (B 1980–85) is the general manager of the InterContinental Asiana Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City, and has played host to a number of OEs this year. In July 2014 Chris Cracknell (G 1972–77), chief executive of the cleaning and services business OCS, was at the hotel to speak at a luncheon and caught up with James for a photo. In November, David Stewart, Director of the Eastbournian Society, was in Vietnam as part of a trip to south-east Asia. He met James and Guy Thwaites (B 1984–89) for a meal and what was, although small in number, the inaugural Vietnam networking event.



James, left, with Chris

Young Craftsmen of the Year

Among the winners at the 2014 Young Craftsman of the Year Awards, organised by the South of England Agricultural Society, were a number of OEs (although at the time of the presentation in June they were still College pupils). Pictured here are, from left to right,

Bethany Stephens (B, now Year 13), Ryan Packham (Pw, now Year 12), William Dickens (C 2009–14), Lewis Webber (R 2012–14), Samuel McClure (C, now Year 12), George Allan (C 2009–14) and Teanuanua Picard (Wt, now Year 12). Not only was George first in ceramics but he was also second in the overall competition.



College visitors

Three Blackwater boys from the early 1960s visited the College with their wives on 21 May 2014 and had a guided tour from David Stewart, Director of the Eastbournian Society. Pictured here are, left to right, David Morton (B 1960–64), Wendy Holland, Llewellyn Thomas (B 1960–64), Dodie Thomas, Keith Nethercot (B 1961–64) and Rosemary Nethercot. David later commented, ‘We very much enjoyed looking at the remarkable new facilities (at least to us) such as the science block, recording studio and theatre and the full use of the library; this latter not being so much in evidence in my day. You certainly have both feet firmly planted in the 21st century.’



Crook/Adoki wedding

James Crook (C 2002–07) was married to Ibiye Adoki (B 2002–07) on 2 August 2014 at Holy Trinity Church in Eastbourne. There were plenty of OEs there to celebrate and the picture shows, from left to right, Furo Adoki (R 1997–2002), Alex Frances (not an OE), Alex Walsh (C 2002–07), Sam Adcock (C 2002–07), Idango Adoli, Za Crook, James and Ibiye Crook, Ibelema Adoki, Richard Crook (Pw 1966–70), Boma Adoki (B 1999–2004), Lydia Toy (B 2002–07), Amy Evans (B 2002–07), Charlotte Margry (B 2002–07) and Laura (not an OE). Kneeling at the front are Matt Green (C 2002–07) and Anthony Crook (C 2005–10).

70th birthday celebrations

A group of Old Eastbournians, who also went to Ascham, celebrated their 70th birthdays in 2014 with a group lunch on Friday 7 November at The Royal Ocean Racing Club, St James's Place, London. Among those present were Robert Barrett (S 1958-60), John Barwell (P 1958-61), Michael Booth (Pw 1958-63), Mike Campbell (R 1958-61), Ken Cookes (Colsell) (P 1958-61), Paul Cresswell (P 1958-62), Michael Fish (R 1958-62), Robert Gabriel (S 1957-62), Robert Gascoigne-Pees (P 1958-62), Dougal Graham (S 1957-61), Keith Kirby (B 1957-61), Richard Mackay (P 1958-61), Chris Plunkett (P 1958-62), David Potter (S 1958-60), Chris Raven (R 1958-62), Keith Ross (S 1958-63) and David Stone-Lee (R 1957-60).



Champagne reunion

Iqui Gelu (P 1964-69) sent us this photo of a get-together when Jon Thompson, his wife Gaby and son Buster visited the UK in summer 2014. Iqui says: 'Lots of champagne was consumed and nobody looked any older!' Left to right are Iqui Gelu, Olga Barr, Jonathan Barr (W 1963-68), Nina Hecht (friend of Buster Thompson), Buster Thompson, Gaby Thompson, Jenny Muskat, Tony Muskat (B 1965-70), Wayne Morris (P 1963-68) and Jon Thompson (B 1962-67).



The Windsor Ten

David Winn writes: 'The annual meeting of the Windsor Ten was marked by lunch at The Crown in Twickenham. This happened to be the 50th anniversary of our meeting for the first time as boarders in School House in 1954. The only UK member unable to attend was Duncan Wheeler (S 1953-57), and overseas members unable to be with us were Dod Wainwright (S 1954-60) (USA), Bob Sanders (S 1955-58) (Philippines) and Robin Hose (S 1955-58) (Australia). Following lunch there was a meeting which has been minuted since 1958 in the same book and now makes interesting reading.'



Around the table from front left are Patrick Colbourne (S 1955-59), Alastair Graham (S 1954-59), Michael Mulvany (S 1954-59), Tim Riordan (S 1954-58), David Winn (S 1954-59), John Wilmot (S 1954-59), Terry Luscombe (S 1954-58) and Neil McWalter (S 1955-59)

The Class of '72



A group of 1972 leavers got together at the Royal China Club in London on 19 November 2014, followed by evening drinks in the George Bar in the nearby Durrants Hotel. Nick Weston tells us: 'We are going to meet again in the spring at The RAC, maybe for an election special, an excellent backdrop for some dark humour'. Left to right are John Goddard (S 1967-72), John Mico (P 1967-72), Andy Venus (W 1967-72), Nick Weston (G 1967-72), Brian Mathews (P 1967-72), Peter Mico (P 1967-72) and Hadi Shubber (P 1967-72).

The Gonvillians' Lunch

David Kidd-May writes: 'Four of us, Peter Davies, John Klyberg, David Patterson and David Kidd-May had remained in touch since our days together in Gonville in the late 1940s. In 1985, forty years on from our first meeting on 25 September 1945, we decided to mark the occasion by getting together for a celebratory lunch at the Dormy House Hotel near Broadway, an old haunt of David Patterson, who suggested the venue. We enjoyed the occasion so much that we decided to make it an annual event, preferably on 25 September. And so what I called The Gonvillians' Lunch was born. One of the terms of the agreement was that if any member died, the remainder would meet up nevertheless even down to the one remaining member lunching by himself, accompanied in spirit by the other three! As the years went by, a regular speculation was 'I wonder who will drop off the perch first'. We always reckoned that the last to go would be David Patterson, the fittest and healthiest of us, so it was a great shock when he unexpectedly passed away two years ago. This year Pete became ill not long before our lunch was due and was unable to make it. John K. and I commemorated the date in our usual way.'

The Gonvillians' Lunch ten years ago in 2004. Back row: Robin Patterson (G 1947-51) (not an original member of the group), David Patterson (G 1945-49); front row: Pete Davies (G 1945-49), David Kidd-May (G 1945-50) and John Klyberg (G 1945-50)

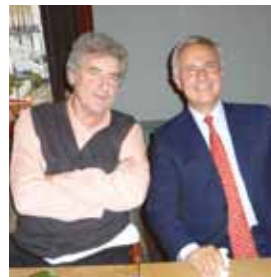


Friends of Blackwater

The Friends of Blackwater met for their annual Christmas get-together at The Surprise in Chelsea on 18 December 2014. As well as those pictured here, others who attended were David Stewart and Nick Ogden (Pw 1967-72).



Standing: Miles Quitmann (B 1977-80), Ian Fletcher-Price (B 1976-80), Mike Brown (B 1976-81) and Simon Yorke (B 1979-84); seated: Stephen Yorke (B 1977-81) and Forbes Wastie (Blackwater Housemaster 1972-83)



Nigel Wheeler (College staff 1976-2006) and John Capaldi (C 1974-79)



Mike Andrews (S 1976-81), Tim Nelson (S 1976-81) and Greg Lunn (S 1976-81)

Duke of Edinburgh award winners

On Monday 17 November 2014 eight OEs and their parents visited St James's Palace in London to be presented with their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. They spent two hours in the private banquet rooms of the palace and were congratulated by broadcaster and

survival expert Ray Mears before meeting HRH the Earl of Wessex, to share stories of their gold award experience. On Tuesday 13 January 2015 a further four Gold Award winners attended St James's Palace to receive their awards from HRH the Earl of Wessex.



Amy Keating (B 2012-14), John Dowling (G 2009-13), Abigail East (Wt 2009-14), Kate Corfield (Wt 2009-14) Rachel Williams (Wt 2009-14), Lewis Webber (R 2012-14), Millie Harriott (B 2009-14) and Alex Hodges (G 2008-13)



Rory Cramp (Pw 2009-14), Miles Machin (W 2009-14), Archie Meikle (C 2009-14) and Dammy Sokale (Wt 2012-14)

Dinner in Dubai

Ed Atkinson (P 1979-84), our Eastbournian Society rep in the United Arab Emirates, organised a dinner for Old Eastbournians and other College supporters in Dubai on the evening of Thursday 6 November 2014. The meal was held at the Chamas restaurant in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This is the latest in a series of get-togethers that Ed has hosted in recent years for those OEs and their families living and working in the UAE.



Hong Kong networking

Jeremy Newton (G 1964-69), Eastbournian Society rep in Hong Kong, reports on the latest OE gathering there: 'On Thursday 20 November, a happy crowd of OEs gathered at the Members bar of the Hong Kong Club in Central. Hosted by Charles Dickson (W 1965-69), the evening was attended by Chris Binge (G 1970-75) and his wife Helen (née O'Connor) (N 1973-75), Douglas Fergusson (B 1966-70), Marc Denny (G 1995-2000), Tim Freshwater (S 1958-63), Tommy Tong (P 1982-87), Charles and Bernadette Dickson, William Barkshire (B 1978-83), Rory Leader (P 1972-77) and Jeremy Newton. Over the wine, wide-ranging discussions took place centring of course on the College, its ambitious development plans and historic memories. Douglas told us about Lord Richards and his planned visit to Hong Kong in the summer of 2015 which hopefully will be the focus of a well-attended gathering here. Many thanks of course are due to Charles Dickson and his wonderfully supportive wife Bernadette for enabling us to enjoy the famed hospitality of the Hong Kong Club. We are hoping to arrange another event in the New Year and all being well will see a larger group of OEs attending.' [Unfortunately we don't have a photo of this event.]



Stags on TV

Six of the OE Stags appeared on BT Sport's 'Rugby Tonight' show on Monday 26 January 2015. They were part of the audience for the live show, which takes an informal look at the world of rugby. Pictured here are Oscar Orellana-Hyder (R 2002-07) and Charlie Hinchliffe (R 2002-07), standing behind Austin Healey and Ben Kay.

Singapore networking

David Stewart, Director of the Eastbournian Society, attended the inaugural reception and dinner for Old Eastbournians in South-East Asia on Monday 17 November. The venue was the Singapore Cricket Club and we were delighted to see not only local OEs but also those who had travelled from a bit further afield, including David Braithwaite (S 1964-69) and his wife Inez, from Jakarta, Indonesia, Richard Bones (W 1950-53) from Chonburi, Thailand, and Tom Nicholson (B 1984-89) from Malaysia. Following the drinks reception, David gave a presentation on the College's Project 150 redevelopment plans before the group enjoyed dinner. Our thanks go to the two OE reps in Singapore, Richard Austen (S 1967-72) and Michael Oxborough (S 1955-59), who helped facilitate the event.



Australia reunions

Melbourne

Anthony Copp reports on the OE reunion in Victoria: 'Our annual reunion dinner was held again in Melbourne at the Pullman Hotel, Albert Park, and it was good to have David Winn (President of the Eastbournian Society) join us



as usual on his annual visit to Victoria. We had a most convivial evening and enjoyed a good measure of reminiscing. David shared with us details of the future building works approved for the College vision. We were appreciative of seeing the plans and photographs for this major project.' The picture shows, left to right, back row: Simon Vinson (G 1969-74), David Winn (S 1954-59) Anthony Copp (B 1960-64); front row: Philip Venn (B 1938-42), Wendy Barr (daughter of Philip) and Carol Copp (wife of Anthony).

Sydney

The annual OE reunion dinner in Sydney was held at La Scala Italian restaurant in Woollahra on Thursday 27 November,



and saw a great turnout of 18 guests. David Winn was on hand to present a summary of future development plans at the College and John Penn spoke about the Arnold Embellishers and the Devonshire Society. Thanks go to OE Sydney rep Sam Miller for organizing the event and also to Rupert Bairamian who provided the Tellurian wines and selected the venue. Pictured are, left to right: Tony Hilton (B 1955-60), Tony Booth (S 1957-61), Rupert Bairamian (S 1975-80), John Penn (1949-52), Marcus Jenkins (S 1983-88) (seated at front), Sam Miller (S 1960-65) (behind Marcus), Robert Newman (W 1959-62) (behind Sam), Chris Stapleton (G 1958-61), Tom Holden (W 1946-49), Mary Butler (N 1984-86), Richard Duncan (W 1978-83) (behind Mary), Andrew Dorey (C 1993-98), Martin Bengé (S 1957-62), David Winn, David Saltwell (B 1976-81), Simon Ling (R 1976-81), David Anderson (G 1957-61) and Nick Durrant (S 1971-76).

Perth



Richard Brooke-Smith (G 1969-73) reports on the recent OE reunion in Perth, Western Australia: 'Our annual reunion dinner was held in Perth on Monday 1 December at the Terrazza Cafe Restaurant in Applecross, and being a Monday night we had a good area to ourselves. We had two new OEs who managed to join us for the evening. David Howell (Pw 1960-64) made a special effort to come, which is difficult for him as he works most evenings. Sally Clark (née Edwards) (N 1974-76) was a special guest this year from Sydney, who happened to be visiting her parents here in Perth. She even brought her mother Eileen along who had lived in Eastbourne for many years. Sally usually attends the Sydney reunion so being in Perth at this time she took the opportunity to join our dinner here. This year the following people attended: Richard and Bernadette Brooke-Smith, Cecil Walkley (S 1944-48), Brian Tullis (P 1946-51) and his wife Anne, David Howell, Sally Clark and her mother Eileen Edwards, and President of the Eastbournian Society David Winn. Unfortunately Ken Barton (S 1944-47) was unable to join us this year, he has always been a regular supporter of our dinners over the years. Cecil Walkley is still keeping up his running and competes occasionally in 5km events albeit at a slightly slower pace than most.'

Trip to the battlefields



The group in front of the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme

It was an early start for a group of 44 Eastbournian Society members who set off by coach at 6.30am on Monday 22 September for a tour of the battlefields of the First World War.

After crossing to France by Eurotunnel we continued to Belgium, with our first stop at the Memorial Museum Passchendaele in Zonnebeke. From there we headed to Tyne Cot cemetery, where the names of two Old Eastbournians are inscribed on the memorial panels. A few minutes was taken to find the names among the many recorded there.

It was a short drive to Essex Farm cemetery, which in the war was the location of the Essex Farm Advanced Dressing Station. This is now famous as the place where Canadian Army Doctor and artillery brigade commander Major John McCrae composed his poem *In Flanders Fields*.



At Tyne Cot cemetery, Fi Crawshaw, John Crawshaw and Jenny Lush stand by the panel on which the name of Lt SDS Tucker (S 1903-06) is inscribed



Some of the group inspecting the site of the Essex Farm Dressing Station

We continued to Ypres and our hotel for the night. That evening, we went into the town centre to visit St George's Chapel, where a plaque is dedicated to those Old Eastbournians who lost their lives in the conflict. At 8pm we attended the moving Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. The names of three OEs are inscribed here.

Tuesday 23 September was a busy day. After breakfast we headed back into France and south to the Somme. The magnificent

Thiepval Memorial to the Missing has over 72,000 names of soldiers whose bodies were never found. Seventeen names are of Old Eastbournians and, as on the day before, we took our time to look for the inscriptions. It was a fitting spot to record our visit with a photograph.



Crowds gather at the Menin Gate for the Last Post Ceremony, which is held at 8pm every evening



A plaque dedicated to the memory of Old Eastbournians who died in the Great War is in St George's Church in Ypres. The plaque seen here has since been updated and replaced with a revised figure of the OE war dead; the new wording is in the Arnold Embellishers article on page 65



In Flanders Fields by Major John McCrae



At Ancre cemetery the group spent a few minutes locating the graves of three OEs who are buried here

From Thiepval, it was a short drive to Ulster Tower and then on to Ancre Cemetery. Despite being a small cemetery on a country road, it was just as immaculately maintained as the other larger cemeteries we had visited. Our group were the only visitors at the time, and we became focussed on a specific East-bournian quest as we spread out to locate



College archivist Michael Partridge (kneeling, back to camera) records the gravestone of 2nd Lt AFS Smallman (B 1906-09) at Ancre

the graves of three OEs who are buried there. All three were successfully found and photos were taken to record their resting places.

Our final Somme visit was to the Newfoundland Memorial Park, a preserved area of land where trench lines and shell holes can still be clearly seen. We followed a path through the scarred landscape, now softened by grass and

weathering over time. It was a sombre way to end our tour.

By now it was time to head home, but on the way we were able to stop at the charming town of Ardres, just south of Calais, and visit Boursot's wine shop for an impromptu wine-tasting session and a chance to buy a few bottles, before reaching the Channel Tunnel.

For many of us, the fact that we could identify inscriptions and graves of young men who had been pupils at the College gave the trip an extra poignancy. Reading their brief biographies and seeing the landscapes in which they fought and died meant that we could relate to the history in a more personal way than perhaps some of us had anticipated.

Our thanks go to Ian Walker, our knowledgeable battlefields guide; to Michael Partridge, the College archivist who provided detailed information on the OE casualties at the places we visited; to David Stewart and Lulu Brown, who organised the trip; and to David Maynard, the coach driver from LJ Edwards, who got us there and back safely and on time.

Remembrance Day 2014

The College paid its respects to Old Eastbournian casualties of war at the Remembrance service in the College Chapel on Sunday 9 November.



The CCF on parade on College Field

Among the attendees were Chairman of Governors General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue KCB CBE (Pw 1961-66), former chairman Admiral Sir Ian Forbes KCB CBE (Pw 1960-65) and Canon Adrian Carey, son of Gordon Carey (Headmaster 1929-38).

The service was followed by the CCF parade on College Field and the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Gates, after which ten new memorial stones were dedicated.

These carry the names of ten Old Eastbournians who were killed in the First World War, but whose names had not previously appeared on the memorial panels. Their names had been discovered following research by the late Bill Bowden (W 1961-65), one of the College Archives team.

The memorial stones were hand cut by the Cardozo Kindersley Workshop of Cambridge. Their creation and installation was funded by the Arnold Embellishers and photos of them are carried on page 65. The names added to the memorial are:

A E BAYLEY – Private Albert Edward Bayley (Haine's House 1882-83). 7th Battalion (British Columbia Regiment) Canadian Infantry. Believed killed in action on 24 April 1915 at Ypres at the Battle of Saint Julien.

H S BULL – Major Harry Spencer Bull, DSO (G 1899-1901). 6th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment Died on 30 July 1918 while the battalion was in Mesopotamia.

B B GEAKE – 2nd Lt Boyd Burnet Geake (S 1900). 9th Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, a part of

the 70th Brigade. Killed in action during the Battle of Albert on 1 July 1916.

J H JERRAM – Private John Henry Jerram (Haine's House 1881-82). 54th Battalion (Central Ontario Regiment) Canadian Infantry. On 18 November 1916 reported 'wounded and missing' in an advance on the Somme near Courcellette. Many months later it was reported that he must have been killed by a shell on his way to the Dressing Station.

W PENN-GASKELL – Captain William Penn-Gaskell (S 1884-85). 18th Service Battalion (3rd City) Manchester Regiment, then in the 25th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Killed in action on 12 October 1916.

V SEYMOUR – Lt Vere Seymour (B 1894). In command on HMS *Coquette*, died when the vessel was sunk on 7 March 1916 by a mine laid by a German submarine near Harwich.

M M L SHATTOCK – Captain Montague Mancha Lloyd Shattock (B 1875-76) No. 4 Company, 16th Battalion (Queen's Westminster Rifles), The London Regiment (TF). Killed in action by a German sniper in the trenches near the River Lys, Armentières, on 8 January 1915.

W B STEWART – Captain William Beardmore Stewart (S and Home Boarder 1896-97). Royal Field Artillery 'D' Howitzer Battery, 107th Brigade. Killed in action on 24 May 1917 near Ypres.



Chairman of Governors General Sir Kevin O'Donoghue KCB CBE with former chairman Admiral Sir Ian Forbes KCB CBE

E C TOULMIN – Private Edward Calvert Toulmin (G 1911-12). 1/7th (City of London) Battalion, the London Regiment. Killed in action at Vimy Ridge on 21 May 1916.

C H VON DER PFORDTEN - Trooper Charles Herbert von der Pfordten (Home Boarder 1897). 'C' Squadron of the 10th Australian Light Horse. Wounded at Gallipoli in July 1915; died of cholera on 12 August 1916 a few days after the Battles of Romani and Bir El Abd in the Sinai Desert.

More detailed biographies of all ten men can be found on the East-bournian Society website.

The Rees Victoria Cross

The Victoria Cross, Military Cross, Air Force Cross and campaign medals awarded to Group Captain Lionel Rees VC, OBE, MC, AFC, Royal Artillery and 32 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps, have been acquired by the Michael Ashcroft Trust, the holding institution for the Lord Ashcroft VC Collection. The VC group of medals are displayed in the Imperial War Museum's Lord Ashcroft Gallery and form part of the permanent display of over 230 Victoria and George Crosses.

After retiring from the Royal Air Force in 1931 Lionel Rees donated his Victoria Cross medal group, sword and aiguillettes to the College with the hope they could be displayed. He rejoined the RAF in the Second World War and served in the campaign in North Africa. The value of the collection has meant that their display at the College has not been possible for many years and there is no prospect of this situation changing. The medals can now be seen by the hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to what is, in effect, the national collection of medals for extraordinary bravery.

Group Captain Rees's name will continue to be commemorated at the College with two Rees bursaries being awarded in his name and an appropriate space in the Project 150 development dedicated to him.

The actions and the awards

Almost before Rees had landed after his combat, witness reports were coming in that a single Vickers FB5 Gunbus had appeared to have completely broken up a raid of 8 to 10 hostile aircraft. The following day, a recommendation was put forward that Rees be awarded a Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his action. This was



Lionel Rees (B 1898–1901)

passed up the chain of command until it eventually reached the desk of Major General Hugh Trenchard, GOC Royal Flying Corps in France. He amended the recommendation 'I am of the opinion that Major Rees' action is well worthy of a higher reward and he should be granted a VC'. Sir Douglas Haig concurred and on 7 July 1915 a letter was sent to the HQ Royal Flying Corps.

others then attacked him at long range, but these he dispersed on coming to close quarters, after seriously damaging two of the machines. Seeing two others going westwards, he gave chase to them, but on coming nearer he was wounded in the thigh, causing him to lose temporary control of his machine. He soon righted it, and immediately closed with the enemy, firing at a close-contact range of only a few yards, until all his ammunition was used up. He then returned home, landing his machine safely in our lines.

Lionel Rees was invested with his Victoria Cross by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 16 December 1916.

London Gazette, 29 October 1915, For the award of the Military Cross, Captain Lionel Wilmot Brabazon Rees, No. 11 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps

For conspicuous gallantry and skill on several occasions, notably the following:

On 21 September 1915, when flying a machine with one machine gun, accompanied by a Flight Sergeant Hargreaves, he sighted a large German biplane with two machine guns 2,000 feet below him. He spiralled down and dived at the enemy, who having the faster machine, manoeuvred to get him broadside on and then opened fire. In spite of this Captain Rees pressed his attack and apparently succeeded in hitting the enemy's engine, for the machine made a quick turn, glided some distance and finally fell just inside the German lines near Herbecourt.

The medals now on display at the Imperial War Museum



Rees's letter when he donated his medals to the College

London Gazette, 5 August 1916, Captain (Temp Major) Lionel Wilmot Brabazon Rees, Royal Regiment of Artillery & No. 32 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty Double Crossiers, France.

Whilst on flying duties, Major Rees sighted what he thought to be a bombing party of our own machines returning home. He went up to escort them, but on getting nearer discovered they were a party of enemy machines, about ten in all. Major Rees was immediately attacked by one of the machines, and after a short encounter it disappeared behind the enemy lines, damaged. Five

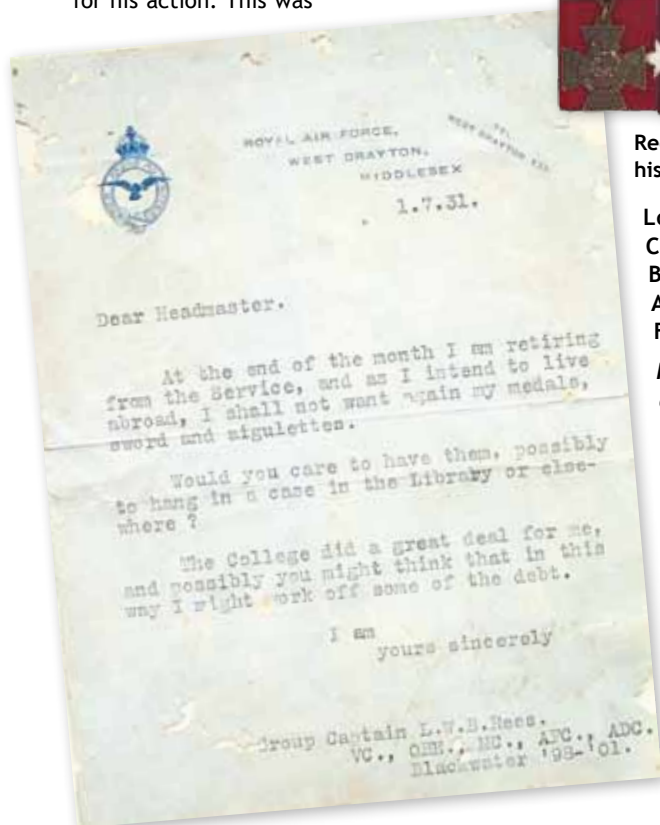
On 28 July 1915, he attacked and drove down a hostile monoplane in spite of the fact that the main spar of his machine had been shot through and the rear spar shattered.

On 31 August 1915, accompanied by Flight Sergeant Hargreaves, he fought a German machine more powerful than his own for three-quarters of an hour, then returned for more ammunition and went out to attack again, finally bringing the enemy's machine down apparently wrecked.

London Gazette, 2 November 1918, For the award of the Air Force Cross, Lieutenant Colonel Lionel Wilmot Brabazon Rees, No. 1 School of Aerial Flying, Ayr, Scotland

For duties as a flying instructor

Lionel Rees died at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Nassau, Bahamas, on 28 September 1955 and was buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Nassau.



The 2014 OE reunion

This year's reunion was held on Saturday 6 September and was for all Old Eastbournians who were, or would have been, in the sixth form in a summer term between 1980 and 1994.

A Reunion Sonnet

Reunions are a time to look again
 At who we were those many years ago –
 And how foundations laid, have kept us sane,
 And how our friends and teachers made us 'Glow'
 Our College has advanced, and changed a lot,
 And so have we, to meet objectives new;
 We've made mistakes – but never 'lost the plot'
 Success is gained by keeping goals in view.
 Through all these changes some things stay intact:
 The friendships formed – the camaraderie –
 That loyalty is true, a tested fact,
 That life is to be lived, with 'bonhomie'.
 So let us raise a glass and all give thanks
 That Eastbourne College raised us through the ranks.

Philip Le Brocq

told me when I came for interview that people came to Eastbourne to die but when they get here they forget why they came. Back then I thought that was funny; now I could be one of them.

I avoid reunions, because like old photographs, they remind you of what you were like when you were young. Who wants that? But I didn't want to miss this one any more than you did.

Eastbourne was our crucible. You and I met amazing teachers like Euan Clarke, Le Brocq, Boxer, Pendry, West, Hargreaves, Wastie, Harrison and Drake... and the teachers met amazing students like yourselves who challenged us to be at our best even on the days when you were not – and to be honest neither were we. But I remember that everything we did mattered and we wanted it to be fun, but more than just fun. Learning new things is meant to be unsettling, because it's supposed to take us out of what's now called our comfort zone. For two years you had to write weekly essays – some of them written very weakly – that didn't count, and you never really understood why. I'm not sure I did either, but if the education system wasn't perfect at least it was spoken in English rather than plastic. Even in Canada education was spoken in English. Now education authorities write in a language that no one can understand, even those who write it, because it's full of words that either don't exist or can never live up to their promise.

But lots of things are different now. So what do I remember? When I started teaching HARass was the name of a tweed jacket. In North America it's pronounced harASS, but I'm not going there. I remember Clifford Comyns in chapel one morning saying that compulsory chapel attendance was like a vaccine – guaranteed to protect you from the disease of church going for the rest of your life. I have to confess it worked for me. But so did John

Around 200 Old Eastbournians and former members of staff attended during the day. As well as lunch and a chance to watch the 1st XV rugby on College Field, guests were also able to take a tour of the campus to see more recent developments, followed by tea in Big School and guided tours of their former houses.

Before dinner, a drinks reception was held in the Birley Centre at which Headmaster Simon Davies gave a speech of welcome. Almost 150 of the reunion guests then joined us for an evening dinner in the Dining Hall. More photos and a list of attendees are available on the Eastbournian Society website.

Colin Brezicki, who taught at the College from 1977 to 1988, reminisced about his time here in a speech during dinner.

Colin said: 'Since I retired two years ago I've spoken in public four times, and they were all eulogies; so this makes a nice change. Speaking of nice changes I was, as I'm sure you were, utterly amazed by the new facilities: the Birley Centre, the Jennifer Winn performance theatre, the Le Brocq Studio, the Professor Soddy Science Centre. If anything could persuade me to come out of retirement and teach again this place could do it.'

I've been back twice now in 27 years – the first time was in 2005 when Nigel Wheeler retired, which was odd because he used to say he retired when he began teaching. Mind you, he looked older when he began teaching than he did when he retired, so I've come to regard him as Eastbourne's Benjamin Button. The rest of us look older, for sure. Simon Langdale



Drinks in the Birley Centre



Lunch in the Dining Hall



Former English teacher Colin Brezicki (left) had travelled from Canada to be with us



Some of the former members of College and Ascham staff at the dinner: Philip Le Brocq, Sally Le Brocq, Michael Keall, David Burstons, Ann Birley and Ray Penn

Walker's impassioned school rehearsals of the Hallelujah Chorus, Zadok the Priest and the Magnificat, all of which have made me a lover of sacred music for life.



The youngest guests at the reunion were the 17-month old quads with dad Julian Turner (Pw 1983-88), his wife Sharon (right), and Sharon's mother Sandra Pulleine

I remember Pat Dive, our one-man property and maintenance department. On a Saturday morning I saw him leaning on his upright wheelbarrow and staring through the windows of the gym. He was watching Philip Le Brocq's notorious bounce-around with the Lower Sixth, and he was shaking his head.

'Morning, Pat. How are you?'

'What's this all about then, sir?'

'What's that, Pat?'

'Well, sir, it's the children: they're jumping up and down. What's that about?'

'I'm not really sure, Pat, to be honest. I think it has more to do with chemistry than English.'


'Well, I'll tell you something, sir. The Japanese don't jump up and down.'

'What do the Japanese do, then, Pat?'

'What they do, sir, is they sit at their desks. And they make things.'



I remember friendships that helped me to define who I was, that made me even like who I was, and that always made me want to be a better person and a more effective teacher. And here's the kicker. I'm not just talking about my colleagues. I'm talking about you. Our pupils. We always hear about how teachers can help to shape the lives of their pupils; the truth is it more often works the other way round. You determine us and what we will be. So yes, this is a very special occasion for me.


I hope you feel the same way about your time here. I suppose if you didn't you wouldn't have come back this weekend. Now that you're back I hope you're getting the feeling, as I am right now, that we never left. Good places in our lives, like the College, can make us all feel like Nigel Wheeler and Benjamin Button - that we're actually getting younger all the time. Thank you - let's party!'


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An Extraordinary History Master



Euan at the College in the 1980s

I am often asked whether my interest in history is down to one particularly inspiring history teacher. The answer is no – it goes back far further than my education – but that does not mean I did not *have* an inspiring history teacher. In fact, I had at least three. My father was the first: he realised that I was particularly interested in the subject at an early age, and encouraged me. As I have written in ‘31 August 1997’ (published in *Flickering Antiquity*), parents are ‘the true writers of history’. The second was John Turner, the history master at my preparatory school, Bickley Park. And third, I had the very great privilege of being taught by Euan Clarke at Eastbourne College.

Euan Clarke. I am minded now to write about him due to a visit to the College earlier this month – the first time I have been back for twenty-nine years. I met many people whose faces I did not recognise, and a few whose faces I did. In most cases where I did not recognise the individual, I remembered the name, and then gradually the memory of the boy he had been in 1985 returned. But there were also people whose names I had forgotten. Entirely. It was not that I could not recall anyone or that my mind was blank; conversations soon revealed we all remembered some people – particularly those who were violent or obnoxious. It dawned on me that those revisiting the school were the middle ground, and the reason why I had forgotten so many of them was because they were the ones with whom I had *not* come to blows. They were the nice guys. And that really made me think: is my memory populated disproportionately with negativity? Do I remember those I have despised more than those I have liked? Do we all have an inclination only to remember the malicious, selfish and depraved? That’s a disturbing thought.

The reassurance that this was not the case lay on a table in the school hall: the name badge of Euan Clarke, my history master from Lent term 1981 to my departure, in 1985. He was expected to arrive later that day. And I remembered an awful lot about *him*, despite

After attending the OE reunion in September, Ian Mortimer (W 1980–85) was prompted to write about Euan Clarke, his former history teacher, in a blog on his website, www.ianmortimer.com. We are grateful to Ian for allowing us to reproduce the article here.

not seeing him since leaving the school. And he was about as far from the ‘bad guys’ as it is possible to get: a man of boundless energy, enormous enthusiasm, great sympathy, and colossal inspiration.

When he took over my history education in January 1981, I was 17=19 in my class, one from bottom. I didn’t like being a pupil. I was very happy to learn but anyone who tried to teach me something against my will was wasting his time, and frankly Nazi Germany bored me stiff. ‘Ian does not seem to exert himself unduly, whether it be strolling to class or doing his work in this subject,’ Euan wrote in my report after teaching me for one term. In December of that year, however, he was able to write ‘Ian has consistently been at the top of this set and he has been a remarkably conscientious and willing pupil. He displays considerable powers of imagination in his written work and he will do very well in this subject if he continues to discipline himself in essay writing.’ A year later he gave me a copy of *Roget’s Thesaurus* as a prize for an essay I had written, with the inscription ‘May your literary career be enhanced by a few more words. Euan Clarke, Summer 1982.’ Thanks, Euan, it has been.

What was it about him that brought about this transformation? He managed to combine my willingness to learn with his drive to teach. He broke down my natural resistance to things that did not interest me, like Nazi Germany, so that I could apply myself to them more fully. Or, you could say, he widened my areas of interest so that I could apply myself to subjects that I had previously found tedious.

The way he did this was through his personality and his reflections on life, so that History was not in one box and Life in another: Life and History were one and the same thing. ‘It’s all very well navel-gazing and wondering why we are here on this planet,’ he said one day in class, ‘but ultimately you’ve just got to pull yourself together and do something worthwhile.’ In his natural, fluid unorthodoxy he was like the English master in the *Dead Poets Society* film. Except that, unlike the *Dead Poets Society* man, Euan Clarke was all for discipline and action, not flights of fancy that could not be achieved. He encouraged you to stick to dreams that *could* be achieved.

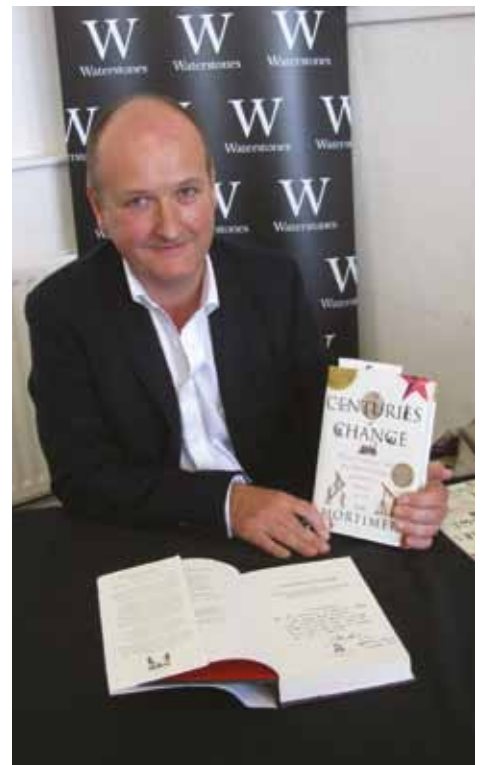
It was in the sixth form that I got most from him – when my peers and I were old enough to appreciate that history was not just a mass of facts but had real meaning and could teach us much of value for our own lives. Euan outlined his purpose on Day One of the Lower Sixth. ‘My job here is not to show off to you how much I know,’ he announced, ‘my job is to help you become a better historian than I am, before you leave’.

Boyish enthusiasm helped. While teach-

ing us a module on the Crusades, he held a re-enactment of the Battle of Hattin for the class in appropriate costume (our chain mail was net curtains stained grey). The three teenage girls in that class were most embarrassed at having to wear something so untrendy in the street. There was also a champagne breakfast at 7am one morning on the seafront at Eastbourne to celebrate the end of the exams. That was more my idea of an education.

It was Euan who introduced me to Stephen Runciman’s books on the crusades – the finest historical writing I have ever read. He pointed out the absurdities of aspects of the past: one line he quoted still sticks in my mind – in fact it appears in the twelfth century chapter of my next book. It was when the master of one order of knights turned to his counterpart and asked whether the 1,200 of them ought to attack the 14,000 Moslems in the valley below, at the Springs of Cresson, and heard a negative in reply. ‘You’re just too fond of that blond head of yours,’ he responded angrily, setting spur to his horse. Few of Euan’s lessons passed without the reverberation of some bon mot or a point of inspiration.

There was also something slightly glamorous about him, despite his somewhat shabby appearance, disorganisation and complete lack of pretensions. His great-great-grandfather had been Speaker of the Manx



Ian Mortimer at a signing for his latest book, *Centuries of Change*, more details of which are on pages 59–60

Parliament. He himself had been deputy head boy of Harrow School, after a shaky start at that institution. This latter experience gave him a great platform for philosophising on fairness and inequality. As a junior at Harrow he had been the victim of some rather unkind comments from a fellow pupil about his (Euan's) lack of a title. Euan thought about this – and realised a little while later that the only reason the bullying young twerp of a lord could be so offensive was, in Euan's words, 'because his ancestors had killed more people than my ancestors'.

He said one thing that I have repeated hundreds of times over the years. It was a response to a girl in our class who had said the one thing that you should never, ever say

at a fee-paying school: 'You're *paid* to teach us.' Euan responded with two sentences of perfect rhetoric that were delivered to impart a strong philosophical message to everyone within half a mile and which, I might add, incorporate the basic justification for a high-quality educational system. 'I am *not* paid to teach you; your parents pay for you to have the opportunity to learn. If you do not wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, you can get out!'

On the day I revisited the school, I did not meet Euan. His name badge lay there, untouched, all day. (It turned out that a car crash had unavoidably delayed him.) However, the very presence of his name was enough to dispel the idea that we only remember

the bad guys. Even now, nearly thirty years after we last met, I still think of him as the complete embodiment of gentlemanly virtue. It does not surprise me at all to hear that today he is still involved in education, and still working for people less privileged than himself and those he taught. He is the Director of Education for the Kalisher Trust (a legal charity which supports those who aspire to become criminal barristers, no matter what their background might be), and he is also an ambassador for Children on the Edge, a charitable organisation that helps deprived youngsters. I read on the website of the latter organisation (www.childrenontheedge.org) that the staff there have a nickname for him: 'Tigger'. I know exactly why.

Was this the origin of British wind farms?

by Bill Bowden and Michael Partridge

Edward (Teddy) Lancaster Burne, a qualified engineer, had a lifelong passion with windmills and was a pioneer in their development to produce electricity; a forerunner of the wind farms of today.



Edward Lancaster Burne

Burne, the son of Edward Burne of Sydenham and his wife Fanny, was born on 7 September 1869 at Sydenham, Kent. He was at the College in Ralph's House as a boarder from January 1882 but records do not list his leaving date, though this was probably 1884. Ralph's House was a short-lived enterprise by a mathematics teacher, John Langdon Ralph, and was at 3 Grange Gardens. It operated between 1882 and 1886 when Mr Ralph left the College.

From 1884 to 1885 Burne was at the Crystal Palace Company's School of Practical Engineering and then was apprenticed in the locomotive engine works at Brighton from 1885 to 1890 under locomotive engineer William

Stroudley of the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway.

By July 1891 he was assistant mechanical and electrical engineer to the Westminster Electric Supply Corporation. By October 1893 he had become chief draughtsman to Messrs Weyman, Hitchcock Ltd of Guildford, engineers, millwrights, makers of gas and oil engines and agricultural machinery. The next year he was put in charge of their Guildford site while a new factory was being built and opened at Cheltenham; in October 1895 with a partner, a Mr Dickinson, he purchased the business of the Guildford site. At this time he became a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers and of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Between 1895 and 1904 he was responsible for the installation and testing of many types of plant and equipment in local flour and sawmills, tanneries, breweries and dairies. And at this time he patented and designed an improved gas engine.

In 1904 he sold his business interests and started a private practice in Victoria Street, Westminster, as a consulting engineer. He installed electric lighting, power plants, heating installations and pumping machinery in institutions, business premises and country houses. He was also a consulting engineer to Brookwood Asylum.

In his spare time he concentrated on trying to build an effective windmill to produce electricity for his Guildford home. In about 1908 he built a home-

made apparatus that was quite small, had canvas sails and his wife's egg whisk as a vital part. It was mounted on a concrete base and was elevated on a platform over their hen house. There were a number of problems with the design, not least of which was the inadequate brake that failed to work in high winds.

As a result of further research and development Burne realised that the canvas sails were unsuitable; louvered sails or sweeps were planned and a successful mill was built. It moved with the family from house to house and provided electric light for them.

After the First World War he developed a bigger and better mill which had a far greater capacity than the domestic one. A firm in East Anglia undertook its manufacture and the unique features in the design were patented in 1921 and 1923. These commercial mills had specially designed sails which were streamlined on the principle of an aircraft propeller, and were built of aluminium sheet at the front and silver spruce at the back. They were installed in country houses to supply light and power and later a special mill designed to run the Ames Costa Engineering sludge plant was developed. Further designs included a farm mill that would operate a pulper, cake breaker, chaff cutter and corn mill as well as a saw bench and lighting for farm buildings.

When the Newcomen Society was formed in 1920 Edward Burne was elected to its Council and served as its President. He was on



The tower of the Castle Fruit Farm Windmill erected at Dymock in Gloucestershire still stands although the sails and fantail are gone. Further mills were erected on the Westward Islands and at Blackheath near Guildford

his way to the summer meeting of the Society in 1946 when he died. He married Mary Alice Hughes at Guildford St Nicolas in 1900 and they had five children.

We are indebted to Lavender Jones, Edward Burne's granddaughter, for her considerable help with this article.

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Your school remains in very good heart.

The annual cycle continues apace: 635 pupils started the new academic year and record numbers of girls necessitated a new girls' day house, Arnold, opened from September; August saw very strong exam results which maintain the five-year running average for A*-B at A level at over 80% and the A*/A average at over 50% - numbers that compare very favourably to those achieved by children in much more selective grammar schools in Kent.

These very strong outcomes are achieved while the College remains absolutely wedded to maintaining its broad intake of children across a range of academic ability and committed to developing young people into adults who will go on to live fulfilled, positive lives - the emphasis remains on helping them, through an ever-changing, tailored balance of challenge and support delivered by a staff who know them very well, to learn to work hard and give of their best in all they do; to join in, help others join in and make teams function well; to be straightforward in their dealings with all others, set right mistakes, share credit and take responsibility; to be courteous and actively kind; and to make every other person feel equally valued. It remains the case that young people who live to these College values do their best in all they do and stand out as great prospects for future employers. Exam success takes over 70% of leavers to Russell Group universities (including Oxford and Cambridge - five this year).

Activities (creative and otherwise) and games are central to what we do at the College: there is so much to be learned from testing oneself and working with others for a common cause, be it service, a production or in team. Participation for all and excellence for the most able is the order of things: the former brings all kinds of benefits and develops long term passion for music, drama, service of others and sports; the latter sees top class sportsmen and women, nationally renowned actors and musicians.

When we designed and built the Birley Centre, one of the non-negotiable features was that we would break through the flint stone wall on to Carlisle Road and make the strongest possible statement that Eastbourne College is not hunkered behind its curtilage, but is open to the town of Eastbourne and the wider world. This great school was founded nearly 150 years ago, to serve its local community. It is a crucial

A message from the Headmaster

part of the College's strategy that we remain true to that commitment and play an active part at the heart of the life of Eastbourne.

As we went through the planning process for Project 150 we invited in local stakeholders and we took our plans out into Eastbourne so people who have an interest in education, architecture, local sport, creative arts and community could see what we had planned and why. It was uplifting to hear back from the community of Eastbourne, from its local politicians, civil servants and businesses and from local people of all ages, that they know about the Birley Centre and the work that takes place in it.

We were, in a strange way, delighted that some we met were not aware it is actually a College building! And more delighted, still, that nearly all did know and expressed their pleasure and approval that the College is so open to the town.

I'm sure the success of the Birley Centre was of much more than passing relevance to Project 150 gaining planning permission, unopposed and at the first time of asking.

Project 150, to be delivered, we intend, by 2017, will not only be a stunning development at the heart of the College campus, it will also extend our ability to contribute to our local community. It will be the venue of choice for swimming galas, indoor hockey, soccer and netball and badminton tournaments; it will be a top function venue where over 400 people

of this, the College was acknowledged in the annual business awards in the Best Large Business category. The contribution of the Birley Centre to the arts in Eastbourne, received a similar award. Not every town publicly lauds its independent school.

There is now a well-established connection between St Wilfrid's Hospice and the College. In recent years the extended College community has been vigorously involved in fundraising for the new building near to the DGH and when it was opened by the Duchess of Cornwall earlier this year, the College was asked to provide all the music for the occasion. We remain pivotally involved in the development of their arts and other programmes.

This year has also seen formalised the mutually-beneficial collaboration the College has increasingly been engaged in with other schools (maintained and independent) across Eastbourne and further afield. These range from providing Latin teaching to GCSE for a set of pupils in one school, to incorporating a section from another school into our very large and successful CCF. We run art, music, academic enrichment, drama, sports coaching and coach development, share our facilities and much, much more.

A formalisation of our collaborative work, the Eastbourne Schools Partnership (ESP), was launched in the summer and now comprises 10 schools across the town. All the heads have



An artist's impression of the proposed pavilion which will sit at one end of the Project 150 development

can be served a meal of the highest quality and then walk out on a second floor terrace that has views of the Wish Tower and the Downs. Big School will be liberated by the addition of a foyer and exhibition space over three levels. The new pavilion, also over three floors, will be a wonderful venue and a fitting complement to our iconic College Field. A huge body of work to ensure the College will run as effectively as ever during the course of the build nears completion.

There has been a growing appreciation, too, of the value the Eastbourne College Charity (which runs the College and St Andrew's Prep in Meads) brings to the town. The Charity is one of the largest local employers (over 400 people) in the area and generates over £20 million income per annum which supports a great deal of local business. In recognition

pledged support, provided a 'champion' and set aside a budget to abet the ESP's endeavours which are focused on enabling young people to benefit from working together and for the benefit of their community and town. A mass, day-long busk in support of St Wilfrid's Hospice culminated in a concert in the Birley Centre in October. Pupils from across six schools raised well over £1,000. Creative writing across the schools has been very popular and all member schools are currently working on an art display for Eastbourne Station and a large concert in the Congress in October.

And so the College marches forward across a very wide range of endeavour, generating success across that range and towards some very exciting game-changing projects which will, we are sure, secure the successful long-term future.

Simon Davies

Pub evenings



Thursday 20 November
The Mayfair Exchange in Brook Street

We have continued with our twice-yearly pub evenings in Eastbourne and London in 2014. The Eastbourne get-together has settled in to its regular venue at the Dolphin in South Street; in London we like to try different pubs, so please let us know if you have any suggestions for watering holes we could use in the future.

To see more photos from our pub evenings please see the website www.eastbourniansociety.org – you will have to register first to get access to the photos in the members' area.

Thursday 8 May

The Cellar Bar at the King's Head
in Stafford Street, Mayfair



Thursday 13 November

The Dolphin, Eastbourne. The earlier Eastbourne evening had been held on 19 June

The London business lunch



Fino's Restaurant in Mayfair was the venue for the 2014 London business lunch for members of the Eastbournian Society, held on Friday 3 October.

This annual event brings together Old Eastbournians, parents and members of staff in an informal atmosphere where business acquaintances can be made and younger OEs can discuss career options and build a network of useful contacts.



A Western Odyssey



Christine Todd, the Foundation Administrator in the Eastbournian Society office, was invited to visit Peter and Ruth Homburger (above) in Colorado in May 2014. This is her account of her travels.

The Homburger family history is known to many OEs; the three boys who were evacuated to Britain through the Kindertransport programme and found a safe haven at Eastbourne College and Radley during the war years.

After leaving school Peter Homburger (S 1942-47), like his brothers Wolf (S 1941-44) and Walter (S 1939-40), left the UK for North America. Peter joined his father and step-mother in New York and then went to university in Denver. He settled in Colorado, raised a family and pursued a successful career as an accountant. Peter's wife Ruth is Colorado born and bred with daughters living in New Jersey and Wyoming.

Peter has been a great supporter of the College, and I am fortunate to have met him through his work as our British Schools and Universities Foundation rep (Suzanna Standing has now taken over this role). BSUF is the channel through which Eastbourne College supporters resident in the USA can donate to the College tax-efficiently.

Like so many I had visited the East and West Coasts of America, but had missed out the beautiful state where Peter's branch of the Homburger family had made their home. This year, at long last, I took up Peter and Ruth's kind invitation. Their generosity and hospitality knew no bounds and I shall always be grateful for the opportunity of visiting this beautiful part of the country, and of getting to know Peter and Ruth better.

Colorado, where the Rocky Mountains meet the Great Plains, is a land of contrasts. In winter the temperature can sink to -18°C in Denver with summer average highs of 31°C. My flight arrived during a tornado warning, I visited Denver with Peter in 30 degree heat, and saw hailstones the size of rubber balls heaped up on a porch in Evergreen.

'You've heard of layering?' was the advice from Ruth. 'You have to prepare for anything in Colorado'. After a few days to acclimatise, the aptly named Honda Odyssey was packed with our belongings. The itinerary had been planned. Peter had not visited the Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks; and Ruth had yet to visit a great-grandson of two weeks old in Casper - so we were Wyoming-bound.

In winter the snow can make the road to Casper impassable - snow poles line the road to guide the snowploughs but the interstate eats up the miles and Ruth is used to travelling this route. The landscape of flat grassy plains is populated variously by antelope, cattle and graceful horses as we entered 'Cowboy Country'. Wyoming is proud of its cowboy heritage but most of its wealth comes today from tourism and mining - never-ending coal trains run parallel to the straight wide highway.

After an enjoyable supper with Ruth's daughter's family and a night's rest in

Casper, we were ready for the next leg of our journey. The scenery became more dramatic with craggy rock formations, striated curved red capstone and sandstone and distant views of snow-capped mountains - and what mountains!

As we entered the Grand Teton national park we caught the first glimpse of three dramatic peaks, mountains such as a child would draw. The early French trappers named them 'Les Trois Tétons' the three breasts - well, it was lonely in that wilderness!

We stayed at Jackson Lake Lodge, built by John D Rockefeller Jr with the express purpose of sharing this spectacular landscape. As you climb the stairs to the comfortable lounge you are met by the awesome sight of the mountains in clear view framed by the huge picture window. The mountains look as though you could reach out and touch them across the lake and willow flats but they are over 10 miles away.

In the Mural Dining Room the panoramic view is veiled by net curtains. As the sun starts to set the waiters draw back the curtains to the applause of the diners. The finale is revealed. 'It's what this place is all about' said the waiter. Clearly just what John D Rockefeller had in mind.

Afterwards I joined a host of photographers trying to capture the moment and saw moose grazing in the silent, still twilight. We were up early to catch the sunrise too. Magical.



A traffic jam caused by a bison



Christine and Peter

The slopes of aspens gave way to pine trees, snow-lined roads and fast-running rivers and gorges as we entered Yellowstone, which was the world's first national park. Founded in 1872 it contains more than 2 million acres of steaming geysers, crystalline lakes and thundering waterfalls. We passed a vast frozen Lewis Lake, unusual for May.

We stayed at Robert Reamer's whimsical creation, The Old Faithful Inn, built for the visitors to the geyser and now a national landmark in itself. At the predicted time we gathered to watch Old Faithful start to gurgle and splutter as boiling water reaches 180 ft up in the air. Amazing as it is, Old Faithful is just one of 500 geysers and 10,000 thermal features in Yellowstone. Everywhere you look steam is rising – dramatically spurting, or quietly puffing at the side of the road. It feels like another world. Multi-coloured mud bubbles up sulphurous gas and, against this volatile background, situated atop the super-volcano, healthy herds of Yellowstone wildlife roam freely – elk, bison, moose and mountain goats abound; black and grizzly bears were seen by others but eluded us.

The wildlife takes priority; it is their home. The only traffic hold up we witnessed was a 200-car jam as a bison made his careful winding way up the road to join his herd closely followed by a red-faced ranger!

The whole place is so achingly beautiful it gets to your soul. On our last day in the park we visited Yellowstone Falls, the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone – a snow bank met the falls, steam rose from the canyon walls and tall pine trees grew out of cracks in the rust-coloured rocks. As the water crashed down the canyon, Peter, Ruth and I could only gaze and smile in awe and feel blessed to be there on that perfect sunny day together.

On returning home to Wheat Ridge the weather was hot. Peter and I travelled into Denver on the hottest day of the year to date so I could visit the grand Capitol building with its 24 carat gold dome, and of course sit on the famous mile-high step.

The snow-capped Rocky Mountains are easily visible from Denver but we were to get closer. Peter had suggested the timing of my visit should coincide with the opening of the Trail Ridge Road. Wholly dependent on the weather, the road had only just opened before I arrived and I heard afterwards that it had closed temporarily after a massive storm where two people had been struck by lightning.



Christine at the Yellowstone Falls



A Rocky Mountain marmot...



...and a sleepy elk



One of Yellowstone's many thermal pools

Known as the most scenic drive in North America, there are panoramic views as the road winds through the foothills of ponderosa pine before it climbs above the tree-line to enter the alpine tundra for a stretch of 11 miles, peaking at 12,183 feet. It was a beautiful, clear and mild day for our trip. At Milner Pass the trail crosses the Continental Divide, that geographical phenomenon where the mountain spine determines whether water falling on one side or the other joins the Atlantic or Pacific Oceans.

Colorado had yet more sights to amaze. The next day we visited the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs where Peter's son, Dave, had graduated as a pilot. The futuristic chapel, inspired by the wings of an aeroplane, incorporates places of worship for

different denominations and faiths.

The 'Garden of the Gods' situated in the foothills of the Rockies is full of fantastical natural red rock formations and on the day of our visit was offset by a brilliant blue sky. Of similar sandstone is the Red Rocks theatre, an amphitheatre constructed between two massive 400-foot rocks. Artists from Ella Fitzgerald, Sinatra and the Beatles to U2 have performed here, and on Easter morning they hold a service as the sun rises on a distant Denver.

Peter's four sons, Phil, Drew, Dave and Steve and their families all live within easy driving distance and it was a pleasure to meet them. Though a large family the Homburgers are close-knit. In June they were just about to embark on a family trip to Italy where they had hired their own coach and driver. Peter and Ruth were not joining them this time but they are seasoned travellers – the densely-pinned world map in their home is testament to their sense of adventure and they were off to the Oregon coast after I left.

Thank you Peter and Ruth for your kindness in making me feel so welcome and for fulfilling my dream of seeing the Rocky Mountains and so much more.

Peter is an OE rep but the people who have called him during the years have been few. So if you are in this wonderful part of the USA, don't forget to contact Peter for a chat. You can be assured of a warm welcome in Wheat Ridge and if you are lucky Ruth may have just made a batch of her irresistible chocolate chip cookies. More news about Peter is on page 58.



The US Air Force Academy chapel

Careers news



OEs and parents offering advice to current pupils at the career convention. More pictures of the evening are on the Eastbournian Society website

College Head of Careers
Jane Wilders writes:

The new careers and higher education department team (Jane Wilders, Head of Careers; Peter Fellows (P 1993-98), careers assistant; and Karen MacGregor, Head of Higher Education) completed their first year working closely with pupils, teachers, tutors and parents, providing advice and guidance and running a comprehensive careers programme designed to support pupils from Year 10 upwards as they make choices affecting their future, including subject options, choosing Higher Education courses or getting work experience. All Year 11 and Year 12 pupils participated in the externally run Careers and Higher Education programme

offered by Cambridge Occupational Analysts (COA) including OASIS and Centigrade tests and interviews with external careers advisers.

One of the highlights of the year was the growing number of parents willing to support the work of the careers department. We were fortunate to have a number of interesting speakers for Year 12 careers and HE lessons, including parent Katrina Roberts, Vice President and Head of European Technologies, American Express, and Darren Meek (B 1982-87), partner at PwC, OE and parent.

The highest number of parents yet came to support the careers convention on Friday 21 March, either by manning a stand and talking to pupils about their line of work or accompanying their children and helping them find out information. This clearly demonstrates the

importance parents place on their children accessing information and support about their future options, whether that be work or study.

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 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 Year 12 in the afternoon and also attended the evening event. Contacts and links were made by a number of pupils which led to work experience placements - something the College encourages from Year 11 onwards.

In the last week of the summer term over sixty Year 11 pupils participated in work experience organised by parents and the school.

A number of pupils in the sixth form also attended networking events arranged by the Eastbournian Society during the year, giving them invaluable contacts for the future. Pupil Lizzy Gardner (Year 13) arranged a briefing for future medics with a local consultant from the Conquest Hospital, Hastings, along with four trainee medical students.

The next careers convention will take place on Friday 6 March 2015 and the careers department and Eastbournian Society would warmly encourage anyone interested in volunteering their time to get in touch. Please contact Jane Wilders, Head of Careers, jfwilders@eastbourne-college.co.uk or Lulu Brown, Events assistant, Eastbournian Society, vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk or call the careers department on 01323 452211.

Medical Society lunch

The Eastbournian Medical Society held its annual lunch at the College on Saturday 10 May. Aleck Brownjohn (Pw 1958-64) has agreed to take over the reins as President of the society for the next two years. Aleck is Senior Lecturer in Medicine in the University of Leeds, specialising in Nephrology at Leeds General Infirmary.

Following a short presentation in the Jennifer Winn Auditorium of the Birley Centre, the group headed to the Dining Hall for lunch. This event was the latest in the Eastbournian Society's series of career and networking sessions, which give OEs and current pupils the opportunity to discuss their profession, make contacts and offer career advice to those just starting out.



The Medical Society group in the foyer of the Birley Centre

Christopher Kirk-Greene



Christopher Kirk-Greene died peacefully on 23 September 2014 in Eastbourne. Chris was a member of staff as a teacher of modern languages for 37 years, 1949 to 1978. After prep school in Scotland just before the war, Chris went on to Rugby during the war years 1940 to 1945 where his lifelong asthma proved to be a continuing problem.

However he did well academically, studying French and German with Italian and English as subsidiaries, was captain of fencing, played 2nd XI cricket, was captain of his house and a school prefect. He won a leaving exhibition to Christ Church, Oxford, and entered in October 1945. It was at Rugby that his asthma caused him to give up hockey, which he loved, and take up fencing instead, for which he very soon received his half Blue.

Oxford defeated Cambridge in all three of Chris's years, 1946–48. In fact Chris was Hon. Secretary of the OU Fencing Club and captain of the épée team in 1947. He also shone at tennis and table tennis and was near to making the university team in both sports. He studied French and German and graduated with second class honours.

Following graduation Chris took a post as an *assistant anglais* in the Lycée Berthollet at Annecy in the Haute-Savoie department, bordering on Lake Annecy. Here he taught English conversation to small groups of boys, for which he received board and lodging and a small salary. This period, as he said afterwards, was one of the happiest times of his life and he made many friends among the people of Annecy.

However he needed to find more permanent employment and, via the Oxford University Appointments Board, he applied to public schools in England. They wanted him to come to England for interview and, as he later said, he had neither the time nor the money to do so. Then came an invitation from John Nugee. Chris wrote back and explained the situation. Nugee sent 'a very nice letter' saying 'I suggest we take you on probation, which will give us a chance to find out whether we like one another'.

So Chris came to Eastbourne in 1949, met John Nugee and Max Halliday, the Head of Languages. 'Everything seemed very nice and

that's how I came to Eastbourne. Max was a very efficient Head of Department and I got on personally quite well with him'.

In 1952 Tom Rodd invited Chris to join him in Wargrave as resident house tutor and he remained there for ten years, sharing the duty evenings with Tom and producing the four or five house plays that followed the Christmas house supper each year.

John Underhill (S 1919–25) asked him to take over fencing and he remained in charge for all his 37 years, assisted by Bill Strong. He was also master in charge of tennis for 22 years, taking over from Donald Perrens in 1951. Under his leadership the College enjoyed nine unbeaten seasons and six more when they lost just one match.

In 1973 the College, in the form of Paul Spruce (Pw 1969–74) and Michael Fuller (C 1969–73), reached the final of the Junior Wimbledon Doubles. Chris was on the Public Schools Lawn Tennis Committee for 20 years, and it is little known that he once won the North of Scotland Doubles.

From 1962 until 1978 Chris was Head of Modern Languages. His love of motor cars was legendary and was, he once said, inherited from his father. His white Ford Escort 'Mexico', a blue Jaguar XK120 two-seater was succeeded by XK140s and 150s and then a Lotus Cortina, over a period of perhaps 12 years.

One of his former colleagues refers to him as 'a skilled head of department who led by example and gentle encouragement; he exuded civility and courtesy from a bygone age, and I never recall him using a cross word'. And his successor as head of department, Ray Penn, in a tribute when Chris retired in 1986, comments: 'His knowledge of the French language was vast and pupils were lucky to be taught by a man with his exper-

tise. Colleagues also saw him as the fount of all wisdom, an oracle-like figure'. Brian Harral wrote of a hilarious 1955 holiday in Venice, travelling in a dilapidated Morris Minor accompanied by John Barratt, Eric Northcott and Paul Hirst. Chris flew to Venice to join the party.

It is as an inspired teacher of French that Chris is best remembered. Andrew Carstairs-McCarthy (G 1958–62), Emeritus Professor of Modern Linguistics, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, says: 'I remember his lively approach to teaching French vocabulary, including *Faux Amis*, false friends. Thanks to him, I still remember that 'lard' means not 'lard' but 'bacon', and 'deception' means not 'deception' but 'disappointment'.

And Professor Brian Thorne, teacher of modern languages 1962–67, quotes from his autobiography: 'Christopher proved a skilled head of department who led by example and gentle encouragement. An excellent linguist himself, he took great delight in the intricacies of French grammar and vocabulary and regularly published exemplary and some-



His love of motor cars was legendary

what idiosyncratic textbooks which were an invaluable aid not only to 'O' and 'A' level candidates but also to their teachers.' In fact Chris published no fewer than 14 French textbooks, the most recent in 2014.

In retirement Chris lived in his flat at South Cliff, Eastbourne, looking out over the lawns to the sea and enjoying the culinary delights of the Mirabel Restaurant at the Grand Hotel from time to time.

Chris maintained his contact with the College and with former colleagues there, was a member of the Devonshire Society, and continued to enjoy travel and writing. Chris spent his final days in the Devonshire Nursing Home in Eastbourne.

His memorial service in the College Chapel on 15 October was attended by around 80 former staff and OEs, a full house. And a memorable number of tributes were sent from all over the world.

Chris is survived by his brother Anthony, a distinguished Oxford academic.



Coaching fencing in the gym

Two OE casualties of the Great War

by Michael Partridge

The College Archives were in 2014 privileged to receive from their families photographs and moving tributes to two young men, both educated at the College, who gave their lives in the Great War.

Both were not only respected but loved by their fellow soldiers of all ranks. Because this 100-year-old documentation is so rare and unusual, we have decided to publish portions of it as typifying and illustrating the sacrifice of the 174 Old Eastbournians who lost their lives in that conflict. An exhibition reflecting the short life of Alan Oxley was mounted by the College Archives team in Big School on Devonshire Day and on Speech Day.

Arthur Passmore

Arthur Passmore was in Gonville from 1903 until 1906. He was a fine athlete, gaining his Stag as a forward in 1905 alongside Gordon Carey and Stephen Foot. He also won the seven mile steeplechase in March 1906, for which he was presented with a silver cup. Mr Arnold, who coached the first rugby team, said 'He is the best light forward in the team.



Arthur Passmore

His dash is splendid and, in the matter of tackling, if he once gets a claw on a runner, he seldom lets him go. He was a splendid boy'.

Gathorne Orr, his housemaster, wrote 'I have seldom ever met in my twenty years' experience as a house master a boy of such thoroughly reliable and conscientious character. He was always unselfish and anxious to do, not the easy thing, but the difficult. He was deservedly popular and we had, all of us, masters and boys, the greatest respect and affection for him. The country can ill afford to lose such a life'.

On leaving school Arthur joined the family firm of Alabaster, Passmore and Sons, printers, as Secretary and Director, where he was responsible for setting up an early employee pension scheme. He was a regular helper at the College Mission in Bethnal Green, a member of the Metropolitan Tabernacle Church and a Sunday School teacher.

He joined the Artists Rifles at the beginning of the war and was commissioned into the

9th Royal West Surrey Regiment in November 1914. After completing a machine gun course with distinction, he went to the front in October 1915 and was shortly after made his regiment's machine gun officer. His name was put forward for a mention in despatches for conspicuous gallantry in a night attack and, a few days later, on 5 April 1916 at Hulluch, he was killed while attempting to position his machine gun so as to enfilade the enemy. A bomb exploded beneath him and his body was not recovered. He is commemorated on the



The plaque in the Chapel commemorating Arthur Passmore's death

Loos Memorial near Lens (panels 13 to 15), alongside five other OEs.

Tributes by his fellow soldiers, from his commanding officer to one of his privates, make fascinating reading:

His Colonel: *He was one of the most promising subalterns I had. He took enormous interest in his work as a machine gun officer and was brave and fearless to a degree. He was most popular and is much missed by us all.*

Major Rolls: *He was a great favourite with all the officers and all his men were much attached to him. He handled his machine guns with great ability. A few days before he fell, his name was put down for promotion, and also for a mention in despatches for his 'conspicuous gallantry' in a night attack with machine guns. His Colonel was much attached to him and spoke in the highest terms of his work.*

Captain Holland: *I don't think I ever met a nicer fellow. He possessed every attribute necessary for an English gentleman. His character and splendid example will always remain fresh in my memory, and will be a great help to me for the remainder of my life.*

Lieut Springfield: *All the officers miss him greatly. He was a general favourite. He knew no fear and was always ready to do anything regardless of risk. His men worshipped him*

as he was so kind and thoughtful. He was considered the cleverest machine gun officer in the regiment. He did brilliant work as machine gun officer, especially during the night attacks. On one occasion he saved a large number of my men.

Sergeant Reed: *He was in C Crater at Hulluch about 10.30 or 11.00. We were holding one lip [of the crater] and the Germans the other. Lt Passmore went forward to fix a machine gun to enfilade the enemy, and was never seen afterwards. He was wounded before he went. He would never have been taken alive - he was not the man for that.*

Corporal Rupert Shepherd: *At midnight at Hulloch Mr Passmore went over the top with some bombers to take some craters; he was the first man over. A bomb exploded underneath him and he was seen to fall over. They went out several times afterwards to try to get him, but couldn't get anywhere near him. He was officer of the Lewis guns. He was liked by everybody. He had no fear whatever. If anything wanted doing he was always there.*

Private Smith (one of his men): *He was a real 'toff'. All his men loved him and would have done anything for him. He was so very kind and thoughtful for our comfort. He would never let us go short for anything.*

Alan Hayes Oxley

Alan Hayes Oxley was a Home Boarder between 1911 and 1914. He was one of four brothers who lived with their parents in Grassington Road and attended the College as day boys. His sister Muriel married the then headmaster, the Revd Frederick Williams, and during the war played a distinguished part in helping to run a convalescent home in Blackwater Road for wounded soldiers.

Brother Walter (HB 1903-09) served with the Royal Engineers in the First World War and rose to the rank of Major General CB, CBE. Alan joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in January 1916 and, after training in Exeter, was commissioned and sent to the Somme in July, just after the beginning of the great offensive on that front. He served in B Battery, 149 Brigade RFA, and took part in most of the offensives on that front in 1916 and 1917.

Though continually in action, he seemed to bear a charmed life as he did not receive a scratch until he was killed on 10 December 1917, aged just 20, near Passchendaele while manning a forward observation post which was struck by a high explosive shell. His body was recovered, virtually unmarked, and was buried in The Huts Cemetery near Ypres (Grave XV.A7).

Bill Bowden has produced the family tree (illustrated on page 26) which depicts in red those members of the Oxley (and later O'Connor) families with connections to the College. Alan Oxley's great nephew is Piers O'Connor, who attended the College 2009 to 2014.

Alan's mother received a remarkable number of letters of condolence from his

fellow soldiers of all ranks and these have been preserved. We record below extracts from some of the most moving of these messages.

His Servant/Batman, Gunner Barnshaw: *It is with profound regret and deepest sorrow that I take this liberty to write to you. I have been your dear son's servant for the past fourteen months, and I feel as though I ought to try and offer you some little consolation in your tragic and terrible bereavement.*

His death came as a very big shock to me. I was very much attached to him, and shall never forget him. He was always very considerate and thoughtful and a thorough gentleman in every respect. In the tightest corners he was always to be depended upon. Fearless, cool and courageous and gave everyone with him a good heart to carry on with their duties. A braver soldier never lived than he was. He was beloved by all who knew him and everyone held for him the highest esteem and respect. The whole battery mourns his loss. He was undoubtedly the most popular officer we have ever had.

Captain John Madden-Gaskell: *Beyond saying what you already know - how much we all admired and loved your son - I will not help to recall more than necessary the great sorrow you have had. Perhaps it would interest you to know that I was able to bring his body in, with the help of some men the following morning.*

His Commanding Officer, Lt Col Godfrey Masters: *I am very sorry to have to tell you that your son was killed yesterday. A large shell hit the front of his OP and killed him instantaneously. Your son was a very gallant and capable officer always ready and willing to do any duty. He set a very high standard by his cheerfulness and devotion. He was very popular with all ranks in the Brigade.*

The Headmaster The Revd F S Williams: *I must write a line to give you all good wishes for Christmas - it would seem almost a mockery to wish you a happy Christmas, when I fear it must be one of the saddest you have spent, and yet I feel sure that it is sadder for you than poor Alan. Though his life was not long, he made good in it and gave all he had, not for himself, which is really the very essence of Christianity.*

Captain Harry Imbert Terry: *I have only just heard from my old Battery about your son, and I feel that I must write and tell you how dreadfully sorry I am. I was his battery commander for a long time in France. He was one of the best subalterns I had, always cheery and full of life, and only too ready to do any job that came along. He was an officer that the Regiment can ill spare and he will be sadly missed by all his brother officers to who he had greatly endeared himself.*

Lt John D Bell: *I expect you have already received official intimation of poor old Alan's death in action. I am just writing to let you know how badly we all miss him and how very very sorry we are. Alan and I have been in the same battery since September or October of last year and he was my best friend. He was a very fine officer and very*

brave. Everyone in the battery admired him. Alan was forward observing when a large shell struck the observation post killing him instantaneously. We buried him in a cemetery well behind the line where his grave will be properly cared for and where it can be easily identified.

Captain Alister Campbell, 11th Bn Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders: *I am distressed to read in The Times Announcements of poor dear old "Al Lee's" death in action. I can hardly believe it. It only seems like yesterday we saw his dear cheery face at Eastbourne. The appalling tragedy of this terrible war is too awful - I hasten to offer you and the whole family my deepest sympathy in the great loss you have sustained.*



Alan Hayes Oxley

What a fine and manly officer this dear laddie made. I am sure you must be proud of him when you receive letters of condolence from his brother officers and his commanding officer. Only the kindly hand of Time can heal the wound which many thousands of mothers are experiencing daily. When the dark days are over it will be, perhaps, some comfort and solace to reflect that your very own has paid the great sacrifice.

Major Noel McFarlane: *It is one of the saddest and most difficult things I have ever had to do to write and tell you your boy was killed the day before yesterday. He had left the battery at dawn to spend his day as FOO in one OP - an old German concrete pillbox. About midday a heavy shell hit the corner of it and blew it in killing your boy and another subaltern from another Battery instantaneously. I was told of it by the infantry on the telephone and went up at once. He had been killed absolutely instantaneously by the concussion and could have known and felt nothing. His head was quite untouched and his face was quite peaceful. We laid him to rest yesterday morning in the British Cemetery near Dickebusch. Nearly all the Battery who were not up at the guns were there and the men sent a beautiful wreath with 'very deep sympathy'. Oxley as we always called him was quite one of the best subalterns I have ever met. Everyone loved him. He was the most gallant and popular*

officer in the Battery and his loss to us is literally irreparable.

As you may know I only took over the Battery in March but I had long ago grown most awfully fond of your boy and besides losing in him my best officer I have also lost a very great friend. I should be proud to feel I was a great a friend of his as he was of mine. He was always so unfailingly cheerful and plucky and we are all simply stunned by his death. I have never met one of his age with such wonderful character.

I was censoring the Battery's letters last night and found one from one of the men in which he was writing to his home of our great loss. He said he had lost 'a true gentleman and a man'. No man could wish for a finer tribute from one of his men.

All your boy's kit is being forwarded to you through this base. It consists of a valise and a kit bag. All the smaller personal things I am keeping in his suitcase which will be taken home by the next officer going on leave. This will be much quicker and safer than the other way.

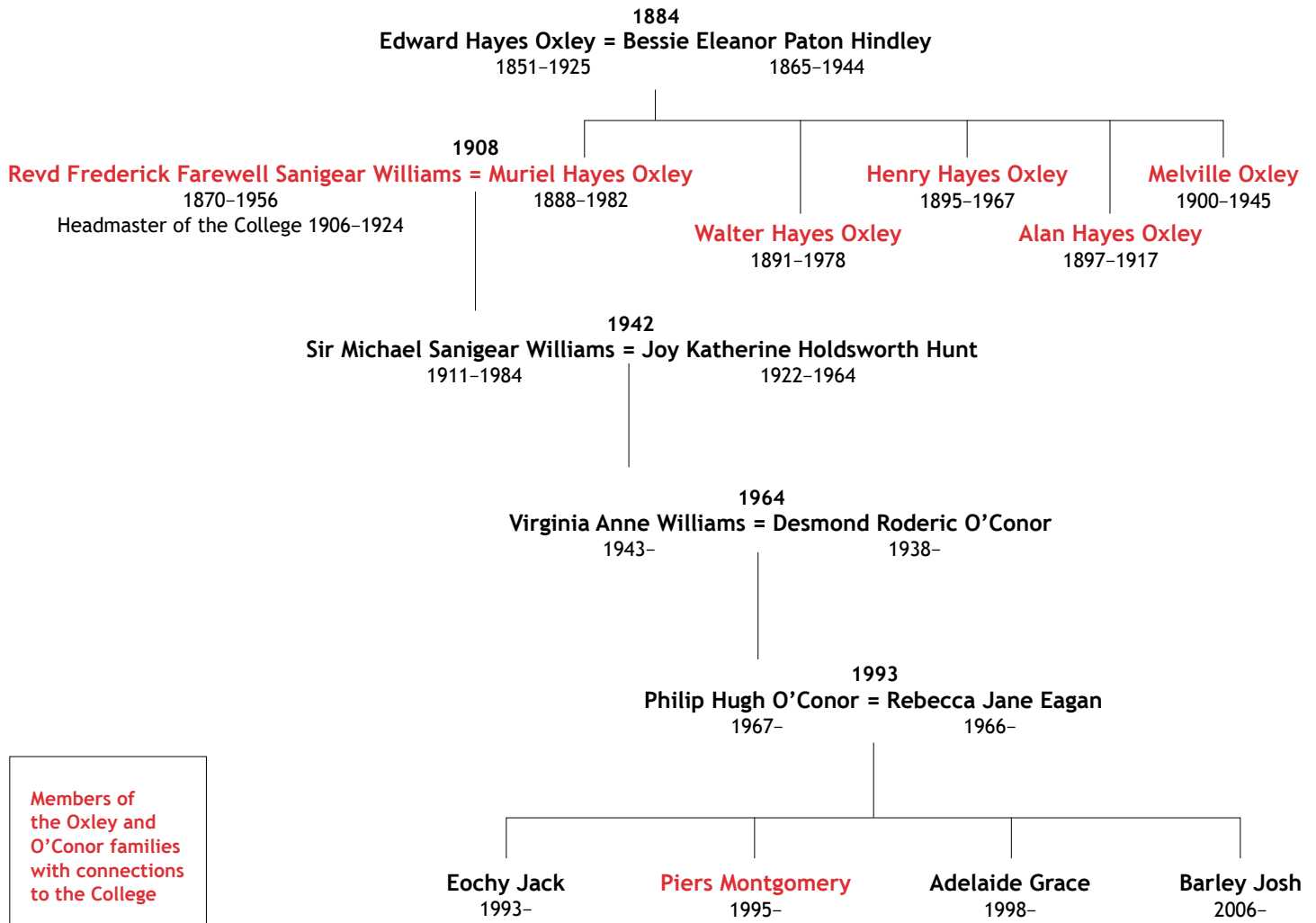
QMS Fred Smith: *'I thank you very much for the promise of a photograph of your son. I assure you it will be very highly treasured by me, although he was an officer and my superior, we were very best of friends. The photograph will always bring back to me our happy times together and there were many.*

The boys who were in the Battery at the same time as Mr Oxley always recount their dealings with him because he was their champion. His droll remarks and pranks are very much missed by all.

Lt R Flenley: *You will by this time have heard of the death of your son. I don't like to intrude on your grief but I knew him well and I feel I must first let you know how we shall miss him here. Major McFarlane, will, I know, be telling you how he was killed. We buried him today in a military cemetery just north west of Dickebusch. His grave was marked today with a cross. He joined my battery in October of last year and we grew to like him more and more. You get to know a man pretty well when you share dugouts and duties with him and shall always think of the days when we were subalterns together in B/Neg Brigade as some of the happiest I have ever spent out here. He was one of the bravest and best subalterns in the Brigade. For he wasn't merely liked in the mess. His men, I knew, liked him enormously and I know they will miss him as we all shall. I am more sorry than I can say.*

Lt Linton (Chaplain): *Other letters will no doubt have informed you of the death of your son, 2 Lt A H Oxley of B 149 Brigade RFA, and will also have given you the details. I only write to express to you my deepest sympathy for your loss - I had the greatest respect for your son's character and am grateful to him for many little acts of kindness and help which he afforded me in my own special work. He will be greatly missed in his battery, where his cheerful, brave and philosophic spirit won him the affections of his men. I was speaking to some of them today, and one of his sergeants said he was*

Oxley – Williams – O’Conor family tree



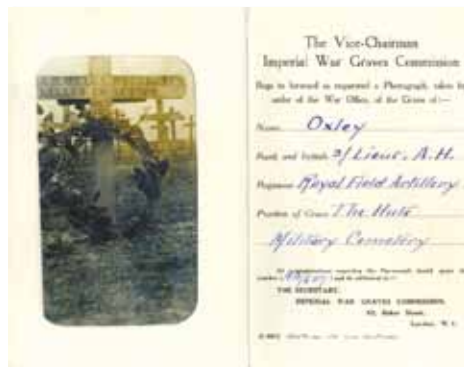
Members of the Oxley and O’Conor families with connections to the College

easily the most popular man in the battery and his death the greatest lost they could have had. The men have had a very trying time for some months now, and it is just the men like your son who have enabled them to carry on.

The funeral took place at about 10am this morning, and we laid him to rest in the new military cemetery north of Dickebusch, not far from Ypres.

Lt H Asquith 12th RFA: Your son was a brother subaltern of mine in B. Battery 149, and I hope you will excuse my writing to you in the circumstances to say how deeply I feel his loss. Major McFarlane has, I think, told you how it happened. Your son was on duty as forward observation officer, when it was reported from the infantry that two artillery officers had been killed at the observation post. The Major and I (who were with the guns) went forward immediately and found to our great sadness that your son was one of them. The observation post was a captured German one made of concrete, and, when we got there,

we found a direct hit had been made on it by a large German shell, breaking it in, and killing both the officers and wounding both the telephonists. Your son had clearly been killed



Oxley’s grave in 1917

instantly, and had a perfectly happy expression on his face. His glasses were hung around his neck and from his position I think he must have been in the act of observing our fire. I saw a good deal of your son during the three weeks

before his death we were constantly together on the march from our other position, and also as the two subalterns in the gunhut from Nov 25 to Dec 7th. During this time, as always, he was in wonderful spirits and the cheerful news of his companionship was the greatest possible blessing. When we went near Wytschaete he found a dog ‘Peter’, half Dachshund and half Spaniel, which he adopted and which still follows the Battery – it was very dejected when he did not return. The last days which your son spent out of action were in our wagon lines in two old farms near here; the position of these is on the slope which lies to the hill called ‘Mont Rouge’ on its North Eastern side. The last engagement he was in was the engagement near Polderhoek Chateau on Dec 3rd and it was in the operations between that battle and the German counter attack on Dec 14th that he fell.

We are indebted to the Oxley, O’Conor and Passmore families for their considerable help with this article.

Insurance networking



Hugh Price (S 1961–66), William Finn (B 1985–89), Bill Corfield (C, Year 13), Simon Barnes (parent of OEs) and speaker Nick Pomeroy

Almost 40 turned out at Davy's Wine Bar in Plantation Place in the City for the insurance networking event held on Tuesday 25 November.

This was for OEs, parents and current pupils working in or interested in a career in the insurance industry. The guest speaker was Nick Pomeroy (G 1973–78), Reinsurance Analyst

at The Channel Syndicate, who spoke about his own career and current trends in the industry. More photos of the evening are on the Eastbournian Society website.

Property networking



Alex Brown, Richard Howard, Angus Graham (S 1983–86) and Tim Mote

OEs, parents and current pupils attended a networking event for those interested in the property sector, which was held at the offices of AECOM in High Holborn on Thursday 24 April 2014.

The guest speaker was Richard Howard, Head of Central London Agency at DTZ, who gave a brief presentation on the regeneration project by developer Argent at King's Cross.

The evening was a great opportunity for OEs to meet others in property and for current pupils to get an insight into a possible future career. Our thanks go to Tim Mote (S 1983–88), who hosted the evening at AECOM, and to Alex Brown (B 1980–85), who helped organise it and spread the word amongst his industry contacts.

One current pupil wrote afterwards: 'I thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening and got a lot out of it. I now have a much better understanding of courses and universities to apply for next year. All of the OEs were very happy to talk to us ... a few gave out their contact information and also even offered a week of work experience in the summer. The evening was also very well thought out and I was very interested by the talk about the regeneration of King's Cross by Richard Howard.'

Fancy volunteer work in Zambia?

Luke Powell (G 1988–90) has been in touch to tell us about a volunteering opportunity in Zambia, where he is the OE rep. Luke runs Kansato Farms, in Kasama, which is in the Northern Province of Zambia. Their main activity is to grow and process coffee; however, they also have some livestock including sheep, cattle, pigs and poultry.

Luke is offering an opportunity to get work experience in rural Africa; to work on a coffee farm, as a boarding house 'guardian' and also on a small lodge on Lake Tanganyika. The length of stay would be normally be for three months as the volunteer would have to come in to Zambia on a visitor permit. He suggests that the stay would be split with one month on the farm, one month as guardian, and one month in the lodge.

Luke says: The work is not too demanding in our small boarding house where we have up to 11 children living with us. The volunteer would live in our house, having his/her own room and taking all meals with us and the kids. The guardian would have to ensure that the children get ready for classes in the morning, and help them with afternoon and evening duties (afternoon play time, evening homework, tidying rooms, bed routine etc). No cleaning or cooking will be involved. During the day the guardian could also help with some tasks at school such as sport, crafts or music – whatever they can help with.



The boarding house

On the farm the volunteer would be 'attached' as part of the normal schedule in the different farm operations (irrigation, fertilization, livestock) and would live in basic farm accommodation and live the 'rural' African life.

The lodge is self-catering where the volunteer would have various tasks like ensuring that the chalets are prepared for the arrival of the guests, small projects like planting trees or mowing the lawn, and being a guide for visitors to Kalambo Falls tropical fish farm.

If you are interested please see Luke's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mishembabayzambia or contact him by email at luke@zamnet.zm.



The lodge on the beach

Eustace Hamilton Miles

by Bill Bowden and Michael Partridge

Eustace Hamilton Miles was educated at Heath Mount prep school, and then was a member of Blackwater House from 1880 to 1882. In 1880 Miles won the Fives Singles cup. He went on to Marlborough College where he co-edited the *Marlburian* with the future novelist EF Benson, who became a close friend. Unlike Benson's more sentimental Marlborough involvements, which he portrayed in an intense, crypto-erotic light in *David Blaize* (1916), his relationship with Miles appears to have been one of straightforward comradeship.

The two played tennis and squash rackets together, and both went up to King's College, Cambridge, in October 1887, Miles with a scholarship. He represented the university against Oxford at real tennis and raquets. Graduating in 1891, records suggest that he taught at Rugby for a while and sometime later lectured at Cambridge. However, during the next fifteen years, until his marriage in 1906, he was known chiefly as an amateur athlete, and as author of various 'how to' or 'teach yourself' books on subjects as diverse as philology, sport, nutrition and the general education of boys.

Miles's sporting successes were impressive. He was English amateur real tennis champion (1898–1903, 1905–06, 1909–10) and amateur champion of America at squash rackets and real tennis in 1900. He was amateur world champion at rackets in 1902 and also for real tennis in 1898–1903 and 1905. In addition, he was four times world doubles champion at rackets (1902, 1904, 1905–06). He won a silver medal for real tennis in the 1908 Olympics, having coached the winner; this was the only time that the sport has been included in the Games.

With Benson, whose interests were in golf and figure-skating, he edited a number of sporting books in Hurst and Blackett's Imperial Athletic Library, and collaborated with him on *The Mad Annual* (1903), a humorously satirical compilation of a distinctly juvenile kind. In 1903 he was assistant editor of the *Magazine of Sport and Health*. In fact he was a prolific author, covering subjects such as health, diet, athletics, tennis (real and lawn), ancient history and classics.

In 1906 Miles married Dorothy (Hallie) Killick, daughter of the rector of St Clement Danes Church in London. Over the next thirty years she collaborated closely with Miles in a health-food shop and vegetarian restaurant, with associated enterprises for physical, mental, and spiritual self-training, which began operation in the same year from premises at 40–42 Chandos Street, Charing Cross (the street has since been renamed and the building is at 40–42 William IV Street).

Eustace and his wife both engaged in philanthropic works, providing free food and clothing to the poor from a base near Cleopatra's Needle, a process which was supported by Queen Alexandra. Within a few years his restaurant, which he promoted as a 'restaurant with ideals', had established a distinctive reputation, and it was wryly celebrated in EM Forster's *Howards End* (1910). The heroine of the novel, Margaret Schlegel, wonderfully captures the milieu:

'Next time,' she said to Mr Wilcox, 'you shall come to lunch with me at Mr



Eustace Miles's.'

'With pleasure.'

'No, you'd hate it,' she said, pushing her glass towards him for some more cider. 'It's all proteids and body-buildings, and people coming up to you and 'beg pardon, but you have such a beautiful aura'.

Theosophists, simple-lifers, aspiring writers, healers, and others of an idealistic bent were all encouraged to visit Miles's premises. He opened lecture-rooms, an advice bureau, a Normal Physical School and a School of Cookery, and a publishing business which produced a steady stream of his works in the form of pamphlets (*Milestones*) dispensing advice on health, including nervous problems, books on food reform, fitness, the sporting spirit, mental concentration, and a monthly (later quarterly) magazine.

Mrs Miles's literary contributions emphasized the spiritual side of the movement. Bland, tasteless, and excessively simple by late twenti-

eth-century standards, the recipes which Miles shared with his public were intended to provide a balanced, meat-free diet, and relied largely on the use of proprietary protein supplements such as Emprote, combined with such humble dishes as lentil salad or scrambled eggs on toast. Husband and wife reiterated the beliefs of the food reform movement of the period, which crusaded against the wastefulness, indigestibility, and general harmfulness to health of the traditionally heavy, meat-rich diet of the Edwardian upper and middle classes and of their counterparts elsewhere in the western world.

But people poked fun at Eustace. In 1906 a poem appeared in praise of the mutton chop:

*I love it! I love it! Let those who please
Enjoy a diet of nuts and peas;
Let Shaw compose his dramatic scenes
On cabbage, tomatoes and kidney beans
Let Eustace Miles find muscular force
In carrot cutlets with Plasmon sauce,
Or other equally messy slop -
But give me my old fashioned mutton chop.*

George Bernard Shaw was of course a well-known vegetarian.

Although essentially a figure of the pre-1914 era, Miles continued to expand business operations after the First World War. By 1929, in addition to the Chandos Street restaurant and a long-established vegetarian guest house at Carshalton, Surrey, he owned the Milestone Restaurant in the King's Road, Chelsea, and health-food shops in Bloomsbury and in the north and south London suburbs.

None of these activities made him rich, and in 1933 he was declared bankrupt and his restaurant furniture and equipment were auctioned. Miles died at 38 Palace Road, Streatham, on 20 December 1948, and his estate at death was £175, about £5250 today.

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One of his many books on health and diet

Miles on the squash court



Taking Command

The autobiography of David Richards (W 1965–70), General The Lord Richards of Herstmonceux GCB CBE DSO DL, was published in October 2014.

Taking Command is the story of Lord Richards' career of over forty years in the army, in which he served in the Far East, Germany, Northern Ireland and East Timor. He was the last Governor of Berlin's Spandau Prison, when Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, was its sole prisoner. In 2005 he was appointed Commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in Afghanistan and as commander of NATO forces became the first British General to command US Forces in combat since the Second World War.

In 2000, Richards won acclaim when he brought together a coalition of forces in Sierra Leone to stop the ultra-violent Revolutionary United Front from attacking the capital, Freetown. In so doing he ended one of the bloodiest civil wars to bedevil the region. He did so without the official sanction of London, and failure could have cost him his career.

As Chief of the Defence Staff between 2010 and 2013 he advised the government during the crises and interventions in Libya and Syria and oversaw the controversial Strategic Defence and Security Review.

His story reflects the changing reality of life for the modern soldier over the last forty years and offers unprecedented insight into the readiness of our military to tackle the threats and challenges we face today.

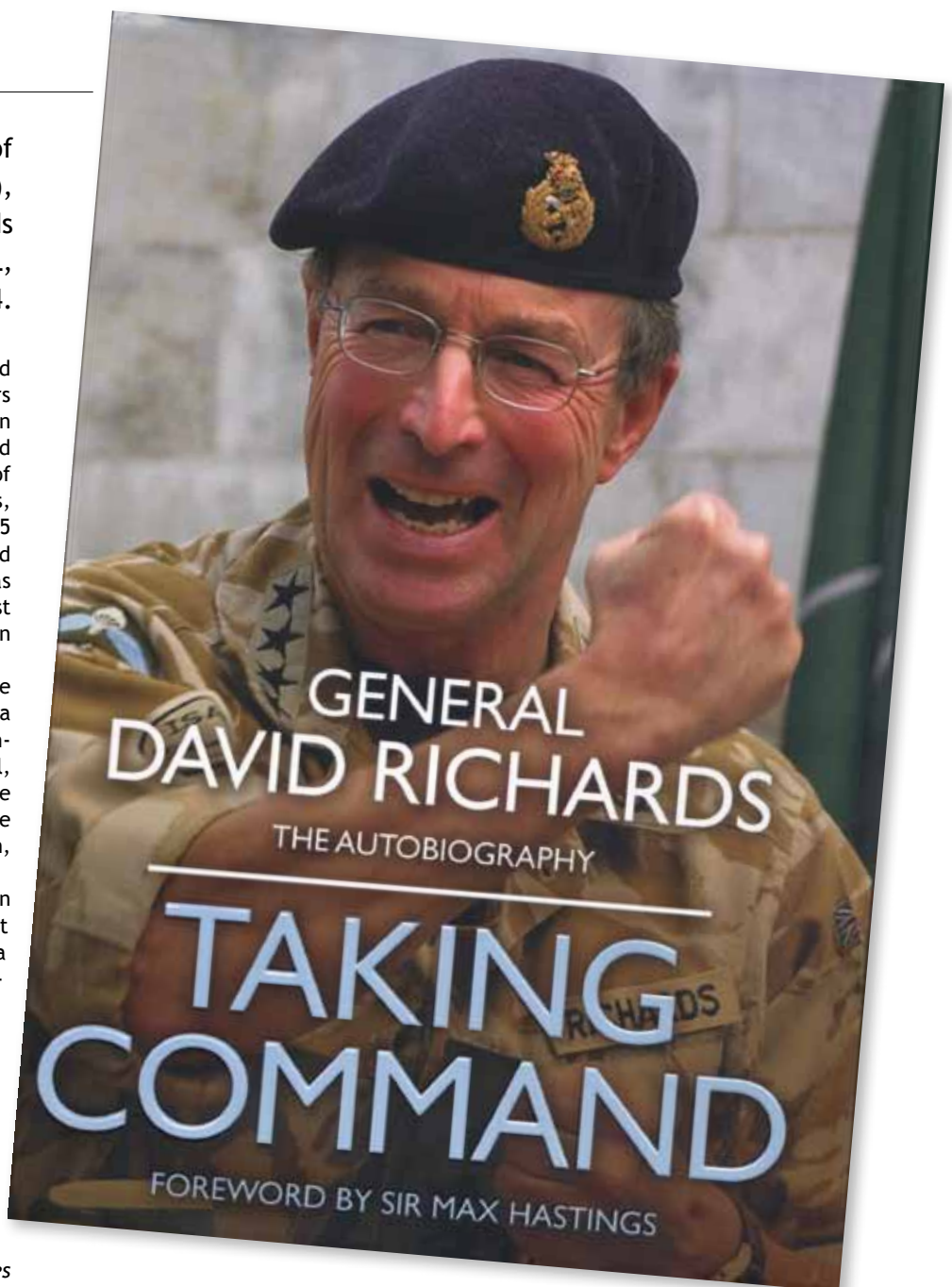
We asked Brig (Retd) David Chaudler OBE (B 1956–61) to review the book for us:

Napoleon famously replied when the virtues of a particular General were being extolled: 'Ah but is he lucky?' David Richards was certainly lucky. Very able, he certainly believed in speaking his mind and was not afraid of upsetting his superiors when he thought they were wrong. But being right is not enough and Richards certainly had difficult relationships with some of his superiors.

Nevertheless, he was often right; and we know this because in his book Taking Command he often tells us so. In fact rather too often for my taste. Perhaps it is this self-belief that was a key element to a successful career. Also, where Richards was lucky, was in his guardian angels; curiously often politicians, though some, but not all, of his military seniors recognising his abilities and supported him.

The book is an easy read and will be of particular interest to historian and lay readers alike. East Timor, Sierra Leone and the turnover of command in Afghanistan to NATO are all very recent history and are still with us and the implications will be felt for some time to come, particularly Afghanistan where Richards was a key player.

Indeed the strength of the book is that it



brings out vividly the stresses and strains of high command and the way in which Richards dealt with the many and varied problems, often with very little time to do so.

With his time as Chief of the General Staff and then Chief of the Defence Staff the book is an interesting commentary on the inner wheels of government and how logic is often a low priority in the decision-making process. Also Richards' pen pictures of various political and senior Whitehall figures makes entertaining reading.

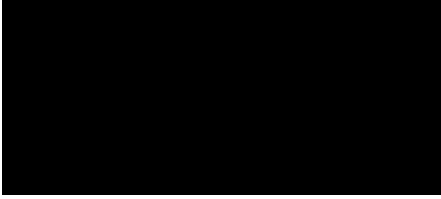
The College numbers amongst its OEs many successful military men and, without doubt, Richards is the most successful of his generation. Perhaps not only successful in the military sphere, but in all spheres. Consequently, I recommend this book to all Eastbournians.

I leave the last word to one of Richards' particularly eminent predecessors as Chief of the Defence Staff. Field Marshall Mike Carver said, 'The secret of success is to be sufficiently insubordinate'. Richards certainly was – and he got away with it. It is this that makes this book so intriguing.

And an extract from Sir Max Hastings' introduction to the book:

David Richards is a wonderfully grown-up General, and also the best of company, superbly relaxed even in moments of high stress. I have often taxed him – odd this, coming from me, a journalist – about his indiscretion, his determination to call a spade a spade even in high councils of state, and even when the prime minister of the day is insisting that the spade is something quite different. But a willingness to speak truth to power is a rare gift, and he has it in extravagant measure. His book conveys his sense of fun as well as honesty, courage and professionalism. He has participated in, and often led, some remarkable adventures. Britain will be fortunate if its future Chief of Staff, the leaders of the armed forces, match his combination of 'can do' enthusiasm and boring old common sense. David Richards is a remarkable man, and the story that he tells reflects his qualities.

OEs at university



If you would like to suggest a venue for a future university social evening, do let us know. In the meantime, please check the website eastbourniansociety.org for details of forthcoming events.

Bristol

OEs at universities in the south-west of England got together for a pub evening in Bristol on Friday 7 March. The venue was the White Lion Bar at the Avon Gorge Hotel and 37 OEs turned up, from Bristol, Exeter, Bath and Cardiff, and a few from further afield who happened to be in the area



Cambridge

Students at Cambridge University met for a dinner on Saturday 15 February 2014



Leeds

The Alchemist in the Trinity Shopping Centre in Leeds was the venue for an evening get-together on Friday 21 November for OEs at university in the north of England



By Lagonda to the Low Countries



En route to The Hague

David Stone-Lee (R 1957-60) reports on a journey to The Hague in his 1950 Lagonda, which he had spent 12 years restoring.

Inspired by an article in *The Automobile* magazine I decided on an expedition with my wife Polly to the Benelux Countries in June 2014 in search of the spectacular Louwman Motor Museum in The Hague.

Planning the most interesting and picturesque route involved much scrutiny of maps and Wikipedia but I also sought the assistance of the OE representative in Belgium, Trevor Hardy (G 1965-71).

The route started from Eastbourne via the Channel Tunnel to our first night's stay at the Chateau de Cocove hotel at Recques-sur-Hem, south of Calais. Here we chanced upon other owners of a classic Jaguar XK140 and a Ferrari Daytona, just back from a full restoration at Ferrari's Maranello headquarters. Wives were deserted while examination of the cars was completed!

Trevor, who stated that I was the first OE to contact him in all his 38 years as Belgium rep, provided some vital information, especially about negotiating the Kennedy Tunnel into Antwerp.

He also provided the ultimate in Belgian hospitality; having collected us from our hotel we were shown some of Antwerp's

city sights on the way to his home to meet his wife, Catherine. After an aperitif we all enjoyed a fabulous al fresco meal at the 12 Place du March bistro restaurant beside Nieuwstad Square.



David at the Louwman Motor Museum

Our expedition outward route included Cassel, Poperinge, Passchendaele, Roeselare, Tielt, Antwerp, Kalmthout, Willemstad, The Hague and Leiden, returning via Hellevoetsluis, Ouddorp, Goes, Oostburg, Ostend, Bruges, Veurne, Dunkirk and Calais.

In total the Lagonda covered 666 miles over five days without missing a beat.



Catherine, David, Polly and Trevor in Antwerp

Born in 1855, Frank Butler was in Blackwater House from 1870 to 1872. A good athlete, he won colours for cricket, football and rugby between 1870 and 1872. (Rugby was played at the College before its introduction by Mr Arnold in 1900!).

The *Eastbournian* of May 1871 said of Butler: 'Is good at collaring. A fair but uncertain place kick' and in August added, in regard to his cricketing prowess, 'A poor bat. Sometimes fields well'. However, by April 1872, Butler had redeemed himself: 'Has proved the most useful forward - always well up with the ball. In almost all the matches he has obtained touchdowns [tries] by his excellent backing up'.

After leaving the College he travelled in France, Germany, Spain and Portugal, visiting the wine regions and studying the languages; later he travelled to many other parts of the world: Africa, the Far East, the Dominions, north and south America, Russia, even Lapland. He entered the family business of Hedges and Butler, wine and spirit merchants, in Regent Street, London, becoming a partner in 1882.

Frank Butler was one of the first people in Britain to own a motor car, acquiring a Benz in 1897.

He joined the Automobile Club de France, and then was appointed the first honorary treasurer of the newly formed Automobile Club of Great Britain, a post which he held until 1902. With the Hon. Charles Stewart Rolls of Rolls Royce fame, from 1898 he helped to organize races.

It was the shortcomings of a motor car, and the consequent abandonment of a motor tour in Scotland in September 1901, which led him to turn his attention to the air. A balloon ascent was suggested instead of the tour, and Butler with his daughter and Rolls went up in a balloon, the City of York, from the Crystal Palace, with Stanley Spencer in control. While in the air over London, he suggested the formation of an aero club as a branch of the Automobile Club.

The Aero Club of the United Kingdom was registered at Somerset House in October 1901, and the first balloon ascent organized by the club took place on 15 November. By 1907 Butler had



Mr. Frank Butler.

completed one hundred balloon ascents, including in 1902 a solo flight which established a record for distance in Britain, and what was then the world's longest



Butler, as caricatured by 'Spy' in *Vanity Fair* magazine

cross-channel balloon voyage, London to Caen, in 1905. In 1907 he achieved the honour of being caricatured in a *Spy* print in *Vanity Fair*.

The Aero Club (which in 1910 became the Royal Aero Club) brought together inventors and recreational balloonists, and supplied them with a ground at Shell Beach, Isle of Sheppey, suitable for their experiments. Butler also took a keen interest in the beginnings of powered flight, and in 1908, when the American inventor Wilbur

Wright arrived in France to demonstrate his aircraft, Butler was one of the first two Englishmen to fly as a passenger with him.

Following the successful flights by Wilbur Wright in France in 1908, the Aero Club undertook the training of pilots, to whom, from 1910 onwards, it issued its certificates; these were recognized by the government when it was decided to establish the Royal Flying Corps.

The Aero Club, inspired by Butler, in fact played an important part in fostering the early development of flying in England. Butler's concern with the air diminished in no way his inter-

member of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, the Wandering Minstrels and the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society.

In 1894 he founded and played in the Imperial Institute Orchestral Society. He was also a prolific author, publishing books on wine and travel. A man of hospitable nature with a gift for friendship, he enjoyed splendid health, as well as ample means to indulge his many enthusiasms which included yachting and golf. He married Ada Tickle and they had two daughters, Frances who died in infancy, and Vera who was also a pioneer balloonist and motor car enthusiast. Butler died in



Butler in his Benz car, 1898



Butler alongside Wilbur Wright in 1908

est in travel. In the course of his visits to the wine-producing regions of Europe, he travelled to Champagne in 1914-18 even when fighting was only a few miles away, but these journeys only stimulated his enthusiasm, and with great enjoyment he moved widely about the world. He was elected a life FRGS in 1877.

Butler had still other interests. He was a violinist of merit, and was a first violin at the Handel Festival and was an active

a nursing home at 29 Wimpole Street, London, on 27 November 1928 aged 73, and was buried in Norwood cemetery.

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Devonshire Society Day

Nearly 70 members of the Devonshire Society attended the 2014 Devonshire Society Day on Thursday 26 June, an opportunity for the College to say thank you for their generosity in pledging a legacy to development and bursary funds.

Following a drinks reception in the foyer of the Birley Centre, the guests enjoyed a variety of musical performances by College pupils in the auditorium before heading to the College Theatre for a three-course lunch.

Joint Head of School Matt Ginno, a recipient of the Bernard Drake Award, expressed his thanks on behalf of all pupils who are able to enjoy a College education through the generosity of bursaries funded by benefactors.

The afternoon continued with a chance to enjoy watching cricket on College Field, with the 1st XI taking on the MCC in their annual fixture.



The group in the Birley Centre auditorium



In the background is the exhibition, set up by the College archives team, on the life of Alan Hayes Oxley, an Old Eastbournian casualty of the Great War, who was killed in action in December 1917 (see pages 24–26)



Joint Head of School Matt Ginno met Douglas Fergusson (B 1966–70), who sponsors the Bernard Drake Award, of which Matt was a recipient

Leaving a legacy to the College

The College has been built and developed through the generosity of supporters and benefactors over almost 150 years, with each generation of pupils inheriting the opportunities provided by their predecessors.



The Devonshire Society was created in 2002 and is Eastbourne College's legacy club. Bequests made to the College help fund bursaries, awards and scholarships, as well as providing funds for capital projects.

If you tell us that you plan to make a bequest to Eastbourne College, and do not request anonymity, you will automatically become a member of the Society and will be invited every year with your spouse or partner to a luncheon as a guest of the Headmaster.

More details about leaving a bequest are in the brochure *Your legacy*, a copy

of which will be sent on request. Alternatively you can download or print it from the Eastbournian Society website.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of making a donation or leaving funds for the College in your will, please contact David Stewart or Christine Todd.

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Finita la musica, passata la fiesta

John Thornley sang for the last time in the Chapel Choir at the College evensong on OE reunion day 2014. Here former College Chaplain Revd Chris Macdonald reflects on John's contribution to the choir.

Those who have sung in the Chapel Choir with John Thornley at some point over the last three-and-a-half decades will be sad to hear that, at the beginning of the Michaelmas term 2014, he hung up his cassock and surplice for the last time. Or, as JT himself puts it: 'They will no doubt be pleased to know that he is no longer subjecting innocent singers to his loud bass line.' So, JT quietly withdrew and made the OE reunion service his last evensong, which was very fitting as the cohort (1980-94) included OEs who were at the College in JT's earlier years, and the choir was joined by Philip and Sally Le Brocq and their daughter Emma.

An increasingly diverse working schedule (still teaching, a significant administrative workload and the many exciting Eastbournian Society events in which he is involved) has meant that, in recent times, he has not been able to attend all practices and events, and he has always maintained that members of the Chapel Choir have to be able to be fully committed.

Since joining the choir in 1978 under the baton of John Walker, and a few months after he joined the College, JT has dedicated a huge amount of time to practices, services and other key events (he must have sung at more than 40 confirmation services, given that

there used to be two a year). JT says: 'It has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my time here to date; choral music is in my DNA. By chance, I sang my last service in the choir at College almost 50 years to the day that I joined, as a treble, the cathedral choir of Southwell Minster, the Anglican cathedral of Nottinghamshire, said by many to be a gem, and the best kept secret among the 42 English cathedrals. So the daily practices, choral evensongs sung five times a week and the regular choral matins and eucharists were part of my school routine. Sung psalms, in particular, have become an important part of my regular listening habits, as I have often said to College singers (to their bemusement) when practising for the annual visit to sing evensong in Chichester Cathedral.'

JT continued in the Chapel Choir when Graham Jones took over as Director of Music in 1991 and, along with College organist David Force, College chaplains Revd Cliff Comyns, Revd RonJon and, more recently, Revd Mac, the high standards in Chapel and a varied, challenging musical repertoire continued. The association of JT and Graham Jones with the Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra has allowed College singers for more than 30 years to take part annually in large-scale choral



John Thornley

works in the Congress Theatre and Chichester Cathedral and, more recently, in St Saviour's Church, Eastbourne. And, at various points over the past 36 years, JT has had the privilege of singing alongside expert youthful voices like those of OEs Mark Le Brocq (C 1979-84) and Andrew Wicks (Pw 1977-81), and many other singers who have subsequently made their way in the musical world. JT adds:

'*The History of College Music* which I helped write in 2006 makes mention of many of these fine musicians. I firmly believe that a grounding in the world of high-quality choral music can lead to the development of many other skills, not just musical. Its influence remains for life, and being immersed in it allows time for reflecting on the bigger questions. So, I wish the current and future Chapel Choir, under the

leadership of Nick Parrans-Smith for the last two years, all good fortune, and hope that they find being part of such an important team in the school as rewarding as I have done. I'm sure they will.'

On behalf of everyone associated with the College Chapel, I would like to express our immense gratitude for all that he has done for the Chapel over the past 36 years. For successive chaplains he has been, on top of everything else, effectively our equivalent of a parish administrator and we would have struggled to cope without him. Moreover, as well as everything he has done for choral music, I have been deeply grateful for his foresight, wisdom and support. For all those who truly value the College Chapel and its choral tradition, he will be sorely missed.

Dr Charles Christopher Hayman, MRCS MD LRCP



In the last issue of the *Old Eastbournian* we drew your attention to our founder, Dr Charles Christopher Hayman, a well-known and respected GP in the town who was also a keen promoter of the healthy environment of Eastbourne, then considered to be not only the healthiest place in the county, but the kingdom! Indeed in 1861 he co-authored the book *Eastbourne, and the Advantages Which it Possesses as a Resort for Invalids: With General Remarks Upon Sea Bathing, Sea Air, and Exercise*.

The Doctor had been recommended to come to Eastbourne from his medical practice in West Malling, Kent, due to his own health problems. Later, he was inspired to

establish a College in Eastbourne, reflected in our motto: *Ex Oriente Salus* – Health or Safety from the East.

However, the photo we showed you was of his son, also a doctor and also named Charles! Thus, we were led astray. We apologise for this error.

The photo shown here is of our Dr Hayman (centre, hand on lapel). We have managed to get a glimpse of him among the top hats of the Eastbourne Board (a predecessor of the Eastbourne Borough Council) and other dignitaries at the completion of a local drainage and hygiene project of which in 1866 he was the instigator.

Simon Wood (Pw 1950-54)

The London Dinner 2014

The London dinner was held at Church House Conference Centre in Westminster on Thursday 20 March.

This annual event is an opportunity to celebrate Eastbournian achievement, and this year we were delighted that our guest of honour was Paul Stewart (W 1994–99). Paul featured in the last edition of the *Old Eastbournian* magazine where we interviewed him about his incredible accomplishments.

In 2013, he completed a grueling Iron Man challenge to raise funds and awareness about spinal injury research. This involved a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile cycle

ride, a 26.2-mile walk and a cliff-face climb.

A daunting enough prospect in itself, but Paul had to show real determination to complete it because he was severely injured in a snowboarding accident in 2008 which left him paralysed below the waist. His efforts helped raise over £400,000 for the charities Wings for Life and Spinal Research.

During the dinner guests were able to see Paul's inspiring story on video, followed by a question-and-answer session hosted by Nigel Wheeler, which gave further insight into Paul's determined attitude.

More photos are available on the Eastbournian Society website, together with a list of dinner guests.



Paul, second left, with College contemporaries



Paul, fourth from right, with fiancée Katie Houlbrook and other friends



Nigel Wheeler, centre, later hosted a question-and-answer session with Paul



Dinner guests watching the video of Paul's Iron Man challenge

Banking, broking and asset management networking

Financial services, specifically the banking, broking and asset management sectors, were the focus of the business and career networking event held on Wednesday 26 November.

Almost 50 OEs, parents and current pupils attended the evening at PricewaterhouseCoopers' offices in More Place, close to London Bridge.

Our thanks go to Darren Meek (B 1982–87) for hosting the event and for introducing the guest speaker, Luke Ellis, President of Man Group, who has oversight of the investment operations of Man's three main hedge fund divisions.

Luke spoke about his own experiences working in the City and discussed the idea



An opportunity for pupils to meet financial professionals

of 'employability', not just at the interview stage but also in terms of those who will succeed and go on to be offered greater opportunities in their careers.

One parent who attended commented later that current pupils 'are very lucky to



Darren Meek with Luke Ellis

hear this sort of perspective and I think that it is very good that the school is focused on offering this sort of opportunity.'

More photographs of the evening are available on the Eastbournian Society website.

The Four Lives of Stephen Foot

‘I have had three great ambitions in my life. The first was to succeed in business, the second was to come through the war alive and undistinguished, and the third was to do something for education.’ So wrote Stephen Foot in the second of his autobiographies, *Life Began Yesterday*.

In his first book, *Three Lives*, Foot described himself as a ‘nervous... highly strung and shy’ child, adding ‘my world was shut up inside me’. He also suffered from poor health, ‘constantly pursued by illness’, and yet from this apparently unpromising start in life, Foot not only achieved his three ambitions but added a fourth – the crusade to promote the cause of Moral Rearmament.

Foot came to Wargrave in September 1901 with an entrance scholarship and later commented, ‘The general undercurrent of my school life was happiness’. Foot felt this was due, in part, to the fact that his more athletic and academic twin brother had attended a different school which enabled him to ‘fend for myself, fight my own battles... and achieve my own triumphs’ and finally feel ‘able to face the world’. He became a school prefect, head of house and was awarded his Stag.

He also drew inspiration from the fact that Eastbourne College was a ‘school in the making’ and that he could play a part in furthering its reputation. Gordon Carey was later to say that Foot was ‘genuinely devoted to his school’.

In October 1906 he entered Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and gained second class honours in Engineering. Two experiences during this period were to have a major bearing on his career at the College – both as a teacher and a careers officer.

Firstly, he coached a number of students to pass various exams and found that he not only enjoyed teaching but also felt he had an aptitude for it. Secondly, he was greatly influenced by H A Roberts of the Cambridge University Appointments Board. Foot stated that ‘he was the first person to realise effectively the need for a link between a young man and his career’. It was he who arranged that Foot approach the Shell Oil Company.

Foot had immersed himself in books as a child, reading authors such as Captain Marryat, whose

seafaring escapades had inspired his daydreams and transformed him into a ‘bold swaggering hero who was afraid of nothing’. It may have been this sense of adventure that now saw Foot embark on the first of his four lives. Posted initially by Shell to Singapore, he was transferred to Kuala Lumpur and finally to Mexico, ‘where he showed marked gifts of courage, initiative and leadership’.

Despite Foot’s ambition to emerge undistinguished from war, the opposite was to happen during his time in France in 1914–18. He had already shown



GSO2 Major Foot

an interest in military matters while at the College as a pupil. He was a colour-sergeant in the Corps (almost missing a parade in honour of King Edward VII – he overslept) and was in the shooting VIII for three years and captain of it for two.

Old Eastbournian, housemaster, bursar and careers master: Stephen Foot made a significant contribution to the College. Here Paul Jordan, one of the College Archives team, reflects on Foot’s fascinating life.



His enthusiasm for the army had been fired when Lord Haldane had spoken during Foot’s time at Cambridge. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers Special Reserves but was not attached to any active service unit as he was still a student. His burgeoning teaching skills were recognised by the Army when, for eight months in 1910, he was assigned to a pontooning camp at Walton, and was sent to Henley to coach the Royal Engineers Eight for the Thames Cup. Later, at the College, he would introduce four-oar rowing on the Cuckmere as an option for non-cricketing pupils, one of whom was OE Sir Hugh Casson.

En route from South America to The Hague, Foot received his mobilization orders on 3 August 1914 (he had been promoted to Lieutenant in June of that year). On reaching France his first job was ‘steal a locomotive’. Logic dictated that as the men were working with railways, they would need an engine and a few coaches for their accommodation.

He fought at the Second Battle of Ypres near Poperinghe, then at ‘Plug’ Street and Loos. In Spring 1916 he was slightly wounded by a shell and evacuated to England. On 1 July 1916, the First Day of the Somme, his Division attacked opposite Fricourt in the Battle of the Somme, and continued to see action there through August and September.

Promoted acting Captain on 30 September, he was transferred to the Tank Corps and in April 1917 he was appointed Brigadier

of the Second Brigade. He fought with the Tank Corps at Messines and Passchendaele and later at Cambrai. In recognition of his work here, he was again mentioned in despatches (the first had been during the Battle of the Somme). Further recognition of his services came when in January 1918 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

His knowledge of tank warfare was notable and he wrote a series of memos entitled ‘mobile warfare’. So highly regarded was his writing that General Fuller made Foot the editor of his weekly *Tank Notes*. Foot hadn’t always been so impressed by the yet untested use of tank warfare in 1916. ‘They excited laughter... they were so queer, so ungainly, so unusual that it was very difficult to take them seriously’.

Even at the Front, his thoughts were of the College and in 1917 Foot wrote to the governing body asking to be elected a Member of Council. Unusual though this was, Foot was successful. He also wrote to Mr Arnold, enclosing a £50 donation, to propose the forming of the Embellishers’ League, later to become the Arnold Embellishers

On demobilisation, Foot felt ‘in duty bound’ to return to Shell and he was sent to a drilling camp in Venezuela. But he was still very much in touch with the College and it was through this contact that his feeling grew that he should return and become a schoolmaster. Despite a huge drop in salary (£200 per annum instead of £2000), Foot now believed that

moneymaking as a principle objective 'no longer satisfied me'.

In September 1920, Foot returned to the College after accepting a post of house tutor at School House (teaching mathematics, physics, geography and English). He readily admitted it was a complete change of life. 'I exchanged a motor car for a bicycle, cigars for a pipe' and he now bought his flannel trousers from the school shop rather than visiting his tailor in Savile Row.

From the very start of his school career, Foot's main concern was for the welfare of the boys and he stressed the importance of maintaining a good relationship with them. He felt that 'a schoolmaster must keep young... be able to see with their [schoolboys'] eyes, sympathise with their delights, and feel for them in their sorrows or disappointments' and that he should also be prepared to play a number of roles: 'parent, teacher, friend, father confessor'.

He was disappointed to find that there was animosity between boys of different houses so he set up the Cavendish Debating Society to encourage interaction and lessen tensions.

'It is generally recognised that Foot was the first appointed careers master in the country'

Foot distrusted initiation ceremonies and introduced, during his time as Housemaster, a 'ringing in' ceremony for new boys. Foot described the event in his 1929 publication *A Housemaster and His Boys*. One by one new boys to the House were asked to ring the ship's bell which hung outside the dining hall. They were told:

'For you the ringing of the bell marks a new start in life... It rings out anything in the past which you may have regretted or been afraid of.'

Shortly after joining the College in 1920, Foot was asked by the headmaster to give the boys advice about potential careers. It is generally recognised that Foot was the first appointed careers master in the country. He believed that although the career master or parent may advise the boy on a suitable career path, 'it

is the boy and boy alone, who should make the final choice'. He also suggested that the key to the success of a career master's guidance was that he should know his pupil, both his strengths and weaknesses.

One of the main reforms Foot helped to implement was to cen-



A still from one of Foot's cine films, showing athletics on College Field

tralise the finances of the various houses. Previously housemasters had run (and often owned) their houses independently of the College. They would be responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and for the catering for the boys. But Foot felt that partly due to the inexperience of some housemasters in running

say in planned alterations to the boy's accommodation. After a year of keeping the accounts under the new system, he was officially appointed Bursar in 1922. He also called the first meeting of the Bursars' Association, held in the Headmaster's House in Old Wish Road. It is

fair to say that he rescued the school's finances from a dangerous position and established them on a sound footing.

Foot became housemaster for School House in 1924 and, aside from his teaching duties, he coached the sixth form rugby team and was master in charge of the shooting VIII. He also found



The bronze plaque by the sundial set in the south wall of the New Buildings (now the D&T department) which commemorates Foot: *Time records his mark upon the College*

such establishments, there may at times be a 'drop in mental, spiritual and physical well-being' of the school in general.

His solution was to establish a system whereby all accounts would be settled by the bursary including those for the repair of houses. The housemasters would be under less pressure to provide the best conditions for the boys and the College now had a greater

time to open a cinema in School House and show films hired from a local shopkeeper and ones he himself had shot of school events on a Pathé 9.5mm. He was also Treasurer of the OE Association and office holder of the OE Masonic Lodge. One OE commented on his zest for College life. Late at night Foot would still be busy 'with a glass of whiskey on the desk sweating away at the

accounts or his work'.

His involvement with the General Strike in Eastbourne in 1926 in which he acted as a go-between between the Eastbourne Borough Council Strike Committee and the strikers of the municipal bus company was certainly unusual but very much part of his character.

All this was to change in 1933 when Foot and Gordon Carey attended a meeting at the Grand Hotel of the Oxford Group (a Christian group later to be renamed Moral Rearmament). Carey later wrote 'Foot was attracted but I was repelled'. Although Foot was clear that this new aspect to his life would not be imposed on the boys in his care, Carey felt that he began to lose the skills that he had developed as a school master. Indeed within a year of the publication of his book, *Three Lives*, Foot had left the College and had begun his promotion of the beliefs of the Oxford Group.

Despite his commitment to the College, he was unable to give all his time and energy to two projects and in the same way that he threw up a lucrative career at Shell, he now left the College to tackle his latest adventure.

In respect of Foot's four lives: oil, war, school and moral rearmament, each one was approached with conviction and passion.

Foot died in London in 1966 aged 79. A man of tremendous passion and commitment, he was apt at times to cause offence by, as Carey noted, having an 'air of cocksureness, almost of bravado'. But this was nothing more than a disguise to mask his own lack of confidence. Carey concluded that anyone who loved the school should be eternally thankful to this man who brought 'imaginative inspiration... cheerful enthusiasm, kindness, generosity and integrity' to Eastbourne College.

Editors' note: More detail about Stephen Foot's time as housemaster, including his film-making activities, is included in the article 'School House memories' on page 30 of the 2009 edition of the *Old Eastbournian*.

He came of distinguished stock: his nephews were Michael Foot MP, Lord Caradon (formerly Sir Hugh Foot) and Dingle Foot QC.

His Books: *A Housemaster and his Boys* (1929), *Three Lives* (1934) and *Life Began Yesterday* (1935) are all held in the College Archives and the first two in the LRC.

The 2014 Foundation Golf Challenge

The annual golf day was once again well supported with teams made up of OEs, staff, parents, local businesses and other College supporters and friends.



Lulu Brown and Christine Todd from the Eastbournian Society office delivered supplies of cold drinks to the players on the course, making use of the club's golf buggy

Thursday 3 July was a beautiful sunny day at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club. After registration, coffee and bacon rolls the teams set off to their tees for the shotgun start at 12.30pm. The event was sponsored by M-Tech Systems, the local IT company owned by Martin Lulham (Pw 1991-96) and goody bags for each player were provided by NatWest. With all teams back in the club house in the afternoon, the scores were tallied, the group photo was taken, and drinks were ordered from the bar. We then sat down for the prize giving followed by the evening dinner. The golf challenge helps raise funds for the Peter Bibby Award, and it was fitting that the winning team should include Ben Twine (C, Year 11), the current Peter Bibby Award recipient. The prizes were presented by Mirren Mace, Peter's daughter. The evening concluded with the charity auction, with the star lot once again being two tickets for the Wimbledon Men's Final, with seats in front of the Royal Box. The final total of money raised was in excess of £16,750 and our thanks go to all those who helped make the day such a success.

The 2015 Golf Challenge will take place on Thursday 2 July at the REGC. If you would like to play please contact Christine Todd at ct@eastbourne-college.co.uk or 01323 452316.



Mirren Mace (centre) with the winning team: David Twine, Steven Twine, Stuart Twine and Ben Twine

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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 2015 Golf Challenge, please contact Lulu Brown on vlbrown@eastbourne-college.co.uk or 01323 451911.

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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.

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The Over-60s Lunch

Following the success of the first Over-60s lunch in 2013, a group of senior Old Eastbournians got together once again at the Caledonian Club in London for a convivial meal on Monday 19 May. Our thanks go to Colin McKerrow, a member of the club, who suggested the venue.

Pictured from left to right around the table are:

Peter Robinson (W 1949–53), Rowan Planterose (Pw 1967–72), Forbes Wastie (College teaching staff 1961–98), Colin McKerrow (W 1947–51), Neill Kinsey (S 1950–53), Robin Bishop (Pw 1965–71), Brian Jay (G 1955–59), David Stewart (Eastbournian Society Director), Peter Jamieson (B 1960–63), Robert Hall (W 1955–59), Grant McIntyre (R 1957–62), John Bones (W 1950–53), Ian Strange (B 1960–64), Michael Fish (R 1958–62), Clifford Mould (R 1956–60)

John Thornley from the Eastbournian Society was also there and took the photograph. (He and David Stewart would like to point out that they do not yet qualify for the 'over-60' label!)



Old Eastbournian Lodge No. 4946



Jules Knight

Nick Clive-Matthews writes:

The Lodge has had another happy and successful year, under the leadership of James Fok (P 1997–2002) as our Worshipful Master. We have also brought two new members into the Lodge in the past few months, Julian Kaye (P 1995–2000), now better known as Jules Knight (aka Dr Harry Tressler of *Holby City*) and Russell Dicker, a trainee lawyer at Cornfield Law. We welcome both of them and hope that they have many happy years as members. Julian's great friend Jonathan Vickers (P 1995–2000) is now the Lodge's Junior Deacon and it is a good excuse for them to meet up regularly in Eastbourne.

It has been another good year for the Lodge as regards appointments and promotions. At the Annual Investiture Meeting of Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, Peter Kenward, Worshipful Master in 2012, was promoted to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and Nick Clive-Matthews (P 1962–66, Lodge

Secretary) was appointed to the same rank, both being invested by the Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent. It is rare for a Lodge to have two Grand Officers, let alone for two to be invested on the same day.

At Sussex Provincial Level the Lodge was similarly blessed as Dr Rob Wicks (Pw 1974–79) was promoted to the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Warden for the year 2014–15. A great honour, both for Rob and the Lodge, as it is the highest annually appointed rank in Sussex, where we have over 4,500 Freemasons. Even more unusual it is the second time a Lodge member has received this honour in the past two years, as the Lodge Secretary was appointed to the same rank in 2012.

At the same Annual Provincial Meeting at which Rob was invested, the 'Father of the Lodge' and Lodge Chaplain John Seldon (W 1949–53), was promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Grand



Dr Rob Wicks

Sword Bearer for his long service to the Lodge. In May, the Lodge Treasurer, Dermot Bambridge (R 1962–65), was appointed as a Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in the Province of Northants and Hunts and as he was already the Assistant Grand Registrar for Sussex, held active ranks in two Provinces at the same time, another very rare event.

In October the Lodge welcomed Peter Lewin (G 1949–54) as a visitor.

Although no longer a member, Peter had been Initiated into the Lodge exactly fifty years and one day prior to the meeting and was able to give the members a very interesting and amusing account of his life, from his days at Gonville under 'Beefy' Howell, through his professional and Masonic careers (Peter is now a very senior Mason) up to the present day.

We have also had an excellent year in terms of our charitable giving, one of the highlights of which was the presentation of two cheques, of £600 each, to the Eastbourne Association of Blind and Partially Sighted People (ESAB). The money for the first cheque was raised by Lodge members sponsoring the then Junior Warden, Paul Millross on an assisted parachute jump (Paul himself is registered blind). This was then matched by the Sussex Provincial Charity. In the past year the Lodge has raised well over £3500 for a number of different charities.

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. As always, we welcome contact from Old Boys who would like to know what Freemasonry is all about and from anyone who has any other connection to the College. For further information please go to the YouTube link: <http://youtu.be/czXLHUdYG6Y> or contact the Lodge Secretary, Nick Clive-Matthews, at nickc_m@yahoo.co.uk who will be pleased to give more details.



Paul Millross presenting the cheques to Daniel Brookbank of ESAB together with John Seldon, John Hornblow (Provincial Almoner) and Forbes Wastie

An OE and the Enigma Machine

Highly eccentric, ‘Dilly’ Knox was one of the leading figures in the codebreaking successes of both world wars. In fact, he was possibly the greatest, if least known, of them all. Here, **Bill Bowden** and **Michael Partridge** examine his significant contribution to cracking the Enigma code.

Dilly, as his biographer Mavis Batey later wrote, was ‘the very epitome of an absent-minded professor... he was somewhat unworldly, yet he could cut to the heart of a problem’. And FW Winterbotham in *The Ultra Secret* writes: ‘He was quite young, tall, with a rather gangling figure, unruly black hair, his eyes behind glasses, some miles away in thought. He was the mastermind behind the Enigma affair.’ Another said: ‘Dilly Knox, the most brilliant of all’.

During the First World War he was chief codebreaker at the Admiralty and was instrumental in bringing the USA into the war. He went on in the Second World War to crack the Italian Naval Enigma cyphers at Bletchley



Dilly Knox as a young man

E V Knox, poet and editor of *Punch* for seventeen years, and the Revd Wilfred L Knox, Catholic theologian; and two sisters, Ethel and Winifred.

He was first educated at Summer Fields prep school, Oxford, and then was a Home Boarder at the College, staying with a widowed great-aunt in Eastbourne. In 1896 he gained a scholarship to Eton, following



The Knox family. Left to right, standing Wilfred, Dilly, Winnie, Eddie; seated: Ethel, Bishop Knox, Ronnie

Park and then in 1941 he broke the Abwehr Enigma, doing much to ensure the success of the D-Day landings. And, for just four terms in 1895–86, he was a pupil at the College and thus an Old Eastbournian.

Alfred Dillwyn ‘Dilly’ Knox, CMG, was born on 23 July 1884, the fourth of six children of Edmund Arbuthnott Knox, tutor at Merton College and later Bishop of Manchester. His mother Ellen was daughter of the Bishop of Lahore. Dilly Knox had three brothers: Monsignor Ronald Knox,

which he studied classics as a scholar at King’s College, Cambridge, from 1903, obtaining a first class in part one and a second (division one) in part two in 1907.

Here he was a good friend of John Maynard Keynes (whom he had first met at Eton), Lytton Strachey, E M Forster and Leonard Woolf, among others. In 1909 he was elected a Fellow following the death of Walter George Headlam, from whom he inherited extensive research into the works of Herodas. He also privately coached Harold Macmillan, the

future Prime Minister, at King’s for a few weeks in 1910, but Macmillan found him ‘austere and uncongenial’.

Soon after the First World War broke out, Knox was recruited to the Royal Navy’s cryptological effort in Room 40 of the Admiralty Old Building. In 1917, Knox followed Room 40 with its expansion into ID25. As a member of the Room 40 codebreaking unit, he helped decrypt the Zimmermann Telegram which brought the USA into the war. The Navy Lists of the time show him to be a Temporary Lieutenant in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve.

An interesting aside, recounted by Mavis Batey, is Knox’s devotion to the works of Lewis Carroll. In around 1917 he, with colleague Frank Birch, both devoted Carrollians, wrote *Alice in ID25*, a brilliantly comic and authentic skit in the pattern of *Alice in Wonderland*, full of the ‘chopped logic’ which he loved so much. It was performed by the codebreakers during a concert held at the end of the First World War. Mavis Batey devotes a whole chapter to it. Knox’s tiny Room 53 had the only bath in the Admiralty; in this he liked to solve problems in a hot steamy atmosphere. Alice recites:

The sailor in Room 53
Has never, it’s true, been to sea,
But though not in a boat,
He has yet served afloat –
In a bath at the Admiralty.

Knox married Olive Margaret Rickman Roddam at Glendale, Northumberland, in 1920, forget-



An Abwehr Enigma machine

ting to invite two of his three brothers to his wedding. There were two children of the marriage, Oliver and Christopher Knox.

During the First World War he had been elected Librarian at King’s College, but never took up the appointment. After the war Knox intended to resume his researches at King’s, but he was persuaded by his wife to remain at his secret work; indeed, so secret was this work that his own children had no idea, until many years after his death, what he did for a living, and his contribution to the war effort.

Between the two world wars Knox worked on the great commentary on Herodas that had been started by Headlam, damaging his eyesight while studying the British Museum’s collection of papyrus fragments, but finally managing to decipher the text of the Herodas papyri. The Knox-Headlam edition of Herodas finally appeared in 1922.



Bletchley Park

The Enigma machine became available commercially in the 1920s. In Vienna in 1925 Knox bought the Enigma 'C' machine which was evaluated by Hugh Foss in 1927 on behalf of the Govern-



A sketch of Dilly Knox by Gilbert Spencer RA

ment Code & Cypher School (GC&CS).

Foss found 'a high degree of security' but wrote a secret paper describing how to attack the machine if cribs, short sections of plain text, could be guessed. When, a decade later, Knox picked up this work, he developed a more effective algebraic system (rodding) based on the principles

described by Foss.

The German Navy adopted Enigma in 1926, adding a plug-board ('stecker') to improve security. Nazi Germany supplied non-steckered machines to Franco's Nationalists in the Spanish Civil War. On 4 April 1937 Knox broke Franco's Enigma but knowledge of this breakthrough was not shared with the Republicans. Soon afterwards, Knox began to attack signals between Spain and Germany encrypted using 'steckered' Enigma machines.

GC&CS began to discuss Enigma with France's Deuxième Bureau (military intelligence) in 1938, obtaining from the Bureau details of the Wehrmacht Enigma supplied by Asché [the codename for the spy Hans-Thilo Schmidt who had sold secrets about the Germans' Enigma machine to the French] and signal intercepts, some of which must have been made in Eastern Europe. This led the French to disclose their links with Polish cryptographers.

As GS&CS chief cryptographer, Knox, together with Hugh Foss and Alastair Denniston, represented GC&CS at the first Polish-French-British meeting at Paris in January 1939. The Poles were ordered to disclose nothing of importance at this time, and the British code-

breakers left disappointed. Knox described his system of rodding, and he left the Polish codebreakers sufficiently impressed for his presence to be requested at a second meeting.

During the war at Bletchley Park he worked on the cryptanalysis of Enigma ciphers until 1943.



The plaque at Naphill

He built the team and discovered the method that broke the Italian Naval Enigma, producing the intelligence credited with the Allied victory at the Battle of Cape Matapan. In 1941, Knox broke the Abwehr Enigma. By the end of the war, the Intelligence Service had disseminated 140,800 Abwehr decrypts, including intelligence important for D-Day.

Knox's work was cut short when he fell ill with lymph cancer. When he became unable to travel to Bletchley Park, he continued his cryptographic work from his home in Hughenden, Bucking-

hamshire, where he received the CMG (Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George). (Security considerations precluded his being given some more illustrious honour).

He died on 27 February 1943 at his home, aged 58. His last words are reputed to be 'Is that Ronnie [his brother] outside in the corridor bothering God about me?'

A biography of Knox, written by Mavis Batey, one of 'Dilly's girls', the female codebreakers who worked with him, was published in September 2009. In 2012 a memorial to Knox in the village of Naphill in Buckinghamshire, where he lived at Courns Wood House for more than two decades, was unveiled by Mavis Batey.

An interesting footnote is that Canon Adrian Carey, son of Gordon Carey (Headmaster 1929-38), and himself a King's classicist, was a good friend of Dilly's son Oliver at both Eton and King's, Cambridge.

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Back to the future

Philip Gray (P 1940-44) has written to us with his thoughts on the career prospects for today's pupils in a world vastly different from the one he knew as a boy:

While reading the OE news in the *Old Eastbourne*, I was struck by how similar they were throughout my long time since I was at school, in respect of school days and choice of job thereafter. I do feel that this country is now in a very new world in which to make its living for all its subjects. I do also feel most strongly that it has abundant talent to do so and, even more strongly, that Eastbourne College is well equipped to do its part in this. But that part will have to change from its traditional pattern.

My time at the College proved to be a really good foundation for qualifying as an engineer in my chosen field of converting parts of the Earth's crust into refined metals. The foundation in basic science and maths plus all the new worlds that I first glimpsed as a school boy gave me the subsequent opportunities to practise this fascinating profession. And I got to know many parts of the world and earn a respectable salary. I can testify that the College is fully capable of providing all the qualities of a professional engineer in many different technologies.

Albeit that all my days at the College were



Philip with his wife Joan

spent at Radley, and in the absence of girl pupils, there are to me many familiar signs of the aims of the College then and now. That was 70 years ago, so what sort of world is the College likely to be living in for the years to come? I think, much more different to where the UK has been for the past 70.

The best schools in the country, like Eastbourne, do very well at character building but less well at orientation into the creative industries that pay the bills for us. Yet, creativity is something that many in this country are very good at – artists, scientists, writers, engineers, designers, teachers. It is not very British to say aloud how good we are; I wish we did. We do spend much time telling each other about our faults. We could usefully find again the self-confidence and positivity of the Victorians, though there are many features of the Victorian age which we do not wish to return to, like the social conditions.

There are many careers which are needed to keep the wheels turning; for example management, medical services, law and order, legal services etc. These careers are absolutely invaluable, they provide the stable platform on which wealth creation takes place. We do also need more creativity to get more wealth.

I would suggest character building plus the foundations of wealth creation might be a combination which the College could do very well in future decades to help our country expand.

The lives and characters of all pupils have been enriched by access to the house system, sports from athletics to tennis, the Chapel, the staff and many other out of classroom activities. The artistic and creative needs have for some long time been fed with drama, a library and access to music teaching and graphic arts.

In recent years these facilities have been hugely enhanced by the Birley Centre, the art department and the new science block. Eastbourne College must now be as well supplied as any but a very few secondary schools in the country. This is where the freedom and desire to create is born.

Learning the basics of mathematics and sciences at school is a starting place for a great many careers in, for example, research into scientific knowledge and for the challenge and excitement of engineering projects.

Earning a full-time living from the arts, writing or music is a career for only a few, but learning how to enjoy these arts throughout a lifetime is for all.

Foundation and Development



The Foundation and Development Office works with OEs, parents and friends of the College to raise funds for bursaries and the development of the school's facilities.

Thank you to all those who support the College Charity. The College would not be here without you. Helping sponsor pupils, donating to the Development Fund, joining the Devonshire Society (legacies) or giving time and expertise are examples of the involvement that enable charities to survive and thrive. OEs in all parts of the world, current and former parents and staff and friends and neighbours (the Eastbournian Society), make up

sponsoring 12 pupils through the College. In all cases these talented boys and girls are being provided with the opportunities of a College education which would not otherwise be possible. They are all talented, some of them multi-talented and they bring much to the pupils around them at the same time as enriching the College community in the best possible way.

It is easy to forget that our Foundation Office was only set up in 2002 and over the last 12 years



A global society: David Stewart, second right, with John Bones (W 1952-55), Richard Bones (W 1950-53) and James Rushworth (W 1985-89) at the Singapore reception (see page 10)

continue apace; as and when the project begins in earnest we will launch our P150 Appeal Campaign. We hope that all those with an Eastbourne connection will want

families and through dint of its own resilience and resourcefulness it is now on the cusp of the most significant development in its history. These are exciting



An aerial view of the proposed Project 150 development

the team who do this, and we are extremely grateful to you all.

In return we are determined to make your association with the school as relevant and as enjoyable as possible and we hope that you enjoy the variety of events that the Society now offers. We very much welcome your feedback.

Through the particularly generous support of key individuals and the collective effort of a wider group the office is currently

a great deal has been achieved. As an institution we have a lot of ground to make up on those who are backed by City Livery Companies or whose original founders were in a position to provide a large endowment. However Eastbournians have never shirked having to do things the 'hard way' and that gritty determination has put us within reach of a defining moment for the school.

You will have read elsewhere that plans for Project 150 con-

to be involved with such an exciting project. 150 is a significant birthday for any organisation and the scale of the development is ground breaking. For the first time in our history we will have facilities that will enable us to be leaders rather than followers and we will no longer feel obliged to live in the shadows of the bigger schools against whom we have traditionally competed.

For 147 years the College has loyally served generations of

times for a school that we can be rightly proud of and we hope you will want to join and celebrate this landmark moment.

Thank you to both the Eastbournian Society and Foundation and Development Committees for their guidance and wisdom. And last but by no means least thank you to John Thornley, Christine Todd, David Blake and Lulu Brown who keep the wheels turning in the office.

David Stewart

The Forbes Wastie Lunch

On Sunday 1 June 2014, the College welcomed former pupils and staff, friends and colleagues who were there to pay tribute to Forbes Wastie, whose contribution to College life dates back some 53 years.

A member of the teaching staff from 1961 to 1998, Forbes was also 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 returned to oversee the appeal for the new Science Centre in 2000, later becoming the first Director of the College Foundation

from 2002 to the end of 2004. He continues to play an active role in College life and has proved to be a wise counsel and advisor in the planning for Project 150.

Over 100 guests joined Forbes and his wife Di for lunch in the Dining Hall. After a welcome from Headmaster Simon Davies, speeches were made by former colleagues Philip Le Brocq and Nigel Wheeler.

Later Forbes himself reminisced about his time at the College, and Alex Brown (B 1980-85) concluded the tributes with his own thoughts - in rhyme - of Forbes as Housemaster. More photographs of the lunch are available on the Eastbournian Society website.



Forbes Wastie



Forbes, Di, Edward Pascoe (B 1979-84) and Alex Brown in front of the display on Forbes's College life, mounted by the Archives department



Around the table from left, William Wastie (Pw 1983-88), Di Wastie, David Winn (S 1954-59), Forbes Wastie, Sally Le Brocq, Euan Clarke, Philip Le Brocq, David Stewart, Nigel Wheeler and Belinda Le Brocq (N 1986-88)

An Ode To Blackers... and Forbes!

Blackers, Blackers, Where did you go?
Knocked down in the '90s, but forgotten? Oh no!
We were proud of our Blackers and that red stripe on our tie
So when the building came down, there was not a dry eye.
Yes it was cold in winter, windows iced up inside
But that strengthened us boys and filled us with pride

Mr Wastie our Housemaster, was firm but yet fair
Had time for us all and he did really care.
Forbes was his name, but I called him Sir
Others said Jeff, which caused quite a stir.

Dear Boy! What are you doing, you should be in the Nook
It's prep time you know, so get back to your book
Extra Biology and lines I should say,
But EME on Saturday will be the best way.

The dear Mrs Wastie, now 'Di' we would say
Saw over us as Matron in the kindest of way
A cut or a cough, whatever the issue
We were sent on our way with a smile and a tissue.

So Sir, or Forbes as I now rightly say
Take a look at us Blackers as we appear here today
The changes so apparent today as from then
Thank you for turning us boys into men.

Alex Brown

Shipping networking evening

A networking evening for those in the shipping industry, and for those interested in pursuing a career in shipping, was held on Thursday 1 May 2014.

In previous years these events have been held at the Baltic Exchange, but as the Baltic Bar was unavailable on the planned date we changed the venue to the Prince of Wales room in Trinity House, London.

As with all our networking events, Old Eastbournians, pupils and parents are all welcome to discuss career options, meet fellow professionals and develop contacts.

Chris Ohlson (G 1973-78), managing director of Hartland Shipping, was the guest speaker, and he brought along a number of his colleagues to chat with those who attended.

Our thanks go also to Nigel Prentis (C 1971-76), who helped with the arrangements for the evening.



The Class of 2014

The latest group of Old Eastbournians are the Upper Sixth who left the College in summer 2014.

Blackwater



Eva Biltcliffe



Angela Cutler



Sine Duncan



Cecilia Gray



Pippa Harries



Milly Harriott



Sophie Hatrick



Amy Keating



Madeleine Mann



Issy Newton



Jessica Partridge



Anna Simpson



Serena Venables

Craig



George Allan



Stephen Burchett



Tom Davies



William Dickens



Thomas Green



Bradley Mackelden



Sebastian Marlow



Dom Matthews



Archie Meikle



Joshua Pankhurst



Sam Wilson

Gonville



Hadi Al-Hillawi



Niklas Breitzmann



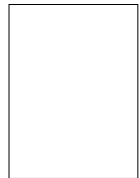
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Joe Leale-Green



Leo Lightfoot



Gregory Morley
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Piers O'Connor



Edward Richards



Guy Sandys-Renton



Fritzi Unutzer



Cameron Vaughan



Anson Wong



Xinyu Zhang

Nugent



Jasmine
Cullingford



Eloise Hodgson



Madison Hughes



Aleksandra
Kolesnichenko



Kelly Kuo



Cherrie Leung



Nia Lewis



Isabel Mackellar



Georgina Morrish



Katie Tomkins

Pennell



Stuart Barnes



Edward
Dobinson



Hal Hudson



Luke Keeling



Danil
Lopukhov



Haydn Price



Philipp Teterin



Oliver
Thompson



Sunny Wong

Powell



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Paddy Bloor



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Jackson



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Whitehead

Reeves



Jamie
Adams



Edward
Brown



Jaxom
Brown



Angelo
Errigo



Philip
Fooks



Moiz Ghani



Matthew
Ginno



Alex Goble



James
Graham



William
Hatfield



James
Higgins



Joe
Kinghorn



Michael
Lees



Luke
McWilton



James
Potter



Joshua
Ripley



Hector
Veasey



Hedley
Voorspuy



Lewis
Webber

School



Ellie Bartlett



Clare Barwell



Ellie Buxton



Phoebe Edgar



Daisy Francis



Sarah Hill-Smith



Minna Hornsby



Ruby Lloyd



Hannah Manton



Chandler Moore



Manuelle Odedina



Katie Oliver



Daisy Stubbings



Tammy Tam



Emily Thompson



Isobel Thurlow

Wargrave



Omolade Adeniji



Marco Barbato



Chris Bensted-Smith



Will Buckland



George Grave



Sam Henderson



Edward Houchin



Chen Hsu



Jeff Lau



Miles Machin



James McIntosh



Alexandre Organ



Patrick Smith



Cameron Taylor



Philip Winchester



Oliver Wright

Watt



Jessica Barnes



Anna Commins



Kate Corfield



Elysia Davies



Abigail East



Katie Forster



Lizzie Gardner



Maddie Jackson



Laura Scott



Dammy Sokale



Ellie Turnbull



Ru Uhanowita



Eleanor Wicks



Rachel Williams