

THE CLASS OF 2021

The latest group of Old Eastbournians are the Upper Sixth who left the College in summer 2021.

On 21 May, the Eastbournian Society welcomed them as our new members with a drinks reception in the College dining hall. Development Director Emma Garrett spoke to the pupils, explaining the many benefits of the society: career and business networking events, social occasions such as reunions, lunches and pub get-togethers, OE sports teams, and

access to a worldwide network of OEs who are able to offer support to younger OEs travelling or working in their localities.

Head of Futures Sarah Gordon congratulated the pupils, who have experienced an extraordinary two years in the sixth form, acknowledging that living through the pandemic has been tough, with remote learning, assessments replacing exams,

and the interruptions of lockdowns. She urged them to stay in touch with the ES, pointing out that they will become the role models for pupils in the years below.

Emma concluded with her experiences as an OE herself, saying that she had stayed with an OE when travelling in Australia the year after she left the College, had got a job through an OE contact, had married

an OE in the College chapel, and had two of her children christened there.

She said: 'So you see, once an Eastbournian, always an Eastbournian. I am full of gratitude to the school for shaping me into the person I have become, for supporting me in a number of ways on that journey and I am delighted to be giving something back now as part of my new role at the school.'



The reception was held in two parts: here are pupils from Blackwater, Craig, Reeves, School and Wargrave...



...and from Gonville, Nugent, Pennell, Powell and Watt

Reception for leavers at the Waldorf



The Eastbournian Society hosted a drinks and canapés reception for recent leavers and their parents at the Waldorf Hotel, London, on the evening of Friday 27 August. The elegant Palm Court was the venue for this black-tie event, at which we welcomed leavers from both 2020 and 2021, whose traditional Cornflower Ball celebrations at the end of the summer term had been disrupted because of the Covid pandemic.

Development Director Emma Garrett welcomed the guests and introduced them to the Eastbournian Society team, and Second Master Cris Symes also spoke and congratulated the former pupils on their resilience in getting through their final months at the College despite repeated lockdowns and disruption. It was great to see everybody enjoy a chance to catch up with their friends and have a final send-off to their College days.

Blackwater



Grace Buchanan



Anaïs Cabaret



Alice Clements



Rosie Clifford



Chloe Day



Lily Delgado Vandeeper



Amelia Dipper



Stella Grover



Lana Harffey-Burkhill



Rebecca Lamb



Georgie Lock



Dotty McNally



Poppy Moore



Isabella Park



Iris Pasternack



Amelia Ridley



Ella Woodford

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Craig



Hugo Askaroff



Domenico Chu



Jimbo Culme-Seymour



Jake Ellwood



Jani Flind



Ethan Hackett



Arthur Lewis



Joe Lewis



William Stewart-Blacker



Joshua Veitch



Cameron Wallace-Carville



Scott Williams



Leon Wood

Gonville



Victor Chan



David Cui



Henry Drew



Adam Emin



Humphrey Hare



Shintaro Hashimoto



Carter Ho



James Nicholas



Kosi Oguine



George Pepper



Rupert Plumptre

Nugent



Rebekah Agunede



Abi Disu



Lucy George



Evdokia Gnatyuk



Olivia Jayaraj



Sophia Lambert



Olivia McKeown



Arabella Moen



Elo Quitmann



Sofia Sergeeva



Esha Shah



Liza Thwaites

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Pennell



Jacob Barlow



Tim Bikmullin



Leonardo Fu



Josh Heal



Stan Hughes



Guillaume Najbor



Zackaria Radwan



Sea Tangwatanawongsa



Sung Tangwatanawongsa



Matthew Tsang



Alex Tse



Nicholas Uprichard

Powell



Ali Al-Shamaa



Loic Bass Gualbert



George Callow



Callum Corney



Edward Gent



Giacomo Ghio



Spike Gleave



Ed Hebron



William Hipperson



Callum Hynes



Louis Loubser



Will Lowery



Alexander Photiou



David Quinn



Kamran Rajwani



Alexander Richards



Wali Sahebzadeh



Thomas Simpkin



Sean-Morgan Wilson

Reeves



Shahriar Alam



Toby Anderson



Christopher Arecco



James Bradley



Seby Bradley



William Brown



James Cardoza



Jerome Convert



Alastair Kent



Sam Linden



Tom Meek



William Morris



Shane O'Callaghan



Harvey Park



Charlie Pincus



Oliver Streets



Caleb Titterton

School



Isabella Blundell



Thalia Dang



Eleanor Daniels



Katrina Evershed



Sandra Fuhrmann



Mel Griffiths



Tegan Heaton



Anda Kadia



Juliette Lammerts



Olivia Regattieri



Loveday Rowlands



Elena Yang

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Wargrave



Cody Chan



Toby Clarke



Sean Collett



Alexander Freeman



Yunus Gureli



Tom Hinley



Jack Kennedy



Toby Lock



Fiontan Logan



Guilherme Natario Rio Tinto



Hamish Reilly



Kojo Sako



Ben Schnuppe



Arnold Shum



William Wang



Gerald Wong

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Watt



Elsa Auer



Suhansa Biyanwila



Ella Blake



Sophie Bullock



Rose Crofts-Bolster



Ellen Duthie-Jackson



Maisie Gibbs



Tali Greig



Charlotte Holder



Katherine Linaker



Alexandra Lupu



Louise Mariani-McIntyre



Isobel Mitchell



Daisy Newton



Melis-Rose Ozcan



Molly Swingler



Natasha Symes



Mayuri Tambyrajah



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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 84.

Jamie Atkins (Wargrave 2018-20) has signed a new contract with Sussex County Cricket Club that runs until at least the end of the 2024 season. Jamie made his professional debut against Lancashire in April 2021, removing captain Dane Vilas for a duck. At the time he said: 'I can't really put into words what it was like to get my first wicket, especially as it was such an important one. I was so chuffed as my celebrations probably showed.' Over the summer he took 20 wickets in five Championship matches, including five wickets apiece against Yorkshire and Kent.



Sasha Bates (Nugent 1984-86) is a psychotherapist, yoga teacher, author, journalist and former filmmaker. She began her career on the BBC's graduate training scheme, working as director and series producer on factual entertainment programmes, before retraining as a psychotherapist at the age of 40. She tells us that her first book, *Languages of Loss*, was published ten days into the first Covid lockdown in 2020, 'at that time when we were all at our most scared, anxious, angry, and disorientated – all states mirroring grief, the very subject of my book'. She says: 'While the longed-for launch parties, book tours, literary festivals and media interviews

disappeared out from under me, I found them being just as rapidly replaced by requests to write, talk and teach about the effects of grief and loss, now becoming horribly familiar to so many.' She spent most of spring and summer 2020 writing her second book, *A Grief Companion*. In the form of a guidebook, it details why grief makes us feel like we do, and offers gentle suggestions based on experience, science, and psychotherapy as to how to make it through the days with some measure of sanity intact. Sasha continued her psychotherapeutic practice, now moved to Zoom, and became aware of the significant effects of Covid and lockdown on people's mental health. During the autumn and winter lockdowns she wrote her third book, *Yoga Saved My Life*, which looks at the parallels between yoga and psychotherapy. The first two books are available now and the third is coming out in March 2022. All are published by Yellow Kite and available in bookstores or via any of the online platforms.



Fiona Bottomley (Nugent 1979-81) had her fifth novel published in June. Written under her pen name, Fiona Kane, *A Song Unsung* is a coming-of-age story about an impressionable teenage girl who falls under the spell of a beautiful singer with a mysteri-

ous past. There are two storylines set in different times: the bohemian atmosphere of Soho in 1958, and a Sussex village in the long, hot summer of 1976. One character, Martha Palmer, is an aspiring singer working in a coffee shop in the 1950s, who later appears in the 1976 narrative when she moves to Sussex and draws 14-year-old Natasha James into a glittery world of extravagant parties, steeped in the embroidered rhythms of jazz. The book is available via Amazon.



Noah Canby (Powell 2017-19) was one of three surfers who helped raise over £2800 for the RNLI following a dramatic beach rescue in February 2021. Noah, together with fellow surfers Liam Harris and Joe Pert, was involved in rescuing a woman trapped on a beach which had been cut off by the incoming tide, close to Birling Gap. They waited for the inshore lifeboat to arrive and managed to retrieve a lifejacket for the woman to wear, but the rigid inflatable boat (rib) which was meant to rescue her was caught by the heavy waves and crashed on to the beach. They then had to wait for a rescue helicopter to arrive, meanwhile keeping the woman afloat on two of the surfboards. During the incident Noah's surfboard was smashed on the rocks, and a fundraising page was set up to help pay for a new one. The response was so good that the money raised paid not only for a replacement board but left a further £2,821.17 which was donated to the RNLI to go towards the cost of replacing the damaged rib. A spokesperson for the lifeboat crew said, 'We were extremely grateful they were there to help on that day. The response to the GoFundMe appeal has been astounding. We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who so kindly donated, we are blown away and very humbled by all the donations [...] towards the repair cost of £5,450.'



Richard Duncan (Wargrave 1978-83) wrote to us: 'Despite drifting in and out of multiple lockdowns and suffering the typical setbacks many did worldwide to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2021 proved to be far from a write-off for me. Firstly, after finally turning the corner on a long and painful mental health battle (special mention and thanks to fellow OE and Wargrave 78-83 alumnus and best friend Barry Salmon and his wife Julie for their continued and invaluable support in helping me get across the finish line!), I was invited by the Ambassador and Speaker Bureau of Australia's leading mental health charity, Beyond Blue, to become one of their speakers to tell my story on their behalf to corporate groups. This is an important way to spread the word to normalise mental health and remove any remaining stigma – something that I have greatly enjoyed doing to many leading companies throughout Australia and Asia Pacific.

'And secondly, and unquestionably more importantly, on 10 April 2021 I was very lucky to marry the woman who stood beside me in my mental health battle. In a rare break from lockdown restrictions, at a special ceremony witnessed by our immediate family and close friends (and broadcast across the world to everyone who sadly couldn't make the trip due to Covid-19 travel restrictions), my ten-year partner Ginny and I were married. With my daughters Georgia and Bella as bridesmaids and my brother Seb as my virtual best man this was a very special day for us both. You can view the wedding at <https://youtu.be/Oa0m0aLKid4> and see the speeches at <https://youtu.be/rwRYd9mTmk4>.

'So, as we emerge from lockdown and approach the end of 2021, I am grateful for everything that 2021 brought and look forward to the year ahead, which is looking decidedly bright.'

Peter Barker

Peter Barker (Powell 1962-67) was featured on BBC Radio 4's *Any Answers?* programme on Saturday 10 April, in which listeners were sharing their reminiscences of the Duke of Edinburgh, who had died the day before. Peter remembered the visit of the Queen and the Duke to the College on 28 October 1966. He had designed and built a tape recorder that had won the technical section of a school competition, and it was on display in Big School. The Duke looked at the tape recorder and said, 'I hope you've got a licence for that!', before walking away, then turning back and giving Peter a wink. Apparently Peter still has the tape recorder and it still works – with or without a licence!



The Queen and the Duke visiting the electronics display in Big School

Richard has also written an article about his charity business venture, Team Building with Purpose, which you can read on page 27.

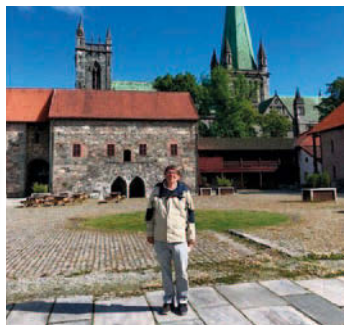
David Dunn (Powell 1968-73) tells us that after leaving the College he spent ten further years studying, constructed around the library (am), golf (pm), and poetry and song writing (pm-am). Rather than prepare new ad libs, he periodically moved institutions resulting in: BA (Hons) International Relations (Keele), MA Soviet and East European Studies (Carleton, Ottawa), Diploma in Russian (Surrey) and PhD Government (LSE). He married Ceri in 1986 and they have two daughters and a granddaughter. He divides his time between Hampshire and London, where he occasionally meets up with old Powellians as well as playing OE golf.

Lacking the necessary fitness levels for pushing drugs (too weak) or gun-running (too slow), he spent his entire career as a university lecturer, teaching politics, international history, and film. He retired in 2015 but remains an Emeritus Fellow at the University of Southampton. Covid destroyed graduation ceremonies and thus his final employment as the university's public orator. David has written short plays for schools and youth theatre, published by Lazy Bee Scripts. These have been performed on five continents. He is a performance poet and recently an anthology of his poetry, *Space Place Time*, was published by Cyberwit.net, which you can buy at <https://www.cyberwit.net/publications/I697>.

John Dutton (Reeves 2012-17) has accepted an offer to join the EY graduate programme. John graduated in 2020 with first class honours in economics from Exeter and he joined EY's Quantitative Advisory Services Graduate Programme in April 2021. John will have the opportunity to be accredited as a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) plus the EY programme offers structured learning in a range of subject domains including financial predictive modelling, data visualisation, innovation and blockchain.



Chris Ennals (Powell 1956-60) is the OE rep in Norway and a regular correspondent with the ES office. In February he told us that he had writ-



ten his piano concerto no.2 and that a recording was available on YouTube. Chris hopes that the recording, accompanied by a series of photos, will be enjoyed by members of the Eastbournian Society. The orchestrated second movement, *Etude in Emotions*, is available by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHMIMtCFOQA>.

Later in the year Chris wrote to Emma Garrett with some information about his career: 'My claim to fame is that after a period in the Foreign Office (MI6 as it is openly called nowadays!) my Norwegian wife and I moved to her country. I was in academic publishing for over 30 years, mostly polishing English language written by Scandinavian researchers for books and journals, plus a bit of translation when I learnt the lingo pretty well. And I was also connected with the World Veterans Federation on the medico-social research side, as Secretary General of a small office in a psychiatric hospital in Oslo. I ended up as an academic qualifications assessor under the Norwegian Ministry of Education. I have been retired for 16 years now.

'Sports-wise, my mother was Sussex County Champion and played at Wimbledon in the 1930s. I was also terribly keen and was captain of lawn tennis at the College, playing with Chris Kirk-Greene and Donald Perrens on the wonderful grass courts of Devonshire Park. I won the South of England boys' doubles, and continued tennis at Trinity Hall Cambridge (reading Law), where I was also captain and even knocked up with Mark Cox and other Blues at the University Club. Tennis was for amateurs in those days.

'In the 1970s I was the leading light of the Anglo-Norse Society here in Oslo, and was honorary secretary, working closely with the British Council and the Embassy. In the 1990s my main interest was classic yachts (regatta yachts of wood built and designed in Norway) and I was editor of a magazine devoted to this subject in Norwegian and English. I was also hon. secretary of the European Classic Yacht Union at the turn of the century. And after retiring from that effort, I then had more time to compose for the piano

and encourage orchestration of my compositions thanks to a friend in Stockholm who has helped me for the last decade. The result was, inter alia, a romantic symphony and two piano concertos.

'Sadly my wife died of cancer in 2017 after we had been married 53 years; she had visited the College several times. In 2012 I had one of my piano compositions (duly orchestrated) played by the College orchestra at a Remembrance concert in the College Chapel. The piece is called *Flogned Overture* as I composed it at my country house in Sweden, over the border two hours away from Oslo. We were also present at the launching of the Project 150 campaign for new facilities at the College. David Stewart gave my granddaughter and myself a guided tour of the new buildings in the summer of 2018, and I came to the 150th Winter Ball in December.'

In last year's magazine Chris told us that he hoped to visit Trondheim Cathedral, which was the foremost goal for pilgrimage before the reformation in the Scandinavian countries. He managed to visit in June just as a local lockdown was ending, and sent us this photograph.



Tim Freshwater (School 1958-63) visited the College with his wife Grace in August and had a chance to meet Development Director Emma Garrett. She showed them round the new College café, which is named Tim's in his honour. The café was previously located in the Winn Building but has relocated to the Nugee Building, and has its entrance on Old Wish Road, which is a more accessible place for pupils, staff and visitors.

Jeremy Friend-Smith (Blackwater 1949-54) wrote to us after reading the obituary of former College teacher Paul Hirst in last year's magazine. He said: 'I was sad to see the death of Paul Hirst in the recent *Old Eastbournian*, but at 92 he had had a good innings. I thought for a moment that the 1955 photograph of the 'Pseudos' might be one I possessed, but mine was the 1954 group, and I recognized all the faces and could recall most of the names. The Maths department was very strong at that time with Kenneth Hindley well established in A-level applied maths and geometry and Paul Hirst fresh and exciting at calculus and pure maths topics. I kept contact socially and was fortunate to have him as my tutor when he joined the Education department at Oxford University. When an updated version of Nancy Mitford's *The Pursuit of Love* was televised recently, I thought I would re-read it, and I found my original Penguin copy of *Love In A Cold Climate*, inscribed '10 May 1954, Jeremy, from Paul H Hirst'. I assume this was to cheer me up during the stressful A-level season. Not orthodox treatment, but it worked for me!'



Ed Gent (Powell 2016-21) has been writing and performing his own songs for more than four years and released an album in September 2021. It covers a variety of musical genres, as Ed wanted to release seven completely different songs. They range from soft ballads and pop/rock to more modern sounds of contemporary R&B and electronic dance music. The songs are a result of Ed's personal thoughts, experiences and views before, during and after lockdown, with a focus on politics, perseverance and personal relationships. The album is released on Spotify, Apple Music and all other streaming platforms.

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Michael Gietzen

Michael Gietzen (Reeves 2001-03) is the managing director of local events agency Identity, which was selected to host the 47th G7 summit, which took place in Carbis Bay, Cornwall, from 11 to 13 June. Attendees included Prime Minister Boris Johnson, President Biden, President Macron and Chancellor Merkel. At the time, Michael said, 'This will be the largest multilateral summit that the UK will host following its departure from the EU and, indeed, the UK's first international in-person event since the pandemic lockdown.' A company statement said: 'We are honoured to have been chosen and trusted to deliver this very important and prestigious event. Once again Identity will be able to showcase its expertise in the smooth execution of a major, high-profile international event. From a delivery aspect, we will apply our best-in-class experience of working with world leaders and, at the same time showcase the very best of Cornwall.'



On 10 November Michael attended a reception at Windsor Castle to celebrate winning the Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade in October 2020. Hosted by the Prince of Wales, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex, as well as other members of the royal family, the reception was arranged to congratulate and celebrate The Queen's Award winners of 2020 and 2021. Michael is pictured here on the right with fellow award winners Samuel White from Glentham Life Sciences Ltd (left) and Tom Parling from Ocere (centre). Michael said: 'I was delighted to represent the hugely talented team at Identity at Windsor. It was a great honour to receive the Queen's Award last year but of course, our celebrations at the time were somewhat muted due to the pandemic. Thank you to the royal family for making it a very memorable afternoon – it was wonderful to be in the company of so many representatives from the very best of British business.'

Derek Granger

Derek Granger (Powell House 1935-39) celebrated his 100th birthday on 23 April 2021 and we were delighted to send him our best wishes. Derek is probably most famous as the producer of *Brideshead Revisited* for Granada Television, which won a BAFTA award for best drama series in 1982. After the Second World War, in which he served as a lieutenant in the Royal Navy, Derek worked as a journalist in Brighton, before being headhunted by the *Financial Times* as their first drama and film critic. That led to an invitation from Sidney Bernstein, the head of Granada, to work in television. He was a producer of *Coronation Street* in its early days, as well as being a scriptwriter, and later became Granada's head of drama. In October 2014 the Eastbourne Society invited Derek to give a talk at the Birley Centre, in which he told the behind-the-scenes story of the making of *Brideshead*. The production took two-and-a-half years, being interrupted by an ITV strike at one point. Luckily Granada had the financial resources to keep it going, with the company executives having enough faith in Derek and his team to produce what has since become recognised as one of the greatest television dramas of all time.



On 13 December John Thornley and Emma Garrett visited Derek at his home in London, when this picture was taken.



Ian Grant (Reeves 1979-84) is a consultant in plastic and reconstructive surgery, and surgery of the hand. He was

appointed as a substantive consultant at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge in 2005. In December 2021 he featured in an episode of the BBC2 documentary series *Surgeons: At the Edge of Life*, in which he and a team of doctors had to determine whether they could save the hand of a motorcyclist who had been badly injured in an accident. The programme, episode 6 of series 4, is available on BBC iPlayer throughout 2022.

Ian trained in medicine at Oxford University. He carried out

plastic surgery training in Salisbury, East Grinstead, Mount-Vernon, and Cambridge hospitals before undertaking fellowship training including hand surgery, aesthetic surgery, and microsurgery, at hospitals in Melbourne, Australia, and at St James's Hospital, Leeds. In 2007, he started the first regular children's hand surgery clinic at Addenbrooke's hospital, and now sees more than 180 referrals each year. He was elected to the Council of the British Society for Surgery of the Hand in 2012. He is actively involved in the tuition and supervision of trainee surgeons and is the programme director for Foundation Year One doctors at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Eddie Izzard

Eddie Izzard (Pennell 1975-80) ran 32 marathons and performed 31 stand-up shows



in 31 days as part of a 'Run for Hope' in January 2021. The aim was to raise money for charities making a real difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Using the social media hashtag #MakeHumanityGreatAgain, Eddie completed the challenge on a treadmill in Riverside Studios in London, but ran virtually through different cities around the world for each marathon. The first five charities to benefit were Fareshare, Walking With the Wounded, Care International, United to Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases, and Covenant House New York City. During the marathons Eddie had video chats with a variety of celebrities and was helped during the final run by the actor George Clooney, who gave a £3,000 donation to help reach the donation target of £250,000, which was soon overtaken, with a final total in excess of £300,000. Eddie also visited the College in December, which you can read about on page 47.

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Tom Hinley (Wargrave 2019-21) has signed a professional contract at Sussex County Cricket Club. Part of the Sussex pathway since he was an under-11, Tom was captain of the county age group team from the under-16 level. He is currently in his first year at Loughborough University and will join the Sussex squad in summer 2022 at the end of the academic year. Tom, a left-handed batter and left-arm wrist spinner, said when his contract was announced: 'I'm delighted to have signed a deal with the club I've been with since I was ten. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn, improve and hopefully contribute towards winning games for Sussex.'



Ravina, Zahir, Zubin, Sanjay and JT

Sanjay Kirpalani (Wargrave 1980-83) visited the College with his wife Ravina and two sons, Zahir and Zubin, on 14 June 2021 and John Thornley took them on a tour of Wargrave House. Sanjay later told us: 'After completing my O-levels in 1983 my education and work life took me to London for A-levels, Switzerland for university, then on to Indonesia for my first job internship at a textile factory, and thereafter to Lagos, Nigeria, where I joined the family business. After marriage in 1993, we headed off to Hong Kong for six years where our first son was born, then on to London where our second son was born and, after six years there, Singapore beckoned! Home base has been Singapore since 2006. During a recent visit to London, I proposed a vacation to Eastbourne for a few days... the first time I've been back since 1983! The tour of Wargrave House was especially emotional as that's where I spent my adolescent years and sharing my experiences there with my two boys was magical.'

Alex Hodges (Gonville 2008-13), after graduating from the University of York, spent a few years of globe-trotting and doing voluntary work on various wildlife conservation projects. He has recently started work for Tesla in the UK.

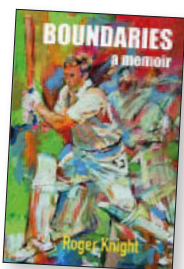
Ed Hodges (Gonville 2012-17), brother of Alex, above, graduated from Loughborough in 2021. He then started work at a robotics engineering company (LABMAB) in North Yorkshire where he had completed his year in industry, during which he had travelled to China in the middle of the pandemic and endured two weeks in enforced isolation so that he could build and install a sample testing system for the Chinese Centre for Disease Control.



Phil Johnston (Powell 1985-90) is a consultant trauma and orthopaedic surgeon, specialising in treatment of conditions of the upper limb, especially of the hand and wrist. He read medicine at Cambridge University and graduated with a BA in medical and neurosciences in 1993. He continued his clinical training at Addenbrooke's Hospital, graduating in 1995 with Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degrees. He was made a member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 2000 and started specialist training in trauma and orthopaedics. He was made Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in Trauma and Orthopaedics in 2007 and completed research leading to the award of MD from the University of East Anglia in 2008. He was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Addenbrooke's in 2009. Like his OE colleague Ian Grant he featured in episode 6 of series 4 of the BBC2 documentary series *Surgeons: At the Edge of Life*, which is available on BBC iPlayer throughout 2022.

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Roger Knight, who taught modern languages at the College from 1970 to 1978, has published his autobiography, *Boundaries*. While on the College staff, Roger taught for two terms a year, leaving the summer free for him to pursue first-class cricket, playing for Gloucestershire between 1971 and 1975, and Sussex in 1976-77. On leaving the College in 1978 he became captain of Surrey and moved to Dulwich College to teach. He later joined the MCC committee, then became MCC Secretary from 1994 to 2000, and MCC Chief Executive from 2000 to 2006. Roger told us that the book touches on all the days of school teaching and of cricket, and follows through to thoughts from retirement. He said: 'It has been a wonderful challenge during the various lockdowns and I have enjoyed writing it. My share of the profits will go to the MCC Foundation, where



the money will be spent on the hubs, one of which operates through Rob Ferley at the College.' The book has been well received and the review on the CricketWeb.net website said: 'All in all *Boundaries* is an excellent book, written by an intelligent and articulate man and chock full of interesting content.' The reviewer said that he thought that Roger's account of his time at the MCC was one of the book's highlights: 'The first point that struck me is just what the job of running Lord's involves... I was simply not prepared for the list of responsibilities that Knight undertook, ultimately being the man who had to organise and oversee, on big match days, up to a thousand people working at or around the ground in one capacity or other.' The book is published by JW McKenzie (www.mckenzie-cricket.co.uk) at £20 a copy. There are also 75 limited edition leather-bound copies, signed personally by the writers of the two forewords, Sir Tim Rice and Mike Brearley, the current MCC President, Kumar Sangakkara, and by Roger himself. These are available for £100 plus postage. Roger will be the guest speaker at the cricket dinner at the college on 23 June.

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Martin Lulham (Powell 1991-96) featured as one of the CRN Rising Stars in their 2021 report, published in March. Martin is CEO of M-Tech, a managed service provider based in Eastbourne, which offers a wide-range of IT and technology solutions. In the report Martin commented that, having seen a 54 per cent rise in revenue in the year to 30 September 2020, the company was now ready to launch its acquisition strategy. He added that M-Tech has focused its efforts over the last few years on evolving intellectual property with own-brand services. This has enabled them to deliver excellent customer service they control themselves while also making the company flexible to their customers' needs.

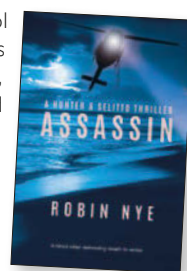
David Macafee (Pennell 1989-93) is a consultant laparoscopic colorectal and general surgeon of childhood, based at the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust, a major adult and children trauma centre and busy teaching hospital in a deprived area of Middlesbrough. He has been a consultant for ten years. He is also Director of Medical Education at South Tees responsible for around 200 medical students, 500 postgraduate doctors and 550 of their trainers. He tells us that he is still playing plenty of tennis, but has less time these days for squash, golf or hockey. He is keen to spread the word to schoolchildren in both the state and private sectors about the breadth of career options, using his NHS trust as an example,

with opportunities in medicine, nursing, physiotherapy, estates, IT, finance etc. David tell us that he also works in the same hospital as cardiothoracic surgeon **Joel Dunning** (Craig 1986-91).



Tawanda Muyeye (Gonville 2018-20) was profiled in the *Guardian* newspaper on 29 May 2021, in which his College coach Rob Ferley said: 'I genuinely think he could be the best player in the world'. Tawanda, who won the Wisden Schools Cricketer of the Year award in his final year at the College, was signed earlier in the year to Kent CCC. In the article he talked about how his ambition is to play Test cricket for England, having been granted the right to remain indefinitely in the UK. He said: 'I'm an asylum seeker... My family are refugees, my mum is a refugee, I am a refugee. This is due to the human rights violations in Zimbabwe. For as long as it goes on I will speak up about it. I think it's very wrong.' Tawanda says that he is grateful to have 'the freedom and live in a place where you don't feel threatened' and is grateful to Rob Ferley and James Tredwell at the College for their support and confidence in him, and to Paul Downton, Director of Cricket at Kent, for his help in the past year.

Robin Nye (School 1965-69) had his second book, *Assassin*, published by The Conrad Press in December 2021. Robin told us: 'After having my first book published in



2020, I was keen to continue writing and to develop the characters I had created. The result is a fast-moving, chilling and engrossing thriller which has been great fun to write.' *Assassin* sees DI Sarah Hunter and DS Ted Selitto of Kent Police in a race against time to identify a hugely resourceful killer. Their investigation is, however, blown off course with the discovery that the deaths they are investigating were all caused by a deadly cocktail of lethal toxins. Who is the killer and what connection do they have with the victims? As the search for clues becomes more desperate, their enquiries connect to an audacious

plan to land millions of pounds worth of drugs onto deserted Kent beaches. And, in an explosive finale, there can only be one winner! Robin goes on to say: 'I really wanted to introduce a number of red herrings and blind alleys into the story which will keep the reader guessing right up to the last page. Apart from rural Kent, I have also used locations on the Isle of Wight and on the Channel Island of Guernsey which some readers might recognise. Writing continues to be a most rewarding experience as I move into my 70s, and the third book in this series is already well-developed with a hopeful publication date of November 2022.' *Assassin* is currently available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon, or it can be ordered online or in store from any good bookshop or from www.theconradpress.com.

Jonny Ohlson (Gonville 1975-80) was interviewed in London's *Evening Standard* newspaper in October about his biotech company Touchlight, which he founded in 2007. It employs 125 people and has a valuation of \$1 billion. Based in a former pumping station on the riverside near Hampton Court, the company

is developing a landmark laboratory which will become the world's foremost synthetic DNA factory. Enzymes in test tubes will be used to amplify specific sequences of genetic code faster, cheaper and more cleanly, and this pure DNA will be used to make mRNA vaccines and in gene and cell therapy. Recently it also played a role in the development of several Covid-19 vaccines.

Jonny, however, is not from a scientific background, having spent his career in advertising, ending up at Saatchi & Saatchi, before becoming director of private members' club Soho House. But he feels that creativity is an important aspect of what he does now. He said: 'If you look at the definition of creativity, it's turning ideas into intellectual property and commercialising them. So at its heart biotech is a creative industry.' Later in the interview he said: 'At Saatchi you gave a creative person a brief and they would stretch it and push it as far as they possibly could. This was exactly the same. Our thesis was that if you could amplify DNA in a test tube you would properly disrupt the way it was made. No-one else was even looking at it. We had to fill the patent white-space that we dis-

Alex Partridge

Alex Partridge (Powell 2001-06) ran a total of 200km in January 2021, starting with a marathon on New Year's Day. He raised £555 for Mind, the mental health charity. Alex is pictured here with his father **Tim** (Powell 1977-82) and sister **Jessica** (Blackwater 2009-14)



covered with innovation.' Touchlight now holds around 80 patents covering the combination of enzymes used in DNA production, the automation of the process and chemistry of in-vitro amplification of DNA. Its focus is now on expanding production and drawing up licensing deals to sell the technology worldwide.

Jeremy Rainbird (Wargrave 1987-92) was interviewed for a money pages feature in the *Sunday Times* in January 2021. Having left the College at 18, he started work as a production runner in Soho, which he describes as 'a well-trodden path into entertainment'. He married comedy writer and performer Sharon Horgan and in 2013 they set up the production company Merman, whose hits include the Bafta award-winning comedies *Catstrophe* and *Motherland*. They were divorced in 2019 but live close to each other in London. He says that his best investment was 'marrying Sharon', saying: 'It's been an amazing 17 years and we've grown a little team together. We started and have grown Merman, which is very successful now.'



Chris Porter (Gonville 1974-79) was installed as Master of The Worshipful Company of Distillers at Vintner's Hall in the City of London on 18 November 2021. He was pleased that **Nigel Strofton** (Gonville 1955-59), who had previously been Master of the Company in 1992-93, was able to attend the ceremony. Nigel, right, is seen here offering his congratulations to fellow Gonvillian Chris.



Tony Riddick (Reeves 1982-87) is a consultant urologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge,

with expertise in renal cancer and benign prostatic disease. Before moving to Cambridge in 2013, he had spent years with a busy private and NHS practice in Edinburgh. Like

Seb Nagle-Taylor

Seb Nagle-Taylor (Gonville 2007-12) signed a permanent contract with Gloucester Rugby in December 2020 for the 2021-22 season. He joined from Hartpury College RFC, where he scored five tries in 19 appearances. Alex Brown, chief operating officer, commented: 'Seb has come in and really impressed the coaches with his game. He performed excellently out in Lyon, and continues to work hard in training. He's a powerful and abrasive player that rarely takes a step backwards, and he will add that further strength in depth to our back row next season.'



Tim Parker

Tim Parker (Wargrave 1986-91) was part of a team of ten who took part in a charity cycling challenge from Salisbury to Land's End and back again. Between 30 August and 3 September, the team cycled 475 miles on behalf of Hope and Homes for Children, which works across the world to keep families together, reunite families, and build new families, so every child can grow up in the care and support of a loving family, rather than being unnecessarily institutionalised in an orphanage. Tim raised over £5,000 which went towards the overall £50,000 target set for the challenge. The team are pictured here at Land's End, halfway through their epic ride.



Daniel Rapp

Daniel Rapp (Pennell 2007-09), who is from Germany, completed a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Mannheim after leaving the College. He then went on to do various internships in investment banking in Frankfurt. After that Daniel decided to take on the challenge of studying law as a second academic degree in his home town, Cologne. In January 2021 he completed his law degree in front of the higher regional court of Cologne with distinction. Daniel has been working for Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Duesseldorf since then, combining both of his academic backgrounds in corporate law and M&A. Daniel, who was a school prefect during his final year at the College, sends on his kind regards to his former teachers, his former housemaster Mr Stevens as well as former headmaster Mr Davies.



his OE colleagues Ian Grant and Phil Johnston, Tony featured in the BBC2 documentary series *Surgeons: At the Edge of Life* which was filmed at Addenbrooke's. He is in episode 4 of the fourth series, which can be viewed on BBC iPlayer.

Joshua Ridge (Reeves 2015-20) completed basic training for Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment on 24 January 2021. Within a week he was mobilised for Covid duties, which included testing of hauliers at Dover. Joshua is studying at the University of Wolverhampton, which has accommodated his training and reserves duties.



John Ryley (Blackwater 1975-80) won the Outstanding Contribution award at the Royal Television Society Television Journalism Awards 2021, which were announced in February. John, who is Head of Sky News, has had a 37-year career in broadcast journalism, and has worked for the three major UK broadcasters, the BBC, ITN and Sky. Chair of the Awards, Simon Bucks, said: 'The Outstanding Contribu-

tion award goes to a journalist who really has done what it says on the tin – effected genuine change in our business. I have witnessed it first-hand over 30 years... His style is innovative, idiosyncratic. His integrity, influence and authority, colossal.'

In his acceptance speech at the virtual awards ceremony, John said that luck had played an enormous part in his career. In his early days in local radio he learned the importance of accuracy, at the BBC in the late 1980s he learned the importance of impartiality, and at ITN's *News at Ten* in the early 1990s he learned the power of distinctive, eyewitness reporting. At Sky he says he has learned the importance of challenging the status quo. The biggest lesson he has learned is that it is not the strongest or the most intelligent that succeed but those prepared to adapt and change. He also stressed the importance that black and Asian people have in TV news, not just on screen, but also those making decisions behind the scenes, saying 'Luck in television journalism still too often favours the white and middle class. Young people from ethnic minorities need far more than only luck to succeed. They need advice, support and opportunity to get on in our

Joe Shouksmith

Joe Shouksmith (Craig 2015-20) ran 12 marathons in 12 months to raise money for the charity CLIC Sargent, which is now known as Young Lives vs Cancer. On his justgiving.com page Joe said that most of the marathon runs had been in and around Eastbourne, but he had also competed in the Jurassic Coast Challenge of three marathons in three days along the very hilly Dorset coastline, which he said was 'incredibly tough but enjoyable!' He then ran the Two Tunnels Marathon in Bath and the Brighton Marathon which he completed in his best time of 3:30. In October he took it up a level by completing the Thames Trot Ultra – a 47-mile ultramarathon which he completed in 8 hours and 4 minutes. By the end of the year Joe had raised over £2,600.



trade, and they need our respect: respect for the new ideas and new skills they can offer us, so please, give it to them.' Paying tribute to his wife Harriet, who died last winter, John concluded by dedicating the

award 'to all those who keep the home fires burning, leaving us to go to work to focus on what we all must cherish - accurate, impartial, original journalism.'





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Ed Speleers



Ed Speleers (Wargrave 2001-06) took part in a two-day 200km run along the Cornish coastal path in May to help raise funds for the National Brain Appeal. Ed, on the left, ran with his friend Tom Morison, right, whose father was diagnosed last year with a rare form of dementia. Together they raised funds for Rare Dementia Support, which runs regular, specialist support groups, and provides newsletters, contact networks and a digital platform with access to information and advice for people affected by dementia. Ed, who played footman Jimmy Kent in *Downton Abbey*, and is currently appearing in *Outlander* on Amazon Prime, commented that when Tom suggested the challenge, he 'couldn't not do it', saying that it is important to have 'somebody else to guide you through it and to keep reminding what this is for.' After the run he said: 'We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the people who supported us before and during this challenge.' By the end of the year the fund-raising total stood at over £26,500.



Becky Stewart (School 2004-08) won an award as a Rising Star in the Insurance category of

the We Are The City 2021 Awards. Now in their eighth year, the Rising Star Awards are the first to focus on the achievements of women below senior management or director level, representing the female talent pipeline and the next generation of future leaders. Becky is a key account manager at Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty. After graduating from

the University of Bristol in 2011 with a BA in sociology, she had an internship in the London 2012 Olympic marketing team. Her first role in the insurance sector was working at Willis Tower Watson, where she was a wholesale broker from January 2013 until September 2016. The job entailed placing and serving complex property business from the US into the European market in London. She then decided that her skills were a better fit within the relationship side of the business, and so moved to Allianz to focus on servicing FTSE 250 companies, where she has been for the last five years.

Hamish Symington

Hamish Symington (Craig 1993-98) has been elected to a research fellowship at Queens' College, Cambridge, starting in October 2022, for three years. He told us: 'The research itself can best be summarised as 'what do bees like about flowers?'. My PhD has looked at strawberry flower shape to see if bees have a preference for it (yes), and also if particular shapes help them find flowers faster (no). I've also looked at nectar, showing that bees care about sugar concentration even at the quantities which flowers make (less than a cubic millimetre), that sweeter isn't always better when it comes to how bees forage for nectar (because sweeter nectar is harder for them to vomit up back at the nest) and that bees can trade off how easy it is to get to the nectar against the quality of the reward that they get. The future research will be carrying on in this field, but switching plants to broad bean: I'm going to find out the genetic reason why broad bean flowers have spots and coloured veins on their petals. Once I've done that I'll take the genes and put them into pea flowers, to see if I can turn on spot production there, and then I'll see what bees think to those.'



Guy Thwaites



Guy Thwaites (Blackwater 1984-89) was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2021. Guy has been Director of the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU) in Hanoi, Vietnam, since 2013 and has been honoured for services to public health and UK/Vietnam relations. He is responsible for the scientific strategy and leadership of the entire OUCRU programme, with its major research themes of emerging viral infections, dengue, brain infections, tuberculosis, malaria, enteric infections, antimicrobial drug resistance and care of the critically ill. His personal research focuses on severe bacterial infections, particularly tuberculosis.

Alex Vanotti (Watt 1994-96) tells us that after 20 years working as a broadcast journalist in the BBC newsroom, she left to start up her own photography company. She says: 'It's called Light by Lexi – Lexi being my nickname amongst my oldest gaggle of girlfriends from Moira House. Note, this career change had absolutely nothing to do with lockdown and being able to stay in my pyjamas all day... Photography has been a passion of mine since I was little but it wasn't until I had some time and space away from the office to really think about my future that I started taking it seriously. Then the BBC announced a reorganisation and called out for a score of volunteers for redundancy – and my decision was made. Having not been out producing throughout the whole of lockdown, in my final fortnight my Newsgathering colleagues deployed me to my favourite event – Chelsea Flower Show – followed by the royal premiere of the new Bond film. What a fabulous send off! I'm now focusing on turning my passion into a business and have been out and about with my camera for everything from headshots to wine-tasting events to school portraits. I'm very content – especially as staying closer to home (South West London) means I am now able to be more present for my boys (now 8 and 5).

large social media following that has since grown to over 100,000 followers on Instagram @english_ems. She is now using her platform as an influencer to focus on mental health and sustainability while working with charities such as Head Talks and MQ Mental Health, as well as being co-founder of POW Food, a sustainable premium wellness catering service. Emily featured on the College's Instagram account during Mental Health Awareness Week by filming a video of herself answering pupils' questions.

Luca Wells (Powell 2017-19) has set up his own online arts supplies business. He tells us that he started by producing luxury personalised leather sketchbooks and journals. Expanding on this idea, he made contacts with big brands such as Winsor & Newton, Cranfield Colours, Pro Arte, and Loxley, who were willing to act as wholesalers for his online arts shop. He told us: 'The final piece of the jigsaw was to develop a relationship with specialist framers to offer a bespoke service for framing to the standards at the highest professional level. I have now received funding to attend a fast-track part time CMDA degree apprenticeship alongside working full-time for my business. My ultimate goal is to form an artist community initially based around our Instagram followers. Our vision isn't to just sell art supplies, but to offer free advice and be of value to fellow artists at all stages of their career.'

Emily Warburton-Adams (School 2007-10) is a social media influencer and mental health ambassador,



and was invited by the College in May to talk about her mental health journey and answer questions submitted by pupils. In her teenage years she struggled with her mental health and now uses her experience and subsequent recovery journey to spread awareness and break the stigma surrounding these issues. After appearing in the television series *Below Deck*, Emily gained a

Ben Wolstenholme (Powell 1988-93) contributed a collection of portraits which formed part of the Afrotastic exhibition at the College in June. The exhibition featured work inspired from Africa, produced by artists, photographers and textiles pupils, and was organised by the Be You Race & Ethnicity pupil-led group. It came from the hope that they could get people talking and educating themselves about African culture through creative means.

OE CRICKET CLUB

After a 2020 with no OE cricket as a result of Covid-19, 2021 proved to be a very successful year for the OECC.

After a controversial tie in round 1 of the Cricketer Cup (more to come below) the club had a hugely successful OE Week, winning five from five with some notable performers, many new tourists and some enjoyable social functions. There were victories against the Vice-Presidents XI, London New Zealand, Oundle and twice against Uppingham. The Sunday of OE Week saw a slightly aged Vice-Presidents XI play a very young OE XI. A hog roast was provided for those friends and guests and older OECC members popped down to join in the day. It was a wonderful sight to see so many families playing by the boundary and we hope it's a sight we continue to see for many years to come. Fittingly before play commenced a minute's silence was held in memory of Richard Day and Rupert Bairamian (spelt the usual way!) two OECC legends who both sadly passed over the past 12 months. Guy Thwaites and Nigel Wheeler said some lovely words on their behalf and the day was a fitting tribute to them.

OE Week scores

- **Sunday** – OECC 183/6 beat Vice-Presidents XI 141 all out. J Smith 3-2 / Ben Twine 52 / Will Ripley 66
- **Monday** – OECC 216/8 beat London New Zealand 165 all out. Ed Miller 65 not out / Jack Fletcher-Price 2-25
- **Tuesday** – OECC 141/4 beat Uppingham Rovers 140 all out. Jacob Smith 45
- **Wednesday** – OECC 173 all out beat Oundle Rovers 84 all out. Ben Twine 3-8 / N Chu 2-11
- **Thursday** – OECC 165 all out beat Uppingham Rovers 157 all out. Giles Robinson 43 / Ben Twine 5-21

Alongside the hog roast on Sunday we had a wonderful dinner with the Ups at Pomodoro e Mozzarella on the Wednesday night followed by the tour dinner on Thursday evening at the College where Jack Fletcher-Price, Giles Robinson and Ben Twine were awarded their OECC ties



Action from the match against London New Zealand

and Matt Hobden Foundation belts as new valued members of the OECC. It was a superb week and though held in Covid times, the week certainly set the club up for future tours with a great mix of young and old playing and attending. Thank you to all of those that contributed to its success.

The hunt to win our first Cricketer Cup competition goes on for another year after a controversial tied game vs Bradfield Waifs ended with us losing on 'count back' on runs scored at each side's penultimate over. A very young talented side were bowled out for 159 in 39.4 overs. Joe Pocklington and Charlie Hobden made 48 and 51 respectively and took the attack to Bradfield, with a number of deliveries landing over the bowler's head on the hockey astro. Bradfield Waifs were 133-4 at one stage but some fine bowling from Charlie Hobden (4-27) and Jacob Smith (2-17) had Bradfield 159-8 with the game seemingly dead. But Jacob took his two wickets in his final over to tie the game and bring about a chaotic search looking for a Cricketer Cup rulebook. The ruling was made: Bradfield took the game as their score on their penultimate over batting was higher than the OEs, though our net run rate on overs faced was superior. Our misfortune has led to a rule change for the competition going forward and a super over will now be held to decide a winner in the event of a tie, as our game was ultimately dead before the drama ensured in the final over, with the way the rules were written.

The young OE side committed greatly to the day and lead up; we were hugely fortunate

that we had both Rob Ferley (College Head of Cricket) and James Tredwell (College pro and former England cricketer) give up their time to manage the side and run the day. We have a great opportunity in the coming years and we hope to have a big cup run in 2022.

We have drawn a local derby for 2022 and will play Hurstpierpoint (Old Hurst Johnnians) on Sunday 12 June on College Field; all are welcome to support. The game will be live screened as per all OE games and highlights available online for those that can't attend.

Huge thanks to those that have a passion for OECC and keep the club running, 2022 will be another great year with a number of social functions arranged: OECC drinks at Sixes Cricket Fulham, Tour dinner in OE week, and we have two tables at the Cricketer Cup dinner arranged for November 2022. College cricket is in fantastic shape due to Rob Ferley's great efforts and he wants to continue to build closer ties to the OECC which is great for all. Rob has produced four cricketers who have signed professional contracts in the past two years, which is a huge testament to the work he is doing.

Finally a word for Emma Garratt who has thrown herself in to supporting the club in her new role. It's great to have the support of the wider OE community and we hope to continue to be a vehicle for all to enjoy.

Here's to a wonderful 2022.

Will Ripley (Gonville 1999-2004)
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Chris Walker writes:

The 2021 programme for the Old Eastbournian Golf Society (OEGS) suffered only a few changes due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. The main scratch team tournaments in which we play – namely the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Cyril Gray – did take place, albeit the Halford Hewitt was played in September rather than in the Spring. Our first event was the match against Hurstpierpoint on 22 April. We did not hold our usual Spring Meeting in Norfolk but the remainder of our programme looked much the same as usual.

Further national lockdowns and restrictions permitting, we hope to run our normal programme of events in 2022 when we will again be playing some of the top golf courses in the South of England. Additionally we shall be organising a new singles matchplay event with the early rounds played at members' home clubs plus the semi-finals and final at a prestigious course close to London.

Membership of the OEGS is open to all members of the Eastbournian Society – ie. OEs and also parents of former and current 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 a Summer 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. We play on many magnificent golf courses, at times paying well below the usual green fee rate.

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Richard Day (Gonville 1982-87)

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Richard Day passed away peacefully on 6 April 2021, aged 51, after a short but valiant battle with cancer. Richard's life will be covered in greater detail elsewhere in this magazine but we would like to remember him as a key member of the OEGS, a committee member, who played regularly at Rye and also for our Halford Hewitt side.

Matches against other school teams

Our first fixture as Covid-19 restrictions lifted was against Hurstpierpoint on the Old Course at Walton Heath on 22 April. This match has been played every year since 1993 with the exception of 2020. Rob McCowen, Hurstpierpoint's President, scored a hole-in-one at the 7th which resulted in a generous supply of champagne at the dinner that followed the golf. The match ended in a draw and so Eastbourne retained the Sussex 2-iron Trophy, having won it in 2019.

On 4 July we played against King's Canterbury at Rye and over two rounds of foursomes we emerged very comfortable winners by 8 matches to 2. Our team included Richard Lock and his son Toby, who left the College this year. Toby, playing off scratch, has now started a US golf scholarship in Fort Lauderdale.

Our match against Tonbridge at West Sussex on 18 July showed how an Eastbourne team can respond to adversity. 4-1 down at lunch and having been reminded that the losers pay the wine bill, we staged a wonderful recovery in the afternoon and the match ended up as a draw. Against Uppingham at North Hants on 4 August, ably organised by Jo Grey, and after a magnificent lunch, we won by 3 matches to 2.



The majority of the OE team at North Hants: David Barwell, Piers Manktelow, Tony Dunn, Mark Winstanley, Chris Walker, Patricia Seath, John Maclean and Colin Farrant

The Sussex Schools tournament at West Sussex on 19 September involved six-a-side teams from Eastbourne, Lancing, Hurstpierpoint and Brighton playing two sets of 18-hole foursomes off scratch. Ben Burrows and Adam Walker won both of their matches. With 2 points for a win and 1 for a half, the final result was: Lancing 7, Eastbourne and Brighton 6 and Hurstpierpoint 4.

We turned out again against Lancing at West Surrey on 22 September but lost all three fourball matches by the narrowest of margins, namely one down. Against Allhallows and Dover College at West Surrey on 11 October, The Old Dovorians won and we came third but Paul Wickman did win prizes for nearest the pin on the 12th and for the highest Stableford score out of the 24 players.

Match against the College



The College and OE teams plus Emma Garrett at Royal Eastbourne GC

Despite the promise of high winds and rain, eight 'experienced' members of the OEGS assembled at Royal Eastbourne on 20 May to take on the boys of Eastbourne College. The result was a 2-2 tie in a thoroughly enjoyable foursomes match.

Chris Walker and Tony Dunn went out first and secured a 5&4 victory over Toby Lock and George Pepper (thanks to their receiving 8 shots from the boys with their combined handicap of 2). Our second pairing of Tony Riddick and Iryna Photiou ran out winners by 6&5 against Brin and Sam who had not recently played much golf because of exams. Ian Henley and Colin Farrant lost by 2&1 to Rupert and Yanni whilst Peter Henley and Patricia Seath were outsmarted, also by 2&1, by Alex (Iryna's son) and Gus (who had to arrive on the 1st tee straight from an exam).

Our thanks to Alex Roberts, the master in charge of golf at the College, for organising this most enjoyable match.

Match against the College Common Room

We have long wanted a golf match between the Eastbourne College Common Room team and the OEGS and thanks to the respective team managers, Ian Sands and Ian Henley, we managed to play the first such match at Royal Eastbourne on 30 May. Representing the Common Room in this fourball Stableford match were Ian Sands, Matt McVeigh, Oli Marlow, Mark Turnbull, Chris Howe, Dr David Price, Adrian Ashby and Dan Fathers.

Without going into the details, the final result was a 2.5 to 2.5 draw but this was only achieved when new OEGS player Claire Patterson-Snell holed a 30-foot par putt on the last green to claim victory for her pair. We plan to repeat this fixture in 2022 and look forward to welcoming other OEGS members to play in it.

Scratch team competitions

On 8 May at Knole Park Golf Club we kicked off our 2021 campaign in scratch team events by successfully qualifying for the finals of the **Grafton Morrish** in Norfolk in October. In blustery and challenging conditions our team consisted of Mark Justice, David Barwell, Adrian Sharpin, Ben Dawson, Tim Mote and Chris Hampton. Scoring was extremely difficult on the quick greens and tight fairways but our total of 75 points was more than enough to qualify in second spot behind King's Canterbury.

The **Public Schools Putting Competition** took place at Royal Wimbledon on 9 June. Mark Justice, Adrian Sharpin and Ben Dawson made up our team of three. The putting green at RWGC is beautiful: vast, undulating, quick and very true.

Solid performances by all three enabled Eastbourne to avoid the ignominy of relegation but not qualification for the final the following week.

Our outstanding team performance of 2021 undoubtedly came in the **Cyril Gray Tournament** (for the over 50s) in late June at Worplesdon. The Eastbourne team consisted of Mark Winstanley, Patrick Hole (replaced by Jay Lorton after the first day), David Barwell, Chris Walker, Paul Wickman and Ben Burrows.

We lost in the first round of the main Cyril Gray Tournament to Taunton, despite David and Chris winning their match on the 19th. But we then went on to reach the final of the Plate competition (which is also a scratch foursomes matchplay event involving three pairs). In the Plate we beat Epsom, Gresham's and Dulwich before losing to Watson's in the final.

Edinburgh Academy won the main event, beating Rossall in the final, so it was a clean sweep for schools from Edinburgh. It was great to still be playing on the Saturday afternoon, something that we have only experienced once before, in 1984 (also in the final of the Plate).



The 2021 Eastbourne Cyril Gray Team: Jay Lorton, David Barwell, Mark Winstanley, Chris Walker, Paul Wickman and Ben Burrows.

The 2021 **Halford Hewitt**, postponed from April until early September because of the Covid pandemic, was played in the most glorious weather. And the three golf courses involved – Deal, Prince's and Royal St. George's – were all in wonderful condition with extremely challenging rough.

The Eastbourne team of 10 in the main competition, playing at Prince's, came up against the might of Eton (for the first time ever in the history of the Hewitt). Overall they were too strong for us, winning by 4.5 matches to 0.5. The halved match came courtesy of our first pair of Peter Walker and Ben Dawson who birdied the last hole to achieve such a result.

In the first round of the Plate, played on this unique occasion at Royal St. George's, our team of six lost 2-1 against Lancing. Peter and Ben were once again our heroes winning by 4&2.



The 2021 Eastbourne Halford Hewitt team (plus guests Christine Todd and David Stewart) in training for their match against Eton

Adrian Sharpin captained the team. The other team members were: Adam Walker, David Barwell, Tim Mote, Charlie Oakley, Geoff Campbell, Angus Stewart and Will Hylton. Loretto won the Hewitt with an extremely strong team and Epsom the Plate beating Hurstpierpoint in the final.

In the finals of the **Grafton Morrish** in early October we took on Bedford School in the first round early on the Friday morning at Hunstanton. Adrian Sharpin and Jack Hughes won handsomely by 5&4 but late substitutes Chris Walker and Andrew Sherwood lost by 5&3. The third match

involving Tim Mote and Ben Dawson went to the last green but a birdie there by Bedford secured them the victory.

We played at Sheringham on the Friday afternoon thanks to Andrew Sherwood and friend signing us in. And on the Saturday morning at Brancaster in pretty challenging weather conditions we played in the Plate but came well down the field with our three Stableford scores. Millfield won the main competition, beating Malvern in the final.

Once again we had a most enjoyable time and it was particularly good to have new boy Jack

Hughes along and be able to introduce him to three of the top golf courses in Norfolk.

Postscript

OEs Ben Burrows and Chris Walker were members of the European team in the British Golf Collectors Society's biennial Hickory Grail match against the USA which was played at St. Andrews in late October 2021. Ben scored an excellent 2.5 points out of 3 which helped no end in delivering a 15 to 13 point victory for Europe.

2022 fixtures

Date	Event	Location
Sunday 13 March	Halford Hewitt (practice day)	Royal St George's GC, Kent
Wednesday 6 April (practice)	Halford Hewitt	Royal St George's / Royal Cinque Ports GCs, Kent
Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 April		
Thursday 21 April	Match v Hurstpierpoint	Walton Heath GC, Surrey
Friday 29 April	Norfolk Tour	Hunstanton GC
Saturday 30 April		Royal West Norfolk GC, Brancaster
Sunday 1 May		Sheringham GC
Saturday 7 May	Grafton Morrish South East qualifying event	Knole Park GC, Kent
Thursday 19 May	Match v The College	Royal Eastbourne GC
Sunday 5 June	Match v EC Common Room	Royal Eastbourne GC
Tuesday 7 June (Qualifier)	Schools Putting Tournament	Royal Wimbledon GC
Thursday 16 June (Final)		
Friday 17 June	Match v Brighton	Rye GC, East Sussex
Wednesday 22 June (practice)	Cyril Gray Tournament	Worplesdon GC, Surrey
Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 June		
Sunday 3 July	Match v Kings Canterbury	Rye GC, East Sussex
Sunday 17 July	Match v Tonbridge	West Sussex GC, Pulborough
Wednesday 27 July	Match v Uppingham	North Hants GC, Fleet, Hampshire
Sunday 21 August	Summer Meeting	Cooden Beach GC, East Sussex
Tuesday 23 August	Match v Lancing	West Surrey GC, Milford, Surrey
Sunday 18 September	Sussex Schools	West Sussex GC, Pulborough
Thursday 6 October (practice)	Grafton Morrish Finals	Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk, Brancaster GCs
Friday 7 to Sunday 9 October		
Thursday 13 October	Triangular match v Allhallows & Dover College	West Surrey GC, Milford, Surrey

Additionally we shall be organising a new singles matchplay event with the early rounds played at members' home clubs plus the semi-finals and final at a prestigious course close to London. For full details of each event refer to the Fixtures tab on our website <https://oegolf.uk>.

THE FOUNDATION GOLF CHALLENGE

Thursday 7 July, Royal Eastbourne Golf Club



Raising funds for the Peter Bibby Award, which provides bursary funding for a place at the College for a talented local cricketer. The event is open to OEs, parents, staff, pupils, local businesses and other supporters of the College.

- a team event for four golfers of any standard
- snack on arrival
- goody bag
- 18 holes of golf on the Devonshire Course
- three-course dinner in the club house
- charity auction

Please contact Helen Medlycott on 01323 452316 or HCMedlycott@eastbourne-college.co.uk to book your place(s) or if you would like to donate a prize or auction item

OE STAGS RUGBY

Finally, the Stags have been back in action in 2021.

James Potter writes:

After what has seemed like an age, we have finally managed to fly the flag around the south east of England once again. The club has welcomed members new and old this year, and we hope this continues into 2022 and beyond.

The year started off with a fixture against the Sussex Barbarians, made up of Newick RFC, Plumpton RFC and St. Francis RFC. With a squad of 30, it somewhat made our squad of 11 look fairly feeble. Nevertheless, with some ringers kindly gifted to us by the Armada, we were able to play the first Stags game in over 18 months. It was a quick reminder of how well the Stags can play with no training and ageing bodies. The Sussex Barbarians came out flying with a few early tries; however, the Stags – in true Stag’s style – came back with tries from Billy Reeves, Angelo Errigo, Hector Veasey and Jamie Adams. The final result ended in a 26-19 win for the Stags.

We fast forward to August, where we entered our first 7s tournament and 13 boys travelled up



The 7s squad at Richmond



The Stags and Newick RFC on College Field on reunion day

to Richmond to compete in the Summer Social. With eight of the squad fresh out of the College, they epitomised exactly what the Stags is all about. Winning two out of our four games, we advanced to the Plate Quarter Finals, where we met our untimely end against a team that had no business playing in the social tournament. Notable mentions going to Zak Hebron, Nick Crowther and Henry Turnbull.

The big one came next, College Field. The staple match for every Old Eastbournian. With ages ranging between 18 and 40, 16 players donned the face-lifted kit in the September sun. With a last-minute pull out by our regular opposition, Newick RFC stepped in. This time we had a fully-fledged side with some rugby under our belts, and more than 11 players. The Stags started off strong with pace and physicality. Angelo Errigo managed to conjure up a performance that the College hadn’t seen from him before, ever, ulti-

mately earning him the Player of the Day. Notable mentions going to the ever-reliable Ben Biltcliffe and Kieran Cheney. The workhorses in the pack always giving us the front foot. The Stags ran out winners with a staggering 50-0 score.

Unfortunately, with Covid refusing to go away, that was the last game the Stags played. The club looks forward to welcoming the current Year 13 players next year, and of course, to any other OEs that fancy playing some (very) social rugby in 2022.

Stags caps 2021: Jamie Adams, Sam Anderson, Ben Biltcliffe, Jack Casebourne, Kieran Cheney, Nick Crowther, Jeremy Dodge, Angelo Errigo, Max Faulkner-Bryant, Alex Goble, Will Hatfield, Zak Hebron, Harry Hodierne, George Marshall, James McIntosh, Daniel Meade, Archie Miekle, James Potter, Billy Reeves, Alex Stimpson, Tom Tasharoffi, Murray Trott, Henry Turnbull, Hector Veasey, Leon Wood

GEOFFREY REES-JONES



Few OEs will remember that Geoffrey Rees-Jones, the notable Welsh rugby international winger, once taught at the College.

win over the visiting New Zealand team. It was said that he could run 100 yards in ten seconds with rugby boots on.

Rees-Jones joined the College staff in 1936 and quickly established himself as a teacher of maths and physics. He also enthusiastically joined the OTC, and Mr Snell’s expeditions to distressed areas. On the rugger field he introduced ‘straight downs’, ‘whoopies’ and ‘marble arches’. A ‘marble arch’ was when a scrum was in the middle of the field with centres and wings on either side. The fly half would run to one side while the centre on that side would go swiftly the other way to receive the ball and, hopefully, deceive the enemy. ‘Straight

downs’ required the ball to be thrown straight down the middle of the lineout and the thrower must not cross into the field of play. If the throw is not straight, then the throw is given to the opposition or a scrum awarded. ‘Whoopies’ remain a mystery. Perhaps an OE from an earlier era can explain. At the College Rees-Jones was taught climbing by the College chemistry master, FR Snell, who was head of science. He left the College in 1938 with an enthusiastic tribute in *The Eastbournian*.

Rees-Jones joined the Royal Signals in 1940, possibly earlier. He in July 1940 transferred to No.5 Commando and helped to run courses from the Clachaig Hotel in Glencoe,

turning troops into mountaineers. Here he was reputed to have had a fine tenor voice and an inexhaustible repertoire of rugby songs. In May 1942 he accompanied No.5 Commando in the invasion of Madagascar against the Vichy French, leading the first of two landing craft at 2.00am. The battery was taken without a casualty and No.5 Commando returned to England. In December Rees-Jones was posted as an instructor to the newly formed Commando Mountain and Snow Warfare Training Centre at Braemar in the Cairngorms. In 1943 the CMSWTC was moved to North Wales where, under the command of Rees-Jones, the Lovat Scouts were trained as a mountaineering battalion. Rees-Jones was

next moved to St Ives in Cornwall to train men in cliff assaults in preparation for D-Day and in the use of small boats to land on otherwise inaccessible cliffs. The night before D-Day he led a raiding party up a Normandy cliff to capture a shore battery. He

then attended Staff College and was posted to Germany as Brigade Major of No.4 Commando Brigade where he was mentioned in dispatches.

After the war he returned to teaching at Marlborough, becoming a house master. Finally he became

Principal of King William's College, a public school on the Isle of Man, retiring in 1979 after 21 years in post. His published tribute said that 'For 21 years Geoffrey Rees-Jones inspired pupils and colleagues alike; he challenged everyone to work and

play hard and made the goal more attainable by his sustained encouragement and warm kindness'.

Rees-Jones married Unity in 1950 and she died in 1992. They had one son and one daughter. He died on 13 September 2004, aged 90.

Michael Partridge

OE TENNIS

Simon Gent writes:

On Speech Day, Saturday 26 June, a combined OE/coaches team took on the girls 1st VII in a three-pair doubles match. They were captained by Ellie Dasant (Arnold 2016-18), with Summer Reeves (School 2018-20) and Emily Gordon (Blackwater 2018-20), and joined by coaches Amy Griffiths, Steph Booth (Cambridge University no. 1) and Suzy Larkin (ex-WTA Tour Pro, world ranked 620).

There was some excellent tennis with the OE-led team winning close matches to take the match 3-0. It was also great training for the College girls who went on to contest the National School Tennis Finals at Nottingham from July 6-10 with a number 2 ranking.



THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY SPORTS CLUB

Those interested in keeping fit and seeing friends might be interested in a new initiative, The Eastbournian Society Sports Club (ESSC).



Exercise bikes, cross trainers and treadmills



The weights area of the fitness suite

The club is designed to encourage and enable our members to use the fantastic sports facilities at Eastbourne College at a competitive price. Members can meet for registration in Tim's café on Old Wish Road, from 8.30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term time, and the following facilities are available for use:

- Swimming pool – 8.30–10.00am
- Fitness suite – 8.30–10.30am
- Squash courts – 8.30–11.30am

All members will need to complete our online registration process which includes watching a video induction session and completing a PARQ (Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire) before they can access the facilities. The link to the online registration is on our website at <https://eastbourniansociety.org/sport-essc>.

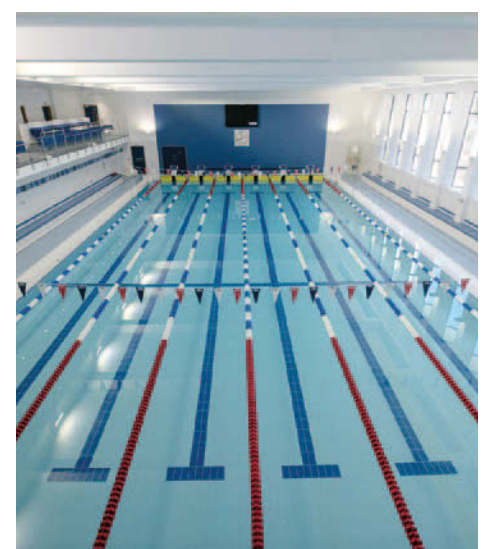
Our charitable status means that we are

unable to charge for use of the facilities, but are entitled to accept donations. Whether you go on to use the facilities on a drop-in basis, or would like to commit termly or annually, we have some suggested amounts:

- £5 for a one-off drop-in session
- £65 for unlimited use during one term
- £180 for unlimited use during the year (term-time only, 35 weeks in total)

The designated changing rooms will be used exclusively by our members, and consist of three cubicle showers and four open showers. These rooms are mixed but include twenty private changing cubicles or an open space for changing.

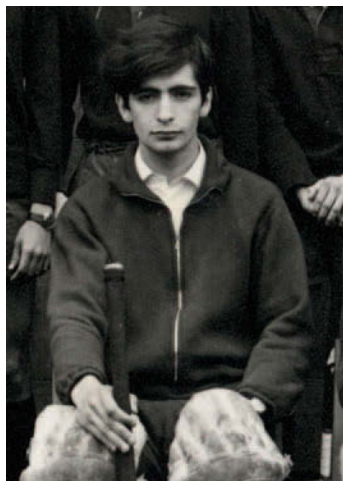
If you would like more details or have any questions please contact Helen Medlycott, Alumni and Community Engagement Officer, on 01323 452316 or hmedlycott@eastbourne-college.co.uk.



The swimming pool

OBITUARIES

Compiled by Paul Jordan and Michael Partridge, with assistance from Peter Durrant, and with the help of families, friends, colleagues, the College archives, the internet and published sources. Some obituaries are of OEs who died in earlier years, as we have only recently become aware of their deaths. 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 84.



Abbas Tolu Aftab (Blackwater 1966-71) died on 12 September 2019. Best known at the College for his skill at hockey, he played for the 1st XI from 1970-71. The *Eastbournian* of June 1970 reported: 'Aftab, in goal, after a very uncertain start to the season, played a superb game against the Hockey Association and then never looked back.' In the same year, he took part in the College's Netherlands hockey tour and in 1971 became captain of the Blackwater House hockey team. He also gained his second colours in rowing. After leaving the College, he gained a BA Hons in combined studies at Nene College, Leicester, and in 1992, married Maryam Nomahani.



John and Sonia Allen in 2004

John Desmond Allen (Gonville 1936-41) died on 5 October 2014. Graduating from the London School of Economics in politics, philosophy and economics, John initially worked with young people with learning disabilities before spending 31 years of his career as a youth employment officer. He worked in London,

Nuneaton, Luton and Lewes, where he was in charge of the service for East Sussex, having previously been in charge of Luton.

Employer comments referred to him as 'a man of sterling character and of great sincerity. He is keenly interested in young people and knows how to win their confidence and respect... He has a real sense of vocation, and a deep spirituality which enables him to meet all obstacles with a humorous patience and to see the ultimate end of purpose of [youth] club work'.

John was on the Parochial Church Council and put a lot of energy into this as he did with other church-related activities. He was always very interested in world events and corresponded on many humanitarian matters with his local MP and also never flagged in his persistence in writing to local and national newspapers on such issues. Other interests included the Ringmer Peace Group, of which he was chairman.

Born in Croydon in 1922, son of Rupert William (School 1904-07) and Ellen Allen, he attended Wellesley Road prep school, Croydon, followed by Chelmsford Hall School, Eastbourne. He joined the College

in 1936 where he enjoyed playing rugby and other sports such as cross country and steeplechase.

Prevented from going on to higher education due to the Second World War, he became a gunner in the Royal Artillery then joined the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) until the end of hostilities. During this time, he saw action in Italy, Palestine and Syria and was a pioneer patient when his infected finger was saved by an – at the time untested – early form of penicillin.

His wife Sonia predeceased him and he is survived by his children, Paul and Kate.

Peter Gabel Colquhoun Allen (School 1960-64) died on 9 March 2012. He was born in Kandy, Sri Lanka, in 1947, the son of a tea planter. A member of the Tigers rugby team, he also played in the 2nd IV fives team. Peter also performed in several College plays including *Les Justes*, *Hamlet* and *A Penny for a Song*. The 1964 *Eastbournian* reported of the latter: 'Here Mr Henderson is always inspired, especially when he fills the secondary roles. What startling rightness, for example, in the choice of Allen as the blind soldier! I

mean no offence and much praise to Allen when I say that I should never have dreamed he could be so moving and uncomplicated in the part.'



Nik Askaroff died suddenly, aged 65, while on holiday in the Far East on Christmas Eve 2021. A very successful and award-winning Eastbourne businessman, he was founder and chief executive of EMC (Eastbourne Management Consultants) which was established in 1989. Although not an OE himself, Nik's family had extensive links with the College. Three of his children are OEs: Natasha (Nugent 2000-02), Leo (Wargrave 2001-03) and Lynden (Wargrave 2003-05), as are two of his brothers and seven of his nieces and nephews. He was also directly involved with College activities, helping out with

Major Robert Bewell

Major Robert John Bewell (Blackwater 1949-54) died on 13 January 2021 in the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, after some months illness at his home in Letchworth Garden City. He was born in Quetta, India (now Pakistan), and attended Oakwood Prep in Chichester before entering the College in 1949. He was a house prefect, a chapel warden and a member of the History VI, gaining two A-levels. He was a corporal in the army section of the CCF, passing Cert A and the Signals Classification.

He then enrolled at Sandhurst and following his passing out, was commissioned into the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1955. He spent 24 years in the army, serving in Germany, Oman, the UK and Northern Ireland. In Oman he served for three years with the Trucial Oman Scouts and learned to speak Arabic. In 2012, he returned to Oman on a veterans tour, it held a special place in his heart. He took up parachuting, clocking up no fewer than 99 jumps. Life in the army took him and the family to Londonderry, Exeter and to Cwrt-y-Gollen in Crickhowell, where Robert retired from the army.

He joined Hill Samuel in 1983 and later opened his own IFA (Independent Financial Advisor) firm, Robert

Bewell & Associates, before launching the Letchworth branch of Thomas Grant and Company. At this time his daughter Susie joined the family firm, their working partnership lasting more than 20 years. Together they built the foundations of the business Raymond James Investment Services (Hitchin) that continues to thrive today. As an investment manager he showed great resilience, especially during spells of market volatility including the crashes of 1987, 2000 and 2008. Robert was a member of many business networking groups, a founding member of Hitchin Tilehouse Rotary, a Mason and a key member of St Paul's Church in Letchworth. He became an Arnold Embellisher in 2003.

Always impeccably dressed with shirt, tie, blazer and coordinating handkerchief, he had a kind smile and a twinkle in his eye. Robert is survived by his widow, Jane; daughters Claire Kelley and Susie Bewell; grandchildren Elizabeth, Katherine and Oliver; and brother Richard Bewell (Blackwater 1951-55).



'Clarke Tours Ltd' skiing trips in the 1970s and 1980s, assisting with pre-season rugby training, giving careers talks on accountancy and business to the sixth form for over 30 years, mentoring and advising OEs and their businesses and regularly supporting (and winning) the Foundation Golf Challenge. A report of Nik's death in the *Eastbourne Herald* included a tribute from his friend Ian Fletcher-Price (Blackwater 1976-80), founder and CEO of Posturite Ltd, who said he was an 'outstanding human being' who had changed his life. He said: 'He was fiercely loyal and always generous with his time, wisdom and advice. I feel lucky to have counted Nik as my best friend and mentor and will strive to make the best use of the skills he taught me in the future, in honour to him.' His son Leo commented: 'His legacies are his thriving business... and – most importantly – his children and eight grandchildren who saw him not only as a father and 'papa' but also as a best friend and mentor.'



Tony Booth (School 1957-61) died at home in Sydney, Australia, in the early hours of 24 November, 2021, aged 78. He had advanced melanoma, which had been diagnosed only eight months earlier.

Tony was born in St Albans, Hertfordshire, on 23 September 1943 and after the family moved to Sussex he attended prep school at Newlands before entering the College. He always spoke very fondly of his school years and loved the mateship and sport, particularly athletics, hockey, cricket and rugby. When he finished school he worked in his father's earthmoving business until 1969 when his father sold the company. Being one for adventure he then took his wife Helen and nine-month-old son Michael to Australia on board the *Australis* in February 1969. His second son, Piers, was born the following year.

On arrival in Sydney he commenced working for International Harvester selling trucks and earthmoving equipment and then came the opportunity to enter the restaurant business. He was the owner/chef of a Mexican restaurant for 20 years, after which he went on

to own restaurant/café businesses until retirement in 2008.

After Tony left school he had played rugby with his local Haywards Heath club and was captain of the club in 1968. Soon after settling the family in to the suburb of Miranda in the Sutherland Shire, close to The Royal National Park and beautiful beaches, he played rugby with the local Port Hacking Club until 1974 when his Mexican restaurant became too busy, affecting his ability to train and continue playing. His two sons both played rugby and Tony coached junior teams for a time. He remained a committed member and official of the club long after he stopped playing and made many worthwhile contributions to the club in the roles of initiator and implementer of crucial club milestones. He helped arrange two very successful international tours by the club and while in England they played his old club, Haywards Heath, where he arranged billeting for the whole team. One of the most successful associations he created within the Port Hacking club was forming the 'Vintage Ports' Golden Oldies team which attended ten tournaments commencing in 1985 in London until 2003 in Brisbane; at five of those tournaments he arranged for players from Haywards Heath to join forces in order to make up a team. He made lifelong friends through rugby and it was a very important part of his social life both in Australia and in England.

Although he had lived in Australia for over 50 years he kept in touch with old friends in England and on return trips he caught up with many of them. Travel was a huge inter-

est for him; he and his wife Helen enjoyed exploring Australia on numerous road trips and on the visits to England always set aside a holiday exploring a different place in Britain and Europe. He played golf (he would say for exercise and not for the love of the game!) and enjoyed regular walks in the national park. He loved entertaining at home and was a wonderful host providing good food, wine, warmth and fun to the table. His greatest joy was the arrival in January 1998 and November 1999 of two grandsons, Jarrod and Will, born to Michael and Karen. Tony was a kind, generous man, living life to the full with huge optimism and he will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends both in Australia and England.



Frederick William George (Bill) Brooks (School 1945-49) died on 6 February 2017. Bill farmed for much of his life at Middle Green Farm (he was the third generation to farm there) on the outskirts of Wellington, Somerset, where he grew corn and reared cattle, sheep and his beloved saddleback pigs. A campaigner for the building of the A38 Wellington bypass and Wellesley Park Primary School, he was a member of the parliamentary committee of the local National Farmers' Union, a Taunton Deane borough councillor and a long-standing Wellington Without parish chairman. He was also vice-chairman of the Sampford branch of Taunton Conservative Association and was on the board of governors at several local schools as well as a trustee and founder member of Wellington Arts Association and a supporter of Broadhembury Motor Club. In later years he and his wife moved to Colehayes Park, near Bovey Tracey, and set up an events and study centre. A bench will be dedicated to Bill's memory on the footpath leading to The Monument by Wellington Without Parish Council. He is survived by his widow Rebecca, sister Lizzy, three daughters, three step-daughters, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Costin Bonell

Costin James Bonell (Wargrave 1982-87) died of cancer in St Wilfred's Hospice, Eastbourne, on 10 March 2021. A highly regarded police officer, he joined the Sussex police as a constable at the age of 26 and was a detective for over 20 years. Detective Chief Inspector Alasdair Henry said of him: 'I think it is fair to say that being a detective was really one of Costin's passions in life...Throughout his career as a detective he dealt with every case with the same amount of tenacity and pure professionalism, from the shoplifter to the murderer. On reflection it is clear to me that Costin considered it a real privilege to be a police officer and this certainly shaped his work ethic and motivation as a detective. He provided true public service, working long hours without complaint, often after others had gone home, just to seek a successful outcome.'

Costin was born in Plymouth. His father John was a colonel in the Army's Royal Military Police and, with his mother Anne and sister Sam, Costin grew up in England, Germany and Northern Ireland. He attended Newlands prep school in Seaford and joined the College in 1982 where his early potential as a swimmer was realised. His housemaster David Charman reported at the time: 'His main sporting achievements have been in the pool where he has become an important member of strong school first teams in swimming and water polo.' He also swam in competitions at county level and was an integral player on the water polo team, rowed for Eastbourne College and was an adept skier, water skier and windsurfer. He was also a CSM in the CCF.

After a variety of jobs, Costin joined the Sussex Police in 1995. Throughout his career with the force, he received Chief Constable's commendations and also became one of very few advanced interviewers overseeing the investigation of some of the most serious criminals in East Sussex. He had a daughter, Brogan, and after meeting and marrying his colleague Sheila, a fellow detective, in 2014, became a step-father to Kate. Sheila said in tribute: 'Costin was a perceptive, considerate, kind and very much loved man who will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. He has left an unfillable void in our world which words cannot describe.' Costin's sister also came to the College, Samantha Bonell (Nugent 1983-85).





Denis Browne

William Robert Anthony Denis Browne (Gonville 1938-41), known as Denis, died on 12 September 2020 aged 95. Grandson of Sir William White (Director of Naval Construction at the Admiralty and consulting architect for

RMS *Mauretania*), he enjoyed a happy childhood up to the death of his mother when he was nine. He was then moved from school to school, eventually joining Eastbourne College in Gonville House under Ronald Howell until the school was evacuated to Radley in the summer of 1940. While at school he joined the ARP as a messenger, and in the school holidays, being unable to return home, helped in 'foresteing', producing pit-props for the mines.

On leaving school, he was keen to follow the family tradition and join the Royal Navy, but due to an incorrect medical diagnosis, was told that he was colour blind. As the Royal Marines had no such barrier to entry, he applied and was able to join, after having spent a number of months working on a farm, improving his physical strength and learning a great number of useful skills, milking cows, hay-making and driving tractors.

After a year of training and many more false starts, his unit, the 5th Independent Battery RM Armoured Support Group, landed on Sword Beach on D-Day in 1944. Many of his colleagues did not return and he never liked to elaborate on his experiences there. Subsequently, he became a weapons instructor for new recruits and was asked to shoot at Bisley, attracting the attention of one of the 'greats' of rifle shooting, Sir Lionel Fletcher. As he was about to be decommissioned, he was unable to take up the offer, something he often regretted in later life.

On leaving the Marines, he studied architecture and surveying at London University, while articulated to a firm based in Lincoln's Inn Fields. This proved to be a busy time with the rebuilding of bomb-damaged London after the war. Clients included Rosa Lewis of the Cavendish Hotel, the MCC, Dorothy Perkins and Ivor Novello.

He married in 1949 and had two children, and designed a home in Esher for the family to live in. Unfortunately, divorce followed. He moved to Hong Kong in 1966 to remarry and to begin a remarkable period in his life being initially estate manager and then deputy chief executive of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company. The following ten years saw Hong Kong grow as a major financial centre where property investments soared, not only in the commercial sector but for accommodating the numerous refugees arriving daily from China.

By the mid-1970s, however, the allure of the colony had worn thin and semi-retirement seemed attractive so he de-camped with his wife and new son to Victoria on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. There, still keeping up with his connections in the Far East, he immersed himself in gardening and the local Rotary Club, as well as starting to begin historical research at the University of Victoria. This brief interlude preceded a return to the UK, where the family became very involved with charity work, raising much needed relief for Romanian children, often by driving lorries themselves over to the missions there.

In the meantime, he began to fish, paint watercolours and, following on from his literary endeavours in Canada, write. He had eight books published (under the 'nom de plume' William Denis), many related to his interest in Napoleon (most are available on Amazon). Despite the progressing years, he maintained a keen and active mind, still writing and painting up until a few days before he died. He is survived by his children and three grandchildren.



Christopher Henry Burt (Eastbourne Branch 1942-45, Ascham 1945-47, Powell 1947-51) died on 2 June 2021. Chris was born on 18 June 1934 and brought up in Eastbourne. His father was (Walter) George Burt, a solicitor married to his mother Barbara. After RAF national service Chris joined NM Rothschild in 1953, spending most of his time in internal audit. In 1958 he moved to New York and joined Bache and Co as an analyst. One of his research papers from the early 1960s looked at the Japanese car market – a man ahead of his times!

In 1968 Chris returned to the UK to join the Australian stockbrokers AC Goode and Co. He travelled extensively, including many trips to Australia, a country he came to love very much. In 1968 Chris set up the Brussels office of Goode and that became home for many years. Having left Goode, Chris felt the urge to become an entrepreneur. Based in Brussels he set up a number of ventures, including the building of an underground squash club and a newspaper for UK nationals. He was never short on ideas, but implementation was perhaps best left to others. He later lived and worked briefly in Andorra and the Isle of Man and for several years in Guernsey.

Chris never married or had children, but he loved to take his sister Georgina's family on holidays abroad. Georgina was married to Pat Bryan, whose father Jack taught at St Andrew's Eastbourne for more than fifty years. Around 1995 he returned to Eastbourne to look after his beloved mother. These were happy times for Chris, back in the town of his early years, surrounded by the Downs which he thought were the best.

Chris's latter years were spent in Cheltenham and with his sister Georgina's family. Towards the end of his life he suffered from Parkinson's and later dementia. We remember Chris as someone who loved to travel, to meet people all over the globe. However Eastbourne was still his centre and he remained an Eastbournian. He was a member of the Devonshire Society.



Ian in Pennell in 1955

Ian Thomas Buchan (Pennell 1950-55) died on 10 February 2021 aged 84. He and his wife, Rhoda, ran the Golden Cross Antiques business at Golden Cross near Hailsham. He was also involved with the selling of computers and advertising space and the publishing of magazines. He joined the College from St Andrew's prep and specialised in shooting, obtaining 1st colours and becoming captain of both full bore and small bore. He won three cups for shooting and represented the College at the Bisley Schools Hundred. He was a petty officer in the RN Section of the CCF, played rugby for the Tigers and was a member of the choir and

the Choral Society. He was also a sub-editor of the *Eastbournian* and hon sec of the Astronomical Society. He is survived by his widow, Rhoda, sons Matthew and Andrew, and grandchildren Charlotte and Samuel.



David Holmes Burston, teacher at Ascham prep, died at his home in Eastbourne on 23 November 2021, aged 83. Born in May 1938, David attended Kings College, Taunton, as a student from 1950 to 1955, and later achieved a Cert Ed at Sussex University. For ten years, from 1960 to 1970, David taught science at St Wilfred's school in Seaford. He then joined Ascham, for seven years, 1970-77, where he was head of maths and ran the 6th

Eastbourne (Ascham) Scouts. From 1977 until 1989 he took on the role of headmaster at Newlands school in Seaford. Then in September 1989 he moved as head to Witham Hall Prep, Bourne, in Lincolnshire; there he stayed until July 1997. His last post was as head of maths at The New Beacon school at Sevenoaks where he was in office from January 1998 until April 2006, when he retired. During the years 2002 until 2014 he was also director and secretary of Independent Schools Adventure Cruises Ltd which ran cruise holidays for young people. From 1999 until 2000 David was a director with Polytech Systems; he was also from 1979 until 2009 a director of the Independent Schools Information Service. For eleven years he was a volunteer wandsman at St Paul's Cathedral. He was also an Arnold Embellisher. David was married to Trish, who died on 8 December 2010, and father to Beckie, Kate and Rick and grandfather to five more. A memorial service for David in the College Chapel was due to be held in February 2022.

We are grateful to Christopher's nephews for providing the above tribute.

Chris was one of the few boys at the College who attended the three distinct phases of the school from 1942 to 1951. In 1942, he entered the College as a day boy in the newly established Eastbourne branch. This was set up by Headmaster John Nugee as a base in Eastbourne while the rest of the College had been evacuated to Radley College during the Second World War. Once the College returned fully in 1945, the Eastbourne branch was renamed Ascham (moving to its new site in Carlisle Road) and, on leaving Ascham in 1947, Christopher joined Powell House.

Ian Leslie Champkins (Nugent & Gonville 1959-65) died on 2 September 2021. He worked in the City in the money markets until early retirement when he moved to Dorset where he enjoyed playing golf. While at the College Ian took part in a variety of sports including athletics (vice-captain) and 2nd XV rugby, and was a member of the gym team. He also boxed and according to the 1963 *Eastboundian*, 'blossomed into a fine counter-punching, quick-fisted south paw. He won two out of three fights.' He is survived by his wife, Daphne. His two daughters predeceased him.



John Anthony Churcher (Powell 1940-43), known as Anthony, died on 12 March 2020 at Bowes House care home, Hailsham. He was the son of Dr D G Churcher, former medical officer at the College and brother of Mark Duncan Churcher (Powell & Reeves 1946-50). Following in his father's footsteps, Anthony entered the medical profession and became an obstetrician house officer at St Thomas Hospital, London, and a senior house officer at the chest unit and house surgeon in the surgical unit at University College Hospital, London. In later years, he was in practice at Hampden Park, Eastbourne. He married Jill Baker in 1957 and they had a son, Nicholas Churcher (Powell 1973-78)

In 2013, he recalled his wartime experiences: 'The family were evacuated to Carbis Bay. Under age by one

year, I was allowed eventually to join the Carbis Bay Home Guard. Commanded by an OE, I would patrol at night time with a half blind elderly man... I went back to Radley having stolen my tin hat and put it in my locker.' During the holidays, Anthony returned to Eastbourne where he joined a civil defence unit in the Wilmington Hotel, Compton Street. During one particular raid, the Park Gates Hotel was hit. Luckily he found three Women's Air Force personnel trapped but alive among the ruins. Not so fortunate were those in the air raid shelter in Spencer Road which got a direct hit. As he left the ruins of the hotel, a Canadian motorcyclist was waiting to take him to central control: 'I was told to hold on tightly as we turned into South Street as he jumped the debris of the shelter.'



Robert John Alderson Colman (Wargrave 1963-68) died on 29 March 2021. An OE rep for Swaziland from 1981 to 1983, Robert spent much of his career in Africa working for Tate & Lyle, sugar refiners. Born in Tripoli, Libya, in 1949, he attended a prep school in Tanzania before joining Newlands prep school in Seaford. He went on to join the College in 1963. Following his time at the school, he began a six-year sandwich course in agricultural engineering at the Rycotewood Agricultural Engineering College near Oxford, qualifying in 1976.

By 1978, he was working for Tate & Lyle, and was selected and sponsored by them to join the Royal Commonwealth Society study tour of South East Asia visiting such places as Singapore, Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah, Sarawak and Hong Kong. In August of that year he moved to Zambia to work on the Nakambala Sugar Estate. A year later, he moved again to Swaziland as part of the Tate & Lyle Project Team, based at Simunye Sugar, Tshaneni, working for the agricultural land development side of the company. During his time there, he became an OE rep and joined the Round Table in Swaziland, raising funds for various charities by organising sponsorship for football competitions and double wicket cricket competitions.

He was also appointed as the Royal Commonwealth Society's honorary representative for Swaziland.

In 1984, he moved to Egypt, working in the Agricultural Mechanisation Training Centre before returning to Africa in 1985 where he worked as head of department as an estate engineer at the Sucoma sugar estate, Malawi. He returned to the UK in 1988. In his will Robert left a generous bequest to the College which will be used for bursary funding. Robert is survived by his daughters, Carolyn and Kimberley; grandchildren, Jasper and Evelyn and brother, Peter Colman (Wargrave 1964-68).



John Jameson Congdon (Pennell 1944-48) died on 23 April 2021. John's son Philip has kindly provided us with a tribute to his father.

After leaving the College in 1948, John spent two years doing his national service, much of it in Egypt, before going to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read theology and then studying for ordination at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Following his ordination in Southwell Minster, he spent three years as a curate in Aspley, Nottingham, before moving to the growing Nottingham suburb of Woodthorpe where he was responsible for building the new church, St. Mark's, which was consecrated in 1962. In 1970 he became vicar of St Mary's Osterley in West London and remained there until 1984, including a spell when he swapped parishes and lived in Ithaca, New York State. He then moved to become vicar of St John's Woodley, near Reading, staying there until 1989 and then spending the last five years of his working life as the Church of England chaplain of the West Middlesex Hospital.

He had a very fulfilling retirement ministry which included a very active role in his local church of St Mary's Bedfont, as well as managing the interregna in several local parishes. He met his wife, Mary, during his time at Oxford and they were married for 66 years. They had three children, one of whom, Peter, had learning difficulties and died in 2018. John was a keen gardener, loved classical music

and enjoyed travelling to France with his caravan.

His widow, Mary, added the following about John's time at the College:

In his school days, John was in Pennell House, and I believe was head of house in his last year. He certainly knew Mr Storrs, the housemaster, very well, and I remember meeting Mr and Mrs Storrs over a meal at their house in the early days of knowing John. Also I have definite memories of coming to the College for Mr Storrs' memorial service, and John and I have kept in touch with Fiona Storrs throughout the years. I believe Dr John Alden was John's piano teacher at Eastbourne, the two Johns remained close friends till Dr Alden died. Another name from those days, was the chaplain, Bishop Walter Carey, and I believe his faith and spirituality had a big influence on John, though I think this gentleman was a great rugby enthusiast who once was so carried away that he drove his little car on to the rugby pitch during a match! John was also the hon sec of the film society and chess club and a chapel warden, singing in both the junior and senior choirs. He is sorely missed by his sons, their wives, the grandchildren and his friends worldwide.

Edward Charles Crocker (Wargrave 1951-55) died on 23 September 2015. After leaving the College he initially went to Commercials as an engineering apprentice but left there in 1962 to work in the family coal merchants business. Eleven years later, he established Pyne Motors, a body repair shop, and with the profits from this he went into property developing in Devon. He was also a partner in an insurance brokers.

In the 1960s, Edward took up motor rallying and racing as a hobby and when this became too expensive he started to play bowls, joining Surbiton Bowling Club. In 1980 he moved to the Mid Surrey Bowling Club where he gained his county badge. He was also a member of Dennyside Bowling Club and would have become its president had he not passed away beforehand. Edward was a keen photographer, cyclist and supporter of the Harlequins Rugby Club.

After retiring he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. This entailed visits to the Marsden Hospital where he later became a governor. When this term was over, he became a governor of St George's Hospital, Tooting. His widow Valerie said, 'he had a very varied life. Apart from the cancer, he also had heart problems but this did not stop him enjoying life'. He is also survived by his son and granddaughters whom Edward idolised.

James Croft



James Peter Downton Croft (School and Craig 1986-91) died on 14 May 2021 following a long illness and short period of hospitalisation. He had been living with Crohn's disease since the age of 12.

For many years involved with publishing, his love for the arts could clearly be seen during his time at the College. From his membership of several College societies, Literary and Thespian, his winning of the Gubbins drama prize and the English essay prize to his input to College productions including *My Fair Lady*, about which the *Eastbournian* reported that his portrayal of Freddy Eynsford-Hill was 'marvellously snooty and quite useless to the world... he had an attractive voice and the audience loved it.'

Other plays included *The Crucible*, *The Fantasticks* and *40 Years On*. He also directed, produced and

acted in *Confusions*. He was also in the choir and appeared in five choral concerts at the Congress Theatre, with the Eastbourne Sinfonia.

He read comparative religion at Edinburgh University and wrote, directed and performed in a play at the Fringe Festival. James continued his studies at a seminary in Pittsburgh but in 2000 returned to the UK to begin his literary career as a proof reader and copy editor. Originally a further education lecturer and examiner, James worked for many years in education publishing. His publishing management company, Pencil-Sharp, provided editorial project management for many of the UK's leading publishers. Before working on policy research, he was communication consultant to the Cognita schools group, and editor of their in-house magazine *Teaching Excellence*. James wrote for, amongst others, *The Sunday Telegraph*, *The Guardian* and *City AM*. He was a regular contributor to *Education Investor*.

By 2012 he was Director of the Centre for Market Reform of Education and an education research fellow at the Institute of Economic Affairs. The following year, he addressed the Senior Common Room at the College, speaking about the effects of government policy on independent schools, with regard to the emergence of

free schools and academies, and proposed changes to the examination system.

James edited *Education Investor Global* from 2017-18. He joined the publication from a think-tank at the Centre for Education Economics, which he founded and chaired. Vernon Baxter, managing director of Investor Publishing, said: 'James was an engaging and erudite presence throughout his time at *Education Investor Global* and myself and the team were shocked to hear of his passing at such a young age.'

Most recently, James was director of Whitebeam Strategy, a consultancy he co-founded in 2020 alongside business partner and managing director Matthew Dixon.

His former wife, Jodie, said of him, 'James was a light in all our lives and he will be greatly missed. We are all thankful for the many happy times we shared and to have known and loved James.'

James was a loving father to Thomas, Rupert, Imogen and Hallam; an adored brother to siblings Simon (School 1980-85), Michelle and Bex; a wonderful friend and co-parent with Jodie; a cherished son to his mother and father, Yvette and John; and a trusted and respected business partner to Matthew.

had branches all over the UK. These unions had thousands of members and were substantial organisations with incomes of many millions of pounds and large pension funds. Hard, Dowdy's clients included the GMWU, UPW, NALGO and the TUC.

Born in October 1939 in Beckenham, Kent, Richard was the only child of Ernest Dowdy and Mary (née Simms). He went to Dulwich Prep where, as he liked to tell his friends, he achieved the sporting title of Victor Ludorum. He moved on to the College in 1953, where he joined Pennell House during Robert Storrs' last years as housemaster. In sports, he excelled in athletics and long distance running. As an athlete, he won his first colours, the Victor Ludorum and the Best Performance Cup in 1957. He was also a member of the Tigers rugby team and played for the Erratics cricket team.

In the CCF, after basic training, he joined the recently formed marines section. One day, he was out on an exercise on the beach below Beachy Head, accompanied by Bill Castellan (Blackwater 1954-59) when they came across the Beachy Head lighthouse keeper who had been seriously injured. He had fallen on the lighthouse steps and broken his leg and wrist. The platoon formed a stretcher out of rifles and tunics and carried the keeper the two to three miles back to the promenade at Eastbourne. An illuminated letter of thanks was sent by Trinity House to the College. It was put on display in Big School.

This became something of a recurring theme, as in later years when walking on the beach with his wife, Anna, they rescued someone who had tried to climb down the cliff face!

He moved on to a Thames barge moored next to Chiswick Ait, which he shared with three friends including Henry Underhill (Pennell 1953-58). This was conveniently situated between the Black Lion pub and Fullers Brewery. Its large cargo hold had been converted into a living room equipped with a wood-burning stove. This made it ideal for entertaining, for instance when the Oxford and Cambridge boat race passed by. However, as the barge was deposited on the riverbed at low tide, it was important to remember only to use the 'heads' (loo) when the tide was in!

In 1967 Richard married Anna Speich at Chelsea Registry Office and they moved to Beckenham. They often visited Richard's parents in the Sussex village of Whatlington in their red MGA Roadster. From Beckenham they moved to Battle,

Michael Crow (Wargrave 1947-50) died on 25 December 2021. We hope to carry a full obituary in our next issue.



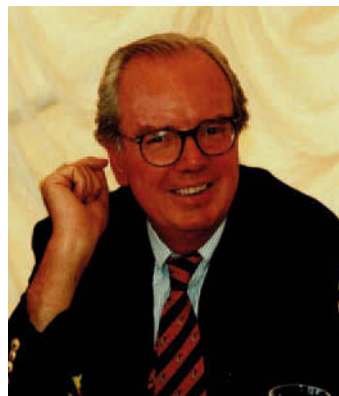
Richard Michael Day (Gonville 1983-87) died on 6 April 2021, aged 51, after a short but valiant battle with cancer. Just as he had been at the crease, in the scrum or whacking a short corner, he was fearless and stubborn to the end. To all of those who knew Richard in his school days, his sporting prowess will be the first thing to recall; he captained the cricket and hockey elevens and played rugby for the first XV, all with great distinction. He was also head of house and a school prefect (much to the amusement of his friends, of

whom there are many).

He loved playing OE cricket and latterly became a key member of the OG Golf Society, playing regularly at Rye and also for the Halford Hewitt side. But he was so much more than a very talented sportsman. He was incredibly kind, hardworking and, above all else, devoted to his family. He will be remembered as a thoroughly good man. After school he built a formidable farming business alongside his wife Louise. He brought the same determination and grit to his working life as he had displayed on the sports field. He transformed the family farm into a huge success story, employing many hundreds of people.

Richard will be much missed by all who knew him, but none more so than his wife Louise and his girls Claire and Chloe. He was devoted to all of them and they to him.

Ralph Hawtrey Eastcote Deane (Ascham 1949-54, Wargrave 1954-59) died on 11 November 2019. He is survived by Alison, his five children and twelve grandchildren.



Richard Stephen Dowdy (Pennell 1953-57) at his home on 7 August 2021. We would like to thank Richard's widow, Anna, for the following tribute.

Like his father, Richard was a chartered accountant, and his father's firm Hard, Dowdy & Co was the focus of his professional life. Once qualified, he spent his whole working life there, from articled clerk to partner. From the office in the City he travelled around the country providing professional services (audit, consultancy and investigations) to the principal trades unions, which

Sussex, where Hard, Dowdy opened a branch office as the firm prospered and its client base expanded.

Richard and Anna and their children, Clare and William (Gonville 1984-89), had holidays in Southwold, where Richard's grandfather had owned a sweet shop. There, Richard bumped into OE Robert Hall (Wargrave 1955-59), and the two families spent many happy evenings over the following years playing cricket on Southwold common. Richard and Anna spent more time there after buying a house in the town. He was often to be found with local friends in the Lord Nelson pub or the nearby Adnams Brewery restaurant, and he was a keen supporter and treasurer of Southwold's Electric Picture Palace.

A lifelong jazz enthusiast, Richard was a frequent visitor to Ronnie Scott's club in Soho. And he was a member of the nearby Groucho Club, a good place to meet friends beforehand, to entertain clients, or to drop in after a West End show.

He eventually retired to a 16th-century weavers' house in Biddenden, Kent, in 2005 after he and Anna had restored the building. In 1980, they bought a house in southern Spain, where they made lots of friends, and after Richard retired, they spent long stretches there. Also in his retirement, he quietly threw himself into putting his accountancy skills to good causes: he audited or was treasurer of charities including saving the wild camel in Mongolia, the church where his parents were buried, a campaign to restore a vintage sailing boat for deprived children, and of course the Picture Palace.

He occasionally played squash and golf, and his preferred reading material was car magazines. But he was very gregarious and his favourite activity was socialising – either entertaining at home or in a pub or restaurant. In this way, he kept up with his old school friends, Henry Underhill, Brian Kirkpatrick (Pennell 1953-57), Roger Fendall (Blackwater 1954-58), Mike Price (Reeves 1955-58), brothers Geoff Bishop (Reeves 1955-57) and Chris Bishop (Reeves 1952-55), John Elliott (Powell 1953-57) and Richard Morgan (Gonville 1953-56). He was also an Arnold Embellisher.

In 2010, he was diagnosed with cancer and had surgery which initially was successful. However, it later returned and after a time he declined further treatment, living a full life in remission for many years before it finally caught up with him.

Richard was loyal and generous to his friends and proud of his family. He is survived by his wife, children and four grandchildren.

Peter Herbert Edwards (Ascham 1954-59, Gonville 1959-64) died on 10 February 2012.

Frederick Charles Antony Field (Powell 1951-56) died on 22 March 2020. While at the College, he played in the 2nd XI cricket team and was awarded his 1st gym colours in 1956. He is survived by his wife, Greta and two children.

Thomas Keppel Foote (Crosby 1938-40) died in Worcester on 25 January 2019. Thomas was in Crosby when it moved up to the old Ascham St Vincent's site (later Ascham prep school) from Blackwater Road in 1939. Crosby moved to Radley as part of the evacuation in June 1940 and closed completely later in the war. After leaving the College Thomas became a pilot officer in the RAFVR and, following the war, attended Oriol College, Oxford, where he studied forestry, matriculating in 1947. His career as a forest officer took him to Nigeria and Ghana. In 1955, he married Iris Maund and is survived by his son, Tim, and daughter, Emma. His wife Iris died within one month of Thomas's death.



John Richard Garrett (School 1948-52) died on 26 July 2014. Following national service, John entered the family building firm where he progressed from the joiners shop to group chairman and managing director, becoming a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building and Architects and Surveyors Institute. Elected to Wandsworth Council in 1982, he was a past mayor and honorary alderman of that borough. During his time at Wandsworth, he was vice chairman of leisure and amenity services and establishment committees.

He played an active part as Wandsworth's representative in the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority and past master of the Worshipful Company of Firefighters. He was chairman of Western Riverside Waste Authority and chairman

of Clapham Rail Crash Trustees. John was also a general commissioner of income tax and chairman of London S W Valuation Tribunal. He was a first aider, president of St John Ambulance in Wandsworth since 1988, a brother of the Venerable Order of St John and Knight Commander of St John of Jerusalem – Knights Hospitaller.

In 2003, he was first elected to Guildford Borough Council as councillor for the Lovelace ward. During his time at this council, John served as deputy mayor for the 2011-12 municipal year but was unable to fulfil the demanding role of mayor due to his illness. He was a member of the planning committee from 2003 to 2013 and served as vice-chairman of that committee from 2007 to 2011. He was a member of the licensing committee from 2003 to 2011 and served on the Guildford local committee from 2007 to 2011. John also represented the council on a number of outside organisations including the Hillers Charity, Surrey County Playing Fields Association, the Guildford Taxi Advisory Group and the Tenants Federation Committee.

He was married to Marion. His twin brother, Bernard William Garrett (School 1948-52) predeceased him.

Sumet Grachangnetara (Blackwater 1961-65) died on 19 November 2020. We have few details of his career but know that in 1976 he was marketing manager of Philips (Thailand) Ltd, which produced household goods and appliances. His brother is Santi Grachangnetara (Blackwater 1958-62).

Noel Anthony Hamilton (School 1962-67) died on 11 January 2014.

Timothy Harington (School 1941-43) died on 4 August 2021, peacefully at home. His daughter Joanna Jones told us: 'At almost 95, he lived an extraordinary life. He was one of the great pioneer farmers from the Victory Block (Zimbabwe), a true gentleman, loyal friend, adoring husband to the late Jean Harington, father to Joanna, Hugh and Louise, grandfather to Julia, Simon, Timothy, Daniel, Hugo, Holly and Charlie and great grandfather to Paul.'

Earl Burton Hathaway III (School 1977-82), known as Burton, died in July 2021. After leaving the College, he returned to the USA and attended the University of Arizona where he received his undergraduate degree, then studied law at Georgia State University. Later, as an attorney in a private practice, he dealt mainly with

appellate work before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, in addition to handling family law matters for private clients, criminal defence and contract/negotiation cases. He also did voluntary work for the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project, representing victims of domestic violence who may not otherwise be able to afford counsel. In his spare time he was the head coach of the Portland Women's Rugby Football Club. Prior to taking up law full time, he raced bicycles competitively and won gold medals at the Arizona State Track Cycling Championships in 1998 and 1999. Burton played hockey while at the College and the 1982 *East-bournian* reported: 'Our last match, as it happened, was against Sutton Valence and Burton Hathaway, who had been our goal-keeper for the last three matches, had to save a penalty flick in the last minutes to preserve our winning record.'

He is survived by his mother Lynn, his children, Amanda and Griffin and granddaughter, Mia Lynn.

Peter Michael Healey (Powell 1945-51) died on 1 February 2019. In his later career he became director and general manager of H W Nevill Ltd (Associated British Foods). He was also a Citizen and Haberdasher of London. He is survived by his wife Patricia and daughters Caroline and Emma.



Richard Brian Kirkwood Howatson (Blackwater 1953-56) died on 17 March 2020. He spent much of his working life at sea in the Merchant Navy before making a complete career change, joining the catering profession. His wife of 60 years, Doreen, said of him, 'He was a good, kind man, enjoying life.'

On leaving the College in 1956, he attended the King Edward VII Nautical College in London. Following graduation, he joined the Merchant Navy and got a job with Bowater shipping (traders in wood and pulp). This entailed trips to Scandinavia and to Great Lakes in Canada

'which he really enjoyed'. Bowater were later taken over by British & Commonwealth Shipping who had trading links with South Africa.

With a growing family, Richard decided to spend more time at home and having reached the rank of second officer, left the Merchant Navy. He then went to the Brighton Technical College and did a course in catering which was very successful but jobs were hard to find. Eventually, he got a job at BP in their main office and climbed the ladder to become butler to the chairman and directors until he retired.

One story that he told was how at an official function at BP, the company were visited by the then Lord Mayor of London, Christopher Leaver (Blackwater 1951-55).

Although not part of the official welcoming line-up, Richard was recognised by Christopher who came over and chatted to him. It turned out that he knew Richard when he was in Blackwater. In his retirement, he took up golf and bowls. He had been a keen sportsman at the College, playing in the junior singles fives in 1954; the 1st XI hockey and 1st IV fives teams in 1956 and the 2nd XI cricket team in 1955-56. He fought in the novices boxing finals in 1955 and played in the College's Erratics cricket team in the same year.

Richard is survived by his wife, Doreen (whom he married in 1960), two sons, Robin and Ian, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Rodney Martyn Hurst (Wargrave 1947-49) died on 24 September 2019. After leaving College, he attended HMS *Conway* where he studied 'nautical subjects'. He went on to become general manager, Peninsular Malaysia & South Thailand for Benline Steamers (container ships), based in Edinburgh. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, his children, Andy, Mark and Nikki, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



Anthony Kerr Hutchison (Wargrave 1951-56) died on 18 January 2020 in Melbourne, Australia. He spent his career in the medical profession, training at the London Hospital Medical School. It was while working as a doctor on the premature baby ward in Portsmouth that

he met Maryon, a midwife, whom he married in January 1969. Later that year they moved to Nanaimo, British Columbia, and he began his career as a GP. In 1975, the family moved to Surrey, BC, where he built up a successful private practice while

Peter Homburger

Peter Adolf Homburger (School 1942-47), a loyal friend and supporter of the College, died on 10 June 2021, aged 93. He was one of our longest-serving OE worldwide representatives, from 1961 to 2018, was a frequent contributor to Foundation appeals, and was a member of the Devonshire Society. The OE flag flew at half-mast on the Memorial Tower when news of his death was received.

In 1939, with the increasing threat to the Jewish community in Germany, Peter and his brothers, Walter (School 1939-40) and Wolf (School 1941-44), were sent to England on the second-to-last Kindertransport train. They had been sponsored by a distant cousin, Paul Triefus, who was living in London, but almost immediately the brothers were sent to Eastbourne to school; Peter and Wolf to Hillbrow preparatory school and Walter to the College. In 1942, Peter joined the College at Radley where the school had been evacuated two years earlier. Headmaster John Nugee (to whom he was ever grateful) had offered the places at the College to provide education for Jewish refugees. The fees were paid by Paul Triefus.

In 1946, a year after the College returned to Eastbourne, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret visited the town. Peter as the hon sec of the camera club was given permission to photograph the princesses in the lobby of All Saints church following the Sunday service. He asked 'the princesses to pose for a moment in the entrance to the church so that the camera club members could take pictures of them – which they agreed to do'. Unfortunately for Peter, he was unable to take any himself.

Peter left England for the USA in 1947 but remained in regular contact with the College. Brian Cleave (Powell 1953-58), who had spent the academic year 1961-62 at the University of Kansas as a postgraduate exchange student from Exeter University, contacted Peter, who was then an OE rep, and visited him in Denver on his travels by bus across the United States in the summer of 1962. Brian recalls that Peter was anxious even then to talk about his time at the College and how great an impression it made on him. Peter's hospitality was such that Brian stayed longer with Peter and his family than he had intended.

According to Peter, it was this visit that prompted him, together with OEs Eric Nation (Pennell 1935-39) and Tim Slade (Wargrave 1967-68), to establish the North America Travel Scholarship Programme in 1972. The original concept was to provide opportunity for a taste of life in North America as a learning experience for one graduating student from the College each year. The idea attracted support from many OEs in Canada and the USA, both financial and offers of hospitality. In 1993 the scholarship was discontinued.

Peter visited the College on a number of occasions, most notably in 2019 when he took part in a Q & A session with pupils about his thoughts on, and experiences of, the Nazi persecution of the Jews in 1930s Germany. When asked what his fondest memory of the College was he replied 'doughnuts'.

He was also a notable donor to the College. In recognition of his contribution to the P150 fund, an economics classroom in the Winn Building was named in his honour. The Homburger Room in the Birley Centre is



Peter on his visit to the College on 10 October 2019, with his four sons David, Philip, Stephen and Andrew

named after Peter and his brothers.

When Peter set out for a new life in the USA in 1947 he lived firstly in New York, then later moved to Denver. He graduated from Denver University with a BA and a Masters in accounting and became a certified public accountant. Peter's education at the university was interrupted when he was drafted during the Korean War and assigned to the 45th Infantry Division. He served with honour in the US Army as a chaplain's assistant and received the Bronze Star.

Returning to the USA, Peter worked for the Public Service Company of Colorado for 33 years, retiring in 1986. He enjoyed teaching others to prepare their taxes at Denver Opportunity School. Peter was a founding member and belonged to the congregation of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for 70 years. In 1978, he was awarded the American by Choice award by Governor Richard Lamm. He volunteered countless time and energy serving on many boards, ranging from 50 years as a campaign auditor for the United Way to being Santa Claus at the YMCA.

Peter loved music, directed company and church choirs and travelled to the far reaches of the globe. He lived his life with optimism, charity and a good sense of humour and believed he could be a friend to anyone and everyone.

He is survived by his second wife, Ruth: his four sons (from his first marriage to Carol), Philip, David, Stephen and Andrew; stepdaughters Linda and Nancy; grandchildren and great grandchildren. His brothers, Walter and Wolf predeceased him. We would like to thank Peter's son, Stephen, for his help in compiling this obituary.

working in the local hospital.

He loved England and enjoyed cheering on his country in the Ashes and Rugby finals. In his 50s and 60s travel became his pastime. He had fond memories travelling with Maryon and other friends throughout North America, relaxing on beaches and avoiding the wet, cold Vancouver winters. In 2018, he and Maryon moved to Melbourne to enjoy warmer weather and to live close to their daughter Hillary and her family.

Anthony Vokins (Wargrave 1950-55), a good friend of Anthony's (known at the College as Hutch), remembered his time at the school: 'He was a house prefect, we were both in the College squash team, both played and enjoyed cricket where for two to three years he was a member of the 1st XI. Anthony was a useful right-hand batsman and had the ability to bowl great leg breaks – if only his accuracy had been perfect for a complete over, I am sure he might have become a second Shane Warne!'

Anthony continued his love of

squash well into his 40s; he was the club champion at the local club in Canada. He also played for the 1st XI hockey team at the College and was captain of the Tigers rugby team.

His daughter, Hillary, said of him: 'He was a kind and gentle man, always caring and looking out for others. He valued family, friendship and loved life. As he aged, he taught us to grow with dignity, humour and courage. With his Parkinson's, he stayed active as long as he could'.

He is survived by his wife Maryon; sister, Susan; children, Robert, Steven and Hillary and his seven grandchildren.

Bryan Johns (Blackwater 1948-52) died on 12 November 2021. We hope to publish a full obituary in our next issue.

David Roger George Kay (Wargrave 1948-52) died on 14 September 2020. On leaving College, he had originally planned to join his father's bakery business in Tunbridge Wells but after training in London, decided that music ('a keen pianist

from infancy') was to be his future career. He entertained the stars with his piano playing at the Hyde Park Hotel and even played a duet with the singer/songwriter Billy Joel.

He studied with Alfred Ralston, an arranger and composer of film and revue music as well as playing in his brother's dance band in the Tunbridge Wells area. He managed to secure a position as staff arranger at Francis, Day & Hunter and did arrangements for various orchestras, dance bands and singers for BBC radio programmes. During this period he started entering for competitive music festivals in the West Kent and South East London areas and won several first prize awards.

Later David joined Hansen Publications as arranger and music editor. An American company, it specialised in teaching manuals and easy-play arrangements of popular songs. During his time with Hansen, he produced numerous compilation albums of songs, including some of his own compositions. He left after six years to concentrate on freelance arranging.

While at Hansen, he continued to play music and bought a portable organ which he played for various bands in a number of top London hotels such as the Grosvenor House, Dorchester, Savoy and the Hilton. Other appointments included entertaining the passengers on the P & O cruise liners *Oriana* and *Canberra*.

Later, the position of resident pianist at the Hyde Park Hotel was offered to David and he decided to concentrate on his first love, the piano. He performed in front of many famous guests in the hotel restaurant including Paul Newman, Dustin Hoffman, Plácido Domingo and Bjorn Borg. During the 1980s, he made several broadcasts on the BBC2 programme *At the Piano*, choosing a repertoire of varying styles for the 15-minute programme of continuous piano music.

In his retirement, he continued to compose as well as learning Spanish with the help of his wife, Matilde (née Garcia), whom he married in 1966. She predeceased him in 2003. They have a son, Henry.

Gordon James



Gordon Douglas James (Reeves 1959-63) died on 5 December 2020, aged 74. We are grateful to the Newsletter of the London Mathematical Society, Issue 493, (2021), pages 66-67, for allowing us to publish, in part, the following obituary:

Professor Gordon James was elected a member of the London Mathematical Society on 10 May 1985 and was LMS Journal Editor 1989-93.

Rob Curtis writes:

Gordon's natural talent for mathematics first became apparent at Eastbourne College where he was taught by Eric Laming, an inspirational teacher who became a firm friend of the family for many years. From Eastbourne Gordon won a scholarship to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, where he was tutored by John Conway, and where he obtained a first class degree in 1967 followed by Distinction in Part III of the Tripos the following year. He was then taken on as a research student by John Thompson, the pre-eminent finite group theorist of the day, and wrote a PhD thesis on the modular representations of the Mathieu group M₂₄ for which he was awarded a Smith Prize for first year's research.

It was during Gordon's Part III year whilst we shared a house in Cherry Hinton that he met Mary, his wife-to-be, and they married in 1971. Shortly after receiving the PhD in 1972, he was elected to a Fellowship at Sidney Sussex,

a post he held until 1985 when he moved to Imperial College, London. He was very soon promoted to a readership in 1986 and then to a professorship in 1989 when he delivered an inaugural lecture entitled "What the Hecke Algebras?", being unable to resist the pun on the area of mathematics in which he had become an international expert. Indeed, from the sporadic groups Gordon's consuming interest had shifted to the representation theory of the symmetric groups. In 1975 he had spent his sabbatical leave in Canada and visited G de B Robinson, himself famous for his contributions to the representations of the symmetric groups, and Gordon proceeded to extend the delightful and highly combinatorial classical theory to modular representations. He produced two books on this work, one joint with Adalbert Kerber, putting the whole theory on a rigorous foundation. He then became interested in developing an analogous theory for the general linear groups and, together with Richard Dipper, introduced the concept of q-Schur algebras. His collaboration with Dipper, Andrew Mathas and others produced a body of significant results during this period and posed tantalising conjectures which have led to further important developments in the area. Gordon's ground-breaking book on unipotent representations of the finite general linear groups was awarded the Adams Prize in 1981.

Besides these advanced research monographs Gordon, together with Martin Liebeck, produced a highly regarded and popular undergraduate text on the representation theory of finite groups.

During his time at Imperial, Gordon served as head of pure mathematics from 1991-97 and supervised eight PhD students. He was highly

respected as a dedicated, unselfish and sympathetic member of the department.

Sadly, in 2002 Gordon was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and a few years later had to take early retirement through ill health. He and Mary retired to the Yorkshire Dales and Gordon determined to keep the disease at bay by walking miles over the wonderful moorland. I myself have struggled to keep up with him as he went up over those hills like a gazelle, although he was already less sure-footed going downhill. On one occasion I recall we were both winched down into the remarkable Gaping Gill cavern, 300 feet below ground, halfway to the Ingleborough peak. Gordon fought the disease with passion and fortitude but inevitably it caught up with him and by the end he struggled to keep his balance. Throughout this ordeal Mary was a constant and indefatigable support to him.

Gordon had many interests. He was a fine chess and bridge player, although his fondness for a 'psych' one spade opening bid could mislead his partner as much as his opponents! It was also not unknown for him to play a game in which hands traditionally contain five cards, the standard Cambridge ante being one tenth of a penny. After retirement Gordon threw himself energetically into Yorkshire village life and soon became a hugely valued member of the local community. After retirement he became passionately interested in photography and won several prizes in the local club for some beautiful entries.

Gordon was a fine mathematician, a superb colleague and a loyal friend; he is survived by his wife Mary, their two children Elizabeth and William, and five grandchildren.

The full obituary can found on <https://www.lms.ac.uk/publications/lms-newsletter-back-issues>.

Peter Koblenzer



Peter and Caroline Koblenzer

Peter Johann Koblenzer MRCS, LRCP, MB, MS, MRCP, DCH (Powell 1939-41) died after a short illness on 16 March 2019, aged 96. Born in Munich on 6 December 1922, the second son of S Koblenzer, a lawyer, and his wife, Peter survived the Second World War Holocaust and lived with his parents at 86 Royal Parade, Eastbourne, joining the College as a day boy in January 1939. He was a house prefect, passed his higher school certificate and Cert A. He next spent several years in an internment camp on the Isle of Man. Following the war he attended Guy's Hospital School of Medicine

where he met his wife Caroline (Carol), née Scott-Adamson, who was also a doctor. They married in May 1951. Peter and Caroline had two children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. After medical school, Peter and Caroline joined

the British Overseas Medical Service as physicians and spent several years in the Sudan and Borneo. From 1951-53 they ran a hospital with the Sudan Medical Service where Peter took care of men, including surgery, while Caroline treated women and children. Then in 1954-57 in British North Borneo, Peter ran a hospital. In 1957-59 Peter worked as a house officer at the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London.

In 1959 they emigrated, with their three children, to the USA where Caroline had a private practice. Peter next trained in paediatrics at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. Then in 1961 he

moved to Thunder Bay in Canada where he joined a paediatric practice for a year before returning to Philadelphia to work at the Skin and Cancer Hospital. He worked there for several years and then at St Christopher's before starting his own practice in Moorestown, New Jersey. He retired in December 2017 aged 95. He was an FRCP and a member of the Philadelphia College of Physicians for 50 years. He published articles in peer-reviewed journals and continued to do research.

Peter travelled the world; he collected art, he loved the Philadelphia Orchestra, and especially his wife Caroline and his family. Together they founded the American Association for Psycho-Cutaneous Disease and, after training, she focused her work on psycho-cutaneous disease.

Peter was a loyal OE and in 1974 was corresponding with John Underhill, who had been his housemaster in Powell. He was a Quaker and donated his body as an anatomical gift to science.

George William 'Bill' Martin (Gonville 1951-54) died at home on 12 September 2021, having been diagnosed with leukaemia just three weeks before.



Michael John Philip Matthews (Wargrave 1957-61) died peacefully at home in

Paignton on 20 April 2021 aged 77, surrounded by his family. The following obituary has been submitted by Mike's brother, Peter (Blackwater 1966-70).

Mike had suffered a serious stroke several years earlier and also had pulmonary fibrosis and finally contracted Covid from which he was ultimately unable to recover. Mike was born in 1943 in the middle of the war and was brought up in Lewes, Sussex. He started at the College in 1957 and made several contributions to the life of the school. He was in the College choir and was also a drummer in the CCF band, often bringing a drum home in the holidays to keep in practice, much to his mother's alarm!

He developed a lifelong fascination with astronomy and, encouraged by his housemaster 'Tommy' Rodd, set up the College Astronomical Society. He had a leading role (Cassius) in the College production of *Julius Caesar*, performed in modern dress. He was a Wargrave house prefect.

On leaving the College Mike worked in London for a while for Johnson Matthey before retraining very successfully as an electronic engineer. This led to work with Decca and Nortel among others and gave Mike and family the opportunity to work for several years in South Africa, servicing ships' radars in Durban Harbour. On his return to work in the UK, he eventually settled with his wife and two sons in Paignton, Devon where he lived until his death.

Mike had a great interest in natural phenomena, astronomy and anything to do with the sea. He loved sailing and was able to continue with this even after his stroke, sailing on the River Dart with Sailability. He was a keen gardener and fisherman and also took up bell ringing, which he loved. He liked to discuss all his interests with everyone he met!

Mike was a kind, generous and friendly man who will be greatly missed by many people. He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Vanessa, and his sons Tim and Buzz.



Michael de Laval Landon (Ascham 1947-49, School 1949-53) died in Oxford, Massachusetts, on 23 March 2021. Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, in 1935 to Brigadier General and Mrs Landon formerly of Gail Court, Polegate, Michael spent his early childhood in Canada. When his father retired to England after the Second World War, Michael began his academic career at the College. He was a house prefect, a sixth former and won prizes for biology and history. He rowed in the 2nd IV and was hon sec of the Gramophone Society; he also passed Cert A and was a sergeant in the CCF. He went on to Lewes County Grammar School before joining Worcester College, Oxford, where he received his BA and MA in history.

After teaching at Manor House School in Horsham, Dalhousie School in Ladybank, Scotland, and

Lakefield College School in Canada, he attended the University of Wisconsin where he earned an MA and PhD in history.

In 1964, he was hired by the University of Mississippi, where his academic career included imparting knowledge to undergraduate and graduate students for more than four decades, acting director of the university library, and acting chair of modern languages. He is the author of a number of well-regarded books in the fields of history and legal history, including *The Triumph of the Lawyers*, *The Honor and Dignity of the Profession*, *Erin and Britannia: The Historical Background to a Modern Tragedy*, *The Challenge of Service*, and *The University of Mississippi Law School: A Sesquicentennial History*. He was a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a member of the American Legal History Society.

A strong believer in service to church and community, Michael served as a licensed lay reader, Sunday School teacher, and on the vestry of St Peter's Episcopal Church. Although he suffered from Alzheimer's later in his life, he continued to take great pride in reading the lessons in church, where his mellifluous voice and careful markings made his readings well received. Michael was a commissioner for the city housing authority in Oxford from 1983 to 2013, serving for 20 years as

chairman of the authority.

Michael is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carole Prather Landon, his son Clay Landon, his daughter Letitia Leslie, stepdaughters Lelia and Conerly Casey and Margaret Casey Dowling, and a loving tribe of grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers Guy (School 1947-52), Timothy (School 1956-60), and Christopher Landon (School 1953-58), and his former wife Doris Landon.

Charming, well-mannered and a born raconteur, Michael delighted in hosting and attending gatherings with colleagues, friends, and family. Pleasant rituals like tea, happy hour, and family holiday dinners were carefully observed, and an abundance of good food, drink and conversation made invitations to these events quite happily accepted. A true gentleman and scholar, Michael could converse with anyone on nearly any subject, and he demonstrated kindness and respect for everyone he met.

Michael died at his home in Oxford and, following a funeral service at St Peter's Episcopal Church, he was buried in the Oxford Memorial Cemetery.

John Richard Maine (Ascham 1950-56, Reeves 1956-59) died on 28 April 2014. He was survived by his widow Jacqueline.



David John Mitchell (Pennell 1959-64) died on 23 June 2021. David, or Mitch as he was known, had a long career as a pilot working firstly with BOAC and later with British Airways. He had a lifelong interest in shooting and was a notable winner of shooting cups at the College, winning the Martin Soames Cup and the William Beard Long Range Cup in 1963 and the Rattney Gardiner Cup and the Colver Cup in 1964. In the same year, the *Eastbourne* reported the following story which took place during the snap shooting competition:

'Nichol was top scorer with 48 but we nominated Mitchell for the Sunday Times medal and Financial Times cup and he won them with 49. On hearing his score he reported to another range to fire tie shots only to be told by the range officer, with a twinkle in his eye, that he was not required. Thinking that the boys on the firing point must have scored 50 he was about to turn away disappointed when the RO added 'yours is the only 49'. The boys firing tie shots were only the 48s competing for the minor prizes.' He was awarded his shooting colours in 1963-64 and was captain of shooting in 1964.

David's brother, Alex Mitchell (Pennell 1962-67) has kindly contributed the following tribute:

Shooting played a very important part, but the bedrock of his life was flying. Mitch, as he was known like his father before him, was selected by BOAC to go to the College of Air Training at Hamble where he qualified as a commercial pilot and became a second officer on their VC10 fleet. He also qualified as a flight navigator which was required in the days before inertial or satellite navigation. As he rose through the ranks he flew BAC 111s, Boeing 747s (jumbo jets), 757s and 767s.

He became a senior route check captain (checking other pilots) in what had become British Airways, giving invaluable advice to young co-pilots, now captains themselves.

As a young co-pilot on VC10s and flying the sector over what is now

Malawi, into Blantyre, he said over the PA system that they were flying over 'British Nyasaland' (although the country had become independent in 1964!). This greatly amused the Malawi foreign minister who was on board travelling first class. Following a visit to the flight deck he had a crate of beer delivered to the crew hotel and a present of a new atlas for Second Officer Mitchell with a note saying he would notice there were fewer areas of 'red' in it.

As a senior first officer on a 747 over Iran and in the cabin talking to passengers, he noticed the plane was flying strangely. Returning to the flight deck he was told by the engineer that they had suffered an engine failure and at that height they could not maintain airspeed and were in danger of stalling. Having asked the captain why he wasn't descending and getting the reply that he couldn't get permission from Tehran Control to descend, Mitch told him that at any second they would be going down anyway, got into the right-hand seat and disconnected the auto pilot. He pushed the plane into a controlled dive to reach a lower altitude where it was able to fly safely.

After retiring from BA, he carried on flying light aircraft for a number of years and took great interest in model aircraft, helicopters and drones. He sailed extensively in his yacht *Cheops* from the Hamble and he continued his enjoyment of shooting rifles at Bisley and Hedley Park, and he was instrumental in establishing the Clay Pigeon Shooting Club at RAF Odiham. He would do rough shooting in Hampshire and the Tame Valley and enjoyed fly and sea fishing and loved watching rugby. David has two daughters, Elizabeth and Felicity, and three grandchildren Victoria, James and Jessica who are very proud of him as he was of them.



Jonathon Leslie Victor Moore (Wargrave 1995-2000), known as Johnny, died on 4 June 2021.

Popular, hardworking and always

Clive Morris



Clive Hunter Morris (Ascham 1947-52, Reeves 1952-57) died unexpectedly on 25 March 2021, aged 81. A dedicated family man, lifelong pilot and artist he maintained a long connection with the College through his sons Rob (Reeves 1980-85), Will (Reeves 1987-92) and two granddaughters Katinka Morris (Blackwater 2013-14) and Alex Williams (Blackwater 2017-19).

During his time at Eastbourne, he achieved both academic and sporting success gaining an athletics 'Stag' (which both of his sons matched) and exhibiting art at

the Royal Academy. Later in life, he was an associate member of the Guild of Aviation Artists and sold paintings through the Mall Galleries in London.

It was also at the College where he developed his lifelong connection with aviation, gaining a flying scholarship, through the RAF, to Marshals Flying School in Cambridge. He achieved his private pilot's licence in April 1957 while still at school. In June of that year, he and three other pupils did a flypast at the annual CCF parade, each flying solo in a Tiger Moth having taken off from Croydon Aerodrome. It was, as the papers reported, a first for any school.



The 1957 Tiger Moth flypast

Leaving the College following his A-levels, Clive joined the RAF in September 1957 and, following initial training at South Cerney, completed his flying training and gained his coveted RAF Wings in June 1959. He served for eight years, flying a number of aircraft from a Piston Provost to a single seat Vampire Jet, but predominantly the Hastings.

Leaving the RAF in 1965, he joined BEA flying the Argosy before joining BOAC (later to become British Airways) and moving on to the Boeing 707 and then 747. He gained his command in 1976. Leaving BA shortly before his 55th birthday in 1994 he then joined Virgin Atlantic, flying with them, again on the 747, until 2001. He completed his commercial career, still on the Jumbo, with European Air Charter in 2004. By the end of his career, Clive had amassed over 26,600 flying hours. For 12 years of his commercial career – 1984 to 1996 – he also served in the RAF Volunteer Reserve with the Air Experience Flight at RAF Manston flying CCF and ATC cadets in Chipmunks.

After completing his commercial career, he owned three aircraft; a Chipmunk, then a Bolkow and finally the SIPA which he was still flying shortly before his death. He was incredibly generous with his flying time, always ready to take the family and friends on flights.

Having lived in and around Eastbourne for 60 years, Clive loved the Sussex Downs and the sea and this was reflected in his paintings. Family, too, was everything to him. Married to Angela for 56 happy fun-filled years, he took great delight and an active part in the lives of his children, Charlotte, Rob, Philippa, and Will and his seven grandchildren. He thrived in his role as Granpa. Fun, witty, irreverent, mischievous, leading them all astray, there was always laughter when he and they were around.

making the most of opportunities that came his way were just some of the qualities that were attributed to Johnny Moore. He loved to travel. While at the College, he took part in the World Challenge Expedition to Bolivia in 1999, which involved mountain climbing and exploration of the jungle.

Before enrolling at Loughborough University (he graduated in business

and economics in 2005), he took a gap year working in schools in central Kenya. In addition to his work at Kahuho primary school, he explored southwards with friends to Tanzania and other countries. With a university friend, he travelled to Western Australia. They headed for Darwin in an 'old banger' which came off the road and crashed into a tree. They managed to hitch

hike the remaining 1000 miles to Darwin where they bought another banger and continued their trip to Brisbane. Johnny then decided to visit New Zealand for a couple of months, leaving his rusting camper van in a supermarket carpark. When he returned his van was still there! He also visited Northern India, where he helped in a college and an orphanage, before briefly heading to Nepal.

Born in Rochford, Essex, in 1982, he attended West Leigh primary school before coming to St Andrew's Prep aged 10. From there he came on to the College where he was involved in many activities. He was chairman of the School Council, head chapel warden (winning the Rexie Adalian prize for chapel wardens) and belonged to the Classics, Karaoke and Victorian Societies. In the CCF, he became sergeant and senior cadet head, attending summer camps in 1997 and 1998.

He enjoyed sport too; captain of 1st XI football, he played in the 1st IV golf team and the Lower Sixth 3rd XV rugby team. He was chairman of the Croquet Society, attained a certificate in scuba diving (open water and advanced) and won the Community Sports Leader Award as well as achieving gold in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.

He started his career in finance but decided to set up his own business called Freedom to Explore. This then led him into starting up the Essex and East Anglia Pass. While living in London, he joined the Hillsong Church through which he met his future wife, Ria. Johnny and Ria moved into his family home in Leigh, Essex, and he embraced the local community to such a degree that he was even referred to as Mr Leigh-on-Sea. Johnny was also a very active member of the congregation of St Michael's Church. In recent years he joined the Leigh and Essex Yacht Club where he raced competitively in his solo dinghy and loved the banter at sea.

His sister, Emma (Watt & School 1996-2000) said: 'Johnny led a very full life and was loved by so many. He wasn't one to let life pass him by and he was always willing to help others'.

Johnny is survived by his wife Ria; children Joshua, Judah and Isabella; mother Jane and sister Emma.

Michael Charles Nash (Powell 1956-59) died of cancer on 13 February 2019. After leaving the College he was apprenticed to Colin (Tools), York Road, Eastbourne. He was a devoted and much loved father to Tony and father-in-law to Gaynor and grandfather to Michael and Stephen.

Cyril Panda



Cyril George Maju Panda (School 1967-71) died on 8 September 2021 a week after suffering a severe stroke. His brother George (School 1971-76) told us: 'Cyril loved his sport, and was an accomplished cricketer, footballer and track athlete. One of the many tributes we received as a family was, 'He was a wonderful man with an unforgettable warmth, sense of humour and had such fantastic positive energy', which summed Cyril up to a "T". He spent several years working as a DJ in Spain at OE Joe Bakir's (School 1966-71) family business before moving to Sierra Leone in the mid-1980s. He began coaching the national army cricket team and then realised that cricket was in dire straits. He then dedicated the rest of his life taking the national team to international status, introducing school, college and club leagues, and recently introducing women's cricket. He will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.'

Cyril enjoyed sports at the College, playing rugby, cricket, basketball and was in the athletics team. He was also captain of the College football society team known as the Eastbourne Casuals Football Club (see article on page 38) and in 1971 was offered a trial with Hendon Town FC.



Christopher Anthony Paraskeva (Ascham 1965-66, Wargrave 1966-69) died on 15 March 2019. Described as a 'much loved' antique dealer, he operated firstly in Camden and then in the Columbia Road. His wife, Annie Moss said 'He had unusual taste, I loved that. He had the best selection of antiques, and started from nothing. He enjoyed selling skulls and bones, he'd find amazing things.' Chris once gave Annie a necklace that included his own tooth mounted in silver.

Business partner John Goodison said of him that he was 'extremely extrovert, very complicated and very loving. He struck me as very charming with a very strong personality.'

Born in Wales in 1952, the family moved to Hastings where his father ran a Greek restaurant. Briefly attending Ascham prep school, he entered Wargrave House in 1966. He was a keen sportsman and enjoyed playing rugby. Following his time at the College, he attended Hastings College of Further Education and later became a prison probation officer.

Chris first met his wife in the early 1990s when he was looking to set up an antiques stall outside the Camden Head pub in London. He started off with a small shop in the Angel Arcade and eventually opened a shop of four floors at 16 Camden

Passage with his business partner, John. He enjoyed collecting and selling interesting objects that were often macabre and quirky in nature. Once he placed a pair of mummified puppies in the shop window which he had found up a chimney in east London. Demonstrating his eye for business, the odd item was sold for a substantial profit.

Later he left the borough and ran an antiques and gifts store in Columbia Road, east London, called Eat More Lemons, and often shipped antiques to Atlanta, in the US.

Chris is survived by his wife Annie, sisters Janet and Susan and children Lauren and Joe.



Christopher David James Parker (School 1952-56) died on 13 September 2020, aged 81. His brother, Anthony (School 1949-54) has kindly sent us the following tribute:

'Christopher was the son of Geoffrey and Irene Parker. Geoffrey joined the RAF in the Second World War; having volunteered for aircrew, he was killed in 1943 over France. Christopher was the youngest of four Parkers who were at the College together, the others being his brother Anthony and two cousins, Timothy Parker (School 1950-54) and Richard Parker (School 1951-55). At the College he was a house

prefect and in the Royal Marines section of the CCF. Christopher gained his first hockey colours in 1956 and was in the gym, Erratics cricket and Tigers rugby teams. He was also the hon sec of the Junior Dramatic Society, appearing in *See How They Run* as Lance Corporal Winton in 1953 and in *The Middle Watch* as Captain Maitland in 1954.

On leaving the College he worked briefly for Lloyds Register of Shipping and then read agriculture at Aberdeen University, where he was in the boxing team. His career was spent mainly in teaching. He was a gifted and well-liked teacher of maths and science at several prep schools – at The Hawthorns in Surrey, where he had been as a boy, at Walhampton in Lymington, and at Caterham. In 1964 he married Brenda, a nurse, and they had two daughters, Annabelle and Jenny. He and Brenda were houseparents of the girls house at Walhampton, and besides his teaching he was an enthusiastic cricketer and coach.

In 2006 he underwent major surgery for cancer; he never fully recovered, but he stayed active, never losing his cheerfulness or his sense of humour. In retirement, his marriage having ended some years previously, he and his partner Anne were instrumental in arranging in 2003 a visit to the village in France where his father and three other members of his crew were buried. Nearly 30 people from two of the crew's families attended, with apologies from a third, and were warmly received by the village over two days, with a special service in the church and a mayoral reception. Another, later, visit for the 75th anniversary of the airmen's deaths was equally well supported and equally generously received, showing that the entente cordiale at grass roots level is still very much alive, a fitting legacy for a kind and courageous man.'



Paul Parsons, right, with his brother Hugh

Paul Gray Parsons (Gonville 1952-57) died peacefully on 27 August 2021 in Poole Hospital with his wife Rozanne and children Sally (Nugent 1983-85), Ian and Nigel (School 1985-90) beside him.

He was the son of Ronald Parsons (Home Boarder 1921-24)

and Dorothy Parsons, MBE. He was brother to Hugh (Gonville 1958-63), Mary and Jenny, and uncle to Mark Jackson (School 1975-77) and great uncle to Matthew Jackson (Wargrave 2010-12). Paul was brother-in-law to Michael Ross (School 1952-57) and Keith Ross (School 1958-63).

He was a double Stag for cricket and rugby at the College. He was awarded 1st XI cricket colours in 1955, '56 and '57 and was vice captain in 1957. He won his rugby Stag in 1957, 1st fives colours in 1956-57, winning the singles and doubles fives cups in the same years. He was also head of house and a school prefect.

On leaving the College, Paul spent a year at the Dorchester Hotel with a view to going into hotel management, but this was cut short when he was called up for national service where he served in the Catering Corps playing as much sport as he could. On being demobbed, he joined Stonegate Farmers supplying eggs from farmers to the UK's leading supermarkets. He started as sales manager in 1961, eventually becoming managing director in 1974 and retired as chairman in 1999. Paul enjoyed the variety of the job; meeting supermarket bosses, farmers and politicians - not to mention Edwina Curry! Paul led the industry creating many marketing 'firsts' with new, greener packaging and improving the free range side of the industry.

Sport was integral throughout his life in work and play. Paul would like to tell everyone that he was born under the West Stand at Twickenham which is where he liked to be for every Five and then Six Nations match with his family and friends. He would jest that he had spoken to Bill Beaumont, and Bill had promised him England v Wales on his birthday. He played rugby for Eastbourne Rugby Club and was in the 1st team for many years. Paul enjoyed the old club house with its leaking roof, as well as the new one, for which he helped raise money, and proudly captained the side on its opening day. He enjoyed entertaining the British Lions there in 1968.

Paul was passionate about cricket. He played for Eastbourne Cricket Club 1st XI and was a founder member of the Oval's Cricket Club, an offshoot of the rugby club (hence its name), which he captained for many years. He wore his bright yellow cap with great pride, it was village cricket at its best and included all the families and friends; played in beautiful villages always with a good Sussex pub nearby. He also enjoyed the Old Eastbournian matches and tours.

Paul became a vice president of Sussex County CC and through his firm he sponsored the Sussex team and enjoyed getting to know all the players including Sir Viv Richards, the late Tony Grieg and Imran Khan. Paul was known as 'Mr Egg' at the county cricket grounds and he installed giant eggs at Hove and The Saffrons with a prize for hitting one full toss. It was eventually won by Paul Parker, the Sussex captain, which made the *Nine o'clock News* that evening.

Paul's love of the sea never left him. He made a canoe at Eastbourne College in woodwork. It was ceremoniously launched at Eastbourne beach and he spent many hours fishing in it using a bag of stones as an anchor. This was discarded on the way back to make room for his catch! He owned a boat until the last five years of his life. His favourite was named *Oggy* and he had much delight (with a twinkle in his eye) radioing the next marina, 'This is *Oggy, Oggy, Oggy!*'

Paul first met Rozanne when he was 10 and she was 8. He knocked on the door to ask to play with her brother Mick and the rest was history. They married in 1964. His white Morgan was his pride and joy and sold the day they married to help pay for their first home, Cornflower Cottage in Mayfield. On moving to Beachy Head Road in 1977, Rozanne and Paul enjoyed entertaining many Eastbournians young and old. He loved their family holidays; skiing in the three valleys in the winter and boating in Salcombe in the summer; making the first footprints in the sand in the morning, digging for bait, catching bass and cooking on the BBQ in the evening.

Retirement in Sandbanks has been in 'full colour'; enjoying the Dorset golf courses, exploring Poole Harbour in his fishing boat *Luka*, pulling up his lobster pot in Swanage Bay and having fun with his family and six grandchildren, Emily, Josh, Jamie, Rosie, Olivia and Immy. Paul loved life to the very end, even through various illnesses. His specialist called him the 'Miracle Man'. His infectious smile, dogged determination and love of life made him friends wherever he went. He was an ultimate family man and his family will miss him dearly.

We are grateful to Paul's family for providing the above tribute.

Philip Le Brocq (teacher of English and drama at the College from 1962 to 1988) remembers: 'In my years in the early 1960s when I captained Eastbourne Rugby Club, Paul played regularly and totally dependably as full back and goal kicker. I remember those heart-stopping times when I was staggering back in defence and

the ball was lobbed high over my head with only Paul as the lonely final defence. With calm certainty he gave it his mighty boot and we exhausted forwards, a welcome breather!

'He was always a firm friend and a fine player and with his wife Rozanne became one of Sally and my warmest and most affectionate friends in Eastbourne. Though steeped in the history of the College as a successful Old Boy, he gave us a new and refreshing perspective of Eastbourne in our early years there, and many years after. The fact that our families all grew up together gave us a special and long-lasting bond. We enjoyed their company more recently on their visits to Jersey. We were never short of lively and anecdotal conversation.'

David James Pollock (Blackwater 1948-53) died in the USA on 16 July 2021 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born on 1 September 1934 in Baytown, Texas, to John and Mary Pollock who had emigrated to Texas from Bromley, Kent, when David was 11. David's father John was an oil and gas chemist and worked for a large oil company in the USA. David joined Blackwater House in 1948 where he achieved two A-levels, 2nd XV colours and 1st fives colours. He was awarded the Mowbray Junior History Prize, was a chapel warden, passed Cert A Parts 1 and 2 and became an instructor cadet in the RN section of the CCF. He was a member of the science, photographic debating and meteorological societies and the camera club. He left to spend two years on national service, and was commissioned 2nd Lt in the Royal Artillery. He next attended London University, gaining a BSc (Eng) and a diploma in chemical engineering.

In 1963 David married Helen Reddin in South Croydon. They had two children, Christopher and Elizabeth, and eight grandchildren. In 1968 David and his family emigrated to the USA when he accepted a chemical engineering position with Monsanto in Akron, Ohio. In 1970 the family relocated to Arlington Heights, Illinois, where David became an engineer with Nalco Chemical Co. Then in 1983 David began his own company, Polyad Technology Inc. in Barrington, Illinois, where he was president. In addition to his interest in chemical engineering, David was an ardent animal lover and enjoyed museums, carpentry and gardening.

Blaise Anthony Preston (Blackwater 1946-50) died on 12 November 2014. Born on 9 October 1932, he was the son of Admiral Sir Lionel Preston KCB and his second wife.

Blaise joined the College in the winter term of 1946 and left in the summer of 1950. Neither a prefect, an academic or a sportsman, Blaise passed Cert A Parts I and II and joined the archaeological and musical societies. He was later a member of the Royal Aero Club in Piccadilly. He worked in the art world, first for Christie's, specialising in fine art and paintings. Later he was self-employed.



Richard Robbins (School 1948-51) died in 2021. He was the twin brother of Tom Robbins (School 1948-52), who died in 1991. Richard had visited the College archives in October 2017 when he was shown photos and articles concerning his and Tom's time at the College.



David Frances Robinson (School 1950-55) died on 5 March 2021. His son Tim got in touch to say that as he had been ill in the year before his death, David had written his own obituary. We are pleased to reproduce it here.

David joined School House in 1950. He was a school and house prefect. He represented the College at 1st team level in rugby, tennis, swimming, boxing and hockey. He was also the under officer in the CCF army section as well as secretary of various clubs and societies. He was (by his own estimation) a rather undistinguished member of the classical sixth; in fact when he was later offered a place at Worcester College, Oxford, it was made subject to the condition that he did not read classics.

David never got his rugby Stag as he was dropped halfway through the term in his first year in the 1st XV and was then injured in the following year. He was proud of his final term performance in the tennis team. He partnered Ken Freeman (Pennell 1950-55) in the 3rd pair beating all their opponents' 2nd and 3rd pairs and only lost to two 1st pairs, and the term was undefeated.

David's particular friends at school included John Chitty (School 1950-54), Barrie Curtis (School 1950-54), David Tillet (School 1950-55) and Nick Carey (School 1949-55). In his final year he also formed a strong friendship with John Wells (Powell 1950-55) who, after a short spell teaching at Eton, became a very successful actor and come-

dian. John introduced himself as a member of the 'Pseudos', a somewhat pretentious but enjoyable group which supposedly discussed philosophical and intellectual matters but fully earned the name by which the group was known.

After leaving school John Wells came up to Twickenham to stay with the Robinson family. Subsequently the two of them joined up together for national service in the army with the Middlesex regiment in Mill Hill. Initially it was a tough start: at the first break after 13 weeks three members of the platoon went AWOL and one committed suicide.

This experience was followed by an officer course, an enjoyable period at Canterbury and eventually on to Eaton Hall where both David and John were commissioned into the Royal Sussex Regiment.

David and John went different ways after Eaton Hall. David arranged for a secondment to Nigeria where he followed in the footsteps of John Chitty who had recommended this course of action on the basis that it offered plenty of sports and social activities and fairly limited military duties! Initially in Nigeria as assistant adjutant and battalion intelligence officer he reported to OE Brigadier Lerwill (Blackwater 1929-32). He was able to travel widely in Nigeria and enjoyed playing rugby, tennis and squash (including a trial rugby match for Nigeria to play Ghana where David claimed he outplayed the other full-back but was outweighed by the other's military seniority).

After completing his military service David took up his place at Worcester College, Oxford, where he read law in which happily he showed much greater ability than he had with classics. He obtained his honours degree and went on to qualify as a barrister, although he never practiced as such.

After Oxford David joined the De La Rue company (then a major company) in London where he worked in various legal and legal secretarial positions for 13 years. During this time he became a part-time evening lecturer at City of London University, lecturing on company law, and also with a friend set up and established an initially very successful squash club in Richmond. He married Margaret (née Woods) and in 1973 moved with his family to Derby.

David worked for both private and public companies in Derby and Chesterfield. Margaret became secretary of Derbyshire county tennis, a post she held for 25 years, and also a member of the LTA Council in London. David also inevitably

became involved in tennis administration and got to know OE John Robbins (Blackwater 1944-49) who was President of the LTA for a two-year stint. They had some enjoyable holidays in Cornwall with John and his wife Gill.

David retired from full-time employment as a director, finance director and company secretary at the age of 60. However, he continued to work as a consultant until his mid-70s and in particular took on chairmanship of several company pension schemes.

Margaret sadly died from cancer in 2010 after two difficult years but only after 40 years of happy marriage. David is survived by his son Tim who works and lives in Panama and his step-daughter Sarah who lives in York with her husband and two teenage daughters Polly and Jessica. Also in his last few years David formed a strong and happy relationship with Ulla, a widow of Danish origin, but who has spent most of her adult life in England, and who also survives him.



Anthony (front right) with Eastbournian mates in Menorca

Anthony Charles Leighton Ross (Wargrave 1993-98) died on 21 July 2021 at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, only 300 yards from where he was born to Peter and Juliet Ross in 1979. 'Rossy', as he was known, was educated at Windlesham pre-prep, Hove and Handcross Park prep school before attending Eastbourne College. He was placed in Wargrave House with two other Handcross Park pupils, Dominic Roberts (Wargrave 1993-98) and Christian Jeeves (Wargrave 1993-98), but he already knew a number of the boys having played sport against them. He had no trouble settling into the house with David and Anthea Stewart as his 'house parents', finally being head of house in 1998. Anthony loved his sport, particularly rugby. In 1996, he played in the 1st XV against 13 other schools; the team won all 13 matches, the first time the College had ever achieved this. The *Eastbournian* reported on the match against Kings College, Canterbury, saying 'we had won the game 20-15 and Anthony Ross had scored an excel-

lent hat-trick of tries'. The College achieved a second unbeaten season in the following year. Once again, the *Eastbournian* reported 'Anthony Ross was a key player throughout the term and did an excellent job in the centre... his ability as a finisher and try scorer was critical'. He took part in the College's rugby tour of New Zealand during the same year and was also part of the UI8 Sussex rugby team. Not only was Anthony a talented rugby player, he also became captain of athletics in 1997. The *Eastbournian* of that year commented: 'It was a vintage year for the senior team... Anthony Ross led out a side that beat 15 of the 18 teams we raced against'. He was also a colour sergeant in the army section of the CCF.

Having achieved A-levels in maths, physics and design and technology, Anthony took a gap year, mostly spent snowboarding in Val d'Isère. The next stage of Anthony's education was a little chequered, but he finally achieved in 2007 a BSc in estate management from the London South Bank University. During this time he worked for Rydon Construction in Sussex as a land buyer. He then worked in London, joining Hamptons, and in 2008 as an associate director at Montague Evans. His final years were spent working in Sussex, at one stage for Nik Askaroff, a parent of OEs. By now Anthony's sport was golf. A club was put in his hands as young as 18 months by his maternal grandfather. Together with Hugo Southwell (Wargrave 1993-98) he joined Piltdown Golf Club as a junior. Later on he captained the scratch team, trained the juniors and won many cups including the Club Championship on more than one occasion. Many members, men and ladies, expressed how they enjoyed playing with him and his sportsmanship on and off the course. He played in the Old Eastbournian team in the Halford Hewitt at Royal St Georges, Deal.

Menorca was a favourite holiday destination for the family, visiting there for over 30 years. Anthony loved the island, spending many holidays with fellow Eastbourne mates including Mark Lock (Wargrave 1993-98), Basil El-TiTi (Reeves/Gonville 1993-98), Nik Cleverley (Gonville 1993-98), Nick Atkinson (Pennell 1993-98), Hugo Southwell, Johny Rogerson (Wargrave 1993-98) and Jonny Breeze (Reeves 1993-98). Anthony has requested that his ashes are scattered on the island.

Anthony's older sister, Ali, lived nearby with her family and her children adored their Uncle Rossy. Anthony was very sociable and his fellow pupils were always welcome

at the Ross home; in fact a number of old Eastbournians still refer to Pooks, Chelwood Gate as Eastbourne College Country Club.

Roger Alan Sapsford (Ascham 1955-58, Nugent 1958, Wargrave 1958-61) died on 28 November 2021. Roger was a keen rower at the College, winning both his 2nd and 1st coxswain colours in 1961. He also won the novices' boxing weight in 1959. In his later career he was a firefighter in Eastbourne. He is survived by his partner Jane Bignell. Roger's brother, Michael, also attended the College (Wargrave 1948-53) as did Michael's son Stephen (Powell 1977-82).



Anthony Sawden (Powell 1948-49) died on 6 April 2021. Born on 5 December 1934, he was

the son of Christopher Sawden ACA and Enid (née Williams) of 17 Grange Road, Eastbourne, and younger brother of Dennis (Powell 1946-50) who died on 18 January 2019 after a distinguished career in the RAF. Anthony passed Cert. A part 1 and was a member of the College orchestra. 'Tony' moved to live in Alfriston, near Polegate, where he worked in agriculture. He found a talent for repairing vehicles and equipment and this he put to good use when he changed jobs and worked for Alfriston Motors until his retirement. His love of horticulture won him many awards and he later became a judge for several local events, a standard bearer for Alfriston British Legion; he also volunteered for St Andrews Church maintenance. He married Kathleen in September 1961 and she died in January 2010. They leave a daughter.



Patrick Richard Dehany Scott (Pennell 1963-68) died on 1 April 2021. His daughter, Abigail Rogan, has kindly given us permission to use the obituary which she wrote for publication in the *Guardian*.

My father, Patrick Scott, who has died aged 71 of lymphoma, dedicated his life to improving the life chances of children, first as an

Robin Scott

Robin Charles Scott (Ascham 1955-58, School 1958-61) died on 21 June 2013. The following eulogy was kindly sent to us by John Bowler, a good friend of Robin.

Robin Scott's early life helps us to understand the man – a considerate, caring person who was loved by his family and respected by his friends and colleagues. Robin was born in England at the end of the Second World War. His father, Charles, was an engineer with the London Buses and was heavily involved in organising transport during the war. His mother, Ena, ran a family real estate business and was a successful financial manager.

Robin was an only child and went to a preparatory boarding school at the tender age of 8 and then on to Eastbourne College where he left at 16 to come to Australia. Prior to that the family had spent nearly two years in Australia in the late 1940s where Charles saw the opportunities for a better life in Australia but then had to return to England for family reasons.

Robin went to Wagga Agricultural College where he graduated in 1964 and then joined the Department of Agriculture at Trangie Research Station as an agronomist in training. Those early years at Wagga, Trangie and then at Tamworth as a reserved English lad must have been a challenge when thrown into the laid back, often boisterous college and work environment. But Robin was extraordinarily strong and self-disciplined and soon earned respect for his careful diligence to the job at hand and his concern for his fellows. Robin was appointed district agronomist at Cootamundra where he became totally committed to dryland agriculture and particularly cereal cropping.

He looked for a greater involvement in this work and applied for and was successful in being appointed to the position of assistant manager at Wollongbar in 1971 – a long way from the cereal belt but under the guidance of a big bluff matter-of-fact Martin Bellert, who as well as being a valuable mentor became a close friend. Martin stretched Robin's work and perceptions – and really got him out of his very tight English based comfort zone. After this challenging time Robin was very pleased to leave the humidity, mildew and alien tropical agriculture of the North Coast to the position of manager of the Leeton Agricultural Research Station. Then the policy was to move the managers every five to six years or so to ensure that one did not get too comfortable or that the expertise and interests of the

various 26 managers around the state could be used to greatest benefit. Robin then moved to Wagga Agricultural Research Institute where he re-established his love for the wheat industry and then on to Narrabri where cotton was the only program. Robin then decided that he needed involvement with the wider industry and also needed to establish roots and stability for the education of his family and moved to the head office of the Department of Agriculture, which moved to Orange in 1991.

After being involved in the management of industry and commercial funding of research programs and the inevitable downsizing and rationalisation of research and particularly research stations he was given the opportunity to manage Condobolin Research Station on a part time basis whilst still based in Orange. Robin was back with his cereal industry and loved this direct involvement with both the technical programs and the industry particularly through the Central West Farming System Group. He retired from the Department in February 2004 after 40 years' service.

That is the work or employment history, but doesn't really tell us about Robin. He was 'very English' at least to we Australians, very formal or correct in his mannerisms and quite reticent. You had to work to get to know the real Robin.

Having been an only child and isolated in boarding schools at a young age he never really had what many of us consider a normal family life whilst growing up. In the Trangie days I often took him home to my parents at West Wyalong and Robin 'clicked' with them with Mum often saying 'when are you going to bring that nice English boy over again?'. Robin became more involved with our family but was often taken back by the 'open and frank' boisterous discussions when the whole Bowler family was at home. Uncle Robin and Auntie Annie were an important part of our children's growing up and the next generation of both families have kept involved with each other.

Robin was lonely in his role of manager of a research station where although he had interaction with staff there was little personal relationships. Doug and Bev Killen (Doug was a livestock researcher at Leeton) introduced him to Annie Davies, an English lass from Ledbury in Herefordshire, who he would later marry.

Robin adored Annie and worked very hard to ensure that Annie and then Katie and Stephen were secure in their home life and upbringing. With her background Annie was more in tune

with Robin's Englishness but she is significantly more relaxed and, between her and various friends, Robin did become more open and involved in the wider community.

Robin's father was an engineer and Robin had always yearned after the mechanical industries – they were more tangible and predictable especially compared to livestock. So after his retirement he went back to TAFE and did a machining and welding course and became involved in the Orange Society for Model Engineers. He built his first model 'Blow Fly' steam engine and later won an award at Mudgee Steam Rally for modifications to this engine and was working on a scaled model of a larger engine. He loved his steam trains and antique machinery and if we were away, Robin would always be a few steps back checking out any steam engines or old tractors in sight or asking questions on the finer details of when, where and why. His cars and tractor were all beautifully maintained and made many of us feel quite inadequate by our casual regard for the mechanical necessities of life.

Despite Robin having travelled more widely than most of us, he was never one to spontaneously get up and go for the fun of it. Everything had to be programmed and planned meticulously. He was extraordinarily punctual. However Annie was considerably more casual, and Robin did get a bit frustrated with 'Annie time' as our children used to call it. On one memorable occasion when the family was travelling overseas Robin got up very early on the morning of departure and put every clock in the house forward half an hour just to make sure they would catch the coach.

Robin was always so English and despite being in Australia for all but 15 years of his life, still maintained many of the more formal characteristics. He was a Freeman of the City of York, an inherited title, and loved the ceremony of traditional England but he never wanted to return and loved the space and freedom of Australia and never criticised some of the Australian idiosyncrasies which must have offended him. He saw it as the best future for Annie, their children Katie and her husband Steven or Davo as he is known, and their children Tia, Connor and Jacob, and Stephen and his partner Krystal and their sons, Lincoln and Archie. Rob Rob, as his grandchildren called him, was really enjoying his full family life.

I will remember Robin as a loyal and caring friend whose consideration for others and doing the right thing gives us all something to aspire too. God bless and farewell Robin.

English and drama teacher and later as a director of children's services. A believer in social equality, he spent his career working in schools and local authorities in some of the most deprived parts of the country.

Born in Gillingham, Kent, he was the eldest son of Desmond Scott, a naval officer, and Mary (née Quarry), a teacher. After attending Eastbourne College, he gained an English literature degree at St John's College, Cambridge (1971). He did his teacher training at Cambridge University, went to teach at Itchen

sixth form college, Southampton, and in the late 1970s moved to Pendleton College, Salford.

He was heavily involved in the National Association for the Teaching of English, through which he met Angel Edwards, also an English teacher, in Southampton. They married in 1980 and I was born two years later. In 1984 he was appointed head of the new Sixth Form Centre in Durham, and we moved as a family.

In 1986 he changed direction, becoming an English and drama

adviser for Cleveland county council. Working across Teesside he developed a real affinity and love for the area. In 1996 he became the deputy director for education for Redcar and Cleveland, and then director. He was particularly proud of the authority's literacy strategy and the provision of free high-quality early years education.

In 2000 he moved to York City Council to become director of learning and culture, and then director of children's services. He was especially gifted at combining vision with prac-

ticalities, and was very proud of the high quality of education in York, and the authority's Beacon status.

Following his retirement in 2007 he worked for 10 years as a freelance consultant, including working with the National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services, where he helped develop and support the next generation of leaders. After finishing work as a consultant, he became involved in the Labour party in York, and with Project Mala, a charity supporting education in India. He also led the

York Music Hub, improving access to music opportunities for children. It was only his illness over the last year that forced him to slow down.

He is survived by Angel, by me, and his grandchildren, Isobel and Finlay.

Some additional notes about Patrick's time at the College:

While at the College, Patrick was involved in many productions given by the Junior Dramatic and Eastbourne College Dramatic Societies. These included *The Rivals* in which the *Eastbournian* described his performance thus: 'PDR Scott's suave Captain Absolute spoke and moved easily and confidently and always had that simpleton Sir Anthony under his control as he played him on a long line'. He was also praised for his portrayal as Beckett in the 65 Society's production of *Murder in the Cathedral*: 'Patrick Scott brought to the exhausting part of Beckett a distinction and intensity... He moved with strength and spoke, often long speeches, with great variety and conviction.'

A founder and editor of the *Caesarian* magazine, editor of the *Stag* and the *Eastbournian*, he was also a sportsman, captaining the hockey 2nd XI and playing in the 2nd XV.

Robert Blake Sellick (Gonville 1956-60) died in 2005. He spent his working life in the farming industry, joining the family mixed farm in Mayfield, East Sussex, after leaving the College.

In 1983, the family moved to Dorset where he farmed dairy and pigs. After that, he spent a short time installing mattresses for dairy cows before setting up a farm construction business, RNS Construction, with his eldest son. This was mainly for dairy farms, fitting cubicles, mattresses and doing all the building work involved in making dairy cows comfortable and healthy. The firm covered the whole of the south and south-west, up to Cheshire and across to East Anglia.

He was a keen sportsman at the College. His widow Rosie said of him 'he excelled in athletics and rugby, playing rugby for the school and also representing his county.' He played in the 2nd XV in 1959 and won his Stag playing for the 1st XV the following year. The same year, he won his colours for the 2nd athletics team. From 1958 to 1960 he played in the Erratics cricket team. Robert also featured in the 1956 CCF's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He was photographed alongside the oldest surviving former member

of the CCF, Brigadier-General P L Hanbury (Blackwater 1893-97). Robert was the youngest cadet at the time.

He is survived by his wife, Rosie, and four children. His brother, William Sellick, also attended the College (Gonville 1952-56) as did his cousin James Sellick (Wargrave 1948-52).

Major John Benjamin Shearn (Pennell 1931-35) died on 13 January 2013. Freeman of the City of London and Liveryman for the Worshipful Company of Gardeners, he was also director of Shearn's famous fruit and flower emporium in Tottenham Court Road and both past president and vice president of Interflora. He later moved to the South of France where he became vice-chairman of the Nice-Monaco branch of the British Legion while living in Nice.

The only son of William and Ella Shearn, his parents ran a well-known fruiterers and florist store in the Tottenham Court Road which specialised in the promotion of vegetarian, nut and fruitarian diets. Described by the *Daily Mirror* as a 'Nutty Wedding', they were married in London in 1914; Ella had worn cherries in her hair instead of

flowers. A photo of the infant, John, was produced by the same paper in 1916 with a bunch of grapes grasped in his hands. He was the last director of the store which closed in 1961.

John joined Pennell House at the College in 1931 and went on to prove himself a true sportsman. In 1935, he played in the 1st XI cricket, 2nd XV rugby, won his running strings and was awarded the Victor Ludorum. He enrolled at Reading University in October 1935 and graduated with a diploma in horticulture the following year.

During the Second World War, he joined the Royal Army Service Corps and served in the Special Forces (Chindits), 3rd West Africa Brigade, under Major General Wingate in Burma and was awarded the Burma Star. After the war, he became director of the family firm and Worthing Vineries Ltd. His wife, Maisie, whom he married in 1947, predeceased him. He is survived by his daughter, Sarah and granddaughter, Vicky.

Anthony Douglas Sherwood (Blackwater 1934-36) died on 19 November 2017. His brother, John Seymour Sherwood also attended the College (Blackwater 1932-35).

Tom Sewell



Tom Sewell MA (Crosby 1935-40) died peacefully at his home in Surrey on 4 September 2018 aged 97. Born in Seoni, India, on 18 August 1921, Thomas Robert McKie Sewell was the son of Ormandy Sewell of the Indian Police and Frances (née Sharp). He joined the College from St Nicholas' Prep in Littlehampton and attended Crosby under housemasters EC Lester and HK Bagnall-Oakley. Husband of the late Jennifer who was a well-known farmer, the first woman member of the NFU Council, Vogue 'Woman of the Year' and founder of Riding for the Disabled in Surrey, Tom was father of daughters Alex (born 1961) and Casi (deceased) and a proud grandfather of William. He was head of school, won 1st XV (Stag) and 1st XI cricket colours, 1st running strings, was captain of fives and hon sec of athletics. He was also editor of the *Eastbournian*. He achieved a Higher School Certificate in 1939 and won the Marshall French prize, the Margetson Essay prize, the Dennys English Literature prize and the Mackenzie German prize. In 1940 he was awarded the Alliance Française Silver Medal. Tom was also a King's Scout, a sergeant in the OTC and won the Raybould Cup in 1939.

Tom won an open scholarship in modern languages to Trinity College, Oxford, and in 1946 the Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship. In 1940 he joined the Indian Army Armoured Corps

(Paratroops) with whom, as a major, he served throughout the war 1940-46 in India and Burma and was mentioned in despatches. Following his demob, after graduating in modern languages at Oxford in 1947, he attended Lausanne and Stockholm universities where he was a Swedish government scholar and studied economics. He spoke seven languages. In 1946 he attended the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1949 he joined the Senior Branch of the Diplomatic Service and served as counsellor (second secretary) in the British Embassy in Moscow from 1950-52, and as first secretary in Madrid 1955-59 and in Lima, Peru 1959-61, where he was chargé d'affaires in 1960; he was later head of the North American and Caribbean Department at the Foreign Office from 1967 until 1968. He took part in the EEC entry negotiations on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and for 12 years 1972-81 took part in Brussels negotiations. He also served as head of external relations in the grains division of the Ministry of Agriculture in London and Brussels. He once referred to his 'manifold confrontations with the KGB in Moscow during the Cold War, where he was arrested and released, and witnessed abductions, assassinations, poisoning and arson'. In retirement in 1985 he held a visiting fellowship in the Hubert Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. He set up a consultancy and in 1984 stood as a candidate for Greater Manchester in the European Parliament and later in 1997 as a potential MP for Weston-super-Mare. In 2003 he

was awarded a Leverhulme Research Fellowship.

In 1985 he published (with John de Courcy Ling) *Famine and Surplus*. Then in 1992 *The World Grain Trade*; in all he authored five books on the world grain trade. In 1998 he wrote the book *Grain – Carriage by Sea*, a highly acclaimed classic on grain transportation. This was re-published in Japanese in 2002. This must have been the product of his business Tom Sewell Associated, Grains and Media Consultants. In 2006 he published *What did you do in the Cold War, Daddy? A Short History of the Cold War*. This book was reviewed by Dr David Smith in the 2008 OE magazine. Tom's account of life in Moscow during the reign of Stalin and Khrushchev provides a vivid picture of life there. However he also records the warm and genuine welcomes that he received from Russians living thousands of miles away from Moscow.

A loyal Eastbournian, he was an Arnold Embellisher. With his wife Jennifer and daughter Alex he founded and ran the Training the Teachers of Tomorrow Trust, whose aims are to assist talented and impecunious young people to achieve successful rural careers. One of his recreations was as an organiser of horse trials; he was also involved with the conservation and restoration of inland waterways and was a founder member of the Wey and Arun Canal Restoration Trust and Chairman of the City of Westminster Water Festival in 1972. Tom was a member of the Farmers' and the Airborne Clubs in SW1. A prodigiously active and talented OE, one wonders why he never received a knighthood.



Michael Robert Snare (Blackwater 1947-51) died on 15 September 2021. Michael joined the College from St George's College, Buenos Aires. He was a house prefect and passed School Cert with four O-levels. He was a member of the choir, a chapel warden, in the CCF band and a house prefect. He was awarded 1st colours for rowing and boxing in 1951; he played rugby with Vin Allom's Tigers as a wing forward and became the team's goal kicker. He was a chapel warden. He passed Cert. A parts I and II, the ABs exam and became a leading seaman in the RN section of the CCF. He was an active member of no fewer than seven College societies. On leaving the College, Michael spent his national service on destroyers with the Royal Navy, becoming an upper yardsman cadet and visited many exotic places in Scandinavia, Malaysia and the Mediterranean.

His commercial career began with four years with *The Times* followed by eight years in export trade in the City. After a separation from his first wife, he embarked on a six-year break, sailing and chartering his yacht in the Caribbean Windward Islands, cruising the area between Grenada and Martinique. The summers provided an opportunity for ocean sailing which took him twice across the Atlantic to England via Bermuda, the Azores and once from Grenada to Long Island, NY. Returning to England, he married his second wife Claire who was educated at Ravenscroft in Eastbourne and took up a two-year contract with an East African coffee buying and exporting company, managing their main office in Dar-es-Salaam but also visiting Nairobi, Mombasa, Tanga, Moshi, Arusha, Kampala and Addis Ababa to organise shipments to Europe and North America. Back in England, he joined a Pye Cambridge Group Company as export sales and marketing for ten years. This post provided the opportunity to travel to most parts of the world.

Choosing early retirement, Claire and Michael took on the management of a small hotel on the north Norfolk coast. Claire died in 1995 and Michael decided to retire and

latterly lived on the Costa Blanca in Spain. His son and three grandchildren still live in Norfolk. Michael was an Arnold Embellisher.



Christopher Matthew Tabor (School 1959-63) died at St Catherine's Hospice after a short illness, on 26 December 2020. He was 75. He was the son of Eric Tabor (School 1920-23) and his wife Evelyn and brother of Anthony Tabor (School 1955-58). Christopher had a relatively quiet life at the College; he won five colours in 1962 and 1963, played 3rd cricket in 1962 and 1963 and was a leading cadet in the RAF section of the CCF.

On leaving the College he trained as an accountant with a local firm of accountants and later joined the family business of George Tabor Ltd at Pease Pottage and their associate company The Pure Oyster Company Ltd, becoming the company secretary of both companies. In recent years he helped to set up another associate company, The Pure Seafood Company Ltd, which supplies home deliveries of seafood in Sussex and Surrey. He retired at the end of 2017. He is survived by his wife Debbie and son Jonathan. His daughter Josie predeceased him.



Philip Oswald Venn (Blackwater & Powell 1938-42) died on 7 July 2020, aged 96, and in last year's

magazine we published a brief obituary for him. We had in fact received a longer tribute from his daughter Wendy Barr which, as the result of an error by the editor, was inadvertently omitted from the magazine. We are happy to include it this year with apologies to Wendy for the earlier omission.

Philip Oswald Venn was born on 14 June 1924 in Hampstead, London. He was the eldest son of Flight Lieutenant George Oswald

and Elizabeth Ada Edith Venn. His brother John was born 18 months later in India, and his sister Elizabeth was born in 1933. When he was six months old his father was posted to India, where, until he was about four years old, Philip was surrounded by servants. In those early years he was brought up primarily by his Indian nurse or 'ayah'.

Back in England, because the family moved quite frequently according to the dictates of service life, he was sent away to boarding school at the age of eight; initially to a preparatory school, and later in 1938 to Eastbourne College, which was evacuated to Radley College, near Oxford in 1940.

At the age of 18, when it was time to join up, Philip initially failed a medical for RAF aircrew, and rather than be conscripted, he volunteered for service with the Royal Engineers. His father, by then an Air Commodore and in a senior position at the Air Ministry, managed to arrange for Philip to attend a further air crew medical examination, and as a result he was one of the few servicemen to transfer from the army to the RAF.

Philip's aim then was 'to follow father's footsteps' and become a pilot. He learned to fly on Tiger Moths, and flew solo before being posted to the USA to continue his training with the US Navy. Being a pilot was not to be though, so he continued his training as a bomb aimer in Canada.

Back in England again in 1945 just in time for the end of the European war, and commissioned as a pilot officer, Philip then trained as a navigator with the Far East war in mind, but that was over before he finished the course. He was fortunate to be posted to a Mosquito squadron for 18 months before he was demobbed.

He would have liked to remain in the RAF, and did apply for a short service commission, but this took too long to arrange. Meanwhile he needed a job. This was difficult at the age of 21, with so many hundreds of others in the same boat with absolutely no qualifications. Eventually he was accepted, for a four-year tour of duty, as a cadet for a soft drinks company in Singapore.

After a short spell in Singapore he was posted up country to Ipoh in Malaya (as it then was). He arrived there right at the beginning of The Emergency, and for a brief time joined the equivalent of a Dad's Army to help protect the rubber planters from the Chinese Communists, who were trying to take over the country. He later moved to Malacca as manager of their factory there.

During the long leave that was

due to him in 1951, he was invited, by his future in-laws, to visit Wonthaggi in Victoria, Australia, where he became engaged to Yvonne Hancock, whom he had courted back in Ipoh. They were married on that same leave, and returned to Singapore together prior to taking up his posting as manager of the branch in Surabaya in Indonesia. Philip and Yvonne spent three and a half years in Indonesia, during which time both Stephen and Karen were born. During the long leave in England that followed, they decided to emigrate to Australia for the health of the children. The family reached Melbourne in July 1956 just in time for the arrival of his second daughter Wendy.

Once again with few qualifications, Philip needed a job in a hurry and a roof over their heads. In no time at all the family moved into a mixed business, complete with a residence, in Toorak Road, Camberwell. He spent two years running the mixed business, and then in 1958, the family moved to a new home in Glen Waverley, where they bought a hardware shop. Philip never ever wanted to be a salesman, but this was what he became, for the rest of his working life. He started off as an insurance salesman with the AMP Society. He spent ten years with them, and even managed to sell one million pounds of life insurance, for which he received an award.

During this time his youngest daughter Jackie was born. In addition Yvonne and her father started Swiftway Messenger Service. This was a great success. Philip left the AMP, started his own insurance agency, and took on duties with Swiftway. By 1974, when the very successful Swiftway business was put on the market, they were directing 30 vehicles and some small trucks around Melbourne and Geelong.

For the next 12 years or so Philip tried his hand at selling all manner of things. He was even a real estate salesman for a time, and worked for eight and a half years in an office directing cars by radio for the mobile car-service company, Hometune.

The family moved house three times between 1977 and 1991, and he and Yvonne successfully ran a florist and gift-to-hospitals delivery service, until his retirement in 1991. By this time all four of Philip's children had been married for some time, and he now boasted nine grandchildren, with one more on the way. His was a very close knit family, for whom he indulged his hobby of writing 'Odd Odes' over the years. So much so that his daughter Wendy published a book of his poems entitled *Seventy Years of Odd Odes*. She presented this to him on his 70th birthday. By

his 80th birthday she had compiled another book of poems, written in the interim. She called this one *Eighty Not Out*. The ninetieth edition, *Ninety and Tireless*, followed on that birthday.

Sadly, Philip and Yvonne's 44-year marriage ended suddenly in 1996, but at the age of 72, Philip took up square dancing and there met his second wife Maureen. They were married in 1999 and continued to enjoy dancing together, until Philip, at 92, found it more difficult to keep up.

In January 2001 they moved into Tudor Village in Lilydale, where they settled down to learn how to use the computer, to assist them both in their self-imposed tasks as secretaries; Maureen, of the Village Social Club and the Victorian Square Dance Association, and Philip, of the Resident's Association for a short while. They bought a campervan and indulged in a spate of travelling

all over Australia; primarily with square dancing in mind, but also for the sheer joy of travelling.

Between them, by 2020, Philip and Maureen could proudly boast of 20 grandchildren, one step grandchild and ten great grandchildren - all living reasonably close by.

Philip always attributed his good health and well-being to regular exercising of the mind and body and anyone who met him, would be surprised at his answer to 'How old are you?' Up until a month before his passing, unfortunately due to an aged lung, he was walking around his village daily and still writing the odd odes on his computer.

Edward Hugh Vickers (Pennell 1945-50) died on 31 May 2020. He was head of house, a member of the choral society and played rugby as part of the Junior Colts XV. He later worked for the Bank of England

from 1951-79. Edward, who never married, left a legacy to the College Bursary Fund in his will.



Rufus Voorspuy (Reeves 1963-67) died on 25 July 2021. We would like to thank Morven Voorspuy

(Reeves 1964-69) for this tribute to his brother:

Rufus was born on 27 June 1949 in Johannesburg where his father was stationed flying for KLM. Early childhood was pretty feral, running round the veldt in bare feet and no shirt, and the village with no electricity, tarmac and a party line telephone.

On being stationed back to Europe the family settled in Sussex where Rufus attended St Mark's

primary school in Little Common followed by Chelmsford Hall and the College. Leaving the College in 1967 he spent 10 months as a gaucho on a friend's family estancia in Argentina. On his return he decided on a career in racing, starting with the British Blood Stock Agency in London and then progressing to working on a stud and subsequently assistant trainer to Jack Watts in Newmarket. He became assistant trainer to Auriol Sinclair in Lewes, one of the first women to hold a licence. He then had a spell as a game ranger at Londolzi, a now well-known game lodge adjacent to the Kruger national park in South Africa.

Returning to England after a short spell farming he set up in training in his own right at Folkington, his parents' home near Polegate. During this time he married Sarah Robinson, whose ancestor, Dick Rees, won the grand national as a jockey in 1921. A

Geoffrey Vinson



Geoffrey Quested Vinson (Pennell 1940-43) died peacefully on 29 September 2020, aged 93. Son of John (Jack) Vinson and Nora Quested, he was evacuated at the outbreak of the Second World

War to the West Country to live with a family friend. Geoffrey joined the College in the first full term it spent at Radley after evacuation from Eastbourne.

Geoffrey was an avid collector of birds' eggs, as was Derek Harrison (Pennell 1940-43). Both had extensive collections but neither had a heron's egg. One day at Radley the boys crossed the railway and got into Newnham Park where they climbed some trees using climbing irons. They successfully obtained the elusive heron's egg but were discovered by a couple of railway signal-box men who proceeded to interrogate them. The next morning the headmaster referred to the exploits of two enterprising boys and said that unless they owned up that the whole school would be gated!

School life during the war was very different to today. One time, Derek Holtom (Crosby & Blackwater 1940-43), who was to become a lifelong friend, suggested they should go into the school grounds hunting for rooks. Rookeries were often perceived as nuisances and it was common practice to hold rook shoots where the juvenile birds, known as branchers, were shot before they were able to fly. The two boys didn't have any guns but unperturbed they asked their housemaster if they could borrow a couple of guns from the school armoury with the intention of making 'rook pie'. Evidently the housemaster had never had rook pie before and agreed. So, the two boys collected a couple of .22 rifles and

cartridges and set off for the trees. When they had bagged enough rooks, they took them to the kitchens and asked the staff to bake two pies, one large and one small. They proceeded to give the small one to the housemaster for granting them permission, although possibly also to seal his acquiescence to the endeavour!

After Eastbourne, Geoffrey joined his father on the family farm in Kent, thereby continuing a long line of Vinsons that had been occupied on the land in Kent in some capacity or other since the 17th century.

Geoffrey was due to go the agricultural college at Reading University but the war effort demanded that those engaged in primary industries such as farming could not be spared. His father told him 'Remember, everyone knows more than you do, so pay attention, and listen.' When the war ended in 1945 his father declared he had learned enough so he never did go to agricultural college.

In 1955, Geoffrey married the love of his life, Anne Pearse, the daughter of a local prominent farming family. For a wedding present, Geoffrey's parents gave them a field on a hill upon which to build a house.

In the late 1960s, Geoffrey introduced blackcurrants to the farm which were sold to Beecham (now GlaxoSmithKline) for Ribena. The blackcurrant harvest was two to three weeks in duration. Because the bushes had to be hand-picked, this involved chartering buses to bring in casual labour from neighbouring towns.

In the early 1970s, he was one of the first growers to try a new mechanical harvester which was attached to the back of a tractor. At the time there were only about 10,000 acres of blackcurrants in England so it was a small market. A couple of years later he heard that someone had developed a harvester that could span an entire blackcurrant bush and he purchased one of the first straddle-harvesters. Over the next few years, he acquired several more harvesters which allowed him to increase acreage and even-

tually he became one of the largest blackcurrant growers in Kent.

The annual blackcurrant harvest became a big enterprise and involved all the members of the family pitching in together. There was always a shortage of tractor drivers and the College was well represented with Peter Henley (Gonville 1968-73), Colin Farrant (Gonville 1969-74), Bill Gray (School 1969-74) and Peter Du May (School 1969-72) who joined the roster over the years to lend a helping hand.

The agricultural industry experienced considerable change following the UK's entry in 1973 to the European Economic Community and over the next four decades, smaller farms became increasingly unviable.

When Geoffrey first started on the farm just after the war there were almost 30 different crops or interests. In those days, farms were a complete unit and farmers had to manage the farm to ensure their workers had a job throughout the year. However, by the time he retired in the 1980s the farm was down to just three crops: apples, blackcurrants and corn. In the space of one generation a way of life had been lost forever.

Geoffrey considered himself fortunate to be able to spend his life doing the one thing that he always wanted, which was to grow things. He observed nature, enjoyed watching birds and marvelled at the change of each season. He both appreciated and respected the 'circle of life'.

Geoffrey and Anne were married for almost 63 years until Annie unexpectedly died in 2018. For over 60 years of those years, they lived in a bungalow that Geoffrey had helped build on top of that hill overlooking the farm.

Geoffrey leaves behind a son Simon (Gonville 1969-74), daughter Sarah and four wonderful grandchildren, Rachel, Robert, James and Georgie.

A Man of Kent. A man of the land. A life well lived.

Our thanks to Simon Vinson for providing this obituary.

son, Thady (Reeves 1996-2001) was born. Training one or two notable winners, his owners thoroughly enjoyed their days out to see their horses in training and often prior to a good lunch, a quick sojourn to the Yew Tree at Chalvington to sample a tasty pint of Harvey's, the pub being run by the Coomber brothers, Coleridge (Powell 1964-69) and Rhett (Powell 1967-71) at the time.

Another change of direction saw him relocate up to Scotland where he met Lyn Austen in 1994 and a daughter Holly born. Next was a turn at running a pub, The Acorn in Ever-shot, for another old family friend. This he did for eight years before returning to the Borders where he did charity work and extended memberships for the Woodland Trust and Scottish Wildlife Trust.

Sadly he was diagnosed with cancer in the early part of the lockdown and though beating and shooting up until last Christmas the disease sadly became more intense and he finally died on 25 July. He was regarded as a bon viveur who certainly lived life to the full with never a dull moment and was always the best of company on Eastbournian Society outings to Champagne country and the battlefields.

Rufus is survived by his widow Lyn, son Thady, daughter Holly, brother Morven, sister Sorrel and nieces and nephews, Camilla (Nugent 1996-98), Roxy (Watt/School 1997-2000), Ferdie (Reeves 2007-12) and Hedley (Reeves 2009-14). His brother, Tristan (Reeves 1968-73) predeceased him.

Michael David Waterman (Ascham 1949-53, Pennell 1953-58) died on 17 May 2021. On leaving the College, Mike attended Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and by 1970 was working as a mathematician for Elliott Automation. Later in his career he was a software engineer in Camberley.

Mike was a great supporter of the Camberley Natural History Society for over 40 years. He led the society's Fungus Foray every year, also for many other clubs and societies as well as contributing the fungus records for the area and the year for their annual report. On 3 October 2021, UK Fungus Day, a memorial foray in Mike's memory was held by the West Weald Fungus Recording Group.

His other passion was monitoring satellites. He saw his first satellite, Sputnik 2, in 1958, and a few years later joined a UK-based satellite watching group that provided predictions of spacecraft flyovers. Mike said of those early days:

'Observations were gathered

Rufus Waterlow

Rufus Dudley Robinson Waterlow (Blackwater 1989-94) died on 11 August 2021 in Canada after a short battle with an aggressive rare cancer. We would like to thank his brother, Alec (Blackwater/Gonville 1993-98), for the following tribute:

Rufus was skiing with his eldest son on Whistler (one of his greatest passions) in April, so for him to be taken so young and so soon with so much ahead of him is incredibly hard to come to terms with for all of us. At Eastbourne he was always drawn towards the more creative side and I hope many of us will remember him playing lead guitar in a number of concerts.

In May 1994, Rufus performed with his band, Crash 'n' Burn, in Big School. He played the guitar and contributed to the backing vocals of Guns N' Roses *Patience*. The *Eastbournian* reported that during *Under the Bridge*, Rufus 'demonstrated the full extent of his skill by tackling the tricky rhythm guitar part' and 'Rufus intends to tour the London pubs and clubs with his London-based band'. He was also in a number of drama productions including *Nicholas Nickleby* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

After leaving Eastbourne he pursued his creative interests, particularly focusing around music, writing and producing his own work with a number of collaborators. This led him into working within the music experience industry and then later on moving into his own web design business.

He was a true gentlemen, an incredibly loyal friend, fantastic son, supportive brother, loving husband and brilliant father. He leaves behind his wife Elizabeth and two boys, Oscar aged 8 and Jake aged 4. For those who might be interested, we have set up a go fund me page for the boys' further education. <https://www.gofundme.com/ffor-the-boys-oscar-and-jake>.

A memorial for him was held in Vancouver and a UK memorial service was held on 23 September at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London.



Rufus with sons Oscar and Jake

and used for scientific and other purposes in particular gravity harmonics, upper air density and upper atmosphere winds. Communication was mostly by post, rarely by telephone, and observing was done primarily with binoculars, star atlases (on paper) and mechanical stop-watches.' He started doing his own predictions, and an early highlight was observing the rocket stages for Apollo missions 8, 10 and 12, going towards the moon.

'I got my first computer in 1983 and within a few weeks I was using it for predictions. By 1985 I had part of a star atlas on my computer, so was avoiding most errors in satellite positions.'

He is survived by his widow, Susan. His brother, Richard, attended Ascham and the College (Pennell 1957-61). Another brother, Paul, was at Ascham.

Anthony Clifford Willson-Pepper (Pennell 1945-49) died on 10 November 2013. Anthony was born on 7 June 1931, and came to the College from Downsland and Southey Hall Prep. He achieved School Certificate in 1948. He won 2nd XI colours for cricket in 1949,

2nd running strings in 1949 and was hon sec of the Tigers (3rd XV). He passed Cert A Part 1 and first class and proficiency exams in the RAF section of the CCF where he was a sergeant. He was a member of the drums from 1946 to 49 and was silver bugler in 1949. On leaving he served his national service with the RAF and then undertook flying training with the CGI with whom he qualified as a commercial pilot and passed the ALTP (Advanced Leadership Training Programme). He married Jean Grant in 1954.

Brian Milne Edwards Wilson (School 1949-53) died on 15 May 2021 after a battle with Parkinson's and dementia. Our thanks to Brian's son, James and Brian's brother-in-law, Richard Browne (Blackwater 1949-54), for the following tribute:

Brian was the son of Harry, a lawyer in Lincoln's Inn, and Violet Wilson, whose home was in Teddington. He entered School House in 1949 when Mr Bett was housemaster. Brian was easily recognized by his very plentiful red hair. He had learnt to play the violin and was the first violinist and often seen around the College with his violin case

which, on occasions, was used to transport bottles of cider.

This did not restrict his achievements on the athletics field where, as a member of the team, he represented the College in the long jump. He was also a member of the cross-country team and was awarded his 2nd athletic strings.

On leaving the College he studied law and became a solicitor before doing his national service. After Mons OCS he was commissioned into the Royal Artillery and was posted to Germany where he found himself doing a sport he truly enjoyed, skiing with the British Army Ski Team. After national service he maintained his connection with skiing, forming the BBU (the British Biathlon Union), and also played rugby for one of the Esher RFC teams. He was a long member of the Army and Navy Club (the RAG) in Pall Mall and a trustee and vice-president of the Horsham Rugby Club.

Following his qualification as a solicitor, he worked as a senior partner with Cozens and Moxon in Lincoln's Inn and later Teddington. In his retirement years he enjoyed walking, motorbiking and painting with watercolours. He leaves behind his wife Isabel, (née Mackintosh), four children and seven grandchildren. Brian was a member of the Devonshire Society and an Arnold Embellisher.



Marcus Anthony Wysock-Wright

(Blackwater 1976-79) died on 10 April 2020. His son, Sam, kindly contributed the following tribute.

He had three grown-up children, Sam (meditation teacher), Emily (hypnotherapist and coach) and Charlie (sales for Gocardless), and Phoebe, 6, on whom he doted. His children and family were a huge part of his life. He loved pheasant shooting (he was in the shooting team at the College), enjoyed living in the Sussex countryside, watersports (windsurfing and wakeboarding), cars and technology.

He had been a ship broker in the 1980s and then a management consultant with his father's business. In recent years he set up his own business. He died very unexpectedly but peacefully. Marcus knew many people and was a kind-hearted man who is sorely missed by all who loved and knew him. His sister, Sarah Jane, was also at the College (Nugent 1977-79).

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THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY



The Old Eastbournian Association Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 July 2021

All figures in GBP

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions receivable		24,000		24,000
Profit from sale of OE Regalia		—		196
Sundry income		—		—
Revaluation of stock		—		(595)
		<u>24,000</u>		<u>24,196</u>
DEDUCT OUTGOINGS				
Annual Report	11,846		15,353	
Birley Centre sponsorship	—		—	
Other postage and stationery	—		—	
Secretarial Services	2,500		2,500	
Grants – Cricket	1,800		1,800	
Golf	—		1,500	
Football	—		—	
Squash	—		—	
Tennis	—		—	
Rugby	1,500		1,500	
Raisers Edge	—		—	
Sundry expenses	—		—	
OE events	—		—	
		<u>17,646</u>		<u>22,653</u>
		6,354		1,543
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Received net of tax		<u>2</u>		<u>27</u>
DEFICIT IN/SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>6,356</u>		<u>1,570</u>

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Balance Sheet at 31 July 2021				
GENERAL FUND				
Balance at 1 August		39,831		38,261
Deduct				
Donation to Old Eastbournian Charity	—		—	
Birley Centre	—		—	
		<u>—</u>		<u>—</u>
Add				
Surplus from Income and Expenditure Account		<u>6,356</u>		<u>1,570</u>
Balance at 31 July		<u>46,187</u>		<u>39,831</u>
REPRESENTED BY:				
Monies on deposit at RBS plc				
Special interest-bearing account	9,017		11,515	
OE Regalia Stock Deposit	4,505		4,505	
Deposits paid on dinners/ other events	—		—	
Debtors	41,473		29,319	
Bank Current Account	1,000		1,000	
		<u>55,995</u>		<u>46,339</u>
Deduct				
Creditors		(9,808)		(6,508)
Bank account		—		—
		<u>46,187</u>		<u>39,831</u>

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2022

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastbournian Society (incorporating the Old Eastbournian Association) will be held on Saturday 5 March 2022, starting at 10.00am. OEs are welcome to attend the AGM and are asked to inform the Eastbournian Society office at latest by Friday 25 February 2022 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 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 2021.
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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INTRODUCING TIM'S

Tim's, the College café, opened at the beginning of the Michaelmas term on the site of the school shop in Old Wish Road, following a complete refurbishment. The café concept was made possible thanks to the generous support of Tim Freshwater (School 1958–63). With a vast selection of hot and cold drinks, as well as healthy snacks and (not so



healthy) treats, it's a great place for pupils, staff, parents, guests and other members of the Eastbourne College community to relax and socialise. It has come into its own as an inclusive space on the school campus where

all are welcome. Tim's is open in term time between 10.00am and 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday, with a friendly, helpful and knowledgeable catering team on hand to welcome you.

EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

We are currently refreshing our range of Eastbournian Society merchandise and clothing but you can still buy OE ties, OE lapel pins, cufflinks, keyrings and other items by contacting us on 01323 452316 or by email to hcmedlycott@eastbourne-college.co.uk. Purchases can be collected from the College or be sent by post, in which case there will be additional postage and packing costs.

NOTELETS

Pack of eight notelets with envelopes; four designs showing the College in spring, summer, autumn and winter. £7



LIMITED EDITION PRINTS

We still have a few limited edition prints of 'Ex Oriente Salus 150' by artist Nicola King, which were produced for the College's 150th anniversary.

Printed on Somerset handmade paper 330gsm. Framed in stained/limed solid oak box with archival extra thick mount.
Epson 11 colour Giclée.
Size including frame:
54cm x 54cm.

Prints available for £150.

All proceeds will go to the Foundation Bursaries Fund.



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EASTBOURNE COLLEGE PRINTS

This set of exclusive prints showing Eastbourne College through the four seasons have been designed by Tabitha Mary (www.tabithamary.co.uk).



Prints are available in A3 or A4 size, framed or unframed. They can also be personalised with, for example, a name and College house and dates, printed underneath the picture.

To order please contact us on **01323 452316** or hcmedlycott@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

Different frame colours are available – please check for availability.

Free delivery on orders over £72 otherwise the delivery charge is £10

All prices and charges include VAT at 20%.

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Print	£12
Personalised print	£18

A3 framed

Print	£34
Personalised print	£40

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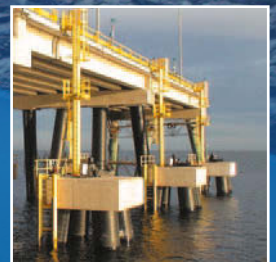
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