

CYRIL THOMAS HOLMES AND THE BIRTH OF CIVIL AVIATION

In a year in which air travel has been severely disrupted by the Covid pandemic, Paul Jordan looks back 100 years to an Old Eastbournian's involvement in the early days of civil aviation



An AT&TC plane of the period



The glamour of flying in the 1920s – wicker seats, open luggage racks and curtains at the windows

Following demobilisation in 1919, he became a pilot for the newly formed Aircraft Transport & Travel Company (said to have provided the first regular daily international service in the world), flying from Hounslow Heath Aerodrome to Le Bourget, Paris. Later that year, the company won the first British civil airmail contract.

While flying for this company, he was involved in an incident in August 1920 when the plane he was piloting crashed shortly after take-off. Minutes after leaving the newly-opened Croydon Airport, a technical fault caused him to crash-land in the back gardens of houses in nearby Wallington, narrowly missing a railway line.

A newspaper at the time reported that among the six passengers were 'two Americans and a press photographer', including film star Owen Moore, recently divorced from the actress Mary Pickford. No-one was hurt and all were evacuated safely thanks to Holmes's quick thinking in releasing the escape hatches situated in the roof of the plane. The report ended on a dramatic note, stating that three little children who had been playing in the garden had returned indoors minutes before the crash.

The following year, he flew with the Dutch airline KLM for three months before joining the Instone Air Line Company. It is fascinating to note that Holmes was joining these companies at the very start of their operations (AT&TC in 1919; Instone Air Line in 1919 & KLM in 1919/20).

1922 was a busy year for Holmes. In August, the *Westminster Gazette* published a story about one of his flights. He was about to take off for Paris with an Instone Air Line aeroplane when the airline representative noticed a man studying the aircraft. Establishing that the man, William Cordley aged 80, could neither speak nor hear, he wrote down on a piece of paper 'Do you wish to fly to Paris?'. Cordley promptly gave him the air fare (£12 return).

The 1920s was a time when air travel was more glamorous and exciting than it is today, with pilots setting new records for speed and helping to open up the world to many more people – albeit mainly the well-off.

One such pilot was Cyril 'Cy' Thomas Holmes. Following his time at the College (Blackwater 1909-14), where he had been Head of School, he joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on the outbreak of war in 1914. Two years later he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps, 49 Squadron, where his career in aviation began.



The crashed plane in Wallington

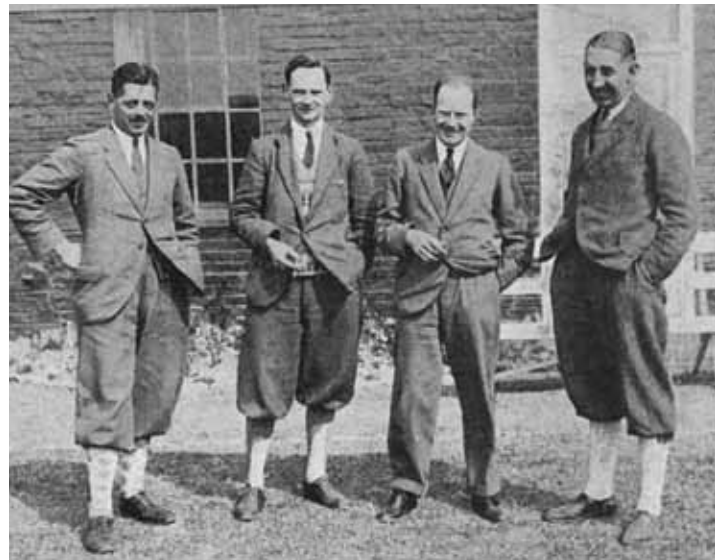


Cy Holmes still at the controls in later years

He spent the afternoon in Paris where he was driven around by an official of the company and returned to Croydon at 6.30pm. The paper reported that according to Holmes, Cordley 'seemed enormously happy going over, scribbling conversation with the three other passengers'. Apparently it had been a long-held wish that he would fly one day, despite the fact that friends warned him that airlines would not take anybody over the age of 60!

The following month, Holmes took part in the first King's Cup air race. The competition was instigated by King George V as a way of promoting the development of light aircraft and engine design. The route took the form of an 810-mile flight from Croydon to Glasgow and back again, with an overnight stop. Holmes flew a Boulton & Paul P9 and came ninth out of 21 entrants.

In October of the same year, Holmes flew a Napier-Instone air-



Cy Holmes, left, at the 1928 Bristol Air Pageant, pictured in *The Tatler*

liner the 350 miles from Cologne to London in two hours, 39 minutes (actual flying time – there was one stop at Brussels) at an average speed of 132 miles per hour, beating his own speed record of two hours, 55 minutes. The same journey by train and boat took 16 hours.

In 1923 he left Instone and joined the staff of the Bristol Flying School where he later became chief instructor. In 1928 he appeared in *The Tatler* as part of the magazine's coverage

of the Bristol Air Pageant. Holmes was also an occasional test pilot for the Bristol Aeroplane Company. He went on to become manager of the No. 12 Reserve Flying School when it opened at Filton, Gloucestershire, in 1948 until its closure in 1953. He retired six years later having witnessed tremendous changes in the history of civil aviation.

Our thanks go to Michael Partridge for his research which provided some of the information included in this article.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

In our October and November email newsletters, David Stewart invited Eastbourne Society members to send in their thoughts and reflections in the manner of the BBC Radio programme 'From Our Own Correspondent'.

We had a variety of responses from around the world reflecting on the unusual times in which we have found ourselves, and we present a selection here. Unfortunately we are limited on space so these are edited highlights, but you can find the original longer versions on the Eastbourne Society website. Our thanks go to all those who contributed.

London, UK

Patrick Davidson-Huston (Reeves 1977-82), written on 9 November

I doubt that anyone who can remember me from Eastbourne College would position me in the 'arts'; however the evidence is there. The programme of a Reeves House play called *Trelawny of the Wells* and a photograph of the cast of *The Pajama Game* are proof. Thirty nine years later I found myself five years into a new career in the vibrant and thriving UK theatre industry. Until:

12 March 2020 – Governor Cuomo orders all Broadway theatres to close. One show we are interested in, *SIX the Musical*, has to cancel the opening night and party with three hours' notice.

16 March 2020 – Boris Johnson orders all UK theatres to close late that afternoon. Many of our projects instantly cease to exist including *Habit of Art* starring Matthew Kelly, starting a twelve-week UK tour that very night at the Devonshire Park Theatre in Eastbourne.

I write this nearly seven months later. Never before has the entire theatre industry closed. Those of us in the live entertainment industry remain confident that demand will be there when we can return but the ongoing silence is shocking.

Eastbourne, UK

David Stone-Lee (Reeves 1957-60), written on 8 November

Like many fortunate people the first lockdown didn't really bring any hardships with its wonderful weather and having a garden in which to enjoy it. So with the garden tidied up during the first month of sunshine I didn't feel too guilty in spending quite a few hours fettling in the garage. My new project was an incomplete rolling chassis from a 1940 Alvis 12/70 saloon which I intended making into a 'hill-climb special' suitable for entering Vintage Sports Car Club events.

I had by now completed the chassis including modifying the chassis cross members to enable the engine to be moved further back and lower down. The road springs were altered to cope with a much lighter body and all the ancillary chassis units including the differential, shock absorbers, steering box, gearbox and brakes etc. were stripped and renovated ready for reassembly. The engine was modified including new white metal main bearings, racing con rods with shell big end bearings, high compression pistons, cylinder liners and camshaft with a sportier modified profile together with renovated cylinder head assembly. I finalised my thoughts on the shape of the body and driving position relative to the clutch, brake and accelerator pedals and built the framework to which a professionally made aluminium body skin was added and painted.

The engine was started up for the first time and then rough tuned before I embarked on a very tentative test drive. Once we are out of the current Covid restrictions I have to get about 500 miles on the clock before final engine tuning can be attempted and I can really see if I have achieved my original objective.

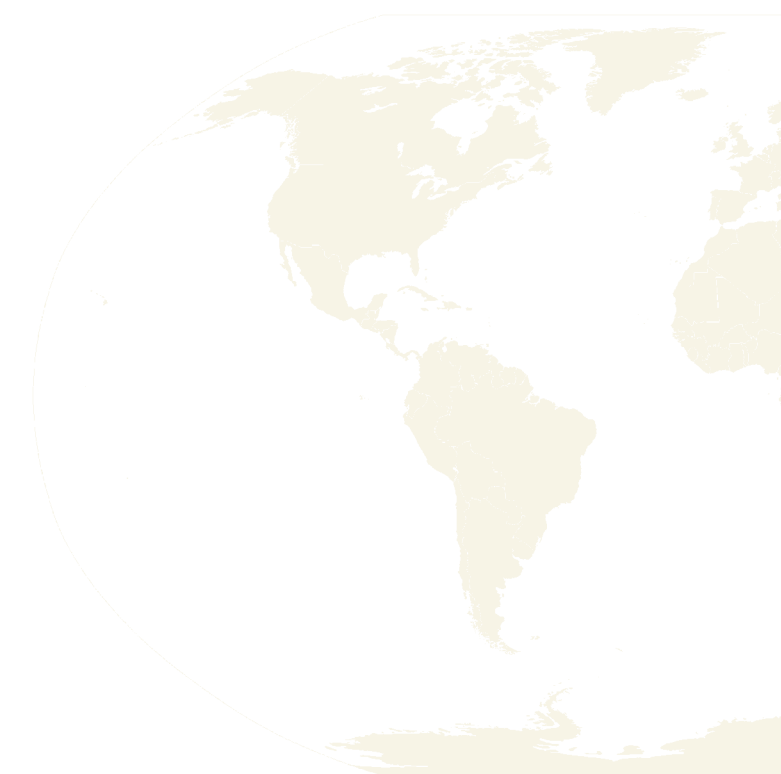
London, UK

Tishy Nugee (daughter of John Nugee, Headmaster 1938-56), written on 6 December

Reminiscing about a chance encounter some years ago – and a word of advice:

You see, it was like this. I came out of Covent Garden to catch the tube to go home (the deepest lift shaft in the whole tube network, I am told). I was aware someone had also got into the lift so I turned round and there he was. Of course I knew him, he had just been singing the main part in my favourite opera *Il Trovatore*. Wonderful Verdi. Anyway, I could not speak. I got lockjaw. I wanted to say 'Mr Domingo. May I offer you a beer?' And I got lockjaw.

Advice: Never have an 'If Only'. It lasts a very, very long time.



Norfolk, UK

George Eve (Pennell 1950-55), written on 13 October

As someone born in 1937, I became used to deprivation at a very early age and also to doing what I was told and more importantly when! When the invasion was at its greatest risk, I was evacuated without my parents to North Wales; we had no sweets, oranges or bananas, meat was rationed and we made do with cast-off clothing from older siblings. At not quite 8, I went away to school, some 130 miles away from home. All of these were good lessons learnt at an early stage in life... All my early life I am sure was a good grounding when the pandemic arrived, as I had lived through the polio and flu epidemics.

This brings one to 2020 and my comments are as follows: Common sense has gone out of the window, the ability to do what you are told has vanished, pessimism has replaced optimism and the ability to admit you have never made mistakes is a thing of the past. The press reporting has been abysmal... The young students who are fined £10,000 for holding illegal parties, complain the fine is unfair! The parents at primary schools make impossible demands of head teachers, when all they are doing is obeying the law... The opposition in government continue to criticise, making cheap political points! Having lost the last election by a crushing defeat, I doubt they would have coped any better.

Norway

Chris Ennals (Powell 1956-60), written on 5 October

I never thought early this year that a virus far off in China would prevent me from visiting the College and my home town of Eastbourne, where I grew up for the first 20 years of my life. But I was suddenly requested to return to Norway by my travel insurance company, if I was to be covered for cancellation expenses, and thus missed out on a week's stay just before the first lockdown in the UK. I was looking forward to visiting the College again.

This spring and summer I have tried to find out more about the consequences of the Black Death in Norway and England, reading the epic novel *Kristin Lavransdatter* penned by Sigrid Undset, who won the Nobel prize for literature for her deep knowledge of medieval Catholic Norway. I have visited a number of early churches in southern Norway. By the time I visit Trondheim Cathedral next year, let us hope the appropriate vaccine will be found, as the fairly low number of infections here in Norway has begun to rise in a second wave.

Sweden

Philip Groves (Wargrave 1954-58), written on 6 October

At 70+ I am one of the world's supposedly most vulnerable citizens for Covid-19. What affects me most is the mental stress of not being able to escape from Sweden, should I want to. I can't cross the Øresund bridge into Denmark; I can't drive or get a train to Norway; I can't take a ferry to Finland or Estonia. And while I have no immediate plans, I can't even fly to the UK if faced with two weeks' quarantine on arrival. Although free in practice, it feels like I'm 'doing time' while the restrictions last.

Israel

Ian Kemp (School 1954-57), written on 8 October

It is said that 'truth is the first casualty of war'. It can now be said of the Covid pandemic. We have been exposed to endless opinions by eminent medical experts from across the globe only to have them contradicted by other eminently qualified experts. The result: the population is confused, as indeed the politicians seem to be, credibility suffers and dismissed by significant sections of the population with many of the public going their own way. Here in Israel is no exception. The culprit in all of this is the press itself, in the US, UK and here.

India

John Hislop (Powell 1953-58), written on 9 October

Such sad news about David Winn, who rendered so great a service to the College. We overlapped at the College and I can remember him from those days. Makes me thank God for every extra day he gives me, as I see so many of my old acquaintances at the College, and even those much younger, pass on. My wife and I have so far managed to escape the clutches of the dreaded virus by being very careful, though we have missed coming to the UK this year. Hopefully next year will be a better one.

Spain

Michael Weston (Wargrave 1958-63), written on 7 October

Lockdown means lockdown. Stay in your house, flat or farm. Do not go out. These were the headlines for lockdown in Spain. In a society that historically has played fast and loose with rules, the various enforcement agencies – Policía Nacional, Guardia Civil, Policía Local/Municipal – sprang into action with vigour. It became reminiscent of Spain under El Caudillo (General Franco) where public discipline was enforced without humour and without any discretion. Walking outside one's property was banned except, curiously, a sole person walking a dog was allowed within a radius of 100-200 metres. Dogs have never been walked more as each member of a family took their turn to avail themselves of escape from lockdown!

Fast forward to now, we are allowed to do most things. From my parochial perspective, the single issue now is the inability to stage choral concerts – the choir that I run is only just being allowed to rehearse provided we maintain several metres distance between us. Many of our choristers, some of whom are of a 'certain age' are reluctant to do even that. Performances are a long way off. The good news is that we, friends and family are all still well and intend, by taking sensible precautions, to remain so.

Jamaica

Richard Downer (Blackwater 1960-62), written on 5 October

Jamaica has a population of about 3 million and, up to 5 October 2020, had recorded 6,895 Covid-19 cases (0.2%) and 120 deaths (1.7% of cases). The situation has been managed very well by the government and it was re-elected on 3 September. Tourism obviously has taken a hit as the country shut down towards the end of March and reopened gingerly in August, but there are effective controls. Personally, I moved from the tourist centre of Montego Bay to a farm in the hills in the middle of the Island, far from the madding crowd and where it is nice and cool. My wife and youngest son are in Los Angeles but I am unable to travel there until it is 'safe' given age and consequential dangers, but thank goodness for WhatsApp!

THE SUMMER OF 1940

In the summer of 2020, the College had to close its doors to staff and pupils as the threat of the coronavirus pandemic forced teaching to go online. Eighty years earlier, in June 1940, the College had faced a similar challenge as the threat of invasion meant that the whole school had to evacuate to Radley in Oxfordshire, with just three days' notice



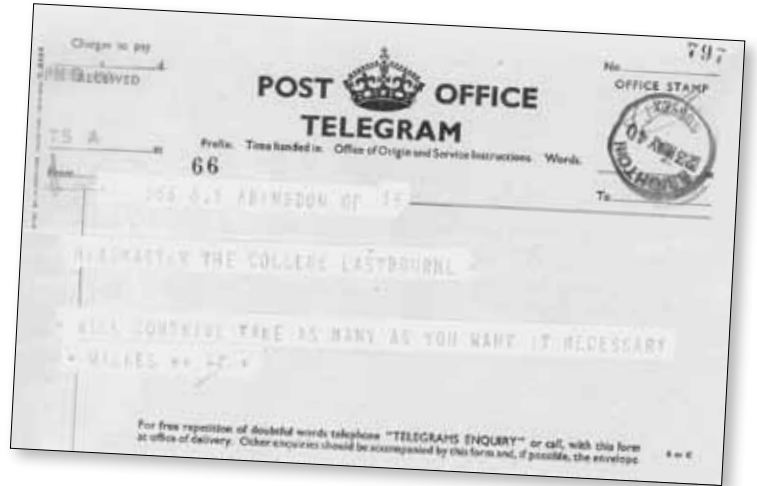
Mattresses are packed on a coach in Blackwater Road

Following the outbreak of the Second World War in September 1939, there was no immediate need for the College to leave Eastbourne. However, by May 1940, with the German army advancing through France, an invasion on the south-east coast was thought more likely to happen.

Headmaster John Nugee, who had been Deputy Warden at Radley College in Oxfordshire, contacted Warden (Headmaster) Vaughan Wilkes at Radley asking if the pupils could be accommodated there if the need arose. Warden Wilkes agreed,

sending a telegram to Nugee on 23 May which said: WILL CONTRIVE TAKE AS MANY AS YOU WANT IF NECESSARY.

However, it was not until Monday 17 June, after the fall of France and the Dunkirk evacuation, that College Council (the Board of Governors) decided that the time had come and that the school should be evacuated. Following a period of intense activity in which books, equipment, bedding and clothes were packed, the whole school travelled to Radley by a special train just three days later on Thursday 20 June.



The telegram from Warden Wilkes at Radley agreeing to take the Eastbourne boys

Denis Browne (Gonville 1938-41) sent the archives his memories of that eventful time:

By 1940 the front at Eastbourne was defended with barbed wire and enormous concrete blocks. When Dunkirk took place, almost immediately the army came and took away all the rifles and other weapons in the armoury. The older boys joined the newly formed Local Defence Volunteers (LDV), soon to become the Home Guard. The music master Mr Temple had a boat and went off to Dunkirk to join in the army's rescue. He was not

seen at Eastbourne again though he survived and I met him quite by chance in 1952. He had served in the RNVR.

I think it was a few days after Dunkirk that, in Big School, Headmaster John Nugee announced that the school was to unite with Radley for the duration of the war.

There were several days of frantic packing in Gonville and beds were shipped off along with school trunks. Looking back, it was a remarkable effort by the house staff and matron to get it all done. Much of the night before our departure was spent in the basement when the air raid sirens went off.



All forms of transport were used, including this car on College Field



The scene at Eastbourne Station as pupils board the special train



On their first night in Radley 104 senior boys slept in camp beds in the gymnasium

Early the next morning, each of us provided with a packet of beef sandwiches, we walked, carrying our personal possessions, to Eastbourne Station. Angus McNaught and I carried our ukuleles too on which we were both quite competent players. It was a hot and sunny day. With eight of us to a compartment, the train, which had no corridor, set off. Few of us had the slightest idea where Radley was and the first indication of where we were going was when, after several hours,

the train stopped in mid-country in sight of Windsor Castle. The journey had been desperately slow with many stops, though never at stations. By then our sandwiches had long been consumed and there was no water.

As evening approached, the train stopped at a small station (Culham) outside which was a huge, stone, ornamental gateway. The junior school disembarked and, carrying our personal possessions, walked through the archway and, after what seemed

like a long walk, arrived in front of Nuneham House, a magnificent stately mansion occupied by Lord and Lady Harcourt, at which Queen Victoria and Albert had spent their honeymoon. It was then getting dark. Because of the blackout, the only lights on in the house were in the ballroom which had thick curtains. We were told to find our own accommodation. Miraculously, there were beds and mattresses. I cannot remember if we had a meal that night. In any case we

were all so tired that we were glad to bed down almost immediately.

Although a branch of the College was to open in Eastbourne in 1942, the school did not fully return to the town until five years later in September 1945.

In 2020, the return to school was a little quicker, with the College re-opening for the Michaelmas term as planned at the beginning of September.

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The Arnold Embellishers

The Arnold Embellishers, a group of current and past parents, pupils, staff and friends of the College, started its second century as it means to go on, identifying and funding an array of diverse projects which are on the College's wish list but are not the highest priority for the Chief Operating Officer. As ever, since the society was established in 1919, embellishments are taken on which improve the pupils' experience at school.

The Embellishers developed two scoreboard projects this year with Director of Sport, Mike Harrison. Both were ready for what would have been an exciting College cricket season – supported by the fantastic new indoor facilities and talented specialist coaches and featuring the Wisden School Cricketer of the Year and the prestigious Bunbury Festival – but all of which was sadly not to be.

The College Field scoreboard, which was originally unveiled by Ann Birley during Speech Day 1970, was updated and was intended to be seen in use at Speech Day 2020. Built in memory of Frank Quaife, head groundsman, with later improvements made by a group of generous OEs in memory of Tony Marcus (Wargrave 1957-62), it is because of AE funds, including some kind donations from individual members, that we can all look forward to seeing it active again in the future. Secondly, the Memorial scoreboard is a brand new system which has been erected on to the Brian Harral Pavilion on Memorial Field and which will be a very welcome enhancement to the sports experience.



The new scoreboard on the Brian Harral Pavilion on Memorial Field

Back in March while the thunderclouds of lockdown were swirling, five members of the AE committee enjoyed an optimistic presentation by an outstanding Nugent Year 13 pupil, Elisabeth Helmin, on how to enhance the undercroft of the new Winn Building. The Embellishers awarded her the Wettern Prize for Innovation, which is given when a pupil makes a practical, well-thought-out suggestion which the Arnold Embellishers and the headmaster feel could improve the campus significantly. We are now looking at how these ideas might be incorporated into an outside meeting area.

The AEs also sponsored a series of inspirational photos of recent leavers, celebrating interesting careers, on the corridor between the pool and sports hall leading to the dining hall. It is now intended that the AEs fund a few extra photos

featuring some of the many young OEs in frontline roles during the pandemic. The school has a long tradition of OE medics, scientists and engineers and there have been some amazing stories emerging of ingenuity, bravery and determination. The Embellishers are keen to inspire current pupils with photos of some of the youngest OE examples.

The Arnold Embellishers is committed to keeping the names alive within the community of the brave, fallen OEs of earlier conflicts. It is of great interest to the members that the story of OE Euan Lucie-Smith, the first black officer to be killed in the First World War is told to future pupils. The Embellishers will be looking at additional ways in which Lt. Lucie-Smith's name is honoured; he is listed on the original war memorial in the Memorial Arch. Michael Partridge, committee and archive volunteer, has done an enormous amount of research collating names and details for the Second World War Roll of Honour which the Embellishers intend to publish, initially as a rolling document on the Eastbourne Society website to encourage family members to come forward with further information and photos.

While some projects have continued, including our regular sponsorship of the Young Musician of the Year competition which had so many outstanding competitors this year, other activities have inevitably been curtailed including a planned improvement of the Dell outdoor theatre and the annual members lunch held after the AGM in the College dining hall. Any friend of the College is welcome to join as a member – contact vhenley@eastbourne-college.co.uk for details.

Vicky Henley, Chairman

Elisabeth Helmin has designs on the undercroft, winning her the Wettern Prize

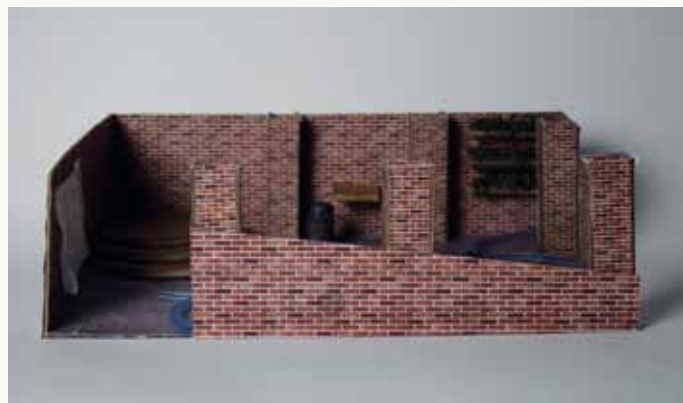


Elisabeth Helmin

Elisabeth Helmin (Nugent 2019-20) was awarded the Arnold Embellishers' Wettern Prize for Innovation in recognition of her exceptional presentation of ideas for enhancing the undercroft of the new Winn Building. Elisabeth, who is from the USA, attended the College on the prestigious ESU Secondary Exchange programme. She researched, modelled and presented ideas to make more exciting use of the thoroughfare to the dining hall and science block. Her design involves a corner stage, a retractable screen, an aquaponic garden and inventive seating.

The presentation formed Elisabeth's Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for which she was awarded an A*. The EPQ is an extra A-level standard piece of study which is now taken by a large number of sixth formers as part of their university applications and to provide extra academic stimulus on a topic they want to research. Elisabeth is now studying landscape architecture at the University of Connecticut and wants to specialise in the education and outdoor public spaces sector.

'Being awarded the Wettern Prize and having the opportunity to develop the undercroft project at Eastbourne is such an honour' said Elisabeth on hearing the news in the States. 'I am truly grateful for this community to have been so accepting of my ambitions. I was given generous amounts of time by the school's architects and the Facilities Department to discuss the practicalities of my ideas. With the unwavering support of the DT Department and Mr Lawson, the Headmaster, I was able to develop my EPQ over seven months, planning location, budget, aesthetics and viability. I look forward to continuing this project with the Arnold Embellishers.'



A model of Elisabeth's design



A close-up of some of the design features



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DONALD PERRENS DSO, OBE, DFC, MA



Donald in front of College Field

By Michael Partridge with Pip Kirtley

Donald, born in Willenhall, Staffordshire, on 1 January 1919, died aged 101 in the early hours of Good Friday, 10 April 2020, in the Croft Meadow Care Home in Steyning. Appointed to the College staff by headmaster John Nugee in 1939, the war intervened and he actually took up the appointment in 1946. He married Mary Robertson in 1946 and the marriage was dissolved after about 40 years, not before a son Robert and a daughter 'Pip', who later worked as a physio at the College, were born.

Donald leaves his second wife Marion, five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He was an outstanding physics teacher at the College from 1945 until 1981, 35 years.

He became head of science from 1950, modernised and re-equipped the Physics and Chemistry departments, was house tutor in Gonville from 1955, housemaster of Blackwater 1960-72, acting headmaster 1972-73 and from 1973-75 second master.

He coached tennis and hockey for both boys and girls, was an Eclectic cricketer, president of the common room and chairman of the Eastbourne Schoolmasters' Association. He ran the RAF section of the CCF, becoming its commanding officer from 1954 until 1973 when he took over command of the CCF. He simultaneously held commissions in the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and the RAF Volunteer Reserve (Training). In 1955 he was appointed commanding officer of the 3618 (County of Sussex) Fighter Control Unit of the Royal



Donald in the desert with his Spitfire

Auxiliary Air Force in the Goffs, Eastbourne. On relinquishing command in 1961, he was awarded the OBE.

The many flying scholarships and the number of OEs serving in the RAF or in civil aviation show how influential he was in the lives of generations of Eastbournians. On retiring, when he taught briefly at Roedean school in Brighton, he met his second wife Marion, who was the headmaster's secretary there. For the remainder of his life he maintained a close link with the College and would make frequent visits. To celebrate his 100th birthday, the headmaster hosted a lunch in his honour.

In 1950, I had the privilege of playing rugby as a centre alongside him in a game against the 3rd XV on Memorial. This may have been a unique event, for there is no other record of his playing rugby, possibly due to his wartime injuries. He was a speedy and talented player.

Donald attended Bablake School in Coventry from 1929 to 1936 and left to enter St Catherine's College, Cambridge, after three years in the Science VIth. He graduated in 1939 with a degree in natural sciences. He was president of the John Ray Society, the College's science society, in his final year.

On the outbreak of war in 1939, he was commissioned into a territorial battalion of the Suffolk Regiment and left for France to join the British Expeditionary Force. Involved in heavy fighting near Rouen, his company escaped on one of the last Allied ships to leave Cherbourg.

For a brief period he was adjutant of the 8th Battalion but in November 1941 he transferred to the RAF to train as a pilot in an Army co-operation role. In December 1942 he joined 225 Squadron based in Algeria to support Operation Torch, the Allied advance to Tunis. Initially he flew a Hurricane but this was soon replaced by a Spitfire. He flew many low-level reconnaissance sorties through intense anti-aircraft fire; on one occasion he flew beneath allied bombers and was surrounded by falling bombs. On another he came under heavy fire from US anti-aircraft defences. In the summer of 1943 the squadron took part in the attacks on Pantelleria and in August helped to support the invasion of Sicily. He frequently suffered from air sickness but with determination he overcame this disability. In September 225 Squadron moved to Sicily then Italy where he flew reconnaissance and artillery ranging sorties until the end of 1943. He was awarded the DFC.

Promoted Squadron Leader in October 1944, he joined 285 Wing which consisted of three reconnaissance squadrons including no 225, his old squadron. He worked with the 8th Army to provide information and photographs on enemy positions. For the Battle of Monte Cassino in May 1944 he coordinated support and air observation for the artillery batteries. Then in March the squadron was heavily involved in the battle for the Anzio bridgehead. Donald was next posted to 208 Squadron based at Peretola on the northern outskirts of Florence. He was asked to organise an artillery ranging mission, targeting a German ammunition dump, and an 88mm anti-aircraft battery, just south of Bologna. Flying, with an Australian colleague in a second Spitfire, at 8000 feet to enable him to keep clear of flak, he was able to observe the fall of shot and then give directions to the gun director. After 12 rounds the dump received a direct hit and was destroyed. He could have returned at this point but, despite being repeatedly hit by anti-aircraft fire, remained over the target for almost an hour to



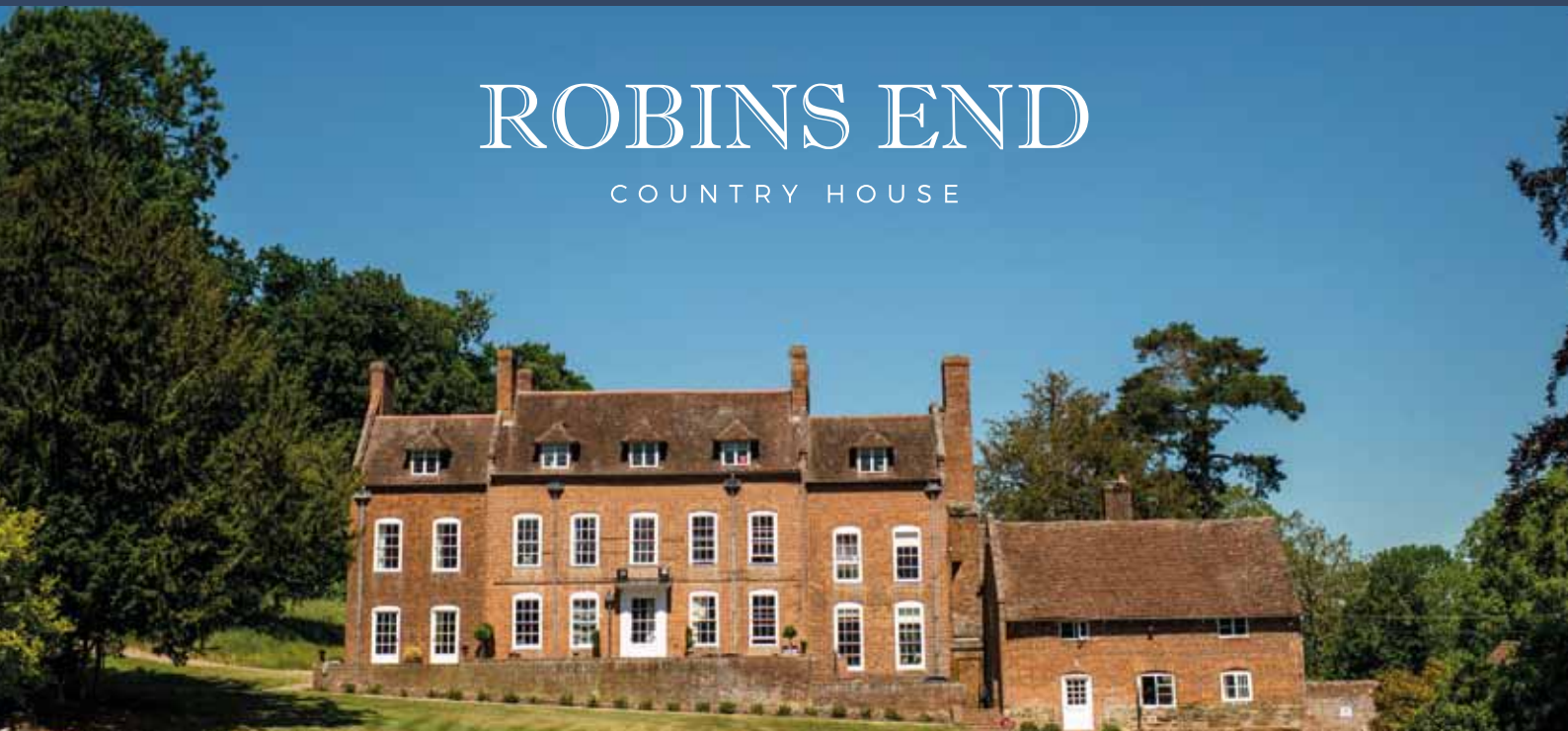
Wing Commander Donald Perrens

direct artillery fire. The engine of his Spitfire failed through lack of fuel and he was forced to glide back to allied lines and land in rugged terrain just outside Loiano in the foothills of the Apennines. He was badly injured, suffering a compression fracture of his spine involving the sixth and seventh vertebrae and multiple lacerations; he was taken to a field hospital where he remained for two months. He returned to 208 Squadron in early April 1945. On 6 April he was awarded an immediate DSO, promulgated in the *London Gazette*: 'His coolness and courage in the face of concentrated enemy fire set a fine example'.

The late Dennis Sawden (Powell 1946-50), himself a former RAF pilot, wrote and published in 2015 a 40-page illustrated biography of Donald titled *The Distinguished War Record of Wing Commander Donald Perrens DSO, OBE, DFC, MA*.

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NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

College archivist Paul Jordan writes:

Unfortunately, due to the Covid outbreak this year, work in the archives had to be curtailed at the end of March when the College went into lockdown and many support staff were put on furlough. All material relating to the impact of the virus on the College is being stored as this will form an important part of the College's history.

Obituaries for the OE magazine continued to be compiled thanks to Michael Partridge and Peter Durrant (archives volunteers working from home) and David Blake.



Bushey Ruff

who was married to Charles Forbes Rivett-Carnac who had been in the Bengal civil service and had retired to Eastbourne. One of their sons, John Thurlow Rivett-Carnac, was the father of John Claude Thurlow (School 1904-09), Percy Kenneth (School 1905-09) and Edward Charles (School 1916-17). A son Colin, by Charles's second marriage, came to the College from 1895-96.

Warren Hill School

We had an intriguing enquiry about a 'lost' First World War memorial board which had belonged to Warren Hill School, in Meads. The school closed in the 1930s and the few remaining pupils and headmaster transferred to Ascham St Vincent's (later to become the College prep school, Ascham). The school buildings were demolished shortly after. The board is not held by the College archives, but we discovered that the former library building (in which the board was originally placed) survived the demolition and is now a private residence. So, with any luck, the next

time the owner strips the wallpaper, all might be revealed!

Other enquiries

As a result of limitations accessing the archives office because of Covid restrictions, a number of other enquiries received during the year have not yet been dealt with, but will be as soon as we are back to normal.

Visits to the archives

In January 2020, author Jill Bush visited the College. Her main interest was the Mary Lowndes stained-glass windows in the Chapel but she also visited the archives to see the material we had on VC winner and OE, Lionel Rees (who features in her book *Lionel Morris and the Red Baron*).

Later in January, we were visited by Stephen Barker who is writing a book about OE Hardit Singh Malik, a First World War pilot and later a diplomat. Stephen spend some time in the archives checking through the material we hold and was then shown the Memorial Hall where he took several photographs.



Jill Bush



Hardit Singh Malik

Enquiries

Bushey Ruff

We were contacted by the parent of a pupil in Gonville who wanted to know if there was any connection between the name of Bushey Ruff, part of Gonville, and that of a mill with the same name, near Dover, which once belonged to a relative of his, William Knocker.

By doing some research, we discovered that a Colonel Herbert Paget Knocker lived at a house named Bushey Ruff in Carlisle Road, Eastbourne, from the late 1890s until his death in 1929. His son Arthur Paget Knocker attended the College as a day boy from 1904 to 1908. Arthur was killed in action in Belgium in 1915; his name can be seen on the College war memorial. The last owner of Bushey Ruff died in 1957 and, in the following year, the property was acquired by the College who retained the name.

Another College connection with the Gonville pupil was his third great grand aunt, Flora Elizabeth Baker,

Donations

We have received a number of donations this year:

Harvey Smith (Reeves 1980-84) donated several 1980s house magazines from Pennell and Powell while **John Allan** (School 1960-65) kindly sent us a 1963 Eastbourne College Rugby Club score card, which contains the signatures of members of the All Blacks rugby team.

Philip Hepburn (Blackwater 1961-66), son of **Guy Hepburn** (Blackwater 1929-34), headmaster of the College prep school, Ascham, continues to send us material relating to the prep school. Items include photos, press cuttings and a transcript of Guy's war record.

Other material relating to Ascham came in the form of documents belonging to the late **Jill Reading** (wife of **Michael Reading**, housemaster of Granville). They include photographs and catering records from when Jill was in charge of the school's kitchens. Many thanks to Jill's daughter, Jane.

From **Derek Blackburn** (School 1960-65) we received a number of Speech Day, supper and play programmes. Also miscellaneous items printed by the College Press, an ink caricature sketch entitled 'Housemaster' and 13 books from School House library – most were originally given as prizes to **Stephen Foot** in the early 1900s.

Donations from the estate of **Trevor Pescud** (Powell 1945-50) included a number of Blue Books, *Eastbournian* magazines and a 1st tennis colours badge.

Chris Thomas (Wargrave 1960-65) sent us various items of interest including a programme for the summer revue entitled *On the Rebound*. Also included were two Speech Day programmes; one of the guests of honour listed was Group Captain Douglas Bader in 1962.

We were contacted by an author, Alec Kendall, who enquired about a former College pupil, **Henry S B Whitley** (Home Boarder 1892-95), son of Henry M Whitley, land agent for the Davies Gilbert estate in Eastbourne. We were able to provide him with his College details and even a copy of a carte de visite of the boy. Henry went on to become the Plymouth Divisional Engineer for the Great Western Railway. Alec kindly sent us a copy of his book, *North Road to Minions – 1909 to 1948*.

Nigel Welby (Ascham 1959-64; Reeves 1965-69) donated several pieces of College ephemera to us, including a number of copies of a College publication, *New Writing* (poems etc. written by pupils) to which Nigel contributed.

Archives volunteer Michael Partridge writes:

As reported in last year's magazine, the updating and revision of the Second World War Roll of Honour has continued to occupy a lot of time, most of it supplied by myself. This immensely time-consuming job, albeit an extremely rewarding one, is now virtually complete. A draft copy will shortly be put on the Eastbournian Society website to which comments and additions are invited. I also plan to add photographs in as many cases as possible, so shall seek help from OEs and families.

I am updating and extending this moving record, using the extensive information now available on the internet, but also with the voluntary assistance of several distinguished and able helpers, professional bodies and Oxbridge colleges as well as members of the College archives team.



Donald Lowson's grave

I have also researched the graves of two OEs who gave their lives in the Second World War. One was Donald Lowson DFC (Wargrave 1929-31) who lost his life on 7 July 1941 while serving with 10 Officer Training Unit when flying a Whitley on a night navigation exercise and hit a barrage balloon cable near to Stratford upon Avon. Lowson, a Flight Lieutenant, was 28 and married. He was buried in Harrow (St Mary) Lower Churchyard, Middlesex, and his grave, not a Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) one, is in very poor condition. I have endeavoured to trace his widow and family, but without success.

Another was Robert Elwyn Turner (Wargrave 1930-33), a student lawyer aged 22, who died on 18 February 1940 at Ross-on-Wye as a private in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. I visited the cemetery at Ross-on-Wye where he is reputedly buried (Row 67, Grave 16), but, after a two-hour search, was unable to find any trace of his grave. If any reader has information about either of these OEs, then please send it to mp@eastbourne-college.co.uk.



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OLD EASTBOURNIAN LODGE

Well, nobody was expecting that! Just like everyone else, the OE Lodge has had a very strange year with our April and June meetings cancelled due to lockdown.

It would be nice to think that everything will get back to normal in 2021, when we will again hope to attract a few new members to join our happy band, where we combine fun and fraternity coupled with a strong history of charitable donations to a multitude of different causes. If you are interested in joining us, or would like further information about Freemasonry in general, then contact Nick Clive-Matthews (Pennell 1962-66), at nickc_m@yahoo.co.uk.

We usually meet at the Eastbourne Masonic Centre in South Street on a Friday evening four times a year and we then go for a very companionable and delicious dinner after the meeting, Covid-19 permitting of course. We are no longer restricted to OEs and staff as we are now an open lodge and also have parents, grandparents and friends as members.

For the younger OEs who are at university there are now university schemes throughout the country, with lodges in each area allocated to bringing younger men into Freemasonry. There are also two Grand Lodges for Lady Freemasons, again with lodges all over the country and even a local lodge meeting in Eastbourne. Have a look at the United Grand Lodge of England website at www.ugle.org.uk, or the Sussex Provincial YouTube link at <http://youtu.be/czXLHUdYG6Y>. If you think you might like to find out what it's all about, or are already a Mason but would like to join a local lodge, then Nick will be more than happy to have a chat or put you in touch with a lodge meeting in your area.

It seems a long time ago now and another world, but we all met up for what proved to be our only



John Howlett

proper meeting of the year at the end of January. Sixty members and guests assembled at the local Masonic Centre to see John Howlett (Blackwater 1971-74) being installed in the Chair by his predecessor, local solicitor Andrew Board, with assistance from Keith Kirby (Blackwater 1957-

61) and James Fawcett, the Secretary of the Old Radleian Lodge who acted as Wardens. The OE Lodge has maintained a link with the OR Lodge ever since the College's sojourn at Radley in the Second World War and we traditionally invite one of their representatives to take part in the ceremony. Further assistance came from Hafiz



Eastbourne Masonic Lodges' car presentation with Rob Wicks on the far right

Khandwala (School 1968-73) who acted as Inner Guard and Rob Wicks (Powell 1974-79) who gave one of the addresses. John Thornley (College staff) may have retired from teaching, but fortunately he's still 'tickling the ivories' and kept us all entertained in his own inimitable style as the Lodge Organist. We also marked the occasion with donations of £850.00 to a selection of local causes, including the Old Eastbournian Charity.

Following the Installation Ceremony the assembled company repaired to the Cumberland Hotel where we enjoyed another convivial evening catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, while tucking into an excellent dinner. We also managed to raise over £700.00 for our benevolent fund during the course of our proceedings, much of which had already been earmarked as part of our contribution towards the latest appeal for St Wilfrid's Hospice. Little did we realise when we said our goodbyes, that we would not be meeting up again in the foreseeable future.

One of the main regular recipients of donations from Freemasonry throughout the country is the hospice movement and this is reflected in the amounts given by the OE Lodge over the past few years. The £1200 we gave to St Wilfrid's



Hafiz Khandwala, Dermot Bambridge (Reeves 1962-66) and Nick Clive-Matthews

last summer was part of the £600,000 given to hospices throughout England and Wales. Last year the Sussex Masons presented new cars to St Wilfrid's and three other local hospices, to help with their Hospice at Home initiative. This year we heard that St Wilfrid's desperately needed a new car for its Community Therapies project, so several of the Eastbourne lodges, including the OE Lodge teamed up to raise the funds and were able to present them with a brand new Dacia Duster in July, with Rob Wicks representing us on this occasion.

The year ended with a short business meeting in October, held under the temporary 'Rule of Six' law, when John Howlett was elected to serve as Master for a second year, as his first year was so sadly curtailed. We also elected a new Treasurer, Peter Gates (Reeves 1962-67), who is taking over



The new Treasurer, Peter Gates

from Fred Taylor, father of Jonathan (Powell 1993-97). Peter is now retired from the local bench and is obviously taking on new challenges.

Having relinquished his post as Director of Ceremonies in January he has agreed to keep our finances in order, despite already being Treasurer in another local Masonic unit and, even more time consuming, Secretary of a third. He certainly has proved to be a great servant of the Lodge over the past few years and is greatly appreciated by us all.

While 2021 will of course bring new challenges for us all, let us hope that we will soon see the new coronavirus vaccinations working and allowing us to resume normal service as soon as possible, so that we can once more enjoy the warmth and friendship of the OE Lodge.

Nick Clive-Matthews

'Oboes' meet in Sydney

A group of Old Eastbournians and their partners met up in Sydney in October, making use of an old acronym for their group - Oboes (Old Boys Of Eastbourne College in Sydney). Tony Hilton (Blackwater 1955-60) writes:

During a telephone conversation with Martin Benge discussing, amongst other things, the recent demise of David Winn, and Oboe John Penn, we floated the idea of a get together of the Oboes with our partners. We had not had such an event since Michael Young (Monty) and his sister came to Tony Booth's home back in the late 1980s. Prior to that there had been several such events.

Sam Miller, our local OE rep, organised the event to be lunch at Gumbaya, a restaurant near my home that I and my family have used many times. Gumbaya is the local Dharawal Aboriginal word meaning meeting place, so it seemed appropriate. I met Sam and Therese for a coffee and a chat at the local al fresco coffee shop at 11.30am on a beautiful spring day with a gentle zephyr blowing. We then walked down to the venue for the 12.00pm start.

Due to the Covid restrictions of ten people maximum, it was necessary for us to have two tables. Present were Sam Miller, Tony Booth, Ken Raphael, Martin Benge, David Anderson, their respective partners and myself. After the meal, we went the short distance to my home, where we assembled around my rather large dining table.

I had decorated it with a basher [boater] from Radley (my Uncle Brian Unwin's from Pennell



House who was evacuated there during the war and later killed on active service in Italy), and an Eastbourne basher on an OE cravat. Also on the table were membership tickets I had printed at the College press, so everyone was enrolled into the Light Music Society for the Lent term 1958! I forgot to show the two Blue Books I had on the sideboard from my first (1955) and last years (1960) at the College.

We then enjoyed a good discussion, continuing from where we had left off when we had finished lunch. Tea and Belgian pralines were enjoyed to the sound of music Martin Benge had compiled onto a CD contemporary to our time at Eastbourne.

I then played some pianola music on my Duo-Art expression instrument. Sadly, my Steinway Grand had been sold only three weeks earlier, so was not available. Martin had previously made recordings of the Steinway on a Sony

DAT machine back in 1995 for the Mastertouch company that was released as a CD.

After that, the ladies chatted amongst themselves, while the Oboes assembled on the balcony to admire the expansive view across Sydney and Botany Bay, while discussing many and sundry things!

From my perspective it was great to have so many friends in my home after the silence of lockdown, and I would like to thank everybody for making the effort to come down and make this such a successful event. I would especially like to thank Sam for organising it, to Martin for doing the music, and Sue says thank you for the lovely orchids too.

We all agreed we should do this again in some form, perhaps at the Graphic Arts Club at Mascot, in addition to the annual meeting of all the OEs in Sydney, that used to be inspired by David Winn's visits.



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THE CLASS OF 2020

We normally publish individual photos of the latest group of Old Eastbournians, but unfortunately this year we were unable to complete taking pictures of the summer 2020 leavers before the College was forced to close at the end of the Lent term because of the coronavirus lockdown, remaining closed to pupils until September.

Instead we have included two photos taken in the summer term of 2019, when this year's leavers were still in the Lower Sixth and nobody had heard of

social distancing. They had got together for their Team Building Day, when they were asked to think about their individual strengths, to look at how they might challenge themselves and to assess what they bring to a team to make it more cohesive. At the end of the day, the pupils chose a symbol that represented the group aim. Their choice was a tree, which represents union, strength and preparing to go their own way in the future.



They say that your school days are some of your best, and this could not be more true for my experience at the College. Being head of school has been a great privilege. It's been amazing to see the work that goes on behind the scenes which you don't even consider as a pupil. My advice for future Eastbournians would be always to find something to smile about, throw yourself into everything you do here and never say no to a café visit . . . Being an

Eastbournian has genuinely been the best experience of my life and, as I become an Old Eastbournian, I realise how much of that I owe to my peers, teachers and everyone at school. I'm so proud to belong to a community which I know I will be a part of for the rest of my life. As I move on from Eastbourne College, I plan to study medicine at university next year. I wish my peers the best of luck and I'm sure we will all see each other again soon.

Shaumya Kularajan, head of school



I can still remember my very first lesson at the College: my history teacher warning us how quickly our time would go by and how we would come to miss everything about it. Looking back, I can safely say that he was right and that these have been the best years of my life. Being an Eastbournian has given me so many opportunities, from the atmosphere of the boarding house to playing on College Field, from taking to the stage to the privilege of becoming head of

school, a position which has taught me so much. I am so proud to be part of the College and now its wider community. I would advise future Eastbournians to take advantage of every opportunity offered, even if it is outside your comfort zone, because you don't know what you might get out of it. I now plan to take a year out and then read economics at Bristol. I wish everyone at the College the best of luck in the years to come.

Henry Turnbull, head of school



Summer 2020 leavers

Blackwater

Isabelle Allen
 Jessica Ashdown
 Megan Bassett
 Imogen Carr
 Chelsea Chung
 Chloe Cox
 Martha Dando
 Florence Ferrari
 Ella Goddard
 Emily Gordon
 Amelia Jones
 Rachel Kinchin
 Esme-Eliza Lawton
 Sasha Marlow
 Annabelle Neal
 Madeline Perrett
 Jane Scholes
 Lucy Sparkes
 Maisie Williams
 Olivia Williams
 Aimée Wood
 Riley Wootten

Craig

Lucas Askaroff
 Rory Boulter
 Lewis Buckle
 Oliver Carter
 Thomas Coomber
 Alexander Field
 Lewis Goater
 William Harris
 Zachary Hebron
 Archie McGonigal
 Joshua Moreton
 Joseph Shouksmith
 Samuel Williams

Gonville

Nikita Bilibin
 Mark Burnham
 Chirag Gupta
 Mingzhe Hu
 Elliot Jones
 Joshua Mantle
 Tawanda Muyeye
 Christian Phillips
 William Reeves
 Nicholas Siu
 Harry Yeung

Nugent

Rebecca Gao
 Anna Hasell
 Elisabeth Helmin
 Daisy Holden-Craufurd
 Charlotte Imbert
 Florence Ji
 Zara Lawson Johnston
 Matilda Morgan
 Eliza Reynolds

Pennell

Lukas Battel
 Theodore Bevacqua
 Justin Chong
 Isaac Chu

Alex Fan

Maximilian Faulkner-Bryant
 Vikrant Gungu
 Sebastian Marsh
 Ernest Ng
 George Pool
 Bede Rowlands
 Henry Turnbull
 Petr Volkonskiy

Powell

Elijah Andal
 Jacob Doherty
 Oliver Godfrey
 Felix Harffey-Burkhill
 James Holley
 Dylan Joyce
 Mikhail Konovalov
 Jake Ludlam
 Luke Muschiali
 Muhammad Owasil
 Arno Pellet
 Charles Reed
 Jack Stepney
 Alfredo Vazquez
 Hugo Verelst-Way
 Henry Walters
 Thomas Watkins
 Jacob Wheatley

Reeves

Samuel Acosta-Fernandez
 Samuel Anderson
 Archie Bell
 Oliver Cardoza
 Edward Casselden
 Samuel Cutler
 Fabian Dahms
 Thomas Goodenough
 Max Lepere Hunter
 William Lucas
 Thomas Morris
 William Nicholles
 Joshua Ridge
 Benjamin Stotesbury-Byrne
 Cameron Swatton
 Harrison Tagg
 Max Woolmer
 Oliver Wright

School

Antoinette Chastang
 Chloe Dang
 Lily Flint
 Adriana Gracia Casanova
 Daria Gushchina
 Ruth Ho
 Sophia Jin
 Mirabelle Kelly
 Olivia Legg
 Harriet Morss-Davies
 Morolaoluwa Oyefesobi
 Summer Reeves
 Silvia Riera Picallo
 Amy Shi

Wargrave

Robert Appleby
 Jamie Atkins
 Archibald Bielby
 Finlay Carver
 Benjamin Fox
 Joshua Harris
 Reubin Hart
 Brett Hounsell
 Johnson Oh
 Maximilian Schnuppe
 James Song
 Anthony Wane
 William Wilson

Watt

Erin Banks
 Uma Carey-Morgan
 Mifrah Faisal
 Annabel Field
 Georgia Gills
 Rachel Greenhow
 Elizabeth Hawkins
 Ciara Ings
 Shaumya Kularajan
 Leila Lopez-Moran
 Sophie Nicholles
 Sophie Rust
 Ria Sanderson
 Megan Terry
 Anastasija Timofejeva
 Jessica Williams
 Olivia Wood
 D'Arcy Wootton

NEWS OF OES, STAFF AND SOME OTHERS

These news pages are compiled from updates submitted by OEs and others, and also from items that appear in newspapers, magazines and online. If you have any news that you would like us to feature please contact David Blake at drblake@eastbourne-college.co.uk or write to the Eastbournian Society office at the address in the Contacts section on page 97.



Jamie Atkins (Wargrave 2018-20) has signed a two-year rookie contract with Sussex County Cricket Club. Jamie is a graduate of the Sussex Cricket Pathway, and has bowled consistently well throughout the age groups since joining the club's pathway as an under-10. He received a Matthew Hobden Trust scholarship to attend the College and is a member of Roffey CC. He is pictured here at the signing ceremony on the left.

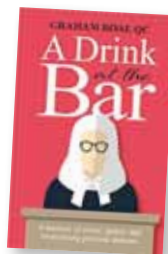
Harry Bentley (Wargrave 2005-08) made his debut at the Derby in July, riding Max Vega. In an interview with the *Yorkshire Post* before the race he said: 'It means an awful lot. It's the biggest race of the season. The Derby is the biggest race in the country and, arguably, the most important race in the world.' He also said that the absence of crowds this year would not dampen his enthusiasm for the race. On the day Harry started off chasing the leaders but lost ground and Max Vega weakened towards the end, coming in at 14th place.

Ben Biltcliffe (Craig 2011-16), chief operating officer at his company Bloomer Creative, organised a charity auction in August to raise funds for the Red Cross in Beirut. Following the devastating explosion in Beirut on 4 August, Bloomer worked with Lebanese artist Jad Saintbai, who donated his painting entitled *The Fear*, saying that after the explosion he was inspired to paint one of the greatest fears known to humans: the fear of a mother losing her child.

Chris Binge (Gonville 1970-75) and his wife **Helen** (née O'Connor) (Nugent 1973-75) were both busy with podcasts during the Covid-19 lockdown. They live in Lima, where Chris has been the Head of Markham College for three years, and Helen works as a paediatric physiotherapist. Over the summer they both took

Graham Boal

Graham Boal (Powell 1957-62) has written *A Drink at the Bar: A memoir of crime, justice and overcoming personal demons*. Judge Graham Boal QC was a criminal barrister for 30 years before serving as a judge for nine years until his retirement as a Permanent Judge at London's Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey, in 2005. His career highlights include being the legendary George Carman's junior in the Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe's trial for conspiracy to murder in 1979, leading for the Crown at the Appeal of the Birmingham Six in 1991 and becoming First Senior Treasury Counsel. As well as describing key cases in his career, Graham also tells how he found himself increasingly dependent on alcohol. He went into treatment for alcoholism and depression in 1993, and has been a recovering alcoholic ever since, including his years as a judge at the Old Bailey. The book is described as 'an essential read for all those interested in legal and political issues and the toll that the pressures of high office can put on one's personal life and wellbeing'. Graham is now a trustee and board member of WDP, a leading addiction charity. The book is due to be published in spring 2021.



part in podcasts, Helen speaking about living under lockdown and Chris on education matters. Chris has also had a number of articles in *International School* magazine published by Bath University, which you can also read on his website <https://educhanges.com>.



Charlie and Clare Bostock had a reunion with former members of staff in February 2020, before social distancing regulations were in force. Pictured here are Tim and Rachel Dawson, Charlie and Clare Bostock, Trevor and Crispy Kidson, and Chris and Catherine Corfield.



John Bradford (Reeves 1996-2001) was married to Susie Peterssen in South Africa on Saturday 1 February, and they are pictured here at

last year, Toby's winning ways run in the family, as his older brother **Sam Brooks** (Craig 2007-12) was part of the winning Cambridge team three times, also playing as goalkeeper.



Henry Chesney (Reeves 2010-15) has been offered a place at the Royal College of Art to study for an MA in architecture. Jayne Harriott, Head of Art at Eastbourne College, said: 'Henry, who studied art to A-level, was a highly committed A-level pupil who loved all things architectural. He is excited to experience the amazing facilities at the RCA and develop his interest in social architecture.' Henry recently graduated with a BA (Hons) in architecture from the University of Greenwich.

Tom Copeland (Reeves 2002-07) raised over £5000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust with a long-distance run along the South Downs Way in July. He told us at the time that, together with three friends, he would be setting off from Winchester on Saturday 18 July and hoped to arrive in Eastbourne the following day, after covering 160km (100 miles). He said: 'We're running self-supported and socially distanced, stopping along the route to refuel and rehydrate. It's not going to be fun, it's not going to be pretty, but it's going to be epic.' The Cystic Fibrosis Trust is a cause which Tom said is 'close to my heart after my beautiful goddaughter was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis earlier this year'.



Toby Brooks (Craig 2011-16) helped the University of Cambridge to another Varsity hockey win, his second in two years. The annual Varsity match was played on Sunday 1 March at Southgate Hockey Club. Playing as goalkeeper, Toby helped Cambridge retain the Varsity crown which was taken away from Oxford last year in an extremely tight 3-2 win. This year, Cambridge won convincingly 5-0. As we reported



Rich Garrett (Reeves 1980-85), who died in December 2018, had a bench in his memory unveiled at the College on Tuesday 22 December. The bench was commissioned by Rich's widow Emma and stands in front of the College Field pavilion where Rich

enjoyed his rugby. The typically positive and enthusiastic inscription reads: 'An Eastbournian who thoroughly lived his dash; may you do likewise'. The bench was toasted by Rich's sister-in-law Ruth, his father Chris and his niece Lara, pictured here. At exactly the same time Emma and her family were unveiling another bench in memory of Rich at the pavilion at Bedford School where he worked as Director of the Bedford School Association.

Nic Green (Powell 1978-82) was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, announced in October 2020. The award was for services to aviation medicine within the Royal Air Force and for delivery of the new state-of-the-art High G Training and Test Facility at RAF College Cranwell. Nic is a wing commander in the RAF and a consultant in aviation medicine at the RAF Centre of Aviation Medicine, having been in the service for over 30 years. In March 2017 Nic did a presentation to the College's prospective medical students at the Royal College of Surgeons.

Dr Edward Hammond (Wargrave 1977-82) was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2020. Edward, who is a consultant anaesthetist at the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust, was given the award for services to medical education. In 2007 he was appointed by the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCOA) as joint clinical lead tasked with developing an e-learning programme for the RCOA in partnership with E-Learning for Healthcare, a centrally funded project to develop high quality e-learning for the NHS. In 2009 he collected the gold award for 'best online or distance learning project' at the E-Learning industry awards ceremony in London.

Nick Hemes (Blackwater 1951-55) was elected in a non-partisan race for District One Utility Board in The Villages, Florida, where he will represent over 6,500 businesses and homeowners for the next four years (2020-24). The Board covers over 85,000 customers in central Florida.



Luke Howard (Powell 2010-15) completed an epic cycle ride in August 2020, travelling some 500 miles in just three days. Luke took on the challenge of Scotland's North Coast 500, which takes a circular route from Inverness, west to Applecross, then north to

Michael Gietzen



Michael Gietzen (Reeves 2001-03) is the managing director of events agency Identity, which this year not only won a Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade but also took 25th place in the annual Sunday Times Virgin Atlantic Fast Track 100 league table, which ranks Britain's private companies with the fastest-growing sales. The Queen's Award was given for Identity's ongoing success in delivering live events in the UK and international markets. It was presented at the company's headquarters in Westham by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex, Peter Field, who said: 'This award is considered the highest accolade to be bestowed upon a UK business and recognises Identity for having shown outstanding achievement in trade, innovation and sustainable development.'

Michael commented: 'The enforced pandemic lockdown presented Identity with a choice; stand still or completely transform and invest in an even more dynamic model for the business. We chose the latter and have just recently re-launched as the first ever 'human experience' agency. By further investment and a strategic recruitment programme, Identity now provides a vastly enlarged creative offering of live, virtual and hybrid events.'

In December the Fast Track 100 league table was published and Michael said: 'We were thrilled to have been ranked in the top 100 last year. Now to have climbed a further 65 places to make the top 25 is an incredible achievement, made all the more amazing in light of the pandemic. The team of nearly 100 reported 125% growth last year, forecasting a further 63% growth this year, with a three-year annual sales growth of 83 per cent. Identity has delivered exceptional virtual events in 2020, from global outreach campaigns for the RAF and Royal Navy, to on-line festivals and conferences as well as securing new clients such as Panasonic and Unilever.'

Max Haller and Henry Porpora

Max Haller (Pennell 2012-16) and **Henry Porpora** (Craig 2011-16) have felt was an opportunity too good to miss. Understanding that they did not have all the necessary experience to bring this idea to life, Max and Henry set out to build a strong team, surrounding themselves with industry experts. Partnerships include those with leading UK maternity nutritionists, Rosie Letts and Dr Sarah Schenker; global industry-leading supplement manufacturer, Lonza; experienced operations professional, Hiba El-Mohbi; leading brand agency, Pearlfisher; experienced angel investor, Raj Sharma; and Daniel Gray, founder of WARPAINT For Men and one of the biggest disruptors of the cosmetic industry.

Max and Henry are now on a mission to raise funds for the launch of Her:9, a direct-to-consumer women's wellness throughout pregnancy and beyond. They told us: 'For a couple of 22-year-old male rugby players, one of the last businesses one would expect them to found would be something in the prenatal industry'. Having forged their relationship on College Field, their friendship developed through a business management degree in Newcastle and a formidable partnership in the entrepreneurial arena. A sizeable gap was spotted in the prenatal market, with a dearth of innovation and consumer-facing brands to match fast changing consumer habits, which they

John O'Groats before returning south to Inverness. Regarded as one of the toughest road cycling trips, it takes in some stunning scenery along the way. Luke was riding to raise funds for Abbie's Sparkle Foundation, a Scottish-based children's charity providing support for children with cancer across the UK.

Eddie Izzard (Pennell 1975-80) appeared in a run of solo performances of Charles Dickens' classic epic *Great Expectations*, at the Italian Gardens, Eastbourne, in September. The shows were put on in the open air in Covid-safe conditions. Eddie was performing in memory of Peter Pyemont (former headmaster of Bede's School) and in support of Camilla's Bookshop in Eastbourne, which had recently reopened after a fire. These preview shows were of a work in progress and saw Eddie relate a tale of convicts, mystery, friendship, rivalry, unrequited love, revenge and redemption.



Henry and Max

in the most effective manner, using the innovative platform Crowdcube to do so. It is a 'cash for equity' opportunity to become a shareholder in Her:9. Crowdcube works on the basis where the pitches with the highest volume of investors gain the most momentum, so even the minimum contribution will have a quantifiable effect. You can find out more details here: <https://www.crowdcube.com/companies/her9/pitches/q4n2GZ>.

Devran Karaca (Powell 2003-08) got married in October 2019 to his university girlfriend Gitanjali after a year-long engagement Tom Clarke (Craig 2003-08) was best man, and the guests included a group of College friends who have remained close.

Alice Lacey

Alice Lacey (Blackwater 2004-09) married Callum Beamish, intellectual property barrister, on 3 August 2019. Alice tells us: 'We were married on maid of honour Josephine Wadman's beautiful farm just outside Eastbourne, in a ceremony full of love and laughter. All our wonderful friends and family helped us celebrate becoming Mr and Mrs Beamish-Lacey! There were lots of OEs at the wedding, including Iona Maxwell (Blackwater 2004-09), Nicole Fridmann (Watt 2004-09), Charlotte Tickle (Blackwater 2004-09), Jo Wadman (Watt 2004-09), Rhianon Gossedge (Watt 2004-09), Katie Gorrill (née Ogden) (Blackwater 2004-09), Kate Longmire (Blackwater 2007-09), Yasi Tehrani (Blackwater 2004-09), as well as Alice's niece Sophie Stephenson (Blackwater 2014-19).



Chris Lush (Powell 1973-78) retired from teaching at the Jerudong International School in Brunei in June 2020. He told us: 'Teachers have to stop at 60 here, whereas lecturers get another five years. So I will become a part-time lecturer in a further education college (study, research and presentation skills to first year business and law undergraduates who are following courses linked to Chester University). In addition, I hope to do some accreditation visits for COBIS and some freelance training for BSA - when international travel becomes a feature of the 'new normal!'



Capt Nick MacDonald-Robinson (School 1980-85) left the Royal Navy in 2020 after 35 years' service. He said that he was both sad and excited about the move and told us: 'I will be starting a new chapter of my life in

industry and will be taking up my new job as the defence sector director for an engineering design, consultancy and project management company called Royal HaskoningDHV.'

Richard Masefield (School 1956-61) has published the final part of his quintet of Sussex-based novels, called *Three Seasons of Sadie*, a sequel to his earlier book, *Chalkhill Blue*. It is set in a provincial theatre in 1960s Eastbourne, and Richard based it on his experiences as a teenager, when he spent an exciting year in repertory, at Richmond in Surrey and on tour in Yorkshire. Richard's series of historical novels span more than 800 years of Sussex history, following the fortunes of two local families based in the Sussex downlands, from medieval Lewes to the smuggling trade in Alfriston, through Regency Brighton and the First World War, to the impact of the swinging sixties in the latest book.

Paul Mayhew-Archer (Reeves 1967-71), the comedy writer and producer, was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2020, for services to people with Parkinson's disease and cancer. Paul was diagnosed with

Parkinson's nearly 10 years ago and has been a dedicated campaigner on behalf of the charity Parkinson's UK. He has made an award-winning film about the funny side of living with the disease and had a successful stand-up show about it at the Edinburgh Festival which subsequently went on tour around the country. Steve Ford, chief executive at Parkinson's UK, said: 'Paul has been an incredible advocate for the Parkinson's community. He is a role model for so many people with the condition, trusted to speak honestly about what living with Parkinson's means for him and admired for his dedication to remain positive in the face of adversity. His passion to inform people about what it's like living with a complex, progres-

sive condition is inspirational. We are thrilled that Paul's tireless efforts have been recognised in this way, and send him many congratulations and thanks for everything he continues to do for the 145,000 people living with Parkinson's in the UK.'

Samuel McClure (Craig 2011-16) graduated in 2020 with first class honours in his masters degree for mechanical engineering from Nottingham University.

Henry Porpora (Craig 2011-16) has joined forces with Max Haller (Pennell 2012-16) to launch a new prenatal 'Femtech' brand, more details of which are in Max's entry in this section.

Robin Nye

Robin Nye (School 1965-69) had his first novel, *Danger*, published by The Conrad Press in August 2020. Robin told us: 'I wrote my first novel in 1968/69 and entered it for the 6th Form English Prize but it didn't seem to impress Philip Le Brocq at the time! Reading it again recently, I could see why!' *Danger* is a riveting, fast-paced blockbuster crime thriller that pits the Kent police against ruthless gangs of people traffickers from Eastern Europe. Action ranges from the leafy Kent countryside to the windy shores of the Black Sea and to the rugged coastline of Cornwall. At its heart, the book depicts the hopelessness and desolation of those caught up in people-trafficking across Europe. Robin said: 'Writing as a panster (ie: without a plot) was the most rewarding experience as I was able to give free reign to my imagination, never quite knowing where the storyline was going until the book was finally finished. It took about a year to write, and I was then very lucky to be signed up by only the second publisher I sent it to.' The book is currently available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon, or it can be ordered in any good bookshop. Robin is now well-advanced with the second book of what he hopes will become a series of thrillers involving the fictional DI Sarah Hunter and DS Ted Selitto. 'It's amazing how attached you become to the characters you have created. The more I write about these two detectives, the more I am able to climb into their psyche which, I believe, makes for better story-telling.' He hopes that the second book (as yet untitled) will be published in late 2021.



Tawanda Muyeye

Tawanda Muyeye (Gonville 2018-20) won the award for Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year 2019 in his final year as a pupil at the College. The 2020 edition of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* says of Tawanda: 'He is a player of immense presence, a batsman destined to empty bars. People in the know at Eastbourne have learned to ask when he will next be playing, so they can feast on his style, which shows the aggressive influence of Viv Richards and Kevin Pietersen, two of his idols. Like them, he intimidates the attack, turning respectable bowlers into fodder for his swinging bat. Muyeye, a popular, hard-working, self-effacing student who hails from just outside Harare, is on a sports scholarship; he has family in the UK, and hopes to qualify for England rather than his native Zimbabwe.' Rob Ferley, his coach at the College, says he is also the best off-spinner of his age group in the county, as well as an electric fielder with exceptional hand-eye co-ordination. But it is the reliability of his fast, wristy run-scoring that has given Sussex cause to be interested in his development, and makes him such an exciting prospect. In his time at the College Tawanda broke two longstanding school records; the first pupil ever in 150 years of cricket to score two double hundreds and the all-time run scoring record in one season of over 1000 runs.



Hugh Skinner

Hugh Skinner (Pennell 1998-2003) appeared in Sky's new television drama *Little Birds* in August. Set in Tangier in 1955, the programme is based on the erotic short stories of Anaïs Nin, which explore the hedonistic and bohemian lifestyle of the international community. Hugh plays Hugo Cavendish-Smyth, an upper-class Briton, who marries American heiress Lucy Savage (played by Juno Temple, pictured with Hugh) as a means of overcoming his money problems. However things are complicated by the fact that Hugo is gay and has a lover, a local man. In an interview with inews, Hugh said: '...this is definitely the first time I've played a gay person in any depth and that definitely fascinated me. And particularly in that period in the 50s when it was an absolutely horrific time... [In London] the arrest of homosexuals was often front-page news - a truly terrifying time to be gay.' Talking about other recent parts, including Prince William in Channel 4's *The Windsors*, the hapless intern Will in BBC comedy *WIA* and the young Harry Bright (the younger version of Colin Firth's character) in *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*, Will said: 'Of course I want to play other parts but there's definitely a market at the moment for 'idiotic white men, and I'm pleased for the work.'



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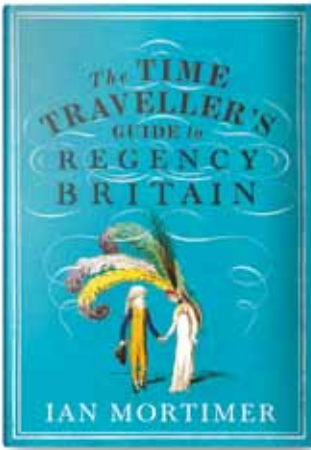
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Kajal Radia (Watt 2010-15) was involved in the Oxford Covid-19 vaccination trials during the year, having been part of them since their inception. Initially she was involved in conducting them in Oxford and once this was established she was promoted to team leader to roll out the trial to a further 18 sites nationally.

Annabel Rudden (Watt 2011-14) graduated from Royal Holloway with a first class honours degree in BA French with Spanish.

Maurice Trapp (Gonville 1962-67) was named as one of the Top 20 rugby coaches by *The Rugby Paper* in June. Maurice, the President of New Zealand Rugby, came in at number 18, with this citation: 'Another disciple of Jim Greenwood at Loughborough, Trapp was a workmanlike back five forward at Quins but took to coaching with a vengeance when he

emigrated to New Zealand. Secured the Auckland job ahead of Graham Henry in 1986 with his side losing just three games in the next five seasons. It was a remarkable spell in charge by any criteria.'

John Vinnicombe (School 1944-49) and his wife Jill, together with their son **Marcus Vinnicombe** (School 1980-85) and his wife Hayley visited the College in late August and were given a tour of the Project 150 buildings by David Stewart.

Angus Wingfield (School 1984-88) is director of Africa Wild Trails Ltd, which plans and delivers diverse, challenging, and inspiring international ventures, expeditions, wildlife conservation field studies, and community engagement projects. In September it became an Approved Activity Provider (AAP) for the D of E Award, including D of E Gold expeditions

in Africa and the UK. Angus said: 'Achieving the D of E AAP licence is a quality standard I am incredibly proud of. This year Africa Wild Trails' high standards have been independently assessed by the Adventure

Activity Associates, and recognised by BS8848, the British standard for international ventures and expeditions and the LOtC Quality Badge.' You can read more about the company at www.africawildtrails.com.

Anthony Wallace

Anthony Wallace (Blackwater & Gonville 1991-96) won the Public's Choice Award at the 27th Prix Bayeux Calvados-Normandie des correspondants de guerre, which recognises the work of war correspondents throughout the world. Anthony is chief photographer for news agency AFP's Hong Kong bureau, and he won the award for his series *Hong Kong: A Popular Revolt*, which covered the recent pro-democracy protests. He was also awarded second place by the international jury in the Photo trophy. He has also won a string of other awards during the year for his photography in Hong Kong: the Human Rights Press Award in May, the Prix Rémi Ochlik in July, and the Award for Excellence at the Society of Publishers of Asia (SOPA), one of Asia's most prestigious journalism prizes, in August.

Anthony graduated with an MA in photographic documentation and photojournalism from the University of the Arts, London, before joining AFP as a photo editor intern. In 2016, he became chief photographer for the Hong Kong bureau, and has since covered a number of news events including the 2014 Umbrella Revolution in Hong Kong, the Christchurch mosque shootings in New Zealand and the major earthquakes in Taiwan. Anthony told AFP: 'I am deeply honoured to receive this award and dedicate it to the memory of my recently deceased grandfather, who flew three missions over the channel with the RAF on D-Day during WWII. My heartfelt thanks go to the twelve other AFP photographers and my bureau colleagues, with whom I covered this story as a team.'



David Stone-Lee

David Stone-Lee (Reeves 1957-60) was busy during lockdown working on his 1940 Alvis 12/70 saloon, details of which are in our feature *From our own correspondent* on page 60.



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OE CRICKET CLUB

2020 has certainly been a tough year for many across all walks of life. Wandering cricket sides and seasons are not removed from these challenges and the OECC did not play a fixture in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Will Ripley writes:

Though 2020 would appear to be a dormant year for the club many changes and structures have been implemented and we will attack 2021 and beyond with vigour.

Nigel Wheeler has recently stepped down as our chairman and we are eternally thankful for his commitment and stewardship over the past six years (and many more unofficially). Having been master-in-charge of cricket at the College for over 30 years he has a huge passion to see the OECC successful and it is due to his involvement and drive the club has had some success in recent years. We are hugely thankful to Nigel and hope we will be allowed to thank him properly next summer.

We actively encourage as many as you as possible to get involved with the club, whether you have been absent recently or never engaged please do reconnect. Old boys' cricket is a fantastic vehicle to engage with people you have a common interest with, share old war stories and have some great laughs alongside competitive cricket on one of the finest settings for a school pitch in the country.

The club will look to be an avenue for younger leavers to seek advice, network and gain work experience in industry through the OECC network and we hope this can give impetus and generate a stronger membership.

Going forward the club will undertake a slight restructure with an eye to have the involvement and direction of younger leavers to ensure the club stays successful. As of 2021 the committee will look as follows:

Chairman – Will Ripley
Vice chairman – Nigel Wheeler
President – Mike Barford
Treasurer – Peter Morgan
Club secretaries – Giles Robinson and Tawanda Muyeye
OE tour leader – George Burrough
Master-in-charge of cricket – Rob Ferley
Playing committee members – Ben Twine, Angus Stewart, Ed Miller and Jacob Smith

The old boy's week will be a very social affair and is set as follows for 2021, please put these dates in your calendars:

Sunday 4 July (College Field)
 Chairman's & Vice President's XI v OECC
Monday 5 July (College Field)
 Inter OE six-a-side and Golf Comp / New Zealand Club (TBC)
Tuesday 6 July (College Field)
 Uppingham Rovers
Wednesday 7 July (College Field) Oundle
Thursday 8 July (College Field)
 Uppingham Rovers
Friday 9 July (College Field) Stowe Templars

We hope to make the Sunday 4 July fixture a very family-friendly day and would encourage people to come and picnic and enjoy the day. More plans will be released on social events for the week when we know the state of play on hospitality.

The club is looking to invite vice presidents to the club next year and we will be writing to everyone to explain our thinking behind this and what it might look like.

The Cricketer Cup draw has taken place as follows:

1st round – Sunday 13 June
Home (College Field)
Opponent: Bradfield Waifs or Shrewsbury Saracens
2nd round – Sunday 27 June
Quarter finals – Sunday 11 July
Semi-finals – Sunday 25 July
Final – Sunday 8 August

Both Bradfield and Shrewsbury have great pedigree in the competition, but we have a very strong set up at the school producing some very fine cricketers and our side will certainly be young and full of talent. Rob Ferley will be actively involved in our Cricketer Cup side, for which we are very thankful.

The committee and I are very excited for the future of the club and hope to see many of you next summer whether it be on College Field, Lords or other events throughout the year. Should you wish to be more involved or would like to know more please email: oldeastbourniancc@gmail.com.

Here's to a prosperous 2021 for the OECC.

Nigel Wheeler writes:

The Old Eastbournian Cricket Club is synonymous with the names of Thwaites, Lush and Barford, leaders of this very effective, very successful cricket club for so many years. Sons Guy and Christopher set high standards and bridged the gap between the ages. Add a plethora of players, naming a few; Colin Farrant, Patrick Pierrepont, Tim Bevan Thomas, Alex Halliday, Simon Cane Hardy handled the administrative changes with competence and ease. In recent years Ed Miller and George Burrough have been the lynch pins and add the

name Will Ripley and you have our next chairman, a former captain of the OE side that won the Cricketer Trophy earning us elevation to The Cricketer Cup. A former Head of School, three year 1st XI player opening the bowling and adding steel to the middle order, a chirpy chatter on and off the field and a believer in smart corporate kit! Will will spur on the present players, resurrect some from the past and give imagination and drive to the club.

Rupert Bairamian RIP (School 1975-80). The grandson of Tom Crawford of Kent CC and son of Bob, a member of most clubs in

the South-East, Rupert won his 1st XI colours not just for his batting, bowling and bustle in the field but also for his quick wit and delightfully amusing company. He was a measured, steady batsman with a patent 'tripod' forward defence, a sometime whippy leg spinner and a safe, conversational slip fielder who from that position was happy to advise playing opponents and his own team of suitable watering holes and restaurants for after the match. His finest day on College Field: Friday 14 July 1989, opening for the Scorpions v OECC, Rupert shared a 137 run partnership with R D V

Knight and as the senior partner he made a faultless 105. Generously he coached the county captain through his torrid moments and was never shy of heaping out praise and advice. He became a very useful batsmen as the years rolled by. He was a fine club captain, he read the game intelligently and handled his team with humour and grace. He loved playing on College Field. The OE Flag flew at half-mast after his untimely death. This was a fitting tribute to an OE who invariably brought a smile on the faces of his fellow cricketers. [A further tribute to Rupert appears on page 82.]

OE GOLF SOCIETY

Chris Walker writes:

2020 has been a very different year for the Old Eastbournian Golf Society (OEGS) with the vast majority of our events being cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The main scratch team tournaments in which we play did not take place - namely the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Cyril Gray (for the over 50s). We did however manage a Halford Hewitt practice day just prior to the first national lockdown and then a most successful West Country tour in September and our usual Autumn Meeting at Cooden Beach GC. Further national

lockdowns and restrictions permitting, we hope to return to our normal programme of events in 2021 when we will be playing some of the top golf courses in the South of England, in addition to our annual weekend during the Spring in Norfolk.

Membership of the OEGS is open to all members of the Eastbournian Society - ie OEs and also former and current parents of College pupils and members of staff of the College. Some of our fixtures are only open to actual OEs. However we also organise a whole host of friendly matches against other schools, a Spring Meeting and an Autumn Meeting, all of which are open to any member of the OEGS. And these are open to golfers of all abilities.

Membership of the OEGS costs £25 (or £5 if you are under 25 years old). You then only pay for the fixtures that you attend. And again, for anyone under 25, we almost always generously subsidise their golf from OEGS funds. Those members who paid their annual subscription this year should note that no further will be required in 2021 since so many of our 2020 fixtures had to be cancelled.

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Halford Hewitt Practice – Sunday 15 March 2020, Royal Cinque Ports GC

Eleven OE golfers assembled at Deal – Adrian Sharpin, Chris Walker, Grant Leonard, Tony Dunn, David Barwell, Ian Sands, Ben Dawson, Mark Justice, Tim Mote, Charlie Oakley and Piers Manktelow. We played foursomes both morning and afternoon, all aimed at getting us in top form for facing Lancing in the first round of the Halford Hewitt in early April. We were well aware of the Covid-19 restrictions that were being discussed and indeed, only eight days later, the first lockdown came into effect and the 2020 Hewitt was cancelled.

OEGS West Country Golf Tour – September 2020

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic – but taking due care of all the Covid restrictions – a group of both men and ladies OEGS members, guests and partners, enjoyed a highly sociable three-day golf tour in September in the West Country, playing the highly rated North Devon courses of Saunton (the East Course) and Royal North Devon (the oldest course in England at its original location) and the number one ranked Somerset course, Burnham and Berrow (the Championship Course). OEGS Secretary, David Burt, who organised the tour said: 'Despite the huge difficulties we face in the country at the moment, the group were determined that the tour went ahead, especially as this year we have had to cancel nearly all our golf fixtures and events. The three courses we played in the West Country are all very special and really only accessible at a reasonable cost for golf societies like the OEGS. The tour was a great success, helped by some warm weather, plenty of laughter and the added bonus of everyone going home with at least one prize!'

Autumn Meeting - Saturday, 19 September 2020, Cooden Beach GC

We played an 18-hole Stableford competition for the Crosse Challenge Trophy from the yellow tees with full handicap allowance. Yet again for this event, the day was fine and sunny but with a 10 miles per hour breeze from the east. The easterly wind made the course more testing than in a prevailing westerly. Chris Walker won the trophy with a superb 41 points, a gross 74 off a handicap of 7. The second best scores were 33 points from both Andrew Langlands and David Dunn. It was great



Left to right: Patricia Seath, David Wells, David Dunn, Tony Dunn, Iryna Photiou at Cooden Beach GC.

to see two lady members competing, namely Iryna Photiou and Patricia Seath. They acquitted themselves very creditably with individual scores of 32 and 31 points respectively. The greens were noticeably quicker than usual, probably owing to the club championship being staged the same weekend. The course was mostly in good condition except for a few fairways having bare patches as a result of the exceptionally wet winter and the course's inherent challenges with drainage during those months. Positive comments on the day were received by the match manager from all OEGS participants.

OEs triumphant in UK hickory championships

Autumn 2020 has been an exceptionally successful time for OEs playing in hickory championships organised by the British Golf Collectors Society (BGCS). These are events played with wooden shafted golf clubs, all of which must date from before 1935. Firstly, Ben Burrows won the Scottish Hickory Championship with a fine net 63 off a hickory handicap of 15 on a windy day at Kilspindie GC on 3 September. Secondly, and in even more challenging weather conditions, Chris Walker won the English Hickory Championship at Rye GC on 2 October with 35 points off a hickory handicap of 13. Ben also played well in this event with 33 points for joint second place.



BGCS captain Carolyn Kirk with Ben Burrows at Kilspindie GC.



Ben Burrows and Chris Walker at Rye GC with their respective prizes

OE STAGS RUGBY

James Potter writes:

It's been another disappointing year for the Stags, and the season had almost ended before it had begun. The world stopped in motion and the Stags along with it.

Since the last review however, the Stags continue to move on. The continued support of the Old Eastbournian Association has been invaluable this year. New relationships have been forged with the school, to aid in a more cohesive relationship going forward. This I feel, was lost over the years. I can only thank the knowledge and support from David Stewart and Darren Meek. Their help has been insightful in how we can improve the Stags and grow.

Olly Torri, who was at the College only very briefly in my time, has been more than helpful in trying to re-energise the new generation of Stags, and for his help I am truly grateful. We now have a list of 'new blood' that we hope can bring a new spring of life to the Stags when we can eventually return to the field.

The Covid-19 era has given us a lot of time to think about how to better ourselves as a club, and what we could do in order to make it more appealing to play for the Stags. The discussions I have had over the past year have almost made it feel as though the Stags had become a separate entity from the College, which is something we have aimed to rectify going forward. Forging new relationships with the faculty and make the process in joining the Stags more streamlined. I can only hope that the younger years are as energetic about the Stags as the years that preceded them.

I look forward to what the next few years hold for the Stags. Hopefully, there will be a fresher look about us come the next time we take College Field.

I implore as many of the younger generation to get in touch when they leave the College, to continue playing the game of rugby in a friendly and social environment.

Please join the group on Facebook if you wish to get involved and follow us on Instagram:

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OBITUARIES

Compiled by Michael Partridge, Peter Durrant and David Blake, and with the help of families, friends, colleagues, the College archives, the internet and published sources. We are always grateful for contributions, so please do contact us if you wish to add any information to the obituaries below, which will be considered for publication in our next edition. If you are aware of any OE or former member of staff who has died please let David Blake know so that we can update our records. Contact details are on page 97.

David James Acloque (Gonville 1953-57) died at home on 2 May 2020 aged 80 with his family and dogs by his side. He was born at Reigate on 11 July 1939, the son of Jean Desire and Elaine Mary. He qualified as a chartered accountant in March 1965 and worked for Coopers and Lybrand in London, then as a partner with Lovewell Blake of Norwich, which was later acquired by Coopers and Lybrand. He married Sarah 'Sally' Carolyn Gurney in Norfolk in 1970 and they had two children, Sarah-Jane and Peter, and five grandchildren. David became treasurer of the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind for 18 years and was also a governor of Wymondham College and Chairman of the Norfolk Club. At the College David passed Cert A Parts I and II and was a sergeant in the Army section of the CCF. He was an Arnold Embellisher. He retired in

his mid-50s due to a prolonged illness which he bore with bravery, fortitude and humour. David's brother was **Guy** (Gonville 1953-57) who died in 2008.

We are grateful to Paul Wickman (Wargrave 1938-40) for help with this obituary.

Anthony Julian Bavin (Wargrave 1951-54) died on 18 December 2018, aged 80. At the College he was in the CCF as an able seaman in the Naval section and completed his able and leading seaman examinations. On leaving he trained at the King Edward VII Nautical College and undertook further training at an outward bound school in Wales. He went to sea with Anglo Saxon Petroleum Fleet and also did his national service in the Navy. After national service he became a solicitor with his own practice in Liphook in Hampshire as a sole principal. On retirement from

the legal profession at the age of 67 he became a writer and poet and carried out digital video editing promotions. He married his second wife Caroline Walter in December 1990 in Petersfield.

Major (Rtd) George Gordon Brown (Gonville 1938-43) died peacefully on 28 October 2020 aged 95. Husband of Wendy (née Clark) and father of Melanie and Richard, with five grandchildren. On leaving the College he entered Sandhurst and in 1945 joined the 27th Lancers, RAC, with a permanent commission. From 1946-48 he was ADC to General 'Dick' McCreery, Army Commander BAOR in Germany; he then served with the 12th Royal Lancers in Germany and Malaya. In 1958 he attended Staff College and from 1960-65 he served with the 9/12th Royal Lancers in Aden and Trucial Oman. After a posting as

GSO2 at the RAC Centre he retired from the army in 1965.

In 1966 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and for 30 years practised as a barrister in divorce and family law in London and on the Western Circuit. He was Deputy Judge 1978-85. He wrote several books including *The Need for Divorce Reform*, *Getting a Divorce*, *Finding Fault in Divorce* and several others. He was chairman of the committee reports *The Case for Family Courts*, *The Future of Marriage and Reconciliation* and *Conciliation in Divorce*. He retired from the Bar in 1997. He was Past Master of The Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers.

At the College he was second prefect, head of house and in the cricket XI in 1942 and '43. He was also captain of fencing, winning the Weapons Cup in 1942 and a Gnats weight boxing cup in 1939; also editor of the *Eastbournian*, and librarian. A CSM in the JTC, he won the Raybould Cup in 1941.

Major Brown's recreations included golf, fishing and cricket; he was a member of the Lords and Commons Family Child Protection Group.

Rupert Bairamian



Rupert Robert Crawford Bairamian (School 1975-80) died in Sydney on 28 November 2020 after a short illness. When the news reached the College the Old Eastbournian flag was flown at half-mast on the Memorial Tower, overlooking College Field, where Rupert had enjoyed many games of cricket, playing as a boy for the College, for the OECC, the Stragglers of Asia and the Scorpions. Rupert made his career in the wine industry, working at Michael Druitt Vintners, which was acquired by Hallgarten Wines where he then worked as sales manager and agency director from 1996 to 2013. In a tribute on the Hallgarten

Wines website the company said: 'Rupert made a huge contribution to the development of the Hallgarten Wines business, was well known to a large number of restaurateurs in central London, and was hugely popular amongst customers and colleagues. Rupert was a great character, with a wicked sense of humour, and his trademark grin was well known everywhere. He had a huge passion for life, and for cricket; known for his accomplished batting abilities. After 17 years with Hallgarten Wines, Rupert made the decision to leave the company in August 2013 and, together with his wife and young son James, emigrate to Australia.' In Sydney, Rupert initially worked as New South Wales state manager for Tellurian Wines until 2015, and then in the same role for Levantine Hill Estate, in which he established the presence of the Yarra Valley high-end wines to premium establishments in Sydney. Most recently, since October 2016, he had been managing director at Bear Wines Trading.

Cricket was his passion and in his contribution to the 140th anniversary book *Eastbourne College: A Celebration*, he said: 'My proudest moment was when I received my 1st XI cricket colours ('the Stag'). This was known during the season as 'moose hunting' and was awarded to me as a result, I hope, of the odd endeavour on the field of play but mainly, I suspect, for the amount

of drink I bought Nigel Wheeler during the cricket festival at Clifton in 1980. I passed on this technique to subsequent generations of Eastbournians who wear the Stag with pride to this day.'

This tribute was published by Bluemantle's Cricket Club on their website:

Rupert, it is fair to say, was the heartbeat of the Bluemantle's Cricket Club. He played for many others, including Band of Brothers, Stragglers of Asia, The Grannies, IZ, Highclere, Moose CC, Yellowhammers, Old Eastbournians and Scorpions. But it was the Bluemantle's, and the week in particular, that would give him most joy. Great friendships were made. Deep bonds that went beyond cricket were forged on the Nevill. His laughter, wise-cracks, hilarious (and sometimes wise) observations illuminated our days playing cricket with him. He was someone everyone wanted to be around and was the first name on any match manager's list, as an excellent opening batsman, comedian and in-house wine merchant. With his late father, Bob, and step-mother, Roz, the Bairamians kept the club going, providing endless days of fun, competitive spirit, side splitting laughter, lunch and lashings of wine.

Rupert's gift was his ability to mix with anyone. He was as popular with the groundman or scorer as he was with Test or county players, old friends from Eastbourne College or London. Whilst we were constantly reminded of his family's aristocratic connections with Kent CCC, Rupert's deep passion was for the game itself and all those involved, at whatever level. The summer brought him out of Pimlico hibernation and back to life, injecting a buoyancy and sense of fun as the cricket season approached. Nearly every fixture card received had Rupie's name on it, either as match manager, committee member, social secretary or, following his move to Australia, self-styled Foreign Secretary!

Happy memories are plentiful. From Eastbourne College 1st XI to Mosman Over 50s, the game of cricket was more fun when he played. His familiar gait, ever-present smile, club tie and green towel, Rupie provided the fun. More often than not, he provided the runs as well, an accumulator rather than big hitter. The less said about his bowling, 'the whippies', the better. There will never be another like Rupert. We, and thousands of others across the cricketing firmament, will miss him acutely.



The Revd Marcus Clement Brown (Ascham 1959-64; Nugent and Wargrave 1965-69) died on 3 October 2020 of pancreatic cancer. Having spent much of his life in insurance, he later became assistant vicar in the Benefice of Kingston, Iford, Rodmell and Southease. His 'very proud wife', Jenny, said, 'He had a wonderful life, amazing holidays all over the world and left this world with no regrets'. Marcus's funeral was held at St Peter's Church, Rodmell. Jenny said: 'We were all stunned by the number of people who came. Everybody came out to see his cortege go by. When we came out of the church and churchyard it was full of people. I felt very proud and amazed – but sad at the same time.'

Born in Bray, Maidenhead, in 1951, he moved to Lewes when he was three years old. He attended Ascham, before joining Eastbourne College in 1965, initially in Nugent (then a boys house) before moving to Wargave. He had some success in sports, being a member of the Colts swimming and athletics teams and a member of the school gym team. He was also a member of the choir. After leaving the College, Marcus attended law school in Guildford and, following graduation, he worked at Bain Dawes insurance broker in Haywards Heath, now known as Bain Hogg, before being headhunted by a company in London, where he worked as an insurance broker. He had a very successful career. He insured New York's Twin Towers, the Golden Gate Bridge and medical teaching universities throughout the USA.

On retirement, he realised his calling and after much study became the vicar of Rodmell. He threw himself into his position, helping the rector, the Revd Geoff Daw, with all the other churches and was still giving services at Rodmell up to two weeks before his death. Jenny said: 'He found this amazing new career which he absolutely loved. And he adored the South Downs. He was completely embedded in parish life. He was a very important part of this community. Unfortunately he was taken from us too soon. He had so much more to give and so much more to do. He leaves a huge hole in our hearts.'

Marcus also served as trustee at

Raystede Animal Centre for 13 years, over five years at St Peter and St James Hospice as their chaplain, was a governor at Northease School and joined Coastwatch, serving them for 13 years. He was a dedicated Rotarian, helping both them and Riding for the Disabled as Father Christmas. He loved sport, rugby, golf, squash, swimming and skiing. His greatest joy was riding his horse over the South Downs and walking his dogs.

He leaves his wife Jenny, two children, Henry and Claire, and three grandchildren.

Alexander John Colin Campbell (School 1951-55) died on 26 December 2016. He studied architecture at the Architectural Association School of Architecture and was a Fellow of the Faculty of Building. He was principal at AJC Campbell and Associates, surveyors, of East Peckham in Kent.

John Herbert Carter (Gonville 1935-39) died in Wandsworth, London, in October 1999. John was a school prefect, head of house, and won fencing colours in 1938 and '39. He also won the Williams Music Prize in 1939 and gained a School Certificate. He was a lance corporal in the OTC. In the 1939-45 war he served as a lieutenant with the 9th Hyderabad Regiment, Indian Army.



Robert 'Bob' John Collins (School 1948-53) died in June 2020. Born on 21 November 1934, he was the son of Harry Collins, textile manufacturer. He spent his national service with the Royal Fusiliers. After graduating with C Chem RIC at Liverpool Technical College, he worked for Parc Chemicals in Liverpool, then ICI at Wilton before joining AECl in South Africa in 1982 as a safety manager. AECl and Sasol combined to form a company called Polifin and he retired from the post of group safety manager with this company in 1998. He retired to live in Cape Town and continued as an OE rep there. He was married to Monica, née Roberts. Bob visited the College with his family in August 2016 and spent an hour revisiting his old house. He had entered the College from Ascham in the summer term of 1948. A member of the Science VI, he won the Smallman Chemistry Prize

in 1953. He was awarded coxswain colours in the 2nd IV in 1949 and was a member of the fencing team in 1950 and '53. He passed Cert A and the advanced training and proficiency exams in the RAF section of the CCF where he was a corporal. He was a member of the Science Society, the Chess Club and the Printing Society. In 1953 he was a competitor at Maidenhead and the Serpentine.



Chris, Suzy and Behnam

Behnam Djazaeri (Pennell 1971-76) died on 11 April 2020, aged 63. On leaving the College he studied medicine and became a consultant ENT surgeon in London. He is remembered here by two school contemporaries, **Suzy Buchanan** (née Parsons) (Nugent 1974-76) and **Chris Zanetti** (Pennell 1971-76):

Chris Zanetti: Behnam (known as Djazz) came to the College in the autumn of 1971, when we both started at Pennell House. We were close friends throughout our time there, leaving in 1976. He had a mop of thick black hair, which caught the attention of the girls at nearby Moira House school. He had two goldfish called Doug and Dinsdale, who he talked to incessantly during his A-level revision – it seemed to work as he did very well. And the stories he told them! As a member of the College soccer XI he scored one of the best headed goals... unfortunately into our team's net, against Brighton College. The year after we left school Djazz and I took a summer break in St Jean de Luz in south west France. We had a great time eating, drinking and playing on the pinball machines. Unfortunately we spent all our money and had none to get back to the UK. We were eventually discovered hiding in the loo of the Pau to Paris express by a surprised train guard. After we left school he and his girlfriend Steph played a key role in bringing me together with my future wife Hilary. Steph and Hilary worked together and Steph suggested we meet at a large dinner she and Djazz were organising. Turned out it was only four of us! That was 31 years ago. Djazz was best man at our wedding at Culzean Castle in

Scotland and his speech consisted of very amusing anecdotes and a slide show accompanied to rock music and some very intriguing slides from our past. Everyone loved it.

Suzy Buchanan: I met Djazz in the autumn of 1974 when I came to the College with a handful of girls to do our A-levels. He was hard to miss with his dark good looks, fun loving personality and hilarious laugh. And oodles of charm! He and his sidekick Chris were the ladies men of our year and all the girls loved Djazz. I'm not sure our housemaster did... Not only very clever, and a gifted sportsman (!) he was in a number of school plays with me, memorably a lead role as my mother in a very bad wig and far too much lipstick! He lived very close to me in Hampstead and after we left the College he treated me like a sort of sister; one whose principal role in life was to introduce him to all my single girlfriends! He would woo them with his tall stories about life as a medic and delicious Persian cooking. I got swooped up in a posse of Persians including his great friends Babak, Farod and Bijan - who were all at the College as well. We would go to the casinos where Djazz taught me to play roulette. He was far more successful than me! He always loved medicine and we were so happy to see him become a top ENT surgeon, where he was known as Ben. He, Chris and I often met in London; wonderful reunions which were always great fun. And two years ago we three went to visit the College where this photo was taken. Djazz had many friends and his family were also very important to him. He was a caring uncle to innumerable nieces, nephews and cousins. We all miss him enormously. He was a huge character, a true friend. Kind and thoughtful, generous to a fault and gone far too soon.

Michael Francis Dudman (Wargrave 1966-70) died on 30 November 2016. He was born on 1 March 1953, the son of Edward Charles Dudman. At the College he achieved the rank of Lt/Sgt in the Army section of the CCF, and won full colours in sailing. He also successfully completed the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. As a member of the Junior Drama Society he had parts in Bertolt Brecht's *Caucasian Chalk Circle* and Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. He left the College at the end of the summer term in 1970 to complete his A-levels at East Grinstead Grammar School. His intention was to become a town planner. Unfortunately as we lost touch with Michael some years ago we do not have any further information about his career.

Hugh Thomas Dyer (School 1946-50) was born on 13 March 1933 and died on Easter Sunday, 12 April 2020, aged 87. The son of HA Dyer, a spice merchant, and his wife, Ann née Collier, he grew up in Beckenham in Kent. His father was a keen sailor and this interest transferred to Hugh at quite a young age; later on when he was due to do his national service it was no surprise that he joined the Royal Navy. He served on an aircraft carrier, HMS *Persesus*, and travelled to the West Indies, America and Singapore. He then spent some time on HMS *President*, the London HQ of the RNVR. After national service, Hugh went to work for his family firm Cooper and Layman, spice importers in London, before moving on to a company called Waycom, a manufacturer of electric capacitors.

In 1957 at a party in Beckenham he met Ann. She was to be the love of his life and they were married in 1958. They lived in Orpington for the first five years and here their twin boys were born, followed shortly by their daughter.

In 1964 they bought a beautiful old farmhouse near Headcorn in Kent and this is where Hugh's passion for pigs was born. He started off with a couple of breeding sows and they soon produced many more. He was able to use some of the buildings and land owned by a fellow OE and lifelong friend, **Chris Thomas** (School 1947-50), nearby at Borden, close to Headcorn. His love for pigs continued and in 1972 the family moved from Kent to Oreham Common in Woodmancote, West Sussex, where he had the space to grow his pig herd considerably. Alongside farming, Hugh had a talent for carpentry. He and Ann had become very keen members of the Henfield Players and the Choral and Operatic Society and before long Hugh had become set

builder and stage manager for both societies. They enjoyed entertaining and many a good party was held at the farm, some of which will be remembered today by those who were there. When the UK agricultural sales market for pigs crashed in the 1980s Hugh used his talent for woodwork and joined Southern Country Kitchens as a fitter for their bespoke wooden kitchens. Without his pigs, the farm was sold and Hugh and Ann moved into a new home in the heart of Henfield in West Sussex.

Hugh's father had been Commodore of the Medway Yacht Club near Rochester. So Hugh never lost his passion for sailing and he eventually became the proud owner of his own yacht. Many happy days and holidays were spent aboard with village friends and family as crew. His respect for the sea was huge and he gave his support to the RNLI by organising and hosting many art exhibitions in the White Hart pub. He was formally recognised by the RNLI for his huge achievements in fundraising for the charity.

Hugh lived a very full and happy life and he loved being a part of village life in Henfield. However after the death of his beloved wife in 2006, his health deteriorated following the first of three strokes and he passed away on 12 April 2020. He will be hugely missed by his children, grandchildren, wider family and many friends. Music from the College Chapel was played at his funeral.

We are grateful to Hugh's son Roger for his considerable help with this obituary.

Peter Maurice Gallant (Blackwater 1957-62) died on 25 May 2020. At the College Peter was a house prefect in Blackwater, a corporal in the RAF section of the CCF, and in the fencing team, representing the College in



both foil and sabre, winning the Tackaberry Sabre Cup, and reaching the quarter finals of the Public Schools Fencing competition.

On leaving the College Peter worked for several years in the paper industry. He gained an MBA at Cranfield Business School in 1973. Peter joined Citibank in 1974 in London as a member of the newly formed World Corporation Group, and in 1979 he moved into Treasury London to head up the newly formed Treasury Marketing Unit including the development of a trading system. He stayed there until 1984, when he moved to a similar position at the old Midland Bank. In 1986 Peter re-joined Citibank in New York, where he held several senior positions in the Treasury unit.

From 1987 to 1990 he was in the Investment Bank in London, initially in charge of distribution in the Euro-securities businesses, then as chief of staff to the head of the Investment Bank. Between 1991 and 1993 he was responsible for the Global Finance Europe balance sheet, as regional treasurer and then as asset manager for Europe. In 1993 he moved back to New York to be treasurer of Citicorp/Citibank. After the merger with Travelers he became treasurer of Citigroup. Peter retired from Citigroup in 2000, and joined Barclays Bank in London as group treasurer, retiring from Barclays at the end of 2003.

He very much enjoyed retirement in East Sussex, where he lived with his

wife Shawn. Peter is survived by his brother **Michael** (Blackwater 1959-64), daughters Kathryn and Lucy, and Shawn.

We are grateful to Michael Gallant for providing us with this obituary.



Lt Col John 'Jet' Edward Theodore Hain (Blackwater 1949-54), born on 7 January 1936 the son of Theodore and Dorothy, died from cancer on 1 October 2019, aged 83. His great passion throughout his life was rugby; he played and coached in the army and followed England avidly. He received a video clip from the England team just prior to the World Cup wishing him well. Sadly he died before the tour was over. On leaving school he attended Sandhurst 1953-55 and was commissioned into the RASC, later to become the Royal Corps of Transport, and was posted to Malaya. Other postings include attachment to the Kings African Rifles in Kenya, US Exchange Officer at Fort Eustis, Virginia, OC 13 Squadron RCT in Munster, Germany, Chief of Staff, the Army School of Mechanical Transport, CO 24 Transport and Movement Regiment in Hanover, Germany, OC Joint Service Movements Centre, Hong Kong. He

David Harvey



David Christopher Gordon Harvey (Powell 1973-76), who died in April 2020 aged 59 after contracting Covid-19, was a former chair of the Brighton Pride festival, which he saved from bankruptcy after turning round its finances. His career had also included spells as a radio and television journalist and producer, before he moved to Spain and then Andorra where he was working as a ski instructor when he died.

David was born on 4 May 1960 in Hurst Green in Surrey to Eleanor (née Roylance), an occupational therapy assistant, and Ernest Harvey, financial director of the Press Association. He left the College at the end of the fifth form (Year 11) and later studied computing at Hull University. He worked as a station assistant and reporter at BBC Radio Humberside in 1982, before moving to Capital Radio in London, where he was a reporter on the station's pioneering news programme, *The Way It Is*. In 1988 he left Capital to work as a producer on *That's Life!*, the BBC TV consumer magazine show, later becoming a producer on *Hearts of Gold* which, like *That's Life!*, was presented by Esther Rantzen.

In 1989 David became a reporter for London Weekend Television, then returned to Capital as head of news in 1992, before taking up a position as head of entertainment news for the independent producer Unique Broadcasting. He moved to Brighton in the late 1990s and returned to radio presenting on BBC Southern Counties Radio from 2000 until he began his work with Brighton Pride.

In 2002 Brighton Pride was almost bankrupt, but under David's chairmanship it secured charitable status, developed partnerships with local businesses and organisations, and its finances were turned around. In 2004 a crowd of more than 100,000 attended its main event in Preston Park, Brighton. That year David took over as owner and publisher of the Brighton-based LGBT publishing group 3Sixty. He stepped down as Pride chairman in 2006, and three years later moved to Sitges in Spain to teach English and run a property and tourism business. He qualified as a ski instructor in 2013 and had been teaching skiing to children with learning disabilities in Andorra before he was taken ill.

In 2019 he married Clive Owen, a pharmacist whom he had met in 1993 at the Fridge nightclub in Brixton, south London, and with whom he had been in a civil partnership since 2007. He is survived by Clive and by his sisters, Anne and Carrie.

retired in 1993 and moved to Devon before moving closer to his family in Leamington Spa. He married Diana in 1961; they raised three sons Christopher, Simon and Peter, and five grandchildren.

At the College John was a house prefect, a chapel warden, a CQMS in the CCF and a member of the Services VI form. He passed Cert A parts I and II. He was a Stag and played lock for the College in the 1953-54 season.



Michael Harold Hall (Blackwater 1948-52) was born on 2 December 1934 and died on 22 November 2020. One of his great passions was sailing racing dinghies competitively. At the College he teamed up with the late **Brian Saffery Cooper** (Pennell 1948-52), representing the school, winning trophies and including, to his delight, a clear win against Eton. On leaving in summer 1952 he joined HS Goodhart Rendell and Partners as a student and studied building at Regent Street Poly, qualifying FCIOB. After two years with Rendell and Partners, he joined Ashby & Horner Ltd, the oldest city building company, where he remained for the rest of his career. After a year on a building site and another as a draughtsman in their stone yard, he trained as a surveyor. In 1963 he was appointed a director and in 1975 managing director. He held the posts as well as those of chairman and managing director of the family building company J W Hall & Son, president of the Builders' Benevolent Institution, chairman of the Horley Round Table, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Builders and Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Masons where he served on the Court. Sailing continued as a major recreation, with bridge, skiing, game shooting, cooking and water-colour painting, and he continued to race nationally with Brian Saffery Cooper in the Merlin Rocket class dinghy, winning the overall class Silver Tiller Series together in 1959. He qualified as an Ocean Yacht Master and he sailed with Brian, his family, and friends in the Solent, the West Country, France and Scandinavia.

Entering the College in September 1948 from the Hawthornes Prep, Michael passed five O levels, was in the choir, the sailing team and an AB in the Naval section where he passed the leading seaman's and

Paul Hirst



Paul Hirst, seated at front, with a group of 'Pseudos' in 1955

Paul Heywood Hirst, who taught at the College in the early 1950s, died peacefully at home in Brighton on 25 October 2020, aged 92. Born on 10 November 1927, he achieved a double first in mathematics at Trinity, Cambridge, in 1948. He taught mathematics at the College between 1951 and 1955 and founded the Philosophy Circle, a group of sixth formers more familiarly known as the 'Pseudos' (pseudo-intellectuals), who would have profound late-night discussions about such things as the physics theories of Einstein and Eddington.

On leaving the College he became a lecturer in the Department of Education at Oxford University, 1955-59, then lecturer in the philosophy of education at the University of London Institute of Education, 1959-65. From 1965 to 1971 he was professor of education at Kings College, London, and then professor of education at Cambridge University from 1971 until 1988, a fellow of Wolfson College. He co-founded the Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain (PESGB) in 1964 and later became its chair and, from 2012, its president. He was the author of a number of works: *The Logic of Education* (1970), *Knowledge and the Curriculum* (1974), *Moral Education in a Secular Society* (1974, with Richard Peters), and editor and contributor to *Educational Theory and Its Foundation Disciplines* (1983). His work with Richard Peters as co-founders of the British school of analytical philosophy was very influential, particularly in the area of school curriculum planning.

Paul Hirst also held a number of visiting professorships in British Columbia, Malawi, Edmonton and Sydney, was a member of the government inquiry into education of ethnic minority children, 1981-85, director of a government research project on teacher training, 1982-86, and member and chairman of the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers, 1970-88.

In a personal recollection, Peter Meanley (Wargrave 1951-56) remembers this inspirational teacher:

Paul Hirst was small and slight in stature, flamboyant and a charismatic teacher. Full of life and enthusiasm, he always seemed to be in a hurry with his gown billowing behind him and invariably wearing a suit.

I remember my first lesson with him in the Maths sixth form at the beginning of the Michaelmas term 1953. His classroom was on the ground floor off the

cloisters in the original College building. It was the only classroom with three revolving blackboards side by side. In one lesson he taught us the binomial theorem. When we had grasped the theorem, we had to shout out each next term as he wrote them up furiously on the blackboards. Three boards weren't enough and he finished up putting x to the power n in chalk on the door. He then ran back the length of the room with his gown flying behind him, turned and said 'Next line?' and we had to shout it out. I left the room feeling slightly weak at the knees, my brain grappling with all I had learned in the lesson and the huge impression it all had made.

He was unusual as a master at the College, non-sporting, glasses, long hair, but never unkempt, and a very snappy dresser. One day in class when we had got to know him, he confessed that he had a different suit for at least every month of the year, a different waistcoat for at least every week of the year and a different tie for at least every day of the year.

He berated us mercilessly as 'dunderheads' and drove us on through the miraculous world of imaginary numbers and other concepts I had never dreamed of. He could work at a furious pace and expected us to. He maintained that the only difficulty was to start; once started with your brain engaged there was no difficulty in continuing to work. Well into the second year one of the ten of us, had the temerity to ask if there was any chance at all of any of us passing A-level. He thought for a moment then said 'If you weren't all such dunderheads you would all get distinctions!' Up to that point we had no idea.

He was one of a formidable trio teaching maths, higher maths and physics. Kenneth Hindley, Head of the Maths Department, taught applied maths. He was quiet, meticulous and orderly with his immaculate calculations. Donald Perrens, Head of Physics, a dashing wartime Spitfire pilot, was inspirational and a brilliant teacher. Paul Hirst gave me a lasting appreciation of pure maths, while Kenneth Hindley and Donald Perrens gave me the grounding for my career as a professional engineer.

Paul Hirst was a radical thinker as regards teaching maths and I remember him saying the best age to be taught the infinitesimal calculus is between the ages of 8 and 10. Children of that age can suspend disbelief and let their imagination run. So perhaps it wasn't a surprise that he left the College in 1955 and went to Mansfield College, Oxford, as a lecturer in the Education Department. I saw him once or twice at Oxford and there was no doubt he was in his element in that environment. I believe that later he was awarded a professorship at Cambridge.

He was a bachelor, lived well with a passion for the arts, particularly music. He was an excellent pianist and gave at least one recital with two pianos in Big School.

I sat the ordinary entrance exam for Wadham College, Oxford, in November 1955. We were told that after the scholarship candidates who did not get scholarships had been given places, there were six places left for which there were 120 of us competing. I had a dream of a pure maths paper, everything came out and I walked out knowing that I had at least 96%. I won one of the places. Thank you Paul Hirst.

petty officer's signalling exams. He always said that he greatly enjoyed his 'adventures' at the College which he visited in June 2018.

Michael married Jennifer, née Grange, in 1964 and they raised two daughters, Alex and Emily, and

a son Warren (who have all been immensely helpful with this tribute) and five grandchildren with whom he was particularly active. Jenny died in 2010 and Michael was buried at St Bartholomew church, Burstow, on 29 November 2020. As his children

said: 'He embraced life, was very adventurous and always had a warm, thoughtful and engaging nature. He is remembered for his generosity, positive outlook and smile that lit up the lives of all who knew him'.



John Edward Hiscocks (Gonville 1949-53) died in hospital on 17 December 2020 at the age of 85. Following national service, John taught mathematics at Wychwood School, a prep school in Bournemouth, where he met his future wife, Esther, whom he married in 1962. They moved to Exeter and John took up a post at the School of Education at the University

of Exeter, specialising in mathematics.

John and Esther had four children, Howard, Geoffrey, Helen and Charles. He had a lifelong interest in art and exhibited paintings all around the country. He found great pleasure in music, in particular Chopin's piano works and enjoyed playing throughout his life. John and Esther's three grandchildren, Tom, Lottie and Will shared his 'good bant' and love of Yaki Soba from Wagamama! His brother, **George** (Gonville 1948-52) died in 2011.

We are grateful to John's daughter Helen Harbottle for providing the information in this obituary.

Dermot Hoare (Blackwater 1944-49) died on 14 December 2019 aged 88. He was the son of Leslie Arthur Hoare, a publican, and his wife Winifred, known as Dinah. He entered the College at Radley from Newlands prep in Twickenham in 1944 on a maths exhibition and was there for just two years before

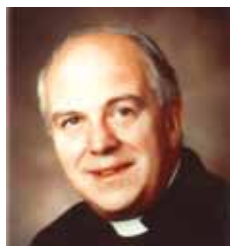
moving on to Eastbourne. In due course he became a school prefect, a member of the Science VI and head boy in Easter 1949. He won his Stag in the second row for three seasons, playing alongside **Colin Pickford** (Blackwater 1944-48), who went on to play 196 times for Northampton; surely one of the finest 2nd rows in College history. Dermot also rowed for the school. On the return to Eastbourne, he restarted the Dramatics Society, introduced a periodic debate with Moira House and dances with Battle Abbey, both girls' schools, and obtained permission for sixth formers to see 'worthy' films at the local cinema and productions at the Devonshire Park Theatre. He was also an active officer for the Cavendish Debating Society, the Camera Club, the Essay Society, the Debating Society, the Dramatic Society and the Games Committee.

His reminiscences of life at Radley include 'visiting the tuck shop wearing a stolen Radley cap and signing

for purchases in the name of some hapless Radley boy; and rolling lighted thunder flashes into their 'socials' – their name for houses'; and on 8 May 1945 celebrating the end of the war in Europe by tipping water onto Radley boys walking in the quadrangle below. An unsuspecting Radley matron received a full bucketful on her head. Once back in Eastbourne he found Bishop Carey chaplain. He once drove Dermot to Canterbury to visit the cathedral. 'My belief in God stemmed from that drive: the Bishop was an appalling driver, swerving from one side of the road to the other, shooting across road junctions with never a sideways glance while gesticulating wildly with both hands as he talked'.

On leaving the College Dermot served his compulsory two years as a 2nd lieutenant with the 17th Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Oswestry, before joining Clare College at Cambridge where he read economics and law and gained his MA. However his

Monsignor John Klyberg



Monsignor Charles John Klyberg (Gonville 1945-50) died on 16 January 2020. The son of Master Mariner, Captain Charles Klyberg and Lilian Waddington, a former professional singer, he was born at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, on 29 July 1931. Appointed Bishop Suffragan of Fulham in 1985, on his retirement in 1996 he became a Roman Catholic priest.

On leaving the College he was commissioned from Eaton Hall as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st Buffs for his national service, based in Canterbury. He served in the Kenya Emergency, the Mau Mau Rebellion, in 1953-54 and then in 1954 joined Cluttons as an assistant estate manager and qualified MRICS. He soon began to study for the ministry in the Church of England at Lincoln Theological College 1957-60, complemented by visits to the local hospital and prison. He was ordained in 1960. His first appointment from 1960 until 1963 was as curate at St John's, East Dulwich, followed by the role of Rector of Fort Jameson in Zambia until 1967. His next appointment was as vicar at Christ Church and St Stephen in Battersea; there he remained until 1977 when he returned to Africa to serve as Dean of Holy Cross Cathedral in Lusaka, Zambia, Rector of the Parish; here he remained until 1985 when he was made Dean Emeritus.

Back in England he was ordained as Bishop Suffragan of Fulham until his retirement in 1996, aged 65. He was also appointed Archdeacon of Charing Cross from 1989 until 1996, and from 1991 until 1997 was a Guardian of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. From 1985 until 1989 he was UK Commissary for the Anglican Church in Zambia, Chairman of the Church Property Development Group 1978-85, a member of the Fulham Palace Museum Trust 1991-96, President, the Guild of All Souls 1988-95, and Warden of Quanton Hall School, Harrow, 1992-96.

On his retirement as Bishop of Fulham at the age of 65, John became a Roman Catholic and was ordained by Cardinal Basil Hume in the Private Chapel at Archbishop's House, Westminster, on 16 December 1996. In August 2000 he was honoured with the title Monsignor by Pope Saint John Paul II and later made a Prelate of Honour.

John enjoyed life as a retired priest living in his house in Hythe with its panoramic view of the sea. He would observe shipping in the Channel, assist in the local Catholic parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Hythe, celebrating Mass and hearing confessions, and entertain a steady stream of visiting friends from around the world to generous hospitality, rich reminiscence and gales of laughter. He was a great Francophile and could not understand anyone who did not share his love of France. His house was a ten-minute drive to the Channel Tunnel and he took full advantage of it. Guests would be taken on day trips to enjoy the coastal roads of Normandy, especially

those that led to excellent seafood restaurants. Every year he would go on a week's retreat near Lake Annecy, followed by a fortnight with his oldest friend in a gîte, a different one every year.

He continued to drive, but his journeys became shorter as the years passed. In July 2019 he went to live in a local nursing home and on 16 January 2020 he died peacefully, aged 88.

John was in Gonville from 1945 until 1950, became a school prefect and joined the History VI. He was hon sec of the Mission Committee, sub-librarian of the Denny's Library and joint hon sec of the boat club where he won 2nd colours. A corporal in the CCF, he was also a chapel warden and a member of the senior choir. In recent years he became a member of the Arnold Embellishers and was also a founding member of the Devonshire Society.

John held the College in deep affection; he always maintained that it had played a pivotal role in his life, for which he was profoundly grateful. He left his estate to the school and this will fund the John Klyberg Award, which will be of benefit to the sons and daughters of OEs.

David Kidd-May (Gonville 1945-49) sent us his personal memories of John Klyberg:

In the late afternoon of 25 September 1945, the first day of the term the College returned to Eastbourne from its evacuation to Radley, four or five new boys to Gonville were in the Junior Day Room having a kind of friendly rough and tumble which ended up under the billiards table. I found myself staring close-range at what appeared to be a pair of leather boots. This was my first contact with John Klyberg. The story behind the boots was as follows: during the Second World War, John's parents had intended buying a house in Eastbourne, but it had been bombed out, so they evacuated themselves to Kettering in Northamptonshire, the centre of the leather shoe and boot industry. Hence the boots.

Right from that first day, John and I became great friends. Our studies and sporting activities took us in different directions: John was an historian, I a linguist; he was a wetbob who rowed for the College and a very enthusiastic forward in what was then called, I think, The Tigers. We were both very fond of our housemaster 'Beefy' Howell, and were inspired by our chaplain, Bishop Walter Carey, whom we always called The Bish, a big man with a huge presence. Craggy of face and broken-nosed, he had boxed and played rigger for Cambridge. I am pretty sure that it was The Bish's influence that inspired John to take up Holy Orders. Strangely enough, it was a question I never put to John.

As John used to say, he didn't have the Latin to get into Oxford (a necessity in those days), so he began his studies to become a chartered surveyor; but he always said that if a place came up at Lincoln Theological College he would go into the Church. National service came first, however, and in December 1953

most notorious role was as a member of the University Footlights Dramatic Club in both 1953 and 1954. **David Kidd-May** (Gonville 1945-49) remembers Dermot's role as an exotic looking woman reclining on a chaise longue singing 'I got a man on my Ottoman'. It was hilarious, he says. And as Frederick Raphael wrote in his memoirs: 'Dermot landed the delectable part of the odalisque in the Ottoman number and performed it with rouged and mascaraed aplomb'. It was during his time at Cambridge that he met his wife Karen who was then working for the English Speaking Union. They married in 1955 and raised four children including **Philip** (Blackwater 1977-82), who has assisted with this obituary, and daughters Sandra, Annabel and Julia. Dermot also played rugby for Blackheath at this time.

He worked initially in sales and marketing in the chemical and building industries before founding his own company, Mandate Consultants,

specialising in personnel and recruitment, of which he became managing director. He became chairman of the Central London branch of the British Institute of Management and chairman of governors at the prep school attended by his three daughters.

After retiring in 2003, Dermot had no intention of resting on his laurels. Having always enjoyed cooking, he taught the subject to people with learning difficulties. He also privately tutored nine to thirteen year olds in maths and English for Common Entrance and GCSE exams, with many of his pupils winning sought-after places to the schools of their choice; several gaining scholarships; he co-directed his local bridge club, and was secretary of the Woking Writers' Circle. He published two books of short stories under the pen name of Douglas O'Shea. Later he began writing theatre reviews which appeared on local websites. He would occasionally read his reviews on local radio. He published the book *Ich habe*

keine gelt aber viel humor: the Autobiography of a Contented Man. Never one to stop learning, he found time to home-study and gained certificates in courses on education for special needs and psychology. He also wrote and published many articles and short stories, including his autobiography.

Dermot spent his last 19 months in a care home, Lynwood Court, enjoying a daily glass or two of Merlot, and was his usual, cheerful self until the morning he died. He enjoyed a hearty breakfast and was chatting away, as he always did, but suddenly deteriorated. He died peacefully that afternoon surrounded by his family.

Dermot will always be remembered for his quick wit, keen sense of humour, optimism and energy, and being a highly entertaining raconteur.

Derek Buer Holtom (Crosby & Blackwater 1939-43) died on 31 October 2018 aged 92. Born on 10 August 1926, the son of Hubert, a miller, and his wife, née Liddiard, he

attended the College in Radley. He married Mollie (née Sale) in September 1951 and a son **Simon Sale** (School 1969-71) was born in 1955; another, Jeremy Richard, was born in 1957. A cousin was **Lewis 'Tim' Holtom** (Crosby 1935-38) whose two sons both attended the College. On leaving Derek served his national service as a gunner in the 10th Royal Artillery Training Regiment in the Middle East and was attached to the Trans Jordan Frontier Force near Amman where he enjoyed exercising a horse every day. After demob he returned to agriculture and attended Seale-Hayne, an agricultural college in Devon, before becoming an assistant agent in a small estate in Clothall Bury, Hertfordshire. He and Mollie ran Mollie's father's farm near Baldock until their retirement. They enjoyed a passion for horses and fox hunting; indeed they met through hunting. On retirement they lived at Clothall near Baldock.

he was commissioned into The Buffs. Our studies and national service meant that we did not see much of each other. After John's ordination our meetings became more frequent, starting with a lunch in the vicarage in East Chiswick where John was one of three curates. I recall the lunch very clearly, not just because I was surrounded by so many dog collars, but also the frugality of the meal: a small amount of mince on top of a piece of toast.

Because his father had been a Master Mariner John had the right to host lunches on HQS *Wellington*, moored on the Victoria Embankment. The first was for his 21st birthday and subsequently on important birthday dates until they were celebrated at the Athenaeum. These lunch parties reflected the side of John which loved entertaining the wide circle of friends he had gathered from all walks of life, his joyous laugh resounding infectiously amidst his wonderful store of anecdotes. This is how one remembers him, a lovable and generous spirit, wonderful company and always great fun to be with.

John was Dean of the Cathedral in Lusaka, Zambia, where the Commonwealth Conference was held in August 1979. As Dean John had the task of organising the grand service which the Queen and all the heads of state would attend. This was a big enough job in itself but was made more complicated by the insistence of the ladies of the WI that, because the Queen was their patron, they should all be given prominent seats in the cathedral. John fretted over this problem for some time, until he had a sudden brainwave: he suggested that, since the Queen was their patron, they should provide Her Majesty with a guard of honour as she left the cathedral. The ladies all thought this was a wonderful idea, but it



John Klyberg with the Queen when she visited Zambia in 1979

meant, of course, that they had to have places at the back of the cathedral so that they could get out quickly to perform their honoured task. The press photographer captured the moment brilliantly just after John has said to the Queen: 'You see before you, Ma'am, a monstrous regiment of women!'

John used to like to say that he was virtually appointed Bishop of Fulham in the bar of a hotel in Lusaka, because it was indeed the place where the then Bishop of London, Graham Leonard, asked if he would be prepared to accept that role. At an impressive service in St Paul's on 30 January 1985 John became Bishop of Fulham witnessed not just by my wife and me, but also **Peter Davies** (Gonville 1945-49) and his wife and **David Patterson** (Gonville 1945-49).

It was in that year, Forty Years On from our first meeting in Gonville,

that Peter, David, John and I decided to have a celebratory lunch on 25 September at the Dormy House Hotel near Broadway in Worcestershire. It was such a success that we decided to celebrate every year from then on and should one of us 'drop off the perch', as Peter put it, the survivors would continue the tradition until the last remainder would have lunch on his own. Sadly, it has come to that, but I do not feel that I could cope emotionally without my dear friends.

For many years, John would spend Christmas with us. He would drive up from Hythe early on Christmas Day and return home the next day. As always, he was tremendously jolly and most fastidious about ensuring he had presents for everyone, including something suitable for, at that stage, our young grandchildren. It was a sadness for all of us when the journey became too difficult for him.

Visiting John in Hythe followed a certain ritual. The evening of one's arrival would be marked by a splendid fish supper, prepared by himself, and after an early breakfast the next morning one would drive the ten minutes to the Channel Tunnel to spend the day in France. Lunch would be at one of the excellent fish restaurants on the Normandy coast, after which there would be a visit to some place of interest that John had discovered. That evening there would be a light supper and a late lie-in before setting off the next morning to some good hostelry for lunch and a visit to one of the many gardens of Kent. With luck one could persuade John to accept an invitation out to supper that evening and one would depart after breakfast the next day. John was very keen that one should not just enter your name in his visitors' book, but also give an account of your visit in the 'Comments' column. By far the most interesting of these were the entries of **Michael Keall** (Ascham Headmaster 1969-77), written in a miniscule but perfectly legible hand, giving a most interesting account of his visit.

Being with John in his cosy house high above Hythe with its panoramic view of the sea was always a very uplifting experience. He was the most generous of hosts and a joy to listen to with his vast range of anecdotal stories, many of which led to a gale of laughter. Humour was never far away, but sooner or later his talk would become serious and he would speak of the College with enormous affection; he felt his life owed a great debt to his time there and it was quite moving to hear him speak of it.

It was no surprise that John turned to Rome on his retirement from being Bishop of Fulham in 1996. Pope John Paul II made him Prelate of Honour and I always enjoyed writing Rt Revd Mgr C J Klyberg on the envelopes of the letters and cards I sent him. It was no quiet retirement, however, for he gave much of his time in the next 20 years to the Catholic church, where again he became a much-loved priest. The large number of parishioners who attended John's Requiem Mass bore witness to that, as did the many scarlet-robed bishops arrayed on either side of the altar of the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel. What an apt name for the last rites of Father John.

Robert Douglas 'Doug' Bindon Howell (Pennell 1952-56), born in July 1938, died at Bateman's Bay, New South Wales, 90 miles SE of Canberra, Australia, on 5 March 2020 aged 81. On leaving the College he taught at Summerhill Court Prep in Lindfield, Sussex. He had earlier (as a boy) attended Great Walstead Prep in Lindfield. Robert ran the firm Robert Bindon Howell & Associates Pty Ltd, financial advisers and planners in Australia. Robert was the son of **Robert A Howell** (Gonville 1921-24) and had a brother **John Antony Howell** (Gonville 1958-62). He was a nephew of **Ronald 'Beefy' Howell** (Gonville 1915-21), who was later housemaster of Gonville. Beefy's two sons, Stephen and Robert, both OEs, were his cousins. Robert married Victoria 'Vicky' Wastie in 1966 and they raised four children, Kate, Lelly, IMB and Rob. He was in due course a grandfather to 15. He later had a partner Grace.

At the College he captained the squash team in 1956 and won the squash cup. He was a middleweight boxer and won 2nd cricket colours in 1955, 1st XI colours in 1955-56 and a rugby Stag in 1956. He also played cricket for the Erratics. In the sixth form he read history.



Wing Commander George Frank Lerwill DFC, MiD (Blackwater 1929-32), born on 12 March 1915, the son of Squadron Leader FWH Lerwill DSO, OBE, and his wife, died at his home in Brixham, Devon, on 19 September 2019 at the age of 104. On leaving the College, he was at first employed by a firm of insurance brokers in London. He joined the RAF in 1935.

George was a member of 49 and 144 Squadrons, No 5 Group, Bomber Command, and of 18 Squadron, No 2 Group, Bomber Command, in Malta from August 1941 until February 1942.

In the summer of 1939 George was involved in the arrest of two supposed spies, Squadron Leader John Wallace Thomson and the elderly local rector, Father Harold Eustace Nye, both active supporters of Sir

Oswald Mosley's British Union of Fascists. Nye was sent to an internment camp on the Isle of Man and Thomson was court martialled and imprisoned in Huyton Camp, near Liverpool.

On 3 September 1939, when war with Germany had just been declared, Flight Lieutenant Lerwill led a bomber flight of six Hampdens from 83 Squadron and three from 49 Squadron on an armed reconnaissance over the North Sea, seeking to bomb the German cruiser *Deutschland*. They flew as far as the Horns Rev lightship, off the port of Esbjerg in southern Denmark, but found no targets and returned safely to RAF Scampton, Lincs, without incident. On 6 September Lerwill was pilot of a Hampden which attempted to land at West Raynham airfield, Norfolk, not its home base, after a bombing raid on Hamburg. The first attempt wasn't successful so he flew round again. On the second attempt the aircraft overshot, stalled, crashed and caught fire. Three of the crew were killed and Lerwill spent a month in hospital. Then during 1940 he was involved in deep penetration night raids into Germany, and on 21 October 1940 his wing was nearly cut off by a balloon cable over Hanover.

Lerwill served as a pilot with 18 Squadron, no 2 Group, Bomber Command, flying Blenheims from the UK on anti-shipping raids off the Netherland coast. He moved on to RAF Luqa, Malta, from October until November 1941, and shot down a Junkers 52 during an attack on Tripoli on 28 December 1941. He attacked an airfield at Castelvetrano, Sicily, on 4 January 1942, then in February left Malta for Cairo.

During 1943-44 he acted as liaison officer to the 9th Air Force, US Army, in Great Britain and North West Europe. He became a group captain through promotion in the war and in the years that followed. Following the war, he was air attaché with the British Embassy in Teheran in 1951 and then in Belgrade in 1953. From 1965 until 1980 he worked as a manager with Short Brothers.

George's wife Victoria, 'Vita', née Brown, died in Brixham on 7 October 2017 aged 98. Their daughter Georgina died recently and there are grandchildren, one of whom, Tim Adams, has assisted with this text. George's brother **Godfrey** (Blackwater 1924-25) served as a brigadier with the 11th Sikh Regiment, Indian Army, in Burma and India in the Second World War and was awarded the MC with two mentions in despatches. He died in 1990. Their father Frank, not an OE, learned to fly at the Eastbourne Airfield. A serious crash at the airfield resulted in his losing a leg and a plate

being inserted in his skull. Nevertheless he was flying again within a year and later commanded an RAF station near Norwich as a major, then squadron leader, with an OBE. He had served with distinction with the 1st Sussex Regiment in the Boer War. His father, Frank William, George's grandfather, a watch and clock maker at no 7 Cornfield Road, Eastbourne, lived until 1932.



Brian and Gillian Luard

Brian Godfrey Luard (Powell 1939-43), born on 1 January 1926 in India, died peacefully, following a short illness, on 20 April 2020, aged 94. He was the son of Godfrey Luard, former tea planter, and his wife who together managed the Chalk Farm Hotel, Willingdon. Devoted to his family, Brian was dearly loved by his wife Gillian, sons **Nick** (Powell 1973-77) and **Christopher** (Craig 1983-88) and his two grandsons Michael and Matthew. He also had a daughter, Carolyn, who died tragically young in 1966. At the College Brian was a house prefect, a Stag 1942-43, a member of the cricket XI 1943-44, captain in 1943, a member of the boxing team in 1942 and captain in 1943. He was a sergeant in the OTC.

He left to join the Royal Engineers and served as a sapper in India and Iraq in 1943-48. On leaving the army, in 1951 Brian joined Ascham as a teacher and in due course became housemaster of Sillem, moving on to St Andrew's in 1977. He retired in 1991 when he was 65. He played rugby, mainly as a centre, for the Eastbourne town 1st XV for many years, over 40 times for Sussex, and was also given a trial to play for England. **Robin Brown** (Pennell 1945-49), who played with Brian for Eastbourne and Sussex, says 'He was a fearsome tackler, always round the ankles, and because of that no-one ever ran through him. I recall one match when we were both playing for Sussex away against Northampton and Brian did one of his fearsome scything tackles on Jeff Butterfield, the well-known England player. Jeff didn't get up again very quickly and wasn't best pleased'. An article in the *Eastbourne Herald* in 1959 claimed that it was Gillian who kept him playing rugby. As he said 'She keeps on at me to play – probably she's afraid I'll get fat'.

A kind, modest man with a wonderful sense of humour, he was a much loved teacher at Ascham and St Andrew's for many years.



In uniform at Fort Benning

Henry Dyer Lucas (Blackwater 1947-51) was born, the son of Henry Charles and Mabel Lucas, on 29 July 1933 in Maymyo, a hill town in Northern Burma. His father Henry was a superintendent with the Burma Police Force and came from a family with extensive colonial service. His mother Mabel also came from a family with long connections in the country. Until the Japanese invaded Burma in 1942 Henry had a happy childhood. After the invasion and subsequent withdrawal of the Allied Forces things deteriorated rapidly and Henry and his mother fled out of Burma for Northern India with just what they could carry, leaving his father to walk out of the country with the Allied Army.

After the war the family moved to England and were reunited with Henry's elder brother **Godfrey**, aka Charles, who had been in Blackwater 1947-49. Young Henry entered the College which he enjoyed and which was to have a lasting impact on him. After leaving school he went to Sandhurst and after commissioning followed Charles into the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

It was also over this period that Henry met up again with Jill (Gillian Fisher) whom he had first met in India during the war and, after a brief courtship, married in July 1955. After two happy years in Germany with the regiment, Henry was seconded to the Queens Own Nigeria Regiment for four years. Henry much enjoyed his time in Nigeria and it was also where he learned to play golf, a sport that became one of his life's passions and one that he excelled in. Postings to Fort Benning in the USA and then West Berlin during the Cold War followed before Henry transferred to the RAOC.

After a few years in England the family, now with three young children, moved to Singapore for two years where Henry's handicap reached single figures! After Singapore Henry went to the Army's Regular Commissions Board at Westbury, a job he loved and one that he probably looked back on with the most affection. Henry retired while in the MOD

at Andover in 1983 having served for 30 years in the Army. During his military service Henry was awarded an Operational Service Medal for service in the Canal Zone; the UN Operational Service Medal for service in the Congo and the Nigerian Independence Medal.

Prior to leaving the army Henry and Jill divorced. Later he met Maureen who was working for his brother Godfrey and soon after they were married, living in a lovely cottage near Abingdon. Following his army service, Henry was first of all employed as the secretary to a large golf club before becoming an emergency planning officer with Oxfordshire County Council. This was a job he relished and was most successful at until he retired

in 1998. It was then that Henry and Maureen left Oxfordshire and moved to Bush Cottage in the North Dorset village of Bourton where they lived very happily, making lots of friends. Both had a love of dogs, especially border terriers and enjoyed the wonderful walks around Stourhead and Alfred's Tower. They also loved exploring the south-west with many visits over the years to Devon and Cornwall where Henry's passion for photography came to the fore.

Henry was diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's in 2012 and during the years that followed came to rely more heavily on Maureen's help. He had always enjoyed reading, especially military history, and as his mobility decreased, he read more

and more. Henry did not realise how heavily he relied on Maureen's love and care until she sadly passed way after a short but devastating illness at the end of March. Soon after that he was admitted to Salisbury Hospital with the virus and after a month there moved to Hays House Nursing Home near Shaftesbury in North Dorset. He soon made a number of friends among the residents and staff and very much enjoyed the beautiful views of the countryside from his ground floor room. Henry died on Thursday 27 August; he was 87.

At the College Henry was a school prefect and achieved his School Certificate. He won 2nd cricket and rugby colours, captaining the 2nd XV in 1950-51. He also won athletics colours

(captain in 1951) and boxing colours (captain in 1950-51). He won the Poynton Middleweight Boxing Cup in 1950, the Individual Performance Cup (athletics) in 1951 and the junior fives singles and doubles in 1949. He was a member of the fives team in 1950. Henry was also a chapel warden, and a senior PT instructor. He passed Cert A Parts I and II and was a sergeant in the CCF Army section.

We are grateful to Henry's son Rupert for his assistance with this obituary. Michael Partridge, who was a precise contemporary of Henry's in Blackwater, says that it was a privilege to compile this obituary: 'We enjoyed a 30-minute telephone chat only a year or so ago'.

Andrew McNeil



Andrew Ross McNeil (Wargrave 1955-60) died on 4 June 2020. He was born in Oxted in Surrey on 9 March 1942, with his twin sister Alison, the youngest children of Eleanor and Kenneth McNeil, and with an elder sister and brother, Fiona and Ian.

Andrew caught whooping cough as a young child, triggering bronchiectasis which damaged his lungs. Because of his health he was sent to the College, which he enjoyed, making good friends, and igniting three passions: history, running and acting (he played Androcles in *Shaw's Androcles and the Lion*, as well as a number of female roles). Into his sixties Andrew continued to run, which helped maintain his strength and lung capacity. His passion for history drew him, at his history master's suggestion, to learn about the American Civil War. He held a life-long interest in that conflict, and its context, and after he got a place to read history at the St Catherine's Society at Oxford University, his father paid for him to go by liner to the United States to visit the battlefields and historic sites that had captured his imagination. This was a formative experience, and he fondly remembered his strange encounters as an 18-year-old Englishman, travelling by train and bus: from the hotel in Charleston which, once settled in his room, he realised was also a brothel, to waving from a Greyhound bus at labourers by a road side, with them waving back with clanging of their convicts' chains. He also observed the oppression of the then segregated South, which disturbed him and made a great impression.

He joined St Catherine's College at an exciting time, just as it was becoming a full Oxford College, occupying the Danish architect Arne Jacobsen's new buildings and grounds. He maintained a life-long interest in the College, where he became friends with the historian Alan Bullock, its first Master, history tutors George Holmes and Peter Dickson, law tutor Derek Davies and politics tutor Wilfred Knapp. At Oxford Andrew made cine films and threw himself into directing and acting in plays, some put on in the theatre that Jacobsen had designed next to the student's bar. At auditions for these he met and fell in love with Cordelia Collins, a history student at Somerville. Cordy survives him and they were together when he died.

After Oxford Andrew worked with producer Anthony Firth on documentaries at ATV and then joined the BBC as a researcher (with occasional other assignments including providing the English voiceover for a broadcast by French president Charles De Gaulle). He went on to work at London Weekend and at Thames Television, where he worked as a researcher on the *World at War* and as researcher and author of the book that accompanied the series *World of Crime*. At Thames, Andrew's organisational skills and passion for social justice led him to join the Association of Cinematic and Television Technicians (ACTT), becoming a shop steward and joining its national executive. Through the ACTT he became involved in the Labour Party.

While working in television, he also worked on another project. From designing historical board games at school, and discovering the new American phenomenon of historic war games (his first purchase was Afrika Korps), he designed a game himself. *Kingmaker*, play-tested with his television and Labour Party friends, including Melvyn Bragg and Phillip Whitehead, was a fast-paced military and political board game about the Wars of the Roses. It

went on to be sold in the USA, winning the coveted Charles S Roberts award. Although a decades-long project to make a new game, *John Company*, about 18th century India, remained unfinished, in his last months. Andrew was delighted that *Kingmaker* was due to be reissued in a new edition in 2021.

Andrew's son Rupert was born in 1967, followed by Charlotte in 1970 and Emma in 1976. Sadly Charlotte, a lawyer and civil servant, died in 2002. Rupert and Emma produced two grandchildren each: Sam and Courtney, and Aodan and Owen, to whom Andrew was devoted.

After his trade union activities led to loss of his job at Thames, Andrew became a freelance TV director and producer, working at Granada, Border and Tyne Tees. He also authored a successful series of five children's books: *Battlegame Books*, which combined mostly historical subjects with themed board games for which the boards and pieces (even dice) formed parts of the book themselves. It was a collaboration with the innovative children's publisher Peter Usborne.

In 1977 he took up a permanent job at Grampian Television and he relocated to Aberdeen with his family. While at Grampian Andrew produced and directed news, arts, Gaelic, religious and natural history programmes. The last were a source of great pride to Andrew, particularly a film following a sailing expedition to St Kilda (*Isles at the Edge of the Sea*) and one of a journey from the coast of Sutherland to the top of its mountains (*From Handa to Heaven*), as well as a children's natural history programme: *Naturally Scottish*.

In 1985, the family moved back to London, settling in Barnet, West Hampstead and finally East Finchley. Andrew freelanced in the television sector before becoming director of public affairs at the British Chamber of Shipping. Excitements and achievements included the 50-year commemoration of the Battle of the Atlantic and the Chamber's recovery from the St Mary Axe bomb explosion which destroyed the Chamber's Baltic Exchange base.

After retiring from the Chamber at 60 Andrew began a new phase of his life. He was active in the Labour Party in the London Borough of Barnet, including campaigning for Dutch born Labour MP Rudi Vis, becoming chairman of the constituency party and in due course a local councillor and Barnet's Labour whip on the council. Andrew was a familiar sight running a Labour stall outside East Finchley's Budgens every Saturday in almost all weathers, and leafleting, sometimes with his young grandson Sam helping him. He also volunteered at an advice centre and served as a school governor.

In 2012, Andrew and Cordy relocated to Bangor in Northern Ireland. It allowed them to be close to Emma, her husband Anthony and their new grandson, and Bangor's sea air was a great tonic for Andrew's health as it had been in Eastbourne and in Aberdeen. He loved the rich bird life, and in recent years the family of hedgehogs that he fed every night in their garden. Andrew's photos of ships entering and leaving Belfast, and of nature would regularly appear in the local newspaper.

Even in the last days before Andrew passed away in June from cancer, he enjoyed discussing history and politics with Cordy and watching wildlife from his window. He was delighted that his adopted family of hedgehogs – who he feared had been driven away by a passing troupe of badgers whose members he had seen crossing the garden – had returned and were once again tucking in heartily to the food he had put out for them.

We are grateful to Andrew's son Rupert for providing this obituary.



Angus Grantham Ogilvie (Powell 1960-65) died on 18 August 2020 aged 73. Angus and his twin brother Graeme were

born in Eastbourne, joining their older sister Janet, where they spent their childhood, living first in Borough Lane and latterly in Summerdown Road. Primary school was at Neville House, a simple private school, where following success at the common entrance exam the twins moved to the College. Growing up after the Second World War was simple with few, if any, luxuries. There were only two family holidays in their whole childhood; being in Eastbourne with the seaside and Downs so available, going away on holiday every year was not considered. Angus and his siblings made many friends, and the 'Borough Lane Gang' still survives today despite dispersal throughout England.

On leaving the College Angus went to Sussex University to study chemistry, during which time he spent a year in Berlin, working for Schering AG. He was awarded an MPhil for his work on steroid chemistry. He started his career working for Metal Box, and then for Burrell and Company, in the pigment business, before joining Cockett Marine Oil as a bunker broker, where he remained until he retired. He served as a council member of the International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA), including as honorary treasurer and vice chairman. With an interest in education, Angus lectured widely on bunkering matters, co-authored several books, and contributed regularly to the shipping press. He was awarded the Freedom of the City of London, but died before he could exercise his ancient right to drive his sheep across London Bridge. Tributes from his many colleagues included: 'a true gentleman and one of the kindest people I've met', 'I remember his warmth and humour with affection; a real gentleman' and 'he was always happy to share his knowledge, and his kindness and the twinkle in his eye made him a joy to be around'.

Angus's hobbies included bell-ringing, where he was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and any and every sort of DIY activity.

The last ten years of his life were blighted by Parkinson's disease, which prevented him from taking part in most of the things he enjoyed. He leaves his wife, Caroline, three children, and two and a half grandchildren.

We are grateful to Angus's brother Graeme for providing this obituary.



The Reverend Prebendary John Geoffrey Rowland Osborn (Powell 1947-51), born on 11 June 1933, the son of

Geoffrey Osborn and his wife of Bexhill, died on 15 July 2019. He was awarded a State Scholarship and an Exhibition to Trinity College, Cambridge, although he attended Jesus College. He was awarded his MA in 1959, in 1968 a PGCE (postgraduate certificate in education) from the Institute of Education, London University, and in 2012 a PGCRS from Trinity St David at Lampeter, the University of Wales. He attended Wells Theological College and later the London Institute of Education.

John enjoyed a varied career, beginning with a post with the Aircraft Research Association, Bedford 1955-59, then a year with UKAEA at Aldermaston 1959-60. From 1960-63 he was an assistant teacher with Trinity College, Trinidad. Then in 1965 he was ordained deacon and in 1966 priest in the Church of England. From 1965-68 he worked as a curate at Easthampton in the Oxford Diocese, followed by a post as teacher with the Lancaster Royal Grammar School 1968-70. From 1970-74 he was principal with St Margarets and St James Anglican schools in Brunei. He then returned to England to the post of vicar at Tockholes, near Blackburn in Lancashire, and assistant director of religious education in the Blackburn diocese 1975-77. Then from 1977 to 1983 he was director of education in the diocese of Bath and Wells, director and secretary for schools in the London Diocesan Board for Schools 1983-95 and prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral from 1986 to 1995, when he retired. In retirement John enjoyed working part time from 1994 until 2001 as a stress management consultant; he was a director and founder member of the Society of Stress Managers. He was also chairman of the Alister Hardy Society at Westminster College, Oxford, and a Trustee at St Ethelwold's House, Abingdon.

At the College John was a member of the Maths VI, head of house, and gained his School and Higher Certificates. He was awarded the Junior Maths Prize in 1948, the HMS Marlborough Senior Maths Prize in 1951 and was joint winner of the BH Thomas Physics Prize in 1951.

John was married to Gillian (Gilly) and they had three children Fran, Jess and Tom.



Basil Tiernay Pegg (School 1938-43) passed away peacefully on 31 December 2019, at home in Alresford, Hampshire. Born in 1925, Basil enjoyed a rural childhood near Mayfield in East Sussex, as well as boarding at Allen House Preparatory School, before Eastbourne College in 1938. He ended his Eastbourne years, two of which were under wartime evacuation to Radley, as head boy, captain of the rugby, fives, and athletics teams.

From Eastbourne, Basil was commissioned in the Grenadier Guards. He was frustrated not to take part in the assault on the Nijmegen Bridge in September 1944, but was among the first into Berlin, beaten only by the Russians to Hitler's bunker. The rest of his national service was largely concerned with intelligence gathering and restorative projects.

Upon being discharged in 1947, Basil went up to Queen's College, Cambridge. Two years later he was reading law at Christchurch College, Oxford. His love of travel pointed to a career with British Petroleum. After five highly social bachelor years managing BP's Rome office, he was based in London with trips abroad for BP's Middle East and West Africa department. It was in London where Basil met Deidre Wingfield whom he married in 1969. Three years later they were sailing to West Africa with their one-year old daughter, Camilla and the next year their son Jonathan was born in Dakar.

In 1977, Basil seized the chance of returning to his beloved Rome when John Deuss, the oil tycoon, asked him to run JOC Oil's Rome office. Five years later the firm was consolidating its international operations and Basil returned to JOC Oil's London office before retiring. The next chapter was divided between a family house near Newbury and an apartment in Knightsbridge until a move to Alresford, near Winchester in Hampshire. During these years he completed a history of art degree and maintained an active interest in the stock markets.

In his early seventies, Basil developed cerebellar ataxia and, consequently, suffered from gradual loss of balance, a condition he bore with

great physical courage and counting his blessings of being of sound mind and otherwise well. These became less apparent after he turned 90, but in Deidre's care he could remain at home, where he was often surrounded by his five grandchildren. It was on the eve of 2020, a few months after golden wedding anniversary celebrations, that he died peacefully at home aged 94, with Deidre and both of his children present.

We are grateful to Basil's son Jonathan Pegg for providing this obituary.

John Aeroux Penn (Ascham 1945-49; Pennell 1949-52), born on 29 November 1935, died on 21 August 2020. On leaving the College, he joined Andrew Weir & Co Ltd in London in January 1953. By November he was posted to their Hong Kong office, Bank Line (China) Ltd. In 1961 he married Susan; they raised three children: Karen, David and Michael, all born in Hong Kong, and six grandchildren.

In 1970 he was appointed to the Australian office with a board appointment, and then in 1974 he was promoted managing director, the Bank Line (Australasia) Pty Ltd, and to the London main board of Bank Line Ltd in 1982. In the early 1980s he qualified as a member of the Chartered Institute of Transport. He remained in Australia with responsibility for the company's affairs in Australasia, the Pacific and South East Asia. He retired in 1991 but retained a consulting role for the group in Australia; he continued to chair the boards of subsidiaries in the Pacific Islands until his final retirement in 2003. Latterly he lived in Bowral, New South Wales.

John attended Ascham, initially in Powell House and then during its establishment in the Gonville building in January 1945, moving on to Pennell in September 1949. He achieved one O level pass but passed Cert A, won the Junior Efficiency Cup in 1950. He joined the Science and Film societies.

As an OE John was an Arnold Embellisher and a member of the Devonshire Society.

Anthony 'Tony' Michael Peverett (Powell 1945-48) died in November 2019. At the College Tony became a 1st class cadet in the Air Training Corps, CCF and, on leaving, spent two years national service in the RAF and then trained as a power engineer at Faraday House in London, travelling daily from Eastbourne to London by train. He then worked in television research and development, finally with Rediffusion which was bought by Robert Maxwell who closed it down after three years. By now 57, he then, after six months, joined Field Aviation in the avionics world, then located at

Robin Perry



Robert 'Robin' James Perry (College staff 1967-72) died on 31 December 2019. Robert, family name Robin, and known as Bob in the Navy, was born in Harrogate, in 1934. He was pleased to be eligible to play cricket for Yorkshire if ever necessary!

During the war Robin, aged six, was evacuated with his younger brother to live with a Unitarian lecturer and his

family in Massachusetts in America. His mother went with them to settle them in, but returned to the UK to be with her bank manager husband, and this proved to be a traumatic time to be parted from his parents. However, the highlight for Robin was returning after four years on the aircraft carrier HMS *Speaker* in a convoy of 30 ships, and this led to a life-changing decision regarding his future career after leaving school.

The happiness of returning to his parents again, ended when a few years later his father was tragically killed in a road traffic accident. He declined the offer of training by the bank, and decided aged 15 to join the Royal Navy as an artificer apprentice in the Fleet Air Arm. Then followed 15 years of service with postings and promotions to various squadrons, living and working on land and at sea.

Robin met Ann in Salisbury, when she was working in a hospital there as an occupational therapist. Following their engagement in 1960, Robin went to sea for nearly a year on HMS *Ark Royal* but, with a ring on her finger, and looking after his Triumph Roadster car, Ann was fairly confident that he would return to her!

Robin and Ann were married in 1961, and they lived in various naval hirings, Robin's favourite being in rural Dorset, where he could go night-time car rallying, and also follow his interest in wildlife, in the woods surrounding the house. Very knowledgeable, yet he was seldom far from his binoculars and bird books for accurate identification whenever needed.

In 1964 Robin decided to leave the Navy, when he felt his family would benefit from a more stable lifestyle. The satisfaction of sharing knowledge was very important to him, and he decided to take up teaching, with physics being his main subject choice. He spent three years at Worcester College of Education, and during this time his interest grew in geology, archaeology, evolution and astronomy, and he always enjoyed studying.

Robin's first teaching appointment was at Eastbourne College in 1967, and the start of a new era. For his interview he and Ann were invited by Headmaster Michael Birley to spend the night in his house. It seemed an impressive beginning when the Headmaster, in his dressing gown, brought

them early morning tea in their bedroom! Then followed five very happy years with Robin teaching physics, developing a technical activities centre and becoming house tutor of Blackwater House. Initially they lived in a school flat in Blackwater Road, and then in the upstairs flat at Craven Cottage, Old Wish Road, with the Masters Common Room below. On the retirement of the school doctor, known as Doc Nic (Nicholson), Robin inherited his bee hives, which were kept in the garden, the bees from which had an annoying habit of swarming into the nearby Headmaster's garden.

In 1972 Robin was 'head hunted' to teach physics and set up a technology centre at Hurstpierpoint College. He was asked in 1980 to become house-master of Star House, and these were busy but very fulfilling and interesting years for both Robin and Ann.

After his retirement aged 60, Ann continued her hospital work as usual, and they both became guardians for children at various local private schools, plus Robin taking on some teaching of English as a foreign language to overseas students. He had more time to pursue his interests of golf and sailing, and both he and Ann enjoyed choral singing, playing bridge, guiding blind people on holidays in the UK and other parts of Europe, coping with retriever puppies, and journeying to various African countries to visit their missionary daughter.

Robin and Ann moved to the West Country following Ann's retirement. Robin particularly loved Exmoor, and they had a very active life together in beautiful countryside, and not too far from the sea. Robin's sailing boat *Kittiwake* was towed down from Chichester Harbour for a new life in the South West. Renting accommodation in Dunster for a year proved a good idea before choosing where and what to buy. With many new friends, but always keeping in touch with long term special friends in Sussex, they both continued with many interests and pursuits, including over 20 years as volunteers in Minehead Lifeboat Shop, and as guides for the National Trust at Dunster Castle.

Their six grandchildren have always given them great joy and pleasure, produced by their three children, Catherine, Christopher, and Fiona (Pookie) – who was born in Eastbourne.

Robin's health problems sadly caused increasing disabilities and limited mobility, leading to downsizing to a bungalow in Wiveliscombe. A fortunate decision with family nearby and a great welcome from a very friendly community. Coping with a chest infection and pneumonia with immense courage and gratitude to all the staff, he died in hospital on New Year's Eve 2019 surrounded by his family. His church service of thanksgiving and celebration of life was attended by nearly 200 from near and far.

A gentle man to the end, with a great sense of humour, a scientist searching for knowledge in the natural world, the stars and beyond. He was a kind man, with skilled ability as a communicator, talent as an educator, a love of life and understanding of family values, and a good life well lived.

We are grateful to Robin's wife Ann for providing this obituary.

the edge of Croydon Airport. His work was to repair instruments from all types of aircraft including Concorde. As he said, 'I ended my career doing a job I really enjoyed (and initially knew nothing about)'. Tony's brother **Robin** (Powell 1947-52) also attended the College.



Gwynne Pickering, though not an OE, was a good friend of the College for many years. Born on 2 March 1935

to parents Richard and Jane, he died in Eastbourne on 2 January 2020.

Gwynne moved with his mother and brothers to Aberystwyth in the late 1930s. Here he attended

school at New Cross before going on to Ardwyn Grammar School in Aberystwyth where he sat A-levels in chemistry, physics and zoology. On leaving he joined Barclays Bank where he worked for the rest of his career. He was also a director of Silverline Services UK Ltd. In 1962 he married Joyce and a daughter Cathy was born. In 1978 he was raised to the position of elder in the church at Charing Cross where he became treasurer, as well as for the Jewin Chapel. The list of his voluntary roles is extensive, both in London and later in Eastbourne.

In 2005 Gwynne and Joyce moved to Eastbourne where they threw themselves into community life there. They were keen members of the Eastbournian Society, enjoyed many of our trips and functions, and suggested a number of outings as well. Gwynne was also a member of

the Devonshire Society. They joined the Emmanuel church and Gwynne became one of the trustees; they also became members of the Wesleyan Methodists; he became an active member of the Eastbourne Conservative Party, the Lighthouse Medical Centre and several other organisations and societies including the Eastbourne Seniors Forum. In 2017 Gwynne, who had suffered from type 2 diabetes for 24 years, spoke to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Diabetes at the House of Commons. In 2018 he was awarded the South East Inspire Award by Follow Diabetes UK.

Nicholas Michael Potter (Reeves 1955-60) died, aged 61, on 13 July 2003 in Lymington. He spent much of his life in the Navy and at the College he gained the special Lanyard of Honour as Under Officer in the

Royal Navy section of the CCF. He achieved his rowing colours as part of a rowing VIII and was honorary secretary of sailing. He was also head of Reeves House.

On leaving the College Nicholas was offered a Royal Naval scholarship to the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth and by 1961 had become a midshipman. He went on to serve on HMS *Chichester* as a lieutenant for two years. He joined HMS *Ark Royal* in January 1976 and by 1977 was a lieutenant commander. According to correspondence received in June 1977 he was due to leave in November of that year to join the Naval Secretary's Department of the Ministry of Defence in London. Unfortunately we lost touch with Nicholas after then and it was only recently that we became aware that he had died in 2003.

Major General Nigel Richards



Major General Nigel William Fairbairn Richards CB OBE (Nugent & Pennell 1958-63) died on 21 November 2019, aged 74. He was born on VJ Day, 15 August 1945. His father, Bill, had fought as a gunner TA officer in the Dunkirk and Normandy campaigns.

At the College, Nigel played 1st XI cricket and hockey. With his fellow opening batsman, he broke the school record for the first wicket stand twice in the same season: the new record being 208. In his final year at school, he took Russian O-level as a diversion from studying the sciences. This was followed by an eye-opening schools trip to Russia in 1962 just after the Berlin Wall had been built.

After leaving school, Nigel turned down a place at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and chose instead to join the Army. He went to Sandhurst in January 1964. He passed out in December 1965 as the SUO of Inkerman Company and with the award of the Queen's Medal.

After the Young Officers' course at Larkhill, he was posted to 7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery (7RHA) in Aldershot. He passed P Company parachute training and carried out his first parachute descent at RAF Abingdon at 6.00am on his 21st birthday. After just three months spent with 7 RHA, he went up to Peterhouse, Cambridge, to study for an in-service degree in mechanical sciences.

In the summer of 1968, just before his final year at Cambridge, Nigel married Christine Woods, a secretary in The Duke of Edinburgh's Office. For his final year, they lived in a married quarter at a small village called Over, commuting daily into Cambridge for Nigel's studies and Christine's new job as a secretary in the Physiology Department at the university's Downing site.

Nigel left Cambridge with an upper second class honours degree in July 1969 and reported back to 7 Para RHA to become a gun position officer in F Battery. He was soon sent off to attend the jungle warfare course in Kota Tinggi, Malaysia. This was followed by the deployment of the whole of 7 Para RHA to north-east Malaysia as part of the 19 Infantry Brigade Group. Three Op BANNER tours to Northern Ireland followed in fairly quick succession on return to the UK. He then became air adjutant for 18 months before a BAOR (British Army of the Rhine) posting to 19 Field Regiment RA in Dortmund. He then completed a fourth Op BANNER tour in Northern Ireland. Life in 19 Regiment back at Larkhill followed a fairly hum-drum routine but he did manage to do a six-month attachment to RMA Sandhurst where he filled in as Adjutant of Old College. This meant that he and Christine could live in their own house in Ash Vale which they had bought in 1969.

Staff training came next, first with attending the six-month Royal Naval Staff Course at Greenwich, followed by Division 1 at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. Next came a posting to the MOD to become a staff officer in the Directorate of Military Operations. In January 1982, he 'escaped' from the MOD and went to command J (Sidi Rezegh) Battery at Barker Barracks, Paderborn. Coincidentally, Nigel's cousin **David Richards** (Wargrave 1965-70) commanded C Battery for a short time so the two of them were able to meet both at work and socially.

His next posting was to Shrivenham as an instructor. The commandant at the time was General Dick Vincent who asked Nigel to go, covertly, to British Aerospace to find out about a secret new guided weapon system that they were working on. It was a hyper-velocity missile (HVM). A few years later, the HVM was introduced into service as a new weapon system for the British Army. After Shrivenham came command of 7 RHA in November 1983 in Osnabrück, six months before its return to Aldershot to join 5 Airborne Brigade. Nigel's final act as CO was to command the regiment on a parade

and march-past to celebrate the award of the Freedom of Rushmore to the Royal Regiment. He was awarded the OBE in the following New Year's Honours List.

After two-and-a-half very happy years in command, it was back to the MOD and Army Plans as a full colonel, with responsibility for drawing up the Army's ten-year financial plan. In January 1989, he took over 5 Airborne Brigade from fellow OE **Brigadier David Chaudler** (Blackwater 1956-61), and had another exceptionally busy and rewarding tour, not least because he also inherited the duties of garrison command.

In January 1991, Nigel reported to Seaford House to attend a one-year course at the Royal College of Defence Studies, but after only three months he was asked to report to the MOD to take over as Director of Army Staff Duties. For the next two-and-a-half years he oversaw a massive exercise in reductions in personnel and equipment as well as barrack changes.

In February 1994, at the age of 48, Nigel was promoted to major general and posted to HQ ARRC as chief of combat support. This was a fascinating tour which culminated with the deployment of the ARRC to Bosnia-Herzegovina in December 1995. On return from Bosnia, he was posted back to Aldershot for the fifth time, on this occasion to take over as general officer commanding (GOC) 4th Division. He found that he had operational command of three brigades: 2 Brigade in Dover; 24 Airmobile Brigade in Colchester; and 145 Brigade in Aldershot. He also had administrative command of 5 Airborne Brigade (his old brigade).

Just as he was getting into his stride, he was asked to go to the USA for two weeks to take part in a big Anglo-US exercise called PURPLE STAR, the largest deployment of British troops in the USA since 1814. Both 5 Airborne and 3 Commando Brigades would be taking part alongside thousands of American airborne and marine forces. This turned out to be a wonderful experience which he said he would not have missed for the world.

He was very proud of improvements to Aldershot's Centre of Sporting Excellence, which included a new 50-metre Olympic-sized swimming pool; a new Army rugby union pavilion; a new all-weather hockey pitch and four new all-weather tennis courts. Nigel also became president of Army hockey and boxing and president of the Army golf club.

After deciding to retire early for personal reasons, he left a very happy division in May 1996. He was awarded the CB in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He received it from HM The Queen on the last day of his military service, 22 July 1998.

In retirement, he kept very busy with a number of pro bono appointments, including the chairmanship of the Confederation of British Service and ex-Service Organisations (COBSEO); chairmanship of the Peterhouse Society, Cambridge; colonel commandant, honorary colonel of 7 Para RHA; trustee of the Airborne Forces Security Fund; churchwarden at St John's, Wimbledon; and sidesman at Winchester Cathedral.

He was devoted to his wife Christine, whom he always described as his rock and inspiration throughout their married life together. They celebrated their golden wedding together in July 2018. He was also very proud of his three children: Helen (a successful architect); Charles (an actor); and Peter (a master of wine, broadcaster and writer together with his wife Susie). He had two grandchildren in whom he delighted: Elfie (aged 12) and Thomas (aged 9).

Increasingly well respected for his perceptive leadership and powers of advocacy, throughout his Army career Nigel had the reputation of being a bright but considerate commander. Someone, however busy, who always found the time to take a genuine and personal interest in others.

We are grateful to Nigel's wife Christine for providing material for this obituary, which is an edited version of an account of his life written by Nigel himself. An additional point to note is that he was a member of the Devonshire Society.

Malcolm John Skinner (Gonville 1953-57) died on 12 August 2020, aged 81. He ran The Moorings restaurant in Pevensy Bay before selling up and moving to Spain in the late 1980s. He returned to the UK in 2009 and lived in Polegate with his wife Anne. They had four sons, Andrew, Timothy, Christopher and Matthew. Malcolm played for the OE Golf Society in a number of Halford Hewitt tournaments.



James Richard Trotter (Powell 1950-53) died on 11 August 2019, aged 82. Born in 1936 in Hartlepool, James moved to Eastbourne with his parents. On leaving the College he went to Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, where he was awarded the Queen's Medal. He then attended Cambridge University and graduated with a BA in mechanical sciences, later becoming a member of the Institute of Procurement and Supply. In 1960 he married Joanna Allerton, and they had five children: Clare, Miles, Katharine, Josephine and Matthew, and 13 grandchildren. He became a vice-president of the McGraw Hill Financial Services Company in London and won a number of journalism awards. He was also treasurer of the Foreign Press Association.

John Roberts



Robert John Michael Roberts (Wargrave and Gonville 1939-43), always known as John, was born on 19 February 1926 in Sidcup to Owen, a civil servant, and Dorothy Roberts. He died on 28 February 2020 aged 94.

In 1939 he joined the College which in 1940 was evacuated to Radley. John was a house prefect, in the 2nd XV in 1943 and won the Junior Fives Singles in 1942. He was a chapel warden and passed Cert A, serving in the Air Training Corps. On leaving school he attended St John's College, Cambridge, as a Royal Naval Cadet for the Easter term in 1944. He received his articles

(as a chartered accountant) with Price Waterhouse from his uncle as a birthday present and began these in 1944. In January 1945 he sailed on the *Queen Mary* and went for training as a Fleet Air Arm pilot in Canada. He celebrated VE Day in Montreal which he recalled as a time of overwhelming joy. The cessation of hostilities against the Japanese meant he failed by one week to get his wings, something which always irked him.

After the war John served with the Army for a short while before resuming his accountancy studies and qualifying ACA in March 1951 and as a Fellow in January 1962. He began work with the British Metal Corporation in Gresham Street. He played rugby for Sidcup, captaining the side in the 1949/50 season, and running out at Twickenham in the 1952 Middlesex Sevens only to be soundly defeated by the Wasps.

He married Joan that year and during the next five years **Tim** (Gonville 1966-71) and Jane arrived. In 1961 the family moved to Crowhurst. The British Metal Company became the Amalgamated Metal Company with a more international outlook which presented John with opportunities for travel in Pakistan, India and Bermuda.

John's world was shattered in 1970 when Joan died and he was left with the challenge of bringing up two teenage children on his own. His sister Mary followed in 1971 and these events encouraged him to change his career. In the village at the time lived the redoubtable Samuel Saunders Watson Penry-Davey who presided over a local firm of solicitors. He felt the firm might benefit from John's financial expertise and in 1973 John began work in Battle. This was a very different environment. There was the chance at lunchtime to go home, to play snooker at the Battle Club, to play squash or to go to the gym, except on Fridays when an extended lunch break happened at places such as the Fullers Arms, Brightling.

The firm's financial systems were rudimentary but slowly he persuaded these lawyers to move into the 20th century. On one occasion when an intruder had stolen a handbag from the office of one of the secretaries he gave chase to the thief. Over 60 at the time, he pursued the villain down the

road. Alas, the thief made his escape in a parked car but not before John had been able to take its number, so leading to the miscreant's arrest.

In many respects 1973 was the year when life began again for John as it was then he met June. They married the following year and set up home in Sedlescombe where they lived ever after. June's two sons Guy and Geoff joined Tim and Jane to make an extremely lively household with golf, squash, windsurfing, sailing, swimming, snooker and gym to name a few of the activities. John and June enjoyed many holidays in the UK and further afield particularly in the Caribbean. They loved their garden, growing both flowers and vegetables.

John had played golf from an early age and became a member of Royal Blackheath Golf Club before joining Rye in 1964. His golfing opponents always used to complain he punched above his weight (and handicap). He had a renowned short game regularly getting the ball close to the flag using a venerable Granny's club originally belonging to his maternal grandmother. He played regularly in the annual meeting of the OEs at Cooden. He was able to play well into his 92nd year and served as the Club's treasurer for five years. Jane recalls he was a true Corinthian who could seemingly pick up any sport and compete in it to a high standard. He was also a very able gymnast who even in his mid-fifties could still handspring across a piece of grass.

He loved convertible cars and through his life had several, the first a Sunbeam Rapier. Then when family saloons were no longer required, along came Triumph Heralds and a Triumph Spitfire. Whenever possible the roof would be down and if you went with him a coat and hat were mandatory. Before sat navs, he had linen Ordnance Survey maps circa 1950. So, in the late sixties/early seventies, many a short cut turned out to be merely a byway that was no longer passable by car.

Family holidays were spent on the Isle of Wight. Beach cricket would always be played. He had a knack of getting just about every child on the beach involved, his enthusiasm galvanising them into digging huge castles with large moats, with a contest to see whose could resist the incoming tide the longest.

He took on keeping the churchyard tidy in his sixties; something he did until his late eighties. When it came to drinks, he was always first to buy everyone a drink. June said this was because he could always remember his headmaster telling him that he should ALWAYS buy the first round when out. In 2005 he visited Radley, where he had been at school during the war, for a reception. It was, as he later wrote, 'an emotional day'.

Recent times have been more of a challenge as the years had taken their toll but with June's devoted care John was able to remain at home until seven weeks before his death. Right until the very end he remained courteous and polite and the staff at the Conquest Hospital loved him for it.

Underpinning all his life was his Christian faith which guided him in all he did. He had no fear of death and in his hospital bed he prayed to go to sleep one night and not wake up in the morning and that is what happened, bringing to an end a life lived to the full. June said, 'He was the perfect gentleman to the end, always considering others first'. The family will all miss him hugely.

We are grateful to Tim Roberts for providing this obituary.



Philip Oswald Venn (Blackwater & Powell 1938-42), born on 14 June 1924 the son of Wing Commander George Venn, died in Australia

on 7 July 2020 aged 96. On leaving the College he became a pilot officer in the RAFVR. In April 1955 he married Yvonne, who predeceased him; he subsequently married Maureen. There were four children and later several grandchildren. Philip worked for Fraser and Neave in Malacca, Indonesia, and later spent ten years as an insurance rep with the Australian Mutual Provident Society. In his later years he lived in Victoria, Australia and in 1994

published in Australia a book: *Seventy Years of Odd Odes* with the aid of WF Barr. His brother was **Francis John Venn** (Blackwater 1939-43). At the College Philip was a house prefect, served in the ATC, and gained a School Certificate.



Dr Chris Waller, who taught German and French in the Modern Languages Department from 1991 to

2002, died on 17 January 2020, aged 78. Educated at the Royal Grammar School High Wycombe, he went on to St John's College, Cambridge, where he was offered a research scholarship. He was awarded his PhD for a thesis focusing on German First World War poetry. He taught for three years at university, but felt that teaching in schools was where he could make the most impact. He worked in a variety of schools, firstly as a supply teacher in North London secondary moderns. He was a head of department for three years, then a deputy head and finally headmaster at Eltham College for seven years. Chris returned to the classroom when he came to the College and many OEs have much to thank him for, including

his insistence on high standards and rigorous accuracy in his French and German lessons, and his coaching of the UI4A cricket team. He introduced the Lectern Society for the sixth form where many Eastbournians, in this supportive environment, overcame their fear of public speaking. He was also resident house tutor in Pennell. As higher education adviser he made sure that every Year 13 pupil filled in their UCAS university application form correctly and wrote a good personal statement. He was married to Rosemary and they had three children, Claire, Jane and Peter.

When he joined the College in 1991, an article about him published in *The Eastbournian*, included the following description:

'Dr Waller loves all sports and their literatures, is a fervent supporter of Rotherham United, loves Westerns (his first Great Dane was called Shane) and any film containing Michelle Pfeiffer and Clint Eastwood, writes and translates a great deal, loves Vienna and Prague (second Alsatian called Kafka), is an unacknowledged expert on '60s music and is enjoying sharing his prejudices (diluted), his experiences (carefully selected) and foibles (softened) with the pupils of Eastbourne College.'

Nick Pendry, a former Head of Maths at the College, decided in 1994 to learn German from scratch and Chris was willing to teach him, but insisted that Nick attend his Year 10 classes and be treated like all the other pupils. Nick remembers going along to the 'Michelle Pfeiffer suite' (as Chris called his classroom) where Roy Orbison's *Pretty Woman* was playing on a cassette and posters of Clint Eastwood and Michelle Pfeiffer dominated the walls. He says: 'I realised I'd entered an alternative reality'. When the lesson

began, Nick says: 'Difficult grammar was made as clear as crystal, then a poem's beauty was revealed... the excitement was palpable and one was on the edge of one's seat. There was a heightened level of consciousness and sense of expectation. There was no place for anything but total concentration.' He concludes: '[Chris] had a clear mission as a teacher: to fire the imaginations of young minds so they would come to have the highest possible appreciation of the riches of both language and literature. To this end he brought to

bear his exceptional intellect, imagination and drive. He inspired generations of pupils into a love of learning and he enabled them to reach academic heights they had never previously dreamt of.'

After Eastbourne, Chris taught at Clifton College before retiring to Worcester. He passed away suddenly on his way home from the library, where he had been working on turning his PhD on German poetry into a book.

STAFF MOVES

Newcomers

The following staff joined the College in the 2019/20 academic year:

Michaelmas term

Yasmine Abi-Hanna	Graduate debater in residence (until July 2020)
Alex Chan	Mathematics
Tim Clark	Economics
Lizzie Curren	English
James Fletcher	English
Harry Ford	Modern languages
Lara Garrett	English
Megan Harwood	Art Textiles
Tracey Hume	Events assistant
Mélissa Malady Ellong	French language assistant (until May 2020)
David McClimonds	Receptionist (until May 2020)
Jonathan Medlycott	Mathematics
Amy Millar	Head of Modern Languages
Luke Milligan	Tennis coach (until April 2020)
Samantha Orr	Aerobics instructor
Thomas Reed	Biology lab technician (until March 2020)
Raul Sanchez Moreno	Spanish language assistant

Lent term

Kim Christmas	Admissions assistant (until May 2020)
Julie Ford	Sports coach
Jak Hafernik	Sports facilities assistant
Maki Hallinon	Japanese tutor
Madeline Macedo	Mathematics (until July 2020)
Michael Rodriguez	Content creator - marketing
Nicholas Wheals	IT project manager (iSAMS)

Summer term

Kate Wood	Classics
Kirsty Bacon	Payroll officer

Leavers

The following staff left the College in the 2019/20 academic year:

Minara Begum	Data administrator June 2016-November 2019
Marina Davies	Matron, School August 2009-July 2019; Matron, Nugent September 2019-July 2020
Olivia Findlay	Postgraduate sports intern September 2018-July 2020
Marina Garcia Hortal	Aerobics instructor September 2018-October 2019
David Hodkinson	Physics September 1981-July 2020; Housemaster, School September 1998-July 2000; Head of Physics September 2001-July 2015; Senior Scientist 2012-15 & 2016-17
Jack Hughes	Mathematics January 2019-December 2019
Samuel Ireland Cricelli	Sports coach – basketball January 2019-July 2020
Jacqui Lowden	Director of marketing and communications August 2007-December 2019
Bradley Mays	Sports facilities assistant January 2019-January 2020
Julie McCaffrey	Physics September 2018-July 2020
Cristina Munoz	Digital marketing officer November 2017-October 2019
Alison Rainer Jones	Relief matron March 2019-October 2019
Clarisse Tripp	Spanish June-October 2006; Modern languages September 2008-July 2020; 2 i/c Modern languages September 2009-July 2018
Kim Warwick-Cowtan	Chemistry January-April 2019; September 2019-July 2020



SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following scholarships and awards were made to pupils who started at the College in Michaelmas term 2020.

Year 9

Academic

Dexter Bell
Emilia Grantham
Lucas Jayaraj
Xanthe Lawson
Reuben Mace
Edgar MacKenzie-Wilson
Harry Shouksmith
Noah Titterton-Manos
Gryffyn Watkins
Max Williams

Art

Arsène Chaté
Fergus Lawson Johnston
James Rimington

Design & Technology

William Rennie

Drama

Esteban Boruel-Lopez
Alice Caroe
Layla Cluskey El Jishi
Gabriela Dixon

Evangeline Ginbey
Noah Gould
Sophia Hawkins
William Mannion
Josiah Pears

Forbes Wastie all-rounder award

Mary Keast-Butler
Isabelle Steed

Music

Reha Akinlosotu
Gregory Ashley Taylor
Eloisa-Mae Bathard-Smith
Alice Caroe
Arsène Chaté
Gabriela Dixon
Sam Noton
Josiah Pears
Oliver Rivett
Harry Shouksmith
Rebecca Winsor

Nigel Wheeler sports scholarship

Edward Anderson
Samuel Bordass
William Coleman

Paddy Cooper
Hannah Duke
Daisy Dunkley
Sophie Fellows
Evangeline Ginbey
Harry Heming
Felix Horsham-Holt
Felix Mann
Anya Rai
Barnaby Revill
Kitty Seavill
Ross Seavill
Theo Summers
Gryffyn Watkins

Sixth Form

Academic

Amber Blake
Isabella Freslov
Maya Klein
Maddy Osman
Ethan Page
Lily Steed
Hannah Woodall

Art

Joseph Kettle

Design & Technology

Guy Beddows

Music

Livia Domaingue
Megan Lee

Nigel Wheeler sports scholarship

Harriet Armstrong
Emma Folwell
Sam Holder
Maia Mountain
Zackary Prawanna
Isabelle Rowson

Professor Soddy award

Nasim Bellagnaoui
Tayssir Ben Caid
Freddie Bobbin
Izehi Ebhohimen
Tobias Lloyd
Mia Lozinski
Daisy Russell

PRIZE WINNERS 2020

Year 9

Emily Hale Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 9 *Zain Radwan*

Headmaster's Prize for All-Round Contribution *William Daniels and Charlotte Thorley*

Art Prize *Polly Smith*

Chemistry Prize *Elizabeth Chan*

Classical Civilisation Prize *Eliza Jones*

Design and Technology and Textiles Prize *Marcus Skyrme*

Drama Prize *Herbert Sleep*

English as an Additional Language Prize *Olivia Molliet*

English Prize *Harriet Brinsmead-Maclean*

French Prize *Clara Delaney*

Geography Prize *Ewan Clark*

German Prize *Struan Dunlop*

Greek Prize *Thomas Arnold*

JL McIntosh History Prize *Esme Scanlan*

Latin Prize *Esme Scanlan*

Mathematics Prize *Elizabeth Chan*

Music Prize *Frederik Jensen*

Philip Matthew Biology Prize *Struan Dunlop*

Physical Education Prize *Jack Greig*

Physics Prize *Struan Dunlop*

Religious Studies Prize *Clara Delaney*

Spanish Prize *Eliza Jones*

Textiles Prize *Cornelia Yarrow Davies*

Tom Lewis Memorial Prize *Lati Akinyemi and Kirsty Williams*

Year 10

Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 10 *David Udegbe and Isaac Tam*
Headmaster's Prize for All-Round Contribution *Rolland Lau and William Liggett*

Art Prize *Emma Lewis*

Biology Prize *Kiri Marshall*

Chemistry Prize *Tina Wang*

Classical Civilisation Prize *Polly Symes*

Computing Prize *Cindia Zhou*

Dance Prize *Cindia Zhou*

Design and Technology Prize *Guillermo Lominchar Ormeño*

Drama Prize *Polly Symes*

English as an Additional Language Prize *Alisa Ievskaia*

English Language Prize *Dylan Pearson*

English Literature Prize *Polly Symes*

French Prize *Theodore Bathard-Smith*

C Kirk-Greene Junior French Reading Prize *Fiona Swann*

Geography Prize *Dylan Pearson*

German Prize *Oliver Shouksmith*

Greek Prize *James Zhou*

History Prize *Dylan Pearson*

Latin Prize *Verity Terry*

Mathematics Prize *Cindia Zhou*

Music Prize *Oliver Shouksmith*

Physical Education Prize *William Pollington*

Physics Prize *James Zhou*

Religious Studies Prize *Mimi Gould*

Spanish Prize *Theodore Bathard-Smith*

Textiles Prize *Tina Wang*

Year 11

Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 11	<i>Sapphyre Mills-Kennelly</i>
Junior Dance Prize	<i>Alexandria Hawkins</i>
Junior Drama Prize	<i>Eloise Johnston</i>
ED Merrit Piano Prize	<i>Sapphyre Mills-Kennelly</i>
Seymour Junior Singing Prize	<i>Amelie Kleine</i>
RG Dyer Junior Art Prize	<i>Miguel Santos de Quevedo Cardiel</i>
Pottery Prize	<i>Charlotte Stanworth</i>
WN Williams Junior Music Prize	<i>James Grout</i>
Rex Colgate Junior Biology Prize	<i>Isabella Skarbeck</i>
Tunstall Junior Chemistry Prize	<i>Kizzy Rollings</i>
Junior Classical Civilisation Prize	<i>Abigail Coleman</i>
Junior Latin Prize	<i>Olivia Reeves</i>
RA Henderson Junior Greek Prize	<i>Georgiana Ginbey</i>
NJ Hill Junior Project Prize for Computing	<i>Audrey Hammer</i>
NJ Hill Junior Textiles Prize	<i>Jessie-Mae Tarrant</i>
NJ Hill Junior Design and Technology Prize	<i>Wilson Zhang</i>
Junior Prize for English as an Additional Language	<i>Danru Wu</i>
AL Margetson Junior English Prize for Literature	<i>Olivia Reeves</i>
Derek Mitchell Junior Geography Prize	<i>Emily May</i>
JL Hortenstein Junior History Prize	<i>Joseph Muschialli</i>
Andrew Downes Junior English Prize for Language	<i>Kizzy Rollings</i>
Junior Mathematics Prize	<i>Chorus Yuen</i>
Marshall Junior French Prize	<i>Federica Buckingham</i>
Junior Spanish Prize	<i>Federica Buckingham</i>
GG Mohring Junior German Prize	<i>Georgiana Ginbey</i>
Junior Prize for Physical Education	<i>Abigail Coleman</i>
RG Dyer Junior Physics Prize	<i>Emily May</i>
Rexie Adalian Junior Scripture Prize	<i>Kizzy Rollings</i>

Lower Sixth

Outstanding Academic Performance in Lower Sixth	<i>Natasha Symes</i>
Headmaster's Prize for All-Round Contribution	<i>Rebekah Agunede and Leonardo Fu</i>
Gurney Travel Scholarship	<i>Katherine Linaker</i>
John Belk Memorial Essay	<i>Olivia Jayaraj and William Brown</i>
Art Prize	<i>William Stewart-Blacker</i>
EC Arnold Biology Prize	<i>Thalia Dang</i>
Business Prize	<i>James Cardoza</i>
Chemistry Prize	<i>Aria Wang</i>
Baynes Classical Civilisation Prize	<i>Tali Greig</i>
Vernon Dobtcheff Creative Prize	<i>William Brown</i>
Dance Prize	<i>Amelia Ridley</i>
Design and Technology Prize	<i>Chloe Day</i>
Drama Prize	<i>Edward Gent</i>
Economics Prize	<i>Shahriar Alam</i>
English Prize	<i>Tali Greig</i>
English as an Additional Language Prize	<i>Anda Kadia</i>
French Prize	<i>Sandra Fuhrmann</i>
Crowden Further Mathematics Prize	<i>Shahriar Alam</i>
Geography Prize	<i>William Brown</i>
German Prize	<i>Elsa Auer</i>
Greek Prize	<i>Katherine Linaker</i>
HJ Bannatyne History Prize	<i>Molly Swingler</i>
Latin Prize	<i>Ella Blake</i>
Green Mathematics Prize	<i>Alessandra Orio</i>
Music Prize	<i>Sebastian Gleave</i>
Philosophy and Ethics Prize	<i>Guilherme Natario Rio Tinto</i>
Photography Prize	<i>Loveday Rowlands</i>
Physical Education Prize	<i>Joshua Veitch</i>
Alex Coates Physics Prize	<i>Elena Yang</i>
Martin Steele Prize for Play Production	<i>Melis-Rose Ozcan</i>
Politics Prize	<i>Olivia Jayaraj</i>
Percy Appleby Science Prize	<i>Isabel Stead</i>
Blackburn Senior Singing Scholarship	<i>Alice Clements</i>
Spanish Prize	<i>Giacomo Ghio</i>
PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Girls' Sport	<i>Arabella Moen and Tegan Heaton</i>
Textiles Prize	<i>Melis-Rose Ozcan</i>

Upper Sixth

Broadley Prize for the Heads of School	<i>Shaumya Kularajan and Henry Turnbull</i>
Jubilee Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Upper Sixth	<i>Chloe Cox</i>
Headmaster's Prize for All-Round Contribution	<i>Rachel Greenhow and Morolaoluwa Oyefesobi</i>
John Le Brocq Memorial Scholarship	<i>Zara Lawson Johnston</i>
Gubbins Senior Drama Prize	<i>Imogen Carr</i>
Steer Award for Acting	<i>Darcey Wootton</i>
Senior Dance Prize	<i>Amy Shi</i>
Holman Prize for Services to Chapel	<i>Chelsea Chung</i>
Organ Prize	<i>Chelsea Chung</i>
RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize	<i>Luke Muschialli</i>
Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports	<i>Samuel Williams</i>
Buckland Award for 1st XV Rugby	<i>Theodore Bevacqua</i>
Harris Prize for Contribution to Girls' Sport	<i>Eliza Reynolds</i>
Maurice ER Sims Prize for Contribution to Boys' Sport	<i>Oliver Carter</i>
PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys' Sport	<i>Theodore Bevacqua, Tawanda Muyeye and Samuel Williams</i>
C Mackenzie Senior Art Prize	<i>Erin Banks</i>
EE Morris Painting Prize	<i>Sasha Marlow</i>
Sculpture Prize	<i>Rachel Kinchin</i>
HV Waterfield Senior Music Prize	<i>Chelsea Chung</i>
C Mackenzie Senior Biology Prize	<i>Luke Muschialli</i>

Senior Business Prize	<i>Sophie Rust</i>
CS Smallman Senior Chemistry Prize	<i>Florence Ji</i>
BM Oman Senior Latin Prize	<i>Megan Terry</i>
Duke of Devonshire Senior Classics Prize	<i>Shaumya Kularajan</i>
Archbishop Gregg Senior Classical Civilisation Prize	<i>Rachel Greenhow</i>
Ellis Firkins Senior Design and Technology Prize	<i>Samuel Williams</i>
Tenby Senior Economics Prize	<i>Daria Gushchina</i>
Newton Critical Reading Prize	<i>William Nicholles</i>
Lord Hyndley Senior English Prize	<i>Sophie Nicholles</i>
Duncan Ferguson Senior Geography Prize	<i>Daria Gushchina</i>
RD Macklin Senior History Prize	<i>Rachel Greenhow</i>
HMS Marlborough Senior Further Mathematics Prize	<i>Florence Ji</i>
Elizabeth Hurst Senior Mathematics Prize	<i>Daria Gushchina</i>
Peter Copp Senior Prize for Spanish	<i>Leila Lopéz-Morán</i>
LG Chater Senior French Prize	<i>Joshua Moreton</i>
C Mackenzie Senior German Prize	<i>Joseph Shouksmith</i>
Senior Physical Education Prize	<i>Benjamin Fox</i>
BH Thomas Senior Physics Prize	<i>James Song</i>
Senior Politics Prize	<i>Mark Burnham</i>
Rexie Adalian Senior Philosophy and Ethics Prize	<i>Erin Banks</i>
Nelson Helmsley Senior Textiles Prize	<i>Antoinette Chastang</i>
Godden Memorial Prize for Gonville House	<i>William Reeves</i>
Professor Soddy Oxbridge Science Prize	<i>Chloe Cox</i>

THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY



The Old Eastbournian Association Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 July 2020

All figures in GBP

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions receivable		24,000		24,000
Profit from sale of OE Regalia		196		228
Sundry income		—		—
Revaluation of stock		—		(595)
		<u>24,196</u>		<u>23,633</u>
DEDUCT OUTGOINGS				
Annual Report	15,353		15,289	
Birley Centre sponsorship	—		—	
Other postage and stationery	—		—	
Secretarial Services	2,500		2,500	
Grants – Cricket	1,800		1,800	
Golf	1,500		1,500	
Football	—		—	
Squash	—		—	
Tennis	—		—	
Rugby	1,500		1,500	
Raisers Edge	—		—	
Sundry expenses	—		—	
OE events	—		—	
		<u>22,653</u>		<u>22,589</u>
		1,543		1,044
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Received net of tax		<u>27</u>		<u>36</u>
DEFICIT IN/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u><u>1,570</u></u>		<u><u>1,080</u></u>

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Balance Sheet at 31 July 2020				
GENERAL FUND				
Balance at 1 August		38,261		37,181
Deduct				
Donation to Old Eastbournian Charity	—		—	
Birley Centre	—		—	
		<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>
Add				
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account		<u>1,570</u>		<u>1,080</u>
Balance at 31 July		<u><u>39,831</u></u>		<u><u>38,261</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY:				
Monies on deposit at RBS plc				
Special interest-bearing account	11,515		20,588	
OE Regalia Stock Deposit	4,505		4,505	
Deposits paid on dinners/ other events	—		—	
Debtors	29,319		20,476	
Bank Current Account	1,000		1,000	
		<u>46,339</u>		<u>46,569</u>
Deduct				
Creditors		(6,508)		(8,308)
Bank account		—		—
		<u><u>39,831</u></u>		<u><u>38,261</u></u>

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastbournian Society (incorporating the Old Eastbournian Association) will be held on Saturday 6 March 2021, starting at 10.00am. OEs are welcome to attend the AGM and are asked to inform the Eastbournian Society office at latest by Friday 26 February 2021 if they wish to do so, by telephone to 01323 452314 or email to jt@eastbourne-college.co.uk. The AGM will be held at Eastbourne College and further details of the venue will be announced on the Eastbournian Society website. If Covid restrictions are still in place the meeting will be held via Zoom.

The Agenda

1. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2020.
2. To elect Officers for the coming year, and to fill vacancies on the Committee.
3. To consider any other business.

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A YEAR IN PICTURES (BEFORE LOCKDOWN)

September



Watching the steeplechase



European Day of Languages

October



Staff wear yellow for Mental Health day

November



Year 9 design poster for Anti-Bullying Week



Dr Siobhan Gardiner wins Woman of the Year Commonwealth Award

December



Christmas Concert



Ice skating trip to Brighton

January



College before the start of the new year

February



LGBTQ+ rainbow flag



Rainbow over Powell courts

March



Philosopher on wheels



International Women's Day

Remarkable journey home from Patagonia



Annabel Symes returned home via horse, bus, taxi and plane, five weeks later than planned due to coronavirus lockdown

Year 13 pupils on the final day of Lent term



LOCKDOWN LEARNING

The College worked hard to retain its whole-of-learning approach to our remote learners during lockdown. Keeping to the existing timetable, there was 96–98 per cent attendance among key exam years, compared with 34 per cent nationally and an average of 57 per cent for independent schools (source: *The Times*).



Roy the head's dog preparing for his first online lesson of the day

New pre-A-level enrichment courses were organised for Year 11, while Year 13 were able to access a series of pre-degree courses grouped within university-style faculties.

As well as a comprehensive academic offering, including face-to-face video sessions via Microsoft Teams, one-to-one remote support and a plethora of educational resources, pupils were able to access a remote version of normal College life, including a full programme of co-curricular activities (with mental health awareness built in); year group and house quiz competitions; weekly house prefect challenges; weekly briefings to whole house; challenges; Chapel services; seniors offering drop-in subject help for juniors; live registrations; tutor-group meetings; cross-house charity initiatives including parents; year-group drop-ins with house prefects and virtual social times.



Will Longden teaching online geography



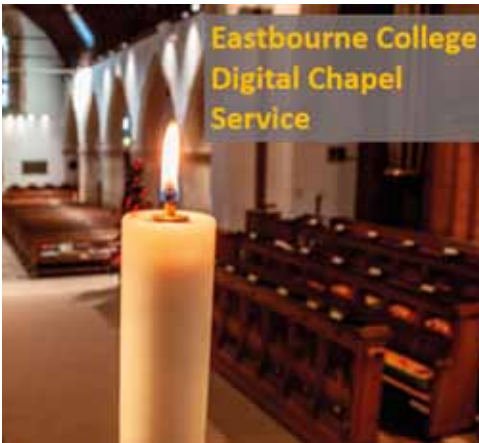
Anthony Lamb teaching remotely with technical assistant Una



Rob Ferley's P3 app helped College cricketers continue their training regardless of lockdown



Mr Rotivator (aka Rob Hill) shared weekly exercises and challenges



Regular online Chapel services



Tomlinson family in Craig cricket BBQ and quiz



Blackwater cookery competition winning dishes



Gonville film, directed by Henry Drew

James Grout performing in Powell online revue



School House Olympic-inspired film

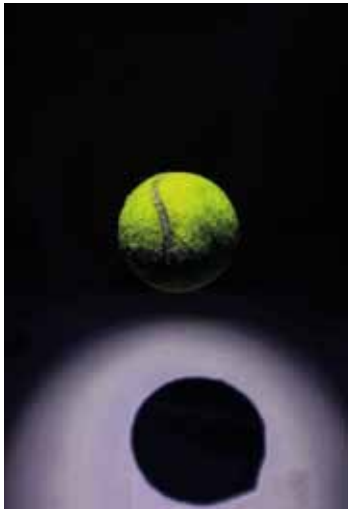
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