

# CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT AND SUCCESS

We're proud of our heritage, but are always looking forward, empowering our pupils to question the answers and find their own path in life. Our year-on-year developments at the College stand as a commitment to our pupils' future success.

## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

The Be You group – a body of forums such as LGBTQ+, Gender, Race and Ethnicity – has expanded its range of diversity and inclusion initiatives, adding a Neurodiversity and Disability group to raise awareness of learning differences.

## NEW CRICKET PROFESSIONALS

Matilda Callaghan joins the College as Director of Cricket, while former Sussex County Cricket Club player Nick Wilton joins the team as a new cricket professional.

## THE NEW NATURAL HISTORY GCSE

The Department of Education has announced a new GCSE in natural history from 2025 – part of their recently launched Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. We are the first school to announce our intention to add the new GCSE to our curriculum.

## CONTINUITY OF STUDY

The Bridge Curriculum for Years 7 to 9, a uniquely seamless approach to the learning transition from St Andrew's Prep to the College, has been further embedded and refined with our values and digital literacy programmes.





ISI Inspection result:

**EXCELLENT**

The highest possible rating. The report praised the quality of pupils' achievements and personal development.

“Pupils can be themselves and achieve their best whilst demonstrating remarkably high levels of self-confidence, self-reliance and resilience.”

**ISI**

# COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Year on year the College is ranked in the top 4% of schools in the country, on the basis of 'value added' by the level of teaching and commitment to helping every child unlock their full potential.

57%  
A–A\*

82%

A\*–B in science, mathematics, computing and design

66%  
grade 9 in modern languages

GRADE 9

achieved by 90% of pupils passing their GCSEs early

90%  
A\*-B in  
history

# ONE IN FOUR

pupils achieved an A\* or A in all their A-level subjects

GIRLS ACHIEVED  
85%  
A\*-B across all  
three sciences

50%  
A\*-A

93%  
A\*-B in mathematics

# ALL PUPILS

in our medics programme got into their chosen  
university

GCSE

A-LEVEL

HIGHER  
EDUCATION

# ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

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Our curriculum is designed to provide a broad academic experience, both within and beyond the classroom, to help inform future educational choices.

## ENGLISH

**Grace King** was shortlisted in the **Northeastern University London essay competition** for English, attending their Competition Award Ceremony over the Easter holiday.

## DEBATING

A number of teams took part in the **Oxford and Cambridge Regionals**, with **Hannah Sewell, May Fogerty Stevens, Xanthe Lawson, Akari Ikeda** and **Tilly Chapman** all achieving first and second places.

## SCIENCES

In the **UK Chemistry Olympiad**, 11 pupils achieved bronze awards, five achieved silver awards, with **Isaac Tam** taking the gold. 85% of entrants won an award, far above the national average.

In the **Physics Olympiad**, **James Zhou** and **Cindia Zhou** won silver and bronze awards respectively.

## ECONOMICS

Two teams of Year 12 pupils entered into the **Institute of Economic Affairs' annual Budget Challenge**, giving their own views on how they would manage the economy if put in the Chancellor's shoes. Both teams progressed to the semi-final and the team of **Alex Bailey, Struan Dunlop, Olivia Reeves** and **Nellie Yarrow-Davies** reached the final – a huge achievement!

## MATHEMATICS

Pupils in years 9, 10, and 11 achieved some fantastic results in the **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**. Year 9 achieved six silver awards, including **Miyu Katsumata** who was awarded the highest score in the year. In Year 10, there were four gold awards, with **Dean Zhang** achieving best score in the year and overall in school – qualifying for the **Hamilton Olympiad**. Year 11 secured five gold awards, with **Cici Liu** emerging as the top performer and qualifying for the **Pink Kangaroo**, along with the gold award winners from Year 10.

## MODERN LANGUAGES

**Reuben Mace, May Fogarty-Stevens, Aline Allenspach** and **Antonia Inderfurth** took part in the **UK Linguistics Olympiad**.



# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The sporting programme gives pupils a broad experience of sport and still allows for specialisation and focus on elite pathways. The College achieves remarkable success at county, regional and national level, as well as enabling sport for all.

## ATHLETICS

**Lisa Shi**, Year 13, ran the **London Landmarks Half Marathon**, completing the course as the fourth fastest woman – finishing only 2.5 minutes behind the winner.

**Lucas Gorrill**, Year 10, represented the South East in the **Inter Regional Duathlon competition**, finishing second.

**OE Hamish Reilly** achieved a bronze medal in the **U23 World Triathlon Championship** in Abu Dhabi.

22 athletes qualified for the **Sussex championships**. There were 7 gold, 4 silver and 7 bronze medals won in the **Sussex schools diamond league (SISDL)** along with personal bests and new College records. Congratulations to Year 9 for reaching the national finals in the shot.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The senior girls' cross country team took the gold for a second year in the **Sussex County Championships**. Several other runners qualified through to the regional rounds and the nationals, finishing in the top 25 in the country – **Lucas Gorrill**, Year 10, placed 18th out of 327 in his age group and **Matt Geddes**, Year 13, placed 25th out of 317.

**Matt Geddes** was also crowned **Sussex U20 Cross Country Champion**.

## CRICKET

**The 1st XI boys** finished as champions of the **Sussex Schools Langdale final** and the 2nd XI were crowned **County 2nd XI champions** for the second consecutive year.

**Georgie Pedley**, Year 9, was selected for the **Southern Vipers Emerging Players Programme**. **Emma Valks** was selected for the **U14 County Cricket**.

Eastbourne College was featured in the **Cricketer Schools Guide, Top 100 Senior Schools** in the UK, for the eighth year running.

OE, **Tawanda Muyeye** won the 2023 Hundred cricket competition with the **Oval Invincibles**.

## EQUESTRIAN

The equestrian team took first place in the 80cm show jumping at **Felbridge** – qualifying for the **National Finals** in October 2023.

## FIVES

Our **U18s** and **U16s** competed in the **National Schoolgirls Rugby Fives** tournament at Marlborough College. The standard of fives at the competition was high, with a record number of entries from 11 schools. The tournament saw our girls coming away as national doubles plate champions at both U18 and U16.





## GOLF

Both **George** and **Archie Shakespeare** came joint 10th in the **National U15 Championships**. They also participated in the prestigious **MacGregor Cup, U16 National Finals**, which requires players from a handicap of 1.4 or better to qualify. At the time of writing **George** is the **Sussex U15** champion and **Archie** holds the Martlets trophy for best performance in both **U18** and **U15 Sussex Championships**.

## HOCKEY

An impressive 150 goals were scored by all the teams this year. The **U14A** boys hockey squad became **County Champions**, and the **U15As** were unbeaten this season.

Six **1st XI** players qualified for the **national club T2 final** at Nottingham, with their local Eastbourne club coached by our very own Olympian, Mr Hill.

## NETBALL

1700 goals scored in 115 fixtures was a superb reward for the efforts in training. The **1st VII** netball squad completed an impressive season, winning 12 matches and a fourth place finish at **SISNA, the Sussex Cup**. The **U14C** have won four from six and the 2nd team have won over 50% of their matches.

## ANNUAL INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

### STEEPLECHASE

Pupils from every house and year group ran a course on the nearby South Downs, ending at the Wish Tower on the seafront.



90% of pupils competed in fixtures

900+ FIXTURES

18 SPORTS

7 sports in national finals with 3 in latter rounds

100 TEAMS

15 county team titles plus individual county medals

## RUGBY

**Ollie Wigman**, Year 13, was selected for the **Lambs National Rugby squad**. **Hector Summers**, Year 13, represented the **Swedish U18 rugby squad** in a match against Gibraltar. **Jack Greig** and **Will Daniels**, Year 11, continue to represent **Harlequins U17**.

## FOOTBALL

**Kayla Ginger**, Year 12, represented the **Hungarian U19 International football** team at a tournament in San Pedro del Pinatar, Spain.

## SWIMMING

The swim team broke the school's record at the National Independent Schools' Relay Competition, **the Bath Cup**, at the Olympic Park – qualifying for the finals in both the freestyle and medley events. The girls recorded an impressive ninth in the freestyle and the boys finished seventh in the medley and eighth in the freestyle. The College finished tenth overall in over 150 independent schools. **Zach Howard**, Year 12, set a new school record for breaststroke.

## TENNIS

The tennis teams have had an outstanding season with ten county titles won – more than any other school by a distance and arguably the largest haul of trophies by one school in one season.

On top of being **Sussex LTA School of the Year**, the **girls 1st team** retained their **Sussex County** title, won their regional final, and finished a very impressive sixth at the **national finals** in Nottingham.

**The U18 boys** won their **county title** and narrowly lost in the regional final as they sought to join the girls in the national finals in Nottingham.

**The U16 girls and boys** retained their **Sussex titles**. The **U15 girls and U14 boys and girls** also won their **county titles**.

**Gaby Pacheco-Lagoda**, Year 9, and **Becky Fisher**, Year 12, represented both **Sussex and Kent U18 tennis squads** respectively at the **County Cup Competition**. **Emma Valks** was selected for **County Tennis (U16) squads**.

# CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

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We support young people in all areas of creative and performing arts, and offer an inspiring arts journey. We seek to empower pupils to gain confidence and creativity through expression, providing endless opportunities for growth.

## ART

Scholars and several other pupils entered work into the **RA Young Artists Summer Show**.

## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

**Oliver Edmead**, Year 12, was awarded the **Ward and Burke Arkwright Engineering Scholarship**.

## DRAMA

Around 30 pupils, including the band and stage management, were involved in our annual production. Every performance of **Nell Gwynn** was sold out.

Pupils performed **Macbeth** to sell out audiences at the **Edinburgh Fringe 2023**.

## MUSIC

**Alice Younger** was selected to join the **National Youth Orchestra** as a violinist.

Our inaugural **Composers' Concert** was a great advertisement for the wealth of creativity in the College, featuring 14 original works from pupils across all year groups.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

**Brooke Haycock's** photography was commended in the **RSPCA Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year** competition.

**Sassy Garrad** was offered an unconditional place at **Camberwell UAL** to study Fine Art Photography.

## TEXTILES

**Liv Reade** was selected as a finalist for the **Young Fashion Designer UK** competition, and awarded best fabric construction for her final piece.

**Isaac Lee**, Year 10, was awarded Joint Winner in this year's **Royal Opera House Design Challenge** and was selected as one of four finalists in his age category for the **Young Fashion Designer UK**.



Artsmark  
Platinum Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

# ARTSMARK PLATINUM AWARD

The Platinum Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. The College is the only school in Sussex to hold this award, and one of only 74 schools nationally.

# SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

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Modern young people want to make a positive difference in society. We encourage pupils to reflect on their good fortune and consider, as an integral part of their wider education, the needs of others.



## CHARITIES

Four Year 11 pupils raised over £4,000 for **SUDC UK (Sudden Unexplained Death in Children)**, walking 110km over 6 days.

Quiz nights have raised almost £700 for our two School Chapel charities, **Crisis** and **Bushbells**.

**Wargrave House** had another incredible 24-hour Dakar Challenge Rowathon, raising more than £6,400 for the **Sam West Foundation**.

**Ben Young** and **Amelia Baldock** helped raise over £1,000 for **You Raise Me Up**, which provides emotional and mental health support to families who have lost a young person.

**Nugent House** collected clothes and other items for the humanitarian charity, **Kidogo**, helping those displaced in Ukraine.

**Lisa Shi** ran the **Brighton Half Marathon** to fundraise for **Sussex Beacons**, supporting people with HIV.

**Watt House** raised over £400 for **Holding Space** and **Amaze**, charities that support family mental health and disabled children and young people.

**Pennell House** raised over £800 for the **Brighton and Hove City Mission**, a charity which assists in schools, care homes and also runs a café and food bank.

The termly **Charity Lunch** raised over £350. **The Charity Revue** raised over £600 for our charities.



## COMMUNITY

Local elderly residents have been enjoying their afternoon's entertainment at **Wednesday Club** in the College dining room.

**The Green Team** have been out and about clearing litter from the beach and the seafront.

**The Chaseley group members** continue to visit severely disabled residents up at **Chaseley Trust**, with games of Chess and Monopoly, as well as helping at craft sessions and in their physiotherapy department.

A small group of pupils have been cleaning and maintaining wheelchairs for the **Shoptmobility Service** in the Beacon Centre to help less mobile Eastbourne residents enjoy their shopping trips.

# 50+

pupils are working towards Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

# 144

pupils are working towards Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



## COMBINED CADET FORCE

Within the Army Section, B Company sections have been undertaking a rotation of training.

All Year 10 cadets are being trained to carry out CPR, build a shelter, cook in the field, use a radio, handle a rifle safely, and are introduced to basic navigation, infantry tactics, and teamwork skills. Year 11 cadets on the leadership development programme have prepared and taught individual practice lessons and worked at leading a squad drill.

Royal Air Force Year 11 and Year 12 cadets completed the RAF's own cadre course, teaching them how to deliver lessons to junior cadets. The highlight of the year was the air experience, when eight lucky cadets enjoyed a 30-minute sortie with a pilot from RAF Benson, each having the opportunity to take control of the aircraft. The photo that Alfie Lulham took from the cockpit has even been uploaded onto the main RAF Instagram page.

300+

**pupils are in the  
Combined Cadet Force,  
one of the largest  
contingents outside of  
those at military schools.**

# COASTAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

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Eastbourne College is a founding member of the Coastal Schools Partnership (CSP) comprising Eastbourne College and 13 maintained secondary schools, free schools, academies and colleges, whose mission it is to collaborate on projects for the mutual benefit of pupils and staff.

The CSP has proven impact on the quality of learning across the Partnership and on the self-esteem and leadership skills of the young people involved. We focus on seven areas, decided on by the Partnership:

## RAISE ASPIRATION

We have links with universities, run interactive workshops and support Oxbridge applications.

## INFLUENCE CHANGE

Pupils are given access to key opinion makers – for example the House of Lords, the Eden Project and the Local Authority – and work to develop meaningful pro-active projects about where they live.

## CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT

GCSE support is provided through mentoring schemes, homework clubs and motivational talks.



## PROVIDE CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our most recent Environmental Conference in November 2022 was attended by the Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Climate Change, Baroness Kate Parminster, the OCR exam board team delivering the new Natural History GCSE in 2025, and Sir Tim Smit of the Eden Project.



Working with Eastbourne College has had an important impact on our most vulnerable students. Paired with all the support they have had at Ratton, 57% managed to increase their results."

### **Ratton School**



### **IMPROVE GOVERNANCE**

Staff from CSP schools are invited to sit on governing bodies of other partnership schools; CSP HR managers meet regularly to share good practice.

### **ENRICHMENT AND CREATIVITY**

We have collaborated with international dance companies and other creative organisations, as well as running a yearly dance residency. We are actively engaged with the Towner Art Gallery to provide access opportunities for all our young people including the 2023 Turner Prize coming to Eastbourne.

### **SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY**

We undertake many charity opportunities to raise money for our communities.

# WE ARE EASTBOURNIANS

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The College is proud of its reputation for preparing pupils for life. Old Eastbournians (OE) leave as confident young people equipped with the requisite values, skills and qualifications to embark on the next phase of their lives.



“Eastbourne College is a hidden gem. Superlative facilities and an innovative mindset seems to be a winning formula for turning out engaging, confident and grounded young adults.”

 TALKEDUCATION



# 95%

of leavers go on to university

# 80%

of leavers go on to their first choice of university



We saw recent leavers going to Cambridge to read medicine and law, and to Oxford to read maths. We also saw pupils moving on to Universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Imperial College London, King's College London, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Queen Mary, Southampton, UCL and Warwick.

“Parents are exceptionally happy with the wholesome, grounded approach at Eastbourne College.”

TAT

On top of awarding Eastbourne College the 2023 ‘Eco-Warrior’ Award, Tatler praised our breadth of activities beyond the classroom and continued commitment to our pupils’ happiness and wellbeing:

“The stunning coastal location shapes life here. Beyond providing beautiful views, it’s the vital component of a new tradition – the Aquathlon – comprising a swim in the sea followed by a run. Eastbourne students have a reputation for being sporty. A £33million complex gives them a 300sqm gym, a six-lane swimming pool and two squash courts (and sports teachers are often ex-professionals themselves). The result? A thriving triathlon club; a number of hockey players competing at national

level; and several rugby players involved in the Harlequins’ U17 programmes.

But the sea breeze doesn’t just make pupils hardy; it also awakens their creativity. Recent art exhibitions have explored the climate crisis, and lately a leaver was a runner-up in a worldwide design competition for eco-friendly food packaging. Thirty per cent of students take music lessons; and highlights of the past few terms have included a production of Les

Misérables, outdoor concerts, and a performance by the jazz band at the Children’s Respite Trust Ball.

Pastoral care is underpinned by the Mindgym programme – using exercise to promote mental health and wellbeing – and a range of diversity and inclusion initiatives.”



# LEER<sup>®</sup>

“Eastbourne has surpassed our expectations. We truly believe there isn't a better school.”

**Eastbournian parent**

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“Eastbourne College is thrilled to be awarded the 'Eco-Warrior' Award. We constantly look at ways to educate our pupils about their impact on the environment and how they can make a difference.”

**Tom Lawson, Headmaster**

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

The following scholarships and awards were made to pupils who started at the College in Michaelmas term 2023

## YEAR 9

### ACADEMIC

Poppy Clarke  
Izzie D'Abbraccio  
Miles Howlett  
Herbert Phillips  
Ava Williams  
Anjali Pal

### ART

Freya Martin  
Anjali Pal  
Kenna Patel  
Jason Tzavaras

### DRAMA

Gachecheh Kenyua  
Oscar Leach  
Jessica Mattison  
Daisy Robinson

### FORBES WASTIE ALL-ROUNDER AWARD

Isola Crawford

### MUSIC

Miki Chae  
Jack Jordan  
Axelle Turnock

### SPORT

Eloise Garton  
Freddy Gibson  
Ella Helm  
Lottie Hinton  
Jack Jordan  
Scarlett McFarlane  
Will Mclean  
Serena Patel  
Iso Pennington Legh  
Hattie Stone  
Stanley Yeats

## SIXTH FORM

### ACADEMIC

Daisy Garvin-Marr  
Ella Horne  
Caedmon Myeni

### PROFESSOR SODDY AWARD

Melanya Freeston  
Florence Garvey

### SPORT

Toby De La Mare  
Charlie Evans-Shephard  
Emma Grantham  
Thomas Lucas  
Sergio Vieira  
Joshua Yip

# PRIZE WINNERS 2023

## YEAR 9

Emily Hale Prize for the Outstanding  
Academic Performance in Year 9

Art Prize

Biology: Philip Matthew Prize

Chemistry Prize

Classical Civilisation Prize

Dance Prize

Design and Technology Prize

Drama Prize

English as an Additional Language Prize

English Prize

French Prize

Geography Prize

German Prize

Greek Achievement Prize

History: JL McIntosh Prize

Latin Achievement Prize

Mathematics Prize

Music Prize

Physical Education Prize

Physics Prize

Religious Studies Prize

Spanish Prize

Textiles Prize

*Freddie Timlin*

*Sophia Pennington*

*Taicia Kiuna*

*Henry Lawrence*

*Charles Hawkins*

*Sophia Pennington*

*Renee Chan*

*Rosie Dale*

*Nikol Mari Saveleva*

*Ebony Aloof*

*Hector Lawson*

*Aaden Wong*

*Henry Lawrence*

*Hector Lawson*

*Polly Hecks*

*Harry Jordan*

*Miyu Katsumata*

*Harry Jordan*

*Rosie Hill*

*Taicia Kiuna*

*Emma Valks*

*Taicia Kiuna*

*Rosie Hoskinson*

## YEAR 10

Prize for the Outstanding Academic  
Performance in Year 10

Art Prize

Biology Prize

Chemistry Prize

Classical Civilisation Prize

Computing Prize

Dance Prize

Design and Technology Prize

Drama Prize

English as an Additional Language Prize

English Language Prize

English Literature Prize

French Prize

French: C Kirk-Greene Junior Reading Prize

Geography Prize

German Prize

History Prize

Latin Prize

Mathematics Prize

Music Prize

Physical Education Prize

Physics Prize

Religious Studies Prize

Spanish Prize

Textiles Prize

*Humreen Ellens*

*Isaac Lee*

*Ian Tam*

*Daniel Clark*

*James Dunlop*

*Natalie Tang*

*Kristiana Bailey*

*Natalie Tang*

*Poppy Campion*

*Gabriel Kwok*

*Lily Michaelides*

*Kristiana Bailey*

*Isabella Doyle*

*Humreen Ellens*

*Xinyue Zhao*

*Lily Michaelides*

*Daniel Clark*

*Lily Michaelides*

*Dean Zhang*

*Dmitry Bykov*

*Rowan Bell*

*James Dunlop*

*James Dunlop*

*Ian Tam*

*Isaac Lee*

## YEAR 11

Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Year 11	<i>Xanthe Lawson</i>	Philosophy and Ethics Prize	<i>Rebecca Fisher</i>
Art: RG Dyer Junior Prize	<i>Isabelle Steed</i>	Photography Prize	<i>Isabella Pedley</i>
Biology: Rex Colgate Junior Prize	<i>Akari Ikeda</i>	Physical Education Prize	<i>Kirsty Williams</i>
Chemistry: Tunstall Junior Prize	<i>Akari Ikeda</i>	Physics: Alex Coates Prize	<i>Tiger Ge</i>
Classical Civilisation: Junior Prize	<i>Emma Birch</i>	Politics Prize	<i>Clara Delaney</i>
Computing: NJ Hill Junior Project Prize	<i>Chloe Tse</i>	Science: Percy Appleby Prize	<i>Tiger Ge</i>
Dance: Junior Prize	<i>Jemima Heath</i>	Spanish Prize	<i>Hannah Sewell</i>
Design and Technology: NJ Hill Junior Prize	<i>Dexter Bell</i>	Sport: PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys Sport	<i>Kayla Ginger</i>
Drama: Junior Prize	<i>Noah Titterton-Manos</i>	Sport: Langer Cup for Achievement in Water Sports	<i>Zachary Howard</i>
English as an Additional Language: Junior Prize for Literature	<i>Chloe Tse</i>	Textiles Prize	<i>Olivia Reade</i>
English: AL Margetson Junior Prize	<i>Akari Ikeda</i>		
English: Andrew Downes Junior Prize for Language	<i>Emma Birch</i>		
French: Marshall Junior Prize	<i>Sergiu Croitoru</i>		
Geography: Derek Mitchell Junior Prize	<i>Mathilda Chapman</i>		
German: GG Mohring Junior Prize	<i>Harry Shouksmith</i>		
Greek: RA Henderson Junior Prize	<i>Reuben Mace</i>		
History: JL Hortenstein Junior Prize	<i>Akari Ikeda</i>		
Latin: Junior Prize	<i>Noah Titterton-Manos</i>		
Mathematics: Junior Prize	<i>Cici Liu</i>		
Music: ED Merrit Piano Prize	<i>Emma Birch</i>		
Music: Seymour Junior Singing Prize	<i>Alice Caroe</i>		
Music: WN Williams Junior Prize	<i>Mary Keast-Butler</i>		
Physical Education: Junior Prize	<i>Sophie Fellows</i>		
Physics: RG Dyer Junior Prize	<i>Chloe Tse</i>		
Pottery Prize	<i>Alexander Maclaurin</i>		
Scripture: Rexie Adalian Junior Prize	<i>Mary Keast-Butler</i>		
Spanish: Junior Prize	<i>Lorena Lau</i>		
Textiles: NJ Hill Junior Prize	<i>Mandy Luo</i>		

## LOWER SIXTH

Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Lower Sixth	<i>Henry Tang</i>	Jubilee Prize for the Outstanding Academic Performance in Upper Sixth	<i>Karam Al-Robaie</i>
Art Prize	<i>Holly Mitchell</i>	Broadley Prize for the Heads of School	<i>Tess Garrett and Dylan Pearson</i>
Biology: EC Arnold Prize	<i>Zain Radwan</i>	Art: C Mackenzie Senior Prize	<i>Stephanie Vieira</i>
Business Prize	<i>Greta Zahner</i>	Art: EE Morris Painting Prize	<i>Emma Lewis</i>
Chemistry Prize	<i>Sam Huang</i>	Biology: C Mackenzie Senior Prize	<i>Lia Krieger</i>
Classical Civilisation: Baynes Prize	<i>Isaac Ellwood</i>	Business: Senior Prize	<i>Benjamin van Noort</i>
Computing Prize	<i>Hayes Ho</i>	Chemistry: CS Smallman Senior Prize	<i>Isaac Tam</i>
Critical Reading: Newton Prize	<i>Ella Stevenson</i>	Classical Civilisation: Archbishop Gregg Senior Prize	<i>Mia Taylor</i>
Dance Prize	<i>Lucia Ridley</i>	Classics: Duke of Devonshire Senior Prize	<i>Orla Boulter</i>
Design and Technology Prize	<i>Ewan Clark</i>	Computing Prize	<i>Susan Shan</i>
Drama Prize	<i>Leticia Nare</i>	Dance: Senior Prize	<i>Alice Wood</i>
Economics Prize	<i>Alexander Bailey</i>	Design and Technology: Ellis Firkins Senior Prize	<i>Ptolemy Ridge</i>
English as an Additional Language Prize	<i>Polina Lipanova</i>	Drama: Gubbins Senior Prize	<i>Tess Garrett</i>
English Prize	<i>Hannah Sewell</i>	Drama: Martin Steele Prize for Play Production	<i>Georgia Hutcheon</i>
French Prize	<i>May Fogarty-Stevens</i>	Drama: Steer Award for Acting	<i>Benjamin Young</i>
Further Mathematics: Crowden Prize	<i>Sam Huang</i>	Economics: Tenby Senior Prize	<i>Mia Taylor</i>
Geography Prize	<i>Christopher Johnson-Bird</i>	English: Lord Hyndley Senior Prize	<i>Polly Symes</i>
German Prize	<i>Struan Dunlop</i>	French: LG Chater Senior Prize	<i>Benedict Hutt</i>
Gurney Travel Scholarship	<i>Struan Dunlop</i>	Further Mathematics: HMS Marlborough Senior Prize	<i>Cindia Zhou</i>
History: HJ Bannatyne Prize	<i>Hannah Sewell</i>	Geography: Duncan Ferguson Senior Prize	<i>Leander Walters</i>
Latin Prize	<i>Alice Younger</i>	German: C Mackenzie Senior Prize	<i>Oliver Shouksmith</i>
Mathematics: Green Prize	<i>Michael Abourous</i>	Godden Memorial Prize for Gonville House	<i>Edward Rowell</i>
Music Prize	<i>Alice Younger</i>	History: RD Macklin Senior Prize	<i>Harry Marson</i>
Music: Blackburn Senior Singing Scholarship	<i>Alice Younger</i>	Holman Prize for Services to Chapel	<i>Chloe Maidens</i>
		Mathematics: Elizabeth Hurst Senior Prize	<i>Mia Taylor</i>
		Music: HV Waterfield Senior Prize	<i>Matthew Wakefield</i>
		Music: RW Nicholson Instrumental Prize	<i>Oliver Shouksmith</i>
		Philosophy and Ethics: Rexie Adalian Senior Prize	<i>Benedict Hutt</i>
		Photography: Senior Prize	<i>Saskia Garrad</i>
		Physical Education: Senior Prize	<i>Mimi Gould</i>
		Physics: BH Thomas Senior Prize	<i>Cindia Zhou</i>
		Politics: Senior Prize	<i>Maisie Spencer</i>
		Spanish: Peter Copp Senior Prize	<i>Theodore Bathard-Smith</i>
		Sport: Buckland Award for 1st XV Rugby	<i>Wilf Batham-Read</i>
		Sport: Harris Prize for Contribution to Girls Sport	<i>Caitlin Milborne</i>
		Sport: Maurice ER Sims Prize for Contribution to Boys Sport	<i>Joshua Ansell</i>
		Sport: PG and DG Gilbert Memorial Prize for Achievement in Boys Sport	<i>Emmanuel Bawa</i>
		Textiles: Nelson Helmsley Senior Prize	<i>Imogen Symonds</i>

# THE CLASS OF 2023

A reception for the summer 2023 leavers



The Eastbournian Society held a reception on Friday 19 May for the summer 2023 Upper Sixth leavers, who have become the newest members of the society.

They were welcomed by Development Director Emma Garrett who told them of the support that the society can offer once they become Old Eastbournians, with a worldwide network of OEs and others who can help with such things as careers advice, work experience and gap year travel, to name but a few.

Head of Futures Sarah Gordon also spoke, congratulating the year group as they were about to embark on their A-level exams over the following few weeks, and reminding them that help would continue after results day as they consider their university choices and future careers.

We were delighted to raise a glass and toast their future success, and to give all the leavers a gift from the society, a notebook and pen embossed with the College crest.



## BLACKWATER



Florence  
Assetto



Orla Boulter



Alex Brown



Lily Curtis



Lyra Ellwood



Scarlett Fraser



Mimi Gould



Naya Lambird



Emma Lewis



Chloe Maidens



Mia Taylor



Stephanie Vieira



Connie  
Woodford

## CRAIG



Joshua Ansell



George Auer



Kieran  
Haffenden



Sebastian Isepp



Evan Little



Harry Marson



Oliver  
Shouksmith



Hector  
Summers



Henry  
Sutherland



David Udegbe



Oscar Wootton

## GONVILLE



Emmanuel Bawa



Luke Burnham



Luke Clifford



Duc Dinh Tuan



Herbie Flint



Matt Geddes



Tom Hutton



Shin Kawagoe



Aidan Lo



Finn McKeown



Edward Rowell

## NUGENT



Kristina Duckett



Audrey Hang



Georgia  
Hutcheon



Alisa Ievskaia



Kate Lazarides



Willow McNulty



Amelie Moffatt



Phoebe Moffatt



Ella Parker



Harmony  
Ramanathan



Megan  
Richardson



Jiya Shah



Susan Shan



Imogen  
Symonds



Cindia Zhou

PENNEL



Gabriel Barlow



Bertie  
Brushfield



Brandon Bullen



Louis Bullen



Marcus Chow



Will Elkington



Freddie Ferro



Ethan Harris



Rolland Lau



Theo Marsh



Matthew Phillips



Gus Toomer



Jiayi Yuan

POWELL



Wif  
Batham-Read



Francesco  
Bongiovanni



Charlie  
Carpenter



Oliver Farrant



Dominic  
Forward



Max Giddins



Daniel  
Guldemond



Noah James



George Lowery



Matthew  
Wakefield



Ollie Wigman



Elliot Wilson



Ben Young

REEVES



Karam  
Al-Robaie



Theo  
Bathard-Smith



William  
Buchanan



Alexander  
Cardoza



Monty Dahms



Louis Fisher



William  
Goddard



Jacob Kremer



William Liggett



Dylan Pearson



Jack Pincus



Ptolemy Ridge



Cass Stallion



Benjamin Van  
Noort

## SCHOOL



Rosa Beazleigh



Sassy Garrad



Tess Garrett



Lia Krieger



Kia Letcher



Maja Marten



Caitlin Milborne



Megan Moffat



Abi Perry



Lisa Shi



Ellie Simpkin



Maisie Spencer



Fiona Swann



Tina Wang



Denise Yip

## WARGRAVE



Raphael Ayirebi



Justin Bonneau  
Diesce



Toby Bright



Maksim Drozd



Connor  
Gorman



Ben Hutt



William James



Aditya Kumar



William  
Pollington



Tobi Salami



Isaac Tam



Leander Walters



Adrian Wong



James Zhou

## WATT



Amelia Baldock



Eliza Brown



Jess Coupland



Millie Cranston



Darcey Gibson



Lucy Mannion



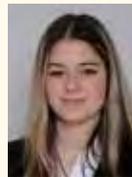
Kiri Marshall



Lily O'Brien



Polly Symes



Verity Terry



Alice Wood



Jasmine Wright

# NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

THESE NEWS PAGES ARE COMPILED FROM UPDATES SUBMITTED BY OEs AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY, AND 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](mailto:drblake@eastbourne-college.co.uk) or write to the Eastbournian Society office at the address in the Contacts section on page 120. In response to suggestions from readers we have

included a table listing Old Eastbournians mentioned in this section in chronological order of their year of leaving the College. The news section itself is in alphabetical order of surname.

## OEs LISTED BY LEAVING YEAR

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| <b>1949</b> Tom Holden (Wargrave 1946–49)  | <b>1991</b> Tim Parker (Wargrave 1986–91)   |
| <b>1955</b> Nicolas Hemes (Blackwater 1951–55)<br>Anthony Vokins (Wargrave 1951–55)                                | <b>1995</b> James Price (School 1990–95)  |
| <b>1957</b> Chris Lewis (Wargrave 1952–57)   | <b>1997</b> Amy Johnson (Pickford) (Nugent 1995–97)   |
| <b>1958</b> Philip Groves (Wargrave 1954–58)<br>Richard Selley (Wargrave 1953–58)                                  | <b>1998</b> Pete Fellows (Powell 1993–98)   |
| <b>1960</b> Chris Ennals (Powell 1956–60)  | <b>1999</b> Paul Stewart (Wargrave 1994–99)   |
| <b>1962</b> John Moyle (School 1959–62)<br>Ken Raphael (School 1957–62)  | <b>2003</b> Michael Gietzen (Reeves 2001–03)  |
| <b>1963</b> Chris Abbey (Powell 1958–63)   | <b>2005</b> Luke Colyer (Wargrave 2000–05)  |
| <b>1966</b> Jake Davies (Blackwater 1961–66)<br>Jim Dickerson (Gonville 1965–66)                                   | <b>2007</b> Ben Colyer (Wargrave 2002–07)   |
| <b>1967</b> Bert Boltjes (Gonville 1961–67)<br>Maurice Trapp (Gonville 1962–67)                                    | <b>2008</b> George Mitchell (Wargrave 2003–08)<br>Aaron Saunders (Craig 2003–08)  |
| <b>1969</b> Jeremy Newton (Gonville 1964–69)<br>Robin Nye (School 1965–69)   | <b>2010</b> Brett Saunders (Craig and Wargrave 2005–10)   |
| <b>1970</b> David Richards (Wargrave 1965–70)  | <b>2011</b> Fiona Colyer (Taylor) (Watt 2007–11)<br>Carina Graf (School 2010–11)<br>Becki Shaw (Watt 2006–11)<br>Kiran Singh (Watt 2006–11) |
| <b>1971</b> Paul Mayhew–Archer (Reeves 1967–71)  | <b>2012</b> Hugh Coates (Pennell 2007–12)<br>Mike Hudson (Pennell 2008–12)  |
| <b>1974</b> David Sibree (Pennell 1969–74)   | <b>2013</b> Toby Marriott (Pennell 2008–13)<br>Radley Troy (Wargrave 2008–13)   |
| <b>1976</b> Jan Koops (Gonville 1971–76)   | <b>2018</b> Kieran Cheney (Powell 2013–18)<br>Benjamin Meek (Wargrave 2013–18)<br>George Skinner (Wargrave 2013–18)                         |
| <b>1979</b> Philip Broadley (Wargrave 1974–79)<br>Nick Walker (Gonville 1974–79)<br>Ted Young (Blackwater 1974–79) | <b>2019</b> Leah Hallinon (Watt 2017–19)<br>Louis Heywood (Powell 2014–19)<br>Joe Pocklington (Craig 2014–19)                               |
| <b>1980</b> Suzy Eddie Izzard (Pennell 1975–80)<br>John Ryley (Blackwater 1975–80)                                 | <b>2020</b> Tawanda Muyeye (Gonville 2018–20)   |
| <b>1981</b> Mark Freeland (School 1976–81)<br>Jeremy Gardner (Craig 1976–81)                                       | <b>2021</b> Will Brown (Craig and Reeves 2019–21)   |
| <b>1984</b> James Leonard (Blackwater 1979–84)   | <b>2023</b> Tess Garrett (School 2021–23)<br>Will James (Wargrave 2021–23)<br>Dylan Pearson (Reeves 2018–23)<br>Polly Symes (Watt 2018–23)  |
| <b>1986</b> Sasha Bates (Nugent 1984–86)   |   |
| <b>1987</b> Mark Snell (Blackwater 1982–87)<br>Chris Stevens (Wargrave 1983–87)                                    |   |
| <b>1988</b> Angus Wingfield (School 1984–88)   |   |

## A

## CHRIS ABBEY



**Chris Abbey** (Powell 1958–63) visited the CERN Large Hadron Collider in October 2023 and sent us this photo of his visit. He told us: ‘The CERN laboratory, founded in 1954, is located on the Franco-Swiss border near Geneva Airport and is a joint venture with now more than 20 member states. I was only 10 years old when the project began and it was not until 15 years later that I was excited to be part of a team designing and building the electronic modules for the CERN Camac crates. As you might imagine, I was blown away by the scale and progress that had been made and stunned by the contribution to science that had been achieved.’

## B



**Sasha Bates** (Nugent 1984–86) launched a new podcast in early 2023 with actor and comedian Ben Bailey Smith, in which they put their favourite fictional characters such as Shiv from *Succession*, Omar from *The Wire* and Ross from *Friends* on the couch to analyse why their behaviour causes them so much drama. Sasha and Ben explore why these characters make certain decisions, what would happen if they made different ones and what we can learn from their mistakes. The podcast, called *Shrink the Box*, can be found wherever you get your podcasts. Sasha says that it is a light-hearted and hopefully entertaining way to discuss and demystify therapy via in-depth explorations of the fictional TV characters we know and love. You can read more at Sasha’s website [www.sashabates.co.uk](http://www.sashabates.co.uk).

**Bert Boltjes** (Gonville 1961–67) – see the entry for **Jim Dickerson**.

**Philip Broadley** (Wargrave 1974–79), chairman of governors at Eastbourne College, was appointed as a non-executive director at Lancashire Holdings Limited (LHL) with effect from 8 November 2023. He has also been appointed as the LHL chair designate, and his appointment as chair is expected to take effect immediately following LHL’s 2024 AGM on 1 May 2024, subject to shareholder approval. LHL is a provider of global speciality insurance and reinsurance products.

**Will Brown** (Craig and Reeves 2019–21) won an award for the Best Science or Tech Piece at the 2023 Student Publication Association awards. The article was published in *Palatinat*, the student newspaper at Durham University, where Will is currently reading geography. Writing on LinkedIn, Will said: ‘I’m honoured to have won... I joined *Palatinat* as a science and technology editor in early 2022, and it’s been a great opportunity. It was an odd press release that advertised the launch of Big Town Chef – a play-to-earn

Metaverse game – with celebrity chef Gino D’Acampo as the face, but I’m so glad that I had the opportunity to delve into it.’ The award judges commented: ‘We were impressed by the journalistic instincts on display in this piece, with the writer not only interviewing their main subject but also corroborating claims by approaching an expert for comment. They broke down a tricky area of tech, and set this in the wider context of the climate crisis, all while keeping the reader entertained.’

## C

**Kieran Cheney** (Powell 2013–18), in his third year in the army as a member of the Household Cavalry, took part in the procession for the coronation of HM King Charles III on Saturday 6 May 2023, and is pictured in our coronation feature on page 23.

**Hugh Coates** (Pennell 2007–12) – see the entry for **Mike Hudson**.

## D

**Jim Dickerson** (Gonville 1965–66), who was an American Exchange Scholar, wrote to us in February: ‘Although I reside in the USA, I remain interested in all the progress and activities of Eastbourne College. My year at the College was wonderful. I thrived in my studies, adapted quickly to school traditions and lifestyle, and became a true Anglophile. I joined the chorus under Mr Walker’s leadership for the huge production of Carl Orff’s *Carmina Burana*. Fantastic experience... I

still have my score! The crowning achievement was making Mr Binnian’s 1st IV in rowing, and winning the Nationals at Pangbourne that summer. I am still in touch with my rowing friends, **Maurice Trapp** (Gonville 1962–67), **Bert Boltjes** (Gonville 1961–67), and our coxswain **Jeremy Newton** (Gonville 1964–69). **Jake Davies** (Blackwater 1961–66), the other starboard oar, passed away about 10 years ago.’

## E

**Chris Ennals** (Powell 1956–60) was the OE rep in Norway for 55 years, having taken on the role in 1968. In 2023 he moved from Oslo to Hønefoss and felt that as he was no longer in the capital, the practical help he could offer as the country rep would be limited, so he has decided to stand down. We are grateful for Chris’s support over the years, not only in Norway but also in his attendance at OE events and occasional visits to Eastbourne. Chris wrote to us in November: ‘This has been a quite dramatic year for me with the move from Oslo in the last snowstorm of the winter at the end of March. Then nice weather for my 80th birthday celebration, and a quick visit to the College in early June when we stayed at the Burlington Hotel. Again, wonderful hot weather. Emma [Garrett] was luckily in and we had a nice conversation over coffee! And then the torrential rain at the beginning of August which caused the waterfall at Hønefoss to rage, bringing down masses of water and the banks overflowed. I was

## BEN COLYER AND FIONA TAYLOR



**Ben Colyer** (Wargrave 2002–07) married **Fiona Taylor** (Watt 2007–11) on Saturday 16 July 2022 at Buckhurst Park, East Sussex. Fiona tells us: ‘We were living in Hong Kong since 2020 where Ben was the local OE rep and, after two-and-a-half years, we relocated to Singapore and have settled into life here.’ There were four other OEs in the wedding party, pictured here. From left to right, fourth along, **Kiran Singh** (Watt 2006–11); fifth, **Luke Colyer** (Wargrave 2000–05); sixth and seventh, Fiona and Ben; ninth, **George Mitchell** (Wargrave 2003–08); and tenth, **Becki Shaw** (Watt 2006–11).

evacuated from my riverside house for ten days, luckily no damage to my house but the bank below needed reinforcement. I composed my almost certainly last piano piece, but the flood, called Hans, caused so much national attention that I thought it might be worth orchestrating my piano piece to portray better the raging waters, and even try to get it played by a local orchestra – unfortunately no such local orchestra exists! Anyway, it was duly orchestrated by my friend Kaj in Stockholm who has done all my previous orchestrations. Perhaps a fitting end to my efforts of the last decade and my lifelong hobby.’

**F**  
**Pete Fellows** (Powell 1993–98) is taking a group of eight sixth form pupils on an expedition to South Africa at the end of Lent term 2024. The 12-day adventure includes giraffe conservation, a canoe expedition, safari, community visits and cultural tours of Zulu battlefields. Pete told us that it will be ‘a trip of personal challenge, development and enrichment for the pupils. It’s an exciting new venture that I’m delighted to run in my capacity as head of the new Leadership, Awards and Personal Development (LAPD) programme for the sixth form. It’s even more exciting to be able to work with an OE with similar views on personal development.’ The expedition is being organised in collaboration with **Angus Wingfield** (School 1984–88), who is the founder and director of Africa Wild Trails, and you can read more about Angus in his entry in this section.



**Mark Freeland** (School 1976–81) attended the premiere of *Surviving School*, the Eastbourne College TV (EBC TV) mini-series, which took place in the Jennifer Winn Auditorium on Thursday 2 February. The project is entirely

pupil-led, from the script-writing to the filming and editing. The series covers issues relevant to pupils at school, ranging from creating friendship groups, feeling academic pressure, coming out as LGBTQ+ and even dealing with embarrassing siblings! **Polly Symes** (Watt 2018–23), who was in Year 13 at the time, reported: ‘It was a really exciting event for everyone involved, as none of us had ever seen the episode in its entirety. The atmosphere was supportive and buzzing, and we got a big turnout from pupils and parents. After watching the episode, OE and BAFTA winner Mark Freeland appeared on stage to answer questions about the TV industry from Daniel Fathers, our resident film and TV expert. Everyone will agree that Mr Freeland had some great anecdotes and advice. He also generously let us hold his BAFTA – it was surprisingly heavy. To celebrate afterwards, we all dug in to a huge chocolate cake.’

**G**  
**Jeremy Gardner** (Craig 1976–81). In last year’s magazine we inadvertently listed Jeremy’s years as 1966-81. They are of course 1976-81 and we apologise to Jeremy for implying that he was the longest-serving pupil in the history of the College.

**Tess Garrett** (School 2021–23) – see the entry for **Paul Stewart**.

**Philip Groves** (Wargrave 1954–58) is the OE rep in Sweden. He told us that he is keeping busy by writing Swedish news items and articles for UK railway journals. He says: ‘If you pass by WH Smith or other bookshops in town you will find a copy of *Today’s Railways Europe* (NOT the UK version) in which I have articles in both the November and December issues. I also write about UK railways for the Swedish railway press.’

**H**  
**Leah Hallinon** (Watt 2017–19) played the flute in a concert given by the Royal College of Music Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, conducted by Sir Andrew Davies, at the RCM’s Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall in October 2023. Leah started her undergraduate studies at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, and continued her BMus at the RCM from September 2020.



**MICHAEL GIETZEN**

Michael, left, with colleagues Paul Fitzpatrick (MD) and Janet Dodd (CSO)

**Michael Gietzen** (Reeves 2001–03), the CEO of events management company Identity, has had a busy year, the highlight of which has been playing a key role in organising the coronation of HM King Charles III, more details of which you can read about on page 23. The company also produced the spectacular London New Year’s Eve fireworks displays in both 2022 and 2023, as well as the AI Summit in Bletchley Park in November. Michael says that one event stood out ‘for sheer importance, complexity and scale’, the COP28 climate change conference in the UAE in December. He says: ‘With 85,000 participants, 197 countries plus the European Union, this record number of delegates made it the larg-

est in COP history by some distance. This project saw our team expand to 1,200 people in Dubai with over 10,000 people working in our supply chain. [The team] delivered the event with extraordinary professionalism, with strong collaboration with Identity UK offices and Dubai – it was a very proud moment for all of us at the agency.’ Another event brought Michael back to Eastbourne: Identity’s partnership with the Towner Gallery to support the Turner Prize, which was announced on 5 December. He said: ‘We were delighted to support this avant-garde art prize that garners an incredible international profile, with Identity relishing the creative production freedom that is synonymous with the Turner Prize.’

**CARINA GRAF** (School 2010–11) is working on a PhD in developing novel techniques for neuroimaging at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. In 2023 she competed (and won) in the Women’s Blue Boat in the varsity boat race against Oxford University and was part of the first-ever ‘clean sweep’ for Cambridge since all university boat clubs merged. She only took up rowing seriously in 2018. She told us that while at the College a trip to the Cavendish Laboratories in 2011 originally sparked her interest in medical physics, and she gained a BSc in 2016, with an MSc in 2019. She says that through her involvement with the university boat club she has had the opportunity to experience the invaluable benefits of high-performance sport while pursuing a rewarding degree.



**Nicolas Hemes** (Blackwater 1951–55), one of the OE reps in the USA, tells us: ‘I am still active in government here and have just completed 35 years covering environmental issues in a community of 150,000 residences. I am enjoying an active retirement

life, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, including pickleball and golf. I do welcome any ES members who are considering retirement in Florida and will be happy to support their efforts in that regard.’



**Louis Heywood** (Powell 2014–19) ran 12 marathons across 12 countries in 12 months during 2023, raising money for Mind (The National Association for Mental Health). On his fundraising web page he said: 'Having graduated from Newcastle University in July 2022, I wanted to do and achieve something a bit different... something slightly crazy. I am doing this in order to travel to new countries whilst also raising money for a very important charity, Mind. Life at the moment leaves many people, and particularly young people, facing mental health challenges. I would love to raise as much money as possible for Mind as they provide support and help to those that are facing mental health struggles.' Louis ran the following marathons, one a month, starting in January: Marrakech, Kilimanjaro, Rome, Paris, London, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Uppsala, Sydney, Amsterdam, Porto and Malaga. His fundraising target was £2000 and he had well exceeded that by the end of the year. Louis is pictured here having completed the Copenhagen marathon.



**Tom Holden** (Wargrave 1946–49) was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours List announced on 26 January 2023, for service to the community of the Sunshine Coast, in Queensland. Tom told us: 'I was thrilled to receive such an unexpected honour, given that I am 89 years of age, and I think it is a reward for many years of voluntary service.' Tom is a U3A tutor in the Russian language and, in a tribute on

## MIKE HUDSON



**Mike Hudson** (Pennell 2008–12) had a great view of the College when he flew over Eastbourne on Saturday 17 June. He sent us this photo and tells us: 'I was visited by my housemate and very good friend from our Eastbourne College days, **Hugh Coates** (Pennell 2007–12). I've recently gained my private pilot's licence and so was able to fly Hugh over the College where we witnessed a cricket match in progress. Hopefully EBC was winning!' The College were playing Bede's that day and the good news is that we won. Bede's were all out for 99 and the College won by nine wickets with a score of 101 for 1. Maybe Mike should fly over regularly and be a good luck charm for future matches!

the U3A Sunshine Coast website, President Glyni Cumming said: 'We are proud that one of our finest and long serving tutors at U3A Sunshine Coast has been honoured in this way. Tom also had a fascinating career with the Royal Australian Navy, where along with many other skills, he studied Russian, which he now teaches at Sunshine Coast, and he is a recipient of the United Nations Service Medal. He has been involved with Legacy Sunshine Coast since 2019, is a parishioner and choir member at St Mark's Buderim, and has been a tutor with U3A for many years.'

**Suzy Eddie Izzard** (Pennell 1975–80) spoke in March about the use of pronouns and an addition to her name. She said: 'I prefer to see she/her, I don't mind he/him... I'm Eddie. There's another name I'm going to add in as well, which is Suzy, which I wanted to be since I was ten. I'm going to be Suzy Eddie Izzard. That's how I'm going to roll so people can choose what they want. They can't make a mistake. So no-one can really get it wrong unless they call me Kenneth or Sabrina.' In early 2023 she took her solo performance of *Great Expectations* (originally performed at the College in Sep-

tember 2022) to New York, and later in the year to the Garrick Theatre in London's West End. In October, the film *Doctor Jeckyll*, a British gothic horror under the Hammer Studios banner, was released, with Suzy playing the dual roles of Dr Nina Jeckyll and Rachel Hyde. Suzy is also mentioned in our feature on the rowing club oar on pages 26–27.

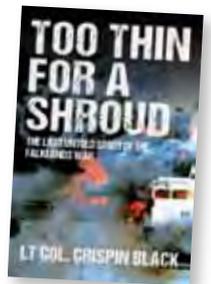


**Will James** (Wargrave 2021–23) completed his first half ironman (Ironman 70.3) in Cervia, Italy in October. The half ironman distance equates to a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile run (which totals 70.3km), and James completed the triathlon challenge in a time of 5 hours, 40 minutes and 19 seconds.



**Amy Johnson (Pickford)** (Nugent 1995–97) tells us that following a successful career in social work, having worked across the charity, voluntary and local authority sector both operationally and in management, she decided to set up a wellbeing company that trains on the prevention of burn-out and compassion fatigue for both front-line workers, foster carers and adoptive parents. (Amy and her husband Jeff fostered for 10 years and have since adopted their son). Now a trainer, nutrition and mindset coach she puts together wellbeing packages for organisations such as the NHS, fostering agencies etc and offers clients one-to-one support through her and her team's virtual wellness and beauty hub. To find out more about her work please contact Amy directly by emailing [feelgood@live.co.uk](mailto:feelgood@live.co.uk) or through her website [www.feelgood-wellbeing.co.uk](http://www.feelgood-wellbeing.co.uk).

**Jan Koops** (Gonville 1971–76) has contributed to a new book, *Too Thin for a Shroud: The Last Untold Story of the Falklands War* by Crispin Black. It tells the story from the point of view of the Guards officers who came under Argentine fire on the Royal Fleet Auxiliary supply ship *Sir Galahad* on 8 June



1982, regarded as Britain's most lethal day of combat since the Second World War. Jan was a captain in Prince of Wales Company, 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, and we reported last year about his appearance in a Channel 4 documentary when he spoke about his experiences in the Falklands. Jan is also mentioned in our feature on the rowing club oar on pages 26–27.

L



**James Leonard** (Blackwater 1979–84) was appointed King's Counsel (KC)

in 2022 and was sworn in at the 2023 silk appointment ceremony at Westminster Hall on 27 March 2023, when the Lord Chancellor formally bestowed the title. The title of KC is awarded to those who have demonstrated particular skill and expertise in the conduct of advocacy. James specialises predominantly in health, safety and environmental law and has an established practice in disciplinary and regulatory cases. He has a considerable background in complex industrial accident cases, fraud and corruption cases, financial services, multi-jurisdictional confiscation proceedings and public law. In 2014, James was the Chambers and Partners Professional Discipline Junior of the Year, and in 2017 he was the Chambers and Partners Health and Safety Junior of the Year.

**Chris Lewis** (Wargrave 1952–57) attended the International Veterinary Sheep Society conference in Seville in March. He told us at the time: 'I was secretary for the first way back in 1984 and again in New Zealand in 2009. Attendance is huge with usually 35 to 40 countries represented. Wonderful opportunity to catch up with old and make new friends. Early reports suggest I and a brilliant Australian vet will be the only two delegates to have attended all ten conferences.'

M



**Stuart Broad, Toby Marriott, Jack Meacher and Jimmy Anderson**

**Toby Marriott** (Pennell 2008–13) and his colleague Jack Meacher took on the challenge in February 2023 of facing England bowlers Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad at the indoor nets at Lord's. Toby and Jack run the Cricket District website whose mission is to grow the game they love through the power of social media. From videos of village cricket heroes to features with the biggest names in cricket, they want to celebrate the culture that surrounds the sport and keep the community entertained with the latest news, views and stories from around the world. They have a YouTube channel which includes the popular feature Village vs Pro, in which they go head-to-head with professional cricketers. Being amateur cricketers themselves, they are used to facing bowlers with deliveries at about 50–60mph, but the two pros, even when they were holding back, were delivering higher speeds than that. Toby said: 'It was an incredible day. Anderson and Broad are both absolute heroes of ours, so to get the opportunity to make a video with them, let alone have the chance to face them, is a dream come true.'

PAUL MAYHEW-ARCHER



**Gillian Lacey-Solymar, Sir Nick Mostyn, Mark Mardell, Rory Cellan-Jones, Jeremy Paxman and Paul Mayhew-Archer**

**Paul Mayhew-Archer** (Reeves 1967–71) was the guest speaker at the annual dinner in April, more details and photos of which are on pages 24–25. At the start of the year he joined a regular podcast about Parkinson's, called Movers and Shakers. The idea for the podcast came from the High Court judge Sir Nick Mostyn, a member of a group with Parkinson's who have been meeting each month in the Ladbroke Arms in London's Notting Hill Gate. One of the other members, BBC journalist Rory Cellan-Jones, said: 'We are recording the series in the pub, trying to recapture the spirit of our conversations – plenty of jokes, plenty of moans and a lot of shared information about Parkinson's and how it's affecting us and those who care for us. Each episode will cover a different theme – how we coped with the diagnosis, the world of work and how easy it is to tell your employer you have a degenerative condition, the research into potential cures, the role exercise and diet can play in helping cope with Parkinson's.' As well as Paul, the others are journalist and broadcaster Jeremy Paxman, former BBC radio presenter Mark Mardell, and Gillian Lacey-Solymar, who has reported for the BBC, been a management consultant and now runs an events business. Paul, who wrote and produced numerous radio and TV comedies, is the 'relentlessly optimistic' member of the team, in contrast with Jeremy Paxman, described as the 'chief gloomster'.

TAWANDA MUYEYE



**Tawanda Muyeye** (Gonville 2018–20) was feted in the press in August 2023, appearing in BBC Sport's feature England Next Gen, which looks at players who may make the step up to international cricket in the next few

years. The *Times* also profiled him, describing him as a 'rare talent', and saying: 'At the Northampton County Ground in June this summer, we witnessed the first flowering of Tawanda Muyeye. The 22-year-old Kent batsman scored his maiden first-class hundred there, hitting 19 boundaries and four sixes in a 205-ball stay, many of them stroked with that combination of ease, style and grace that marks out those with a gift. He

turned his first hundred into a big one, 179 runs in all.'

Tawanda was born and raised in Zimbabwe but came to the UK as an asylum seeker in 2018. He followed his mother Patience, a supporter of the opposition party in Zimbabwe, the Movement for Democratic Change, and was granted refugee status due to the country's human rights violations. Having written to the College, Tawanda was granted a scholarship and interest in his ability soon took off as he scored more than 1,000 runs for the school in 2019 and won the coveted Wisden's school cricketer of the year award in 2020. In the BBC interview, Tawanda gives credit to his College coaches Rob Ferley and James Tredwell, who he says 'were amazing', with Ferley 'always making sure I had a good balance of academics and cricket.' He concluded: 'I don't think I would have gone down the professional cricket route if it wasn't for Eastbourne.' As well as his appearances for Kent, Tawanda also played for the Oval Invincibles in The Hundred in August.



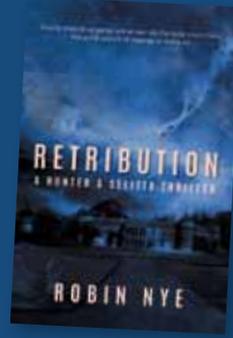
**Benjamin Meek** (Wargrave 2013–18) graduated from Edinburgh University in 2023 and is pictured here on the right alongside his old housemate **George Skinner** (Wargrave 2013–18), who also graduated on the same day.

**George Mitchell** (Wargrave 2003–08) – see the entry for **Ben Colyer**.

**John Moyle** (School 1959–62) wrote to us with a summary of his life and an inspirational message: 'Left school as a bit of a dunce with four O-levels to do an electronic engineering apprenticeship. At this time I was terrified at the sight of blood. After the apprenticeship I ended up as a service engineer for medical x-ray equipment and then applications engineer with Philips Medical Systems. Further promotion would have meant the loss of practical engineering. Seeing the blood under control was OK I bolted to read medicine at Barts Hospital in London. After graduating I specialized in anaesthesia and intensive care, ending up as a consultant at Milton Keynes. I also became consultant in palliative medicine at Willen Hospice in Milton Keynes. I retired at 63 and then researched for a PhD: *The maintenance of the Victorian submarine telegraph cable system* (what an anorak!). So anyone can do it – from four O-levels (at the 20th attempt!) to Chartered Engineer, Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists and then a PhD!'

## ROBIN NYE

(School 1965–69) had his third book, *Retribution*, published by The Conrad Press in June 2023. Robin told us: 'I am still very much enjoying writing these police crime thrillers and am building up a readership which keeps coming back for the next instalment. I am now promoting my books on Instagram (@robin\_nye\_) and have had some very favourable reviews for each of them.' *Retribution* starts with a spectacular plane crash before a girl is reported missing and her mother is found dead. The police are then called to a triple shooting at a Kent beauty spot. But are any of these events connected? As DI Sarah Hunter and DS Ted Selitto dig ever deeper, they find themselves in a desperate war between two rival county lines gangs where survival is the order of the day. One reviewer on Instagram



wrote, 'This thriller is a cracker of a book. The characters are really easy to read and are believable, and the way the story is told makes it a complete page turner. There's so much going on, and the action never seems to stop. I loved the way that I could easily picture everything in my head – the police briefings, the interrogations – all because it was described in such detail.' Robin is now into the fourth book in the series and is hoping to

achieve a much wider readership in 2024. He is also hoping to get one or two of his books into mainstream bookshops or even into smaller local outlets. But the writing itself is the most rewarding experience which he hopes to continue over the next few years. *Retribution* is currently available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon, or it can be ordered online or instore from any good bookshop or from [www.theconradpress.com](http://www.theconradpress.com).

## N

**Jeremy Newton** (Gonville 1964–69) – see the entry for **Jim Dickerson**.

## P

**Tim Parker** (Wargrave 1986–91) continued to organise relief aid missions to Ukraine, as we reported in last year's magazine. In January the Eastbournian Society included a request in our monthly email newsletter for donations of clothing, shoes, blankets, baby food, toiletries and so on, and we were delighted with the response. Tim and three friends work with a charity called Siobhan's Trust which delivers aid and also provides warm nutritious meals through a number of pizza vans that they have in Ukraine.

**Dylan Pearson** (Reeves 2018–23) see the entry for **Paul Stewart**.



**Joe Pocklington** (Craig 2014–19) graduated in summer 2023 from the University of Leeds with a BA (2:1) in economics and politics. In a post on LinkedIn he said: 'Personal highlights include being able to study a diverse range of subjects from the politics of contemporary China in the second year to applying behavioural economics to the university gym, The Edge, in my final year project. On top of this, I was proud to have made contributions to the sports pages of *The Gryphon*, as well as having the joy of co-producing a podcast, *The Undergraduate Academy*, with Will Heaver. Away from the books, I have made friendships to last a lifetime with so many fond memories to look back on. My time at Leeds was, as those close to me know well, cricket-filled. Representing the Leeds-Bradford UCCE for two years, including the opportunity to play at Headingley, was one of many great opportunities I have had on the cricket field in Leeds. However, none usurp the victorious varsity fixture which took place in June this year for the University of Leeds Men's Cricket Club. I simply cannot wait to step on the field for these two

great teams next academic year as I embark on my ecological economics MSc whilst also having the honour to represent the cricket club as alumni secretary.' Joe was a Peter Bibby Award recipient while at the College and told us: 'The environment at the College really pushed me to excel in all areas of my education and not just my cricket. I think it's fair to say that without my time there, I wouldn't be able to call myself a Russell Group graduate. I can't thank those who donated to the bursary enough, I will always be grateful for their generosity, the College was the perfect place for me to broaden my horizons.' You can read more about Joe's story on page 11.

**James Price** (School 1990–95) is the European sales director for UK company MBDA and signed an export deal at the end of April to roll out a British air defence system across Poland. The agreement provides Poland with cutting-edge, ground-based-air-defence capabilities that will protect the country for generations to come, as well supporting hundreds of highly skilled jobs across the UK. The deal is one of the largest bilateral European air defence deals of its kind in NATO and is the culmination of months of close collaboration between the UK and Poland. It will see the UK equip 22 Polish air defence batteries with UK Common Anti-Air Modular Missiles (CAMMs) and

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launchers, under a programme called PILICA+. The missiles can be deployed to protect high value, mobile assets such as deployed military forces or critical national infrastructure.

**R**



**Ken Raphael** (School 1957–62) visited the College in June with his wife Deborah and they were shown round by John Thornley. Ken, who lives in New South Wales, Australia, hadn't been back to the school since he left in 1962. He recognised a number of familiar buildings and was amazed at the more recent developments.

**General The Lord Richards of Herstmonceux GCB CBE DSO DL (David Richards)** (Wargrave 1965–70) took part in the corona-

tion of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May. He was honoured to be asked by HM The King to carry the Sword of Spiritual Justice as part of the coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey. A photo and more details are on page 23.

**John Ryley** (Blackwater 1975–80) was awarded an OBE for services to journalism in the 2024 New Year's honours list. In 2023 John retired from his position as Head of Sky News, a post he had held for 16 years, having worked in broadcast journalism for some 40 years. He was the guest speaker at the Eastbournian Society media and journalism networking event on Thursday 25 April, a report and photos of which are on page 21.

**S**

**Richard Selley** (Wargrave 1953–58), Emeritus Professor of Geology and Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Earth Science & Engineering at Imperial College, London, has just published the fourth edition

of the *Elements of Petroleum Geology*. Richard also sent us a memory of the 1957 fly-past which we featured in last year's magazine, and this is carried on page 39.

**Becki Shaw** (Watt 2006–11) – see the entry for **Ben Colyer**.

**David Sibree** (Pennell 1969–74) – see the entry for **Brett Saunders**.

**Kiran Singh** (Watt 2006–11) – see the entry for **Ben Colyer**.

**George Skinner** (Wargrave 2013–18), graduated from Edinburgh University in 2023, and is pictured on page 93 on the left alongside his old housemate **Benjamin Meek** (Wargrave 2013–18) who also graduated on the same day.



**Mark Snell** (Blackwater 1982–87) was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award, for the member of staff who has dedicated their life to a school, at the Tatler School Awards announced in September 2023. Mark was at Wetherby School for 17 years,

first as deputy head (2006–08) and then headmaster (2008–23). He is now the UK education director at Inspired Education Group, a role he took up in September. Inspired is a global group of premium schools educating over 75,000 students worldwide across 80+ schools in six continents. In June 2023 it acquired the Alpha Plus Group of schools, which includes Wetherby.



**Chris Stevens** (Wargrave 1983–87) has been in touch and told us: 'Having left the college in 1987, I studied at Dartington College of Arts, then emigrated to Canada in 1990 and studied at Acadia University doing my BMus in composition. I returned to the UK in 1995 and did my masters in music composition (AmusM) at Nottingham University under Nicholas Sackman. In 2006, I became a fully accredited BACP [British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy] counsellor and worked for some time with counselling groups. I am currently working as a freelance composer having had performances in the UK and Canada. I

**BRETT SAUNDERS**



**Brett Saunders** (Craig and Wargrave 2005–10) took on the challenge in September of running from John O'Groats to Land's End, which he planned to achieve in 16 days. Brett was running in memory of **Tom Sibree** (Pennell 2003–04), who died in 2015 from Sudden Unexplained Death from Epilepsy (SUDEP), and was raising money for SUDEP Action. This is a charity that provides bereavement support for families who have lost someone, raises awareness of the

risk that all epilepsy sufferers are at, and researches ways of preventing deaths from happening. Tom's father **David Sibree** (Pennell 1969–74) is a trustee of SUDEP Action, so has first-hand experience of the wonderful work that the charity does. Both the charity and the Sibree family are very proud of Brett's continued support, as he has previously undertaken a number of other endurance runs in Tom's memory. However, six days in to the run, Brett posted the following on Instagram: 'Today has confirmed I cannot continue with attempting to run JOGLE (John O'Groats to Land's End) entirely, my body has said 'no' after 411km in six days. For the next nine days the real family adventure starts and we will be getting through each day with a total of 42km, either walking, cycling or running between us. My parents (Sharon and Andrew Saunders) and brother **Aaron Saunders** (Craig 2003–08) are helping and we have other family members coming up over the next nine days to join in and ensure we get it done. My aunties and uncles and cousins as well as my grandparents are coming to join in by walking. It's amazing to see how they are all helping out.' We're pleased to say that Brett more than exceeded his target of £16,000, with the total at over £18,000 at the time of writing.

**PAUL STEWART**



**Paul with heads of school Tess Garrett and Dylan Pearson** (Reeves 2018–23)

**Paul Stewart** (Wargrave 1994–99) visited the College on Tuesday 7 March and spoke to the whole school about his determination to overcome a major spinal injury. Paul was injured in a snowboarding accident in France in 2008 which left him paralysed below the waist and he was initially told that he would never walk again. However, he was determined to overcome his injuries and told the pupils that mental strength was an important factor in dealing with physical problems. In 2013 he took on the Iron Spine Challenge charity fundraiser, which involved a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile cycle ride and a marathon walk of 26.2 miles, before returning to France to climb the mountain where he had had his accident. He said: 'I think a lot of people in England don't really comprehend what having a spinal injury is. I didn't and I knew people in wheelchairs... I don't want pity, I want people to have more respect and more admiration for someone who has had a spinal injury.' Head of School Tess Garrett (School 2021–23) said: 'The talk left people speechless, finding it hard to comprehend just how much Paul had achieved after everything that he had been faced with. The talk inspired us to do more, push ourselves to be our very best and never ever give up because that's not what life is about. We will all remember the incredible talk Paul gave us for years to come but more importantly we will aim to act on the messages that he shared with us.'



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never married or had children as music is a demanding and uncertain career to follow. I would love to hear from anyone directly who wishes to get in touch after so many years so if you wish, please use my email [camusfearna@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:camusfearna@yahoo.co.uk). It would be good to meet up at some point and I hope all those with whom I studied are doing well.'

**Polly Symes** (Watt 2018–23) – see the entry for **Mark Freeland**.

**T**  
**Fiona Taylor** (Watt 2007–11) married **Ben Colyer** (Wargrave 2002–07) on Saturday 16 July 2022, and a photo and report is on page 89.

**Maurice Trapp** (Gonville 1962–67) – see the entry for **Jim Dickerson**. See also Maurice's birthday celebrations in France on page 53.

**Radley Troy** (Wargrave 2008–13) took on an epic trek along the Pacific Crest Trail, walking from the Mexican border

with California to the Canadian border in northern Washington state between May and October. The 2,650-mile walk took five months, and Radley did it entirely self-supported, carrying all of the equipment that he needed to camp and survive along the route, periodically passing through or dropping into towns to resupply on food and fuel. He did it to raise funds for the Charlie Watkins Foundation (CWF), whose primary focus is to assist young people in overcoming their challenges and to improve their mental health. Charlie, who sadly lost his life in 2017, was a university friend of Radley's. Radley said: 'This is an idea that has been forming in my mind for some time and so whilst it is something that I truly want to do it also represents a fantastic opportunity to raise support and awareness for the CWF, a cause close to my heart.' Radley raised over £7,500.

**V**  
**Anthony Vokins** (Wargrave 1951–55) visited the College in January when he gave us



some items to be sent as aid to Ukraine, following a request in an email newsletter asking for donations (see the entry for **Tim Parker** for more information about this). Anthony met Emma Garrett and she took this picture of him holding a photo of the 1955 College tennis team. He recalled that this was his last year as captain of the team and said: 'I think we only lost one match in three years but that year we had some good players in the team (better than the captain!).'



**Nick Walker** (Gonville 1974–79) visited the College on Thursday 20 April with his sister Judy Walker and her husband Andrew. David Blake took them on a tour of the College and Nick and Judy are pictured here in the Nugee Building, named after their grandfather John Nugee, who was the College's headmaster from 1939 to 1956. Nick and Judy's mother Lucy was John Nugee's daughter and their aunt (Lucy's sister) is Tishy Nugee, who opened the Nugee Building with the Duke of Devonshire in April 2017 when the plaque in the photo was unveiled.

**Angus Wingfield** (School 1984–88) spoke to Year 11 and sixth form pupils at the College on Monday 6 March about his work in

wildlife conservation. Angus is the founder and director of Africa Wild Trails, which plans



and delivers diverse, challenging, and inspiring international ventures, expeditions, research and wildlife conservation field studies. He spoke about his time at school, saying that it was not always the easiest, explaining that his dyslexia meant that academia was out of his comfort zone. However, he developed an early fascination for nature and wildlife which was, for him, a real escape from the pressures of work. Angus mentioned inspirational teachers at school who give him the confidence to believe in himself and now, 35 years later, he was thrilled to come back to the College and talk about the work he is doing in the conservation world. Angus is teaming up with College teacher **Pete Fellows** (Powell 1993–98) and eight sixth form pupils on a 12-day conservation expedition to South Africa at the end of Lent term 2024, more details of which are in the entry for Pete.

**Y**  
**Ted Young** (Blackwater 1974–79) stood down as editor of *Metro*, the UK's highest-circulation



freesheet tabloid newspaper, in March 2023, having edited it since 2014. His move coincided with a restructuring at the paper, with its print and online editions now coming under the same editor (previously the online edition was edited separately). He is now an editorial director at Cover Media, the multimedia news and visual agency with a focus on entertainment, light news and human interest stories, and is also on the complaints committee of the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). In April Ted was one of the attendees at the ES media and journalism networking event in London (pictured), where he met current pupils and OEs, offering advice and chatting about his career. More information about the event is on page 21.

# MCC MATCH AND THE CRICKET DINNER



Spectators and players gather by the scoreboard

The 1st XI team took on the MCC in their annual fixture on Thursday 22 June. The sun shone and College Field was the perfect setting for this game with the MCC side including Old Eastbournians Charlie Hobden (Wargrave 2008–13) (captain), Harry Lloyd (Wargrave 2011–16), and Ben Twine (Craig 2013–17). Spectators included parents, pupils, staff, former members of staff and Old Eastbournians from across many generations.

During match tea, players and spectators gathered at the scoreboard for a short ceremony to commemorate Guy Richards (Craig 1980–85) who was one of the College's most talented sportsmen but whose life was tragically cut short a year after he left school. Guy played 1st XI cricket for three seasons and was captain for two. He



also played in the first team for four other sports.

A plaque in Guy's memory had been donated to the school by his friends and previously hung on the old pavilion building. Many of these friends were present at the ceremony to see the plaque's new position on the scoreboard overlooking Guy's beloved College Field.

Flags were also raised on two new flagpoles donated by the Arnold Embellishers and former master-in-charge of cricket Nigel Wheeler (College staff 1976–2006). Nigel, along with Jonathan Winchester (Craig 1980–85), shared heartwarming memories, and a toast was made to Eastbourne College and to Guy. More details and photos are in the Arnold Embellishers report on pages 48-49.

After the match, the annual cricket dinner was attended by many of the MCC team, our own current cricketers and their families, as well as many other Eastbournian Society cricket enthusiasts. Afterwards, our newly appointed director of cricket Matilda Callaghan and College cricket professional Nick Wilton took questions from the director of sport Mike Harrison.



Dinner in the function rooms



Mike Harrison with Matilda Callaghan and Nick Wilton in the Q&A session

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# OE FIVES



The new glass screen being installed



The St Andrew's court with the screen in place



OE fives club and College pupils meet and play every Tuesday

As we reported last year, the OE Fives Club has continued with its plans to rejuvenate fives across the charity. From a coaching perspective, as of January 2023, James Holman-Dine (OA and Reeves 2024-19) and fives veteran Spencer Beal have been running a new year-round fives activity for Years 7 and 8 at St Andrew's, building upon the foundations set by former headmaster Gareth Jones. This will help further induct more fives players into the Eastbourne College activity programme made available from Year 9.

Gareth's efforts meant that the St Andrew's fives court was completely refurbished just a few years ago, and a new glass screen has recently been installed at the back of the court to form a slightly smaller and more appropriately sized playing area, as well as creating a covered spectator facility.

Meanwhile the initiative continues to upgrade the historic facilities at the College, which are over 100 years old, and various crowdfunding events are planned.

James Holman-Dine told us: 'We are also actively seeking to increase our player pool and would welcome any new or former fives players to take part. The club plays every Tuesday between 8:00-9:30pm at Eastbourne College and goes to the Dolphin Pub afterwards.'

If you are interested in joining, please contact Spencer Beal ([spencerjbeal@gmail.com](mailto:spencerjbeal@gmail.com)). We look forward to further interacting with the wider society in 2024, and are also on track to achieve our goals to rejuvenate the facilities and coaching at both schools.'

# OE GOLF SOCIETY



The Old Eastbournian Golf Society (OEGS) organised a full programme of events in 2023. We entered the main scratch team tournaments – namely the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Cyril Gray – and also the Public Schools Putting Tournament at Royal Wimbledon.

We played a total of 10 matches against other old boys golf societies, the College and the College staff. 2023 saw the second running of the Richard Day Singles Knockout and the revival of play for the Scratch Cup. In events aimed at younger OE golfers we played indoors in central London in January

We are extremely sorry to report the deaths of **Graham Boal** (in December 2022) and **Carl Spencer** (in August 2023).

Both were great supporters of OE golf, but Graham was best known as a QC and then an Old Bailey judge and Carl as a wonderfully talented jazz musician.

and then in a Texas Scramble in September.

Continuing on from 2022: a range of OEGS branded merchandise – polo shirts and sweaters (for both gentlemen and ladies), caps, umbrellas etc. – are available to members through our website.

Membership of the OEGS is available 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, our matches against other schools, our spring tour to Norfolk and Autumn Meeting are open to any member of the OEGS and to golfers of all abilities. We play on many magnificent golf courses, at times paying well below the usual green fee rate.

Annual membership of the OEGS costs only £30 (or £5 if you are under 30 years old). And again, for anyone under 30, we almost always generously subsidise their golf from OEGS funds.

Our contacts are either President Chris Walker ([president@oegolf.uk](mailto:president@oegolf.uk)), Secretary

David Burt ([secretary@oegolf.uk](mailto:secretary@oegolf.uk)) or Treasurer Ian Henley ([treasurer@oegolf.uk](mailto:treasurer@oegolf.uk)). Our website is [www.oegolf.uk](http://www.oegolf.uk).

## GOLF IN CENTRAL LONDON



OE golfers plus Emma Garrett at Urban Golf

The OEGS organised a most successful evening of golf at Urban Golf in Smithfield in January. Sixteen OEs turned up, the majority under the age of 30. Harry Rimmer managed the event and we were very pleased that Development Director Emma Garrett joined us and made a very good attempt at playing Spyglass Hill GC in California.

## MATCHES AGAINST OTHER SCHOOL TEAMS

We were not as successful as in 2022. The matches against Cranleigh at Royal St George's and Bishop's Stortford at Prince's were just friendlies in preparation for the Halford Hewitt. Of the other eight matches (including those against the College and the College staff) we only won against King's Canterbury, Tonbridge and Lancing – but those are very welcomed victories against good opposition.

## MATCHES AGAINST THE COLLEGE AND COLLEGE STAFF

The OEGS fielded a team of seven players at Royal Eastbourne GC in May against what is becoming an ever stronger team from the College itself. Everyone appeared to have had a good time and we trust that we left a good impression of the OEGS and strengthened the bond between golfers at the College and the OEGS. Sadly the OEGS team went down to a 3–1 defeat. Colin Farrant and our star man, Peter Walker lost to the talented Shakespeare boys but did manage to take them as far as the 16th hole. Thanks to all the pupils who played against us, our team for turning out and Peter Henley for managing the OEGS team.



The OEGS and Eastbourne College teams preparing to do battle

The OEGS, managed by Ian Henley, went down 1–3 to the College staff at Royal Eastbourne GC in June but we were all able to reflect on another beautiful day in the sunshine and a game played, as always, in great spirits.

## SCRATCH COMPETITIONS

The **Halford Hewitt Tournament** played at Royal Cinque Ports, Royal St George's and Prince's Golf Clubs in April each year involves teams of 10 playing foursomes matchplay off scratch. In 2023 we lost in the first round to Downside and then in the first round of the Plate to King Edward's Birmingham. The weather conditions were extremely challenging throughout but there were good performances from Jack Hughes and Hewitt debutant Adam Godfrey who won both their matches. 2024 sees the 100th anniversary of the Halford Hewitt tournament with Eastbourne having played in the competition since 1932.

In the **Cyril Gray** for the over-50s at Worpleston in June we lost to Gresham's and then Merchant Taylors' in the main and plate competitions.

The **Public Schools Putting Tournament** takes place annually on the very testing 18-hole putting green at Royal Wimbledon Golf Club. Unavoidably putting out three rather than four players was a severe disadvantage but relegation (to a two-year absence from the competition) was avoided in a 'sudden death playoff' in which Grant Leonard saved us.

The **Sussex Schools Tournament** in September at West Sussex involves teams of six players from Eastbourne, Hurstpierpoint, Lancing and Brighton playing scratch foursomes matchplay over two rounds. Team captain Harry Rimmer and Peter Walker won both their matches but we finished third.

We qualified at Knole Park in May for the **Grafton Morrish Finals** in October at Hunstanton. Our team of Adrian Sharpin, Mark Stewart, Harry Rimmer, Angus Stewart, David Barwell and Chris Hampton beat Framlingham but then went out against Bedford.

## RICHARD DAY SINGLES KNOCKOUT

The inaugural Richard Day Singles Knockout was played in 2022 in memory of Richard Day (Gonville 1982–87). 24 members of the OEGS entered in 2023. The semi-finals and final were played on 21 October at Rye. Conditions were extremely challenging with torrential rain for much of the day and a very strong wind. In the semi-finals, Harry Rimmer beat Richard Gourlay by 4 & 2 and David Barwell won by 3 & 2 against Tony Dunn. The final saw Harry emerge victorious over David by 3 & 2 but he had to work very hard. It was great to have Louise, Claire and Chloe Day along for lunch and for them to meet the semi-finalists. Chris Stephenson was thanked for making this day at Rye possible.



Our singles knockout champion, Harry Rimmer with David Barwell now indoors and dry

## OTHER EVENTS



Alex Photiou driving at Sheringham GC's 5th hole

Our 2023 Norfolk Tour provided golf at Hunstanton, Royal West Norfolk (Brancaster) and Sheringham. Thanks go to David Burt for organising and for Andrew Sherwood and George Eve for enabling us to play these courses at much reduced green fees.

We last played for the **OEGS Scratch Cup** (the Merritt Challenge Cup to give it its correct name) in 2019 but we revived the challenge at Royal Ashdown Forest GC in August 2023. Peter Walker acted as our match manager and he managed to attract a good field of single figure OE golfers. We played from the very back tees and this, combined with very punishing heather, proved to be extremely challenging. Playing scratch Stableford, Chris Hampton won with 28 points. On 26 points, Toby Lock came second on countback from Peter Walker.

Cooden Beach GC hosted our **Autumn Meeting** which saw us play singles Stableford for the Crosse Trophy. Iryna Photiou won with a spectacular 43 Stableford points from Claire Patterson-Snell on 41 and Ian Henley on 37.

We held a **Texas Scramble** competition in September at West Surrey GC. The day was aimed at the younger OEs (and indeed did include a team from the College) and was expertly organised by Colin Farrant. The victors for the second year running were the 'Reeves Boys' with 52 points. The handicap committee will be looking closely at their declared handicaps next year but well done to Gearoid O'Callaghan, Josh Curryer, Matthew Rust and Ian Sands.



President Chris Walker with the winning Texas Scramble team of Matthew Rust, Ian Sands, Josh Curryer and Gearoid O'Callaghan at West Surrey GC

# THE FOUNDATION GOLF CHALLENGE



The annual Foundation Golf Day was held at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Course on Friday 7 July.

The day was blessed with beautiful weather as the sun shone down on the golf course, creating the perfect backdrop for a fantastic day of golf. After the round, participants gathered for drinks, followed by a delightful dinner. The evening continued with an exciting auction, adding an element of thrill and camaraderie to the event.

Since 2010 the Golf Day has raised money towards the Peter Bibby Award, which gives bursary funding to a talented local cricketer who might otherwise be unable to attend the College, with a further £1,000 of the money raised dedicated to supporting young golfers through the Eastbourne College Golf Programme.

Peter Bibby's daughter Mirren Mace was on hand to present the prizes before the evening dinner and auction, and we are delighted to announce that the event raised in the region of £12,600.



The winning team were LSW Secure, pictured here with Mirren Mace

We are grateful to all the participants, sponsors, and supporters who made this Golf Day so successful, with a special mention to our headline sponsors, MTech Systems, for their generous support.



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- 18 holes of golf on the Devonshire Course
- snack on arrival
- goody bag
- three-course dinner in the club house
- charity auction



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# THE ALL BLACKS

2023 marked both the 70th and 60th anniversaries of the New Zealand All Blacks visiting Eastbourne.

## THE ALL BLACKS



### War Dance

Photos: D. R. Tillett

It has been exciting, inspiring and a privilege to have the All Blacks training on College Field this October. An autographed photograph of the team was presented by Mr. Millard, their manager, to the School. Eastbournians past and present gave Bob Stuart, their Captain (in stripes extreme right top), a College Shield in memory of their visit. We look forward to their return in January.

### Rex Alston and the B.B.C. Television Camera



The 1953 visit as reported by the *Eastbournian*

Four months after the coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II, there was further excitement at the College when the All Blacks rugby team arrived at the College on 21 October 1953 to begin their 1953–54 tour of Britain. The College had been selected as their training ground where they would spend the

next eight days practising on College Field before their first match against Southern Counties at the Greyhound Stadium in Hove.

The first practice session was witnessed by about 200 College boys and the *Eastbourne Herald* reported:

'Press photographers and writers and a BBC television unit buzzed around the players like bees round a honeypot.'



Autographs of the 1963 All Blacks

You can see the BBC footage by going to [www.bbcrewind.co.uk](http://www.bbcrewind.co.uk) and searching for 'Eastbourne College'.

One member of the team, Bob Scott, went out wearing a new pair of boots but found

that they pinched so badly that he carried out the rest of the session in bare feet. But perhaps the most memorable event of the All Blacks' visit was the performance of the haka, the Maori ceremonial dance, on College Field.

An autographed photograph of the team was presented to the school by the All Blacks manager Norman Millard and pupils and OEs gave Bob Stuart (captain) a College shield in memory of their visit.

Some of the Ascham pupils were allowed to watch the team practising and two members of the All Blacks, JT Fitzgerald and WA McCaw, were guests of honour at the boys' lunch at Ascham.

At a dinner hosted by the Eastbourne Corporation at the Cavendish Hotel, the All Blacks manager said 'the tourists had been struck by the beautiful town, the lovely setting of Eastbourne College (where they are training) and the hospitality of the people'.

The following year, the *Eastbournian* reproduced a letter from Norman Millard in which he thanked the school for a copy of the College magazine and said 'I was naturally interested in the pictures of the All Blacks in their training. The boy who took the photographs made a very good job of it'. The photographer was David Tillett (School 1950–55).

The other letter came from Rex Alston of the BBC Outside Broadcast Department who had filmed the training session. He thanked the school for the magazine and went on to say 'Pictures of oneself taken unawares are always amusing... I have added that particular one to my scrapbook in memory of a most interesting morning.'

The All Blacks returned to Eastbourne in 1963 but this time practised on the Eastbourne Grammar School fields at King's Drive. However, one College pupil managed to get their autographs which can be seen here.

# OBITUARIES

COMPILED BY PAUL JORDAN 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 120.

We have included a table listing Old Eastbournians mentioned in this section in chronological order of their year of leaving the College. The obituaries section itself (which also includes obituaries for others who are not OEs) is in alphabetical order of surname.

## OE's LISTED BY LEAVING YEAR

### OE's listed by leaving year

**1940** David Falkus (Powell 1939–40)

**1944** Derek Clayton (Pennell 1939–44)

**1945** Alan Hall (School 1942–45)

**1946** William Lloyd George  
(School 1941–46)

Peter Milton-Thompson  
(Blackwater 1940–46)

**1947** Blane Coulcher  
(Powell & Reeves 1946–47)

**1948** Peter Albrecht  
(Blackwater 1947–48)

**1949** Paddy Sandford-Johnson  
(Blackwater 1944–49)

**1950** John Busbridge (School 1945–50)

**1951** David Meirion Williams  
(Powell 1947–51)

Michael Partridge  
(Blackwater 1946–51)

Jeremy Thorp (School 1948–51)

Brian Tullis (Pennell 1946–51)

**1952** Gordon Crumley (Wargrave 1947–52)

Barry Templeman (School 1947–52)

**1953** David Houchin (Pennell 1949–53)

**1954** David Harry (Gonville 1950–54)

**1955** Robin Armstrong Brown  
(Wargrave 1951–55)

Tim Lord (Reeves 1952–55)

Philip Paine (Reeves 1951–55)

**1956** Brian Eley (Wargrave 1951–56)

Robert Langford (Gonville 1952–56)

John Paul (Wargrave 1950–56)

**1957** Richard Dorling (Reeves 1953–57)

Michael Emary (School 1953–57)

Carl Spencer (Powell 1955–57)

John Williams (Powell 1952–57)

**1958** John Hislop (Powell 1953–58)

**1959** Derek Connolly (Powell 1955–59)

Anthony Harris (School 1955–59)

John Wilmot (School 1954–59)

**1961** Alan Collis  
(Nugent & Pennell 1958–61)

Peter Strong (Gonville 1957–61)

**1962** Robert Gascoigne-Pees  
(Pennell 1958–62)

Richard Gwynne-Evans  
(School 1959–62)

Simon Templeman  
(Nugent & School 1958–62)

**1963** David Clark (Pennell 1959–63)

**1964** Timothy Moore (Pennell 1959–64)

**1965** Michael Cranwell (School 1961–65)  
Christopher Thomas  
(Wargrave 1960–65)

**1967** Malcolm Chapple  
(Nugent & Pennell 1963–67)

William Harper  
(Nugent & Wargrave 1962–67)

Peter Pearson (School 1963–67)

**1970** David Mockler  
(Nugent & School 1965–70)

**1971** Mark Foster (Wargrave 1969–71)

**1973** Nicolas Stephens (School 1969–73)

**1982** Richard Banister (Wargrave 1977–82)

**1983** Roy Bishop (Powell 1978–83)

**1987** Simon Evans (Blackwater 1982–87)

**1990** Che Aylward (Powell 1985–90)

**1994** Jamie Taylor (Craig 1989–94)

**2006** Lucian Townsend (Reeves 2001–06)

## OTHER OBITUARIES

John Crawshaw College governor 1981–2010

Jennie Harari  
Member of the Devonshire Society

Mary Ireland College governor 2020–23

Kitty James College staff 1963–90

Kenneth McAlpine College governor 1968–84

Roger Mills College staff 1961–62

Brian Wilson College staff 1973–76



**Peter Leffingwell Albrecht** (Blackwater 1947–48) died on 25 March 2021. He had been the OE USA rep since 1949, based initially in New York and later in Massachusetts until 2020. *The Newburyport News* carried the following obituary:

'Peter L. Albrecht, age 91, of Newburyport, former longtime resident of Cambridge, died peacefully at the Country Center Nursing Home in Newburyport, after a period of declining health. Three of his children were with him when he died. Born in New York City, on 4 March 1930, he was the son of the late Ralph G. Albrecht and Aillinn (Leffingwell) Albrecht. After receiving his Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School, Peter became a very successful lawyer with the Ropes and Gray Law Firm in Boston. Peter was grateful for a long healthy life, a loving family, his home and garden, an interesting career, and many loving friends. At 90 he was still going to the gym until it was closed down due to Covid.'

He came to the College as an American Exchange Scholar in 1947 and held fond memories of his arrival at Blackwater:

'A rather naïve and untravelled teenager lands in a country still recovering from the war, an extra mouth to feed in a society still subject to strict rationing, and is taken in and made to feel that he belonged there. I don't believe that the esprit of Blackwater was accidental... Blackwater was the welcoming home away from home that it was because of the tone set by the Underhills, and amplified and transmitted by the staff and the house prefects and senior boys. The College's greatest gift to me was teaching me... three unfamiliar games – rugby, fives and cricket – that as good as it may feel to win, the sheer joy of playing is incomparably better... The College did give me enough competence and more important, confidence, to play for one of the several teams the Boston RFC fielded when I was in my late 30s. I'll be grateful as long as I have breath to the College for that gift, which has enriched my life immeasurably.'

Peter is survived by his widow, Margaret; children, David, Matthew, Kate, Cynthia and Eugenie; along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His son Thomas predeceased him.



**Robin Armstrong Brown** (Wargrave 1951–55) died on 8 January 2022 aged 84.

We would like to thank Robin's widow, Diana, for the following tribute:

'Robin, like his father before him and his daughters after him, attended Eastbourne College. He came to Geneva, Switzerland, in 1962 to take up a position as physicist at the European Nuclear Research laboratory,

CERN. He worked there until his retirement in 1997 receiving in 1969 a PhD for his work. He met and married Diana shortly after arriving in Geneva and had two daughters, Susy and Mandy.

'Robin lived his life to the full. His work at CERN was absorbing and rather more than full time but he fitted in skiing in winter, sailing in summer, singing and playing his beloved guitar as well as performing in the Geneva Operatic Society. He loved Greece and learned Greek as well as French. In the 1970s he was seconded from CERN for a year at Demokritos, the Greek Centre for Scientific Research. He was a keen sailor and on retirement he and Diana set off in their steel hulled sailing yacht to sail the world. The adventure started well but had to be abandoned when Robin's health began to deteriorate.'

Robin is survived by his widow Diana and daughters Susy (Nugent 1984–86) and Mandy (Nugent 1986–88). Robin's father William Herbert Armstrong Brown also attended the College (Wargrave 1924–27).

While he was at the College, Robin won the Smallman Chemistry Prize in 1955 and attained the rank of petty officer in the CCF. He enjoyed music as well; a member of the Glee Club, the choir and the College orchestra, he also played in the CCF Corps of Drums. After leaving College, he continued his education at Brighton Technical College where he was awarded a degree in applied physics. Robin later wrote his memories of life as a boy living on a farm. *The Farmer's Boy* was published in 2011.

**Che Nigel Aylward** (Powell 1985–90) died in March 2023 aged 51. While at the College, Che played soccer and rugby. The 1990 *East-bournian* reported: '4th XV rugby... Che Aylward captained the side with his usual determination although he missed the last few weeks of the season following a nasty concussion when playing for the 3rd XV.' He also won the inter-house soccer competition in 1989 with Matthew Payne and David Pritchard. In the same year, the *Eastbournian* mentioned his talents as a singer and performer: 'Che Aylward was appointed head of choir performing well in two choral evensongs and three carol services. He has been involved in the visit to Chichester Cathedral and the various prep school visits.' He was a member of the Eastbourne Singers (formerly the Cornwall Singers) and was a silver drummer. Che also performed in Big School in *Mainly Music* and appeared in a production of *The Odd Couple* with his brother, Karl. They played the English sisters Gwendolyn and Cecily Pigeon who had an apartment in the same building as the main characters, Felix Ungar and Oscar Madison. 'It was an inspired piece of casting to use the Aylward brothers, Che and Karl. They looked and sounded just right and resisted the temptation to overplay.' As part of his gap year, he taught at his former prep school, St Bedes.

Che joined the army in 1997 and later attended Portsmouth University (2013–18) where he was awarded a BSc (Hons) degree in counter fraud and criminal justice studies. He also attended the Defence School of Languages and took diploma courses in Russian and Pashto (the language of Afghanistan). Che is survived by his widow Sarah and children, Charlotte, Edward, Isobelle and Oscar. His brother, **Karl**, was also at the College (Powell 1987–92).

**Richard William Banister** (Wargrave 1977–82) died on 23 March 2023 surrounded by his family after a five-month battle with sepsis. He was 59. We'd like to thank Richard's brother, **Charlie** (Wargrave 1988–93) for the following tribute.

'Richard loved his time at Eastbourne College, and often spoke fondly of his five years there. He particularly enjoyed his time in the CCF, and his tours abroad with them. This included one trip to West Germany and a helicopter excursion with the British Army flying at

low-level along the border, goading the East German soldiers on the other side of the wire as they went. Richard joined Eastbourne from Westerleigh School with **Adrian Collins** (Wargrave 1977–82) who remained a lifelong friend, and who delivered a reading at Richard's funeral. Following Eastbourne, Richard joined his father in the family business (military vehicle spares), before taking over the business himself in 2020. Richard leaves behind his wife of 20 years Nicole, his daughter Katie, and his grandson Ethan. A country boy at heart, Richard was never happier than when he was in a pub laughing with his family, his beloved golden-lab Meggy curled up at his feet.'



Roy attended the annual dinner in April at the Grand Hotel

**Major (Retd) Dr Roy Lennox Bishop** (Powell 1978–83) died on 22 August 2023 aged 58. We are grateful to Roy's nephew, Peter Candy, for the following tribute:

'My uncle Roy was born Roy Canute Bishop in Hastings, East Sussex, in 1965. As a boy, Roy enjoyed playing Monopoly and Campaign, interests in business and the army that he would later convert into full careers. He attended Westerleigh School in St Leonards-on-Sea, where he was made head boy, and then Eastbourne College.'

While at the school, Roy won both the Appleby Science Essay Prize and the Professor Soddy Chemistry Prize.

Peter continues: 'As a teenager Roy was an early enthusiast for computer technology, earning him the nickname 'Computer Roy'. When money was tight, he used to take holiday jobs and use the money to buy hardware from Argos, which he would then return for a refund before the trial period expired. At Eastbourne College Roy joined the CCF and later the Territorial Army battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was a keen rugby player, and at the end of his time at the school gained admission to St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, to read medicine. He used to recall how at his admission interview, to which he wore his TA uniform, he was asked if it was ever right to take a life, to which his response was "never for a doctor, though sometimes as a soldier."

'He completed his medical training in Scotland at Glasgow University, before joining the NHS as a junior then senior house officer, becoming a general practitioner. As a GP he worked in Stirling and on Benbecula in the Outer Hebrides, staying at Griminish. He used to recall driving an old Land Rover Defender to make house visits and needing to time his journeys over the causeways to avoid becoming trapped by the tide.

'In the late 1980s Roy decided to join the regular British army, training as an officer at Sandhurst. He was proud of his family's military heritage, joining a long line of Bishops who served in the British army in India and Afghanistan during the nineteenth century, and in two world wars. Roy served with the Queen's Own Highlanders in Northern Ireland, in Minden, Germany, and during the first Gulf War with 205 Field Hospital. While Roy was stationed in West Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall, he served as one of an international contingent of soldiers tasked with guarding the Nazi war criminal Rudolf Hess, at Spandau prison. By the time Roy left the army he had reached the rank of major.

'Roy left the army in the mid-1990s to marry his wife, Wendy, originally of Ohio. After first working at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington DC for a year, they set up house in Chico, northern California. His only daughter Meredith was born in 1998. In Chico, Roy set up his own private medical practice, the Argyll Medical Group. For the next quarter of a century Roy worked tirelessly to run and expand the business, employing many dozens of people and providing primary care for several tens of thousands of patients in the locality. At the same time, Roy never gave up his commitment to improving the health and wellbeing of the many patients whom he served as their personal physician. After a brief move to Texas, Roy moved back with his family to Chico where he continued to pursue his passion for equestrian pursuits, not least by riding and looking after his Trakehner, called Dash. ▶

'In 2015, Roy built a home at Craobh Haven, Argyll. There he enjoyed hosting his family, his several nieces and nephews, and visiting friends and family on the peninsula. He also very much enjoyed meeting up at the local pubs and cafes, including Lucy's, the Lord of the Isles, and the Galley of Lorne. Roy was above all a family man who cared deeply about tradition. He made annual visits to Denmark to stay in touch with his Danish relatives on his mother's side and delighted in visiting the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen. He spoke Danish throughout his life, most of all with his sister, Emma. In Scotland, he expressed his family tradition outwardly in his dress, routinely wearing kilts patterned in the regimental and Lennox tartans and insisting on wearing his Argylls rugby shirt on his transatlantic commutes. He was also an enthusiastic supporter of Scottish independence and took a keen interest in politics and current affairs.

'But for all of Roy's 'tartan mysticism' his passion was deeply rooted and felt. He was a benefactor of several local causes, including the Inveraray Highland games and the new Kilmartin Museum. All those who knew him will miss him greatly, most of all for the love, kindness, and generosity that he showed to those in his life. I am sure that all of us who knew Roy will miss his astonishing intellect, and the quality (and detail) of his conversation.'



**John Nigel Busbridge** (School 1945–50) died on 8 February 2023 aged 91. We are grateful to John's sister, Cherry Hopkins, for the following tribute:

'After Eastbourne, where he became head of school and made lifelong friendships with his contemporary **John Klyberg**, (Gonville 1945–50) later Bishop of Fulham, and Paul Hirst, later Professor of Education at Cambridge, who taught him in the sixth

form, John went up to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to read mathematics. After teaching posts at Durham School, Oundle School and Colfe's Grammar School, Lewisham, he taught for six years in Nigeria, where he co-authored a series of mathematical text books which became the standard text in Nigerian schools for many years, and which he subsequently adapted for Kenyan schools. On his return to the UK, he moved into training mathematics teachers and spent the greater part of his career at Moray House, Edinburgh, with periods of work in Kenya, Pakistan and Turkey.

'John was an accomplished cellist and had a prodigious knowledge of classical music and opera. He documented all the concerts he went to and all operas he saw – some 350 from 1950 until 2021 – in his neat handwriting with dates, names and pithy comments. He met his future wife Doreen, a professional violin teacher, on a chamber music course; they were very happily married for over 58 years until her death in 2019 and had three daughters and a son. Music was central to their lives; their cello and violin accompanied them wherever they travelled, and opened doors to many friendships. Although they enjoyed the musical life of Edinburgh, they found the dark and cold winters less congenial, and retired to the Cotswolds, where they became busier than ever with their involvement in the U3A; Doreen founded and directed a popular choir, and John led study groups in art, opera and poetry appreciation. He also enjoyed hillwalking; he climbed many Munros in Scotland and Wainwrights in the Lake District, and in retirement led local walks and rambles in the Cotswold hills and beyond. He was closely involved with the village church, serving on the PCC and frequently reading lessons or leading intercessions. Tributes at his funeral described him as 'kind, thoughtful, generous, a gentleman, a wonderful friend, a legend'. He is survived by his four children.

While at the College, John belonged to a number of societies including the Shakespeare Society in which he appeared in a production of *Two Gentlemen of Verona* in 1950. The *Eastbournian* reported:

'Chief praise, however, must go to Busbridge for making 1st Bandit by far the most memorable character in the play. Since in reading a play all acting is reduced to the voice, the introduction of more accents and dialects will widen the scope of the reading enormously. Thanks are due to Busbridge for a break from the Oxford accent... It was in the comic scenes, however, that the play rose to its heights. Busbridge

produced two very different accents for Pistol and Gower.'

He was also hon sec of the Gramophone Society, which in 1951 had 'been going, in its present form, for just over a year, and, thanks to the past work of J N Busbridge and A J D Peck, is now firmly established as a part of the school's life.' As a member of the Musical Society (also hon sec) in the same year, he played a cello solo in the chapel and at the end of term concert played the 1st Movement of Brahms E minor Cello and Piano Sonata. He also won the Nicholson Instrumental Prize in 1948. Other societies included the Literary and Astronomical societies, for both of which he was hon sec. He also took part in a spoof debate in 'Parliament' when due to '(a) structural alterations, (b) Communist outrages, (c) Conservative sabotage' at Westminster, Parliament had to move to Big School. John appeared as the Speaker:

'Wing Cmdr the Rt Hon J N Busbridge, CBE, DSO, glittering with miniatures... preceded by the two Clerks of the House, J T Salusbury, R Carter, all three resplendent in wig and gown, made a dignified entry at 7.15.' The reason he was given the 'rank' of Wing Cmdr was that in 1950 he had been awarded the rank of Flight Sergeant in RAF section the CCF. In the same year he went to the USA as part of an air cadet exchange visit. Academically, he won the HMS *Marlborough* Senior Mathematics and Margetson English Essay Prizes. In sport, he rowed for the Eastbourne College Boat Club and was awarded his 2nd IV colours in 1950.

**James Malcolm Dundas Chapple** (Nugent & Pennell 1963–67) died on 1 August 2023 aged 73. We'd like to thank **Hugh Ellison** (Gonville 1962–67) for his help in compiling Malcolm's tribute.

'Sport was one of his great loves, not only the taking part and the competition, but also of course the winning. He suffered polio when he was 18 months old and lost all use of his right arm. I first met Malcolm at school when we were both 13 and in all the years since I have never once heard him mention and or complain about his polio... He got on with life.

'At school, rugby was the game and Malcolm represented Eastbourne College, and his house Pennell; inter house matches were fought as ferociously as school matches; Pennell matches against Gonville were difficult for Pennell as Gonville were the sporty house, despite my attendance there. But Pennell won on one particular day, and Malcolm reminded me of Pennell's victory for the next 50 years ad infinitum. Another love of Malcolm's was Rosslyn Park Rugby Club whom Malcolm played for and captained Rosslyn Park Roebucks. **Tony Thompson** (Pennell 1962–66) played against Malcolm and on one occasion Malc's version was that he had run over Tony's defensive tackle whereas Tony's memory was that Malcolm had 'mullered' him to stop him scoring. Either way Malc came out on top.'

On leaving school Malcolm did a pupil exchange and went to the USA where he delivered a car across to the west coast and travelled on Route 66.

A sandwich course in engineering and an apprenticeship in development engineering followed but he decided on law and was called to the Bar in 1975. One of Malcolm's famous legal cases involved the Patent Office in Bouverie Street, London, where an application to revoke French Connection Group's FCUK trademark was pending because it was claimed it was contrary to accepted public morality.

Malcolm was also engaged in charity work and in 1986 was appointed a governor of the Royal Star and Garter Charity (providing care for military veterans and their partners who live with disability or dementia). He served the charity for 33 years.

While he was at the College, he was school prefect and head of house. Aside from rugby, Malcolm also won his 2nd colours in swimming and cross country. He also gained his gliding certificate in the RAF section of the CCF. He is survived by his daughters Kristina and Annika. His wife, Hilde, predeceased him.

**David Ross Clark** (Ascham 1954–59; Pennell 1959–63) died on 26 June 2021 aged 75. While at Ascham in October 1956, David reported back about a trip to Eastbourne Town Hall for the official opening of Eastbourne's Junior Book Week. The boys listened to an illustrated talk by author and traveller, Miss Beryl Miles, entitled 'Islands of Contrast'.

'After a speech by the Chairman, the Mayor talked to us about

the advantages of books: of getting into a habit of settling down and reading books early in life: also on the good average of book readers in Eastbourne. He then declared the Book Week open. Miss Miles then gave us a lecture of her experiences in New Zealand, with colour slides to follow, and both gave us a much sounder idea of New Zealand than we had before. A vote of thanks was given to the Mayor and Miss Miles and then the meeting closed. We enjoyed the afternoon very much.'

He was also a sub-editor of the *Eastbournian* at the College and in 1961 appeared in a school production of Agatha Christie's play, *The Spider's Web*. David later won an open exhibition in modern languages to Christ Church, Oxford. He is survived by his widow Sarah; children, Ruth, Matthew and Edward; grandchildren, Moss and Sam and sister, Harriett.



**Derek William Clayton** (Pennell 1939–44) died on 8 September 2023 aged 97. Described as a visionary botanist, Derek worked for over 50 years at Kew Gardens and catalogued the world's grasses. But nothing in Derek's College valetage gave any indication of the career he would later pursue. He played in the 1st XV, was editor of the *Eastbournian* and was a corporal in the Home Guard when the College was at

Radley (the College and Radley had their own Home Guard unit made up of pupils from both schools). Derek later said:

'At Eastbourne the status of classical scholar was a millstone around my neck, but I eventually managed to talk my way out of it, though it is ironic that I am probably the only member of that class who reads and publishes in Latin, albeit botanical dog-Latin. However, I only got as far as mathematics, biology being vetoed as a step too far.'

His brother **Geoffrey** (School 1943–47) recalls Derek's time at Radley: 'One day Derek turned a somersault and on landing knocked his front teeth out on his knees. When he had revived sister, who had fainted at the sight, the dentist was called and advised to keep the teeth warm and moist and he would reimplant them. Sister was horrified when D stuck them in his mouth where it was both warm, moist and at home while cycling to the dentist in Abingdon where they were stuck back into his jaw. She had favoured wrapping them in cotton wool.'

Derek read engineering at Cambridge University, which he hated and left after a year (he really wanted to do botany). While there, inspired by the book *Night Climbers of Cambridge*, he formed The Cats Whiskers Club, of which he was chief cat. With a few friends, they set about climbing the buildings and bridges of Cambridge by night, armed with ropes. They recorded their exploits in a log book, which also contained an article about him in a journal called *The Mole* which apparently was his nickname at the time.

Following national service, he took up botany and spent a year at Norwood College, where he began to specialise in grass identification. Then followed three years at Imperial College, London, where he obtained a first in botany. A Colonial Ecological Scholarship took him to Lincoln College, Oxford, for a year, then another year at the East African Research and Forestry Organisation, travelling in Kenya, Uganda and Malawi.

He then worked for four years as an ecologist at the Federal Agricultural Research Station at Ibadan in Nigeria. The *Eastbournian* reported that 'He thoroughly enjoys the country and the people and is very willing to help OEs who may be going out there for the first time'. He returned to the UK and joined the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where he concentrated on giving an account of the grasses of tropical west Africa. For half a century, he led a small team which researched grasses everywhere from tropical Africa to Australia, South America, the Indian subcontinent, the Middle East and the Pacific. Derek was appointed head of the grass section at Kew in 1958 and decided to use the collection of dried grass specimens to review the classification of the grass family as a whole.

He went on to produce a book in 1986, *Genera Graminum*, co-written with his fellow Kew botanist SA Renvoise, which remains the

standard work. The book paved the way for his next monumental task: to collect descriptive information for all grass species in the world, in excess of 11,000 species, on an electronic database, which he realised would be the future of taxonomy. It took him 10 years but in 2000 it was launched as GrassBase. Derek returned to Kew to work on GrassBase regularly throughout his retirement, ceasing only in 2017, at the age of 91.

According to his son, **Colin** (Pennell 1973–76), Derek 'was an academic and loved his work – he was always working and considered his work very important. He enjoyed learning, and liked the challenge of learning new languages, which in later life was a computer language. Before that it was Russian and Chinese. He didn't like small chit chat, and would much rather have an in-depth conversation about many things in life.'

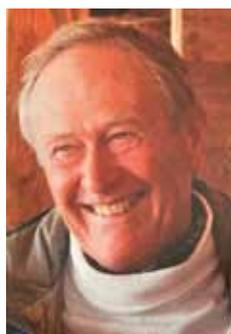
He is survived by his children, Colin, two daughters and brother, **Geoffrey** (School 1943–47). His wife, Lucille and brother **Ian** (Geoffrey's twin) (Pennell 1943–46) predeceased him.

Geoff spoke at Derek's funeral:

'An admired elder brother who thought nothing of building a high pile of packing cases in the garden and climbing to the top; of being an intrepid wing forward; of leadership; of coaching me in matters academic; of easing our way through school life; of many stories of your prowess as a child. Your pedestal must have wobbled somewhat with the arrival of not one but a whole litter of baby brothers when you were a three-year-old man of the world. Three years is a lifetime in early days. Twins have each other. You were alone blazing the trail. Coming home after national service in Austria as a Royal Engineer you were able at last to take up the study of biology, something you had longed to do for many a year. The rest is history. You have made a difference. Ian joins me in saying a last goodbye to you, our cherished Big Brother.'

Derek had requested no flowers at his funeral, 'just grass'.

**Alan Edward Collis** (Nugent 1958–59; Pennell 1959–61) died in Kenya in December 2022. He enjoyed cricket and cross country at the College; he initially played for the Erratics (3rd XI) cricket team and joined the 1st XI in 1961. In the same year, he was vice-captain of cross country and also won the senior steeplechase house cup. Alan was in the choir and a cadet lance corporal in CCF (RAF section). We hope to include a full tribute in our next edition.



**Derek John Connolly** (Ascham 1949–55; Powell 1955–59) died at home peacefully in Arlington, East Sussex, on 2 October 2023 aged 81 years. The following has been submitted by his daughter Sofia Connolly:

Derek passed away quietly, surrounded by his children, after suffering from heart failure and Alzheimer's disease.

Derek was born in 1942 in Norton St Philip in Somerset, while his father was based in Bath during the war. The family returned to Eastbourne, where Derek grew up living at

10 Mill Road, in a house designed by his father Herbert Connolly, who went on to become Eastbourne Borough Architect. Derek attended Ascham, before getting a scholarship to Eastbourne College, where he attended as a day pupil in Powell House. Derek loved many aspects of his time at the College, but his proudest achievement was playing in the 1st XI cricket team along with many of his lifelong friends. His father Herbert used to walk over to the school from work to watch him play, often standing beyond the school wall, out of sight, to watch the match. Derek enjoyed cricket throughout his life, and keenly watched his grandchildren play the game too. He would often joke that he would rather have scored a century for England at Lord's, than be Governor of the Bank of England. Unfortunately, he would add, he had done neither! ▶



**Derek in the 1959 1st XI**

The college archivist has added that Derek excelled in a number of sports at the College. As well as cricket, in 1956 he won the Arnold Boxing Cup and in 1959 he was playing in both the 1st XI hockey and 1st XV rugby teams. He won the John Ellis Junior Biography and L G Chater Senior French Prizes and was awarded both the Junior Lanyard of Honour and Special Lanyard of Honour in the CCF where he was a leading seaman in the Royal Naval section.

The archivist has also found Derek's recorded impressions of an Ascham trip to France (staying in Pontoise) in 1955, which I think must have been his first trip abroad. The comments foretell a love for France and travel that stayed with him for the rest of his life.

After returning from the trip Derek wrote: 'For the complete trip only one impression could possibly exist – an impression of absolute top class. For indeed top class it was: the kind, hospitable French people, the wonderful School St. Martin, the glorious weather, the lovely city of Paris, and last but not least the superb French food, all these undoubtedly will linger in our memories for a very long time... But the greatest thrill of all was on the day when we went in style by luxury coach to Paris and ascended the Eiffel Tower, to gaze at a view beyond words and to follow the flight of tiny paper darts as they nose-dived into the Seine... And as we steamed out of Dieppe harbour on that last day of our most enjoyable stay, even though we were returning to England and to our own homes, there was an atmosphere of sadness over the party.'

Derek felt a great bond with Eastbourne College throughout his life, and gained confidence from the knowledge and skills learned, and deep friendships made. He was very proud of the school, and briefly considered sending his daughters when girls were first admitted as pupils (we did not attend as we did not want to board!).

Derek loved the location of the school, in his beloved hometown. He told his children and grandchildren about cross-country school runs up and down the Downs, and fun times spent by the sea. During summers in Eastbourne, he had jobs on the buses, and worked renting out deck chairs. His parents remained in Mill Road for the rest of their lives, and Derek was always a frequent visitor to Eastbourne.

After leaving the College, Derek went to Durham University, from 1960–63, where he was awarded a BA in economics, with subsidiaries in law and accountancy. A keen linguist too, Derek continued his German studies, also taking up Danish. It was through the Scandinavian Studies department that he met his future wife Yvonne, who was an exchange student from Gothenburg University. They married in Sweden in 1965, with his family in attendance from Eastbourne. Together, they went on to have three daughters, Nicole, Sofia and Christina.

Derek qualified as a chartered accountant in 1966 and worked from 1963–67 for the chartered accountant firm Hallett, Laughlin, Clarke & Co in London. In 1967 he joined a market research organisation in London called Attwood Group of Companies, as a financial analyst and assistant to the group finance director.

From 1968–70 Derek studied at the University of Chicago Business School, where he was awarded his MBA, supported by Yvonne who worked at the University law faculty. They lived in Chicago's South Side and found the political and cultural changes happening at that time in America to be exhilarating. Upon leaving Chicago, they travelled widely across the USA, having sent their 18-month-old daughter to stay with grandparents in Sweden!

The MBA and US experience led to Derek joining the merchant bank Hill Samuel & Co Ltd, working first in London and then in the New York office serving as a director from 1970–84. Derek loved living in Manhattan's Upper East Side with this family during this time, and he remained a frequent visitor to America throughout the rest of his life, mainly to New England. Working life was intense, but Derek enjoyed his exposure to international markets, and travel. He was deeply involved with his work, serving as president of Hill Samuel Inc from 1977–79. Upon returning to London with Hill Samuel in 1979, Derek was appointed a director of the bank within the Corporate Services Division. In 1984, he joined Brown Shipley & Co Limited as director and head of corporate finance, where he worked until 1992. His life was centred around work, family and his sports (tennis, squash, golf and skiing) and Derek was an active member of the Roehampton

## Michael Cranwell



**Michael Philip Cranwell** (School 1961–65) died on 25 July 2023 aged 75. Michael, known as 'Mick' to many, enjoyed a fulfilling and successful career as a veterinarian. He was also a family man, leaving behind his wife Julie, and three daughters. We are grateful to his youngest daughter, Rowan, for the following insights into his life.

Raised in Claygate in Surrey, Mick was an articulate and bright young man. As a child he had a clear love of nature and enjoyed going off searching

for butterflies and other creatures, something which remained an interest throughout his life. He proactively took part in butterfly conservation where possible and fulfilled his interest in nature through his work as a veterinary surgeon which took him all over the world, and through his fondness of going for long hikes in vast outdoor spaces; in particular, Dartmoor and northern Scotland.

One of Mick's childhood friends recalled that he 'never changed from being the same robust, genial, interesting lad who became my best friend all those years ago', and as his family note, that was Mick to a tee. 'Dad was Interested in everything, and interesting to everyone'. You could learn a great deal from Mick regardless of whether it was through knowing him professionally or personally. He had an extraordinarily vast knowledge, and Rowan is keen to emphasise that this remained with him until his passing.

Indeed the passing of Mick has left a gap for many, evident by the extraordinary attendance at both his church and crematorium services, and in the sharing of memories during his wake at the local farm afterwards.

Part of his journey into his profession began while at the College (which he joined with the aid of an exhibition) where he was able to grow in the sciences and continue on to his studies at Queen's College, Cambridge. While at Eastbourne Mick was a house prefect, played in the 2nd XV, and was hon sec of the Science Society. He was also an under officer in the CCF Cadet Force and a winner of the Raybould Cup.

The following tribute was compiled by Andrew Holliman and colleagues, farmers, friends and family. The full version can be read in the *Vet Record* dated 7–14 October 2023.

'He made an outstanding contribution to veterinary science, particularly in the field of bovine medicine. He was generous with

Club and the MCC. From 1989 he was also a non-executive director of the Eastbourne Water Company.

A short time after leaving Brown Shipley, Derek decided to put his financial career behind him to enjoy a more leisurely life, living full-time in Charente Maritime in France, with his second wife. A fluent French speaker, Derek enjoyed his garden and the many charms of the region and hosting many visits from friends and family. He also had extended visits to India, and enjoyed reading widely and living a very social, early retirement. He loved the freedom, the weather and beauty of France, which as we know from his 1955 Ascham trip, he found to be top class!

In approximately 2005, however, he reluctantly left France, and then settled permanently in the village of Arlington, East Sussex. From there, he was able to actively reconnect with the College, where he frequently attended lunches and functions and followed with interest the school's development goals, and in particular, the Birley Centre. An avid reader of this publication, Derek took great interest in Old Eastbournian news. Derek had a deep respect for Eastbourne College, and the friendships and opportunities it gave him as a pupil, and also in life. Derek was an Arnold Embellisher and a member of the Devonshire Society.

Derek's funeral service was held at St Michael and All Angels Church in Berwick on 23 October 2023, and was attended by many friends from Ascham, and throughout the many full and varied chap-

his time and knowledge, and was always willing to share. He has been described as a shining light, brightening the day of those around him, approachable, blessed with a dry wit and a legendary laugh, and with a prodigious knowledge on a wide range of subjects, including the natural world, geology, history, politics and foreign languages, including French in which he was fluent. He was also a keen amateur radio user and passed a number of Morse code exams, achieving impressive times.

'From an early age his love of nature and the outdoor world was evident and his particular interest in butterflies continued throughout his life. In 1966 he matriculated into Queens' College, Cambridge, where he studied veterinary medicine and gained experience abroad. After his first year Mick worked on a ranch in Australia, cattle herding on horseback. He also took up rowing while at Queens and captained the boat in 1967 and 1968 and rowed in the third boat during Lent Bumps. He proudly kept the oars at home as a memento.

'Mick qualified in 1972 and started work in mixed practice, first in Wool, Dorset, and then Lincoln, before moving to Guelph, Canada, in 1976, where he gained a diploma in large animal surgery (equine). In 1977, he went to Bermuda for a year, where he worked in small animal practice with Bob Steel. His time in general practice was to end with two years in Bridport, Dorset.

'He then embarked on a complete change of direction, joining the Veterinary Investigation Centre (VIC) in Carmarthen in 1981. Mick exemplified the role of a veterinary investigation officer – enthusiasm backed up by a first-class, inquiring, scientific mind and a kind, helpful nature. Mick transferred to Starcross VIC in 1982 and this is where he was to spend 32 years before his retirement in 2014 at the age of 66. It was here that Mick met Julie, who worked in the laboratory at the time. By all accounts it was love at first sight and they were married at Newton Abbot Register Office in 1987.

'Accompanying Mick on a farm visit from the centre was always a delight. He revelled in the chance to pass on his skills – thorough data collection, farmer interrogation and epidemiological work up. Such visits invariably included a pub lunch and Mick's knowledge of the local ale houses was legendary. He had a friend in every veterinary practice in Devon and many relied heavily on his extensive local disease knowledge. He placed great emphasis on fostering good relations between government vets and those in private practice and regularly attended the Western Counties Veterinary Association meetings where he sat on the council and served as president. It was at Starcross where Mick's national and international reputation in the field of bovine medicine flourished. He published widely in the form of letters, short communications and scientific papers. He gave innumerable presentations at conferences in the UK and abroad and

was as happy in front of a group of farmers in the local pub as he was presenting to audiences of hundreds. He particularly enjoyed the informal atmosphere of the Association of Veterinary Teachers and Research Workers conference in Scarborough. He was an active member of the AHVLA (now APHA) Cattle Expert Group and a disease consultant for bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD), Johne's disease and tickborne diseases. Mick was instrumental in the validation and adoption of serological testing as a control tool for Johne's disease. His passionate interest in, and understanding of, both Johne's disease and BVD were in great demand and many lifelong collaborations were forged in the UK and overseas.

'One of Mick's most notable achievements was helping to elucidate the epidemiology of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The resulting publication in 1988, co-authored with John Wilesmith, has been cited by 998 subsequent papers. During the early days of BSE Mick attended many practitioner meetings in the south west, helping to explain the disease and its various clinical manifestations to local practitioners.

'A proud family man, Mick thoroughly enjoyed passing on his knowledge of the world to his daughters, often when walking at weekends in his favourite haunts, sat around the table for dinner, or on family holidays. The Isles of Scilly were a regular destination for holidays and it was here that Mick became beguiled by sea shanty music. Having a fine voice, he and a few friends set up a local sea shanty group, known as the Back Beach Boyz, in Teignmouth, Devon. Life in Devon rekindled his love of rowing, and he enthusiastically took up pilot gig rowing. Mick and his family raced at the World Pilot Gig Championships on the Isles of Scilly, representing the River Teign Rowing Club. Walking was another of Mick's passions and, in addition to local walks with his family, he enjoyed long walks in Scotland and Wales, often with friends, but many of Mick's treks, particularly throughout Europe, were taken solo. After retiring, he joined a small group of retired vets on jaunts around Devon, keeping them entertained with his knowledge of the local natural history, geology and much more. Having studied for an Open University degree in geology, he relished the opportunity to explore and teach others about the subject. He took special delight in recounting geological field trips to the west of Scotland, an area dear to his heart. Thankfully Mick's love of the outdoors, his exceptional mind and his varied interests continued with him long into retirement.'

In summary and, taken from the eulogy delivered by his daughter during his farewell service, the world has lost an incredible mind, a human Google, and a wonderful, funny, dependable man who was the most steady ship in any water. He is enormously missed and a huge void has been left. Rest peacefully, Mick.

ters of his life. A witty, kind and talented man, Derek will be deeply missed by his sister Jean, his three children, seven grandchildren, relatives, friends, and partner Angela.

In the last few months of his life, my sisters and I were able to take him for drives around Eastbourne, and he took great pleasure in us pulling up the car on Grange Road to admire the school's handsome facade, and his beloved Powell House. Despite his dementia, Derek had many vivid memories, and this brought them alive. Like his father before him, Derek enjoyed proudly looking over the wall of the school, to survey the glorious College Field. His school day memories and experiences were very important to him, and I am sure he would want me to take this opportunity to thank everyone who knew him through Eastbourne College, and to wish them onward good fortune.

**Blane Anthony Coulcher** (Ascham 1946; Powell 1946; Reeves 1947) died on 17 February 2023, aged 90, in Victoria, British Columbia. The *Times Colonist* published the following tribute:

'He was born in Shanghai, China, in 1932 and moved to Victoria when he was seven. [He returned to the UK to attend Ascham and the College from 1946–47]. He graduated from Oak Bay High and went on to the University of British Columbia and then obtained his master's degree in climatology from McGill University. His subsequent career as a meteorologist took him to many places including Frobisher

Bay, Churchill, Manitoba and Alberta. He went on to teach at Douglas College in Vancouver before retiring to Victoria in 1985 where he became a local fixture as the often contrarian weather forecaster for CFX [radio station in Victoria], widely known as No Rain Blane!'

He is survived by his brother **Patrick** (Reeves 1950–54), his nephew **Blane** (Blackwater 1977–81) and niece, **Jane** (Nugent 1981–83); also sister Susan and stepdaughter, Tamsin. His wife, Trisha, predeceased him.



**John Crawshaw** died on 20 May 2023 aged 89. John was a College governor for nearly 30 years from 1981 to 2010 where one of his responsibilities was as staff liaison officer, and many staff were grateful for his wise advice and sympathetic ear. At the same time, he was director of the company which ran the College business interests such as the external lets. He also represented the College on the governing body of St Andrew's Prep. He often worked quietly behind the scenes, using his network of local contacts for the benefit of the College.

In the 1970s, he was founder-chairman of the Eastbourne and District Vocational Information Service (EDVIS) which facilitated local schools talking to local employers. Having successfully held an ►

EDVIS careers event in Big School, he later asked David Winn (School 1954–59), who at the time was chairman of the Old Eastbournian Association, if the OEA could be involved along with the then master-in-charge of careers the Revd Cliff Comyns. Out of this was born what is now the very successful annual Futures Convention.

Among other hands-on projects was the re-introduction of the Cornflower Ball as a College fundraiser which he and his wife Fi undertook, as well as organising and selling picnics on Speech Day to raise funds to buy new robes for the College Choir.

He was a business advisor for The Prince's Trust, and it was his passion for exploring ways to support young musicians that meant, for more than 20 years, he was also chairman of the Eastbourne Music and Arts Festival. Very involved with local music-making, John was a founding trustee and chairman of the Norah Sande Award Scheme (which is now in its 18th year), a competition for young pianists. The winner plays a concerto with the Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra (ESO) which was founded by College staff members and other local people in 1980, and of which John was the first president. He had, until very recently and from the early 1970s, sung in every College choral concert which later became part of the ESO's annual programme.

John's professional life was as a board director of Church Shoes with responsibility for the group's 120 retail outlets which included Jones Bootmaker. He wrote the history of Church Shoes and had a regular column in *Shoe and Leather News*. John is survived by his widow, Fi; children, **Vicky Henley** (Nugent 1975–77), a long-standing College governor, **Steven** (Craig 1974–79); son-in-law, **Ian Henley** (Gonville 1970–76) and five grandchildren including **Charlotte** (Nugent 2005–07) and **Rowena** (Nugent 2010–12).

**William Gordon Anderson Crumley** (Wargrave 1947–52) died on 25 September 2023 aged 90. Gordon was head of school. In 1951, he was awarded his rugby stag and was captain of golf. The following year he won his 1st XI colours and from 1951 to 1952 was the editor of the *Eastbournian*. He was also a member of the College sailing club.

He appeared on stage as Sir Toby Belch in the College production of *Twelfth Night* and in the 1951 report of the Shakespeare Society it was stated that he 'dealt well with the low comedy.' Gordon was a member of the Archaeological Society and in one meeting, spoke on the development of Greek vase painting. In 1949, he and a party from the College visited Pontoise in France. The *Eastbournian* reported that: 'After the classes we had an hour to spend till lunch. Hardwicke and Crumley were seen to rush off to the nearest cake-shop to revive themselves after their violent mental exertion... Hardwicke, Crumley and Fisher could be seen feasting on the riverbank... During the hour's wait at Paris [on their return to the UK], Mighell, Fisher and Crumley went off to spend their last francs and came back with

mysterious bottles of evil-smelling liqueur as a prophylactic against a rough crossing.'

Gordon remembered his College days fondly: 'The learning absorbed from five happy years in a wide variety of activities soon became part of me, only occasionally rising from the self-conscious to remind me of a debt owed to the College.'

**Richard Lionel Dorling** (Ascham 1947–53; Reeves 1953–57) died in Vancouver, Canada, on 15 November 2021 aged 81. Our thanks go to **Allan Mornement** (Gonville 1955–61) for the following information:

Richard was born in Eastbourne on 1 February 1940, and attended the College preparatory school, Ascham, before coming on to the College where he gained his Stag in 1956, 1st shooting colours in 1957, and his 2nd athletics strings in 1957. He was a house prefect in the same year. On leaving the College Richard completed a degree in engineering at King's College, London, and was a member of the University of London 1st XV Rugby Club 1961 to 1962, and of the King's College Alpine Club. After graduating he served an engineering apprenticeship at Stewarts and Lloyds' steel plant at Corby, Northamptonshire, and much of his spare time was spent in Snowdonia, where he confirmed his ability as a climber with an ascent of Cenotaph Corner on Dinas Y Gromlech, considered a rock climber's benchmark at that time.

Richard left Stewarts and Lloyds for Canada where he met and married Sylvia, his wife for 55 years, maintaining his enthusiasm for both rugby and rock-climbing. From 1967–88 he was president and chief engineer for the Trueline Valve Company Ltd, where he was responsible for the development of a range of industrial valves supplying the oil and gas, petrochemical, pulp and paper and other industries. On his retirement he involved himself with building renovation in the Vancouver area, working for the Rocky Mountain Slinger Company.

Richard is survived by his widow, Sylvia; son, Matthew, and four grandchildren. His son William, pre-deceased him in 2016.

**Brian Eley** (Wargrave 1951–56) died on 31 January 2023 aged 84. Brian was head of school and was awarded his rugby stag in 1955. A year later, the *Eastbournian* reported on the 1st XV achievements: 'In the second row B Eley was a tower of strength and energy, and was perhaps the most consistently hard worker of all. His line-out play improved later in the term, and on occasion he showed a remarkable turn of speed which may indicate that his true position is at Number 8.' He was also selected to play for Middlesex County Schoolboys' side. Brian excelled in swimming too, gaining his 1st colours in 1955 and took part in an open boxing tournament in the same year. He was also the hon sec of both swimming and football.

After leaving the College, Brian briefly joined the teaching staff at Ascham. Following his departure, he attended Eaton Hall (an officer

## Michael Emary



**Cdr Michael Francis Goodenough Emary RN** (Ascham 1947–53; School 1953–57) died on 9 April 2023 aged 83.

Mike's career in the Royal Navy could be said to have begun at the College where he attained the rank of petty officer in the Royal Navy section of the CCF and was awarded the Lanyard of Honour. On leaving the school, he joined the Royal Navy aged 17 and by 1965 the *Eastbournian* was reporting that he 'is second-in-command of a mine-sweeper based in Hong Kong. Has been on several trips to Borneo and recently had the honour of carrying the White Ensign at the Queen's Birthday Parade when over a thousand troops of all three services were on parade.'

He also served in the Ton class minesweeper HMS *Lanton* and the diving trials vessel HMS *Reclaim* before qualifying as an MCDO

(Mine Clearing Diving Officer) at HMS *Vernon* in early 1969. Mike went on to command the Ton class minesweeper *Repton* and BRNC Dartmouth's navigational training ship *Walkerton* and serve at AUWE Portland and HMS *Vernon* before being appointed as the 1st Lt of the Tribal class frigate HMS *Nubian*. He then served in a variety of appointments including HMS *Cochrane*, the Directorate of Operational Requirements (Sea) where he was responsible for procuring new mine warfare and diving kit, NATO's AFSOUTH (Allied Forces Southern Europe) in Naples, CINCFLEET at Northwood, MOD Bath and NATO's SACLANT (Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic) in Norfolk, Virginia, before leaving the Royal Navy in 1999.

He pursued a second career for many years as a volunteer with the Royal British Legion and the Officers' Association, catering for the welfare needs of veterans. He was also the East Sussex county field officer for the British Legion.

During his time at Ascham, he was vice-captain of boxing and was described as 'a good boxer with plenty of fighting spirit.'

Mike is survived by his widow Judy and children **Simon** (Ascham 1972–75; School 1975–80) and **Sally Anne** (Nugent 1981–83). He was an Arnold Embellisher.

cadet training school) and in 1957 received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Marines (he had been in the Royal Marines section of the CCF while at the College). Brian later served with the MG platoon of 40 Commando in Cyprus. He then joined the Hong Kong Police. According to the *Eastbournian* OE news in 1962:

'Eley, B. (W. '51), joined the Hong Kong Police in June, 1959, and has been ADC to the Governor for the last fourteen months. Brian also sends many thanks to the Chaplain and the School for sending the collection at the Carol Service to relief work in Hong Kong. Eley says the great number of refugees "desperately need rehabilitation and something on which to start their lives anew".'

Brian is survived by his widow, Rita and his children Jonathan and Clare. His son, Brian, predeceased him.

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**Simon Evans** (Blackwater 1982–87) died in 2023, aged 54. Although he played in the 2nd XV rugby, swimming was the sport in which he excelled. He was captain of swimming and won the Senior Victor Ludorum. The 1986 *Eastbournian* reported: 'Our Senior team was stronger than last year... The workhorse of the team was undoubtedly Simon Evans who set a fine example in the pool by his 100% training and dedication. He swam exceedingly well in the long distance events, 100m freestyle, 100m backstroke and 4 x 25m individual medley. He will make an excellent captain of swimming next year.' He also played water polo for the U14 and U15 teams. 'Under the leadership of Simon Evans, the house's water polo teams proved to be tough opposition. The senior team were unbeaten during the summer term, while the juniors lost only in a hard-fought final. Prospects look promising for next year too, with all but two of the victorious senior team available for selection.' Simon won his stag for swimming, as well as the Senior Victor Ludorum. He was head of school and won the economics effort prize.



**David Hubert Falkus** (Powell 1939–40) died on 12 March 2020 aged 94. David attended St Cyprian's (now the site of the Memorial Ground) and joined the College in 1939. The following year he was evacuated with the school to Radley and went on to attend King's College, Wimbledon, and Frensham Heights at Farnham, Surrey. David studied at Peterhouse College, Cambridge, and later in his career became a director of Billing and Sons Ltd, the Bible printers of Guildford. In 1969, the *Surrey Advertiser* wrote an article about David's latest business venture, Budget Video Systems:

'...he aims to sell video equipment in Southern England, to hire out such equipment and closed circuit television equipment... and to use the demonstration where needed in the service of the community and in particular, in churches of all denominations... Mr Falkus sees the main users of videos as schools, technical colleges and industry... It could also be used for videotaping special occasions and for sporting and theatrical events.' His wife, June, died in 2001. He is survived by his children.



**Mark Shaun Foster** (Wargrave 1969–71) died on 18 March 2023 aged 70. Mark was the head of what was very much a College family. His wife **Elizabeth** (née James) (Nugent 1969–70) took part in the school's early days of co-education, when sixth form girls who were based at Moira House had their A-level lessons at the College. Mark joined Wargrave in the sixth form, having been convinced that

the College was the right choice after seeing a picture of two pupils – a boy and a girl – on the cover of the *Eastbournian* magazine. All of their five children attended St Andrew's, and four of them came on to the College.

Mark was born in Hull on 16 August 1952, but the family soon moved to London, where his father Noel worked in the paper industry. This led to a move to Colombia in South America, where Noel's expertise was sought in helping to develop paper-making there. Mark

attended the international school Colegio Bolivar, but it was on the streets of Cali, playing with local children, that he learned to speak Spanish fluently.

He initially attended boarding school in Kent but had to move to another school where he could take his A-levels. As well as the picture on the cover of the *Eastbournian*, the other thing that interested Mark was the fact that the College played rugby. Sport was one of his many interests and, as well as playing for the 1st XV, he was a member of the basketball team and gained his second colours in athletics, putting the shot. In 1971, Mark was mentioned in a 1st XV *Eastbournian* report as one of two boys who 'were also rather short and light for locks, but both were gluttons for work, and were at their best when running and passing in open play, and we were seldom pushed in the tight scrummages. Though they were often out-jumped by "tappers-back" in the lineouts, they usually managed to make a number of clean catches.'

On leaving the College Mark wanted to join the RAF as a pilot but failed the medical because of an issue with his eyesight. Instead he went to the University of Edinburgh where he read business studies. His future wife Elizabeth was also in Edinburgh, and they were married at St John's Church, Meads, in August 1974. They moved to Cambridge and Mark trained as a chartered accountant at the firm of Spicer and Pegler. He loved punting on the River Cam and organised inter-accountancy firm punting races during the hot summers of 1975 and 1976.

There followed a move to Winchester, where their first daughter **Louise** (OA) was born in 1978. Mark was then seconded to the London office of Spicer and Pegler, before the family moved in 1980 to Eastbourne where Mark worked for the accountants Perkins Copeland. The family grew with **John** (Craig 1994–99) arriving in 1981, then twins **Harry** and **Charlie** (both Craig 1999–2004) in 1985 and **Lucy** (Watt 2003–08) in 1989.

In more recent years Mark worked as a self-employed tax accountant, and he and Elizabeth continued to play an active part in supporting the College with their involvement in OEA events. He played squash for the Old Eastbournians in the Saffrons League. Other sports continued to play a part in his life: he coached mini rugby at Hampden Park and Kwik cricket at the Saffrons and regularly drove his sons to fixtures at Eastbourne rugby and cricket clubs, giving his enthusiastic support from the side of the pitch. He supported Chelsea and would often take the children to Stamford Bridge, as well as to see rugby at Twickenham and cricket at Lord's. Family holidays allowed him to indulge his passions in sailing and windsurfing.

He was also a great lover of English history and had a large book collection, as well as a wide interest in music. Later in his life he developed a love of amateur dramatics, taking part in Gilbert and Sullivan productions and Shakespeare plays for the Eastbourne Operatic and Dramatic Society (EODS) and the East Dean Players.

Mark's thanksgiving service was held in the College chapel on 28 April 2023. His daughter Louise gave the eulogy and said: 'So much of Daddy lives on in us, his children, and his nine grandchildren. In Lucy, his sunny, happy-go-lucky demeanour and devotion to parenthood; in Harry and Charlie, his effortless social magnetism and infectious laugh; in John, his paternal strength, gentle patience and unwavering calm; and in me his love for words and the confidence to deliver them.' And his old friend **Ted Seabrooke** (Wargrave 1967–71) told us: 'Mark was a lovely, mild-mannered and softly spoken man, He had a keen sense of humour and dry wit. I will miss him.'

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**Robert Gascoigne-Pees** (Ascham 1952–58; Pennell 1958–62) died in 2023 aged 79. At Ascham he won the boxing cup, the John Penn Shooting Cup and the Browning Cup for best team leader. He continued his success at shooting while at the College gaining his colours in 1962 and winning the Rattray-Gardiner Shooting Cup in the same year. He was one of a number of pupils chosen as part of a pupil exchange with Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar School, a highlight of which was a visit to the Chislehurst Caves Jazz Club. Robert also enjoyed music; he passed his trumpet exam Grade V, was a silver bugler in the CCF band and was a member of the College orchestra. He is survived by his son, **Giles** (Pennell 1991–96) and brother, **Michael** (Pennell 1950–54). His wife, Carol, predeceased him.

**Richard William Gwynne-Evans** (School 1959–62) died on 20 April 2023 aged 77. Richard moved to South Africa in 1968 and was married the same year. He later started his own printing company in Cape Town and put his love of printing down to his years at the College when he was hon sec of the College press, which was used for printing house supper menus and book labels etc. The press was situated under the stage in Big School in the 1950s–60s. In 1991, he was elected vice-president of the Cape Town Association of Printing House Craftsmen. He was also a member of his local parish council. Richard is survived by his widow, Joy and children.

**Alan Leslie Hall** (School 1942–45). We received in December 2023 the news of Alan's death. We hope to include more details in next year's magazine.

**Eleanor Rosemary 'Jennie' Harari** died on 15 August 2023 aged 94. This tribute is written by her friend and fellow Eastbournian Society member Merton Cox.

'Born on 19 October 1928, Jennie, as she was known to all her friends, though not an OE, was a very good friend of the College for many years. It was around the year 2000 that Jennie and her long-time partner Robert Mumford moved from a very rural part of west Wales to a lovely flat overlooking the rugby pitches in Park Avenue. Jennie and Robert soon became involved with many local groups and found their way to the College where they were keen members of the Eastbournian Society, often enjoying theatre trips and all the organised visits to historical houses, sites and gardens. Jennie was also a member of the Devonshire Society. Jennie and Robert were great lovers of classical music and were often seen at Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra concerts and the Young Soloists Competition. They were also keen followers of the Norah Sande Piano Competition and concerts arranged by the London Philharmonic Orchestra four or five times a year at the Congress Theatre. One of the highlights of their year was the London Mozart Players coming to stay for a long weekend at the Grand Hotel to play small-scale concerts. Jennie and Robert took up residence there for the weekend for many years, enjoying the music and meeting up with friends who they had come to know who were either staying at the hotel or who had come in to listen to the music.'

**William Peter Thomas Harper** (Nugent & Wargrave 1962–67) died on 19 July 2022 aged 73. We hope to include a full obituary in our next edition.



**Anthony Thomas Scott Harris**, 8th Baron Harris, of Seringapatam and Mysore in the East Indies and of Belmont in the County of Kent (School 1955–59) died on 17 March 2023 aged 81. At the College he played in the Colts IV rugby team and the 1957 *Eastbournian* said: 'The Colts had a successful season, winning five of their other six matches. The foundations of their successful lay in good tackling and a willingness to pick

up the ball and run with it whenever possible. Harris, in the centre, proved a dangerous runner and place kicker.' Anthony won his rugby stag in 1958. He is survived by his widow, Anstice, and daughters, the Hon Isabel and the Hon Laura. His father, **Derek Marshall Harris**, 7th Baron also attended the College (School 1930–35).



**Geoffrey David Harry** (Ascham 1947–49; Gonville 1950–54) died on 30 March 2023, two weeks after his 87th birthday. We are grateful to **Simon Hubbard Ford** (Gonville 1949–54) for the following tribute:

'David came to Granville House, at Ascham, with another of the Berkshire scholarship boys, **David [Aldwin] Hall** (Pennell 1949–54). Both

made a major contribution to Granville life, especially on the playing fields. David was slightly built, almost skinny, but very tough. In the winter, if I remember rightly, he was what we called then inside right,

in the soccer team, and in the summer he would use the sloping pitch at Ascham to give an extra twist to his leg breaks, and enable Chris Richards to achieve a good number of stumpings. Along with David Hall, **David Atkins** (Gonville 1949–54), **Michael Morley** (1949–53), and **Peter Higton** (Pennell 1949–53) they were all outstanding athletes, and they excelled later at the College.

'I personally shared the honour with him, in Granville, of being the first two being beaten for talking after lights out. It forms a powerful bond! We moved on to Gonville, without Hall and Higton, who were in Pennell. David's academic route was different to mine, but I know that one of his A-levels was in geography, as taught by the late Robin Harrison. He excelled in two areas in Gonville and the College, particularly at sports, but also being high spirited and mischievous, perhaps a bit cheeky. He was three years in the cricket eleven, the third 1954 under David Atkins, fielding cup, twice, one of which was shared with DA. As I said above, slight but tough.

'Boxing, cross country, hockey goalkeeper, only a Tiger, but better, and gutty full back for Gonville, a hero when we beat School House in the final of the inter house rugby, for his tenacious tackling, and I kicked the winning conversion. And Atkins was captain! Always cheerful, loyal, fun, uncomplaining about beatings, as they just proved that he could take the rough with the smooth. Above all he had, with the above, and more, the makings of a very dear friend. Unfortunately we lost touch, going our different ways, until, in May four years ago, we got together, for a Gonville, Granville reunion. It was great to see him again after so many years, and to see that he had not changed much, fit and elegant for one of the old boys. His lovely wife Carolyn was with him, who sadly departed this life nearly three years ago.

'Perhaps not so well known to all, he was, as one sees from all of his name, very Welsh and almost fanatic about the land of his Fathers, especially the rugby side of those great British neighbours. In a recent telephone call, hoping to see him again, I said that if the South Downs stretch that far, he should keep 'A Welcome in the Hillside' for me. Sadly, it was not to be. He, as with his lovely Carolyn, will always be much missed by his two sons, and their families, and those of us, his friends, with such happy memories.

'David had been unwell for some time, but after four weeks in hospital, and about to move into a nursing home, his sudden death came as a shock to his family.'

**John Somerville Hislop** (Powell 1953–58) died in September 2023 aged 83. An OE rep in India for many years, John had worked in the chemical industry for most of his life. After leaving the College, he attended the Slough College of Technology and the East Ham College of Technology and was awarded his City and Guilds certificates in paint technology in relation to surface coatings and works management. He joined the ICI Paints Division in Slough in 1959 as grade 3 lab assistant and left in 1982 as grade I2 shift manager.

Two years in Kenya followed as a plant manager for Synresins Ltd before moving to Kuwait in 1984, working for the Kuwait Chemical Manufacturing Co. Following the 1991 Iraqi invasion, during which he was held hostage for three and a half months in Baghdad, he endeavoured to revive the company. A year later he was working in Saudi Arabia but returned to Kuwait in 1992 where he became manager of the chemical and petrochemical department at the Abdulla Sayid Rajab Al-Rifai & Sons Trading and Contracting Co. He retired in 2004. In his retirement, he and his wife, Flora, helped out at an old people's home and AIDS centre.

At the College he won his 2nd XV colours in 1957. He was a company sergeant major in the army section of the CCF and won the Evans Cup for Signal Classification and the Senior Lanyard of Honour. He is survived by his widow, Flora, his stepdaughter and two granddaughters. His brother, **Roger** (Powell 1957–62) predeceased him.

John's College contemporary **Robert Meaby** (Powell 1952–56) writes: 'In the late 1960s we played squash at the RAC Club in Pall Mall once a week, being joined by my Australian brother-in-law and another friend. They both remember those evenings with great pleasure... It was always a pleasure to see John on his many return visits to the College from India.'



David and Katie

later in 2002, see him awarded the Society of Portrait Sculptor's Jean Masson Davidson Medal for distinguished services and outstanding achievement in the art of portrait sculpture. David set out to study engineering at London University, but soon decided it was not for him. Instead, he followed his heart, specialising in sculpture at Farnham Art School.

'After studies and national service, David pursued a professional journey into advertising sales in publishing. At Newman Neame he worked on the Bounty Baby book and as a partner with Thornton Cox he made memorable trips to East Africa in the creation of their series of travel guides. With Harlequin Press he travelled all over the Midlands finding his way around casting foundries, machine tool companies and industrial areas, getting to know them like the back of his hand. This world appealed to David and eventually led to his position at the Institute of Production Engineers, from which he retired in 2000.

'Throughout his career, David maintained his activity in the art world: a long-time member of a sculpture evening class in Westminster, which later moved to Park Walk under Kensington and Chelsea. David exhibited and sold his work as a member of the Chelsea Arts Society and made many commissioned portraits. He was also a founding member in 1995 of the Pratts drawing group in Gunnersbury Park.

'David's contribution to the Society of Portrait Sculptors endures as his proudest personal achievement. David exhibited in the 1980, '82 and '83 Society of Portrait Sculptor's exhibitions, after which the society dwindled and became inactive. David was instrumental in re-establishing the Society of Portrait Sculptors. He held the roles of honorary secretary and later treasurer. Its annual exhibitions recommenced in 1996. David was an exhibiting member until 2015.

'In 1968 David married Katie Milligan in Kensington's St Mary Abbots church. In 1970 they moved to Sussex. They converted a pair of cottages into a family home in Isfield, near Lewes. David was immensely proud of the home that he and Katie built together, which included a lawn tennis court that became central to the happy times shared there with family and friends. At their home, summer evening barbeques beneath the grape vine with a generous slug of red wine was routine and at Christmas, parties flowed with David's vat of mulled wine. They travelled widely in Europe and across the world.

'Katie died on 3 August, only weeks ahead of David. They leave behind their daughters Claire and Roz and four grandchildren. David's elder brother **Paul Houchin** (Pennell 1946–1950) also survives him; he lives in Berkshire with his wife. David remained life-long friends with his Pennell contemporary **John Pickard** (Pennell 1949–52). A love of the South Downs, Sussex coast and in particular adventures to Cow Gap were themes that stayed with David throughout his life. David valued productivity and in the daily positive actions of life, he found satisfaction and peace.'

David was in the 1st IV rowing team at the College and received praise in the 1953 *Eastbournian*: 'D J Houchin ably backed them [the team] to form a good and, more importantly, friendly crew which survived injuries, examinations and other distractions of a crowded Coronation term to do credit to the School and the Club on the Thames.

David made a glazed pottery relief of the Eastbourne College crest that was mounted above the doors of the Cuckmere boat house and he showed it to his young daughters. The boat house no longer exists as rowing now takes place at Waller's Haven. David's younger daughter Roz says, 'making the crest brought together two of his great strengths – rowing and creativity. David also won the E E Morris Prize for Oil Painting in 1952 for his self-portrait that continues to be treasured greatly by his family.'

**David John Houchin** (Ascham 1946–48; Pennell 1949–53) died on 29 August 2023 aged 88. We'd like to thank David's daughter, Roz, for the following tribute.

'During David's College years he discovered rowing, which he continued at London University, and a passion for art that would, decades

## Mary Ireland



**Mary Elizabeth Ireland**, a former governor of the College (2020–23), died on 19 March 2023 aged 66. Mary was head of Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, from 2008 until her retirement in 2016 and was the first female head in the school's history. Previously she had run a boarding house at Ardingly and was deputy head at Christ's Hospital. One of Mary's lasting achievements was the establish-

ment of the Bancroft's Foundation to mark the 275th anniversary of the school. She was passionate about expanding the reach of a Bancroft's education to include those for whom it would have been impossible without financial support. Mary made the most of her retirement in Eastbourne, walking her dog, travelling, learning Italian and being a grandmother. She was active on the boards of a variety of schools, and chair of Drapers' Maylands Primary School. She became a Liveryman of the Drapers' Company in 2019. In 2022 she was elected to the Court of the Drapers' Company and was serving as junior warden. She is survived by her husband Simon and son Fergus.

## Kitty James



**Kitty James**, former member of College staff, died on 10 June 2023 aged 89. Many OEs and staff will remember Kitty who, with Jane Mitchell, ran the College tuck shop for many years. Kitty was married to Ted James, the College's cricket coach and Sussex county cricketer. Before their marriage, she worked initially as a newsgirl and later as a post office clerk in West Tarring

post office. A keen cricket enthusiast since leaving school, she met Ted at the county supporters club in Hove and asked for his autograph. Their wedding at St Andrew's, West Tarring, was attended by many cricket representatives.

They came to the College in December 1963, Ted as a full-time cricket coach (he had been coaching part-time since 1961) and Kitty agreed to help out with the school tuck shop for a couple of weeks. She stayed on for 27 years. On her retirement in 1990, the *Eastbournian* reported: 'Both Kitty and Jane have been tremendously loyal and well-loved members of the College community. They have always had a cheerful word for their customers and generations of College boys and more recently girls too will remember being served in break, before afternoon school or on a half holiday as they sought to supplement the diet of College meals in the dining hall and buttered toast in houses. Boys and girls as well as staff and families have indeed been fortunate to have two such friendly, patient and tolerant ladies to look after their tuck shop needs.' Kitty is survived by her children, Ian and Joanne. Ted died in 2013.

**Robert Edean Langford** (Gonville 1952–56) died on 27 November 2022 aged 84. The *Eastbournian* reported his success at Sandhurst in 1959: 'Congratulations are due to a former Army Section corporal, C/JUO Langford on being awarded the Swayne Memorial Prize and a prize of £40 from the OCU prize fund, on the results of the Final Order of Merit for his Term, at RMA, Sandhurst.' While at the College, he won the CCF Senior Lanyard of Honour and was in the drums from 1954 to 1956. He was also hon sec of the sailing club. Following on from Sandhurst, he later graduated at King's College, Cambridge, in 1962 and Winchester University in 2022. He is survived by his widow, Cheng.



**William Lloyd George, 3rd Viscount Tenby** (School 1941–46) died on 12 June 2023 aged 95. Son of **Gwilym Lloyd George** (School 1910–13) and grandson of former Liberal prime minister, David Lloyd George, William joined the College at Radley in 1941. He won prizes for reading, biology and history and belonged to the Shakespeare, Essay and Debating societies. On Speech Day 1945, he performed in a production of *Sir Thomas More* in which his 'delivery' as More was described

**Viscount Tenby speaking in the House of Lords**

by the *Eastbournian* as 'forceful'. He also played for the 1st XV and was described in the *Eastbournian's* Characters of the XV as '(full back) – A sound forward who tackled and dribbled well. Good in the line-outs and a useful "hooker".'

Following his time at the College, William served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers (and later retained a Territorial Army commission with the regiment) and in 1949 went to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, to study history. He later worked as an advertising manager for United Dominions Trust before joining the investment bank Kleinwort Benson in 1974 as a public relations adviser. He left that role in 1988 and later chaired St James Public Relations. In 1983, he succeeded his elder brother **David** (School 1936–41) as Viscount Tenby. He sat as a cross-bencher in the House of Lords, serving on the Procedure and Privileges Committee and the Committee of Selection, and was among the 90 hereditary peers elected to remain in the House of Lords after the passing of the House of Lords Act 1999. He spoke on issues such as over-development in south-east England, unit fines, wind turbines in areas of outstanding natural beauty, the right to die and abortion. After

retirement from the House of Lords was made possible by the House of Lords Reform Act 2014, William stood down on 1 May 2015. He also served as a Justice of the Peace for Hampshire, including as chair of the north-east Hampshire magistrates from 1990 to 1994, and led the Council for the Protection of Rural England in the county.

William is survived by his children Sara, Clare and Timothy (4th Viscount Tenby). His wife, Ursula, predeceased him.

**Tim Lord** (Reeves 1952–55) died on 8 December 2023 aged 85. We hope to have a full obituary in next year's edition.

**Francis David Meirion Williams** (Powell 1947–51) died on 10 March 2023 aged 89. David's daughter, Emma, has kindly sent us her tribute.

'After leaving Eastbourne College David did his national service in the Navy, where he found his passion for boats, the sea and travel. He had a long and successful career in logistics in various companies, which took him abroad, which he enjoyed. He became a consultant when he was 70 for about five years as he never wanted his working life to end as he always wanted a purpose.

'He married Wendy in November 1967 and they had two children, Richard and Emma. They began their married life in Knotty Green, Beaconsfield, and then moved to Upper Culham, Henley-on-Thames, when the children were very young and this is where they spent most of their very happy family life with a few cats and a dog. Many a holiday was spent in Cornwall, Wales (where Wendy was from), Spain and Portugal. The family had a boat called *Perseus*, which they enjoyed on the River Thames or down in Cornwall.

'David was always involved in committees, societies and clubs such as the Conservatives, local church support, Crime UK, the British

## Kenneth McAlpine



**Kenneth McAlpine competing in a Grand Prix in 1952**

**Kenneth McAlpine OBE DL**, College governor from 1968 to 1984 and vice chairman from 1969 to 1983, died on 8 April 2023 aged 102. The grandson of Sir Robert McAlpine, the founder of the eponymous construction company, Kenneth was an industrialist, entrepreneur, aviator, racing driver and wine producer. He joined the family firm in 1937 aged 17 as an apprentice fitter where he developed his interest for all things mechanical.

With the outbreak of the Second World War, he enlisted with the RAF as a trainee pilot. When he heard the Americans were short of pilots to fly the convoy-protecting Catalina flying boats he decided his passion for sailing could be combined with his flying skills and he was transferred to the US to complete his training, eventually ending up in Pensacola, Florida. He returned to England as a flying instructor for the final year of the war. After the war Kenneth returned to the company and worked in the south east, eventually taking charge of the south east region. Contracts included the Shoreham bypass, Maidstone town centre, Chichester yacht basin, and Dover hoverport. In 1953, with his older brother Malcolm, Kenneth set up a McAlpine construction business in Canada. The company constructed many major projects across eastern Canada including parts of the Toronto subway system, paper mills, commercial offices etc. They expanded into property development in Canada and the US, as well as oil, gas, power and utility infrastructure across Canada.

The early 1970s saw Kenneth create the company's computer department with a colossal IBM punched-card machine in the basement of the newly built accounts office in Hemel Hempstead, another pioneering use of technology in the construction industry. In 1979 he was approached by the Secretary of State for Energy asking if McAlpine's could lead a consortium to develop vertical axis wind turbines. Kenneth set up the Special Projects Division and with Ian Mays they started the journey of what would later become RES. His passion for sailing, flying and all things mechanical continued. He

sailed competitively until his early 90s. He won many trophies in the 1950s on the River Medway in Dragons, then later on at Cowes and Bembridge. At one point he was invited to crew a British entry for the America's Cup but had to decline due to the amount of time it would have needed.

During the late 1940s his motor racing prowess was honed on hill climbs and speed trials. But in 1950 he stepped up a gear and was largely responsible for founding Connaught which competed in Formula One Grand Prix racing over the next five years. Kenneth drove in numerous Grand Prix during that time alongside other Connaught drivers including Stirling Moss. In 1955 Tony Brooks won the Syracuse Grand Prix driving a Connaught. There was also a sports car version which he competed in, including at the tragic 1955 Le Mans 24-hour race. His flying and business skills were put to good use when he decided to set up McAlpine Aviation shortly after the war. Over the years the aviation business grew and by 1989, when it was sold, had become one of the largest executive jet charter businesses in Europe. In 1974 McAlpine Helicopters was formed to represent Aerospatiale in the UK. Meanwhile, in 1972, he started a vineyard at his home village of Lamberhurst, which became the first commercially sized and operated vineyard in England and helped set English wine on the map. It won many national and international awards. Kenneth was awarded an OBE in 1997 for his contribution to English viticulture.

He had a major part to play with various organisations in both his business and home life. The Institute of Economic Affairs, Institute of Directors, Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, Construction Industry Training Board, Business Aircraft Association, British Helicopter Advisory Board and National Business Aviation Association, to name a few. Outside of his business interests he was a governor of St Bartholomew's Hospital, a director of the City of London Medical Council, High Sheriff of Kent in 1973, governor of Eastbourne College, governor of Dulwich College Prep School, a member of The Royal Yacht Squadron, The Royal Air Squadron and the Bembridge Sailing Club, commodore of the Redwing Sailing Club, and a member of the British Racing Drivers Club, amongst many others.

He is survived by his widow, Patricia, and sons Richard and James, both of whom worked for the company, as well as three grandchildren.

Legion, wine societies, a steward at Wimbledon and member of the Leander Club. He loved organising social events for family and friends and always having a project. He had a passion for classical music and singing and had a very good voice.

'Unfortunately, Wendy passed away in May 2015 at only 72 years old after her battle with cancer, which was a huge shock to David as she was nine years younger. David passed away on 10 January, 2023 aged 89 in a care home in Shiplake due to dementia, a disease so unfortunate to somebody who loved people and conversation.

'David was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and was truly loved by all. He will be missed.'

David is survived by his children, Richard and Emma, and by his grandchildren. His brothers, **Robert Meirion Williams** (Powell & Reeves 1945–48) and **Geoffrey Meirion Williams** (Powell 1952–55) both predeceased him.

During his time at the College, David was involved with a number of societies, notably the Junior Dramatic Society (of which he was a founding member) and the Dramatic Society. In 1949 he appeared in a production of *The Dear Departed* and in the following year, played Shylock's servant, Launcelot Gobbo in *The Merchant of Venice*. The *Eastbournian* praised his performance: 'Williams... dealt excellently with the low comedy... Williams' direct approach quite won his audience over, and one felt that, had he invited them to join him in a song about boiled beef and carrots, they would have done so with gusto...'

He received further accolades for his role as Valentine, the dentist, in George Bernard Shaw's *You Never Can Tell*: 'Williams... did splendidly in a difficult and exacting part. There is no doubt that comedy suits

him; he has a nice sense of irony, uses a pleasant and expressive voice and his timing from Act II onwards was perfect. One had suspected, from his success last year with that tiresome Launcelot Gobbo, that he was a natural comedian, and this year he fulfilled entirely his promise with a most polished and sensitive performance'. Other societies of which he was a member were the Gramophone, Literary, Shakespeare, Science, Choral and Photographic. He played in the 2nd XV rugby team and was awarded his 1st running strings in 1951.



**Peter Milton-Thompson** (Blackwater 1940–46) died on 20 August 2023 aged 96. For most of Peter's time at the College, he was based at Radley College, Oxfordshire, where, in 1940, the school had been evacuated. Aside from playing in the 1st XV and being a member of the 1st IV rowing team (he was hon sec), Peter was head of school, editor of the *Eastbournian*, hon sec of the Gramophone Society and a sergeant in the RAF section of the CCF.

Peter recalled returning to Eastbourne in 1945 to find 'College Field disfigured by two huge water tanks and the tower bore scars in the brickwork from cannon shells fired from a German Focke-Wulf raider'. As for rugby, 'we beat Radley again following the famous victory in 1944 – this time 9–6, and with myself and my two friends, **John Oecken** (School 1941–46) and **Bill Lloyd George** (School 1941–46) as the front row of the scrum.'

## Roger Mills



**Roger Edwin Stuart Mills**, member of College staff 1961–62, television producer and director, died on 5 May 2023 aged 86. Roger taught at the College before starting his career in television. His time at the school was most notable for the creation of the Revue Society and the organising of a trip for pupils to Turkey and Greece in 1962 (details of which were featured in last year's magazine).

The March 1962 issue of the *Eastbournian* reported: "The Revue Society – Last term a new society was born. In response to the crying demand for humour, satire and buffoonery unassociated with domestic situations, Mr Mills and his stalwarts managed to mount what they, at least, thought was an auspicious revuelet. In fact they were so overwhelmed with success that it has been decided to subject the school to another campaign of notices culminating in a large-scale production in the summer. The Revue Society has a permanent cast, but anyone who considers he has talent, patience to stand the producer, and a warped outlook on life, will be welcome to join. The society will be very pleased to accept songs and sketches, too, provided that they are not forced to use them.'

Later that year, critic 'EFN', reported on Roger's College revue, *On the Rebound*: 'I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr Mills and his cast on a production which had, I dare swear, more fire and movement than many a more ambitious venture. It was inventive and held its audience... above all, the speed of the production appealed (no amateurish pauses, thanks to the stage-hands and the iron producer)... it is sad that the resilient Roger has now bounced into the BBC net.'

The following is extracted from the obituary which appeared in the *Guardian*:

'As a documentary writer, Roger accompanied the actor Michael Palin on his globe-trotting adventures for almost 20 years and helped to establish the template for celebrity travel series. Palin called his director, an Oxford classicist, "the Professor". It began with *Around the World in 80 Days* (1989), which recreated the route of the fictional explorer Phileas Fogg in Jules Verne's 19th-century novel of the same

name. Viewers and critics agreed on the wisdom of having Michael Palin front a travel programme, and more followed – with Mills again directing. Two further series completed what became known as a trilogy: *Pole to Pole* (1992), from north to south pole via Scandinavia, Russia, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus and Africa, providing greater physical challenges, and *Full Circle* (1997), a logistically complicated, anti-clockwise, 50,000-mile journey round the Pacific Rim that started in the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia.

'Mills also directed Palin's subsequent series, *Sahara* (2002), *Himalaya* (2004) and *New Europe* (2007), and was an executive producer of his 2012 *Brazil* adventure. He was also the editor of BBC Two's *40 Minutes* strand for its first four years (1981–85), overseeing a wide range of documentaries, encouraging young talent and winning Bafta's best factual series award twice.

'He was born in Anerley, south London, to Aileen (née Rowe), a radio actor and dramatist, and Henry Mills, a history teacher. He attended Portsmouth Grammar School after his father became head of the city's Southern Grammar School For Boys. Following national service in the Intelligence Corps, then at GCHQ, Roger studied classics at Worcester College, Oxford (1956–59), taught Latin and Greek at Felsted School, Essex, and then moved to Eastbourne College. Mills joined BBC South in 1962 as a television news reporter and later moved to BBC West. Nationally, he produced and directed documentaries such as *The Mormon Invasion* (1967), about missionaries of the American church recruiting members in Britain, and *Expulsion* (1971), about drug-taking in schools.

'In 1972, Mills became an executive producer of several groundbreaking fly-on-the wall series about institutions, including the Royal Navy in the award-winning *Sailor* (1976) and Radley College in *Public School* (1980). He regarded it as an achievement to get access to what he had seen as 'closed' institutions. He was also the first executive producer of the investigative-journalism series *Inside Story*, from 1974 to 1980.

'As a director, Mills's other documentaries included *Return to Saigon* and *Return to Peking* (both 1988), with the reporter Anthony Grey, and *The Clintons: A Marriage of Power* (1998) on Channel 4, for whom he also produced the series *New Model Army* (2000), about the military's efforts to stamp out racism. His contribution to factual television was recognised with Bafta's 1981 Desmond Davis award.

'He is survived by his widow, Susie, daughters, Hannah and Sophie, and granddaughter, Frances.'

His brother, **Godfrey Milton Thompson** also attended the College (Blackwater 1943–48). Peter was an Arnold Embellisher and a member of the Devonshire Society. We'd like to thank Peter's son, **Andrew** (Wargrave 1969–74), for the following tribute:

'At the interview for his first job, the main subjects of discussion were rugby and rowing, so it is clear his time at the College was an excellent preparation for life. Peter retired in 1992 after a career in the furnishing fabric printing business. In retirement he volunteered for more than 25 years for the National Trust, becoming recognised as expert on the history, building and contents of Knole House. Over the same time he supported many generations of local primary school children with twice weekly remedial reading and maths, this legacy being often remembered today by those he benefitted. He was also an enthusiastic walker, enjoying continental walking holidays into his 80s, and a keen choral singer. Peter was widely liked for his easy-going charm, including at the care home where he spent his last days. The

last of his generation, he is survived by his second wife Rosemary, three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.'

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**David Gerald John Mockler** (Ascham 1959–65; Nugent 1965; School 1966–70) died on 15 September 2023 aged 72.

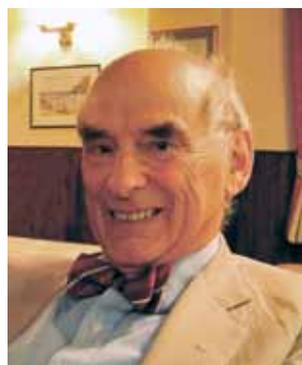
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**Timothy William Moore** (Pennell 1959–64) died on 1 August 2023 aged 76, after a short illness. A house prefect and chapel warden at the College, Tim went on to have a career in electronics and computers. Tim's brother **Pat Moore** (Pennell 1957–61), wrote: 'Much missed by his widow Joy, brother Pat, daughter Madeliene, son Thomas and grandchildren.'

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**Philip Geoffrey Paine** (Reeves 1951–55) died on 14 April 2021 aged 83. He was a house prefect, won his 2nd athletics strings in 1955 and was a sergeant in the army section of the CCF. After leaving

## Michael Partridge



**Michael James Partridge** (Blackwater 1946–51) died on 22 November 2023 aged 91. Michael was the College's archivist for 20 years and during this time would compile the obituaries for the *Old Eastbournian*. He had written his own life story which was filed in his record in the archives, and we are honoured to include it here as Michael's last contribution to the magazine.

Born in Canterbury, Michael, with his family, evacuated to a remote corner of North Wales in 1940. In 1942 he entered an evacuated prep, St Clare, in Gloucestershire, moving on in 1943 to Great Walstead in West Sussex. An entrance exhibitioner to the College in 1946, Michael was head boy of Blackwater for five terms 1950–51, second prefect, Victor Ludorum, captain of fives and a frequent member of the 1st XV though he never gained his Stag. In 1951 he won a gold medal as Sussex Junior 100 yards champion. After national service, spent in Germany as a sergeant in the Army Education Corps, during which he spent six weeks skiing in Norway, Germany and Austria for his regiment and for BAOR (winning a second place medal for team langlauf), he went up to Queens', Cambridge, to read natural sciences. He played rugby, fives and ran for Queens' but dropped out after a year. He spent the next 20 years in industry, completed a higher national in production engineering and later qualified as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (FCMA) and later CGMA too. He worked in line and staff roles for three large manufacturing firms, Alcan, Reed International and GKN, primarily as a corporate management consultant. In 1970–71 he guided the c.100 companies of the GKN Group through the intricacies of decimalisation. He became chief accountant of Roberts Sparrow, steel stockholders, and then in 1972 operations controller, with a seat on the board, of a major GKN engineering subsidiary, where he introduced a computer-based management information system. During his two periods living in Birmingham he played rugby for a local team, Kings Norton.

Moving to Eastbourne in 1973, he spent 25 years in higher education, initially in the polytechnic sector as a lecturer in finance, later as a principal lecturer at the University of Brighton Business School responsible for the management accounting and corporate strategy team. He introduced the use of case studies as a teaching aid, using live corporate situations as a basis. In 1980 he completed a one-year residential MBA at Aston University, and chaired for some years a key committee of his professional body, CIMA.

An active researcher, he wrote or co-authored several books and also numerous articles for College, academic and professional journals as well as for some 15 years undertaking a public speaking

remit in the UK, Ireland, France, Germany and Luxembourg, bringing an understanding of finance to non-financial managers. During a twelve-month sabbatical in 2000 he worked for the chief executive of Tomkins plc, then an acquisitive conglomerate, researching and modelling potential takeover deals on computer. These included the acquisition of Smith and Wesson, the US gun firm. His business-oriented publications include *The Strategic Accountant* (1997), published by the *Financial Times*, as well as others. In 2000 he was presented with the Bronze Medal of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Upon retirement in 1998 he became the College's first archivist and, with the support of headmasters Charlie Bush and Simon Davies, brought a wider awareness of the College's history to OEs, staff and pupils. That same year he published the co-authored *History of the Eastbourne Aviation Company* and in 2010 *Maverick Airman, the Life of Frederick Minchin* (OE). In 2003 he was elected chairman of the Arnold Embellishers and for 12 years under his leadership, supported by an enthusiastic committee, the Embellishers were more active than for many years, doubling their membership. From 2004 he edited and later co-edited the *Old Eastbournian* magazine and introduced a new look to this journal. He researched and contributed numerous articles about the College's people and its history to the magazine. In 2007 Michael co-edited, with Adrian Carey, Gordon Carey's memoir *Nobody's Business* and was also a consultant editor for the book *Eastbourne College – A Celebration*. In 2014 he helped Adrian to put his own memoirs onto computer. Sadly Adrian's health intervened and the task was completed by others. Nevertheless, Adrian put a generous tribute into the book. Then in 2018, with two colleagues, *Eastbourne College – 150 Years in Pictures*, was published. Michael was for several years an active member and chairman of the Eastbourne Local History Society, contributing numerous articles to their journal. An elected vice president, he edited their quarterly journal for over ten years and was treasurer for eight.

Michael began an interest in the English language when, at the age of about ten, he purchased a copy of Chamber's Etymological Dictionary. This was soon followed by Gowers, Fowler and many others. Michael shared with his wife Sheila an enthusiastic interest in antiques and was a keen military historian, specialising in the study of the Peninsular War and Waterloo as well as Great War aviation. They visited every battlefield on the Iberian Peninsula. Sheila and he were happily married for some 60+ years and they have a daughter Nicky and a son Tim. His late brother **David** (Blackwater 1948–51) and son **Tim** (Powell 1977–82) both attended the College, as did two of his three grandsons: **James** (Powell 1999–2004) and **Alex** (Powell 2001–06) and granddaughter **Jessica** (Blackwater 2009–13). His other grandson is Toby.

In 2019 he reduced his commitment at the College to an unpaid, part-time one. However, in 2020 he completed a revised Roll of Honour for the 163 Old Eastbournians who lost their lives in the Second World War.

the College, he enrolled at Brighton Technical College, completed a diploma in architecture and became a self-employed architect. In 1964 he married Anneliese Samusch (formerly an au pair at Ascham).

**John David Paul** (Ascham 1945–50; Wargrave 1950–56) died on 22 August 2022 aged 85. At the Sussex County Junior Athletics Championships in Hove in 1954, John achieved a personal best by throwing the javelin 151 feet. Two years later, he was captain of athletics. He also played in the 1st XI cricket team. He was also a school prefect and a sub-librarian in the Cavendish Library. In his later career he became director of Henry Paul Ltd.

**Peter Kenneth Lindsay Pearson** (School 1963–67) died on 9 January 2017 aged 67. He won his rugby stag and cricket colours in 1966 and also won the Junior Field Events Cup.

We have received some other memories of Michael.

From **Simon Wood** (Powell 1950–54):

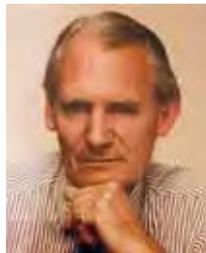
'Having worked with Michael as one of his part-time assistants in the archives I remember him in so many ways: always kind, encouraging and keen to build a sound comprehensive archives base. He was full of admiration for the centenary history of Eastbourne College, *Ex Oriente Salus*, by V M Allom, one of his English teachers back in the 1940s. Also, the work of members of the teaching staff, Robin Harrison and Brian Harral, who produced articles about College life and possessions, news from OEs and obituaries in the *Eastbournian* magazine. Michael joined as a boarder in Blackwater House in 1946 and was aware of a diminished roll of pupils since the return of the school from Radley. He was a fine all-rounder and achieved much during his five years at the College. Little did he know that in the last 25 years of his life he would be the first official College archivist and devote a large part of those years to a place that he was already devoted to. His guidance and calm leadership with his team of assistants over the years achieved his aim. He really was a 'born archivist'. Now the College archives are comparable to those of many other schools. The College will always hold him in high esteem.'

And from **Henry Underhill** (Pennell 1953–58):

'I was a small boy of six living on the private side of Blackwater House where my father John Underhill was housemaster, when Michael arrived in 1946. I was not aware of Michael until around 1950 when he became one of the senior boys. By then I was 10, aware of what was going on in the house and I still remember Michael and many of his contemporaries, including his elder brother. There would be evenings when several of the senior boys and prefects were invited to dine with the housemaster and his family and afterwards we would play cards (pontoon) using matchsticks as our stakes. Michael was a significant figure in his last years at the College, school prefect, head of house, a stag, athletics colours, captain of fives (the fives courts being in Blackwater's back yard) and of course, drum major in the Corps of Drums.

'In about 2005 at an Arnold Embellishers meeting I met Michael who said he was short of help in his College archive department, so I offered my services and became a member of the archive committee, working alongside him and Simon Wood for several years, attending meetings with the headmaster, visiting other school archivists and persuading housemasters/mistresses to donate their old records to the archive department, rather than throw them away. Michael had managed to persuade the headmaster of the need for a school archivist, acquired an office above the bursary and retrieved a quantity of papers and memorabilia from the headmaster's cellar.'

[Editor's note: When the College received news of Michael's death, the OE flag was flown at half-mast in his memory.]



**Patrick 'Paddy' Blake Sandford-Johnson** (Blackwater 1944–49) died on 30 May 2023 aged 92. Paddy had written memories of his days at the College: 'I did badly at everything until, one day running away when I was being bullied (often), I found that I could run quite fast, and got into the Colts athletics team, then the 1st team, eventually winning the Victor Ludorum. I was made captain of athletics. I also played squash and fives

for the school, becoming captain of squash and secretary of fives, and a then new post of secretary of minor sports, arranging matches against other schools, and handling all the necessary logistics for away matches.' Ineligible for national service, he worked initially in the planning department of Flight Refuelling and when the firm moved to Bognor Regis, also worked night shifts doing electric welding on cookers at Hall & Golding. At the suggestion of a friend of his mother's, he decided to apply to join Unilever in London. He said: 'So, I cycled the 65 miles to the London Unilever head office, requested an interview, was told that I would be shortlisted as a management trainee, but I must have a driving licence.' Once he had passed his test, he again cycled to London and was offered a job at Wall's Ice Cream where he spent four years travelling around the country, working 70–80 hours a week, with his tennis and squash gear in the boot of the car.

He said: 'I was playing tennis and squash often with county players and getting better and wiser. Eventually I played for the Edgbaston club, and thrillingly was chosen to be one of the team that provided some practice for the Italian Davis Cup team; I also had been doing a little umpiring in local tournaments and was selected to be part of the umpiring team.' He moved to Wall's head office in London and, now able to work 'normal hours', could start to play squash and tennis more seriously. He also umpired at Wimbledon, at the newly formed professional tournaments. 'Looking back, from 1957 to 1983, I umpired almost all of the world's top players since the Second World War, including: Laver, Connors, Ashe, Borg, Nastase, McEnroe, King, Court, Goolagong, Evert, and Navratilova'. He played squash in the Middlesex League for the Grampians club, for the Hurlingham Club team, and in the national championships and played two internationals for the England B team, against South Africa Universities, and against Harvard and Yale.

In 1957, Paddy joined IBM, just as computers started to be used in business. After turning around the fortunes of J & E Hall of Dartford he went on to develop control systems for a number of major clients. He later joined the Rank Organisation, to manage the introduction of initially one computer for accounting work. Five years later he was running 27 computers in eleven countries. Paddy became well known in the computer world, writing two books and appearing on television. In 1988 he became one of the first 100 Freeman of the newly formed Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, and subsequently was made a Freeman of the City of London.

He left Rank in 1971 to found his own computer and management consultancy, Management Technology, and won many major clients, as well as several smaller consultancies and software companies. With the recession of the mid-1970s, he merged his company with a major American industrial consultancy, AT Kearney. He became responsible for all European computing consultancy work, which included major projects for the City of Paris authorities, and the West German government. They had just taken on a large contract from General Motors to look into the truck operations of Vauxhall Motors when Paddy developed a deep vein thrombosis. Medical advice was to cut down his working hours, so he reluctantly left the company. He took up positions in headhunting with Heidrick & Struggles and Canny Bowen, before accepting a position at Electra Investment Trust. He then decided to take early retirement aged 60.

He started playing tennis again with various veterans teams and spent many years restoring a ruined 300-year-old farmhouse in Gascony with his second wife Wendy. Paddy was a regular donor to the College bursaries fund and was also a member of the Devonshire Society. He is survived by Wendy, whom he married in 2006, and his two daughters, Jemma and Sam, from his first marriage to Annie Tayler, and five grandchildren – Ben, Alex, Ed, Luli and Anouska.



**Carl Spencer** (Powell 1955–57) died in August 2023 aged 82. Carl was an accomplished jazz musician who had played in and led a number of bands for over 60 years. At prep school he had learnt the basics of classical piano and, on entering the College, had continued with a further term of piano tuition before deciding that classical studies were not for him. He later said that at the time he had 'a fascination of the Ragtime-influenced Winifred Attwell piano style. I started to buy bits of her

sheet music and dabble at it. Then came jazz on the radio, Humphrey Lyttleton, Terry Lightfoot, etc, and then the Temperance Seven had a breakthrough hit and jazz was everywhere. I started going to the local jazz clubs and jazz lectures, and began collecting.'

After leaving school he worked in the Eastbourne branch of the National Provincial Bank, but was occasionally sent off to help at other branches, one of which was in Staines. On Sunday nights Carl would go to the Thames Hotel in Hampton Court to see the Original Downtown Syncopators, a five-piece band who re-created the music of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band, who had recorded the first jazz records in 1917. This inspired Carl to take up the cornet and he bought his first, very old cornet from the Ocklygne Music Shop in Eastbourne around 1960. He said: 'I found that the piano knowledge helped a lot with the cornet, as I already knew about scales and arpeggios etc., I just had to deal with the technical side of blowing!'

After he was moved by the bank to the Isle of Wight in 1961, he joined the Medina City Jazzmen on piano, then took on the trumpet after the original trumpet player left. From these beginnings and, following a job transfer by the bank to London, he eventually went on to start his own band, Spencer's Washboard Kings, in 1964.

Carl left the bank in August 1964 and played a number of semi-pro gigs. Then the London City Agency offered him the chance to take over the outstanding bookings of the Original Downtown Syncopators. He said: 'I had "stolen" two of their latter day players, Brian Hills, clarinet, and Bill Shortt, percussion, so we were billed as "Spencer's Washboard Kings – Formerly the Original Downtown Syncopators"'. The band went professional in May 1965 and had a TV appearance in a BBC music show called *A Whole Scene Going*, promoting a single on the Polydor label. They continued for eight years with various changes of personnel, expanding both their repertoire and the number of band members, becoming an eight-piece outfit in 1968. They had a summer season in Blackpool, tours on the Continent and had regular radio broadcasts with Jimmy Young, Terry Wogan and *Humph's Jazz Club*, presented by Humphrey Lyttelton. In 1969 the BBC televised a concert from the Hammersmith Palais to mark the 50th anniversary of the Original Dixieland Jazz Band's first performance there, and Spencer's Washboard Kings helped recreate the original ODJB sounds from 50 years earlier.

In September 1972, Carl became deputy managing director of the Yamaha musical instrument company in the UK, at which point he decided to wind up the band. He stayed with Yamaha for 14 years until 1986 when he founded his own UK distribution company, handling various musical instrument brands including Hammond organs,



**Carl, kneeling front, with Spencer's Washboard Kings in 1966**

Kurzweil, Goldstar keyboards and GEM. In 1993–94 Carl took on the management of the Charleston Chasers band, helping them turn professional. He secured them a recording contract and found them gigs in the UK.

A year later, in September 1995, Carl sold his music business and moved to East Sussex.

## Jamie Taylor



**Jamie Oliver Taylor** (Craig 1989–94) died on 30 June 2023 aged 46. We are grateful to **Rick Liddell** (Reeves 1989–94) and **Keith Gill** (Wargrave 1989–94) for the following tribute to Jamie.

'Jamie was a distinguished pilot, having most recently been a B737 captain and B787 captain with Norwegian Air Shuttle. He was born in Hastings to Martin and Sue Taylor and from a very early age was obsessed with cars, engines and anything with switches and buttons. It therefore came as no surprise to them to see how his career and hobbies unfolded, and who he ended up marrying.

'When he was about eight years old, Jamie was awarded a scholarship to Chelmsford Hall school in Eastbourne where he stood out academically and on the sports field. He scored his first century (106 not out) while playing cricket for the U10s, which was a school record. It was also during a local derby rugby match between Chelmsford Hall and St Andrew's that Rick first bumped into Jamie, or rather was barged out of the way by Jamie as he sped towards the try line with three people clinging onto him. Jamie was always a strong and quick runner, even from the early days.

'Jamie joined the College in 1989 and it was there that he, Keith and Rick became very good friends. Jamie excelled in various subjects and aspects of school life, but he was always very modest about his achievements. He was quietly spoken but had a wry sense of humour and was always looking for an opportunity to play a practical joke; and on one occasion, he seemingly picked the wrong person (a school prefect) who then made Jamie run around the block carrying a carpet!

'Jamie's sporting talents continued to shine throughout his time at the College and he was in the very successful U14A cricket team which played in a cup final at the Sussex County cricket ground, and he was also an excellent squash player and golfer. On the rugby field, the size of his legs and chest put fear in the opposition, and it was during one of the early matches on Memorial Field that he earned his nickname 'Beef' (sorry, Jamie), which stuck with him throughout his life.'

He decided to start playing again and in 1997 launched a new band, Spencer's Nighthawks, which included four members of the original Spencer's Washboard Kings. They played a wide variety of venues and events nationwide, and visited the College a few times, including a masterclass which they held with the College swing band in January 2009. In 2016 Carl moved to Dornoch in the Highlands of Scotland, where he managed to find seven fellow jazz enthusiasts who formed his new band, Spencer's Highland Nighthawks. In 2018 he told us that they had played at various local venues including the Elgin Jazz Club and the Blue Lamp Club in Aberdeen.

Carl continued to support Eastbournian Society and OE events, including most recently in 2023 the annual dinner at the Grand Hotel in April and the Over-60s lunch in June. He was due to attend the OE reunion in September when we got news of his sudden death in August.

Carl is survived by his wife Christine, whom he married in 1976.

**Nicolas Gwyn Stephens** (School 1969–73) died on 25 September 2002 aged 46. We have only recently become aware of his death.

**Peter James Nicholas Strong** (Gonville 1957–61) died on 15 November 2021 aged 77. Peter was born in London in 1943 and moved to Bermuda in 1969. He worked in the captive insurance industry, firstly with AIG then Inter-Ocean Management before starting his own company, Independent Management Group. Upon his retirement he moved with his wife Sol to the Philippines. Sport was Peter's passion at the College. He won the under 8-stone boxing cup in 1959, was in the

[Jamie won the Professor Soddy Memorial Prize and was a member of the Casson, Chess and New Academy Societies. He also played cricket and hockey and was in the 1st V squash team.]

'After leaving school with 11 GCSEs and four A-levels, Jamie read and obtained an MA in computer science at Pembroke College, Cambridge (1994–97). As it happens, Rick also ended up at the same college and playing in the same rugby and cricket teams as Jamie. By that stage, and while he loved his time at Pembroke College, Jamie had his heart set on a career as pilot and his studies were more of a means to an end. That said, Jamie was always very technologically-savvy and there were many times throughout his life that friends and family would ask Jamie for help with their tech!

'In 1998–99, Jamie completed his integrated pilot training at the CAE Oxford Aviation Academy. It was obvious to all his friends and family that he would fly through his training with top marks given his natural flair and competence; and in April 1999, he became a first officer with British World Airlines. He then joined Astraeus Ltd and moved up through the ranks there, before becoming a B737 line training and check captain. In 2000, Jamie's parents had the unforgettable experience of joining Jamie in the cockpit and being flown by Jamie to Guernsey.

'In 2012, Jamie moved to Jetairfly (TUI Airlines Belgium) as a B737 captain before joining Norwegian Air in January 2014. It was during a regular medical check-up with Norwegian Air that Jamie discovered he had a benign heart tumour, which required him to have open-heart surgery. While this came as a huge shock to everyone, his courage and determination came as no surprise; and it was not long after his surgery that he was marching past us on a hike up a mountain in the Alps! Jamie was always very fit (helped no doubt by the numerous British Military Fitness sessions that he did while he lived in London), but the grin on his face as he sped past us on that mountain was priceless.

'Unfortunately, Norwegian Air suffered at the hands of Covid-19, which meant that Jamie (like many other pilots) found himself out of work in early 2021. This proved to be a challenging time for him as flying was his passion, but he kept himself active and managed throughout to maintain his sense of humour and positive outlook. Then, in May 2021, his life took a huge turn for the better as he met Charlotte Rochenard (from Brittany), who would go on to become the love of his life and his wife.

'Charlotte and Jamie shared many passions, including a love of cars, motorbikes, travel and strong black coffee. Charlotte had been very badly injured in 2020 when she had been knocked off her motorbike during a solo road trip across Africa. Charlotte and Jamie were soon plotting to complete her trip together, which they did in late 2021. However, in January 2022, Jamie suffered a bleed in the brain while they were on safari together in Botswana and was subsequently diagnosed with grade 4 glioblastoma (brain cancer).

'Jamie tragically died on 30 June 2023 with Charlotte by his side. Throughout his illness, he was supremely brave and determined to battle his cancer. While he knew that the disease was terminal, he wanted to spend as much quality time with Charlotte, his friends and family as he could; and he did just that. Jamie and Charlotte went hiking in Canada, skiing in France (Jamie was also an exceptional skier), sailing in the BVI and walking in Cornwall. Jamie and Charlotte got married on 16 July 2022 in Warwick – and Jamie's renowned grin was wider than ever. He also spent time with his friends and doing other things he loved, including watching live sport (test match cricket at the Oval) and watching his beloved snooker and darts on the television. Jamie also managed to tick off one more of his bucket list wishes when he co-piloted a Spitfire plane on 26 September 2022 (his birthday) and did a 'victory roll' over Beachy Head with his parents and Charlotte watching from below.

'Jamie was a man of few words but had a wealth of talents; and his wide circle of friends from Eastbourne and beyond is testament to how much he was valued and respected as a friend. He was caring, generous, fun-loving, loyal, warm-hearted, witty and superb company, to name only a few of his endearing characteristics. He was also a daredevil at heart: over the years; he had flown stunt planes, sky-dived, bungee-jumped and abseiled down a very steep section of Table Mountain in Cape Town.

'We will not be alone in wishing we had the chance to enjoy Beef's company for many more years. We hope that these memories will prompt some further personal recollections from those who knew Jamie at Eastbourne. Our thoughts are with Charlotte, Sue and Martin (Jamie's parents), Jamie's friends and the wider Taylor family. Jamie is very much missed and will never be forgotten. His resting place is in the beautiful Cotswolds; and it is fitting that an English oak tree is to be planted at the Sun Rising nature reserve and burial ground, Warwick, next to where his ashes were interred.'

Tigers and Erratics cricket teams in 1960, was captain of cross country in 1961, the same year that he got his Stag for rugby.

He is survived by his wife Sol in the Philippines and in Bermuda by his children Nicholas, Matthew and Elena; grandchildren, Amira, Etienne, Leah and Fia; ex-wife Mary and in England by his sister Janice and nieces Jessica and Amaryliss. We hope to have a longer obituary in next year's magazine.

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**Barry John Templeman** (School 1947–52) died on 1 November 2019 aged 85. At the College Barry assisted Eric Northcott in staging various plays for the Dramatic Society and was a company sergeant major in the CCF. He is survived by his children Sandra, Sarah and Adam and his brother **Michael** (School 1953–57). His brother **Simon** (School 1958–62) predeceased him in 2018.

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**Simon Richard Templeman** (Nugent 1958; School 1958–62) died on 24 September 2018 aged 74. At the College Simon was a member of the choir, played in the military band and was a corporal in army section of the CCF. He is survived by his brother **Michael** (School 1953–57). His brother **Barry** (School 1947–52) died in 2019.

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**Christopher Henry Thomas** (Wargrave 1960–65) died on 14 April 2023 aged 76. We would like to thank Chris's widow, Hilary, for the following tribute:

'Known as 'Henry' at Eastbourne, 'Chris' to his friends, and 'Wargrave' to the younger generation who knew of his association with the College. Born in Carshalton, Surrey, on 7 February 1947 he attended



Seaton House pre-prep and then Aberdour Prep school before coming to the College. Chris lived in Cheam, Surrey, where he played for Sutton and Epsom Rugby Club and the Sutton Cricket Club.'

While at the College, Chris won several prizes; the Junior Maths and Mowbray Junior History prizes in 1962 and in 1964, the Newton Reading prize. But it was in sport that he was most adept. He won his rugby stag in 1964 and was captain of the 1st XV the following year. Chris was captain of the 2nd XI and won the cricket cup in 1964 and joined the 1st XI the following year and won the All Rounders Cup. In 1963, he was awarded his 1st hockey colours and was captain of hockey in 1965. In the CCF he achieved the rank of company sergeant major (army section) and won the Raybould Cup (awarded to the best section commander). He also played in the CCF Corps of Drums.

Hilary continues: 'At Eastbourne he didn't exactly excel academically – I think sport got in the way! However, he always spoke very fondly about his time at Eastbourne and returned on many occasions. He didn't go to university; he always said he went to 'The University of Life'. On leaving school in 1966 he was articled to a small firm of accountants which after a series of mergers became incorporated within Deloittes. He qualified in 1970. He left Deloittes in 1975 and later joined Gordon and Gotch (newspaper distribution) becoming ▶

finance director in 1984 and managing director in 1990.

'Chris led a successful management buy-out of G & G from News International and acquired a large stake in Mercury, the air freight subsidiary of G & G. He went on to become managing director of Mercury Airfreight Holdings, the UK's largest group specialising in overseas mailing and distribution of magazines, business journals and newspapers. In 1998 Mercury was sold to Ocean Group and in 1999 he became MD of Orchestral Group Ltd, an integrated trading group in the printing, mailing and distribution sectors. He resigned in 2003. Subsequent business interests included Ram Rugby, a direct mailing company for rugby clothing and equipment and Decotel Ltd, a supplier of hotel products.

'Chris met me in 1972 and we were married in 1973, moving to Sevenoaks where we lived all our married life and brought up our three children, Victoria, Emily and Charlie. We were married for nearly 50 years. Chris loved sport and during his life played rugby, cricket, hockey, squash, tennis and golf. He loved the camaraderie of sport, the competition, the fun and the banter.

'He joined the Sevenoaks Rugby Club and Holmesdale Cricket Club. Then in 2003 he became a member of Wildernesse Golf Club and golf became a major part of his retirement. He was captain in 2013. He was also a member of Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club. He enjoyed travelling and holidaying in the far corners of the world. We visited Hong Kong many times while our daughter and family lived there. He was devoted to his family and our five grandchildren were a great source of joy. Sadly, he wasn't to live to see our sixth grandchild born in June 2023.

'He was a fundraiser and an ambassador for Hospice in the Weald, near Tunbridge Wells, and gave many talks to local groups about the work of the hospice. Chris had a great sense of humour; he was a warm and engaging person who enjoyed life to the full. He had his own brand of largely self-deprecating humour and could be described as a bit mischievous! He was perfectly happy laughing with his peers at his own expense rather than celebrating his own successes.

'In November 2022 he was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour and despite successful surgery and then radiotherapy he died six months later on 14 April 2023. He bore his illness bravely and kept his sense of humour to the end. He is dearly missed by his wide circle of friends but none more so than by his adoring family.'

Chris was a member of the Devonshire Society,

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**Jeremy St Maur Thorp** (School 1948–51) died on 6 January 2019 aged 85.



**Lucian Francis Michael Townsend** (Reeves 2001–06) died on 24 June 2023 aged 35. His College achievements were recorded in the 2006 Leavers' Yearbook: Lucian was a house prefect, played the piano and guitar and sang. He was a corporal in the RAF section of the CCF and completed the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

We are grateful to Lucian's father, Mark, for the following tribute:

'Lucian tragically died in a motorcycle accident in Phuket, Thailand. He was born in Switzerland but attended school in England, firstly Newlands in Seaford then Eastbourne as a music scholar. Lucian graduated with an engineering degree from King's College, London, and a law degree from BPP Law School. He worked for some years with CIMB and Maybank in London on their Asian Equity Sales desk before joining EFG Asset Management (HK) Ltd in 2019 as analyst to the New Capital Asia Fund based in Hong Kong.

'Lucian's temperament was well suited to Hong Kong and he enjoyed the lifestyle, outdoor activities and opportunities to travel in the region. He believed in the inherent dynamism and growth potential in HK and south east Asia and he settled in well, making many friends and establishing strong foundations for his life there.

'Lucian was a rare treasure, deeply missed by his family and friends.

We remember him for his zest for life, his ability to enjoy the moment and his most endearing gift of putting people at ease, of making them feel included and special with his kindness, quick-wittedness and charm. 10 April 1988 – 24 June 2023. May he rest in peace.'



**Brian Ronald Tullis** (Pennell 1946–51) died on 10 July 2022 aged 89. Brian was a keen photographer at the College and was the hon sec of the Photographic Society. In 1951 the *Eastbournian* reported: 'Photographic Society – Last, but by no means least, the society would like to express its gratitude for the sterling work of its last secretary, B R Tullis, who, aided by A P van Lennep, made the society into a worth-while concern.'

Brian's photograph of a scene from the play *You Never can Tell* was also included in the magazine.

In the same year, he was mentioned in the news of the Science Society: "'Radio Control of Aircraft'" by B R Tullis on 9 December. The introduction of small but powerful engines flight weight has led to the development of the hobby of flying model radio-controlled aircraft. Mr Tullis described how the control and receiving apparatus work and the practical details as applied to his own model, which he demonstrated.'

He also rowed for the Eastbourne College Boat Club which was then based at Cuckmere Haven. Brian was an able seaman in the CCF Royal Navy section and in April 1951 he and 13 cadets joined the aircraft carrier, HMS *Indomitable*, on a 'summer cruise' from Portsmouth to Aberdeen. Brian's memories of that trip were recorded in the *Eastbournian*: 'We passed Scapa Flow, unfortunately in fog, and that afternoon, our last, whilst at flying stations, we witnessed a crash on deck and we managed to secure propellers and the joy-stick as mementoes.'

We'd like to thank Brian's family for the following tribute:

'Brian Ronald Tullis was born in 1932 at Sutton Coldfield, the youngest of three sons, to David Ronald and Borghild. Unusual for the time, his parents divorced when he was quite young and his mother remarried and so he spent his childhood between England (at Cleobury Mortimer) and Scotland (at Colintrave with his beloved grandparents).

'After school he joined the Royal Air Force, much to the disappointment of his Master at Eastbourne who was hoping he would join the Navy. Following in his father and stepfather's footsteps he received his Wings flying Chipmunks and Vampires. Although he loved flying, he left the RAF and became a design draftsman, and worked in Coventry at the automotive company Humber.

'Brian and Ann married in September 1958 and settled in Meriden in a new home where they raised three daughters, Kirsten, Rowan and Sara. Brian was very clever with his hands and in his mid-20s built a little green open top sports car called Helix, which Ann enjoyed very much. In 1968 the family boarded the ship *Fairsky* and migrated to Australia, landing in Fremantle near Perth in late October. Brian and Ann decided to live in the hills above Perth and quickly built a house, later moving to their second home in Kalamunda where Ann still lives and the girls are not far away. The family all took to their new home in Australia, and enjoyed exploring Western Australia on camping trips. Brian continued his work as a freelance design draftsman and soon had a job with architect and town planner Paul Ritter, before moving on to larger firms including the mining company Alcoa.

'Brian was a keen sailor of small wooden dinghies and for many years sailed on the Swan River and further afield in Signets, Javelins and small cabin cruisers. He built three boats, a Signet for himself and one for a friend, and a Mudlark for Kirsten. His oldest brother David had taught him carpentry skills. Having taken up photography at school (as encouraged by his other brother Michael) he enjoyed it for the rest of his life and built two home darkrooms, in Meriden and Kalamunda. He and Ann loved the bush and wildflowers and Brian took all the

photos for a popular book called *Wildflowers of the West Coast Hills Region*. His other hobbies included gardening, reading, and researching his family history, along with Ann who also researched her ancestors. They made two holiday trips back to the UK.

'Brian loved his family, taking great delight when his two grandchildren, Matthew and Claire, came along and then his first great grandchild Indigo. Unfortunately, he didn't get to see his second and third great grandchildren. He kept his good sense of humour and gentle nature to the end. All his family were fortunate, despite Covid, to be able to spend the last couple of days with him in hospital where he peacefully slipped away with Ann at his side on 10 July 2022.'

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**John Warren Williams** (Powell 1952–57) died on 18 November 2022 aged 84, after a long illness. We are grateful to John's brother, Alan, for the following tribute:

'After leaving the College, John served his national service in the Royal Navy and then moved on to Merton College, Oxford, to read classics. John married Elizabeth Dundas who he met through her brother David at Merton. They settled in Devon where they brought up their children. John's career was in education administration. He was also a committed and long-serving member of his village church.

'John, who was loving and much loved, is survived by his wife, his six children and 13 grandchildren, and by his brother **Alan** (Powell 1954–60).'

While at the College, John was a school prefect, head of house, won the Junior Classical Translation, Baynes Classical Essay and Classical Translation prizes and was also the hon sec of the Essay Club and sub editor of the *Eastbournian*. In the CCF Royal Naval section he won the junior, senior and special Lanyards of Honour, passed his petty officer exam and gained the rank of under officer.



**John Martin Eardley Wilmot** (School 1954–59) died on 3 July 2023 aged 82. At the College John won the Junior Doubles Fives cup in 1956 and 1957, the Junior Singles Fives cup in 1957 and the Senior Singles Fives cup in 1959. After leaving the College, John organised OE fives fixtures. In the army

section of the CCF, John was a silver drummer in the band. We would like to thank John's daughter, Caroline for the following tribute:

'John died from aplastic anaemia at Temple Grove, East Sussex. He grew up at Lark Rise in Ashdown Forest, with his mother Manon and father Percy, who passed away when John was just 19. He had an older brother Charles. John was sent to St Andrew's Prep School in Eastbourne, then on to Eastbourne College. In his words: "I was not academic, but enjoyed sport and excelled at cricket." He was also awarded first team colours for fives. John enjoyed his links with Eastbourne College throughout his life and a lifelong friendship with **David Winn**, who was also in School House. John would often drive down to the school to watch cricket matches as well as joining a trip to the war graves in France organised by the Eastbournian Society.

'Active until a couple of weeks before he was admitted to Maidstone Hospital in May 2023, he had a great love of walking up on Ashdown Forest and the South Downs, often with his dog. He was a keen gardener and volunteer with the Woodland Trust. John cared for his wife Heather at home until she died on Good Friday 2022. He watched his six grandchildren – two of whom attended the College, **Patrick Smith** (Wargrave 2009–14) and **Billy Smith** (Wargrave 2012–17) – grow up with positive interest and curiosity and kept close ties with his three daughters Caroline, Charlotte and Lucinda.

'John was involved with St Margaret's CE Church in Buxted from the 1970s, where his three daughters were married. He was chairman of the Friends of St Margaret for a chapter and stepped into his wife Heather's shoes as a valued church cleaner. In 1965 he started the Chessmen Cricket Club (a wandering Kent and Sussex side) with a friend, which is still going strong today. He made many longstanding

friendships through the Chessmen and played over a hundred cricket games for the club. He ran the Chessmen Golf Club, playing at Royal Ashdown from 1970 onwards.

'Career-wise John started out as a big company man at Monsanto Chemicals. He worked in import/export, was a product manager for a bottling machinery company, then took on a sales and marketing manager role in a packaging firm. As the UK's DIY boom took off in the 1970s he started his own company, Elendell, operating out of the cowshed at home. Latterly he ran his medical insurance agency out of the piggery at his East Sussex home until early 2023, working until age 82, finally retiring on his birthday.'

Some of John's snapshots of College life in the 1950s are featured in our Archives section on page 35.

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**Brian William John Gregg Wilson** (Head of Classics 1973–76) died on 10 November 2023 aged 86.

He taught at Radley and King's Canterbury before joining the College in 1973. The following extract is taken from the June 1977 edition of the *Eastbournian* and was written on his departure from the school for Campbell College.

'Brian Wilson came to the College in 1973 and stayed for just over three years. In this time he was able to show us some of the qualities which will make him a fine headmaster at Campbell College, Belfast. There is no doubt that during his stay here he made a name for himself as one of the most intellectually orientated masters, and one would have to look a long way to find a man with greater enthusiasm and powers of reasoning.

'Anyone who had the misfortune to have an argument with him will remember how easily he was defeated by what Mr. Wilson claimed was "sheer logic". He will be remembered especially by those he took in classics and ancient history. In both his pupils obtained most creditable results. If I were asked which master at the College made me work the hardest, the answer would be without hesitation, Brian Wilson. He was always one to recognise effort and root out laziness. As well as teaching classics he took part in the Divinity and Circus lectures. In these he stayed close to his favourite subject and attempted to instil in the minds of the ignorant some knowledge of the ancient writers, artists and statesmen.

'Perhaps his greatest achievement outside the classroom was the foundation of the New Academy, a society intended to widen one's outlook on life. He stimulated the meetings by providing controversial questions for discussion. It was in this type of situation that he felt at home; he revelled in argument and debate, himself remaining calm throughout and never failing to sow new seeds of thought in the minds of many.

'His hockey game will not forget the ankle-tapping and barging – all in good humour – with which he made up for his lack of speed. Fives and squash also benefited from his enthusiastic efforts.

'Brian Wilson was a man who rarely raised his voice except in extreme circumstances. He will be remembered by the length of his initials and the nickname – Bubbles – which followed him from his previous post. We wish him and his family much happiness and continued good health in the troubled city to which they have gone.'

Following Campbell College, John became deputy headmaster of St Mary's School, Wantage, Oxfordshire. He was also an A-level chief examiner in Latin and ancient history, a local councillor, an author and translator who lectured for Swan Hellenic on their Mediterranean cruises, and for 20 years a religious broadcaster for the BBC. He also served for a time on the Central Religious Advisory Committee which advised broadcasters on religious content of their programmes.

He is survived by his daughters Anna and **Emma** (Nugent 1988–90) and four grandchildren. His wife, Sara, predeceased him.

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## Correction

In **Crichton Wilson's** obituary in last year's magazine we incorrectly said that he was in School House. He was in fact in Powell 1950–55. Our thanks go to a number of readers who pointed this out.

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# EASTBOURNIAN SOCIETY COMMITTEE AND AGM

The AGM of the Eastbournian Society was held at the College on Saturday 4 March 2023. At the meeting the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022 were approved and the existing officers re-elected unanimously.

After discussions at the committee meeting held on 26 September 2023, Ian Henley (Gonville 1970–75) agreed to take over the position of chairman, following the decision by Hugh Price to step down. This will be ratified at the next AGM.

Other changes to the Eastbournian Society office team during the year included the appointments of Kim Richardson, who joined as events organiser on 2 May, Liz Silvester as development officer from 5 June and Helen Medlycott, who returned to the team as administrator on 6 November. Jayne Caines, our previous administrator, left on 20 October to take over as administrator at St Andrew's Prep.

All other members of the committee remained in situ.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Eastbournian Society (incorporating the Old Eastbournian Association) will be held at Eastbourne College later this year. The date and venue and further details for ES members who wish to attend will be announced on the Eastbournian Society website.

## THE AGENDA

1. To receive and, if thought fit, to approve the Hon. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023.
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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- **FITNESS SUITE 8.30–10.30AM**
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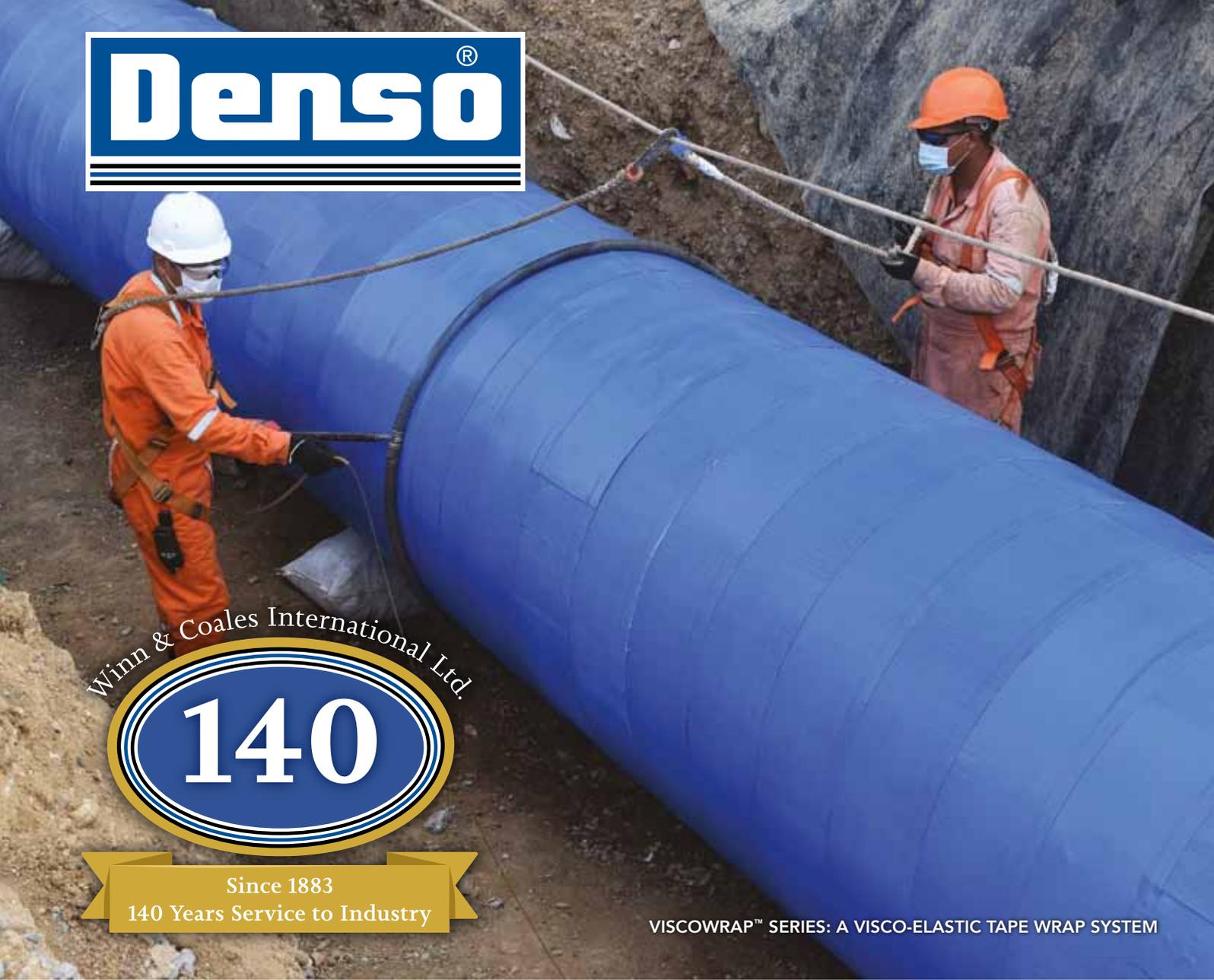
All members will need to complete our online registration process which includes watching a video induction session and completing a PARQ (Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire) before you

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- £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 cubicles or an open space for changing.

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