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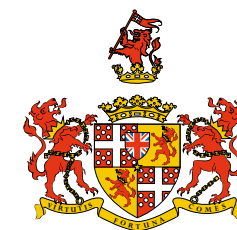
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FROM THE
EDITOR



The o.w. office has not only endeavoured to bring the publication date of the *Year Book* back to the Michaelmas Term, it has also utilised the design skills of Jules Akel [Hg 1975-80] to present the magazine in a new format which, I trust, will be appreciated by the majority of readers.

As was foreshadowed in last year's magazine the academic year 2005/06 has been one of transition. The new Orange has opened between the Picton and the Hopetoun, and so now lower school classrooms resemble those of the upper school: co-education has arrived. Even the names, as well as the composition of the classes and years have changed with the Third, Second and First Blocks now being the Third, Forth and Fifth Forms, whilst in the upper school it is now the Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth.

As many o.w.s would have read in the Development Plan, the physical transformation of the College buildings proceeds apace. The old Combermere and Hardinge are currently building sites, whilst the Anglesey, Hopetoun and Whitecairn await their renovation. In addition to such interior changes the exterior of the main buildings together with the Kilometre will soon be resplendent with new lighting; one trusts the buildings will take on a new grandeur whilst security will be enhanced.

Although the publication of exam results post-dates the remit of this *Year Book* the work that led to that magnificent set of statistics was the product of that academic year. To recognise the achievement of those A Level students the new master Dr Anthony Seldon inaugurated a graduation ceremony to recognise their achievements and to mark their passage into the ranks of the o.w.s. You will be pleased to know that at that ceremony Chris Potter spoke with persuasive force as to the merits of the Society and its world wide reach.

This new era for Wellington is well documented in these pages and particularly in Dr Seldon's Speech Day address. The editor has deliberately left in the video directions to give some indication to those that were not present of this new atmosphere.

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SPEECH DAY

SATURDAY 27TH MAY 2006



— THE MASTER'S SPEECH —

My Lords, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome and thank you all for coming to this new style Speech Day which included all pupils and parents. I hope you will enjoy the next ninety minutes, despite the heat.

My theme for this year, my first as Master, is "getting fully behind Wellington". We have one of Britain's, and the world's, greatest schools, and one which I am deeply proud to serve. In every place I have been around the world seeing schools and meeting Old Wellingtonians, Wellington College is held in the highest regard. We should all in this hall today feel very conscious and proud of the traditions and history of this great school.

I think the country should be prouder too of our nation, prouder than many in Britain are today. Holding the Olympics in London will I am sure be a major cause of resurgence in national pride.

When opening the Olympics in Moscow in 1980, the world watched while the elderly Leonid Brezhnev climbed up to the podium for the open ceremony in the Olympic stadium. As the old boy unfolded his speech, he smiled to the world's cameras and boomed out "O". A surprised hush greeted this first utterance. But he seemed pleased by the reaction, and declaimed a second "O", even louder. He was enjoying himself. The world held its breath. Had the old man finally gone bonkers? He bellowed out an even bolder "O". Surprise was turning to complete bafflement. His speech writer sidled nervously up to him on the podium. "Mr Brezhnev", he whispered, "you have begun your speech up here. You should have begun down here. You have just been reading out the Olympic insignia!"

As Master, I will try to remodel Wellington for the new challenges of the 21st century while, at the same time,

grounding it even deeper in its traditions dating back to the 19th century. In my first address to pupils last term, I reminded the school of some of the qualities of the first Duke of Wellington, as well as the ideals that the school was founded to embody.

We have lost sight of some of those traditions, including the passion for excellence and service in all we do. My aim as Master will be to re-dedicate and reconnect the school with those lost traditions.

To do so, I have been researching back to the school's very founding. This is a copy of *The Times* from 31st January, 1859, at a period when *The Times* was a proper newspaper and had advertisements on the front page rather than plastered over every inside page. On page 12 the lead story is "Inauguration of the Wellington College by Her Majesty Queen Victoria". "On Saturday", it says, "Her Majesty inaugurated the public opening of this institution, and consequently the bleak, inhospitable-looking moor on which the building has unfortunately been erected had, for the first time, such a busy aspect as was almost sufficient to give an air of animation even to a spot so desolate and so cold. The selection of a spot so wild and so cheerless can only be accounted for by the fact that the twelve acres of land on which the college and its outbuildings stand was presented to the Wellington memorial fund gratuitously".

This splendidly objective and upbeat account concludes, "It is a matter of great though useless regret that the governors ever accepted such an offer at all and were led to erect a national memorial on ground so utterly bleak and barren." As you can see, Wellington's issues with the press date back to its very inauguration!

Altering the public perception of Wellington from the

unfair portrait of the last few years has been one of my first tasks. So far, so good. The school has been in the press or on the media almost every week since Christmas, and all for positive reasons such as Mandarin, education conferences, co-education, and our pupils going to American universities. The world's media loved the positive psychology, colloquially called 'happiness', classes. There is much incidentally in this positive agenda—there are lessons here for life for Wellingtonians, and for adults alike. It led to Wellington being featured widely in five continents. Wellington is now big in the Cameroons and Kazakstan. It even reached the distant shores of David Cameron's office, who has this week bowed to the inevitable and come out for happiness.

The BBC swooped down and filmed the school earlier this term when we were having our school photograph taken. [video of school photo]

Pity the BBC couldn't get the name of the school right, but everyone knows what they meant to say. Wellington has been featured on national television around the world. On the parents' Trenches trip two weeks ago, we arrived at an obscure provincial restaurant for lunch to be greeted by our hostess "Zut Alors!", she quivered breathlessly, "Are you from ze famous Wellington College I saw last month on television?" [French video]

It has been a year of real achievement at Wellington College in all areas. We celebrate many prize winners—though not all worthy candidates will receive a prize today. I only ever won one prize at school. It was in the summer of 1967 and I was 13 and in my last year at prep school. I'd have loved to have won the rugby cup, the weightlifting cup, or even some flared floral trousers. But I won the chess cup. It was, truth to tell, the Seldon chess cup. The cup was presented that very year by Mr and Mrs Seldon ..., after they had heard I had won the competition.

Pupils have worked hard in the great majority of cases, as revealed by their effort grades from gold down to red. We have high hopes for their exam results this summer. The 200 best performing pupils, or most improved pupils, will come up today to collect special Master's certificates. Achievements in all areas are listed in the splendid programme you have before you, which has been put together by our own Harvey Goldsmith, Mr Nick Diver, the MC for the day. I will cherry-pick only a few highlights.

In the arts, drama has had a tremendous year with the Ironduke company performing *The Frozen Deep* at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and in Covent Garden, and *The Spidermen* at Wellington and at Southampton. Younger pu-

pils have toured recently with *Aladdin*, while *Francis* will be performed again in Umbria in July.

Musical highlights were the performance of *Merlin* in November, the Covent Garden concert in March, the Montgomery Competition and orchestral gala concert earlier this month, and the wonderful jazz concert last night. Art has been strong all year and I hope you enjoyed the photographs of the pupil artwork before the speeches began. Do please visit the Art and also the Design Technology exhibitions today.

The school has excelled this year in its service to others. At home, Community Service has been vibrant, while further afield, Round Square has had a hugely busy and productive year. The CCF had an impressive Inspection Day earlier this month, and I wish them well for their trip to Malaysia this summer. Chapel has been busy and we have had some wonderful services.

In sport, the highlights have been the cricket, polo and tennis this term, while, over the year, chief credit goes to the performances of the 1st XV and Junior Colts XV rugby in reaching the semi-finals of the Daily Mail National Cup. I invite Jon Davies, squad member and deputy head of college, and Dan Cervino, 1st XV captain, to talk us through the victory over the all conquering Whitgift which took us into the semi-finals. [1st XV video]

The highlight of the year, which brought real glory and pride to the school, was the appearance at the Royal Albert Hall, before Wellington's visitor, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, of Ollie Tilney, Edwina Hayward and Hugh Hemsley. This was the Remembrance Service which was broadcast on television to over five million people. These three pupils brought inestimable honour on the school. [Albert Hall clip]

I hugely enjoyed getting to know the pupils and parents over the last five months and learning more about the school. Parts of Wellington still baffle me, with its unique vocabulary such as the Pink Pavilion dash, Tishes, Bims, Murray Rears, SKO and JKO, Swipes and TS's. But the oddest feature I have yet encountered is the Kingsley, the three and a half mile run ending with deliriously happy pupils and, I regret to say, several staff, wading triumphantly through Swan Lake from which they emerged grinning insanely and smelling like nothing on earth. It is all so odd that I have decided that next year I must go in for the race myself. I will be giving instructions to Mr Auger that he has to race too, because I want to ensure that there is at least one person at Wellington I am going to beat.

I have been bowled over, and utterly delighted, by the very warm reception from parents in the year since my appointment was announced. My effort has been and will be to listen carefully and to respond to parental views. Next year will see a major push to comprehend better, parents' concerns. You will have noted already the drive to improve the work ethic and work rates, especially among those who find concentration difficult. Discipline has been tightened and will be improved still further. Pupils are now looking tidier and will look smarter still from September, in their new sports jackets which will come in initially for the first two year groups, Block 3 and Block 2. All Sixth Form boys and girls from September will wear suits every day. The fifty junior girls joining in September will have their own smart uniform. Here is what Blocks 2 and 3 will be wearing, accompanied by a soundtrack prepared by the Music Technology department, in a mildly remixed form of the school hymn. [Fashion show]

Parents also asked for improved communication between school and home and I am now receiving complaints that you are being inundated with information, which is good. The weekly newsletter has gone down well: the new website goes on line after half term. The graduation ceremony for Sixth Form leavers on Thursday 29th June was another idea shaped by parental suggestions. The new Parents' Forum, which meets termly, is an institutional device to enhance home/school communication. Home and school will not always agree, however, in part because parents don't always agree.

Two particular issues are concerning parents at present. One is weekends. A small but significant minority want children to remain at school during weekends. A majority of parents, however, want their children to come home. We will try to square this circle during this coming academic year. More organised events and activities will bring life to weekends. I am sure we will also find, as did Marlborough, that when girls arrive in numbers, more boys will want to stay back for the weekend. I don't know why this might be the case.

The second concern is not over co-ed *per se*, but over the disruption to houses caused by the school rapidly going fully co-ed. I cannot promise that some parents and pupils will not be upset by changes to houses, but I can promise in July to send parents and prospective parents notice of all changes to houses until 2012, once agreed by Governors, so that you can know what is coming up and make plans accordingly. Universal harmony on this I cannot guarantee: clarity I can.

Parents have been to the fore in the WCA, which hosted the magnificent ball last night at which Ann Widdecome was guest of honour. Other events this term include a lecture by Matthew Parris on Tuesday 6th June, the trip to Billy Elliot on Monday 12th June, Strawberries and Champagne on Saturday 17th June and the College Walk on Sunday 25th June. The reception and tour of the Cabinet War Rooms under Whitehall will now be in September. One of the highlights so far has been the trip two weeks ago to the



Trenches described by one parent as 'the most moving of my life' and by another as 'I made more friends here this weekend than in three years'. You will recognise the fifty parents who went because they are all hobbling around suffering from trench foot.

Superb lectures have also been given this term by Sir Christopher Meyer, Robin (Lord) Butler, and Elizabeth Burton Phillips, who gave a painfully affecting talk about how drugs ruined the lives of her twin sons, one fatally. From September, speakers include Britain's leading lawyer Michael Mansfield QC, former Prime Minister, Sir John Major, Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, journalist, politician and lothario, Boris Johnson, military historians Richard Holmes and John Keegan and many others. Do come to these and also to the many other events including the twelve mile historic walk through London, the book group, the grandparents day and the long weekend trip to St Petersburg, all next term. I would like to thank all the WCA committee for their very hard work and in particular Richard Culley the retiring

Chairman and the unique and indomitable Reena Price.

At the end of this term we bid a sad farewell to a number of staff. Fifteen are moving on, all listed in your programmes. Five must be picked out however because of the length of their service to the school.

Chris Potter, who joined in 1974, becomes o.w. Secretary in succession to John Edwards (to whom I am also very grateful). Chris, born in the school, was a long serving and outstanding housemaster of the Hill, equally ex-

cellent master i/c rackets, cricket and Chairman of Games. His maths teaching has been of benefit to all ranges of talent particularly beneficial to those who have had the energy to attend his 6 a.m. revision sessions! A schoolmaster legend at Wellington and we are delighted to keep him on the team.

Hylton Adcroft has been with us since 1978 and during that time has ensured that the jazz orchestra and shooting teams have enjoyed national and international reputations. A dedicated, professional schoolmaster—he will be sorely missed as will his wife, Mary, whose flower arrangements have graced the chapel and many social functions.

John Holloway received many tributes following his last orchestral concert two weeks ago—all thoroughly deserved. As Director of Music for many years he led the music department with energy and vision and you have heard today the fruits of his outstanding work. I would also like to thank him for his kindness and courtesy as President of Common Room.

Ken Hopkins coached the 1st XV during probably its most successful period ever. He did this while at the same time being housemaster of the Orange, teaching Geography and coaching high level cricket teams. We shall miss his thirst for success.

Chris Thomas had more reason to smile than most given his superb stewardship of the art department for many years, during which the results were often the best at College. He should be very proud of the status of art at Wellington after 20 years inspirational service. I salute them all.

I would also like to thank the other leavers by name—David Critchley, Peter Draper, Julian Grater, Rollo Hesketh, Melody Jones-Christodoulou, Graham Mitchell, Father Kevin O'Brien, Edward Pearson-Miles, Dr Lorna Robinson, Faith Sutherland, Owen Williams and Claire Winterbottom.

Wellington is blessed by the quality of all its teaching staff. I have been deeply impressed by their service, skill, dedication and very hard work. They have risen with high professionalism to the new challenges and demands of this year. They all deserve our praise.

Amongst the excellent Senior Management Team, I would like to pick out the indomitable Robin Dyer who served the school so very loyally and capably as Acting Master during the Michaelmas Term. I would like to thank also Penny Dyer, and indeed all the spouses and partners of our teaching staff.

The support staff, led by the hugely effective Bursar, Martin Sherwin, also merit our applause for the often thankless work that they do for us all. I would like to highlight one figure who represents Wellington support staff at its best, and who has served for seventeen years, Mrs Jacqui Radford who retired yesterday as Master's PA.

One body who are rarely thanked enough in schools are the governors, who put in hundreds of hours each year for no reward other than knowing they are serving the College. We are fortunate indeed to have Sir Anthony Goodenough as Chairman of Governors at the school and I would like us to show appreciation to him and his team.

It is almost a year since Hugh and Clare Monro left the school and I would like to put on record my gratitude to them not only for their great courtesy to Joanna and me

before we arrived, but also my appreciation for all that they did for the school. Hugh was not head of Wellington at the easiest time and I know that in time his mastership will be recognised fully for all it achieved.

Finally, I would like to applaud the pupil body, who have shown great openness and willingness to embrace change. They have had many new challenges, and high expectations, and they have risen to them. In particular, I pick out the Sixth Form, and not just the College or House prefects, for the leadership and loyalty they have shown at a time of transition for the school.

I do not see boys' sport suffering in any way when girls join us. Indeed, my aim is to make Wellington the most successful co-educational (and academic) sporting school in Britain. To help coach the rugby new term we will have ex-British Lions coach Andy Keast and star coaching appearances from Will Carling, Ian McGeechan and Dean Richards amongst others. The hockey coaching will be fortified by Chris Hibbert, the South African goalkeeper, who becomes our hockey professional. Mark Ramprakash will continue to coach the cricket, which will also be strengthened by our new Head of Academic PE who also coaches the England U15 international side.

Cricket has certainly been strengthened by our superb new deputy, Lucy Pearson, ex-England international cricketer. But one pupil had the temerity to question her quali-

ties as a teacher on a programme on Channel 4 at the end of last term. [Channel 4 clip]

A member of Wellington College questioning a teacher? Surely not. Surely Channel 4 meant Wellington School!

We have very exciting plans for the future. Over the summer holidays, we will see the biggest expansion of ICT the school has seen. There are proposals for new classrooms, a new performing arts centre, a new assembly hall, cafés and shops in the heart of the school, an electronic library and much else besides. Obviously, as with all schools and universities, we are dependent on other's goodwill to allow us to build, and I will be very interested in hearing from any parents who would like to become donors before the new Campaign is launched in September. Just this week, a parent has given a six figure sum. Our target is £10m, and we hope to have reached £2m by the time we launch.

What else can parents do to help? Send us your daughters as well as your sons, space permitting, certainly. Continue to act as the excellent ambassadors you are. Join one of our parent working parties. But above all, communicate with us. It will only be with full parental involvement that we will succeed to the full.

We are at a turning point in our history. A time of real transition. With the whole Wellington community, parents, pupils, staff, governors and o.w.s behind us, we will achieve great things. ■



HEAD OF COLLEGE'S SPEECH

Being the school with as much history, prestige and tradition that Wellington is, it is not surprising that many people were against the concept of change when it was forecasted to come its way. Some thought that co-education would ruin the traditions of the school and take away the prestigious characteristics that make this place tick in the way that it does. I don't believe that this is the case however.

The life at Wellington College for pupils will retain all the tradition there ever was if current pupils do not become blinkered by the thought of change in a negative way. It is in the hands of Wellingtonians themselves, girls and boys, to keep and protect the ways of life, the customs and the

general pride in the school. Not only do they do this for themselves, but they do it for future pupils who will learn to prize their school and guard its traditions for their time here, before being taken on again by new Wellingtonians.

This cycle of passing traditions from one year to the next can continue despite any changes that might come Wellington's way. With a school like Wellington, there will always be an underlying character and quality which can live alongside any path the school takes. In no way should co-education hinder tradition. The only difference is that girls and boys, alike as Wellingtonians, will appreciate the tradition together in this fantastic school. *Oliver Tilney* [Bn] ■

PRIZEWINNERS



MUSIC & DRAMA

Instrumental Prizes:

<i>Silver Bugle</i>	Oliver Smith (Hn)
<i>Singing</i>	Thomas Humphreys (S)
<i>Choral</i>	Tammy Shephard (Ap)
<i>Woodwind</i>	James Coe (Bl)
<i>Strings</i>	Ramona Racovicean (Ap)
<i>Percussion</i>	Thomas Robinson (T)
<i>Crowthorne Choral Society Prize</i>	Jonathan Keeling (Bd)
<i>Montgomery Recital Prize</i>	William Wei (S)
<i>Haldane Organ Prize</i>	Tom Lowe (L)
<i>Anthony Browne Piano Prize</i>	Seelin Ho (Ap)
<i>O.W. Prize for Music</i>	Letitia Bryan (Ap)
<i>Lake Drama Prize</i>	Oliver Bagwell Purefoy (Hl)
<i>John D. Gold Memorial Prize for Performing Arts</i>	Robert Quaile (A)
<i>Theatre Prize</i>	Alexander Boswell (Hn)
<i>Senior Debating (Michael Spicer Cup)</i>	The Anglesey: Thomas Proctor, William Turner
<i>Junior Debating (Alice Renton Bowl)</i>	The Combermere: Robert O'Donovan, Wessie du Toit, Rhys Howells

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

<i>Stockdale Art Prizes</i>	Nicholas Grimshaw (C) Victor Seaward (Bd)
<i>Batchelor Art Prize</i>	Charles Hancock (Bn)
<i>Eden Art Prize</i>	Dominic Henri (S)
<i>Plaistowe Prize</i>	Graeme Earle (Pn)
<i>Design Prizes</i>	Jessica Barker (Ap) Christopher Dickens (S)

MODERN LANGUAGES, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

<i>Frew German Prize</i>	James Cavanagh (A)
<i>O.W. Spanish Prize</i>	James Turley (Bn)
<i>Elton Geography Prize</i>	Bradley Warren (Hg)
<i>Electronics Prize</i>	Ed Vigors (S)
<i>Frew Mathematics Prize</i>	Tayo Olufowose (L)
<i>Parks Prize for Mathematics</i>	Naoya Koda (Hn)
<i>O.W. Biology Prize</i>	Ozan Asim (S)

Ridsdale Chemistry Prize

Ozan Asim (S)

Ridsdale Physics Prize

Ozan Asim (S)

HISTORY, ENGLISH & CLASSICS

<i>John Walter History Prize</i>	George Looker (Pn)
<i>Carr English Prize</i>	George Looker (Pn)
<i>Frew Classical Civilisation Prize</i>	Robert Quaile (A)
<i>Strettel Politics Prize</i>	Sam Frankel (T)
<i>O.W. Prize for Economics</i>	Jonathan Davies (Bl)
<i>Freer Religious Studies Prize</i>	Harriet Howard-Leach (Ap)
<i>Blakemore English Prize</i>	Letitia Bryan (Ap)
<i>Senior English Language Prize</i>	Benjamin Puddle (Hl)
<i>Freer Greek Prizes</i>	James Coe (Bl) Archie Wardlaw (T)
<i>Frew Latin Prizes</i>	Leesa Campbell-Colquhoun (Ap)
<i>James Ramage Prize</i>	James Turley (Bn) Jonathan Ware (Bl)

SENIOR ACADEMIC

<i>Verrall English Prize</i>	Jonathan Ware (Bl)
<i>Prince Consort's History Prize</i>	Jonathan Ware (Bl)
<i>Vaughan Geography Prize</i>	Edwina Hayward (Ap)
<i>Lord Derby French Prize</i>	Simon Baker (M)
<i>Verrall Greek Prize</i>	Christopher Snell (Hn)
<i>Buckley Mathematics Prize</i>	James Coe (Bl)
<i>Frew Physics Prize</i>	James Coe (Bl)
<i>Pender Biology Prize</i>	Kamran Gaba (Hg)
<i>Frew Chemistry Prize</i>	Kamran Gaba (Hg)

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<i>Frew Mathematics Prize</i>	James Robinson (T)
<i>Willans English Prize</i>	Robert O'Donovan (C)

O.W. Spanish Prize
 O.W. German Prize
 Ronald Herring French Prize
 Entwisle Latin Prize
 Freer Greek Prize
 Atlay History Prize
 Elton Geography Prize
 O.W. Biology Prize
 O.W. Chemistry Prize
 O.W. Physics Prize
 John Falconer Prize for English & History Design Prize
 Freer Religious Studies Prize

Robert O'Donovan (C)
 James Huelin (B1)
 Charles Wheeler (Hg)
 Charles Wheeler (Hg)
 Cornelius Riethdorf (H1)
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 Alexander Wedderburn (T)
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 Alexander Wedderburn (T)
 Robert Stevens (B1)
 Edward Lowe (Bd)
 Daniel Price (Bd)
 Hugh James (Bn)

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Master's Prizes
 Round Square Medal
 John Maltby Essay Prize
 O.W. Society Prize for Artistic & Athletic Distinction

Ishan Kalra (L)
 Clare Buchanan (Ap)
 Edward Vigors (S)
 Majid Samea (B1)
 Thomas Humphreys (S)
 Robert Quaile (A)
 James Quaile (A)

Joe Plank (Bn)
 Jonathan Ware (B1)
 Jonathan Keeling (Bd)

Penny Memorial Gift
 Lord Derby's Gift
 Lady Emma Talbot's Prize
 Claud Hughes—Games Memorial Prize
 Purnell Gift
 Walter Castle Prize for Loyalty & Keenness
 Bates-Blewitt Prize for a School Prefect
 Lord Colnbrook's Prize for Leadership
 Duke of Wellington's Prize
 Toye Challenge Trophy
 Talbot Medal
 THE QUEEN'S MEDAL

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 Nicholas Grimshaw (C)
 Christopher Snell (Hn)
 Toby Stewart (Pn)
 Ashley Grossmann (Bn)
 Oliver Bagwell Purefoy (H1)
 James Fuller (Bn)
 Henry Fox (Pn)
 Edwina Hayward (Ap)
 David Stirling (Bd)
 James Coe (B1)
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 (Head of House: Edward Vigors)
 Jonathan Davies (B1)
 Oliver Tilney (Bn)

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DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S PRIZE
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WALTER CASTLE PRIZE
 HENRY FOX (Pn)

BATES-BLEWITT PRIZE
 EDWINA HAYWARD (Ap)

LORD COLNBROOK'S PRIZE
 DAVID STIRLING (Bd)



ARTISTIC & ATHLETIC
 Jonathan Keeling (Bd)



LORD DERBY'S GIFT
 Nicholas Grimshaw (C)



MASTER'S PRIZES
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PURNELL GIFT
 Oliver Bagwell-Purefoy (H1)



QUEEN'S MEDAL
 Oliver Tilney (Bn)



MASTER'S PRIZES
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PURNELL GIFT
 James Fuller (Bn)



TALBOT MEDAL
 Jonathan Davies (B1)



ROUND SQUARE MEDAL
 Joe Plank (Bn)

JOHN MALTBY ESSAY PRIZE
 Jonathan Ware (B1)



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CLAUD HUGHES GAMES MEMORIAL PRIZE
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LADY EMMA TALBOT
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PENNY MEMORIAL GIFT
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KINGSLEY RACE PRIZE
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<i>Bournemouth</i>	Jack Adams (Pn)	Applied Geography	Alexander Hearn (C)	Business & Management
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— HYLTON ADCROFT —

Hylton Adcroft has had a long association with rifle shooting having started as a Cadet in New Zealand. He moved on to .303 rifles at the Sponge Bay ranges whilst at school. He was in the New Zealand Army and HM Guards (you can see him in the film *Battle of Britain* if you look hard enough). He did some military shooting but it was at Oundle that he first became a qualified Range Conducting Officer. In 1978 he was running the College VIII with the help of Chief Petty Officer Edwin Harris. CPO Harris was the SSI and had been the most senior CPO in the Royal Navy. Hylton always talks about CPO Harris with real affection and it is clear that Hylton's love of shooting was nurtured by this great man.

At Bisley Hylton is highly regarded as one of the senior coaches and has been rewarded with such exclusive posts as Commandant of the UK Cadets and most recently as Commandant of the British Cadet Rifle team 'Athelings' for their tour to Canada in 2001. Whilst Commandant of the UK Cadets they won the Inter-Services Long Range competition against every branch of the armed forces. The list of Wellington Athelings is almost unbroken since he was appointed Adjutant of the British Cadet Rifle Team in 1982.

The College will miss this most warm and kind hearted member of staff. Few people have any idea how hard he has worked over the years and how many boys and girls have benefited from his coaching. *Bruce Roth*

Hylton Adcroft came to Wellington in January 1978 from Oundle. Hylton is one of life's great success stories as originally he was appointed as Head of Wind and Brass to run the CCF Band. He also taught brass instruments and then began to expand his horizons and started a Symphonic Wind Band. Hylton continued to expand and on one occasion, Wellington could boast three wind bands performing on Speech Day. Also in 1985, the main Symphonic Wind Band was guest at BASBWE (The British Association of Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles) conference at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester—a great accolade for any music department in the country and for any band director.

Both Jeff Oakes and Hylton originally taught in a hut in the woods down Chapel Hill and then moved to the more salubrious dwelling of the converted toilets near the Old Gym. From his office he could be seen working late into the night, either teaching or working on the first College website.

In the late 1980's, Hylton created the Wellington Jazz Orchestra and they have toured throughout Europe, getting as far as Tunisia one year. They have built up a tremendous following, raising money for charities (the Crowthorne Minibus Appeal for example), performing at the Crowthorne Carnival, performing at garden parties, at prep schools and at jazz clubs. At his last Eve of Speech day concert, Hylton organised an o.w. jazz band and there was a wonderful array of past Jazzers in the school who returned in his honour. There were a number of stories too.

It would seem that Hylton is your man to get stranded on a desert island with. His organisation skills are immense and his belief that you should go ready prepared for any eventuality is well known in our circles.

The mobile office complete with lap-top, stapler and hole puncher, with copies of every piece of music just in case, is standard practice. When in France in 1992, truck drivers blockaded the roads to Calais and the tour coach was stranded. Hylton went for a walk, passed a man working in his garden, heralded him and was greeted with a reply in English. "We're stuck" said Hylton, and the man jumped to the rescue. Complete with Citroen 2cv, he led the coach to drive across a field, over a mountain and onto the main road to Italy. The Jazz Orchestra drove back to England via Switzerland, Germany and Belgium. Hylton was ever resourceful and had a solution for everything!

Hylton's organisational skills were very much in evidence for the Remembrance Day service—his timings were impeccable and the training of young trumpeters to perform the last post (in the last two occasions, in antiphony) was excellent.

We will miss Mary and Hylton particularly for their generosity and friendship. They are the ultimate hosts and meals at their house have been plentiful in every sense. Their long line of pedigree Labradors were bred in their house and generations of young and old have been to see the puppies in their garage. Just some of his feats have been running the Common Room Association, his running of the shooting team, his association with the Wooden Spoon, with whom he started the marvellous Fireworks Concert in the Summer. Memories include his role as a monk at the Hexagon for a performance of Carmina Burana, his wonderfully funny lion in the Wizard of Oz and his version of the Atkins Diet. Mary will be remembered for her fantastic flower-arranging in the Chapel, her patient invigilating and her warm and generous hosting.

Mary and Hylton retire to their home in Wales. They will now have more time to visit their grandchildren in Princeton, to perhaps revisit Hylton's birthplace in New Zealand, to travel and to relax away from the pressures of Wellington. What do you think Mary? *Simon Williamson* ■

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COMMON ROOM ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION
22ND APRIL 2006

The Common Room Association reunion on 22nd April was the last to be organised by Hylton Adcroft, the Association's

Secretary over the past nine years, at which Hylton welcomed some 70 past and present members of Common Room.

Norman Porter, co-founder of the Association with Paul Gilley and previous past Secretary responded.

In his tribute to all that Hylton had done for the Association, he recalled how Wellington Common Room was not without the politicking, ambitious manoeuvring and gossip that was inevitably part of any vigorous, forward-thinking establishment. But that faded into significance and was transcended by the values shared by so many of the people who had worked at the College.

There were many reasons for being proud of the College. One of them was probably the Common Room Association, unique, but worthy of emulation.

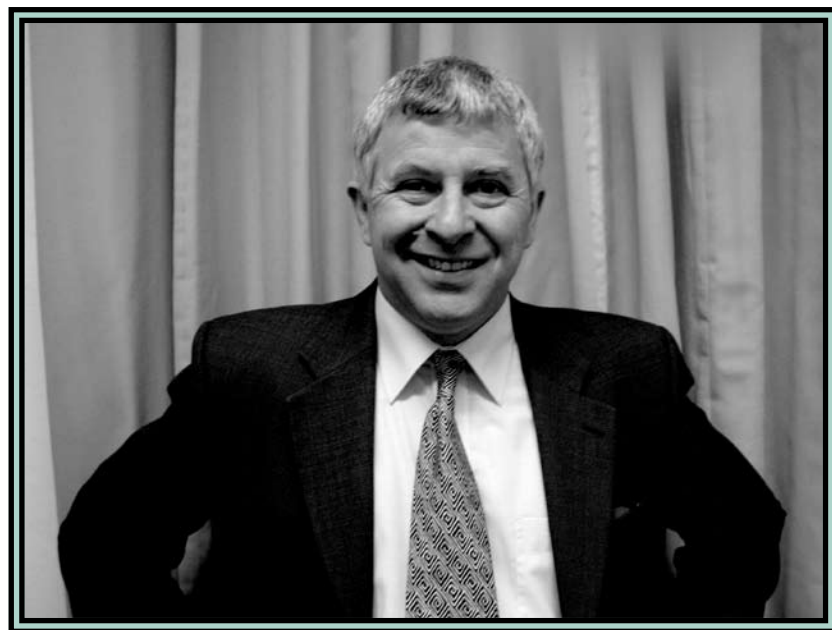
But a good idea needed a focus—a spider in the middle of the web, to bring all the strands together, and to weave a few new ones. Hylton was by far the longest-serving Secretary. The CRA had thrived. Membership had doubled—so too had the workload. And it was all voluntary.

It was in recognition of that, that 90 members had contributed a magnificent £1,400 to a farewell "thank you" gift for Hylton. Members were to be thanked for their marvelously generous response. With the money the Association had bought an engraved bowl, a Pimm's jug, a whole wodge of Gift Vouchers for buying garden furniture, with a cheque for the remainder to enable Hylton to buy whatever he would like.

Norman read extracts from the letter that accompanied the presentation of the gifts and concluded by thanking all the members of the committee, and of course Mary for all that they had done—not least in organising the evening's special reunion.

We reiterate our thanks to Hylton and Mary for all their work for the CRA, and we wish them the happiest and longest of retirements—something which they so richly deserve. *Norman Porter* ■





— — — JOHN HOLLOWAY — — —

John Holloway came to Wellington as Director of Music in 1984. As an ex-Cranleigh pupil and later music master there, he was well aware of the sort of role the Director of Music had in such a school and with his experience from Cheltenham Grammar School he was set to mould and generate an academic environment with a number of high-profile music activities. He remembers coming for interview and turning up at the Porters' Lodge to be greeted by classical music. Wellington had to be the place for him, therefore, and he immediately set to work, promoting the orchestra and continuing on the great work of his predecessors Keith Pusey and Jared Armstrong. Concerts at the Anvil followed, events in London became the norm as the music department at Wellington started to set higher standards and look fresher. Always interested in technology, purchases in computers and technology became a yearly event.

John is an inspired teacher: his use of language for explaining aspects of music and his phrases to gently encourage and jibe students will continue to echo around the music school for some time. His phrases at orchestra rehearsals were written down by players and a presentation made by Jonathan Keeling (Bd) at John's last orchestral concert included, as well as pictures and personal phrases, whole lists of his sayings. Of course, he might say, this was as much use as a chocolate teapot but it's nice to know that the unwashed have taken some notice!

John is also a keen organist and he has performed recit-

als in chapel on a number of occasions as well as accompanying the choir sensitively, either on tour or at home. As a pianist, he has accompanied the lower end of the spectrum, proclaiming a overwhelming distaste of Pamela Wedgwood but always willing to be inspired by pieces such as Saxsequential.

As a conductor, John has conducted the Crowthorne Choral Society for 22 years, conducted Cantores and directed the Lulworth Cove Music festival. He has regularly directed large scale productions at Wellington, from Musicals to performances of the Dream of Gerontius by Elgar. His programming has rarely repeated music, and above all has always avoided Handel's Messiah!

Meetings with John were always self-evaluating, always professional, always caring and concerned. He created a team around him, and when Phillipa became ill that December a few years ago, the Department was able to happily take on extra roles. Perhaps it was that constant bashing down of walls that made John decide to step down as Director of Music two years ago, but a mark of the respect that had built up within the school was honoured by voting him as President of the Common Room. This role he has filled with care and thought, always available to give helpful and calm advice. Not only are there a great number of o.w.s indebted to him but also a great number of staff too.

Directors of Music have difficult roles in a school—taking congregational practices early in the morning in January in the dark and cold trying desperately to wake up the

College; motivating the unwilling teenager to practise; coming up with new and exciting development plans; trying to persuade people to do up the music school gents' lavatories! Both Phillipa and John will be missed by the community and we wish them well in their future. Some will know that John is a composer as well and he has written hymn tunes, choral pieces and a wonderful orchestral suite (based around teachers in the music department). I am sure that he will spend time composing as well as continuing to teach.

Phillipa will continue her cottage industry as well. Neither will sit still for long—perhaps John will run a few more choirs, certainly drink a few more bottles of wine and no doubt cheer loudly from the riverbank somewhere near Tewkesbury. They will have many parties where they will continue to be generous and magnanimous and excellent music will waft from their cottage. Sounds like an excellent retirement. ■



— — — KEN HOPKINS — — —

Ken Hopkins joined the Common Room from St George's Grammar School, Capetown in January 1985. His strong personality and lilting Welsh accent soon made their mark both in the Geography Department and on the rugby field. It is of course with rugby that he is of course most particularly known. He was Director of Rugby for eight years and more specifically coach of the 1st XV and the Rugby Sevens. Most o.w.s of recent vintage will be well aware that his coaching expertise led many Wellington teams to outstanding victories year upon year, particularly at Rosslyn Park. Indeed it was during this period that Wellington became the 'nursery' for many significant internationals.

For twelve years KMH was Housemaster of the Orange; a daunting task as his own house was not conjoined, thus necessitating a long climb to the top of the East Block many times a day. As a Housemaster he was caring, conscientious and meticulous with all his charges, but it is inevitable that once

again his record of sporting success should come to the fore.

Ken was not just synonymous with the oval ball as he played a significant role with the summer game, indeed his enthusiasm ran over into the holidays organising a series of cricket courses for prep school students.

The last few years were ones of highs and lows for Ken. In December 2003 he played a key role in the visit of HRH The Prince of Orange, when the heir to the Dutch throne dedicated The Princes' Quad. Subsequently he was told that his beloved House was to be moved and relocated to a new building between the Picton and Hopetoun—and that it was to be for girls.

After a two term sabbatical Ken, Annie and the boys left Wellington for a house just the other side of Duke's Ride. His son Will remains at the school and his wife Annie is a part-time nurse in the Medical Centre. In the meantime Ken has taken up a post at Shrewsbury House Prep School, near Twickenham. How apt! ■



— — CHRIS THOMAS — —

In 1986, when Chris arrived at Wellington, from South Africa, with family in tow it was like a fairy tale. As they still do, the facilities, surroundings, and the people had an immediate appeal and made a strong impression. David Newsome was Master and David Lindley, Head of Art. Classes were timetabled but the groups were small and the old syllabus exams were a series of drawing exercises. Chris took over as Head of Department in 1989 and, as art education was beginning to change, he began to build a department of vision and strength.

The family settled happily. Selma took over steersage of the Library, and the daunting task of sorting, coding, and computerizing the entire catalogue to bring the library into the 20th century. She was then whisked off to Eton College and more recently to Westminster to do the same for them. Meredith was in the Apsley from 1994-1996, and Bevan in the Picton from 1993-1998.

As Director of Art, Chris was tireless in his determination to create a department that reflected the contemporary art world. He established the open studio afternoons so as to be available to students for tutorial and specialist project work. He expanded the printmaking facilities and was always eager to help students through the complications of layered imagery and multiple colour prints. He established life drawing, and promoted the use of sketchbooks as working journals for continuously recording and developing ideas. With Chris's compilations of 60's music to set the mood, the Art School (then in the Driver Rooms) became a relaxing refuge from the rest of college.

Numbers increased. Canvases became larger and larger, and sculpture began to feature in the exhibitions. Chris was constantly battling to contradict the preconceptions

and misconceptions which surround art: time demands, validity as a discipline, and general aptitude and rigour linked to the stereotype of an artist. He believed that doing and teaching must go hand in hand. Over the years Chris could be heard puzzling how students could labour for months over one piece of work.

Driven by an undying interest in process and product himself, he turned his hand to every medium, maximizing the opportunity to work alongside students and demonstrating his passion to acquire understanding and expertise by direct application and experience.

Committed to the idea of team teaching and workshops, Chris often brought artists into the department to broaden the possibilities and teach their specialization. This occurred with such regularity, and was so successful that it was formalized into an annual position of artist-in-residence. Chris was dedicated to supporting those students who were genuinely engaged in their practice; he oversaw portfolios and persisted with foundation schools. He was generous and caring, and engendered in students a sense of self. As Chris was proud to declare, for several years the art school results "independently secured Wellington's place in the league tables".

Beyond the Art School, the Thomas' barn in France was redesigned by Chris into a home (which includes a mezzanine studio) so even during the holidays he was acquiring the art of poured floors and distemper walls, lintels over windows, and site specific bookcases. Their garden is full of sculptures, and the walls, floor to ceiling, and full of Chris's evolving work, including many pieces given to him by grateful students.

Although they are living in Westminster while Selma is

still working, Chris will be taking full advantage of ferry deals so that he can continue with his projects. We wish them both a long and fulfilling retirement in France, tending their vegetable garden, making art, revisiting their shelves of books and DVDs and enjoying a stream of visitors. ■



— — MELODY — —
JONES-CHRISTODOULOU

Melody joined Wellington in 2001 as a Physics Teacher. Educated at Ballymena Academy and Durham University she graduated in Natural Sciences. Despite majoring in Chemistry she went on to gain a pgce from Manchester University, and entered her first post teaching Physics at Dover College. After three successful years at Dover College she joined the Physics Department at Wellington. After a further three years demonstrating herself to be an excellent classroom practitioner, she was promoted to the position of Head of Physics. During her 2 years in charge of this successful department Physics has flourished within the college, and there have been some excellent external examination and Physics Olympiad results. Melody has been an undertutor in both the Combermere and latterly the Apsley boarding houses. She took her pastoral role within the houses very seriously, and was always prepared to 'go the extra mile' to help her students. As undertutor and teacher in charge of girls' tennis and squash she freely gave of her time, and will be much missed by the Apsley girls. During her time at Wellington she has overseen the renaissance of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, with the number of youngsters involved rising from seventy to one hundred and twenty. This was coupled with an even more substantial increase in students successfully gaining the awards. A popular member of Common Room, Melody's outstanding organisational skills, capacity for hard work and friendship will be sorely missed by both

students and staff alike. All our congratulations and best wishes go to her in her new post at Magdalen College School in Oxford. ■



— — FAITH SUTHERLAND — —

Faith came to Wellington in September 2001 as Director of Drama. As well as maintaining a programme of extracurricular productions, her brief was to introduce the subject into the academic curriculum, including gcse Drama and Theatre Studies at both AS and A2.

Faith's first project at Wellington was a Block 3 play: Hugh Leonard's adaptation of Dickens' *Great Expectations*. This proved to be an innovative production, which inspired many of the cast to go on to study drama and make a major contribution to the theatrical life of the college. Oliver Bagwell-Purefoy and Robert Quaille, for example, both made their debut in this production and have gone on to pioneer and advertise the benefits of curricular drama throughout College.

Faith's aim was to ensure that the theatre was in constant use and offering a range of plays and performances of all kinds to the community. She succeeded in bringing it alive by organising visits from professional companies, workshops, house plays, college productions and involving a huge number of staff and students in the annual House Drama Festival. The Foyer Café was opened and manned by volunteers, bringing a much more convivial feel to evenings out at the theatre.

Her decision to bring Robert Henderson in to design and light productions made a huge difference to the standard of work on stage. Robert's expertise has been greatly valued by actors and directors alike. She has also transformed the auditorium from what used to be very much an all-purpose College event-space into something more recognisably theatrical: a black ceiling; a black curtained floor

area; and a lighting and sound desk at the back in Rows A and B (from which no one used to be able to see very much anyway). The Green Room also has been kitted out as a black box space, well-equipped to deliver exam-drama, and comfortably enclosed for group work.

Faith has created many opportunities for students to direct various performances and, for a number of years, Block 1 boys have been responsible for passing on their skills to Block 3 boys in productions such as *Kes*, *Adrian Mole* and *Journey's End*.

Perhaps Faith will be best remembered for setting up the Ironduke Theatre Company which played for 4 successive years at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh. This year she has developed it further into an outreach company which has toured various prep schools with *Aladdin*. At Edinburgh, in collaboration with Pauline Flannery, Ironduke produced some memorable work with a characteristic emphasis on physical theatre. With meticulous attention to detail and atmospheric, original sound tracks by Chris Warner, a number of literary works have been brought to life: *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Frozen Deep* and the outstanding original production: *The Girl I Left Behind Me*.

Faith leaves us to join Ibstock Place School in Roehampton to take up the new position of Arts Development Officer where we wish her every success and happiness. ■



PETER DRAPER

Peter had taught briefly at Wellington for one term in 2000 but was to join us formerly from Haileybury in September the following year. He was very much a teacher of the 'old school' exuding those old-fashioned verities which are perhaps missing in modern education. He taught French, German and PSE and on the

sporting field coached cricket and ran the badminton team. He was also a distinguished member of the College Choir and was a fountain of sound advice in his undertutorial role in the Anglesey. Upon leaving Wellington he took up an appointment teaching modern languages at Dulwich Prep School. ■



ED PEARSON-MILES

Ed Pearson-Miles joined the staff to teach Design and Technology in September 2001, after two years teaching at St Andrew's Turi in Kenya. His enthusiasm to get stuck in saw him immediately involved fully in all aspects of school life. What he probably didn't expect was that he would be acting head of department for five terms within a year of being here. In that time he introduced Computer Aided Design and Manufacture and got excellent results. He did that job with plenty of energy although it was not one that he particularly relished. Indeed he was quite happy to pass it on, when the time came, and concentrate on other things.

He ran the 2nd, 3rd and 4th xv's and coached hockey at various levels, but Ed is perhaps most in his element lying under a car or fixing a machine, the sort of chap always happy to fix someone else's mess. I think the remains of his first Landrover is still lying around the school somewhere. He was very involved in the ccf and the Marines and managed to persuade a number of people to jump out of aeroplanes, against their better judgement. He also completed his mountain leadership training, appropriate for someone who spent a number of years rescuing climbers in Snowdonia. Few probably know that he also took groups of boys off trout-fishing at the Sandhurst Academy for the last four years as well as clay-pigeon shooting.

In the boarding house, the Blücher, he made a great

contribution, particularly to the younger boys, helping them to settle in and always up for a trip to the cinema or, preferably, go-karting. The departure of them and their three very lively children will make life a lot quieter down in Connaught Close, but Ed and his wife Charlotte will have lots to offer to the boarding house and the Design Department at Kingham Hill School in the Cotswolds, where they are moving in September. ■



CLARE WINTERBOTTOM

Clare Winterbottom leaves us to move to Eastbourne, Sussex and take up the post of Head of Art at St. Bede's Primary school. Clare is pleased about the move because both of her children will also attend St. Bede's, and the area has much to offer culturally. She has been the mistress of still-life, bringing a derelict Morris and multiple exhaust systems into the studio her first year, a rainbow of coloured objects the next, and a full garden shed of fantastic containers and tools this year. Clare's biggest contribution to Wellington has been her expertise as a painter. She has been responsible for many of the life drawing classes, and she has cajoled and nurtured several of our best figurative painters with tremendous success. In her three years here, she has been an effective undertutor in the Apsley and she will be particularly missed by her GCSE painters, who have appreciated her guidance and humour through their first year of the course. ■

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KEVIN O'BRIEN S.S.C.

Father Kevin O'Brien joined the College at the beginning of the Michaelmas term of 2004. He was licensed as Assistant Chaplain in the Chapel



of the Holy Spirit during the Beginning of Academic Year Service, by the Bishop of Reading.

Kevin joined us from a curacy in the parish of Uppingham in the diocese of Peterborough. His was not a conventional path to ordination (if there is ever such a path these days). For many years a non-believer and a successful advertising executive and then a university lecturer, Kevin had his conversion experience and gave up this comfortable lifestyle for the life of training for the priesthood at St Stephen's House Oxford.

When I was looking for an assistant, Richard Warden having gone back into the ranks of the parish clergy, I 'phoned my old theological college and spoke to the principal. I asked him if he knew of anyone he thought might be suited to ministry in a boarding school. Without hesitation he recommended I get in touch with Kevin.

This is not to say that Kevin found the teaching immediately easy or to his liking; this was so very different to lecturing at university level. But he persevered and gradually he came to see what was required in the classroom, and his students warmed to him.

In his short time with us, Kevin has been particularly involved with the ccf as their padre and with the shooting team for which he has a sharp eye. In Chapel, his particular area of responsibility has been the rehearsal of readers and servers and he has brought a great deal of professionalism to the matter of voice production in that place.

Kevin has been a real priestly companion to me and it has been good to have someone to say one's prayers with, and also someone to bounce one's ideas (and frustrations) off. What will I do next year when I am on my own?

We are very happy that Kevin has secured such a challenging and interesting post as Chaplain to the Bishop of Europe and know that he will bring that same degree of calm professionalism to that post as he has brought to all that he has done here at Wellington.

Sue and the boys will also be sorely missed. Sue has been a stalwart of the ladies' prayer group and has also been involved with Chapel flower arranging, and the boys... have been boys!

We wish them bon voyage and every best wish for life in Worth, Prague, Rome, Moscow, Stockholm, Florence, Vienna... Rev. Andrew Richards ■



— DR L. ROBINSON —

Lorna joined the Classics Department at Wellington after she had finished her PhD. She settled quickly into the routine of the school and she has made an excellent and innovative contribution to the department. She has been unfailingly generous in the giving of her time and her considerable expertise, and pupils and staff alike have benefited from her undoubted scholarship. She is a first class Classicist, and her wide ranging knowledge of Classical literature and her infectious enthusiasm have given pupils an invaluable insight into the ancient world. In the wider context of the school, Lorna has worked very hard to establish an Amnesty group and she has become very involved in the Creative Writing society. She has been the inspiration behind the Classical magazine, *Pan*, which has been an absolute triumph and has reached a wider audience in schools and universities.

One of the most significant things that has happened during her year at Wellington is her marriage to Duncan on 1st April! We wish them both all happiness and Lorna great success as she takes on new challenges, which include an initiative to bring Classics back on to the curriculum in inner-city schools. ■



— OWEN T.R. WILLIAMS —

Owen arrived at Wellington having been plucked from his teaching post in Canada. An excellent schoolmaster who despite his youth and limited experience has proven to be one of the best in the making. Owen has combined the dual roles of class teacher with a stint as Assistant Housmaster of the Benson, where the boys have taken him to heart. It has been refreshing to have a new dog in the Geography department teaching more mature ones new tricks.

Owen has been an extremely diligent member of the department, putting himself out for all students at anytime. This professionalism has been carried over into all other spheres as Owen has been glimpsed flitting from cricket square to 'away fixture' dances.

Owen leaves us to add a Masters degree to his qualifications. Wellington will miss him and want him back. ■



— ROLLO HESKETH —

Rollo Hesketh joined the History department in September 2005 fresh from Sydney Grammar School. This old Etonian with degrees from St

Andrews and Melbourne Universities soon made his mark in the department by teaching at all levels with informed authority. Besides the classroom he played a full-part in College life being the resident under-tutor of the Anglesey and as a very active coach of rugby, soccer and tennis; truly a multi-talented individual. We wish him well in his career at University College School, Hampstead. ■



— DAVID CRITCHLEY —

David joined the Classics department in September 2005 for one year. In that year he has been hugely involved in all aspects of the School both in and out of the classroom. He has taught Latin and Classical Civilisation to all year groups; he has been involved with the ccf in the naval section, sailing, under tutoring in the Murray and he has been a committed member of the Chapel congregation. David has brought a calm efficiency to all that he has undertaken and it is the result of a long and successful career in education that he became so quickly and effectively involved.

David is a hugely experienced schoolmaster and we have been very fortunate to have the benefit of his considerable knowledge. He is a first-class academic and his expertise with IT is exceptional. His electronic mark book is a wonder to behold! He is a gentle man, in every sense of the word, and we have much appreciated his scholarship and his company.

We wish him every success for the future as he takes up a new appointment at Stowe. ■

— JULIAN GRATER —

It would be fair to say that anyone who crossed paths with Julian Grater would feel warmed by his generous and engaging manner. He joined the



art school as an artist-in-residence in 1996, tremendously enjoyed the educational and artistic exchange with young people, and agreed to stay in a part-time capacity. From a reservoir of energy Julian nudged students' work through drawing investigations into alternative materials and resolutions often beyond the realm of pictorial possibilities. His friendliness and infectious enthusiasm rallied everyone. He was a superb printmaker and shared his knowledge with staff as well as students. Etching became one of the primary disciplines of all year groups as Julian guided students through complex chine colle and carborundum processes, an opportunity unique to secondary level art schools. He was also a masterful draftsman with a real eye for dramatic composition. He taught many a life drawing session on how to describe the figure in light with charcoal, and he talked students through figurative monoprint mark-making techniques with outstanding results. Julian brought to the studio a passionate eye for the natural world and a deep commitment to making art through investigation, process, and experience. He had several brief leaves from teaching to continue his own current work based on time in Alaska and the Burgess Shale sites in the Canadian Rockies. This autumn at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Julian had an exhibition of these drawings and we knew it was only a matter of time before he would need to devote his full time to his own studio practice. He was a sympathetic and supportive colleague, with tolerance and optimism. Students who passed through Julian's classes in his ten years at Wellington will never forget his intelligent and inspired coaching as he challenged them to stretch their abilities, examine their perceptions and preoccupations, and engage completely in the world around them. ■

BURSARY NOTES

YEAR ENDING SUMMER 2006



STAFF

At lunchtime on 31st August 2006, some 170 Support Staff gathered for a BBQ to see in the new and to bid a warm farewell to the old. Sadly the weather forecast was for rain so whilst the Catering Department cooked in the Comb-ermere Quad, the staff sat down to enjoy the fare in the Dining Hall; of course it didn't rain! The "new" was the very impressive Orange boarding house for girls, which was being given its first public viewing. More of the Orange later. The "old" were John Ferns, the College Accountant for the past 18 years and John Edwards, as O.W. Secretary, an honorary member of the Support Staff, both of whom retired that day.

John Ferns has been a wonderful servant of the College; the hours he put in, including regular long days at weekends, meant he had probably worked the equivalent of 30 years at the College. He was friend and confidant of many of the staff, equally respected by members of the Common Room and members of the Support Staff. He has a wonderful sense of humour; his ability to laugh at himself quite sets him apart. He was ribbed unmercifully by "his" ladies in Accounts and loved every minute of it. Few of us will ever forget his visit to the Bracknell Bowling Alley on an office outing; he was to spend almost all of the evening in Heatherwood Hospital A & E having severely broken a finger with his first ball. He photographed everything that happened in the hospital and within days howls of laughter emanated from his office as he played a video of his photographs set to the music of Goldfinger to anyone who entered. John's



appetite is legendary and his capacity for pints of draught beer extraordinary for one so thin; lunches and functions will not be the same without him. Nor indeed will meetings for John was a straight talker, making his points after careful consideration with ardour. He managed the College's finances with skill yet was always willing to assist Parents, Staff and Department Heads through difficult times whenever a case for doing so could be made. As a result of a very gener-

ous collection by the Support Staff, we were able to present John with a watch and a specially commissioned memento, a stone carving relief of the Duke of Wellington, suitably engraved *John Ferns, Wellington College 1988-2006*. He will be greatly missed and a hard act to follow. Quite a challenge for Stephen Headdey, John's replacement.

John Edwards has done much to bring the O.W. Society closer to the College in many ways, a process that will undoubtedly continue under his successor, Chris Potter, particularly now that the O.W. Society and Campaign for Wellington offices are side by side. Simon Fuller has taken over as Development Director in the Campaign office assisted by Chantal White.

In May, Jacqui Radford, the Master's Secretary retired after 17 years service. In that time she worked for David Newsome, Jonty Driver, Hugh Monro and briefly for Anthony Seldon. She was immensely loyal and discreet in all that she did both in her main role and in her support for and the work that she undertook on behalf of the Staff Social Club. Nadine Bocher has been appointed the Master's



Talbot

Beresford

PA and Tarla Woolhouse his Educational Conferences and Events secretary.

Finally there has been a complete change of staff in what was the Registrar's office and what is now called the Admissions Office. Sheila Sparks and Julia Harris have moved on to be replaced by Louise Peate as Registrar and Melissa Beamish as Admissions' Secretary. Jamie Walker, after a

number of years as Senior Master, has been appointed to the new role of Director of Admissions with responsibility also for Marketing. The Admissions' Office is now conveniently located in a new suite of offices on the east side of Front Quad in an area that was previously the Blücher TV Room and the Orange Workroom.

DEVELOPMENT

Without doubt the major building project completed this year was the new Orange. A substantial building, standing between the Picton and the Hopetoun. It was designed by Buttress Fuller Alsop Williams, the architects of the new Talbot (opened 2003) and the new Beresford (opened 2005). It was planned to accommodate 52 girl boarders



and three members of staff. As a result of the huge demand for places, one of the social rooms and the Assistant Housemistress's study had to be commandeered for Day girls, with the result that in 2006 / 2007 the House is actually accommodating 68 girls. Internally the House is light and airy with bright and vibrant furnishing selected by Linda Raabe-Marjot, the



Anthony Bruce (Chairman, O.W. Society) and Lord Charles Beresford, at the opening of the new Beresford

Housemistress of the Orange and teacher in the Modern Languages Department. The reaction of the incoming pupils and parents was little short of ecstatic.

Work has already begun on the next girls' house, the Combermere, which is to open for September 2007. Created out of the space previously occupied by the Hardinge and the Combermere, the new House for 62 girls will have a very special character of its own. Many of its rooms will have galleried study areas above the sleeping and social space making full use of the unusually high ceilings in parts of the building.

The boys, meanwhile, have not been forgotten. During the year the Picton underwent a total refurbishment and a new Assistant Housemaster's house was built in place of the old games room. Once that project had been completed, the Blücher underwent the same treatment; the pupil accommodation and facilities now rival any available in the out-of-College Houses, including the new Talbot and Beresford. Gone are the ground floor games and TV rooms accessed only by leaving the main body of the House; these are now incorporated in the heart of the House on its second (of three) floors. The work on both the Picton

and the Blücher during term times, was only possible as a result of our having the spaces vacated by the Beresford, and the old Orange. In 2006 / 2007, and for three more years, this area will be used to accommodate the boys from the Hardinge, the Combermere, and eventually the Murray before the area is converted into a boys' Sixth Form House. Much is changing as a result of the new Master's 10 year Development Plan agreed by Governors in June 2006.

Development and upgrading of the Wellington College Sports' Club's facilities has continued during the year. Following the success of the Cherry Court Café opened in 2005, this year some £80,000 has been spent on new gym equipment for the Total Body Gym. The Club continues to go from strength to strength under the steady hand and guidance of Geoff Arthur and his dedicated team.

The Summer 2006 holidays was busier than ever before; more than 80 contractors were on site on several occasions. The Apsley was extended into part of the San —now renamed the Medical Centre—to provide accommodation for an additional 9 girls. The Admissions, Campaign and O.W.s offices were all relocated. New offices were provided for the Second Master, the three Heads of Year



The Marquis and Marchioness of Waterford

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Groups, the expanding HR department and the newly created post of Conferences' Secretary. A wonderful new Textiles Department has been created within "D" block of the Science Laboratories, Biology has two new laboratories in the lower ground floor of the Kent building and two "temporary" classrooms for P.E. have appeared in part of the

Science Car Park. And so the relentless development will go on as will the very important everyday maintenance and refurbishment work undertaken by our in-house tradesmen; for the foreseeable future there will be no let-up in the heavy work load on Gerald Burbidge, the Works Bursar and his excellent team.

— COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY —

All the above work in the Summer holidays was achieved whilst at the same time as we had our busiest (and most profitable!) summer lettings season masterminded by Steve Blossie, the Assistant Bursar, ably supported throughout by Debbie Arnold, the Domestic Services Manager and her team of Housekeepers, Cleaners and Labourers. Over the summer we accommodated more than 15,000 bed nights, hosted 13 major non-residential functions, all in addition to the commercial activities based on Wellington College Sports Club. Philip Stockwell, of Sodexo, and his excellent catering team kept everyone fed throughout. The contribution to the College's financial bottom line of this commercial activity can easily

be overlooked. The Support Staff, many of whom worked right through the school holiday without a break, are to be warmly congratulated for all that has been achieved.

And finally we cannot ignore the labour of those who work "outside". The grounds and gardens are a visitor's first sight of Wellington and what a wonderful and lasting impression they make. The views from the Kilometre in one direction over Turf, and in the other, Rockies to the new Talbot and Beresford, will be wonderful memories that I shall take with me into my retirement next Spring. It has given me huge pleasure to live and work in such an environment; it has been an enormous privilege to lead and work with such an excellent Support Staff. *Martin P. Sherwin* ■

SPORT

— SENIOR RUGBY —

Senior rugby has once again provided over 120 Lower Sixth and Sixth Form students with the opportunity to play the game at a variety of different levels. Whatever team these boys played for, there was a sense by the end of the season, that they all had a part to play in representing Wellington with both pride and honour in wearing the College colours.

When one examines the record of each team, the honours go to the 2nd xv, who not only remained unbeaten throughout the season with a played 11, won 11 record, but who did so with the usual disruptions that any 2nd xv experiences when the 1st xv change their selection, experience injuries (and there were plenty of those this year!) and 'pinch' players at the very last minute. So my heartiest congratulations go to the 2nd xv, their captain, **Jonathan Davies [BI]** and of course, Mr David Edwards, who did an outstanding job as their coach.

As can be seen from the 1st xv report, what began as a season of 'near misses', with a whole variety of circumstances working against us, soon turned into a fantastic Daily Mail Cup run. Highlights included knocking out two of the favourites for the competition in Truro College and Whitgift (who had won the Under 15 competition as a side three years earlier), and of course reaching the semi-finals, where a 20-20 draw led to heartbreak with the team going out of the competition on the tries scored rule. More detailed information can be found in the 1st xv report, but this is a good opportunity for me to thank all those who have been involved in the coaching of the side. Mr Nick Gallop (coach), Mr David Edwards (coach), Mr Steve Blossie (fitness and physio), Mr Keith Richardson (guest coach), Mr Craig Morris (video analysis). A respectable if not

outstanding record of played 18, won 9, lost 8 and 1 draw.

The 3rd xv enjoyed some extremely close fixtures during their season. Having won their first match, they were dogged by a series of draws and even those games they lost in the first half of the season, were by narrow margins. The second half of the season saw two heavy defeats against Radley and Harrow, but victories against RGS High Wycombe and Whitgift boosted morale, before the inevitable end to the season—a draw against Tonbridge. The 3rd xv season record—Played 11, won 3, lost 5 and drew 3—did not perhaps reflect some of the talent in this side, but they were fortunate to have an excellent coach in Mr John Arton-Powell and my thanks go to him for all his hard work this season.

A very respectable 4th xv season resulted in 6 wins and 4 losses, the highlight being the turnaround of an earlier defeat against Tonbridge, into a 26-8 victory in the final game of the season. Having watched one of their home matches I was delighted to see the drive and commitment this team demonstrated in their rugby and the sheer enjoyment gained from playing the game. This is in no small way due to the coaching of Mr Ed Pearson-Miles, who coached the side skilfully throughout the season.

Mr John Rawlinson very rarely produces sides that do not know how to win games of rugby and this year was no exception. The 5th xv recorded 7 wins and 3 losses in their season, and these defeats were marginal scorelines. Congratulations to all involved.

Particular thanks and plaudits go to Mr Simon Lockyer who not only took over the running of the Hill this year, but also managed to successfully carry out the most difficult job in world rugby—not coaching England to Rugby World Cup



1st XV v. St Paul's. Wellington won 34-15. Left to right: Mark Douglas (Capt) (Bn), Rob O'Donovan (C) (with ball)

glory, but managing and coaching the Wellington College 6th xv! It is an unenviable task. One week you can barely scrape together 15 players, the next you have 25 players all wanting a game. Victories against Eton, Marlborough (turning around an earlier defeat in the season) and Tonbridge were the highlight of the season and whilst they experi-

— I S T X V —

Two different sides took to the field to represent the Wellington College 1st team this season. One side—amongst other notable victories—produced a brace of outstanding wins against Whitgift, overturning last season's defeat in the first term and in the second term knocking out of the U18 competition the side that had won the U15 Daily Mail Cup three years before. This Wellington side beat Daily Mail favourites Truro College—the South-West RFU academy—and progressed to the semi-finals of the Cup; it overwhelmed Sherborne away, scoring six unanswered tries; it convincingly beat a previously all-conquering Millfield Sevens side to lift the Surrey Sevens trophy in a thrilling final; and it came from behind to defeat RGS High Wycombe and Eton College—both teams enjoying fine seasons. Sadly, the other side to represent the College threw away victory at home to a limited Radley side; failed to trouble a highly suspect Harrow defence; lost by a single point after dominating the matches at both Marlborough and St Paul's; and failed—as holders—to reach the second day of the Rosslyn Park Sevens Festival.

Of course, the enormous frustration of the season was that both of these sides comprised the same set of players. At their best they were magnificent, and at their worst ... well, the early season games will long live in the memory for the wrong reasons. It all served to make the 2005/2006 season a catalogue of absolutely remarkable highs—that would have ranked amongst the best achievements of any Wellington season—and bitter lows, in almost equal measure throughout.

But how is a school-boy rugby season to be measured? In a strict, faceless audit of wins and losses, with points conceded deducted from points scored? Or in a more balanced and discerning fashion, seeing a season as a period of time with a developing group of seventeen and eighteen year old boys who are looking to progress and to mature as rugby

played 4 defeats, producing a 6th xv at any school is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations.

On behalf of the players and coaches, my thanks must go to the many people who have ensured another successful season. There are too many to list by name, but you know who you are. G.R. Owton ■

players, as individuals and as members of a team: a season in which boys are not just aspiring to reach their rugby playing potential but are also looking to learn how to handle victory and jubilation, alongside defeat and disappointment.

It is, of course, more challenging to find methods to quantify or appraise these less tangible or less obvious realms. One way is to reflect upon the fact that up to six of this year's leavers—well surpassing all previous records—have earned contracts with top rugby clubs, amongst them Bath, Saracens and London Irish, to continue this process of development. Such successes are testament to the committed, passionate and balanced coaching that all players have received, at all levels, over the five years that they have spent at Wellington.

The last words must go to one player who stood tall throughout the season: the exceptionally tenacious captain, **Dan Cervino [Pn]**. Leading a winning side is a largely effortless pleasure: the games cannot come around fast enough. Captaining a side that began the season as erratically as it did, at times as far from its potential as it was possible to be, is a wholly different prospect. Dan was outstanding throughout—statesmanlike off the pitch and inspired on it. He was a credit to himself and to the College and his unequalled match contributions were in large part responsible for the stirring and lengthy cup run.

The fact that the 2005/2006 season was not going to be an unbeaten one became evident in the first half against Dulwich College, a team characterised by their enormous pack of forwards, their driving maul and their occasional throwing of caution to the wind with a pass to the fly-half. This well-drilled side went on to have an unbeaten, albeit insipid season and the three tries to nil loss the team suffered on the opening day of the season certainly heralded the hard work ahead.

The following game against St. Paul's, on reflection, rep-

resented the season's lowest ebb. Losing by a point despite great tries through backs **Tom Carling [Bi]** and **Charlie Gower [Pn]**, was an improvement on the previous week's match but this time the opposition were amongst the poorest of the teams that were faced all season.

Despite these two early defeats, a revival of fortune was sparked away at Sherborne with a superb display of attacking rugby. Two tries apiece from wing **Gruffud Jones [Bd]** and hooker **Joe MacManus [Hn]**, contributed to a thirty point winning margin and began to reflect not just the team's potential but also the kind of creative, balanced and disciplined rugby that Wellington College sides are looking to play in the coming seasons.

The dip came at Marlborough—themselves beaten convincingly by Sherborne later in the season. Loosing a fly-half to concussion inside the first minute on a grey and soaking day in the depths of Wiltshire did nothing to help the cause. Even a superb try from centre **Tom Loizides [Bn]**, who collected the ball in his own half, was not enough to reverse the one-point losing margin.

Two victories—against Eton and Pangbourne (which marked the start of the Cup run)—were followed by two defeats, disappointingly to those bitterest of rivals Harrow (who, naturally, produced their best performance against Wellington and imploded thereafter) and Radley.

Fortune smiled again in late November with a hat-trick of wins. St Bartholomew's, in the Daily Mail Cup 4th Round, were beaten convincingly by thirty points to ten with some outstanding kicking by full-back **Mark Douglas [Bn]** (who ended the season in fitting style as 'player's player'). Whitgift were overcome in the second half, with a scorching try by No.8 **Alex Lee [Hn]** from the base of the scrum all of thirty yards out. Finally, RGS High Wycombe were unable to cope with what was by now becoming a highly superior prop combination of **Majid Samea [Bi]**, **Freddie Pritchard-Smith [Hi]** and **Ed Swift [Hg]**, supported by an effective second row combination of **Richard Smith-Bernal [Bi]** and **Chris Barnes [M]** and the victory was ground out by eighteen points to fifteen.

A fabulous win in the next round of the cup against Dauntsey's (with a fifty point margin, the match was stopped mid-way through the second half under competition rules) and two great tries from flanker **Marcus Potter [C]**, was matched—of course—by a narrow but high scoring defeat against an unbeaten Cranleigh team, despite a superb performance and try from **Scott Lowden [Hi]** who shared the No.9 shirt with the excel-

lent **James Quaile [A]** for the majority of the season.

Tonbridge, in what was both school's last match of the Michaelmas term, came to Wellington with an awesome two year unbeaten run to defend. The final result of 14 points to 15 fails to reveal the devastation felt at the final whistle—Wellington were 14-10 up and in control until the very last play of the game when defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory by a Tonbridge try.

The odd spectacle of senior 15-a-side rugby in the hockey term on Big-side produced two superb wins. Both through exceptional team efforts but orchestrated by fly-half **Ed Lewis-Pratt [Hn]**, who had an exceptional series of games in the final stages of the cup, and second row **Jon Fisher [Hi]**—a devastating acquisition who promises a significant future in the game. With over eight hundred spectators at each game, and both won in the dying minutes—one with a kick and one with a try—the Cup competition seemed to be as exciting to play in as it was electrifying to watch.

Few teams exit cup competitions without suffering a defeat, but the 20-20 draw at the RFU's midlands headquarters of Castlecroft in front of a crowd of over three hundred travelling Wellington families and fellow pupils, saw the end of the College's furthest under-18 Cup run on try count-back. Tries by backs **Josh Bowman [Bd]** and **Charlie Gower [Pn]** were not quite enough to counter highly effective use of a bulky set of Durham School forwards.

Defeat in the Cup, just as defeats during the season had, hardened resolve and the players—with little time for real preparation—took to the field a few days later in the Surrey Sevens competition. For coaches and players, this competition, which brings both one and two-term rugby schools together along with a host of academies and is played out over a single gruelling day, is a far more demanding challenge to win than the more prestigious Rosslyn Park Festival the following week. With comprehensive group wins, the side progressed to the final (beating Whitgift for a third time en route) to lift the cup after a fine five-tries-to-two win over a staggeringly physical Millfield side.

In an apt reflection of the season, this latest victory was followed by a spectacular implosion at Rosslyn Park which brought the curtain down on an extraordinary season. In fact, the maddening lack of consistency in the final weeks of the Lent term symbolised the season as a whole. But such unpredictability also made the season one of the most exhilarating, exasperating, thrilling and memorable rides on record. N.D. Gallop & G.R. Owton ■

RUGBY 1ST XV RESULTS

DULWICH COLLEGE L	0	-	21	
ST PAUL'S L	20	-	21	
SHERBORNE W	36	-	6	
MARLBOROUGH L	16	-	17	
ETON W	16	-	15	
BRYANSTON SCHOOL L	8	-	18	
PANGBOURNE COLLEGE W	29	-	8	<i>Daily Mail Cup Round 3</i>
RADLEY L	12	-	20	
HARROW L	9	-	21	
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL W	30	-	10	<i>Daily Mail Cup Round 4</i>
WHITGIFT W	23	-	14	
RGS HIGH WYCOMBE W	18	-	15	
CRANLEIGH L	26	-	33	
DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL W	53	-	0	<i>Daily Mail Cup Round 5</i>
TONBRIDGE L	14	-	15	
TRURO COLLEGE W	23	-	20	<i>Daily Mail Cup Round 6</i>
WHITGIFT SCHOOL W	14	-	12	<i>Daily Mail Cup Round QF</i>
DURHAM SCHOOL D	20	-	20	DAILY MAIL CUP SEMI-FINAL

SEVENS

This version of the game has always been popular at Wellington and whilst the Daily Mail Cup run at 15-a-side meant that a number of the 7's tournaments had to be scaled down, Wellington managed to field squads for both the Surrey Sevens and the National Schools Sevens Tournament at Rossllyn Park, albeit with only one training session being possible in the lead up to both events!

However, a Wellingtonian rugby player's natural ability to play sevens has never been in doubt and this was proven when a spirited squad of 10 players, arrived at Richmond with nothing to lose. Having won their group comfortably, they progressed to the final beating Whitgift and St Edward's along the way. A match up with the old rivals Millfield was on the cards. Millfield, who had been unbeaten as a sevens team since Under 14 level, were confident of notching up another tournament to their name. However, Wellington had other ideas and an astonishing victory by a 30 point margin ensured that the trophy would come back to Crowthorne.

Of course, this would provide the team with the kind of confidence they needed to go on and win the National Schools Sevens you would think ... or alternatively, it would create a complacency that would prevent us from winning the competition. Sadly, the latter was the case and having coasted through our group games to reach the knock-out stages, a defeat against Stowe followed. The team managed to go from playing fast-flowing, intelligent sevens, to individual, contact obsessed rugby. They paid the ultimate price and were clearly devastated to have been knocked out so early.

A lesson learnt for all and a sad way for the season to end, but I am confident that these players will take plenty from the experience and become better players for it.

G.R. Owton & N.D. Gallop ■

COLTS 1ST XV

In many ways this was a season of progress for this year group. They lost two of their players to the Senior age group because they were marginally too old to play for the year group and the scrum half had returned to Australia. **Rob Stevens [BI]** was off change for the whole of the season and **Charlie Wheeler [C]** missed the second half with a cruciate injury. This meant that many players who had previously played at B team level had to now come through. Many did including **Angus McClean [Hg]** at scrum half, **Henry Pinto [Bd]** on the wing and **Henry Daniels [Hn]** at full back.

The season begun well with three victories over Dulwich, St Paul's and Sherborne. The highlight of these games was the victory over St Paul's on Bigside. 5-0 down at half-time and going up the hill in the second half against the Daily Mail U-15 Winners, it was a tremendous achievement to win 12-5 playing physical but free flowing Rugby.

The next three games though were all lost. Eton was a huge disappointment with poor defence leading to a rather comfortable victory for them. Marlborough was a very tight game and at times rather brutal with a series of injuries affecting the flow of the game. In the end Marlborough won 3-0 in a poor game of rugby. Radley the next week was little better and again we lost in a tight encounter.

Victory in the next 4 games turned the season around with some much better rugby being played. We played some of our best rugby against Harrow and ran out 29-0 victors and this was followed by a 15-13 win over Whitgift, 13-0 over RGS High Wycombe and 23-22 over Cranleigh. Victory in two of these games owed much to **Henry Pinto** and some fine penalty kicking at crucial stages in these games. Unfortunately the season came to an end with defeat at Tonbridge in a rather disappointing performance. In the

end 7 wins and 4 losses represented a decent season. Many players developed and they will go on to play at a higher level in the years to come. **George Byrd [Bn]** captained the side with style and was ably assisted by other key players.

The Colts 7's season started with victory at the RGS Guildford 7's tournament beating Epsom College 45-0 in the Final. A fantastic performance and the second year in a row that Wellington has won this competition. Unfortunately the QE Barnet was cancelled so it was off to Rossllyn park next for the Nationals. We won our group comfortably and had 3 knockout games then that day to get through to the Quarter-Finals the next day. We won our first two knockout games with ease but tiredness and an extra game meant that we came unstuck against Eton. A fine performance from all though and some excellent 7's played boding well for the future.

The Colts contain some talented players and as they will be reunited over the next few years and with players coming back from long-term injuries, they should make the core of a talented 1st XV over the next two years.

M.J. Oakman & I.C.E. Mitchell ■

Dulwich College W	30	-	0
St Paul's W	12	-	5
Sherborne W	5	-	12
Marlborough L	0	-	3
Eton L	33	-	12
Radley L	12	-	31
Harrow W	29	-	0
Whitgift W	13	-	15
RGS High Wycombe W	12	-	0
Cranleigh W	23	-	22
Tonbridge L	29	-	5

JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts squad had a very successful season culminating in an undefeated round of inter-school fixtures and a semi-final Daily Mail Cup berth at Castlecroft.

The squad, so ably led by captain **Wessie DuToit [C]** for the past two years were strengthened this season by

the inclusion of several new players who joined Wellington at the start of the year, and by an improving list of Yearlings 2nd players from the previous season.

The statistics speak for themselves, but the most pleasing aspect of the season was to see individual players improve the way they played their rugby. The squad as a whole also showed

that they could play to a set game plan rather than relying on the natural flair and talent that they have in abundance.

Throughout the season the team played 17 games of rugby, winning 15, drawing one and losing their semi final to a spirited QEGS Wakefield by four points.

The leading try scorer was **Chris Donnelly [Bd]** with 13, the leading points scorer was **Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn]** with 30 conversions, 5 penalties, 2 drop goals and 6 tries resulting in a total of 111 points for the season, made even more impressive in that Christian's points total was 40 more than the total scored against the team all season.

The team averaged 25.76 points per game with an average of only 4.17 points scored against them. A total of 438 points were scored throughout the season with only 71 against.

The highlights of the season were many but included a 40-0 win over a much fancied Harrow side when we scored from the kick off. Most Daily Mail fixtures proved difficult, but none more than the night spent in near darkness at RGS High Wycombe where we ran out eventual winners 10-6 despite the worse playing conditions imaginable.

The culmination of the season came with a semi-final fixture against QEGS Wakefield, who for many, were seen as the Daily Mail favourites before the season commenced.

QEGS proved worthy opponents running out eventual winners 14-10. However, the squad were anything but disgraced turning on a style of rugby that produced an exciting game. Although disappointed not to have made the finals, the boys had an excellent season and can be justly proud of their achievements. *G.I. Woodrow & B. Wielenga* ■

Dulwich College . . . . .	.W	22	-	7
St Paul's . . . . .	.W	11	-	21
Sherborne . . . . .	.W	32	-	0
Theale Green Community School . . (DMC).	W	42	-	5
Marlborough . . . . .	.W	21	-	3
Eton . . . . .	.W	43	-	5
Reading School (DMC).	W	52	-	0
Radley . . . . .	.W	43	-	0
Harrow . . . . .	.W	40	-	0
Whitgift . . . . .	.W	15	-	5
rgs High Wycombe . . . . .	.W	10	-	6
Cranleigh (DMC)	W	29	-	0
Tonbridge . . . . .	.D	0	-	0
Abingdon School (DMC)	W	25	-	9
St Paul's School (DMC)	W	13	-	0
Queen Elizabeth Grammar (DMC)	L	10	-	14

— YEARLINGS —

Yearlings' rugby started out with a very poor show across the board. With a slightly smaller pool of players in the year, it was inevitable that there would be tough times ahead in the term. Unfortunately the lack of depth started to show in the 1st Yearlings xv rather than lower. This presented an excellent challenge to players, coaches and parents as the boys knew they would have to improve over the first term to gain some personal respect and results to match. The task in the 1st Yearlings was to improve in such a way as to be able to win the last three matches. A simple task and yet a great challenge. With the first half of term ending with a titanic battle at Eton, progress had begun to be made. Nobody watching that game could believe the improvement in the boys that played. With almost the same side that capitulated horribly to a Marlborough xv at the beginning of the season the Eton game marked the next bench mark. Leading 22-0 at

half time, the boys had stuck to a very important game plan. Rush defence was all the talk of the Premiership this year as Shaun Edwards had developed the Wasps' defensive line to outwit other teams. Whether he had heard about the Wellington Yearlings I am not sure, but rush defence was our key. The impressive Eton backline was held up by a fast moving defence that was superbly lead by **Sam Edgerley [Bd]**—clearly the player of the season. Whilst the backs were performing their heroics the forwards were mauling and driving as if their lives depended upon it. **Fred Ward [Hl]**, **Max Fawcett [Bd]**, **Simon Haddad [S]** and **Alex Seward [T]** were the pick of the forwards that day. By half time the boys were drained. Inevitably, we could not sustain such ferocious rugby and gradually Eton came back to force a draw. The well-deserved result for both sides was further set in perspective when later in the season Eton beat Marlborough. From half term onwards the boys

really picked up more confidence and suffice to say they played their hearts out to win their last matches in great style. It was an absolute pleasure to watch the boys gain in confidence, pick themselves up from defeat and gain over the term. I am very sure that these boys will have learnt so much about themselves over the term and this will make them listen and learn as they go through the school, getting stronger and stronger. Well done to the boys and to Mr Ewart and Mr Seldis who helped them keep the faith.

W. Williams & C.B. Ewart ■

Dulwich College	L	17	-	5
St Paul's	L	6	-	46
Sherborne	W	10	-	5
Eton	D	22	-	22
Radley	W	0	-	8
Harrow	W	29	-	10
Whitgift	L	41	-	7
rgs High Wycombe	W	14	-	20
Cranleigh	W	24	-	14
Tonbridge	W	15	-	5

Junior Colts play Eton. Dylan Thomas (T) winger, waits to receive the ball



HOCKEY



— — — 1ST XI — — —

Travelling down to the West Country for 3 days of pre-season training I looked back at last season and felt we were inches away from a very good Wellington 1st XI.

Tom Carling [BI] was back for his 3rd year in the 1st XI as Captain and led from the front at all times. He was ably assisted by the vice-captain **Johnny Keeling [Bd]** and a rejuvenated **Paul De Freitas [Hg]**.

The Friday of pre-season was an excellent start, we did not disgrace ourselves at all in this match and although we went down 4-7, the opposition including 3 ex-premier league players and many seasoned league "pros", were very impressed and the score line was not indicative of the game. Rob Hill, England, GB and master i.c. hockey at Sherborne was very complimentary about our attacking play and found himself spending much of the match tracking back to defend. **Loizides [Bn]** and **Temple [Pn]**, both promoted from last years 2nd's looked sharp in front of goal and our strike force was looking good for the season ahead. Later that day we played MCS Oxford having watched them play a tiring Sherborne and Yeovil. We ran out fairly comfortable winners here managing to rotate the whole squad but not before Loizides scored another 2 goals bring his tally for the day up to 4. Sunday brought us back to Sherborne to play the school, this time, and **Lowden [HI]** and Carling opened their accounts for the season in a scrappy 2-1 victory. Canford, having never beaten them in 5 years, was going to fully test the squad. **Armitage [Bn]** in goal made some huge saves and this took the sting out of the Canford attack. Nearing the end of the first third and another break away from an over-loaded defence Loizides, Temple and Lowden moved the ball swiftly into their 25 and walked a goal in. One-nil up against Canford and we were riding high. Canford came back and replied but Loizides rounded off a great weekend with the winner and very well deserved win.

With the squad on a high and the return of a couple of old hands who missed pre-season we travelled to Marlborough for our 1st school fixture. We should have

won the game in the first 15 minutes and gone 3 up but missed 2 open goals and an easy tap in. Marlborough on the other hand started to play and took the lead with their first attack against the run of play. The remainder of the match went the same way and even though we fought hard and should have won about 9-4 we came out second best and lost 2-3. A very disappointed team had to raise themselves for the following day and the County round of the National School's Hockey Championship. Unfortunately we were unable to do so and playing Eton first was not ideal. We went down 0-1 and didn't really recover from that. We played Pangbourne next and as Eton had already beaten them we couldn't go through so our hearts were not in it. This was a shame as we could have used this as a practice match but instead we ran out a draw against a very mediocre team.

There was going to be a back lash at some stage and Lancing were next up. We ran out 8-1 victors in a very one-sided game but at least our hunger for goal was back, Loizides bagging 5! Charterhouse were next and we have had a number of memorable tussles in the last few years. This was to be no exception and we flew out of the blocks. One-nil up after about 2 minutes was fantastic and Charterhouse were stunned but not for long. They hit straight back with 3 unanswered goals and we started feeling the heat. When the half time whistle went the score stood at a ridiculous 3-5! Thankfully for my well being but not the teams the second half was a much more evenly match affair. Charterhouse managed one more goal before the final whistle but their 3 goals in reply early on really knocked us for six. Once again we had a packed weekend and the O.W. match was scheduled for the Sunday. If 9 goals on Saturday had not been enough then there were another 15, yes 15 goals scored on Sunday! The O.W.s once again fielded a strong team but the boys battled hard to stay in the game. With the added incentive of their coach playing for the O.W.s the boys rose to the occasion and nearly took the game and if there had been another 15 minutes they

probably would have. I doubt that a Wellington 1st XI have often scored 10 goals in a weekend and come out on the losing side twice.

The long trudge to Whitgift was next. This has not been happy hunting ground for some time now, and again we struggled against a well disciplined team, many of whom play regular club hockey and it shows. We lost our shape in this game and heads dropped. The power play approach came back and we tried to force our way through open sticks, something we had worked so hard to dispel but we had stopped thinking. The same happened against Eton who had raised their game since we had met them earlier in the season. We should still have won the game but the goals that had been coming so easily had dried up.

We travelled to Tonbridge the following week to play on their new water-based astro. Having got used to the pitch fairly quickly we played some good hockey that day but two very soft goals took the game away from us. **Faldo [Hn]** and **Warren [Hg]** had held up most of the attacks we had come across in the season but two lapses in concentration saw a very skilful Tonbridge centre forward coast past them and slot a couple of goals. For the final 10 minutes we really had their backs against the wall but were unable to claw back any advantage. Warren had a great match that day and **Gadsby [BI]** who had come up from the Colts earlier in the season also came into his own.

I think the team were feeling a little low by this point in

the term and the combination of 5 losses in a row of which one or two we should have won or at least done better in was taking its toll. I also think that mentally some of the sting was taken away with 4 of the squad being heavily involved with the Daily Mail and sevens' competitions.

Bradfield was next and a chance to get something out of the season. It was a scrappy game that never really flowed but at least we gained a win out of it, Tom Carling scoring an important goal for the team. Radley came the week after and having blown them away last year they were very much up for the game. Unfortunately the game was cancelled as the school travelled up to the Daily Mail semi-finals. This was possibly a blessing in disguise as 3 of their 1st's went back down to the colts and gave our colts a lesson in how to play. Finally the Cheltenham game came round and this has traditionally been a good measure of how the season has gone. With the disappointment of the last few games and of missed chances on the rugby field I think minds were re-focused and the squad set about a good Cheltenham team. Finally, as is often the case, we relaxed and played really well. None better than Paul "the dynamo" De Freitas, who ran and ran and ran and finished off a brilliant solo effort running in a goal from outside the 25. Carling in his last game for the college after 3 years added the winner, soon after Cheltenham had got one back, rounding off a good win and putting some credibility back into a disappointing season. *Jon White* ■

HOCKEY 1ST XI RESULTS

PLAYED 15 WON 6 DRAWN 1 LOST 8

SHERBORNE & YEOVIL	L	4	-	7	Pre-Season
MCS OXFORD	W	5	-	3	Pre-Season
SHERBORNE	W	2	-	1	Pre-Season
CANFORD	W	2	-	1	Pre-Season
MARLBOROUGH [A]	L	2	-	3	
LANCING [H]	W	2	-	3	
CHARTERHOUSE [H]	L	3	-	6	
O.W.S [H]	L	7	-	8	
WHITGIFT [A]	L	1	-	2	
ETON [H]	L	0	-	1	
TONBRIDGE [A]	L	2	-	4	
BRADFELD [H]	W	1	-	0	
RADLEY [H]	CANCELLED				
CHELTENHAM [H]	W	2	-	1	
ETON	L	0	-	1	County Match
PANGBOURNE	D	2	-	2	County Match

COLLEGE HOCKEY

It has been a positive year for hockey, with progression throughout all teams. The new Bawden-Martin astro pitch has played a major role, combining with the established Mansergh pitch. These facilities had allowed every team to train and most to play matches on astro.

The **1st XI** had a very bright start to the season, with a very productive three day **Dorset Tour**. They won all three matches against Sherbourne, Canford and Magdalene College playing increasingly free-flowing hockey each match.

The **2nd XI** had a decent year and provided a good pool of players for the first team. Many of these were promising younger players who will undoubtedly play 1st XI hockey next year. The rest of the senior teams played with a good mix of style and passion, with some very good results all the way down to the 5th XI

The **Colts 1st XI** continued to make progress and reinforced their good season as Junior Colts. Many of this squad will be pushing for 1st XI places next year, if they train hard and think about the game, they could make a real impact at the top level. The other teams in this year group performed well, with committed players throughout.

The **Junior Colts 1st XI** had a very good season, with confident victories throughout, until they came up against

an unbeaten Cheltenham in the last match. This match was a ding-dong affair, with great hockey from both sides. It ended in a 3-2 loss, with many lessons learnt, this should be invaluable experience for them next year. The Junior Colts 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI all had good seasons.

The **Yearlings 1st XI** had a slightly slow start to the season, but developed into a good team as the season progressed. This was evident when they won the **U14 County Championships** and performed superbly in the **Regional Tournament** to narrowly miss out. The Yearlings 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 all worked hard to improve, with all teams competitive.

It was a very good year for House Hockey with some entertaining and close matches. The **Stanley** played themselves into three finals, taking two trophies away.

All of the boys have shown plenty of commitment and a desire to learn, whether playing for school or house. Next year will be an exciting time for Wellington Hockey. The **1st XI Malaysia and Singapore Tour**, in October 2006, will provide a springboard for the Lent term season. Also, we welcome Chris Hibbert, current South Africa Goal Keeper, as the professional coach. He will share his experiences across all age groups, complimenting the vast experience within the staff. *Rob Lancaster* ■

RESULTS OF HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SKO FINAL Benson 1 Stanley 0

JKO FINAL Combermere & Hardinge 1 Blucher 1
(Combermere & Hardinge won on flicks)

SENIOR LEAGUES FINAL Stanley 2 Anglesey 2
(Stanley won on flicks)

JUNIOR LEAGUES FINAL Stanley 0 Beresford 0
(Stanley won on flicks)

O.W. Society Senior Hockey Prize Tom Carling (BI)

O.W. Society Junior Hockey Prize Adam Gadsby (BI)

CRICKET



1ST XI

The 2006 season was typified by the games against the auld enemy: we comfortably beat Eton by 8 wickets in a game that was reduced to 30 overs a side, but were horribly outplayed by Harrow who beat us by 9 wickets bowling us out for a meagre 89.

The season, however, was enormously successful in many aspects and the result of a very encouraging tour to Cape Town in February. Winning ten games in a season full of exams as well as many other events was a great achievement for this young and relatively inexperienced side which was led by **Ben Kingsnorth [HI]** in his fourth season in the XI.

Once again the batting was spear-headed by **Luc Durandt [Hg]** who scored 710 runs at an average of 47. His innings of 100* out of 138-2 against Eton (his second hundred in consecutive seasons) was spectacular and, in front of many Eton supporters, was something to be cherished!

Many games were fiercely contested and this gutsy side never gave up; indeed the game against Marlborough was a fine example and brought 555 runs on the last Saturday in April. Marlborough scored 286-3 and dominated the first two sessions. We replied with 269-9 which saw the season's only other hundred by the captain—a fine innings of 104 but which ultimately was not quite enough and we lost by 17 runs. Against Tonbridge we bowled well to restrict them to 225-9. At 164-9 the game was lost. **George Byrd [Bn]** and **Robert O'Donovan [C]** batted extremely well to get us to 209 before we lost our last wicket.

Six Colts represented the XI at various times in the season which is very encouraging for the future. **Ed Lowe [Bd]** found his spot as an opener. George Byrd transformed himself into an opening bowler on his return from Cape Town and bowled quickly at times showing opposition that he was superbly competitive in every manner. Robert O'Donovan demonstrated himself to be a useful seamer who enjoys taking wickets. **James Huelin [BI]** only played once but showed others that he is a consistent bowler with much potential. **Charlie McDonagh [Pn]** kept wicket well and he could yet develop into a decent middle order batsman.

The 2006 season will also be remembered for the introduction of coloured clothing, orange stumps, black sight screens and white balls on Turf. We staged the opening rounds of the National 20/twenty tournament beating Whitgift and Sutton Valence only to face the mighty Millfield in the last 16. We lost by 8 wickets but certainly did not disgrace ourselves. The pace and requirements of the game were surely responsible for an extremely positive and aggressive approach to the all-day games that we played. There is no doubt that it has helped our all round game; indeed **Mark Douglas [Bn]** came into his own in this competition and found form as an exciting late order batsman.

We faltered badly in the Cowdrey Cup losing three and winning only one. It is a tough competition, but with more experience next year we will fare better.

The latter stages of the season saw our most consistent run of form: We beat the M.C.C., Radley, Westminster School Adelaide, Scotch College Melbourne, Solihull School and Kes Birmingham within two and a half weeks of each other. The hot weather seemed to suit our bowling attack which was led by the spinners. **Ed Young [Bd]** led the attack and finished his 3rd season with the XI with 31 wickets at 17 apiece. He is a tremendous bowler with great control of length and flight. His spell of 20 overs 3-41 against a very strong M.C.C. side was an outstanding return against some decent players. **Ashley West [A]** came into his own in June as the sun shone, and the wickets dried and began to turn and bounce. If his 4-29 against Scotch College is anything to go by, he has a superb last season ahead of him.

Our batting was somewhat brittle at times and it was sad that the vice-captain **James Fuller [Bn]** was injured with a broken thumb for much of the season: he certainly would have made a difference to the middle order bringing more depth, fire power and experience to the team. Luc Durandt thoroughly deserved his selection for the ECB U19 Schools side which played against the Combined Services in July. He scored 22 and 32 and, although he did not make the

final eleven to play against India, he returned highly recommended by the ECB coach. He has a mature temperament and great hands, and has shown a very strong schools circuit that he is an outstanding batsman.

There is much to look forward to in 2007 when 8 colours will return. Once again Peter Lewington produced the

best surfaces to play cricket on and his dedication to the ground as well as his sound advice in the practice nets will be fully appreciated by all the boys. It was a pleasure to work alongside Noel Brett who is thorough in his approach to coaching and manages to get the best out of most of the boys most of the time. *Tom Newman* ■

Batting					Bowling					
	Innings	Not Outs	Runs	Average		Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
L. Durandt	17	2	710	47.3	E. Young	173	25	550	31	17.7
B. Kingsnorth	14		423	32.5	L. Durandt	106	8	416	21	19.8
E. Young	15	1	333	23.8	G. Byrd	123	19	478	17	28.1
E. Lowe	15	1	306	21.9	A. West	115	12	563	15	37.5
S. Purewal	15	1	182	14.0	R. Shephard	74	8	314	10	31.4
G. Byrd	14	1	181	13.9	R. O'Donovan	23	3	66	5	13.2
A. West	14	3	170	15.5	S. Purewal	31	2	130	4	32.5
					R. SmithBernal	47	6	175	5	35
					E. Lowe	10	0	61	0	n/a

— COLLEGE CRICKET —

Preparation for the 2006 season began in February with wccc touring South Africa, playing 6 games within the 10 day Exeat. An intentionally pressurised itinerary provided very challenging cricket against strong opponents and though only one game was won (at the Langa Township) the 1st XI competed, indeed occasionally dominated, in all matches. Losses to a very strong Wynberg Boys' HS and traditional opponents Diocesan College (Bishops) included some very promising individual performances. The early batting of Kingsnorth, Young, Fuller and Durandt set up strong positions as we batted first in each of the first five games, but only Durandt went on to 50 (twice) after making these good starts. The less experienced middle order therefore found themselves under pressure to build a big innings total, but Douglas, Byrd, Majekodunmi and Purewal showed some promise, notably in the opening match at Rondebosch Boys' HS. The final game at Bishops was played under floodlights with coloured clothing and a white ball. Local power cuts limited the use of the floodlights, but the experience was nonetheless new and exotic. The sharpest fielding performance of the tour bowled Bishops out for 165 within their allotted overs. James Fuller led the chase, with 77 not out, the innings of the tour, after a sound start from Kingsnorth. Ed Lowe played his most promising innings when accompanying Fuller at the end of the innings, but the requirement of 50 from the last 5 overs

was always a big ask, as they say. Finishing 15 short was no disgrace against these very strong opponents.

In the summer plenty of competitive cricket was played by the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XIs, but inevitably the teams were disrupted by promotions to the XI, exams, and the weather. **Marcus Potter [C]** captained the 2nd XI, (yet again dominated by VI formers proving how well cricket accompanies exam preparation in the A level term) and made some big scores opening the batting. Of the LVI members of the side **Harry Williams [Bn]** made significant progress as opening bowler. The Colts age group enjoyed much success. With three members of this year regular members of the 1st XI, **Dan Jarrett [Pn]**, **Freddie Bowring [Hg]**, **Rob O'Donovan [C]**, **James Huelin [Bi]**, **Will Hopkins [A]**, **Henry Daniels** and **Ben Clifford-Jones [both Hn]** had more responsibility to score runs and take wickets, and all seemed to thrive on this challenge. The team also won the majority of their matches. The Junior Colts began the season in great style, beating Cranleigh by 15 runs on the first Saturday of the season. They found it difficult to repeat this success in terms of results, but played sensible and disciplined cricket. Captain **Peter Carmody [M]** bowled some excellent spells with the new ball, as well as scoring most runs. The Yearlings appeared a strong year group during winter training; in the summer they learned a little more about application and match playing. **Charlie**

Pickard [Bi] scored 278 runs, bowled increasingly reliable off breaks and showed good sense as captain. **Tom Wood [Hn]** scored 226 runs and took 17 wickets bowling left arm over. **Chris Wakefield [Pn]** scored 224 runs and showed talent as a wicketkeeper, as did **Sam Edgerley [Bd]**. Next year will be crucial if these players are to develop their undoubted potential.

Yet again, Wellington enjoyed the luxury of playing on pitches of the highest quality. Bryan Evans and Peter Lewington work for 12 months of the year to ensure this, and then seem to do a lot more than many of their counterparts elsewhere to ensure that cricket can be played on even the wettest Saturdays. Our sincerest thanks to them. *C.M. Oliphant-Callum* ■

CRICKET PRIZES:

O.W. Batting:	Luc Durandt (Hg)
O.W. Bowling:	Edward Young (Bd)
O.W. Fielding:	Mark Douglas (Bn)
Prince Christian Victor Bowling:	Edward Young (Bd)
Bryan Cup (Junior):	Peter Carmody (M)
Huxtable Cup (Individual):	Luc Durandt (100 not out v Eton)
Andrew Newman Cup (Batting):	Edward Lowe
J.K.O. Winners:	Hopetoun beat Beresford

— 1ST XI TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA —

On Saturday 11th February, the college 1st left Wellington with high spirits and people praying that they had not left anything behind. The first person to fall was Mr Newman; he had left a couple of vital cricket shirts all the way in the Beresford. After collecting them, we were on our way and onto London Heathrow.

The flight was very long, but finally we landed after a long descent which was not good for the ears, but we had a wonderful view of Table Mountain while coming into land. We were transported to Bishops school, where we would have our first training session in the heat. Practice went well and everybody trained hard because we all knew what we were in for.

The next day was a big day for us, so we got up early and had a nice buffet style breakfast. We left at 9 a.m. to go to Rondebosch School to play our first game. To our surprise the super 14 team 'The Chiefs' started to train on the rugby pitch right next to us.

The game got under way and **Ben Kingsnorth [Hi]** won the toss and said that we would bat first. We started well and got an opening partnership of 50 when the first wicket fell. Wickets fell at regular intervals and we manage to finish on 191-7 off 45 overs. (Highlights were **Luc Durandt [Hg]** 57, Kingsnorth 30.)

We then walked out to the field with high spirits to win

the first match of the tour, because this would set the whole mood of the tour. **Rod Shephard [Bn]** and **Rich Smith-Bernal [Bi]** opened the bowling. They had a very tidy first spell, but their opening pair was very good. We battled



our way to the penultimate over where they got the last runs with a cover drive. They ended up on 193-2, **Ashley West [A]** and **Sandeep Purewal [Pn]** both picked up wickets.

That night we had a team meal at the waterfront, which was a great bonding session and

many jokes were put forward, mainly from **James Fuller [Bn]** to Shephard but it sometimes varied.

The beginning of Day 3 in the morning we were transported to do some training at Bishops school.

Day 4 was a day that will be remembered for a long time, this is because we went to the township, Langa. We left at 9:00 and arrived there in time for a guided tour around the township with our tour guides Eric and Chris. This was a fascinating experience for all of us, we were taken on a tour on the coach, we were taken to all the different ends of the township, this was an experience because you would turn a corner and would go from brick houses then into shacks as far as the eye can see. After the tour we were taken back to the sports field, and were taken to the pitch. The match started and we bowled first, the pitch had many cracks and was a hard pitch to play on. We bowled very

well and there was a strong wind so it proved difficult. We bowled them out for 86. (Highlights were Kingsnorth taking a great catch, Young getting 2 wickets, Skeates taking an even better catch and Shephard bowled well into the wind.) We then batted and Fuller and Young opened the batting, we quickly got to 30 and lost the first wicket. We then won the match after losing 5 wickets and getting the runs off 24 overs. Afterwards there were small presentations where we presented them with one of our tour caps each. We were all then swarmed by children, who were asking for sweat bands, we all gave all we could to them, but we all regretted not bringing more. The amazing thing was that if the children had half the coaching we have in either cricket or football, they would be fantastic, they were just playing with raw talent, and that is inspiring.

The next day was another free. We were taken to a club near Newlands cricket club it was called "Kelvin Grove Club" here we had a swimming pool, squash courts, a gym and tennis courts. After having lunch we were transported to the beach and we stayed there until about 5:00. Unfortunately for Ben and Mark they decided to have too much sun and came down with a slight heat stroke. This was our last night in The Breakwater Lodge so packing was needed and an early morning call was expected.

7:30 came upon us and the 'phone would ring, and to our enjoyment Mr Dyer would be

at the end of it to give us a comment about the tour and to tell us to go to breakfast. We had to be out of the hotel at 8:00 and we were going to Newlands cricket and rugby stadia. This was a great experience and it was truly stunning. Times were tight, so we were quickly transported over to Wynberg School to play a 45-over game.

This started well we won the toss and got off to another good start. Another 50 partnership was made and then the first wicket fell. Wickets started to fall at regular intervals so the school never really got moving, but we finished on 174 off 45 overs. They replied by beating our score and winning the match by 6 wickets. This was a real learning experience and was a real reality check, because we had not performed near our true potential, so this was disappoint-

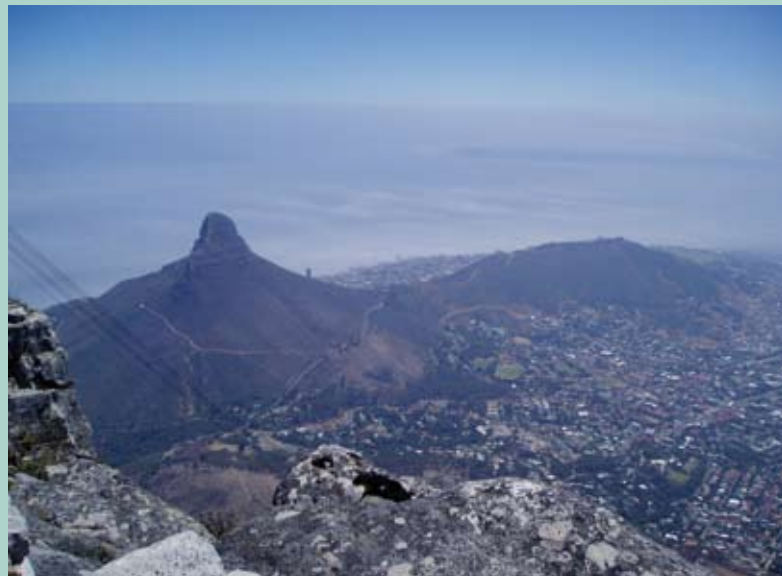
ing. That night we were billeted with the Wynberg parents. This was a fantastic experience and really showed all of us the lifestyles and different cultures of the families. A highlight of the day was seeing Jacques Kallis who was coaching there because he is an ex-pupil; some of us got a picture with him, which was a great honour.

The next day was another game against Wynberg but was an all-day game. Once again we batted first and got off to a steady start. Things started to plunge downhill and we gradually fell to 131 all out. Kingsnorth tried to hold the innings together with a steady 37*. This was disappointing, but we felt that we could still make a game of it. We got a couple of early wickets but their opening batsmen was brilliant. One hit the ball left right and centre with great timing and great power. We lost the game by 7 wickets and had a lot of free time on our hands before we could go to Newlands to watch the Stormers play the Warathas. The rugby was awesome, the atmosphere astonishing, but unfortunately the Stormers lost.

We were all dropped off at 8:00 and then were picked up by the coach at 8:30, we were transported to Constantia, where we would play against Blue Leopards. Constantia is a wonderful ground, despite the lack of changing rooms it was a real honour playing there and everybody enjoyed it. We played a 55-over game, and we batted first. We lost a couple of early wickets and James

Fuller got a well played 48 but was then run out after some confusion. We then bowled and we started off well, we took a wicket in the first over and then we were buzzing from there, Mark Douglas took a brilliant catch that really lifted everybody. We got them 6 wickets down but a couple of dropped catches cost us the match. The batsmen, who got dropped three times, managed to stay there and win the match for them. This was disappointing at the end of a great day. We were then billeted once again by the parents of some of the opposition, once again a real chance to live the culture and live the lifestyle of a traditional South African family.

The next morning we woke up to the sound of rain, this was a big surprise; finally getting away from rain in England



and suddenly it's here in Cape town. But this only lasted to mid-day, so meant we could not train, so we were taken to a shopping mall. We returned at 2:30 to sunshine, at this time we started our match against Bishop's high school. This was the only game that we had bowled first. We were supposed to play a day/night match, but there was a huge problem with electricity in the Cape Town area, so there were a few health and safety points to follow. This was our last game, and probably our best one. We bowled well, took all our catches and bowled them out for 164. This was a great achievement because we had failed to do this all the way through the tour. So we came out to bat with high spirits and belief that we could win this match. But unfortunately they had a very good opening attack and some good spin bowlers, and it proved difficult. A couple of wickets in the first 15 overs and it meant that a lot of work had to be done. But one person stood up and made a very well earned 78*. James Fuller thoroughly deserved this score because he had worked hard and finally gained some success, which was very encouraging. We fell 20 runs short but had only lost 4 wickets which was pleasing. This was the last night of the tour, so once again everybody got billeted with the opposition's families.

Our last day was Tuesday, we were dropped off at 7:45 at Bishops school, and we all meet together at the cricket ground. The management came much later, but lucky for us there was a basketball court and a basketball right next to us. So we had a full on 5-on-5 game at 7:45 in

the morning. Quite frankly this was the worst quality basketball game I have ever seen, getting the ball in the basket proved as difficult as Henry Daniels taking a catch but we still had fun. The management turned up and we were taken to the waterfront a short time to shop. Many of us went to the crafts' fair, which was very cultural and had many items for cheap prices; a fair bit of jewellery was bought. We were then transported to the beach for a nice 3 hour stay at the beach. The time was once again used by playing rugby, swimming and tanning. But for a few of us the tanning session was a bit too long, and we all paid the consequences.

Our flight was at 7:55 so we needed to get to the airport at 4:00. We unloaded all our bags and went to get them checked in, this time there were no questions asked about sitting next to Fuller. The terminal had a couple of cafés and a couple of shops, so we managed to survive the time and boarded the 'plane. This was another overnight flight, so the whole journey was in darkness. We landed at London Heathrow at 6:15 in the typical weather of rain and cold. We were finally back and we looked back to our experiences that we had just encountered over the last 10 days. We would all say that we enjoyed every second of the trip and that we all bonded as a team. I personally would like to thank Mr Dyer, Mr Oliphant-Callum, Mr Newman and Mr Brett for their work during and in preparation for the tour. It was a huge success and will be remembered for a long time.

Edward Young (Bd) ■

Diocesan College, Cape Town (Bishops)



— ATHLETICS —

The season opened with both the Senior and Junior Inter-house matches with the Beresford comfortably winning the senior event and the combined Hardinge/Combermere team taking the junior match. Overall, the Inter-Dormitory Athletics Shield was awarded to the Beresford with the Stanley a close second.

Following a single training session the college athletics team took part in our home match—the Homfray Davies Shield, held at Bracknell AC with competition coming from Epsom, Eton, Highgate, Marlborough and Stowe. The match was contested in the usual poor weather and Wellington finished a creditable 4th overall, beating Marlborough and Stowe, Epsom being the runaway winners. Although this was a less than gratifying start to the season there was some encouraging individual performances and a college record in the junior 4 x 400m relay. In the senior age group (u-20) **Peter Whitfield [S]** won the High Jump (1.78m in the intermittent downpours). Although the Intermediates (u-17) struggled all afternoon, **Ollie Marjot [S]** was second in 1500m to a national schools athlete who was a year older than him. The junior age group (u-15) did much better across the board with lots of second and third places as well as **Gbade Adewole [M]** winning the Long Jump (his first ever attempt at this event) with 5.20m and then anchoring the 4 x 400m team of **Christian Sahle-Selassie [BI]**, **Alexander Lukic [Hn]** and **Will Bennett [HI]** to first place and a new college record of 4 mins.18.25.

On May 6th the Athletics team captained by **Tom Loizides [Bn]** made the journey to a less than sunny Watford for the Cholmeley Shield match at the Woodside Stadium. The juniors again showed promise with Adewole finishing second in the 200m (25.6s) and the Triple Jump (11.1m), Sahle-Selassie second in the 400m (59.4s) and the 4 x 100m squad 3rd in the relay. **Franco Boydell [M]** won the 'B' string Shot with a put of 9.45m. The seniors, ably led by Loizides (2nd in 200m—23.8s) pushed hard in every event and finished 3rd on the day overall. Credit must be given to all the 'B' string athletes in the senior squad who had a great day with mentions of **Oliver Tilney [Bn]** 100m 2nd in 12.1s, Whitfield 2nd in the 200m in 24.2s and James Justins (Bn) 2nd in the 400m in 54.2s.

Following much soul-searching and reorganisation WCAC took part in the Lord Burghley meeting at Eton on May 13th. Wellington athletes achieved 48 personal bests on the day in beating Radley, RGS Guildford and Pangbourne overall as well as St Paul's in the senior competition. The seniors also helped deny Eton overall victory in their home event by holding them off in a thrilling 4 x 400m relay. **Gbade Adewole [M]** achieved 5 personal bests in the 100m, 200m, 400m and the Long Jump as well as breaking the College Junior Triple Jump record which had stood since 1969 with an incredible 11.87m. The junior 4 x 400m team of Alex Lukic, Christian Sahle-Selassie, William Bennett and that man Adewole again also broke the junior college record they had set earlier this term with a 4.14.8.

Wellington athletes then competed in 2 meetings in a week—the Radley 6-schools meeting on Thursday 18th May and the Tonbridge meet on Saturday 20th May.

WCAC v Radley, Marlborough, MCS, Harrow and Bedford—with only the Junior and Senior squads entering this event some of the intermediates (u-17) were brought into the senior team and we were also lucky to have **Sam Edgerley [Bd]** for the first time this term. In very windy conditions Sam set the tone for the day in the very first event—the junior 80m Hurdles, where he set a new College record of 12.06s, taking almost 0.5s off the old record. Inspired by Sam's performance the team went on to set 20 PB's on the day. **Hamish Fletcher [C]** won the senior javelin despite every one else in the event being at least 18 inches taller and 3 years older than him! **Ben Gateley** and **Tom Gibson** did particularly well in the senior distance events. *Overall results:*

Juniors		Seniors	
1st	Harrow 146	1st	Wellington 141
2nd	Wellington 123	2nd	Harrow 133

16 Wellington athletes were selected to represent Wokingham District at the Berkshire Championships with Adewole winning the junior triple jump and, as a result, being selected to represent Berkshire at the National Schools championships. Hamish Fletcher also won the u-17 Javelin with a throw of 38.09m.

At the National Championships Gbade Adewole came up against very serious opposition but finished a very creditable 9th overall in the Triple Jump and learned a lot on the day. Given that he only took up jumping 6 weeks before this event this is an incredible achievement and bodes well for next season and beyond.

My thanks go to those members of Common Room who helped out with athletics this term and, on a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of seniors—particularly those from the Benson, for their excellent spirit, their dedication, their support for the juniors and intermediates whenever they could and being excellent ambassadors for Wellington. As a result 11 were awarded major colours and Cambridge University AC will gain possibly one of our best ever all-round athletes in **Peter Whitfield [S]** later this year. *Eddy Heddon* ■



— SWIMMING —

The swimming squad have had a very good season, built upon the back of training throughout the year. What was essentially a summer term pursuit has been transformed into a year-round sport dedicated to sustained application in the pool. We have been very lucky in retaining the coaching expertise of Lesley Bromige. Lesley has been a coach and teacher of swimming at both Bracknell Town Swimming Club and the Royal Berkshire Club for many years. Her experience has helped the squad come on in leaps and bounds as they have met twice a week throughout the winter months. We won our first fixture against Epsom, with a particularly strong showing from the Intermediate team—a good omen for seasons to come. Sadly, Harrow failed to show for our home match—they had obviously heard of our improvement! Eton meet 8 times a week to train; every morning from 6–



Members of the swimming squad after the final match of the season

7.30 and a couple of afternoons/week. Despite this, our Intermediate team beat them convincingly and our Junior team gave them a good run for their money, being beaten only by a couple of points. The highlight of the season was a match against Cranleigh and Winchester away at Cranleigh. Both Intermediate and Senior teams won convincingly and the Juniors lost by only 1 point—and that turned on a disputed event where most thought Wellington had won comfortably! Another exciting match against Bradfield, produced a knife-edge draw. We are well-placed to move on from this strong base as our Junior and Intermediate stars develop both stamina and skills. Special mention should be made of **Alex Lukic [Hn]** and **Caldon Pike [O/Bd]**, both of whom broke all-comers records in matches, also of **Ali Cole [HI]** the worthy Captain this season, ably assisted by the indomitable **Gordon Lai [S]**. *Father Andrew Richards* ■

— TENNIS —

Tennis at Wellington has reached new heights. The dedication of the students and coaching staff have at last culminated in a set of results that must rival any in the history of Tennis at Wellington. The grand prize was of course winning trophies in all the age groups. Wellington won the RHM Public School's trophies in the Junior Colts, Colts and Senior Seconds events, beating Harrow, Marlborough and Radley in the process. The Yearlings and Senior Firsts matches were rained off and this meant that as last year's winners, the Yearlings retained the Trotter trophy once again.

The Tennis club also entered the much wider PSL tennis league. The junior team did rather well and was it not for a lost Hodges coach and a match forfeited, may have even won their division. Even so they won the first round in

style which suggests that we have a core group of dedicated tennis players. The commitment was also evident in the pre-season training run under the watchful eye of Liz Fidler, the new sports club coach. Individuals such as **Ben Blossie [Hn]**, **Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hn]** and **Alex White [Bn]** all hold great promise and their dedication to the pre-season training was commendable. I will long remember the fine style in which Alex won the Junior College Competition and how delighted he was with the large silver trophy. In all, an achievement only made possible because of the many hours that Justin Garrick spent on court side, organising mini-matches and going away to other schools.

The Junior Colts won their RHWM trophy and can now boast having as an age group to have won it in two consecutive years. A feat easily understandable when one examines the talented individuals in the squad. Nick Bethel-Collins, Hamish Fraser and Grigory Malyguine are forces to be reckoned with. But it is the second vi that needs special mention as they completed an undefeated season of eight matches. One of the most impressive results in all the years that I have been involved with tennis. The unity, dedication and enthusiasm of this age group is largely due to the commitment and organisation of Chris Hutchinson and Rollo Heskith.

If it is playing the game that matters I highly recommend that one goes down to a Colts training session for just one afternoon to see such “play” in action. Watching the Colts train will lift the spirits of a depressed shark on the bottom of the Marianas Trench. For example, I will never forget the first training session of the term where I was met by “John McEnroe” and “Fred Perry”—Namely **Hugh James [Bn]** and **Digby Smith [L]** in the finest and tightest fitting retro tennis kit of a bye gone era. Craig Morris in his new role as master i/c Colts brought a new vitality and kept a watchful eye on talented individuals such as **Tom Chitty [T]**.

The senior squad may not have won as many games as planned but they sure did make up for it in other ways. **Simon Temple [Pn]** was one of the finest captains we have seen in recent years and proved to be very difficult to beat. He was supported by the new and very talented **Jon Fisher [HI]** and ever reliable **Bradley Warren [Hg]**. They along with many others in the college firsts are presently in the lower sixth which bodes well for next year. The second team also proved once again that at Wellington we have strength in depth and promptly won the RHWM trophy under the guidance of David Wilson. Their overall success rate was impressive with a winning ratio of 5-1. Such achievements were only possible because of the



The Kingsleys: Ieuan Walker [S 2001-06] emerges from Swan Lake

endless commitment of the likes of **Johnny Eccles [Hn]**, **Supat Nativivat [L]** and **Michitoshi Yoshida [L]**.

The achievements of the Senior Girls teams will be covered under the “Girls Games” article but one can not finish without mentioning the five years of dedication from Melody Jones. *Brynn Bayman* ■

TENNIS SUMMARY

WON 38 DRAWN 2 LOST 30

	WON	DRAWN	LOST
SENIORS 1	1	1	6
SENIORS 2	5	0	1
SENIORS 3	1	0	1
GIRLS 1	1	0	2
GIRLS 2	1	0	1
COLTS 1	3	0	1
COLTS 2	2	0	1
COLTS 3	0	0	1
JUNIOR COLTS 1	5	0	5
JUNIOR COLTS 2	8	0	0
JUNIOR COLTS 3	4	0	1
YEARLINGS 1	4	0	4
YEARLINGS 2	2	0	4
YEARLINGS 3	1	1	2

— CROSS COUNTRY —

The 2006 Cross Country season was very successful under the stewardship of **David Stirling [Bd]** and **Jack Timpany [A]** with the intermediate group starting to make a name for themselves on the circuit. The inter-schools fixtures were a good proving ground for our runners and a number of runners achieved selection for Berkshire at the trials (held once again at Wellington). Special mention should be made of **Jack Spencer [C]** who then also qualified for the English Schools Championship in Nottingham where he performed very creditably. With well-focused attitudes to training the improvement in all of the runners has been very pleasing to watch and we look forward to next season when the Inters will step up and compete as seniors. It is expected that they will begin to win inter-schools fixtures and successfully represent the county once again as they display real ability coupled with a strong team spirit. Wellington also hosted a very successful inter-schools relays match welcoming 16

schools and it is hoped that next year the numbers of schools participating will increase further. The outstanding individual in terms of a historical cross-country achievement was **Freddie Wardlaw [T]** who completed a fantastic hat-trick of victories in the Kingsleys—winning for the third consecutive year despite the best efforts of Jack Spencer next year’s captain. Freddie wasn’t even a member of the Cross Country Club and the Club will be looking to reclaim the Kingsleys trophy for themselves next year. *David Edwards* ■

— FENCING —

This year, the team was lead by **James Gardner [HI]** (Captain) and **Stephen Harrison [T]** (Vice Captain). It was a mixed season, with some good results early on. Later we came up against schools with very strong teams. At Wellington, fencing is mostly an optional extra on top of other sports. This makes it impossible to compete on an even footing with some schools where fencing is a major sport, with training occurring all year round. That said, those who fenced for us, fenced with spirit and good humour. Major colours were awarded to James Gardner. Minor colours were awarded to Stephen Harrison, **Harry Titherley [A]** and **Alastair Gillespie [HI]**. The New Man’s Sword was awarded to **James Ashall [BI]** (and to **Tommy Hirst [C]**, for the previous year). I am grateful to our coaches, Herman du Preez, Peter Whiteside and Jack Rymill. *Matthew Ford* ■

— SQUASH —

The squash club has enjoyed another good season with some good wins against St. Edward’s, The Oratory, and Winchester. The strongest squad, **Rod Shephard [Bn]**, **James Fuller [Bn]**, **Oliver Tilney [Bn]**, **Tom Simkins [Bd]** and **Hugh James [Bn]** or **Robert Allred [A]** had a good mixture of youth and experience but were still outgunned by Marlborough and Eton. We had a close 2-3 games with Harrow, Cranleigh and Radley and certainly the season will be remembered for some very competitive encounters.

Daniel Veary [Hg], **George & Freddy Bowring [Hg]**, **Luc Durandt [Hg]**, **Ghassan Khan [Bd]**, **Robert O’Donovan [C]**, **Usman Qasim [Hg]** and **Ashley Grossmann [Bn]** all made appearances for the 1st V and played in a strong 2nd V when opposition was available, it is good to see many of these returning as lower sixth formers in September. We took part in the Roehampton Schools

competition in March but, having selected a deliberately younger side, were overcome by a strong KCS Wimbledon team in the first round.

Squash Colours were reawarded to: **Rod Shephard [Bn]** (Captain), **James Fuller [Bn]**, **Oliver Tilney [Bn]**.

At Colts, Junior Colts and Yearlings levels we lost more matches than we won, but there were some encouraging performances from **William Western-Kaye [Bd]**, **William Wells [BI]**, **J.J. Haig [Hn]** and **Edward Coombe [Pn]** at JC level. The Yearlings showed some encouraging potential with **Max Tulley [Bd]**, **Max Fawcett [Bd]**, **Charlie Pickard [BI]**, **Michael Coles [A]**, **Nick Allred [A]**, **William Oliver [S]**, **Luke James [Bn]** and **Miles Seavill [HI]** all playing well often against opposition from the year group above.

The yearlings also enjoyed fixtures against Woodcote House and Eagle House Prep Schools and it is good to see some young players from these schools arriving at Wellington next year.

Thanks again to Steve Meads for his coaching expertise and to Melody Jones who organised the Girls Team this year. *Chris Hutchinson* ■

SQUASH MATCH RESULTS				
PLAYED 29 WON 13 LOST 16				
	PLAYED	WON	LOST	
1ST V	10	4	6	
2ND V	4	2	2	
JUNIOR COLTS V	10	4	6	
YEARLINGS V	5	3	2	

— BADMINTON —

Captained by **Stanley Ho [M]**, the College VIII won six of their eleven matches this year and came second in the Quadrangular match against Harrow, Bradfield and the Oratory. The team played exceptionally well in the Michaelmas term, but, as always happens in the Lent term, players defect to soccer and hockey, which weakens the side considerably. **George Drake [A]** was the most improved player of the season and it was his grit and determination—supported by a huge team effort from the Anglesey (including last minute sub. **James Bourne [A]**)—that finally wrestled the Inter-House trophy from the Murray in a gripping

final, which the Anglesey won 8-7 in the final game.

Several stalwarts of the VIII leave this term; to **Sean Choi [M]**, **Supat Nativivat [L]**, **Chris Wortley [A]**, **Alex Lee [Hn]** and **Pete Yoovidhya [M]** go my thanks for their efforts over four years and the hope that they will continue to play at University level. I too pass on the baton at the end of term and hope that its recipient will maintain the high standard of “Badders” that has been achieved over recent years. *Peter Draper* ■

— BASKETBALL —

The Wellington College Basketball Club had another tremendous season with both the U15 and U14 teams remaining undefeated. Both these sides contained new players who were playing competitive basketball for the first time. The future looks bright with **Max Chapman [Bn]**, **Dom Webb [Bn]**, **Oliver Hickinbotham [Bn]** and **Chris Carapiet [M]** making their debuts. These players backed up impressive newcomer **Gbabe Adewole [M]** who with a season total of 139 pts helped both the U15 and U14 to victories over Eton, Winchester, Bradfield and Haileybury.

The U16 team had an even season with 3 wins, 3 loses and 1 draw. While the team lacks a tall centre they soon found out that mastering the fast break routine would bring them success. Backed up by **James Koch’s [M]** outside shooting, **Charles Githinji [M]**, **Ted Lee [M]** and **Ben Bowtell [Hn]** scored points from layups and set plays worked on in training.

The Senior side consisted almost exclusively of players in the LVI. Captain **Michael Xu [HI]** led the way with his constant attacking dribbling style against the opposition. **Geoff Ashburne [Pn]** and **Daniel Benzimra [S]** contributed to fine victories over Haileybury and Pangbourne and a narrow loss to Charterhouse. Hopefully this maturing side will blossom into a powerful force next year as they aim to take on the rest of the independent schools in the Inter-School tournament due to be held at Wellington next February. This new initiative will be an invitation tournament for 8 of the independent schools on the circuit.

The finale to this season was the O.W. Match. Despite being down by 9-0 in the first few minutes Michael Xu led the comeback and the 1st team went in at halftime 24-22. In the 3rd quarter O.W. Michael St George Yorke (Hn 97- 02) showed why he had been picked to play for England youth team scoring all the O.W.’s points. In the 4th quarter the O.W.’s raced into a 43-31 lead and despite a valiant comeback

by the 1st team the final score ended 43-41 in favour of the O.W.’s. With such a close game and with almost all the 1st team back next year we all look forward to the rematch. *David Wilson* ■

— GOLF —

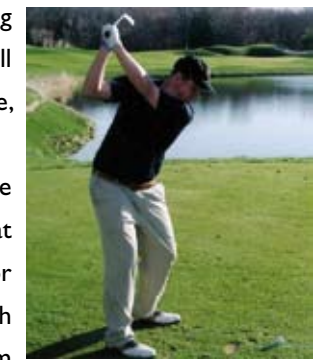
Much like any team, there are seasons after a clear-out of the old guard, during which the rebuilding takes some time to bear fruit. So it was in 2005-6, that a fine and developing Wellington group did not quite pull off a couple of critical victories, and may have felt unjustified regret at the total of their season’s performance.

Before the Gerald Micklem Trophy at Woking, preparations had been very difficult, with the captain, **Johnny Durrant [Hg]**, breaking his ankle and coming back just the day before the Micklem started. Even those who had been fit were frozen by the bitter weather in the early spring, which prevented most matches from taking place. Wellington was one of three teams expected to have a chance, and with three matches completed in round 1, we were 2-1 up against a strong Eton side. The final two matches stood 1 up and all square, but both players managed to take 4 from 60 yards on the 14th at Woking (our 18th), being suckered into going for a flag tight on the right of the green. If either had taken 3, we would have won, but unfortunately both matches lost in extra holes. We could have run Bradfield close in the final had we got there, but they beat Eton 3-2. The plate competition was won extremely comfortably, with only half a point dropped.

In the HMC Foursomes, we won through to face a very strong Epsom side, who prevailed 2-1 in the dark at Walton Heath. Some encouragement was to be gained from the performances of some of the younger players, as well as the old guard. For **Johnny Durrant [Hg]** and **Matthew Faldo [Hn]**, who had made such a strong pair for three years, it was a shock first defeat.

In the last match of the year, Wellington beat the extraordinarily strong touring American Swifts team, as well as the host club East Berkshire, to finish with a flourish.

Once again, there were many of friendly matches at Senior, Intermediate, and Junior levels during the year. In each of these we try to match team standard with that of the op-



Luc Durant [Hg 2001-06]

interest and talent coming up through the school is most encouraging, and the ongoing hard work with Jason Brant, the Professional at East Berkshire GC, is helping enormously. We are hugely grateful to the O.W.G.S. for helping to pay for this tuition.

The course at Wellington has been under pressure this year due to the weather, and Rob Collins and his team have kept things on a remarkably even keel. More Prep School

teams have come to play, and many more are invited and welcome. Any school wishing to get a match or visit into the fixture list is invited to contact me! The Annual Wellington College Prep School U-11 Tournament was moved earlier in the term to May, and was won by Conor Anderson from Moulsoford, with a remarkable gross score of 43 for 9 holes. We are very much looking forward to the continued thriving of golf at Wellington. *I.M. Henderson* ■

SCHOOL GOLF COMPETITIONS

ALLOM TROPHY (SCRATCH) *Johnny Durrant (71)*

EASTON TANKARD (HANDICAP) *Charles Githinji (44 points)*

Team: *J.A. DURRANT (Hg—capt), M.A. FALDO (Hn), I Kalra (L), G.P. Byrd (Bn), M. Diekgraf (M), F.J. Edmunds (L), W.M. Morgan (A), G. Drake (A), P.T.E. Knott (Bn), J.F. Fuller (Bn), O.B. Fowler (Bn), B.R. Ebbetts (Bn), J. Baron (C), C. Rennie (Hg), L. Kurth (Hn), M. Hall (Hn), C. Githinji (M), J. Bhabra (M), J. Koch (M), S. Purewal (Pn), E. Reyes (S), M. Read (S); D. Dougall (BI)*

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— POLO —

This season feels like it has gone on forever! We started in September with a match against Rugby, a nice win for us on a beautiful sunny day, and it has finished with an historic match played at college on farm field against Pangbourne, a nice win for us on a beautiful sunny day.

We had our usual large number of newcomers to the club this year, several of whom came to us with some experience of polo, while others had never even ridden before. We quickly got the non-riders onto horses and got them cantering comfortably before we tried to teach them how to play polo. From the non-polo playing group we have discovered some real potential in the shape of **Robyn Stoddart [Ap]** and **Harry Titherly [A]**, both of whom have now played representative matches for the College, and there are a group of others who should get a game or two next year if they continue to practice. Of the players who joined **Luke Walsh [BI]** has played a lot of pony club,

Harry Rosen [HI] has been over to Argentina for some training, **Clemmie Baxter [Ap]** joined from Roedean where she learnt to play and **Georgina Foster [Ap]** came from Lucky Oakfield.

We returned to Ash Farm in October and again had some superb coaching from Seb Dawnay, and Paul Sweeny was kind enough to allow us to use his arena for some home matches. Some of our better players also started playing in club chukkas, which has provided them with some valuable experience. In terms of matches, I don't want this report to be a long list of results but I want to convey the feel of the club spirit and how much fun these youngsters have. Our first match in the arena was for the benefit of our beginners and was against a very well drilled Lucky Oakfield team. The players from both teams had a great time, but we were narrowly seen off due to some excellent team play from Lucky.

After Christmas our younger Intermediates (**James**



The Girls' Team



Carr [HI], Hugo Davis [A], Oli Botes [HI] played Harrow at West Wycombe, one of our favourite fixtures as we are always guaranteed a warm welcome from JJ and Debbie. It was not a great show by us, we took a couple of chukkas to warm up and ended up drawing the match when we should have won.

Our next match was against a strong Radley team at Ash Farm. **Joevy Beh [M]** (club captain), **Luca Coleman [L]** and **James Carr [HI]** played well and really deserved to win by quite a few goals. However, Joevy's lack of experience in



the arena meant that we gave away a huge number of penalties which allowed Radley to tie with us 17-17. At least 12 of Radley's goals came from penalties, a lesson needed to be learnt from this.

Then it was off to the National Intermediate Tournament. Our first match was against tournament favourites and eventual winners Cheltenham College A. We played well but not well enough to beat this team. It was, however, a close match but unfortunately the structure of the competition is such that if you lose the first match the highest you can place is 5th if you win all your other matches. This is exactly what we did, beating Sherbourne and Stowe quite convincingly. Little did we know at this stage that what had happened today would set a trend for virtually all the other competitions for the rest of the year.

The following week was the Main Tournament and the Beginners Tournament. Again we were good enough to be put into the 1st division, and we even managed to win our first match. However, that was as far as our luck went. We ended up placing 4th, behind at least 2 teams that we could have beaten. Never mind, there's always next year!

Our beginners' team (Robyn Stoddart and Harry Titherly) did well, but were unable to hold onto the National Beginners title we won last year. They came 4th in the first division of the beginners. Many thanks to Dan Banks who umpired superbly.

Something to cheer us up next, the Inter-House tournament. Again held at Ash Farm and keenly supported by parents, Housemasters and pupils. This year the Hill were outstanding, taking both the Main and Junior trophies.

The last two matches of the arena season were against Rugby and Eton. Good wins for us across the board at first team level, and a good way to end before the Argentine tour.

The grass season has just finished for us, again with some disappointment following a very good season. Our first team remains unbeaten, which is superb, but we need to develop some more strength in depth. Our first match was the traditional Eton at Guards. Last year we won 10-2 so expectations were high for this, unfortunately we play terribly and gifted Eton with some easy goals and ended up drawing 8-8. In this match we started a bad habit in

losing the ball during hit ins, which invariably ends in a goal against us. At least we were not giving away penalties like in the arena. Our intermediate team were outclassed by Eton who were able to produce a -4 team compared with our -8 team. But our boys played well and stuck to the job and got a few goals, so well done to them. The highlight of the day was **Will Gault [HI]**'s run across Guards 1, the first player this season on that famous pitch!

There follows a few nice wins over Rugby (8-5), Cheltenham Ladies (20-2) and Marlborough (7-1), leading up to the national tournaments. The first of these was the National Girls Tournament. We entered a team for the first time, and despite some serious problems managed to get down to Millfield. Many thanks at this point to Mr Ewart, who drove the horseboxes down with me and helped me to muck them out afterwards as well, by hand, no shovels... But it was worth it! The team (Clare Buchanan, Clemmie Baxter, Robyn Stoddart and Georgina Foster) had to play Millfield in the first match (the trend continues), and only narrowly lost. We then beat our next opponents and were drawing with Cheltenham College until the last minute when they scored a good goal. Despite a great break from Clare there was not enough time left on the clock for us to score again. However, this was a great day out and our girls did themselves and Wellington proud.

Following this we played Heathfield at Binfield Heath. We put out a team consisting of Oli Botes, Luke Walsh, Clemmie Baxter, Georgina Foster, Robyn Stoddart, Harry Titherly and Harry Rosen. No we weren't cheating, Oli played all 4 chukkas and the others had 2 each. Heathfield put out a very good team, with some great individual players and excellent teamwork, and eventually beat us 5-4.

A few days later we were off to the National Intermediate tournament at Longdole. We all believed that we had a good chance of winning this title with a very strong team consisting of Luca Coleman, James Carr, Hugo Davis and Oli Botes. However, after being drawn against Cheltenham College A in the first round we knew that we would have our toughest match first up. We took the lead early on and looked to be slightly dominant for the first half of the chukka. However, Cheltenham came back at us and forced the ball out over the backline causing us to hit in. Brain off time for Wellington as we tapped the ball forward a few times then lost it, allowing Cheltenham to pop in an easy and totally unnecessary goal. After this our heads went down and Cheltenham's tail went up and despite being very evenly matched Cheltenham managed to score another before the final whistle. The disappointment

was tangible, and then things got worse. During a warm up for the next match Oli was struck very hard by a ball that James had just hit. This meant that he had to go to see the paramedics, but he declared himself fit to play and went out for the second chukka. He was not fit to play and was unable to keep up the pace due to the pain he was in. This led to a couple of quick goals against us, and after a few minutes Oli had to leave the field. Sherbourne sportingly withdrew one of their players but the damage had been done and we lost. Our final match was interesting as we played with 3 men (many thanks to Harrow for offering us a player) against Marlborough but still managed to beat them! This Herculean effort gained a great deal of respect from the people watching and other schools (except maybe Marlborough!), and many compliments were passed our way. The umpire spoke to us afterwards and said that in his opinion we were one of the top 3 teams present, we were just unlucky to play against the favourites in the first match.

The following Sunday was the National Under 16s Tournament, and with players like James Carr, Hugo Davis, Xan Bryant and Oli Botes we thought we would do well. Oli, unfortunately, was still injured and unable to play so Luke Walsh stepped in at the last minute. Our first match was against, you guessed it, the tournament favourites Millfield. With two o goalers in their team they were a class above everyone else in the competition. However, we were drawing 1-1 with them until the last moments of the game when they forced the ball behind. All we had to do was keep possession and we would go into a rundown situation which at the time seemed good because Hugo and James were hitting the ball incredibly well. Old habits die hard and after a couple of taps we lost the ball in front of our goal allowing Millfield to tap in and take the win. The disappointment was even worse than the week before. In our next match we played like men possessed, some of the best play I have ever seen from these players and we created 5 clear chances to score and managed to miss all of them, our opponents had one chance and converted it and so we lost the second match to a much weaker team thanks to the 1 chukka system used in these tournaments. In our final match we continued to play well and dominated our opponents throughout and won convincingly.

The disappointment behind us, we approached the 27th June with relish. Our first ever home match was played on Farm Field against Pangbourne. Our team was led by **Chris Redburn [O/Bd]** (his final match for the college, and the first one this season), Oli Botes (back from injury), Xan

Bryant and Luke Walsh. Pangbourne brought their A team (barr one player) and looked well drilled by their coach from Watership Down. Our boys got off to a flying start, scoring from the first lineout. A couple more quick goals woke Pangbourne up enough for them to get one back before we finished the chukka with another one, now all 4 of our players had scored! The second chukka was much tighter with some excellent riding off and hooking from Pangbourne, only 1 goal apiece. Then came the entertaining sight of the spectators treading in on Farm Field, we have to keep the groundstaff happy! We dominated the third chukka, Oli got a couple and Luke got another one, while they only managed one in return. The final chukka was again much more evenly matched; I think Oli's injury was starting to hurt again, but we still managed to get another couple on the scoreboard to their one. Final score of the first Wellington home match: 10-4 win.

What a great way to end a very encouraging season. All our teams were in the top divisions and but for some draws and dodgy umpires, would have been vying for top

places in almost every tournament. We entered our first ever girls team outside of the arena, and held our first ever match at Wellington. Many thanks for all the parental support over the last year, and to Mr Oakman for his support of polo in the college as well as Mr Brandom for enabling the home match to go ahead without any problems and to Robert Burke for the excellent coaching, advice, support and now umpiring!

Looking ahead, next year will bring some new challenges. We have a great deal of younger girls entering the College and we need to recruit some of them. We are also going to be holding a Prep School tournament here on Farm Field in the Summer term, and we will be looking to develop equine sport in general so that we can compete in one day events, show jumping and cross country. One of my main aspirations is to get the stables up and running so that we can offer livery to the pupils. An interesting year ahead! If anyone out there feels able to help with any of the above please let me know. Support, advice and chocolate brownies (thank you Mrs Walsh!) welcome. *John Gale* ■

POLO TOUR

— TO LA MARIPOSA ESTANCIA, ARGENTINA —

EASTER 2006

On the first day of the Easter holiday myself, Mrs Blunden-Lee and 8 Wellington boys and girls met at Heathrow at 5.00 a.m. to make the long journey to Argentina. 24 hours later we all arrived at our destination, La Mariposa polo ranch or estancia as it is called. We were met at Buenos Aires airport by Guy Verdon who owns and operates 'Shoestring Polo', the company that arranged the tour for us. He took us off to La Mariposa where we received an enthusiastic welcome from Mariano Darritchon, the estancia owner and professional polo player. Then it was straight to our rooms for some much needed sleep.

We then headed off to meet the grooms and horses that would be looking after us for the rest of our stay. We discussed with Mariano and Guy our relevant levels of competency and were split into groups accordingly. The advanced group went with Mariano for some stick and ball and the less able players (including myself) were taken off by Guy to see just how bad we were! However, as it turned out we weren't that bad and after a while we were all cantering around and even hitting the ball sometimes. After a couple of hours of this we regrouped and went

off for lunch, again a superb meal after which we definitely needed a siesta. Unfortunately for some of the younger ones the pool was out of action on the first day, but many of them, full of polo fervour, grabbed the hand sticks and went out onto one of the pitches and practiced their shots until it was time to head out for chukkas.

We were amazed to find that our kit from the morning was brought to us, laid out in regimented rows and the



One of Mariano's Spanish lessons

boots, even Oli's spare pair that were falling apart, were cleaned and polished. The less experienced players formed two teams captained by Mariano and Guy, while the good players joined teams made up of Mariano's friends, some of whom were 6 goal professionals that brought their own horses. We spent a good few hours playing chukkas and encountered a very steep learning curve!

It rained during the night so after breakfast the next morning (and the Spanish lesson) we took the horses for a long walk into the neighbouring village and back because the ground was too wet to play on. This was a nice outing and gave us chance to see the local countryside, get some local history, chat with Mariano and generally let some aches and pains, gained the previous day, disappear. Back for the usual large lunch followed by siesta/playtime/sunbathing. After lunch came chukkas and there was already a noticeable improvement in most of the players, weather it be in terms of riding, hitting or tactics.

By this time we had been joined on the estancia by a South African chap over for a month to improve his handicap. He looked as though he had just stepped out of a Jilly Cooper novel, well tanned, long dark hair, gym toned physique and was actually voted South Africa's Best

Dressed Man. The girls (and Mrs Blunden-Lee!) immediately started swooning, especially as this chap knew how to pose. Everything he did was done to gain attention, from the Frankie Dettori dismounts to the pitchside stretches. He even became a hero when Mrs Blunden-Lee's horse ran off with her and he came to the rescue. But it turned out he was a 'good bloke' and he mucked in with us very willingly.

All too soon it was time to leave, so on the last night Mariano took us all, including the grooms, to his favourite restaurant where we presented Mariano, Guy and the grooms with various gifts to say thank you for all their hard work. Again the girls drew a lot of attention to them selves by accidentally walking into the gents rather than the ladies, which caused much hilarity to the entire restaurant and much embarrassment to Clemmie and Robyn. Mariano presented a trophy to the player who had made the most progress, which was Harry Titherly, but it was a hard choice between him and Robyn who had both only started playing this year. All of the pupils that attended this polo camp were impeccably behaved and a real credit to Wellington. I would like to thank them all, Xan Bryant, Oli Botes, Clemmie Baxter, Robyn Stoddart, Dan Izzat, Harry Rosen, Harry Titherly, and Jag Bhabra. *John Gale* ■

— RACKETS —

After several years of anticipation and planning, the Rackets court was extensively refurbished and ready for the start of the 2005-2006 season. In work, which began in April and finished in September, the floor was relaid, walls patched and painted, the gallery space opened up to return to its original size, and the Professional's room moved upstairs next to the gallery. The court was officially reopened on Saturday 15th October 2005. Before two exhibition matches were played, two new honours boards were officially unveiled by Sir David Scholey [Bn 1948-53]: one displaying the names of the benefactors who, under the leadership of Peter Mallinson [Pn 1973-77] had made the refurbishment possible, the other with the names of the nine professionals who have worked at Wellington since the court was originally opened in 1884. The gallery was packed with benefactors, Old Wellingtonians and many other distinguished players and supporters of the game. In the first match on the new surface the Old Wellingtonians (George Tysoe [L 1998-2003] and James Coyne [O 1998-2003]) beat the College Pair of **James Fuller [Bn]** and **Roderick Shephard [Bn]** 15-1, 15-5, 15-10, 15-7. Then in a repeat

of the previous season's World Championship Challenge Guy Barker and Ali Robinson beat Tim Cockroft [A 1980-85] and Guy Smith-Bingham 15-5, 11-15, 6-15, 15-6, 15-7.

After this exciting start there were high expectations for the school season. In the Michaelmas Term Fuller and Shephard lost only three matches, all 3-4, to the three strongest schools (Harrow, St Paul's and Cheltenham). Of these the loss to Harrow was most frustrating, as a lead of 3-0 in quick time had suggested the first away win for at least 10 years against these traditionally very strong opponents was more than likely. Both were selected for the Foster Cup in December, and both reached the Quarter Finals. They found it harder to maintain results in the increasingly hectic Lent Term. As the form of all the schools became clearer, it gradually became evident that this year's Rackets players could be divided into two divisions, with the Wellingtonians just making the first of these divisions. They won half of their games with ease; when playing the top schools, they needed to be at their very best to compete. This they frequently did, but the season finished with losses away to Eton and Cheltenham, then eventually to

Cheltenham in the Second Round of the Championships at Queen's in March. If this left the boys with a sense of under achievement then that was an inaccurate assessment of their five years of school Rackets. Both have become very decent competitors, as well as respected and popular ambassadors for the game and for Wellington. If they continue to play as Old Wellingtonians they could well win plenty of matches.

The Colts pair of **Luc Durandt [Hg]** and **Varun Sarna [Hg]** had a similarly successful Michaelmas Term, winning 8 of 11 matches. In the Incedon-Webber Cup at Queen's they played each other in the Quarter Finals. Sarna reversed the result of the College Colts Cup, and indeed the expectations of the seeding committee, to beat Durandt 2-1. His subsequent 2-3 loss of the Semi-Final to an arguably weaker opponent was therefore doubly disappointing. They too found it harder to win games in the Lent Term, and certainly failed to do justice to themselves at Queen's, losing 2-3 to Harrow in the First Round of a relatively weak renewal of the Colts Championship. These two have the potential to play good senior Rackets for two years, but need to demand a little more of themselves to convert potential into results.

Of the other players **Oliver Tilney [Bn]** and **Edward Young [Bd]** had a decent run in the Second Pairs Cup (**Tom Simkins [Bd]** also played during the school season), and **Freddie Bowring [Hg]** made the most of his opportunities in Colts matches. The Junior Colts found school matches very challenging and wins were elusive. A very promising group of Yearlings therefore found themselves

playing matches against older opponents. **Max Tulley [Bd]**, **Max Fawcett [Bd]**, **Sam Edgerley [Bd]**, **Gordon Hamilton-Fairley**, **Oliver Barker [Hn]**, **James Rendall [S]** and **Charles Pickard [Bl]** all showed promise and will have plenty of opportunities next season. Wellington's ninth professional since 1884, Noel Brett, will demand and expect much of them all. *C.M. Oliphant-Callum* ■

RACKETS			
SCHOOL MATCHES			
	PLAYED	WON	LOST
1ST PAIR	20	12	8
2ND PAIR	12	2	10
COLTS	20	10	10
JUNIOR COLTS	11	1	10
YEARLINGS	7	1	6

COLLEGE RACKETS CUP	
JAMES FULLER (BN)	BEAT RODERICK SHEPHARD (BN)

COLTS CUP	
LUC DURANDT (HG)	BEAT VARUN SARNA (HG)

JUNIOR COLTS CUP	
WILLIAM WELLS (BL)	

YEARLINGS CUP	
CHARLES PICKARD (BL)	

— — SAILING — —

This has been a season of mixed fortunes for the Sailing team. Led by the very experienced Chris Redburn [O/Bd 2001-06], a member of the team for the last five years, the team has suffered from cancellations and unavailability as well as recording some very good results.

The season opened brightly with the South East Regatta at Bough Beech on the 27th April. The first round saw wins against City of London (9-12), Kings Canterbury 2 (9-12) and Sevenoaks 3 (10-11) before suffering a loss to Charterhouse (15-6) who were the eventual winners. The knock out stages saw us press Sevenoaks 1 very closely in the first of two races before eventually losing 12-9 and 15-6. Our overall position out of 14 teams was 6th.

A weakened team took on Bradfield, a bright but windy day, and inexperience led to a crushing 3-0 defeat. Similar conditions prevailed on the 20th May when we took on the Old Wellingtonian team. Although almost everyone took a ducking at some stage, the experience (and perhaps extra weight!) of the O.W.s saw them take the first and third races 6-15, with College achieving a creditable 10-11 win in the second. By now the College sailors had gained some experience of high wind sailing and a thrilling match against Radley on the 23rd May saw the narrowest of victories. With the score 1-1, we squeezed a 10-11 victory in the final race. Amidst heavy squalls, knockdowns and some quality tactical racing this fine win was achieved by the strongest team we had managed to field all season.



Wellington in action against Radley. Richard Gunston [Bd] kneeling with Christopher Redburn [O/Bd 2001-06], Captain of Sailing



James & Thomas Robinson [T] with the Barnard Cup

The following have sailed for Wellington this year: **Chris Redburn (Capt.) [O/Bd]**, **Lizzie Mathieson (Vice Capt.) [Ap]**, **Elizabeth Dunlop [Ap]**, **Charlie Esse [Pn]**, **Ali Fraser [M]**, **Chris Fraser [M]**, **Richard Gunston [Bd]**, **Guy Harris [L]**, **Tessa Redburn [Ap]** and **James Robinson [T]**.

The inter-House Barnard Cup proved to be a wonderfully competitive event. Teams from Anglesey, Hill, Lynedoch, Murray, Picton and Talbot were very evenly matched and after 3 races there was a three way tie for first place. The deciding race saw brothers Thomas and James Robinson of the Talbot take first place, closely followed by the Picton and then Murray.

The lessons of the season will not be lost as we look to radical changes in Sailing next season. Although we will continue to cater for the less experienced club sailor, it is the intention to develop an 'Academy' group of dedicated boys and girls who will have the chance to develop their sailing skills all the year round under expert RYA tuition. Already the College has purchased its first RS Feva dinghy and arrangements have been made with Burghfield Sailing Club for training to take place using some of its Fevas on a much larger water. My thanks go to Ian Frayne, Richard Foskett, David Critchley and Sam Gutteridge who have all been part of the organisational team and given of their time most freely. *Graham Nurser* ■

— SKIING —

Six intrepid boy and three brave girl racers, covering the whole age range from 13 to 18, attended the British Schools' Championships late in January. The boys headed off to Les Menuires for their competition, and the girls off to Flaine. Mr Grainge took the boys, while Miss Winterbottom took the girls, so many thanks to them.

Both competitions followed similar lines with one day of training followed by two days of racing. At both resorts the conditions were similar, cold and sunny with hard-pack and ice underfoot. This meant that the practice day had to be used to the full in order to master these tricky conditions. Team instructions were issued, for the boys it was a case of all or nothing as we have the talent to be competing for one of the top places, but we would only achieve this if we pushed hard all the way. The girls took a more philosophical

approach and decided that completing each run safely on such tricky slopes would be the key to success.

Unfortunately the boys tactic proved to be their undoing, as a couple of them failed to complete all their runs, which disqualifies the whole team. Whereas the girls, **Nathalie Roberts, Fenella Prowse and Verity Leeson**, all finished safely and in the first round of the parallel slalom beat Heathfield but then lost to Rochester who went on to do very well. In the Giant Slalom the girls came 46th overall beating teams from Millfield, Abbey Gate and Cheltenham and in the Slalom we came 39th overall. These are great results when you consider that none of the girls had raced before, and with even more girls joining next year we can only go from strength to strength.

As there were four age groups within the boys competition the results [in the box below] are within the





GIRLS' SPORT



NETBALL

This year we have probably had one of our worst records in terms of wins (just two from 10 matches) but a great deal was accomplished in terms of skills, bonding together in adversity and a steady improvement in our goal rate.

We have a strong fixture list; we compete against local girls' schools (Queen Anne's, St Mary's, St George's) as well as mixed independent schools (Cranleigh, Charterhouse, Bradfield) and in every case our opponents have a much bigger pool of players from which to select. It is important to bear in mind that our girls (only 50 in total in the two year groups) also have to provide players for hockey in the Michaelmas term and lacrosse in the Lent term as well as squash.

A particular blow to our chances came in the form of a nasty injury to our captain, **Hannah Neenan**. This kept Hannah out of many fixtures in the Lent Term though whenever she did play her contribution was significant. Our shooters grew in confidence over the weeks and by the end of the season both **Hannah Mouldale** and **Claire Burrows** were slotting in the goals with authority. Our defence was, at its best, very strong, but too often we were without one or two players for a variety of reasons (injury, illness etc). **Natalie Roberts** was a gutsy player through-

out as was **Jess Warden-Brown** who has a very high work rate in matches. **Robyn Stoddart** did very well to deputise for one or other of these two on many occasions. Our centre, **Rosanna Wollenberg**, gained much experience this year and was a solid player throughout, ably supported by **Leila Sajjad** at Wing Attack and **Tammy Shephard** who rotated around the centre court proving her versatility.

Our 2nd team worked hard all season for little reward on the scoreboard but they consistently made me proud to be their coach by their commitment and resilience in matches. Well done to **Emily Smyth**, **Georgie Foster**, **Flo Michel**, **Yetta Chow**, **Cecelia Shroeder** (who made several appearances for the first team too), **Clemmie Baxter**, **Katie Besgrove**, **Esme Sutherland**, **Amy Tress** (who impressed by her all-round ability in a number of different positions on court) and **Natalie Brendish**.

Next year will see us fielding around 8 netball teams in total (including 3 senior teams) so there will definitely be more competition and a new buzz about netball from September 06! Many thanks to Sarah Feast and Charlotte Lomax for their expertise and enthusiasm in coaching and umpiring for us this season. We are very grateful to them. **C.J. Evans** ■

HOCKEY

Another year on and another step forward for Girls' Hockey at Wellington. The commitment put in and the enjoyment had by all was fantastic, along with the added bonus of fielding a 2nd XI three

times during the term. As in the past, girls' hockey is going to struggle with the numbers we have and the standard of opposition. However, there are always a few matches which we should compete strongly and we did. The highlight of

SKI RACING RESULTS

BRITISH SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOYS' A TEAM

VICTOR SEAWARD	10TH IN GIANT SLALOM 7TH IN SLALOM
FELIX PRETTEJOHN	17TH IN GIANT SLALOM 9TH FASTEST TIME IN 1ST RUN OF SLALOM
GEOFFREY HOPKINSON	13TH FASTEST IN 2ND RUN OF GIANT SLALOM

BOYS' B TEAM

SIMON ROGERS	37TH IN GIANT SLALOM
GUY HARRIS	18TH FASTEST TIME IN 2ND RUN OF GIANT SLALOM 16TH IN SLALOM
AARON LLOYD-GOODWIN	44TH FASTEST TIME IN 1ST RUN GIANT SLALOM 41ST FASTEST TIME IN 2ND RUN OF SLALOM

respective age group. So you can see that we have some talent here at Wellington, and more is coming over the next couple of years. We have 20 pupils heading off to France for some race training during the first week of the Michaelmas holiday, followed by some more international races. We are also hoping to start competing on the dry slope racing circuit, and have racing lessons and training on a weekly basis throughout the year.

This all would not have been possible without the help of our sponsors BaseCamp Group and Mr Paul Heafield, who between them donated £2000. **John Gale** ■



Fenla Prowse [Ap 2004-06], Verity Leeson [O], Natalie Roberts [Ap 2004-06]



Photograph by Dr Mark Farrington

Back Left—Alex Sanina (O) , back right—Katherine Trehwella (O), Left—Tasha Alderson (O) , centre—Frances Paterson (O), right—Rosie Bartley (O)

the term was playing Bradfield's 1st and 2nd XI, home and away. 4 cracking matches, honours even in the end, but all played with heart and totally in the right spirit of the game. **Jess Barker** captained the 1st XI throughout the term and was ably assisted by **Tammy Shephard**. They were the two outstanding players of the season and it is a shame we didn't have one or two more of their ability. However, what the others lacked in ability they more than made up for in effort. **Emily Winkworth** is another person who made a massive contribution and sacrifice for the team in becoming the goal keeper. She single handedly saved numerous goals and the rest of the team from one or two potentially embarrassing results. Having said this, the back 4 did a fantastic job as well. **Clare Buchanan, Hannah Neenan, Natalie Roberts** and **Fenella Prowse** were the normal culprits in these positions and led the defence and at times the attack, never giving up in any game situation. Jess and Tammy were in midfield along with **Tess Redburn** or **Flo Michel** while up front **Louisa Gilbert** ran up and down the right wing while the 'madness' of **Edwina Hayward** and **Rosanna**

Wollenberg on the left and centre forward upset many opposition defences. The subs bench was controlled by **Caggie Dunlop** and **Cecelia Schroeder**, a force, by themselves, to be reckoned with, but they also made willing contributions throughout the season.

Wellington goes fully co-ed as of next year and so girls hockey will start a new era. Hopefully we are able to capitalise on added numbers but continue with the same spirit held in the team that I have seen over the past 5 years. My thanks not only goes to all the girls but to Mark Sayer for helping out with the 2nd XI as I pass on the reins to our new head of girls games for next season. *John White* ■

— SQUASH —

The girls approached the squash season with enthusiasm and determination, with many still very new to the sport. The team was captained this year by **Edwina Hayward** who did a great job in motivating the girls during matches and contributed significantly to

the team. **Tammy Shephard** has shown real class as our number one string and had a successful season with some superb play on court. The team showed progress through the Michaelmas and Lent terms which was evident when, after losing to Charterhouse in the Michaelmas term, we then won our match against the same team in the Lent term. Many thanks go to Steve Meads for his excellent coaching. Special mention must also go to **Jess Barker, Vanessa Lawson** and **Emily Hopcroft** who were regular members of the squad. *M Jones-Christodoulou* ■

— ROUNDERS —

The girls' rounders team have had an excellent season this term. We have played four matches won three and drawn one on a technicality. This was against a team who have beaten us by heavy margins in the past. Fixtures against Heathfield (a), Bradfield (h), St Mary's (a).

They have been a fantastic team and we look forward to another excellent season next year with all the L6th talent moving into the U6th. *Carole Blunden-Lee* ■

— TENNIS —

The tennis squad was captained by **Louisa Gilbert** this year, who has been a truly dedicated and committed member of the squad and a very effective captain. Despite a slow start to the season, a very good core of committed players emerged with **Tammy Shepherd** pairing up with Louisa and emerging as a very strong first couple. Special mention must also go to **Flo Michel** and **Emily Hopcroft** who have combined to form a strong and successful partnership.

The team made excellent progress throughout the summer term which was highlighted in a very convincing 7-2 victory against Heathfield.

Many thanks go to Louisa for her great leadership skills which were fundamental in the success this term. *M Jones-Christodoulou* ■

— CRICKET —

Cricket has been really good and fun! We have had a record number of fixtures for cricket this year. Our first match was more like a training match as we were told most of the girls at Bradfield had never played before, leaving us full of hope. However, when two of the girls were revealed as players for the boys 2nd

team our hearts sank. We put up a good fight though and scored a record number of runs!

Our second fixture was against Charterhouse (our only opponents last year). Having played them before, we knew they were skilled and so didn't have terribly high hopes of winning the cup. However the game started really well. Three of our players **Tammy Shepherd, Nat Roberts** and **Clare Buchanan** quickly exceeded the total score for our last match against them by more than twice as much! Rain stopped play, much to our frustration! When it is rescheduled, we hope to win and finally have a cup presented to a girl in assembly!

Training is always fun. Girls have been enthusiastic even in the cold rain and wind. Many potential cricketers have been emerging throughout the training sessions and there is bound to be a strong side next year.

Our last match against the Abbey again wasn't very successful as 6 of their players played for county teams. However we put up a good fight which is more important than winning! *Nat Roberts [Captain]* ■

— LACROSSE —

Lacrosse had an excellent season this year. With the majority of the team never having played before, we put up strong opposition against teams which had been playing together for years. We were privileged to have ex-England player Charlotte Lomas coaching us pre-season and during the Lent term which was hugely beneficial and enormous fun. We won our first match of the term against Heathfield in the Small Schools tournament and then played 6 more matches during the term which we disappointingly and narrowly lost having played with impressive teamwork, aggression and great sportsmanship. Sadly the National Tournament, in which we had expected to do pretty well, was rained off. Our home match was memorable—against Bradfield, in the snow, we had a lot of much appreciated support and just lost 6-5, much to our annoyance, as given a few more minutes we are sure we would have rightfully claimed our match; after all, Dr Seldon did crown us 'Team of the Week' (out of both sexes)! Captained by Tish with enthusiasm and organisation, the team showed outstanding effort, skill and attitude throughout the term, with close teamwork which set up some fantastic goals. Tish, Edwina, Leesa, Leila, Nat Roberts, Clare Buchanan and Eleanor (goalie) made up the sixth form on the team, with Tish and Edwina being given minor colours for their effort and skill. *Letitia Bryan* ■

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

An excellent year, topped by the Cadet RSM and Head of School **Ollie Tilney [Bn]** reading at the Festival of Remembrance held at the Albert Hall. Cadet Sgt **Edwina Hayward [Ap]** and Cadet Sgt **Hugh Hemsley [Bd]** also read parts of the service and were highly praised for their contribution to the event watched by a world wide television audience including 20 million in the UK alone.

Cadet strength remained at a high level and we were very lucky to find and appoint Captain Gerry Long (late I Para) as Adjutant. Gerry has completely revitalised the Armoury, reinvigorated the officers and rejuvenated the cadets. A published military historian, he spent much of the year finding and restoring contingent photographs from as far back as 1880, and the Armoury looks much the better as a result. We were again lucky to have a full complement of officers but it was sad to lose Lt Ed Pearson-Miles RMR, Lt David Critchley RNR, Major Hylton Adcroft, 2Lt Maggie Horton (Virginia Rifles) at the end of the year. Flt.Lt. Ian Hendry also stepped down as Officer-in-charge RAF. Section due to pressures of work as Master in charge of Exams although he remains involved with RAF summer camps.

As well as a cadet camp at Fremington in April, a summer camp in South Wales and an expedition to Malaysia, we entered several competitions in the year—the Cadet Skills competition at Longmoor, the Skill-at-Arms competition at Pirbright, the Royal Marine Pringle Trophy as well as the Royal Navy Regatta off Portsmouth.

An officer yacht sailing team—consisting of Major Sam Gutteridge, Lt Kirstin Dedman, the CO and Mrs Sue Heddon (Skipper for the day), entered the Institute of Director's Sailing Regatta in May and, much to their surprise, won by a sea mile.

Despite last year's demise of the 1st Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment—to whom we were both affiliated and cap-badged, the Army Section continues to wear its famous cap badge. Lt Col Phil Lewis DWR, the last Commanding Officer of this famous regiment, was the Inspecting Officer at our annual review and presented Cadet WO **David Stirling [T]** with the Honourable Artillery Company Sword of Honour as this year's best cadet. Cadet WO **Alex Boswell [Hn]** was awarded the Commanding Officer's prize—the Porteous Plate.

At the end of another busy and rewarding year, I remain grateful to all of the Section Heads and other officers for all their hard work in the last three terms and their continued good humour in providing detailed, interesting and varied training programmes. *Lieutenant Colonel Eddy Heddon, Contingent Commander.* ■

ROYAL NAVY

Another year, a new crew of lubbers to turn into salt stained tars. Training proceeded during the Michaelmas term, with reasonable success; despite all attempts made by the crew to avoid it (orthodontists only work on CCF afternoons it seems). Admiralty as usual did their utmost to prevent any form of excitement from occurring, regularly sending their Health and Safety lackeys down to remove or condemn items of equipment, which they then fail to replace, on cost grounds, meanwhile requesting (in indecipherable naval jargon) vast amounts of information, in triplicate, which they cunningly use to condemn more pieces of equipment.

Our Field Day was conducted on the Horseshoe Lakes





George Bird [Bn]

as usual, sailing, kayaking, raft building. A pig was roasted at sunset; much grog was drunk, and all hands returned safely to port. By the end of term, most of the crew had absorbed enough seamanship to pass as able, but able to do what is another matter. Lent followed, as it usually does, with First Aid (our resuscitation dummy will never be the same), and chart work (how to get lost in College grounds in many ingenious ways). On to the summer term, where the fleet again put to sea and the finishing touches were applied to the crew's sailing skills (teaching them to stop in other ways than by ramming the boats two metres up the beach). Field Day was a new venture for us, a day at 815 Naval Air Squadron, run by Cdr. William Entwistle, O.W., at Yeovilton; we had an excellent day, flying, simulating and touring.

Summer Camp was again in the Welsh hills, with wind surfing, climbing, kayaking and walking. Thanks to Cox'n **John Davies [BI]**—of legendary insouciance, and the Section officers Lt Graham Nurser and Lt David Critchley. Lt I.C.E. Mitchell ■

JUNIOR LEADERS'

CADRE

The role of Junior Leaders' Cadre is to train the LV1th to be successful instructors of the junior cadets. The 2005 cohort proved to be a very amenable and enthusiastic group. Topics taught included revision of drill, weapons, navigation etc., as well as a half term spent on how to structure a lesson and control a group.

Cadet **WO Henry Fox [Pn]** made an excellent senior NCO, ably assisted by Sgt's **Marcus Rowland [Pn]**, **Edwina Haywood [Ap]**, **Chris Cripps [Pn]** and **Putt Nilkamhaeng [Bd]**. I was also very lucky to be assisted by Sgt Jonah Jones PWRR and Sgt Mark Gearing RLC—both from our local Cadet Training Team.

This was the first year where the JLC programme was extended to two terms. The extra term has proved a very sensible move as the instruction of cadets has been even more effective in the summer term; and there is much optimism for next year.

For Field Day in October the JLC took part in 'maintaining law and order in the Minley Manor area', through manning simulated check points and following a very successful Close Quarter Battle (CQB) lane.

Cpl Bradley Warren won the McMillen Stick of Honour as best cadet from some very strong competition. *Major Sam Gutteridge* ■

R . A . F .

The academic year 2005-2006 has been another busy and successful one for the R.A.F. section. With numbers in excess of 100 we must still be one of the largest in the country and my thanks go to Pilot Officer Chris Ewart and Flying Officer Matthew Ford for their boundless and selfless enthusiasm in promoting and organising the wide range of activities undertaken by the cadets. Flying experience as ever underpins much of what takes place in the R.A.F. section, and we are very fortunate to have A.E.F. 6 Squadron at R.A.F. Benson to host us on a regular basis throughout each term. Other regular activities include navigation, leadership and teamwork exercises, visits to sites of interest within the context of the R.A.F., exercises on the Low Ropes facility in College and a range of other activities designed to interest and stretch our cadets.

The first week in July is always spent on Summer Camp—last year at R.A.F. Honington, the home of the R.A.F. regiment and this year at R.A.F. Cosford in Shropshire. A group of eleven cadets and three officers will attend this summer where activities will include flying, gliding, shooting, navigation, sports and other challenging yet pleasurable activities.

Interest remains strong in Sixth Form, University and other scholarships with a number of senior cadets in the running for awards.

Chris Ewart takes over the running of the section this summer after my four years in charge and I wish him the very best for the future of what I am sure will continue to

be thriving and dynamic part of Wellington College C.C.F. *Flight Lieutenant Ian Hendry* ■

A R M Y

WATERLOO COMPANY—It has been a good year. The cadets responded well to the training opportunities offered to them, the NCOs were particularly good and the officers as usual gave unstintingly of their time and expertise. We were again able to run four platoons for the first term, although a change of officer manning meant we had to reduce to three after Christmas.

The cadets had a real taste of shooting this year. They shot .22 on the indoor range and went clay pigeon shooting at Bisley—for many this was the most enjoyable piece of training they did all year! Virtually all the cadets passed their weapon handling tests and so were able to fire blanks on several occasions, and all this training culminated in them firing the cadet rifle live on the range at Gibraltar Barracks on Field Day in June. All this was made possible by Flt Lt Bruce Roth becoming fully qualified as Range Officer.

Wilderness Expertise, run by Peter Harvey [HI 86-91], provided their usual high quality first aid training—if cadets take away nothing from their year in the C.C.F. apart from a working knowledge of basic first aid they will have gained such an essential citizenship skill and we will have achieved at least something worthwhile. Apart from that there was the usual mix of map-reading, orienteering, military skills such as putting up a bivvy or moving as a patrol, PLTs, the old favourites such as camouflage and concealment and building survival shelters, and developing personal and teamwork skills on the new Porteous low ropes course. Everybody threw themselves over the obstacle course at CTC Frimley too—correctly and safely I should add!—in some very respectable times, although the NCOs succeeded in thrashing the lot of them!

The October Field Day took place on the Minley training area this year where the cadets had their first lesson in handling the rifle—which included watching Major Chris Hutchinson blast an orange to pieces to demonstrate the danger of a blank round fired at close range—crawled around in the heather in the camouflage stance, put a 160lb tent up against the clock (without instructions—not an easy task!) and were distinctly unsuccessful at “planting bombs” by stealth! The summer Field Day was rather different this year, based in Gibraltar Barracks, accompanied by Anzio Platoon, the cadets were able to shoot on the 25m range, go over a much bigger and longer obstacle course,

fire blanks in a CQB exercise and put their first aid skill into practice in a variety of simple scenarios. As always thanks must go to the officers—Maj. Chris Hutchinson, Capt. Jim Price, and Lt Rob Lancaster (before his promotion to Oic the Royal Marines Detachment) who, as Waterloo Coy Platoon Officers do so much every week to enable the cadets to achieve so much more than they ever thought themselves capable of. *Major David Burns*

ANZIO COMPANY—This year's company was made up of 16 new LV1th girls and 7 new LV1th boys, none of whom had done any military training before. After a gentle start of handing out kit and being taught how to wear it, we knuckled down to our training programme. The first thing we tried to do was show these new cadets how tough life can be in the British Army. We did this by teaching them how to use hexi-burners and made them cook and taste Army issue 24 hour ration packs! This was backed up over the next few weeks by plenty of drill and other military training such as camouflage and concealment, patrolling, using map and compass and most importantly learning how to safely handle the Cadet GP, our training rifle. The first term was finished off with some more light-hearted team building activities and a First Aid course.

In the Lent term the cadets started to learn how to become NCOs and how to instruct others. These sessions were interspersed with training on the College's Low Ropes course, clay-pigeon shooting at Bisley and target shooting on our own indoor range. Also, during the summer term we learned how to build emergency shelters, which should have been waterproof, but bucketfuls of water proved otherwise. We finished the year by continuing our work on how to lead various training sessions and hopefully we have turned out some exceptional NCOs ready to take on positions of responsibility next year. *Lt John Gale* ■

F I E L D G U N

Field Gun continued to develop with the help of our two trainers as all the drills were changed from Portsmouth to Fleet Air Arm. It took everyone time to get used to the new numbering and jobs but it was clear that the drills were far superior especially for the young team. The other big change was the first girl in the history of Field Gun to run.

The kit was in the best ever condition as Jim, our second trainer, spent many hours over the winter cleaning and repairing the traveller as well as sorting out all the ropes and strops. The hut was also transformed with decent

storage for all the woodwork. The B crew ramps got the new wood they so desperately needed and the limber boxes were replaced with proper metal covers and the new gun had a complete service. A week into training the limber had to be completely rebuilt after a bit of a disaster when it hit the ten foot on the run out and was smashed into at least four parts.

We started off with the CCF inspection run on 6th May after only a few weeks of rather slow training. The crew did well but the times were rather slow despite the crew being one of the biggest for many years. The run out was done in 3 min. 18 sec., with a run back of 2 min. 45 sec. With a run home of 37 sec. and a 20 sec. penalty for 'man in the chasm' the total time was 6 min. 40 sec.

That weekend saw the A crew perform for members of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Association on their way to the Army v. Navy game at Twickenham. The crew did three runs before the rain arrived but the final run was a distinct improvement. The limber and gun were over the wall in 17 sec., with the rig up and the first swing across in only 50 sec., after touching the ground in between the ramps and incurring a 20 sec. penalty. The run picked up with everything across in only 2 min. 24 sec., but due to problems at the enemy wall they didn't fire the gun until 3 min. 2 sec. The run back went without a hitch in a pleasing time of 2 min. 15 sec. The run home, however, took 36 sec., so the total time was 6 min. 13 sec. This was faster than on the Wednesday but way off the record.

The weeks leading up to Speech Day went well but as the week of Speech Day arrived so did the rain. The covers were on all week and very little training could be done. The day itself started well but there were light showers every so often and we were lucky to be able to run at all. The equipment was dry and all the main areas had covers on but in between the ground was very boggy. Kev, our 1st trainer, told the crews just to put on a good display and forget about records. The B crew managed a superb run in the conditions and the drum corps was fantastic. We had as our guest of honour Major Sir Michael Parker who had, for twenty five years, organised the Royal Tournament. He had seen just about every Field Gun run ever so we had a lot to live up to. The A crew set off well with the gun and limber over the wall in 15 sec. and the rig raised in 35 sec. The first swing was across in just 41 sec. and the gun carriage went across at 1 min. 34 sec., but sadly one of the carriage numbers 'made use of the tan in the chasm', which meant a 20 second penalty. The limber and all the crew were across in 2 min. 10 sec., but again, due to the boggy conditions, the gun was not

fired until 2 min. 58 sec. The run back was perfect with the swings across in just 7 sec. and the first bits of kit after only 34 sec. The gun fired at 1 min. 47 sec., which, considering the conditions, was excellent. The run home took 35 sec., but by that time everything was covered in mud so we couldn't have expected more. The whole run, including penalties was 5 min. 40 sec. and there were no injuries.

The Harris shield was awarded to the Captain **David Stirling [Bd]** who has been doing Field Gun for four years. **Alex Lee [Hn]** was appointed next year's captain and won the Trainer's Tankard for his fantastic back somersault on completing his crossing as flying angel but catching his leg on the overhauling lines. The Field Gun Officer's Award went to **Charlie Buffin [T]** who worked tirelessly and impressed everyone with his attitude. We had a new award, the O.A.'s Tankard, for the crew member who looked after the kit the best and the clear winner was **Ed Vigors [S]** who kept the gun in perfect condition.

The season went well despite the problems on speech day and, as always, we confounded the critics with so few injuries. **Kat Cho [Ap]** showed what can be done with determination and it was pleasing to see her earn the respect of the boys around her. ■

FIELD GUN

Tom Robinson (T)	1	Barrel no	Aaron Lloyd-Goodwin (Bl)
Ed Vigors (S)	2	Barrel no.	Freddie Edmunds (L)
Stephen Harrison (T)	3	First Pair	Geoffrey Hopkinson (Hn)
Ed Collas (Hn)	4	First Pair	Fred Ide (L)
Tom Wright (T)	5	Carriage no	Tom Wright (T)
Charlie Buffin (T)	6	Carriage no	Charlie Buffin (T)
Chris Snell (Hn)	7	Carriage no	Oli Slattery (L)
Ed Robertson (T)	8	Carriage no	Dominic Stalker (Pn)
David Stirling (Bd) Cpt	9	Flying angel	Alex Lee (Hn)
Dominic Henri (S)	10	Traveller	Freddie Ward (Hl)
Alex Lee (Hn)	11	1st swing	Alex Standing (T)
Fraser Barrett (S)	12	Slat no	Mark Shipway (S)
Tom Proctor (A)	13	Slat no	Dane Castle (Hg)
Ieuan Walker (S)	14	Second Pair	Katherine Cho (Ap)
Adam Barrow (A)	15	2nd swing	Tom Melhuish (Bl)
Tim Frayne (Hn)	16	Second Pair	Amir Idris (Hl)
Tom Ward (Hl)	17	Back of Box	William Welton (T)
Bryn Davies (Bl)	18	Back of Box	Jonty Suenson-Taylor (S)
1st Trainer			Kev Clarke
2nd Trainer			Jim Harwood
Field Gun Officer			Mr B N Roth
Assistant Field Gun Officer			Mr I Frayne
Ordnance Artificer			Simon Trendall
Bugler			Oli Smith (Hn)



THE ARTS



— THE ART SCHOOL —

Art has continually challenged the interplay of illusion and reality, perception and deception. A stroll through the Art School in October would have brought a smile of delight and discovery to any visitor as this year the work of the LVI was exploring the theme of trompe l'oeil (Trick of the eye). Responses were impish to cerebral: the staircase corner that stuck out not in, the clock that remained at 3.25, bits of tables and easels and various notices only imitating the 'real' ones.

The VI Form continued their self-portrait project begun in June. The project had a traditional atelier beginning as every student moved through careful pencil studies into colour studies, then clay busts, and gradually they began to diverge into their specializations. It was an opportunity to reflect on the idea of self, and how they would choose to depict themselves.

As inspiring as the (relatively) new Art School is, studio space was still very restrictive. After several frantic years of 3rd Block classes attempting to co-exist with the Sixth form, the closest Biology lab, D1, was transformed over the summer into an additional studio. It has been fantastic. Life drawing and Block III & Block II drawing and painting have benefited hugely from a designated studio. Still life displays and other works in progress stayed on easels so that work could easily continue in the next lesson. Block III had topic specific still life projects. By expanding we were able to find more areas for the upper school to set up work stations where they could have their resources to hand, rather than our "hot easel" approach with a complete changeover in the studios with every new lesson.

The February trip to New York is always an adventure, and this year the LVI artists were on the last 'plane to land at

JFK before the airport closed due to the largest snowstorm in a century. Our first morning found NY under 26 inches of crystal white, cars were completely buried and the streets gradually filled with sleds and flying snowballs. Central Park became our route to the Metropolitan Museum, the Guggenheim and the Whitney where we thankfully warmed our hands and toes and feasted our eyes. Of particular interest was a spectacular exhibition of new architecture in Spain, Rauschenberg Combines, and an inspiring retrospective of the sculpture of David Smith. (Coming, incidentally, to the Tate Modern November to January 2007). On Wednesday we took a train to Washington DC, a peaceful and spacious complement to NY. Borrowed from around the world, the National Gallery had an excellent exhibition of Cezanne's paintings and drawings, and the Hirshorn has a revolving contemporary collection that proved to be extremely useful for A/s Exam resources.

The Speech Day exhibition highlighted the strength of the monoprints and paintings which had evolved from the life drawing classes. Particularly fine pieces were done by **Freddy Wardlaw [T]**, **Hugo Tait [Bd]**, **Esme Sutherland [Ap]**, **Yetta Chow [Ap]** and **Toby Ranger [T]**. Over a series of sessions, **Rupert Froud [Pn]**, worked up a pair of beautifully expressive, gestural figures. **Stanley Ho [M]** delighted all with his collection of 40 or so wheel-thrown clay vases manipulated to become figures; **Sae-Jun Ahn [M]** produced a rich, double-page carborundum print.

Archie Wardlaw [T]





Rupert Froud [Pn] "Expressive figures"



Ben Ebbetts [Bri] "Now and then"

There were several compelling pieces by sixth form artists. **Charlie Hancock [Bn]** landed a car block meteor in a fiery ditch in the hill beside the Art School; **Jules Reston [Bd]** admonished the clerestory interior with cumulus clouds; in a contorted expression of motion **Ben Buchanan [Hn]** constructed a fantastic bronzed clay torso; **Nick Donnelly [Bd]** gathered his family tree under an umbrella, **Jessica Barker [Ap]** constructed a large tactile relief based on earth markings from the American southwest desert; **Hugo Hall [Bd]** did two enormous woodcut prints, including a self-portrait carved sympathetically into a crosscut of oak; employing Cubist visual devices, **James Cooke [T]** collaged multiple views of himself, and of his two primary environments; **Robyn Stoddart [Ap]** molded a full-sized figure emerging (literally) through a door; **Jonathan Clapham [T]** painted an elegant "Hopperesque" house front and **Archie Wardlaw**

[T] a home interior. One of the most ambitious pieces was a visual trick built by **Alastair Fraser [M]**. Based on exploiting the possibilities of a mirrored surface, and the mechanics of optical deception, he constructed a room in the shape of a half cylinder, mirrored. By standing in the doorway and looking in, the room reflected itself and appeared as an empty, complete cylinder.

The year closed with many farewells. **Henry Sandars [T]** and **Victor Seaward [Bd]** set off for a foundation year at Chelsea, as did **San Napasab [BI]** to Ravensbourne, **Sean Choi [M]** to Central St. Martin's, **Jessica Barker [Ap]** to Goldsmiths, and **Satoru Nakanishi [Pn]** to take up architecture at UCL. With very best wishes to my fellow teachers of Art, Clare Winterbottom and Julian Grater moved on to further art ventures. And, after 20 years of nurturing Wellington artists, Chris Thomas retired, but that is another story told elsewhere. *Stephanie Lang* ■

— THE ARTS — COMMITTEE

This year *The Arts Committee* has been composed as follows: Common Room Members: Ant Peter (Chairman), Stephanie Lang (Art), Mark Ellwood (DT), Faith Sutherland (Drama), Simon Williamson (Music), Richard Foskett (Science), Denise Cook (The Wellingtonian and Debating), Brynn Bayman (Junior Society), Lucy Pearson (SMT), Justin Garrick (Academic Extension), Tim Head (Housemaster).

Pupil Members: **Oliver Bagwell Purefoy [HI]** (Drama, Music), **Thomas Humphreys [S]** (Music), **Victor Seaward [Bd]** (Art), **Will Sowerby [C]** (Culturally Committed), **Marcus Rowland [Pn]** (Music—Rocsoc), **Nathalie Roberts [Ap]** (Drama), **Letitia Bryan [Ap]** (Music), **Seelin Ho [Ap]** (Music), **Rob Quaile [A]** (Drama, Music).

The committee has had a business-like year, overseeing a number of initiatives. The foremost of these is the rebirth of 'The Wellingtonian' as a fortnightly e-magazine with a hardcopy end-of-year compilation enhanced by a few fresh articles. Under the editorial guidance of Denise Cook, a number of Wellington pupils (strangely, all boys at present) have undertaken to write regularly for it, reviewing and reporting and commenting on events and issues of the day at both a local and more global level. This has been a tremendous success, and those concerned are to be warmly congratulated—especially as it is a time-consuming job. I am delighted that our pupils now have once more the chance to get some sort of journalistic experience under their belts. This venture has been complimented by Lorna Robinson's production of a new creative writing magazine, 'Untitled', and it is to be hoped that this will continue next year after she has moved on to 'pastures new'.

Another rebirth has been that of The Film Society under the ægis of Justin Garrick, and we look forward to that enjoying extensive success next year. And thanks are due to Eddy Heddon, who has rationalised Microtechnology's video equipment, so that we are now in a position to enable pupils to engage in creative video work in a user-friendly way from September onwards.

We have enjoyed the company of two artists-in-residence. In September we had Rebecca (Beccy) Applin, harpist and composer, who managed a devised production about King Arthur called 'Merlin's Tale'. The music and song lyrics were all composed by pupils and then arranged by Beccy who also directed the production – a mammoth task and a

correspondingly enormous success. Graham Mitchell was our poet-in-residence for the January-June slot, and influenced many of our pupils with his astute comments about their own writing and by his inspired readings of poetry in classtime. We look forward to a year-long residency in 2006/2007 from a textile designer who will be attached to both the Art and DT Departments during a year when Textiles is being introduced to the curriculum.

Next year we hope very much to have an Arts Technician. Such a person will be attached primarily to the Drama Department to act as a Theatre Technician, but will also have a responsibility to help the other Arts Departments with their technical requirements. This will at last bring us into the 21st century, and be a welcome relief to the Director of Drama.

The pupil members have been very helpful in reviewing Arts Colours over the last few months. Contentious debate has resulted in a better definition of what Arts Colours are awarded for. There will, from September, be two levels of Arts Colours—Arts Colours and Arts Colours with Distinction. The former will be represented by the current Arts Colours tie or scarf, with a hatband for girls in blue and yellow to match the scarf. The latter will, we hope, be represented by a broad stripe tie in the three traditional College colours. There will, additionally, for girls, be lapel pins to represent each award. Arts Colours with Distinction will be awarded rarely, there being no criteria for them beyond that established for individual cases debated in committee that establish why a nomination should be considered especially outstanding.

As Chairman, I have been much exercised during the year about encouraging attendance at arts' events. The pupils seem to think that attendance is generally good, and that advertising—by email, in the new weekly whole-school assemblies, and by housemasters—is good. They feel there is room for improvement in postering, and we will look at that in more detail next year.

The current holders of Arts Colours are listed hereunder: **Alexander Boswell [Hn]**, **James Quaile [A]**, **Jonathan Keeling [Bd]**, **Nathalie Roberts [Ap]**, **Oliver Bagwell Purefoy [HI]**, **Robert Quaile [A]**, **Seelin Ho [Ap]**, **Tom Humphreys [S]**, **Victor Seaward [Bd]**, **Graeme Earle [Pn]**, **Nicholas Grimshaw [C]**, **Jack Barton [Hn]**, **Will Turner [A]**, **Vanessa Lawson [Ap]**, **James Rogers [BI]**, **Sally Dempster [Ap]**, **James Coe [BI]**, **Ramy Racovicean [Ap]**, **Tish Bryan [Ap]**, **Jonathan Ware [BI]**, **Oliver Smith [Hn]**, **William Wei [S]**, **Charlie Hancock [Bn]**, **Ed Swift [Hg]**, **Dom**

Henri [S], **Martin Collins [L]**, **Tom Robinson [T]**, **Toby Ranger [T]**, **Chris Dickens [S]**, **Ben Ebbetts [Bn]**.

I would like to thank the outgoing pupil members of the committee for their input and commitment. It continues to be the case that the pupils' perspective enlightens and dynamises the work of the committee, and College is grateful to them for their time and trouble.

Next year's pupil members of the committee are: **Stanley Ho [M]** (Music, Art, DT), **Will Turner [A]** (Drama), **Amy Tress [Ap]** (Music), **Jonny Graham [Hn]** (Drama), **Will Wei [S]** (Music), **Emily Winkworth [Ap]** (Music), **Duncan Smith [Pn]** (Art, Drama), **James Turley [Bn]** (Culturally Committed), **Dan Cary [T]** (Culturally Committed), **Ella Johnson [Ap]** (Culturally Committed).

We have one valet this year. Miss Faith Sutherland leaves us after 5 years during which time she has successfully introduced Drama and Theatre Studies to the curriculum, transformed the Theatre auditorium so that it is more suited to dramatic performance, and established 'Ironduke', Wellington's Edinburgh/outreach company which has consistently gained good reports for its work at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and which has served to promote College in a positive way. We wish her the very best at Ibstock Place School where she will be Arts Development Officer, and will look forward to welcoming her successor, Miss Sarah Spencer. *Ant Peter, Chairman of The Arts Committee* ■

— D R A M A —

The academic Drama Department has come to the end of its fourth year and the numbers of students opting for GCSE and A Level continue

to grow—this year several students are set for A*s and A grades at all levels.

In the Theatre, 2005/06 has been a terrific year for Ironduke, Wellington's Student Drama Company: performing on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe for the fourth year in succession. *The Frozen Deep* received 4 star reviews and ended the run with a packed house at the Theatre Museum, Covent Garden. Sam Sedgman (o.w.) and Oliver Bagwell Purefoy have been to Edinburgh twice, and Jack Barton, Alex Boswell, Vanessa Lawson and Will Turner completed the Company, along with two girls from the Abbey School, Reading. Then five members of Ironduke wrote, rehearsed and performed a play over 24 hours: *A Play In A Day* raised over £250.00 for the Chicken Shed Children's Theatre Company. In March, Ironduke performed *The Spider Men* directed by Georgie Morris here at Wellington and at the Nuffield Theatre, Southampton, as part of the Shell Connections National Theatre Festival.

Other highlights have been moving performances by the three actors, **James Cavanagh [A]**, **Will Sowerby [C]**, and **Oliver Tilney [Bn]**, in *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, directed by Philip Crawford, and the innovative devised production for Remembrance Weekend of *Coming Home* by the A2 Theatre Studies Group in the Drill Hall and surrounding woods.

The younger members of College have not been left out—Block III were directed by members of Block I, (**Tom Chitty [T]**, **Felix McDonald [Bn]**, **Rob McGregor [BI]**, **Charles Paterson [C]** and **Oliver White [Bn]**) and the LVI (**Jonathan Graham [Hn]**) in *Tales From Shakespeare* in January, and the Block II Drama Group have just completed a tour of five Prep Schools with their version of *Aladdin!* *Faith Sutherland* ■



Oliver Tilney [Bn], James Cavanagh [A] and Will Sowerby [C] [all 2001-06] in Someone Who'll Watch Over Me

— — FRANCIS — —

After the enthusiasm that greeted the performance of Julian Mitchell's *Francis* at Wellington in March 2005, the company took the story of Italy's most famous saint back home to Assisi in July 2006. After a week's intensive rehearsals in the Stanley in the first week of the summer holidays, the cast and crew flew to Italy to perform a revised version of the play in the magnificent grounds of a thousand year old Celestine Abbey only minutes outside Francis' birthplace. In a promenade performance, tracing the saint's life from his privileged origins to his death as the inspiration of an order devoted to selfless poverty, the audience followed the actors from one beautiful location amid the ruins to another, each lit by the setting Umbrian sun. Once again, Philip Crawford's inspired direction gave tremendous intensity to the play's moral tale and, perhaps more importantly, took all those involved well beyond the conventional bounds of high school drama into a realm of experience that for some was truly life-changing. Taking on the demanding role of Francis this year, Head of

College **Oliver Tilney [Bn]**, proved his mature capacity as an actor, giving his portrayal of the saint a poignant combination of innocent sensitivity and anguished gravitas. **Laurence Oliphant [Bn 2000-05]** reprised his powerful performance as Francis' chief sponsor, Cardinal Ugolino, amongst a cast who distinguished themselves not only for their moving performances but for their devotion to the project. It was a particular honour for them to meet the playwright, Julian Mitchell, who flew to Italy for the performance, as well as Brother Tom and Father Max of the Franciscan Order, who watched the play's opening night and gave the pupils a private tour of some of Assisi's holiest sites. The production owed much to the generosity of Graham and Marcela Smith-Bernal, hosts for the week in Italy, to the film crew who spent long hot days recording every aspect of the performance for a forthcoming documentary, and to all those who gave support in fundraising and in travelling to Italy to be part of an extraordinary event. *J.A. Garrick* ■



MUSIC

Another year passes in the Music School with a flurry of activity and lots of noise. Sweet sounds are heard followed by distorted power-chords; piano acrobatics followed by vocal warm-ups. There is never a dull-moment!

My main mission this year has been to encourage students to practise. So often lessons are attended with the minimum of activity and this has been a concern. We therefore started the year with a stimulating light-show presented by Chris Warner encouraging all of us to play (including teachers!). Practice is a dirty word for some and so there is sometimes an element to encourage just to come into the music department and get the instrument out! Our new Head of Jazz Studies at interview was encouraging students to listen to music and copy it, but above all, to enjoy playing. I suppose what I mean by practice ultimately is for people to experiment and play. However it is worth thinking about the advice of Winton Marsalis (the great jazz trumpeter) who says wisely: "Make a schedule: what are you going to do and when? Play everything as if you were singing. Make music expressive all the time. Practise longer on things you can't play", and so on.

Therefore pupils have been motivated and the standard has risen. **Ramona Racovicean [Ap]** came to us from Romania and set about practising 4 hours a day; **Tom Humphreys [S]** set his sights on the Royal Academy; **William Wei [S]** started an exhausting schedule and **Amy Tress [Ap]** (also new to the school) began sessions of concentrated rehearsing. These are but four of the many performers this year who have performed to an exceptionally high standard consistently producing music of such variety and such musicality throughout the year. Wellington is indeed blessed with some incredible talent at the moment.

The Michaelmas term began with an orchestra fresh from their tour in Australia who set about learning the Saint-Saëns Organ Symphony. Their professionalism and sense of purpose continues to astound and their performances this year have been outstanding, not least at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden when they performed Beethoven's 5th Symphony to a packed church. John Holloway, their conductor, retires this year. His enthusiasm, his sayings and his motivation with so many facets of music life in the school, will be missed immensely. Who can forget the many encouraging words and wise advice that he has imparted to pupils and

staff alike over the 22 years that he has been at Wellington.

The Jazz Orchestra has continued to flourish throughout the year with some excellent, tight performing. Its annual Crowthorne Minibus Concert was a huge success and Hylton Adcroft, also retiring this year, will be missed as well. His relationship with brass and jazz musicians in the school was exemplified when he was able to call on a number of professional and semi-professional Old Wellingtonians to come back and perform for him at the Eve of Speech Day Concert. The final joint performances filled that end of the school and the ovation and speeches afterwards were a clear tribute to the fondness with which Hylton will be remembered from 28 years in the music department.

Choral singing continues to flourish. The chapel choir has visited Winchester Cathedral and St Alban's, performing Evensong to a devoted group of worshippers. However, it is its role at the major school events where it has performed to great acclaim. Solos from **Tammy Shephard [Ap]** and **Tom Humphreys [S]** have been listened to with rapt attention. Indeed Tom has been much in evidence as a singer, performing on a number of occasions to great ovation. He performed at the Choral Concert in the Lent term in Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* giving a very mature and musical performance: it is not surprising that he achieved his place at the Royal Academy of Music with a Scholarship. I don't think there has been a voice like it at Wellington: our best wishes go with him on his quest for stardom.

Chamber Music continues to impress with its diversity and excitement. The saxophone quartet (whether Junior or Senior) were stalwart performers of the Open Day schedule throughout the year and have performed with great accuracy and syncopated panache. Camerata took part in the British Festival of Youth Competitions and were in the Finals performing at Birmingham City Hall in July. With the Chapel Choir, they toured Romania this year and Ramy Racovicean and Amy Tress performed the Vivaldi Concerto for two violins a number of times to considerable applause. Clarinet Choir, string quintets, percussion ensembles, rock groups, brass ensembles and brass quintet have provided the backbone of a lot of musical activity. Junior ensembles have also thrived this year and we thank all pupils for their cheerful involvement.

Competitions and masterclasses have also been a feature of the year. We have welcomed back Remus Azoitei and Jo Luckhurst (O.W.) who have worked with our string players and saxophone players alike. The Franke piano quintet also visited in January and worked with 5 piano quintets for a performance in the evening. Bob Chilcott came and worked



Ramona Racovicean (Ap) and Tom Humphreys (S) were both offered places at the Royal Academy of Music. They are pictured here after appearing as soloists on Sunday 19th March.

Ramona played Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D; Tom sung a baritone solo from Puccini's Messa di Gloria

with 350+ prep school pupils and Richard Pearce worked with our organists. We welcome an increasing number of "Consultants" to support the already excellent tuition given by a strong team of visiting musicians.

In Competitions, **Trishan Vaikunthanathan [HI]** was Hart Young Musician of the Year, Tom Humphreys and Ramona Racovicean were runners-up in the Reading Symphony Orchestra Competition and **Toby Ranger [T]** and **Robert Quaile [A]** were winners of the duet class in the Hart Male Voice Choir Competition, performing to a packed Princes Hall in Aldershot. Our own recital competition (the Montgomery) was keenly contested with stunning performances of a truly breathtaking quality: there was one winner however and that was **William Wei [S]** on the piano. The adjudicator, Nicholas Kenyon CBE remarked on the intense musicality of his performance of the Chopin Ballade in Ab, opus 47.

We have visited prep schools and performed outside school. William Wei and Tom Humphreys performed recitals at South Hill Park, Bracknell and William (again) and Amy Tress performed to a packed St Martin-in-the-

Fields in London. These outings will continue next year.

I must leave the best until last however. In September, Rebecca Applin came to Wellington as a Composer in Residence. Her remit was to produce a musical in one term. However, it was more difficult than that: she had to produce a musical written entirely by Wellington students. Sure enough, *Merlin's Tale* took shape and was written by half term. Rehearsals took place frantically after the exeat and from 23rd to 26th November, the musical performed to a packed theatre every night. It was a truly magnificent occasion and the performances by **Emily Winkworth [Ap]**, **Robert O'Donovan [C]**, Robert Quaile, **Jin Lee [BI]**, Tom Humphreys and the rest of the cast, will take a while to be forgotten. The songs and choruses also were a considerable achievement and working with such an experienced composer was a vital educational experience.

Thanks must go to a wonderful team of teachers: to John Holloway, Hylton Adcroft, Jeffrey Oakes, Chris Warner, Cristian Persinaru; to Rosalind Dunmore and Claire Hiscock in the department office; to a dedicated, professional team of visiting musicians. S.R.J. Williamson ■

GENERAL



CHAPEL

In the midst of so much change we are urged to rest in the changelessness of God. Similarly, in a school subject to fairly major seismic changes I think that there is comfort to be had in the comparative changelessness of Chapel life. This is not to say that we stagnate, nor is it to say that we don't keep abreast of current issues and debates and seek to air them in Chapel. But there is an inherent conservative streak in most pupils and we also speak to that in the age-old verities that we represent year in and year out to those who have ears to hear.

The well-known highlights of the Chapel year have come and gone. As I write we have just celebrated a splendid Full School Eucharist for Ascension Day—a day on which we get to sing some of my personal favourite hymns. We look forward to the Speech Day Service with the traditional (now) rendering of the Jubilate and Psalm 150, by the whole College. I must certainly pay due respect to the improvement in hymn-singing in Chapel this year. It has sometimes bordered on the boisterous, but has usually erred on the 'gutsy' side. Remembrance Sunday was marked with its usual gravitas and reflection and we had a splendid address from Gen. Sir Edward Jones who evoked much thought with his words. Carol services, both for the Community and College, were their usual joyful best. Confirmation was this year administered by the Rt Revd Peter Nott, Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese, and one-time Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Peter won over the congregation with his amusing rendition of a football

chant, and left the candidates with much to ponder as they progressed along the path of the Christian pilgrim.

The Leavers' Service this year was addressed by Hylton Adcroft as the senior departing member of Common Room. It was followed by a Graduation Ceremony in Chapel.

Over the course of the past two years I have been very ably assisted by Fr Kevin O'Brien in his role as Assistant Chaplain. Kevin joined us for a second curacy from the parish of Uppingham, and it was right that in the course of time he should move on to develop his talents in a more senior position. We are all very pleased for Kevin, Sue and the boys, that they are moving on to such interesting pastures. Kevin is to become Chaplain to the Bishop of Europe, and they will be based in the very comfortable parish of Worth (where a previous Chaplain, Fr Anthony Stidolph, is now Rector). I am sure that Kevin will bring much to his new post and will learn much as he moves around the chaplaincies of Europe and engages in dialogue with Christians of other communions. We wish him well and thank him and Sue for all that they have contributed to the life of the Chapel and of the College over these past two years.

This leaves me on my own. But I am very pleased to announce that a good number of my Common Room colleagues have volunteered to assist me in Chapel, and I am sure that together we can continue to offer a rich diet of challenging and thought-provoking worship to a markedly different Wellingtonian clientele of the future. *Father Andrew Richards ssc* ■

ROUND SQUARE

This has been another exciting and invigorating year for Round Square. Three Conferences have been attended. The main International Conference at Ivanhoe Grammar School, Melbourne, Australia, the Regional Conference at Westfield, Newcastle upon Tyne and the European Junior Conference at Aiglon College in Switzerland. With themes respectively of Global Communication, Damage to the Environment and the place of Adventure in education, these have been marvellous



opportunities for Wellington pupils and staff to be introduced to the work of Round Square and become part of the global family, making new friends and enjoying new experiences.

With seventeen pupils visiting Tiger Kloof School in South Africa in February, we are also in the process of expanding challenging opportunities for Service and Adventure. This mixed group built a playground at Thusanang School for the Disabled, laid a path and painted at the Tiger Kloof Junior and Infant Schools and helped care for the children at the Abandoned Baby Centre. This was an emotional week. The first hand experience of poverty, the warmth of the welcome by TK students and the exhaustion brought on by hard physical work produced a rich educational experience. In addition, the Choir and Camerata visited Nightingales AIDS Orphanage in Romania, George Looker spent Christmas at a Leprosy Mission in India and Shun Yamanaka will be trekking with St Stithians School in South Africa before working on a service project with them in Phillipolis this summer. Chris Steele spent last summer on an Australian exchange whilst Rod Shephard spent a month in Ladakh with an international group of students building a Community Centre before trekking to 5000m in the Himalayas and visiting the Taj Mahal and the Golden Triangle. Closer to home, six boys from the Hill took part in an Adventure Challenge in Wales over a weekend in April. They did very well indeed, learning along the way that in some activities they could be beaten by girls, that team spirit is a wonderful thing and that in the world of Round Square even in the tensest situation there is time to encourage and congratulate other competitors.

Able led by Joe Plank and Jessica Barker, the Committee has flourished with meetings often attended by over forty

pupils. Discussions have been lively, often funny, but always full of serious intent with the understanding that it is actions and not words by which we are judged. Members have unselfishly given of their time in the organisation of fund raising initiatives and the stewarding of socials and other events. When they have made commitments they have honoured them. An especial mention must be made of the extraordinary achievements of the Krispy Kreme team led by Rob O'Donovan. With careful planning and clever publicity they have raised nearly £1300 from the sale of these infamous doughnuts on three occasions: two breaks and the extravaganza on Speech Day. The Tsunami hit school of Koh Phi Phi, Nightingales' Orphanage and Tiger Kloof will be the beneficiaries of their inspiring efforts.

Of course there are many magnificent and raising initiatives in College and not all of them originate from Round Square. However it is worth noting that over £15,000 has been raised from Round Square related activity this year. The Round Square November Firework Spectacular, superbly organised by Eddie Heddon, provides educational sponsorship for Starehe School in Nairobi, Yangrima School in Nepal, and Tiger Kloof Educational Institute in South Africa. Other large scale fund raisers are the termly Poverty Lunches whose beneficiaries this year have been Sodexo's 'Stop Hunger' campaign, the Round Square Tsunami relief project, Naomi House, Sebastian's Trust, Thusanang School for the Disabled and the Abandoned Baby Centre in Vryburg, South Africa. Other donations have been made to Christian Aid, the World Malaria Trust, Action Aid and the Prince Alexander Project Fund. It is particularly satisfying that so often we are able to see the benefits of the money donated. As one of the Tiger Kloof project delegates remarked: 'Whatever we give them, they have given us more.' This sense of partnership and mutual respect transcends even the valuable act of donation. As Old Wellingtonian Henry Bodkin wrote in his article in an Indian Newspaper after his experiences in a Leprosy mission in 2004: 'Charity is simply a practical form of love'. *Graham Nurser* ■

— W. C. A. —

The Wellington College Association (W.C.A.) was formed in 1990 to provide a social environment for parents, pupils and teaching staff, to promote the interests of the College and so help parents to integrate into Wellington life. It has no responsibilities in administrative, disciplinary or educational matters affecting the College, nor is it an organisation whose objective is to raise funds. Occasionally grants are made from surplus funds to a variety of worthy causes mostly connected with extra-curricular activities at Wellington.

The past School Year (2005/06) has seen a significant increase in events with the succession of Dr Anthony Seldon, who is a keen advocate of the W.C.A. Dr Seldon's vision for the W.C.A. goes far beyond the regular schedule of events, although evenings such as the Annual New Parents Wine

& Cheese party and the Community Carol Service in the Michaelmas Term will remain in the Calenda.

The Summer 2006 programme of events demonstrated Dr Seldon's intent with a series of Lectures covering a broad band of subjects from Politics to Drugs and Happiness to Mozart, and the spectacularly successful Summer Ball. Michaelmas 2006 sees a continuation of the Lecture series and preparations for the Ball in the Summer of 2007 are already underway. Additionally, Dr Seldon led a group to The First World War Trenches as part of the Summer Term 2006 activities.

Potential future events include the establishment of a regular Book Club, 'Taste Around the Globe', Tennis and/or Golf Days, a themed 'Out of Africa' Ball, a London Walk and Grandparents Day. ■

— CAMPAIGN —

Go to the bottom of the Hill/Lynedoch stairs and look into the rooms there which long ago used to be a classroom and, since, has been the Murray games room. You will find, closeted together, the new offices of the O.W. Society and The Campaign for Wellington. They are led respectively by Chris Potter (no introduction needed) and Simon Fuller (HI 1957-1962).

Any summer in the second half of the last century you could see the two of them (whenever Fuller could escape from his diplomatic Service duties), bowling at opposite ends of turf for the O.W.C.C. Guile, deceit and spin were their trade marks. So you can see why they have been selected for this new partnership. Hang onto your wallet! ■

— ARCHIVES —

The Archives remain in three locations: in a small office beneath the Wellesley Room, in a container in the Hopetoun car park and in a repository in London. This inevitably means that cataloguing is a near impossibility and those engaged in historical research face considerable problems.

The plan to re-house the Archives beneath the re-furnished Blucher was thwarted by the pressing need for a new admissions office, thus Wellington still lacks any central location to display its considerable inventory of historical memorabilia.

Despite this, considerable work has been undertaken by cleaning and restoring many pictures around the College, particularly those on the balcony above the Dining

Hall and the Glyndebourne pictures in the Music School.

To help celebrate the 150th anniversary of HM Queen Victoria laying the foundation stone, HM The Queen graciously allowed College to borrow the original of Simpson's famous drawing of the event; O.W.s will recognise it from David Newsome's history of the College.

Visitors to the Archives have included Dr Susan Jenkins (National Heritage) from Apsley House and Dr Peter Durrant, the chief archivist from the Berkshire Records Office.

As the College moves towards celebrating the 150th anniversary of the first pupil and the bicentenary of Waterloo it is to be hoped the Archives will take a more prominent role in the life of Wellington. *Mark Lovett* ■

O.W. NOTES

— CHAIRMAN'S REPORT —

On Saturday 7th October, 31 O.W.s gathered in the O.W. office for the Annual General Meeting of the Old Wellingtonian Society, which began with a report from the Chairman, Anthony Bruce, which is reproduced in full below:

Thank you all for coming to today's AGM, in the Society's new office. In fact, 'change' could well be the theme for today's meeting. Not only does the College have a new Master, Anthony Seldon, who officially took over in January 2006, but the O.W. Society has also seen some changes—John Edwards stood down as Secretary and *Year Book* Editor at the end of the summer and we were delighted to recruit Chris Potter as the new Secretary, and Mark Lovett as the new Editor of the *Year Book*.

The other visible area of change is in communications. In April this year the Society introduced O.W.s Online, which gives O.W.s access to the database and allows them to update their own personal data online. In June, much hard work by David Creswell and others, resulted in the re-launch of the Society's Website.

Today is another busy day at College—whilst our meeting is going on, the College, which is currently full to capacity, is holding yet another Open Day, at which more than 500 interested parents and their offspring are being shown round College. We are expecting some 150 O.W.s to attend today's Reunion, and this afternoon there is a very full sports' programme, highlighted by the 1st XV v. Marlborough, playing on Bigside.

Now back to the Society and my report on some of the events and activities since the last AGM. I would like to cover it in four sections.

O.W. SOCIETY EVENTS 2006

The first event of note took place at the end of the March 2006, when some 35 O.W.s and partners spent a weekend in Ypres, during which they attended the unveiling and dedication of a memorial in St George's Church, to the 725 O.W.s and College staff who had lost their lives in the First World War. Two O.W.s, Mark Water and Simon Hall, cycled from College to Ypres and their efforts were rewarded by sponsorship which raised several hundreds of pounds for the Society's charities.

A week later my wife and I were delighted to attend an O.W. Dinner in South Wales. The event that took place in Carmarthen on 1st April 2006 was organized by Johnny Thomas (O.W.), who was nearing the end of his year as High Sheriff of Dyfed. He and his wife, Binks, invited all O.W.s in Wales to help him celebrate this momentous occasion.

The O.W. Gaudy was held at College on Saturday 6th May, and all O.W.s who entered College in or before 1955 were invited. Once again we were delighted at the response, as almost 200 attended. After a short Chapel service, the O.W.s moved to the Theatre to hear from the Master about his plans for the future of the College, followed by a question and answer session. After this some 30 pupils assisted with tours of the College and the evening ended with a first class dinner in the Dining hall, provided by Philip Stockwell and his team.

On the 14th November we have a Dinner booked at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall. If you haven't already got your tickets, you need to contact the O.W. Office.

The Campaign for Wellington arranged a number of informal events during the year, including those at Wincanton

and Exeter in May. In London two career-based functions were held, one for those working in the City and the other for those O.W.s involved in the Arts and Media.

The Society remains consistently grateful to its Overseas Representatives, most of whom continue to arrange an annual gathering for O.W.s of all ages living in their area. We hope that they feel an integral part of the O.W. Society and the improved website should assist them to play an even more important part for the Society.

With the help of our overseas representatives, Dr Seldon was able to meet groups of O.W.s last October, when he visited Perth (Western Australia), Sydney, Capetown and Hong Kong. In Shanghai, he met two O.W.s who had lived in the city for 8 and 11 years respectively, but who were totally unaware of the existence of one another.

Finally, it is with much regret that I tell you that Swan Hellenic, from whom the Society's charities have benefited by more than £40,000 in the last eight years, as a result of members booking on selected 'Discovery Cruises', has been closed down by the new owners of P & O of which Swan Hellenic was a part. It was good for all parties while it lasted!

O.W. SPORTS

I am pleased to report that the additional grants made to the O.W. Sports Clubs in 2005, in order specifically to encourage the under 25 O.W.s to participate more easily in their chosen sports, proved such a success that it has been repeated this year. A total sum of £9,000 has again been allocated to the clubs in 2006.

The O.W. Rugby Club had another very successful season on the pitch, but due to an administrative error, they ended up going down a division, instead of up! Nevertheless, the Club remains strong and is again fielding two teams every Saturday this season. On the 2nd September, the 4th Annual O.W. Rugby Tens Tournament was held at College and the eight competing teams once again provided some fine rugby, with another exciting final being fought out on Bigside. Special thanks are due to Chris Potter and James Templeman for all the hard work they put in.

The newly formed O.W. Football Team, organised by Charlie Wade and Freddie Longe, completed their first season in a mid-table position in the Arthurian League. With a new home ground in London and several young O.W.s joining them, hopes are high for a good season.

The Cricket and Golfing sections have also enjoyed much success and younger O.W.s are regular players for them too.

SUPPORT FOR COLLEGE

The O.W. Society, through its Charitable Trust, provides more than 30 prizes for current pupils each year, in academic and sporting areas. For more than ten years the Society has recognised and rewarded any current pupil who has achieved national or international honours for sport—most recently we have awarded medallions to several rugby players and shooters. These awards were recently extended to include national and international recognition in the arts field and our first award in this category was made in the summer to Amy Tress who had been invited to play in the National Youth Orchestra.

COMMUNICATIONS

Having touched briefly on the subject of communications earlier in my report, I'd like to return to it in greater detail.

This time last year I reported that David Creswell had, at my request, formed a small sub-committee to look at the Society's website and to make recommendations for its improvement.

In November 2005, an e-mail was sent to almost 3,000 O.W.s, asking if they were involved in website design, or if they could recommend a website design company with whom they had successfully worked. We received more than 70 replies. A short list of 11 was made, these all attended an 'invitation to tender', meeting held in January.

Proposals of a very high standard were received and the E & F Committee members selected a company called Cambridge Convergence as the best. One of their two partners, Mark Grant, is an O.W. Having set themselves a demanding timetable, they went about their work, which included making contact with many O.W.s, to establish what they thought was required, as well as organising a 'brainstorming' session in London, involving a dozen or so O.W.s.

The new, improved website became a reality in July and purely by coincidence, the College has been busy improving its website during the same period—may I commend both sites to you.

The other, more traditional methods of communication will continue:

The annual *Year Book*, which will now be edited by Mark Lovett, assisted by Kay Mitchell. The 2005/2006 edition will be published within a few months.

The time for a new Register is fast approaching and plans are already in progress to appoint an Editor. All O.W.s will shortly be receiving a copy of their own data, for updating.

Finally, I cannot end without thanking a number of people for their efforts on behalf of the Society this year—

John Edwards for his 5 years service as our Secretary, Kay Mitchell who runs the office calmly and efficiently. Our Officers and Committee Members, and in particular Nigel Howard-Jones, our Treasurer and David Creswell, who has driven the website project with unending enthusiasm. Also, my thanks are due to Peter Hunt, for generously permitting

many of the Society's meetings to be held at his office in Fulham Broadway.

I hope that you will agree that the Society is in good shape and has moved forward significantly this year. *Anthony Bruce, Chairman of the o.w. Society* ■

O.W. SECRETARY

The first month in any new job is at times daunting and for one who has not changed desks for 35 years perhaps more so.

John Edwards after 5 distinguished years of committed, caring and sympathetic stewardship of the O.W. office has truly earned a carefree retirement. His patience, courtesy and calmness under telephonic pressure have been wondrous to behold and his is indeed a hard act to follow.

Communications have become largely electronic and e-mails, databases and websites are the vocabulary of the age but, happily, requests flow in still by letter and 'phone to break up screen-gazing. In one 10 minute burst just recently there was a 'phone call to ask which way round the colours



should be on a newly purchased boater ribbon, a request for the sheet music of a hymn enjoyed in chapel in the 50's but with little else to go on, and another one for written documentary evidence of membership of the Air Raid Precautionary Duty Squad of the summer term of 1941.

Never a dull day and enlivened by visits from O.W.s from any and everywhere often wanting to catch on camera their names scratched into Dormitory balcony brickwork.

Most have stood the test of time—the scratches that is.

The O.W. Society is in play to help any and everyone. Please keep in touch. *Chris Potter, Secretary, o.w. Society [C 60-65]* ■

REUNION AT WELLINGTON

15TH OCTOBER 2005

More than 220 O.W.s, partners and children attended the Annual Reunion for O.W.s of all ages, which was held at College on Saturday 15th

October 2005. Whether it was the possibility of meeting the Master-Elect, watching some outstanding rackets or just visiting College on a beautiful autumn day, the turn-out was phenomenal.

All Houses, and all age groups, spread over eight decades, were represented. After pre-lunch drinks in Great School, a hot buffet lunch was served in Old Hall and to the delight of everyone present, Dr Seldon, who was attending an



Open Day lunch, made an impromptu appearance and gave a short but impressive speech.

After lunch the guests then made their way to Bigside to cheer on the 1st XV to a nail-biting victory against Eton. At the same time, after the official re-opening of the Rackets Court by Sir David Scholey, following a comprehensive refurbishment, the O.W.s were able to watch a Challenge Match between the World Champions, Guy Barker and Alister Robinson and the World No. 2 pair of Guy Smith-Bingham and Tim Cockcroft [A 80-85]. Earlier in the day the Under 24 Old Boys Rackets

Champions, James Coyne [O 98-03] and George Tysoe [L 98-03], had beaten the College 1st Pair, **Rod Shephard [Bn]** and **James Fuller [Bn]**. Some of those who attended the day kindly wrote afterwards to express their thoughts and a few comments are published below:

Ian Nason [O 50-54] said: "The reunion was great fun, because many of my generation were there".

Alan Geidt [Bl 42-45] said: "I have attended two reun-

ions before, but was more than impressed by the sparkling condition of the buildings, the luxurious state of Old Hall, Great School and the Auchinleck Room, as well as the refurbishment of the various quads.

Bruce Sleaf [Hg 78-82] sent an e-mail to say: "My family and I had a lovely time, seeing old and new places and faces. The food and welcoming atmosphere were excellent". ■

— GAUDY AT WELLINGTON — SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2006

Recent history has shown that, when it comes to supporting Gaudies at College, the oldest O.W.s can be relied upon to come back in greater numbers than any other age group and the event held on 6th May was no exception. A total of 124 O.W.s, who came to Wellington in or before the Summer Term 1955, together with 70 wives or partners, accepted the invitation from the Master and the Chairman of the O.W. Society to meet former friends and colleagues at College.



in terms of acquiring knowledge, developing character and achieving full potential. As he said, independence provides a unique opportunity to produce the 'rounded' citizens that this nation has never needed in greater measure. If this costs parents a mind-boggling amount of money, let's call it a national investment. It was good, though, to hear the wish of O.W.s and the Master to share Wellington's riches as much as humanly possible with talented kids from poorer homes".

For most the Gaudy began with tea in Great School, although half a dozen energetic O.W. golfers began their afternoon with a round on the College's nine-hole course. Tea was followed by a short service in Chapel, conducted by the Assistant Chaplain, Father Kevin O'Brien. There were several comments about the service—Brian Robinson [Bd 41-45] wrote to say "the most lasting memory of the day was the singing in Chapel which was truly uplifting. That a bunch of elderly men could produce such a volume of sound, was really amazing".

After Chapel everyone walked along South Front to the Theatre, where they were addressed first by Anthony Bruce, Chairman of the O.W. Society and then by the Master, Dr Anthony Seldon, whose speech was very much appreciated. He also clearly enjoyed answering the wide range of questions put to him afterwards, as much as his audience enjoyed hearing his answers.

David Stevens [C 51-55] wrote: "In my view Dr Seldon has read the situation exactly right and I wish him and his staff every success in repositioning Wellington as one of Britain's most innovative, enjoyable and successful schools,

Outside the Theatre, thirty or so current pupils waited patiently for the proceedings inside to come to an end, so that they could set-off to show the O.W.s around the College. For many, the opportunity to visit their old House was really special and drew many responses, such as "I was delighted to be able to visit my old room in my old dormitory, which my father had had before me"—Alisdair Murray [Hg 45-49].

After the tours, everyone gathered back in Great School, for drinks. The Gaudy concluded with Dinner, which was served in the Dining Hall and many very favourable comments about the food and the service were received and passed on to the Catering Manager, Philip Stockwell and his team.

In total more than thirty letters of thanks and appreciation were received and David Freeth [L 55-60] summed up the overall view: "My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the Gaudy and met up with many old friends. We particularly enjoyed meeting the Master and hearing what he had to say, it made a lot of sense and we look forward to watching College go from strength to strength in the future". ■

— O. W. DINNER HELD IN WALES — 1ST APRIL 2006

The photo is Back Row (L to R): David Ramsden, Norman Tyler, Jonathan Andrews, Bruce Thompson, Brian Robinson, David Francis. Front Row (L to R): John Edwards, Richard May-Hill, Michael Watson, Johnny Thomas, Nicholas Platt, Peter Gibbs, Anthony Bruce. Attendance: Brian [Bd 41-45] and Rose Robinson; Norman [Hl 47-52] & Ann Tyler; Johnny [T 49-51] & Binks Thomas; Anthony [Bn 51-56] & Clare Bruce;



Nicholas [Hg 54-59] & Jacqueline Platt; Michael [M 54-58] & Natalie Watson; Johnny (C 56-61) & Sarah Andrews; Peter [M 56-61] & Jan Gibbs; John [Bn 57-61] & Elizabeth Edwards; David Francis [O 57-61]; Richard [Hn 57-61] & Hilary May-Hill; David Ramsden [T 70-75]; Bruce [C 76-81] & Rebecca

Thompson. All had a fine time and were grateful to Johnny and Binks for all their hard work. ■

— SOMERSET & DORSET O. W. LUNCHEON CLUB — WATERLOO DAY LUNCHEON

This year's luncheon was held on Sunday 18th June and hosted by Daphne and Christopher Thomson on a warm Summer's day.

The following O.W.s were present: Sir Anthony Dewey Bt [Hn 1935], Guy Bruncker [Hn 1948], Mark



Douglass [C 1947], Freddie Darwall [T 1943], John Fleming [Hg 1953], Bill Colyer [Pn 1950], Angus Fryer [Hg 1947], Sir Anthony Goodenough [S 1954], Robert Williams [M 1934], Nigel Woolcombe Adams [Bl 1965], John Harris [Hn 1953]. ■

— O. W. REUNION, THE STOOP, TWICKENHAM — 1ST APRIL 2006

Jamie Corsan [O 1965-70] hosted a lunch before the Quins v. Sedley Park, National Division 1 match. There were two O.W.s playing for the Quins, Adrian Jarvis [T 1997-2002] and Tom Williams [Bn 1997-2002]. O.W.s present: David Corsan [O 1939-43], Dick Furber [O 1937-41], David Stileman [Bl 1937-42],



Anthony Stileman [T 1967-72], William Stileman [T 1976-81], Hugh Salmon [Hn 1969-74]. Dick Furber and David Stileman were in the 1st XV in 1941 together, and had not seen each other for 64 years. (Photograph: L to R: David Corsan, Dick Furber, David Stileman [wearing his original 1941 1st XV scarf]. ■

— PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA —
WATERLOO DAY—18TH JUNE 2006



Back row, L-R: David Irvine [Hg 1989], Karel Osten [Hl 1979], Robert Gould [Bn 1966], Colin Porteous [M 1947], John Carver [T 1956], Ian Rowley [Hg 1943]. Front row, L-R: Adrian Momber [Pn 1976], Malcolm Little [Bl 1966], Peter Smith [Bn 1973].

We met for our traditional Waterloo Day luncheon at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club where a couple of us are members. It was another beautiful Perth winter's day looking out over the yachts sailing on the Swan River.

A good turnout again this year as can be seen from this photo taken while our partners were still busy eating inside the clubhouse!

We had gathered last in October 2005 on Dr Seldon's recruiting visit to Perth when we held a small reception in his hotel. We spent a happy few hours catching up with each others' news and, in some cases, meeting each other for the first time. Amongst the stories from the past year we heard of Robert Gould's ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro and John Carver's solo sailing trip to the State's south west corner. *Adrian Momber* ■

— O. W. IN FRONT —

I am a scientist at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, a non-profit company set up as part of the Human Genome Project (a global effort to decode our total genetic information). I lead a group of scientists in studying the genomes of parasites that cause major diseases, primarily in the Developing World. Over the last 4 years, we have produced genomes for the malaria parasite and the causative agents of African Sleeping Sickness, Chagas' disease and Leishmaniasis. We're now focusing many of our



efforts on the parasitic worms some of which infect one-quarter of the world's population. Parasitic diseases are amongst the most neglected, threatening the lives of billions but attracting little or no interest from the Pharmaceutical industry. From the genome sequences, we computationally piece together the biology of parasites, trying to understand how they cause disease, look for new ways to detect them and build biochemical roadmaps that help in the search for new cures. *Dr Matthew Berriman* [T 1987-89] ■

— HUGH HEMSLEY —

Hugh Hemsley [Bd] recently appeared in the London Gazette having been admitted into the Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem as Personal Esquire to his father, Brigadier John Hemsley [Bd

1948-53] who is a Knight of Justice in the Order. Hugh was invested by the Prior of England and the Islands at the historic church of the 907 year old Order at St John's Gate in the City of London. ■

— BEVIR REPORTS —

ITALY: JANUARY—AUGUST 2006

Sitting through at least ten hours of nervous anticipation is the first experience of the majority of gap year travellers as they fly across to the other side of the globe. I however had less than two hours and would be landing in my destination. I had only ever been to Italy once, for a week's holiday, and apart from that knew little about it, and was inevitably filled with curiosity as to whether this country really was just all about pizza, pasta, the Mafia and, as I had constantly been warned, vain and greasy men! I had a deferred place to read Classics and Italian at university, justifying my year out by setting aside six months to explore this country that incorporated both parts of my course, and would hopefully confirm that I had made the right choice.

As a country whose working world appeared to be based more on casual contacts than formal procedure, it was very difficult to organise any sort of job beforehand. So I decided to enrol at language school for seven weeks to start off, and plans thereafter, I would leave to fate. I imagined that learning the language out of a book as I had done in the preceding three months was going to be very different from learning in the country itself. This I discovered was true from the first day when I arrived on the doorstep of an Italian family in Florence, which had been arranged by the language school.

I was very interested to discover this strong sense of familial life in the Italians. Particularly fascinating is the phenomenon of "mammoni"—mama's boys, Italian men who remain living with their mothers even in middle age. In fact, statistics show that 30% of 30-34 year old Italian men still live at home and the numbers rise each year. Whilst in England we would be more than comfortable (if not dying to get away!) to leave our parents to go off to university or even boarding school, in Italy leaving home at this age is uncommon. Of course there are good and bad sides to this, but I was certainly impressed by the unity within families—often three generations will live in the same town or city, or even in the same house. Because of this, in each of the three families I stayed with, I had the opportunity to meet most of the relatives from grandparents to grandchildren,

aunts, uncles and cousins from both sides of the family!

I wanted variety to be the key to my time in Italy and therefore in between families and language courses, I left the suitcase and set off with a rucksack to go travelling and explore different parts of the country. Being quite a small country and with hostels in every city, travelling was quite easy and over two months, I visited various cities in north (Milan, the Lakes, Venice, Padua, Verona), south (Rome, Pompei and Naples area, Amalfi coast), east (Ancona area), west (Cinque Terre, Island of Elba, Pisa) and central Italy (Umbria and Tuscany, Perugia, Assisi, Arezzo) taking in the marvellous sights. Highlights for me were Rome, the magical capital city, Perugia, quite unknown but a place with a great atmosphere and Padua, a real 'university' town.

I had heard that Italy was a very 'regional' country (not too surprising when you find out that Italy was only unified in 1861), but it was interesting to experience this for myself. I was really struck me by the different atmosphere in each region, and even in each city—whether it be the proud Florentines boasting of the superiority of their 'pure' Italian dialect, or walking through Naples and feeling like it was a different country. Although the division between north and south is the greatest, even within the same region there are ranging dialects, lifestyles and culinary delights. Going from one place to the next, I also had the rather surreal sensation of walking through different eras in time—the ancient world in Rome, the Renaissance in Florence, the modern business world in Milan.

I could never be an Italian, or try to be, but I felt that I had seen Italy from a different perspective and saw it as more than the Italy and Italians of the stereotypes. I think people, including myself initially, have a misconception that you have to travel a long way to experience a different culture. In fact only a short Ryanair flight distances us from this fascinatingly different country with its 'fatal charm' and enchanting culture, that in its language, way of living, and atmosphere, gives you the dreamlike sensation of being in the modern world but also having stepped back in time. *Amy Ohta* [Ap 2003-2005] ■



— A TRIP TO CENTRAL EUROPE —

21ST JULY TO 1ST AUGUST 2006

Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Hungary. These are countries which are rarely considered for a holiday, let alone by five adolescents, but the mysterious nature of these countries gave something of an adventure to them and it was exactly this which made us go.

Belgrade: After a 13-hour train journey from Athens, through Macedonia, we arrived in Belgrade. It is a city which has been occupied by many different powers throughout its long history, and it is this, coupled with the fact that it is one of Europe's oldest cities, that has given the city its incredible display of architecture. Belgrade Fortress, which overlooks the city, is a microcosm of the city's history; it has been fortified time and time again by different occupiers since it was built in the Celtic and Roman periods. The astounding thing about visiting Belgrade and Serbia as a whole, was that there was almost no sign of the recent Yugoslavian war; the people don't talk about it, the cities web-site ignores the events, and when I asked a Belradian what he thought of Bosnians, he replied: "Oh, the Bosnians are very funny people. You could sit in a room with a Bosnian and laugh all day."

Sarajevo: This city, the capital of Bosnia & Montenegro, has been at the forefront of history many times. It was a stronghold of the worldwide Ottoman Empire from the 15th century, who captured it off the Slavs, who in turn gained it from the Goths. Sarajevo even makes an exciting appearance in the GCSE syllabus as a cause for the outbreak of the 1st World War, when Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated in Sarajevo on 28th June 1914 by a Serb nationalist. However, the most visible and possibly disturbing aspect of Bosnia's history happened within the last decade, when Sarajevo was surrounded by the Yugoslav National Army and a number of paramilitary formations, this has become known as the Siege of Sarajevo. This was the longest siege in the history of modern warfare, lasting for nearly 4 years, from 5th April 1992 to 29th February 1996. An estimated 12,000 people were killed and another 50,000 wounded, with an average of 329 shells fired into the city each day. As soon as we walked through the streets it was clear what horrors the citizens of Sarajevo had endured. Scattered throughout the city were modern, identical graveyards, with the date of death being from 1992-1996. The gravestones

tell the story clearly, with people of all ages marking them; the most chilling, a 3-year old girl. Everywhere you look there are pock marks from the millions of bullets fired into and within the city, next to one lone hole in a wall was a placard telling of a young man who was executed there in 1993.

Although, you can see the scars both on buildings and faces, there is a definite determination of the citizens to cast these happenings into the past and almost forget them. It must be remembered that Sarajevo was becoming a very prosperous European city before the break up of Yugoslavia, and it was at its peak when it acted as the host city of the 1984 Winter Olympics. Therefore, perhaps a conclusion can be drawn of the Bosnians that they are simply trying to get their city back to the economic, cultural and tourist-friendly standard, which they once enjoyed. What struck us all most poignantly was the fact that the Siege and the thousands of deaths could have been allowed to happen by the European community and its leaders. The education of this bloody-story is chilling, but the belief that it could have been prevented is more. This is a city no more than 150 miles from Italy, Austria and Greece and thus there could have been no excuse for letting 10,000 people die.

Zagreb: Zagreb is another gem of a European city. It can boast huge, imposing buildings and countless brilliant museums. Zagreb Cathedral, St Marks, is one of the most beautiful in the world and cultural diversity is astounding. The life-style of this capital city can be easily paralleled with Paris; the countless cafés, bars and bakeries. However, there is something about this place which gives it a unique feel; it is not just another European city. Zagreb was founded 1,000 years ago, and within 200 years of that was attacked and ransacked by the Tartars. The city was originally two separate halves, each one jealously guarding their privileges, and it was only in 1859 that the town was united. Croatia, shortly after the 1st World War became part of Yugoslavia and it is clear by walking through the city that it was at this time much of the city's growth happened. Croatia, in 1991, was also drawn into the conflict in the Balkans and, like Bosnia, was subject to persecution from the Yugoslav Peoples Army. Croatia was the first country to declare independence from Yugoslavia, and thus the Serbian army invaded and conducted 'ethnic cleansing.' However, when the Serbian forces were in retreat, Croatia started "Operation

Storm" and quickly regained most of the so-called "Republic of Serbian Krajina", leading to a mass exodus of the Serbian population. An estimated 200,000-400,000 Serbs fled shortly before, during and after the operation.

Budapest: My visit to Budapest was one of the most interesting of the trip. This is a city which has not only visual character which I think all the former Ottoman Empire lands have, like Belgrade and Sarajevo, but also has the most fascinating stories behind its long development into what it is today. Pest is the modern part of the city, where the business district is and the many streets of shops. Buda on the other hand, is considered to be the 'old part' of the city, holding ancient palaces from the Ottoman Empire, which has been converted into grand museums. The Austro-Hungarian Empire then rose in power and became one of the leading powers against the allies in the 1st World War. After the Empires defeat, Budapest became the capital of a much smaller state; Hungary, though the city continued its growth.

We went to a place called 'The House of Horrors', which is now a museum, but was a building run by the Communist 'Political Security Department' (PRO), namely

— OPHTHALMOLOGY IN TANZANIA —

With the help of the JL Bevir Memorial fund, I spent an 8 week medical elective at CCBRT (Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation, Tanzania) disability hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. CCBRT was set up in 1994 as a community project responding to the lack of accessible and affordable services for disabled people in Tanzania. The hospital was opened in 1999. It is a disability hospital which essentially means that there are no acute medical or surgical patients and instead the focus is on elective surgical procedures. There are two main departments in the hospital: "Idara ya macho" (eye department) and the "Idara ya magonjwa ya mifupa" (the orthopaedic department).

CCBRT is a non-government organisation. Its funding comes from donors including Christian Blind Mission and the European Union as well as from patient contributions and the wealthier patients who are able to pay to be seen privately.

Most of my time at CCBRT was spent in the Eye department. This is a big and busy department where over 6,300 eye operations are performed per year. Patients arrived in the department by one of two routes; either they were 'walk in patients' often living in or near Dar es Salaam; or,

Gabor Peter and Imre Nagy. This was a place which would track down, at first, war criminals, then eventually, political opposition to the regime. The force was made up of ultra-left wing activists, criminals, and former Arrowcross hitmen. Over the years, the communist terror organizations, which used the House of Horrors as their headquarters, became massively feared. On command, its agents killed without hesitation, they committed burglaries and torture to send their victims, based on false testimonies and confessions, to the gallows, to prison, or to labour camps. The main room of the museum had its walls covered in the faces of all those who died within the building and the basement had been left nearly untouched; there were dozens of tiny cells and one empty room, which had a single peg coming out of the wall—it was once used for hanging those who had confessed under torture. The experience was chilling but taught us a lot about how the Communist party kept its subjects quiet and could function smoothly without opposition. This very much seems to be the story of central Europe. *Will Sowerby [C 2001-2006]* ■

they were 'safari' patients, who were assessed at rural outreach clinics and brought back on the hospital bus.

I had a chance to go on one of these outreach clinics which involved a 3 day trip to the rural villages in the Rufiji area.

My time at CCBRT was split 3 ways between the clinic, the operating theatres and research.

In the clinics I had to put my Kiswahili to use and I was able to learn and practice the techniques used for examining the eye. The clinics were well equipped with slit lamps, indirect ophthalmoscopes and lasers. I saw lots of the conditions seen commonly in the U.K. such as cataract, glaucoma and diabetic eye disease; however, patients would present much later on in disease, often after they were blind.

I also saw a number of conditions which we very rarely see in the U.K. such as vitamin A deficiency and trachoma. I also saw conditions so much farther advanced than one would ever see in the U.K., such as very large tumours of the eye, often in children, and tragically often terminal by presentation.

At CCBRT I was involved in 2 research projects. The first of these was looking at the pre-operative visual status of patients undergoing cataract operations. I was helping to

analyse a large database in order to ascertain the proportion of patients who are blind or visually impaired when they present for cataract surgery. This data will hopefully be useful in public health strategy planning for the elimination of cataract blindness by the year 2020. The second piece of research I did was on post-operative astigmatism in children undergoing cataract surgery and how this alters over the follow up period. This is particularly important in African children who are generally unable to afford lifelong spectacle wear.

I feel immensely privileged to have had 8 weeks at CCBRT where I had excellent one-on-one tuition virtually all day every day. It was a fantastic opportunity to see first world medical care being delivered to those who are really in need. The chance to see disease often far more advanced than it would ever get in the U.K. was often sad but quite literally eye-opening! My time in Tanzania has inspired me and I hope that it will be just the beginning of a long career in ophthalmology. *Jo Jefferis [Ap 1997-99]* ■

— ARCTIC NORWAY 2005 —

Having completed the gruelling 26-mile Devizes-Westminster Canoe marathon in 2003, I was in the mood for something more challenging. The Bevir Fund provided me with a unique opportunity to experience arduous arctic conditions, in an unpredictable but vulnerable environment. What caught my eye was an advert for Young Explorers to travel to the Loppa Peninsula for a month, with the British Schools Exploration Society, 500km inside the Arctic Circle. 41 of us spent 2 weeks climbing on the icecap, and then a further 2 weeks sea-kayaking in and about the surrounding fjords. It was too good an opportunity to miss. We would be split into 4 groups, or Fires, each one named after a Norse god/goddess. There was Loki (god of tricks), Bragi (poetry), Aegir (the sea) and my Fire, Skadi (goddess of Scandinavia). This report tries to capture a few of the many highlights of the expedition.

We flew to Oslo and took a coach, a minibus, then as the road got worse, finally walked, to the coastal village of Nusvaq. Base camp was in the middle of the valley, with the glacier lolling off the icecap at the head, and a sheltered cove at the bottom. A stream from the glacier, which provided very cold drinking water, gave us a chance to wash (and as we were recklessly stupid, we did!).

When on the icecap, we learnt how to perform ice rescues from crevasses, dug emergency snow holes, and made 5 snow toilets, which are just as cold as they sound! Sadly, the weather then closed in on us and we were confined to our tents. After three days, we had had enough, and made a general decision to return to base camp, where there was proper shelter (i.e. larger tents!) and slightly better drying facilities. We quickly struck camp, but mid-way down the ice, disaster struck. We had split into two groups, and when we in front reached the bottom of the glacier, we watched the other, higher group for a while. Suddenly, like an accident

in slow motion, the top person fell on the steepest part, instantly dragging everyone else along with her. Earlier on, our Leader had told us that if this happened, the only response was to spread-eagle our body and start praying, as nothing else would help. Whether any of the group's religious persuasions worked, I don't know, but luckily the Junior Leader started his ice-axe arrest immediately, which slowed them all down, eventually stopping them before they reached any crevasses or gullies. In the end they only had bruises, but could easily have died.

After a couple of days drying off, we swapped places with Aegir and Bragi, for 2 weeks of kayaking. The bad weather that had kept us to our tents had also stranded them on an island, as it was too dangerous to paddle against the constant winds and swell. In the end the locals had to stage a daring rescue with their fishing boats! However, our Fire enjoyed perfect weather, and after two days of rehearsing surfing and rescue techniques, we set off.

One of the best campsites was a place we called King Cod Cove, because of the 2½ft cod we caught there, as well as numerous other fish, mostly coalfish and whiting. The weather was so good that some of us were able to bivouac every night, with almost endless sunsets, before the sun rose again at 4 a.m. During the kayaking phase, we paddled up a fjord to see the Okenjölensfjord Glacier, one of the few that were still near the water. It hung 1,500m above us, threatening to plunge into the freezing water at any moment. While we were there, a sudden avalanche sent roughly 1,000 tons of ice thundering onto the snow below. A fortnight earlier, several hundred thousand tons had collapsed, calving a new series of icebergs. The locals estimated that the glacier would be gone in 50 years.

It was sobering to think that something so beautiful and majestic, but above all, seemingly permanent, could disappear



in my lifetime. However tough the arctic might be, it still could not stand up to the sustained human activity that was growing ever more popular. The euphoria of the trip was mixed with sadness, knowing that if I ever came back here,

it would be irrecoverably changed. This expedition has been the best time of my life, and the unique experiences that I've had, and friends that I've made, were only possible through the Bevir Fund. *Sebastian Coombe [Pn 2000-05]* ■

— J. R. BEVIR MEMORIAL FUND —

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2005

This year, 24 Old Wellingtonians received grants from the Bevir Fund, amounting to a total of £9,000 (£7,150). Investment and deposit account income totalled £6,309 (£4,993), and in addition, donations of £1,500 from the College's Combined Trust Fund and £6,317 in 'commission' from Swan Hellenic Cruises were received.

The awards were mainly for activities in a gap year and included:

Medical Electives Australia
New Zealand
Western Samoa
West Indies

Teaching Argentina and Ecuador
 Building Schools Uganda and Tanzania
 Assisting in a Hospital Rwanda and Uganda
 Conservation Work South Africa and Fiji

Journalism Senegal
 Geographical Projects South Africa and Norway
 Kilimanjaro Challenge Tanzania

— HERBERT O.W. TRUST —

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2005

Grant to five O.W. parents assisted five children during the year, two of them being at schools other than Wellington.

Grant expenditure totalled £10,800, compared with £14,200 in 2004. Individual grants varied between £400 and £1,000 a term.

Investment income and bank interest totalled £15,267

(£16,800) and the Trust was also grateful to receive during the year the sum of £2,000 from the will of the late George Aglen (CR 1950-83). Expenses totalled £264, leaving a surplus of income over expenditure of £5,843. The value of the Trust's cash and investments increased from £320,161 to £380,845. ■

— O.W. SOCIETY CHARITABLE TRUST —

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2005

The Charitable Trust fulfilled its function to provide prizes for academic and sporting achievements by current pupils. The total expenditure of £1,964 included the cost of engraved medallions for the

thirteen members of the successful Rosslyn Park Rugby Sevens squad.

At the year-end the Trust's total funds stood at £11,786. ■

— O.W. SCORES FOR ENGLAND —

James Haskell, O.W. [L 1998-03] scored in England U21s Grand Slam win over Ireland whilst Danny Cipriani conjured up a superb solo try in England U19s win.

England swept to their second Six Nations Championship title in three years af-



ter a five-try victory over Ireland U21 at Worcester.

James Haskell, David Wilson, Nick Abendanon (2) and Jordan Crane were the English try scorers, with Toby Flood kicking the remainder of their points.

— SCANES BENTLEY MARRIAGE —

In July 2005 O.W., Scanes Bentley [T 1971-75] was married to Sarah Faux by another O.W., the Reverend Nicholas Vesey [O 1969-73] at St Matthias, Richmond Hill followed by a reception at Hampton Court. After



nearly 20 years in Advertising and Marketing working with Scanes, Nicholas joined the Church in his early 40's. The wedding actually featured 3 vicars, so they were well and truly married! ■

O.W. SPORT



— CRICKET —

O.W.C.C. has had a disappointing season in terms of results and games played, the spirit and commitment is as strong as ever.

The first game was not played until a wet Friday, the day before Speech Day. We started a 35-over game in sunshine, but all the hanging around had not focussed the minds of the O.W. batsmen as they failed to bat out the full 35 overs, and were dismissed for 150. Peter Young scored 33 and David Blomfield a typically pugnacious 23, apart from them and Harry Streatfeild and James Robertson, no-one troubled the scorers to any great extent. The College got off to a good start, but Mike Brownrigg was the star, taking 3-26 with his leg-spin. A late flourish from Robertson, failed to stem the flow, as the boys won with overs to spare. It was a difficult game for both sides, but the 1st XI applied themselves better.

After the fashion show at the Speeches came the event everyone came to watch, unfortunately, someone forgot to remind the weatherman that it's not supposed to rain on the last Saturday in May in Crowthorne. Sadly it did and despite valiant efforts from all concerned to play a game, it was washed out after only 25 overs.

A few weeks later was the inaugural O.W.C.C. game against a very young and sprightly Occasionals XI on a hot day in June. Having decided to bat on a good wicket with a lightening fast outfield, the O.W.s showed that experience does not always pay as we were quickly 2 down, but a phoenix rose from the ashes in the form of Matt Chicken. It was a return that was welcomed by all as he played solidly for 62 before a rush of blood to the head which resulted in his demise. When Tom Salvesen played across the line and was bowled, this brought another new O.W. to the crease,

James Thurston. He too scored over fifty before falling while setting a target. When the O.W.s were dismissed for 214, it was going to take some sharp work to defend that score. Sadly the opening bowlers failed to read the script as did a few fielders as catches were dropped. However this did not deter anyone, but when Mike Brownrigg twisted his ankle and went off, captain Jamie Chicken was left scratching his head. Simon Potter and James Thurston stepped up to make the finish a lot tighter than many predicted, but a very enjoyable afternoon ended with the Occasionals taking quite an easy victory, revenge is in the air for next year.

As ever the O.W.C.C. is indebted to Peter Lewington, Phil Stockwell, Brian Wilson and their respective teams. If you would like to play for the O.W.s, please contact Sam Streatfeild on 07 818 437 514 or ssreatfeild@sportingindex.com, alternatively go to the website, www.owcc.info. ■

— HOCKEY —

Sunday 22nd January 2006: the most important sporting fixture of the year was upon us. Yes you guessed it; the annual O.W. hockey matches v.s the College. As the old boys emerged from various parts of the country, spirits were high as the sunny January day reduced the need for a lengthy warm-up. This gave certain members of the team the opportunity to remember how to hold a stick and to recap on "new" rules, such as the abolishment of offside and turning!

The 2nd XI squad was chosen and it had to be said the O.W.s were looking sharp (as the shirts had been ironed for the first time in a few years). The game commenced

and it was fairly apparent our “let the ball do the work” philosophy was leading to an end-to-end game. This was not playing into our hands as the fitter and well drilled College boys went two ahead in a frantic opening period. The game settled down and the O.W.s began to find some shape and to be honest, flair. Mark Perry pulled off some skilful moves that I fear may never be matched. Not only did it confuse the College boys, the umpires, the crowd and the rest of his team, but Mark looked just as surprised as the rest of us! It is simply not possible to recreate. Shortly after this the O.W.s scored to bring back some hope. Half time came and went and, after a tactical team talk and some reshuffling, we came bursting back onto the pitch ... and let in another one to go 3-1 down! However from then on the O.W.s came into their own and we scored four masterfully created goals (others might dispute this and justifiably!) with a final goal from Mac Nicoll. Other O.W. goal scorers were Jonny Nicolet (2), Mark Perry and Simon Taylor.

After a break, which seemed only to last moments the O.W. 1st XI made their way onto the pitch. The crowd went wild as the likes of Curry, Reid, White, Macfarlane and Eggleshaw made their stand. The game started off at a ruffling pace and the O.W.s watched the ball fly around them. The more youthful side was looking dangerous and the O.W.’s keeper, James Harper, was made to pull off some legendary saves. Twenty minutes into the game and to the surprise of everyone, the old boys found themselves 4-0 up and in cruise control. Goals coming from Dan Reid, Tom Curry, Richard Eggleshaw and Chris Macfarlane. Sadly after twenty two minutes of exercise we hit a brick wall and the College boys played some creative hockey which brought the game back to 4-4 at half time.

With everything to play for and trophy still in sight, the second half was set to be a thriller. The game restarted, Will Sawrey-Cookson (solid as always) played a lovely ball to Jerome Alexander (a rock in defence), the ball went to Dan Reid (on form in mid-field) and then to Jack Burgess (a younger strong influence in the side). Jack then found Rob Easton (inspirational). Rob looks up and sees Rich Eggleshaw making a perfect run up front. Rob goes for the aerial of the century. He is fully underneath it as everyone watches the ball fly through the air and leaves the ground in true style over his shoulder—180° in the wrong direction!

From here the game turned into ping pong and incredibly the scoreboard ticked over until it showed 7-7. Reid, Curry and Taylor all finding the net in the second half. Tense moments passed in the final period as Easton and Burgess came close and then, from nowhere, emerged an

O.W. counter attack. Starting from another excellent save from Harper in goal, the ball disappeared up the pitch to find Eggleshaw in space. With seconds to go, this was it as it could prove be our last chance. Unerring under pressure, Rich unleashed his powerful shot with power over the keeper’s head and into the roof of the net. 8-7 to the O.W.s. The final whistle went and celebrations started, shortly followed by O.W.s passing out from over exercising!

Probably one of the highest scoring games in O.W. history, but full credit to the College boys for making it a match to remember. As ever, thanks to all those who made the effort to travel up for the day out, and a special thanks goes to Tom Curry who captained both teams and has to take much of the credit for setting the game plan that led to such exciting and ultimately successful matches.

The O.W.s are now back in training for next year, which mainly involves sitting behind a desk. But in the meantime we are trying to track down the trophy, merely to give it a good polish. Rumors have it; it is still within the grounds of the College “in safe keeping”! Come on Chris and John, where is it! *Tom Curry* ■

HOCKEY

O.W. 1ST XI

WON 8-7

SCORERS

RICH EGGLESHAW [2], TOM CURRY [2],
DAN REID [2], CHRIS MACFARLANE, SIMON TAYLOR

O.W. 2ND XI

WON 5-3

SCORERS

JONNY NICOLET [2], MARK PERRY, MAC NICOLL,
SIMON TAYLOR

— RUGBY —

The O.W. rugby club had our most successful season to date on the field of play. After being promoted from the county leagues to the London leagues at the end of last season, both the 1st XV and 2nd XV were unbeaten at Christmas and the 1st XV managed to maintain this record through to the end of the league season.

The season was again launched with the O.W. Tens Tournament back at College. There were 8 age-groups represented and for the first time the older team triumphed in

the final—the 2001 X captained by Will Looker beating the 2002 X led by Ed Rosa. Thanks again to James Templeman who galvanised all the team captains into action and organised the day.

The next day an O.W. U21s squad captained by Hugo Shepherd took part in the U21s Cronk-Cunis Old Boys Tournament which attracted 48 teams. After beating Eastbourne, Tonbridge, KCS Wimbledon and St John’s Leatherhead en route to a 6th successive final, we then drew 8-8 against Brighton College before losing out in a ‘drop-goal shoot-out’.

Stepping up to the London leagues was an exciting step for the Club with the 1st XV required to make trips down to the South Coast on the occasional Saturday, making the Captain’s job of getting 15 on the pitch for the opening whistle even more precarious than before. The level of rugby has also been more consistent and certainly a notch tougher in the forward battles. However, the 1st XV team rose to the challenge and we were able to dominate most encounters. For this, a lot of credit has to be laid at the door of our young but extremely effective front row brigade—James Robertson, Ed Peters, Stuart Valentine, Nick Gulliford, Ed Rosa, Will Johnson. On many occasions, the opposition front row appeared to be licking their lips at the sight of a much smaller O.W. front row, only to be shunted back 5 yards in the opening scrum! The solid forward base allowed the backs to have plenty of possession and run in some terrific tries through the season. Regular scorers were Dave Hughes, Tim Hodgson, Pete Byre and Steve Brownrigg.

It soon became apparent that the league was being dominated by two teams, and a true highlight of the season was when we travelled to Dorking for the top-of-the-table clash in February. In front of a large crowd, the match was extremely tight from the first minute and we eventually triumphed 15-13, after withholding massive pressure for the whole of the second half. The victories continued subsequently and our league record ended up as 16 wins and 2 draws. The team was expertly martialled by Andy Jones who is making this captaincy job look easy and whose tips for success/match reports are avidly read by the whole league every week.

The 2nd XV also had a successful season, maintaining a string of victories before Christmas. After Christmas, injuries became more of a feature and disrupted our momentum. The season record was 10 wins out of 13 games, with the team being led once again by Jonny Wilkes, who now hands over the reins to Toby Reynolds after 3 years of tremendous leadership and motivation.

At the end of the season we took two teams to the Las Vegas Midnight Sevens for the third year in a row. The first seven played fantastic rugby and progressed to the final, although the floodlights failed midway through the match—an unbelievable repeat of last year’s incident. As a result, we shared the trophy.

Off the pitch, we had to wrestle with a few administrative issues at the end of the season, which served to highlight our dedication to amateur status to a fault. As a result, we will commence the 2006/2007 season in Surrey League One.

Finally, I would like to pass on special thanks to our President, Jamie Salmon, for his advice and support to the Club over the past season.

If anyone is interested in playing regularly or irregularly for O.W.R.F.C., please do not hesitate to get in touch. All contact details are on our revamped website, owrugby.co.uk, which attracted more than 100,000 hits last year—evidently, the O.W.R.F.C. fan base is rapidly expanding! Steve Brownrigg [HI 1988-93]

— RACKETS —

Over the past few years the O.W.R.C. has become an increasingly active sports club. We are obtaining more and more interest from players wishing to get back into the game. Last year we were able to put out four pairs into the Noel Bruce Championship and two pairs into the Milne Hue-Williams. The Noel Bruce was a great success with two of the four pairs reaching the Quarter-Finals and the other two pairs going out in the earlier rounds. This year we are entering four pairs in the Noel Bruce Championship and we entered three Pairs into the Milne Hue-Williams, in which the first pair, James Coyne [O 98-03] and George Tysoe [L 98-03] retained their title for the third year running, a formidable achievement I’m sure you’ll agree!

The Noel Bruce this year will be a well fought event where we are hoping to get a fair way through the draw before meeting our match. This year we are hoping to have matches against not only our boys but against other school pairs and their relative evening clubs. We aim to have regular fixtures against the Queen’s club and possibly fixtures against Manchester, which we can link in with Real Tennis and make a weekend of it.

Last year the Knots-Stephens tour departed for America. To get selected for this tour one must be highly recommended by a number of different proposers and it is

considered a real honour to get picked (especially as it only happens once every four years). Of the eight that went in September 2005, three of the touring party were Old Wellingtonians. I think all will agree congratulations are in order to James Coyne, George Tysoe and Mark Penna [HI 98-03] for their selection on this tour.

Following on with the younger players of the club, many O.W.s entered into the U21 & U24 British Open Singles and Doubles over the last few years. We are pleased to have the U21 British Open doubles champions for three years in a row, U24 Doubles winners 2005 and the U21 Singles winner 2005 in the O.W. ranks. This is a fantastic reflection of how much work the O.W.s are putting into their games. We must also congratulate Tim Cockroft [A 80-85] who with his doubles partner last year had a challenge for the title of World Doubles Champions. Unfortunately for Tim it wasn't to be but I am sure there will be another challenge on the Horizon! ■

— — TENNIS — —

James and Oliver Bray once again represented the O.W.s in the pre-qualifying doubles tournament for the D'Abernon Cup, the annual public schools' old boys' tennis competition, held at St. George's College, Epsom. The O.W.s were due to be in a group of seven pairs with the top two pairs qualifying for the quarter-final stages of the tournament. Somewhat fortunately, there were five no-shows from pairs leaving both the O.W.s and the Old Rugbeians as the qualifiers to the quarter-finals. A play-off took place to decide first place, which the O.W.s won 6-3 in a tight contest, no mean feat since the Old Rugbeians had won the qualifying tournament last year. To show that this was no fluke, a friendly 3 set match then took place, which again the O.W.s won 2-1. This was the second time the qualifying tournament had been won by the O.W. pair, who had previously won back in 2002 but had suffered some near misses in qualifying since then.

The O.W.s now play the Old Reedonians, who were losing semi-finalists last year, in the quarter-finals in a 2-pair match. This is Tim Henman's old school, and we trust that there is no truth in the rumour that he has given up playing Davis Cup for Great Britain so that he can concentrate on the D'Abernon Cup instead! This match will be played at Reed's School in Cobham, Surrey in June.

Aside from the D'Abernon Cup, the O.W.s have also played a number of friendly matches against other old boys teams in London. At the tale end of last summer the O.W.s

played two matches against the Old Carthusians, losing both in tight matches, and beating the Old Etonians. This season to-date the team remain unbeaten with victories recorded over Old Westminsters in a 2-pair match held at St.Vincent's Square (4½-1½) and over the Old Carthusians in a very tight 3-pair match played on a lovely summer's evening at the Hurlingham Club (5-4). Return matches are planned against these two schools, as are matches against the Old Etonians, Old Marlburians and Old Wykhamsists. My thanks to Gordon Tanner, Nick Pellew, Alex Tregellas, John Denham and my brother Oliver for turning out with such success to-date so far this season.

There can be few better ways to unwind after a stressful day in the City than by hitting a few tennis balls at either Queen's Club or the Hurlingham Club on a balmy summer's evening and then relaxing over a beer. So if any O.W. has had their appetite whetted and would like to play for the team, please e-mail me (jbray@fdl.co.uk). I am particularly interested to maintain contact with new O.W.s, to provide a more youthful feel to the Club. To achieve this aim, the O.W. Society have kindly given a small grant to the O.W. tennis club this year to cover match fees for those aged under 23, so please get in touch with me if you would like to play for the team. James Bray ■

— — SHOOTING — —

O.W. shooting has had another year of outstanding individual successes of the highest possible nature, continuing the very high profile that O.W.s enjoy in the world of shooting:

Rachel Parish [Ap 1997-99] has seen a meteoric rise in the international scene of Women's Trap shooting. She achieved a gold medal in the women's double trap pairs at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne earlier this year, as well as second in the individual.

Mike Baillie-Hamilton [Bn 1972-76] has also achieved the highest possible honour in Match Rifle, by winning the Hopton. The Hopton is a Grand Aggregate of several individual competitions and is the most prized of all competitions in the sport of Match Rifle. The discipline is the same as target rifle, using a 7.62mm gun, but you are allowed telescopic sights and hand-loaded ammunition. The difficulty level however is increased by the fact that all competitions are at long range, between 800 and 1,200 yards. Even with a telescopic sight, trying to shoot a bullseye only the size of a large dinner plate at a distance of 1,200 yards is a serious challenge!

At the time of writing last year's report, there was still

one more match left in the 2005 season. The Chairman's Cup, an individual competition open to all O.W. shooters, was won by Grant Walker [Bd 1987-92] with a score of 49 out of 50.

The 2006 season started with the now established clay pigeon competition, held at Lains Farm near Andover. This is very much a friendly match designed for everyone to meet up after the winter hibernation. Mike Townsend [Bl 1959-62] has very kindly donated a handsome silver cup so that from next year onwards there will be something to fight for!

The first full-bore match was a new fixture. The L&MRA Schools' Veterans is open to all old boys clubs and are for teams of 4. The O.W. team of Ed Reis [S 1989-94], Mike Townsend, Jonathan Paul [Hg 1998-2000] and Duncan Rasor [Pn 1987-92] all shot very well to finish a very respectable 5th. Rather unsurprisingly the Old Epsomians won. Ed Reis top scored for the O.W.s with 96 out of 100.

A great day was had by all with the match against the H.A.C. 5 O.W.s competed, but unfortunately we were beaten by 450 points to our 441. Duncan Rasor top scored with 93 out of 100.

The match against College was an extremely close affair, with both teams fielding 8 shooters. The match was made somewhat complicated by some O.W.s having to shoot for their Counties as it was the Inter-Counties weekend. Ed Reis (Wiltshire), Ed Welford [L 1998-2003] (Hampshire) and Richard Hebblethwaite [T 1981-86] (London), all did their best to be in 2 places at once! In an extremely high scoring match, College saw off the O.W.s by a single point, and they must be highly congratulated for beating a very strong O.W. team. Many thanks to our President, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, who made a sizeable journey to be in attendance for what was Hylton Adcroft's last O.W. vs College match. Richard Hebblethwaite retained the Harris Trophy by top scoring with a 49.5, narrowly beating Chris Redburn [O 2001-06] who took the Parkinson Cup for the highest score for a current pupil with a score of 49.4.

The Public Schools' Veterans' Match this year was rather special due to it being the last chance for many O.W.s to say farewell to Hylton. 20 old boys competed in the match, making 4 full teams. Our A team did very well and were unlucky to end up as low as 9th. Their scores were: Richard Hebblethwaite 50.7; Stuart Williamson [A 1986-88] 50.6, Ed Welford 49.6, Peter Halford [M 1970-75] 48.6, Ed Reis 47.5 to total a very competitive 244 out of 250. The B team finished 11th in the B competition (Top scorer Dan Mitchell [Hn 2001-04] 48.2), C Team 9th (Top scorer Mark Jeffery (49.3), and D team 15th (top scorer Stuart Dowding [T 1957-61] 47.2). In the Aggregate of the top 3 teams from

each school, we finished 5th. We ended up an excellent 3rd in The Lucas, which is the aggregate of the veterans A team and the Ashburton, behind Epsom and Marlborough. Richard Hebblethwaite finished 3rd in the Individual tankard with his score of 50.7. Special mention must go to Simon Birkenhead [Bl 1986-91], Mark Jeffery, Phil Carter, and the ever reliable David Mumford [Bl 1986-91], all of whom had not shot for a number of years. Afterwards, around 30 O.W.s, the current College team, as well as current and past supportive parents, gathered at the traditional barbecue at the Inns of Court as we bade farewell to Hylton Adcroft. He has now completed 28 years of extraordinary loyal service to College shooting. His dedication and enthusiasm for the sport and the boys was nothing short of unique—a kind of teacher that comes along once in a generation. He will be very sadly missed. The O.W.R.C. presented him with a silver salver and also a new trophy, called 'The Hylton Adcroft Trophy', to be awarded to the highest College shooter on Ashburton day, aged 16 or under.

7 O.W.s competed in the Imperial Meeting, and there were some notable successes. Richard Hebblethwaite was actually leading the Grant Aggregate for a time, and Ed Welford once again made it through to the Queen's Final. Sqn Ldr Stuart Williamson Vice-Captained the victorious R.A.F. team in the Inter-Services Short Range match, and Robbie Watt [HI 2000-05] competed for Oxford University in the Chancellors (Varsity Match), although unfortunately Cambridge won. It was also nice to see a new O.W. face competing. Pete Finn [M 1990-95] has recently taken over as master in charge of shooting at Marlborough College where he teaches Classics. Pete was competing in his first meeting, and showed signs that he will be a very good O.W. shooter for the future.

Our best success of the season came in September with the Quadrangular Match against the Old Marlburians, Old Alleynians, and Old Bradfieldians (although unfortunately the O.B.s couldn't raise a team). The match was organised so each team nominated 5 shooters that would count towards the total. We won convincingly, and considering Marlborough had a larger number of shooters to choose from, our success was even sweeter. The O.W.s consisted of Ed Welford, Ed Reis, Mike Townsend, Jon Paul, Charlie Wijisman [Pn 1987-92], and Pete Finn. It was great to see Wellington and Marlborough pupils also joining us (and almost beating us!). We also shot concurrently for the Lane Shield (against the Old Alleynians) which we retained. Our Closed Championships (Jubilee Cup), again which was shot concurrently, was won by Ed Welford with an excellent

score of 99.14 (49.8 at 500 yards, and 50.6 at 600 yards).

We are always looking for new members, so if you fancy having a go, please contact me for more information.

Edward Reis (01635 254568). ■

SQUASH

The 2005/6 season was a good one for the O.W. Squash Club. We made record progress in the inter old boy knock out competition; we won 13 of our 21 matches and we managed to get 21 different O.W.s onto a court at some stage.

Nearly all of our fixtures were played on mid-week evenings in and around central London and reports for each match can be read on the club website www.owsquash.co.uk. The stronger sides that we played against included Queen's, The Swans and the Old Haileyburians, while the closest fixtures were probably against Roehampton, the Wine Trade and the Escorts.

The quality of post match food, the tropical state of the H.A.C. courts, Nigel Clarke's clothing and the unofficial player rankings provided some of the main points of discussion through the season.

In the Londonderry Cup we managed to get to the semi-final, where we were beaten by the Old Etonians 4-1. This followed on from a good win against the Old Tonbridgians and a bye against Greshams, following astute diary management and pressure from our manager Nick Pellew.

We are always looking for new players and new fixtures, so if you are interested please get in contact via the website. Players of all ages and ability are welcome. At the end of last season Anthony Corlett handed over secretarial duties after a number of years in the role. I know that all of us who played during that time are very grateful for all the time and effort that he gave. Hugo Bishop ■

GOLF

As ever, the O.W.G.S. is thriving and the younger members are really playing a major part in the senior competitions. We are also welcoming new members but are not acquiring the number of leavers that we would like. Will all those who have left this year, and in the last few years, who are golfers of whatever ability, please think about joining the O.W.G.S. We support our younger members financially and have a wide range of fixtures for all skill levels.

In the 2006 Halford Hewitt we beat Repton 3-2 in the first round, with the last match being won on the 18th green in the gathering gloom. However we lost to Rossall in the second round. But it was encouraging to note that the average age of the team is still going down which bodes well for the future. The HH team (including reserve) was Christian Abrahamsen, Hugo De Pree, Jon Douglas, Alex Gowar, Jon Gowar, James Harper, James Holland, Nigel Hurst-Brown, Crispin Manson, Tim Warrillow and James Wyke. Mike Power (the non-playing Captain and organiser) is beginning to have a pool of good, younger players to call on which is very important for the future.

Unfortunately we have not qualified for the Grafton Morrish this year but are determined to qualify next year!

At the time of writing this report, we have played the Senior Bernard but not the Bernard Darwin or the Veteran Bernard Darwin. However I am delighted to say that our team of Ian Boyd and David Frame, John Churchill and Paddy Shillington and Peter Dobbs and Mike Power won beating by Winchester, Repton, Malvern and Marlborough.

The 2005 Autumn Meeting, held for the first time at Liphook at the end of September, was a great success. David Frame was the winner of two of the main prizes—the Needham Trophy and the John Booty 50+ Scratch Prize with 74. The Roberts Wilson Cup was won by Tony Collett with 42 points. Barney Walters and Simon Mason tied for the Board Challenge Cup (combined Spring and Autumn) with 71 points and the Allom trophy was won by Richard Wynne with 43 points.

At the 2006 Spring Meeting at Rye, 35 members played and 30 attended the dinner in the evening. The weather was good and John Wakely won the O'Brien Trophy with a score of 78. The Captain's Shield was won by Annie Stradling with 40 points and the Birkmyre Trophy by Richard Bamford with 32 points. The Wooden Spoon was won by Simon Pettigrew. The Captain's Tankards were won by Peter Mallinson and Roger Spurling with a score of 36 points. Mike Power won the Guy Docker Trophy on Sunday and Tony Collett won the Dutton trophy for the three rounds of foursomes on Saturday and Sunday.

Matches against other societies and clubs this year have been enjoyable as ever and the individual match managers deserve many thanks for their hard work in getting teams together (more often than not winning ones). Unfortunately this year we had to leave the Aeneas Perkins Cup at Rye, when they beat us in a thoroughly enjoyable match. It is good to note that in one round, David Wilkinson aged 93 played for us. Hugo de Pree and James Holland represented

us in the Alba Trophy at Woking in June 2006 and did well but not quite coming up with the winning score.

Martyn Gowar has taken over as Captain and is being very diligent in his duties. We are also delighted to say that James Pease-Watkin has agreed to become our President from 1st January 2007 when Harold Deane, who has served the Society excellently comes to the end of his term of presidency. James will bring his vast wisdom as well as his commitment to being President.

Of course, the very final word has to be concerning those O.W.s who play golf and are not members of the O.W.G.S. Why not is all I've got to say? Join the O.W.G.S. and find out what all the members know already, it's great fun whatever your skill level is. John Goodeve-Docker ■

SAILING

The teams gathered amid reports of coastal gale force winds and the impossibility of sailing... Fortunately, further inland at Horseshoe Lake, prospects were a little brighter. However it was still a very blustery day with clouds piled up, dark and menacing—a challenging setting for the annual friendly between O.W.S.A. and the College sailing team.

Changing room deliberations produced 3 doughty pairs

for College, 2 male and 1 female, to challenge a mixed (just!) O.W. team. College struck the first psychological blow—their shorts, T-shirts and flip flops against the wet-suited and oil-skinned O.W. team, showing the oldies just how soft they had become!

Once afloat, and before racing even began, the strength of the wind became evident as boats started turning bottom up. Undaunted, six boats crossed the start line cleanly for the first race. Considerable skill from members of both teams produced text book demonstrations of racing in strong winds: planing downwind, precision gybing at the wing mark, strength and agility on the reach. Also amply demonstrated, the many and varied ways of capsizing and righting a Laser II. It is probably true to say that the busiest skipper throughout all 3 races was Graham Nurser, Master in charge of Sailing, in the safety boat!

Ultimately, it was a 2-1 win for the team with the considerable weight advantage, but we were delighted to hear that College received just reward. In similar conditions, with recent practice, College beat Radley the following week!

Heartfelt thanks to Graham and the other members of C.R. for the organisation and support, and particularly to the College pairs for showing such spirit, resilience and sportsmanship. A grand way to get very wet!

Other highlights of the year included a very successful



Guy Russell [Bl 1974-79] in the front with Chris Allen [Bl 1976-80]

Rally to Whale Island. Many thanks to Stephen Dudley RN and Peter Hewitt for jointly organising what was a most intriguing visit to HMS Excellent. We are also grateful to the Mess President, Surgeon Commander Joe Neary RN for welcoming us to the Island. Casalamy, Galliard of Beaulieu, Merlin, Niobe, Swordsman and Xena all rafted up on the Whale Island pontoon, opposite the immense grey expanse of the naval dockyard. Crews and their visitors, including several international guests, were treated to a fascinating tour of the site, from gun carriages to patron saints, and then a delicious dinner in the magnificently panelled Wardroom dining room.

O.W.S.A. again took part in the public schools' Arrow Trophy, racing out of Cowes in October. A scratch crew, lead by the very experienced Berney racing team, competed with characteristic enthusiasm and commitment in two days of fleet racing, and we were delighted to be able to sponsor the involvement of some under 23s thanks to O.W. Society funding.

Finally, it is excellent news that College sailing is being developed as an all year round sport, with investment in new boats and additional training. We wish all those involved in the initiative a very fast start, and hope that O.W.S.A. will be able to lend support.

And on the topic of support, we warmly welcome all O.W.s to our annual Dinner, to be held this year at the Turf Club, St James's, on Tuesday 12th December. Next year is the Association's 10th anniversary, so now is the time to join! *Polly Amos* ■

SOCCER

It is almost exactly a year since Charlie Wade, Jamie Emsell and Charlie and Freddie Longe took the reigns of the Old Wellingtonian Football Club and the last twelve months, which have seen an exciting growth in ambition as a result of the O.W.s establishment in the Arthurian League, can justifiably be labelled an enormous success.

The Arthurian League was founded back in 1961 as a platform for old boys from independent schools across the country to play competitive football against one another. The league now constitutes six divisions and two cup competitions spanning almost the same period of the year as a professional football season.

With an unbelievable amount of support from O.W. Secretary John Edwards, a strong nucleus of players was quickly formed and it was a full squad of sixteen with players ranging from 1994 to 2005 that turned up to the O.W.s adopted home ground in Barn Elms to play their first

competitive game of the season. The Bradfield 2nds had been tipped as Division 3 title contenders and so it was with great heart that the players left the pitch at full time 5-1 winners and a hint that the Arthurian League committee may have placed them too low down in Division 3. However, a disappointing draw at home against Brentwood 3rds a fortnight later was immediately followed by a 5-1 defeat to the same opposition that Wellington had thrashed on the first day of the season. A sequence of won, lost, won, lost then ensued and it became apparent the O.W.F.C. were suffering from inconsistency.

In a bid to consolidate, tactics were tinkered with and Friday night curfews were gently suggested to a few members of the squad who enjoyed similar aspects of life as the late George Best. This however produced three defeats and an exceptionally unlucky draw against Lancing leaving Wellington desperately needing a victory in their last game to stave off relegation. Poised in 5th (out of 7), the players approach to the final game against Aldenham 2nds was nothing short of immaculate. We'd played them twice already, the first time they fielded their 1st XI and we had lost 3-2 and the league enforced rematch produced another close encounter but again victory was Aldenham's in a 4-3 thriller. The form guide certainly indicated an Aldenham win, however the ever present spirit and in true Wellingtonian fashion, the players turned on the style when most needed and ran out 5-0 winners. The comfortable score line saw us leap-frog our opponents in the league courtesy of goal difference.

The season was rounded off in style with dinner at the home of our sponsors, The Salisbury Tavern where the following awards were presented:

- Colours (O.W.F.C. Tie)—10 players
- Captain's Player of the Year—Simon Hall
- Golden Boot—Alex Gray and Will Misselbrook
- O.W.F.C. Players' Player of the Year—Will Misselbrook

With a final position of 4th, there is much work to be done both on and off the pitch, but there is no doubt that a strong foundation has been built for next season and several seasons beyond that. This year we will be staging a couple of pre-season friendlies which everyone is invited to. We will then have the league and cup competition, as well as the John Edward's Cup against the Wellington 1st XI (we hope to field two sides this year) and finally a mid-season tour in the pipeline, so there is lots of football to play. If you are interested please contact owfs@hotmail.co.uk with your name and preferred (playing) position. We are particularly keen to recruit people who would like to take a more active role in helping run the club. *Charlie Wade* ■

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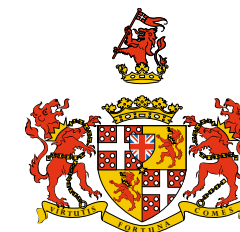
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	DIED	HOUSE	ENTRY		DIED	HOUSE	ENTRY
Horne, Lt. Col. R.D.	06/06	W	1919-23	Lawrence, J.A.	19/08/06	Bd	1937-42
Platt, Brig J.R.I., OBE, DSO, DL	16/10/06	Hg	1919-23	Wallace-Dunlop, Mr K.S.	20/05/06	Hn	1937-42
Malim, Mr P.F.	12/09/06	C	1924-28	Hodding, Mr H.S.	22/01/06	Bd	1938-42
Lavies, Brig.A.P.	17/05/06	C	1925-29	Moll, Mr P.D.	29/09/06	Bl	1938-42
Formby, Mr Wg.-Cdr M.L.	14/01/06	A	1926-30	Stearnes, Cdr P.E.D., OBE	01/10/06	W&S	1938-43
MacSwiney, Mr C.V.	23/03/06	Hn	1926-30	Blyth, The Revd Canon D.G.	29/05/06	T	1939-43
Greenway, Brig.W.M.	07/03/06	Bd	1926-31	Channer, Mr D.D.R.	29/09/06	HI	1939-43
Thompson, Lt. Col. C.J.P.	18/04/06	Bd	1927-31	Robertson, Mr D.C.	08/09/06	W&M	1939-43
Waterer, Mr G.D.	03/08/06	W	1927-31	Todd, Mr D.C.	15/02/06	Pn	1939-43
Crosthwait, Mr T.L.	09/11/06	Pn	1928-33	Cordeaux, Mr M.B.	12/01/06	Hg	1940-44
Chichester, Mr O.R.H.	28/05/06	Hg	1929-34	Cotterrell, Maj. R.R.	21/03/06	Hg	1940-43
Hart, Dr R.D.C.	17/03/06	T	1929-29	Crichton, Mr I.F.C.	03/05/06	T	1940-43
Vernon, Brig. H.R.W., CBE	11/05/06	Hg	1930-34	Gore, Mr A.C.C.	05/04/06	Hg	1940-44
Cranmer, Dr P.	01/07/06	Pn	1931-35	Harvey-Kelly, Mr J.J.	13/04/06	Bd	1940-45
Simpson, Mr J.H.	20/04/06	S	1931-36	Todd, Mr T.I.F.	13/05/06	C	1940-44
Pedraza, Mr G.J.W., MBE, MC	24/07/06	HI	1932-36	Galbraith, Mr D.M.G.	12/08/06	Bn	1941-45
Worrall, Lt. Col. P.A., OBE	1/11/06	C	1932-36	Riddoch, Mr P.A.	03/05/06	Hn	1941-44
Pilkington, Lt. Cdr M.S.	27/03/06	Pn	1933-36	Winterton, Lt. Col. T.H., MBE	03/04/06	Bn	1941-45
Brunskill, Maj. J.M.	21/03/06	O	1933-37	Mackinnon, Mr J.W.F.	14/04/06	HI	1942-46
Husband, Mr J.I., CBE	07/01/06	W	1933-37	Denham-Smith, Mr R.H.	6/11/06	A	1942-46
Martin, Maj. Gen. P.L. de C., CBE	10/02/06	HI	1933-38	Mulloy, Lt. Col. C.P.M.	30/07/06	C	1943-47
St Aubyn, The Hon. O.P.	24/05/06	Bn	1933-37	Fasken, Mr D.K.	24/05/06	C	1945-50
Eyre, Mr J.L. St G.	20/01/06	C	1934-39	Loch, Mr A.D.	29/12/04	Bn	1950-54
Howes, Maj. J.R.C.	12/05/06	T	1934-38	Munn, Mr P.W.P., OBE	01/10/06	Pn	1950-55
Naylor, Cdr RN (Rtd) G.E.M.	01/07/08	T	1934-38	Westmorland, Mr E.G.C.	04/02/06	T	1950-55
Gracey, Mr P.B.K.	13/09/06	Pn	1935-40	Bridgland, Mr A.C.	14/03/06	Bl	1951-54
Moule, Maj. M.G.	17/07/06	T	1935-40	Cullinan, Mr P.J.F.	19/08/06	Bn	1952-56
Webb, Mr T.L.	24/01/06	M	1936-39	Templer, Mr S.G.	01/08/06	S	1954-58
Warren, Sir B.C.P.	24/06/06	Bn	1937-39	Rice, Mr V. (School Dentist)	08/06/06	CR	1956-86
Lenfestey, Mr R.de J.	06/05/06	A	1937-41	Brown, Mr C.F.	29/04/05	T	1960-64
Murland, Sqn Ldr H.F.	23/02/06	HI	1937-41	Carlos Clarke, Mr R.L.	25/03/06	T	1964-68
Norman, Mr J.C.	11/03/06	HI	1937-41	Hickman, Mr W.M.	22/04/06	CR	1964-74
Mathews, Lt. Col. I.G.	25/05/06	Bd	1937-42	Bullock, Mr G.E.	13/08/06	L	1987-90

OBITUARIES



BRIGADIER

RICHARD VERNON CBE

HG 1930-1934

Richard Vernon left Wellington for Sandhurst in 1934 and was commissioned into his father's (Henry Vernon Hg 1894-1897) regiment The King's Royal Rifle Corp, (60th Rifles) in 1937 and was posted to Burma. The following year his battalion moved to Egypt and it was inevitably in the North African theatre of operations that he saw action in the first part of the Second World War culminating in the battle of El Alamein. After that victory and a brief period at the Middle East Staff College in Haifa, he then fought in Sicily and the Italian mainland before returning to Britain to prepare for the Normandy Invasion. In that decisive campaign his battalion advanced through Northern France, Belgium and finally across the Rhine.

After the war he held staff appointments in Palestine, Germany, Cyprus, Canada and Kenya, where he had to cope with the Mau Mau emergency.

Upon retirement he devoted his time to the Worshipful Company of Skinners for which he was the Master in 1974-75. He was also the deputy Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire.

PHILIP CRANMER

PN 1931-1935

Philip Cranmer was one of the most significant musicologists holding the chair of music at the Universities of Belfast and subsequently Manchester and during his academic career he wrote several significant text books including 'How to follow a

score' leaving Manchester he went on to be secretary of the associate board of the Royal Schools of Music before retiring to Sussex.

His prodigious musical talent was evident before he entered Wellington being a chorister at All Saints, Margaret Street, but whilst at College he also excelled in another field, noticeably hockey and cricket.

After Christ Church, Oxford he returned briefly to teach at College before joining the Royal Artillery in 1940.

As the Times Obituary argued "Cranmer was a mild mannered, urbane and hospitable man of considerable intellectual ability and music was always his greatest passion".

MAJOR-GENERAL

PETER MARTIN CBE

HL 1933-1938

Peter Martin had an extraordinary and lengthy military career; he was commissioned into the Cheshire Regiment in July 1939 and served with distinction in France, being one of those evacuated from Dunque after the Nazi invasion. He subsequently served in the Middle East and in North Africa where he was taken prisoner twice but managed to escape on both occasions. In 1943 he helped lead the invasion of Sicily and then returned to England to help prepare for the Normandy Invasion. On 6th June 1944 he led A Company of the 2nd Cheshire's ashore at Gold Beach and fought with them through Northern France and into Belgium.

After the war he served in Palestine where he confronted the Irgun and Stern Gangs. It should be noted that at this stage he was only 27 and had not left his Regiment

since joining in 1939. Following Palestine he worked at Staff College and the School of Infantry before being appointed the Commanding Officer of the 1st Cheshire's in 1961.

In this capacity he commanded in Germany and Northern Ireland before taking over the command of a Gurkha Infantry Brigade in Hong Kong.

His final military appointments were on the staff of the Armies Strategic Command and as Director of Personnel Services. After 36 years service he retired from the army to work in financial management services.

He was active in military affairs well into this century being President of the twenty thousand-strong, Normandy Veterans' Association and the Spirit of Normandy Trust, and played a leading role in the Sixtieth Anniversary Celebrations in 2004.

PIERS ST AUBYN

PN 1933-1937

An aristocrat, a soldier, a city broker and a true hunter to hounds, Captain Piers St Aubyn sadly died in May 2006.

If one is to believe the *Register*, he was in the Benson (as was his brother Giles 1938-42), although the Pink Roll of the time indicates that the Picton was his preferred choice.

The St Aubyn family are synonymous with St Michael's Mount and it was to a house overlooking the mount that he spent his final years. Indeed it was in Cornwall that he returned to the hunting field after a twenty year break; he had previously ridden with the South Down in East Sussex.

However, it is his distinguished war record that is bound to be the most significant part of this 'in memoriam'. He served in Italy, North Africa and in the Middle East, but it was at Arnhem that he most distinguished himself. Indeed he was one of only 3 officers of 156 Parachute Battalion to emerge unscathed from that defining battle. For that he was awarded the Military Cross.

After the war he served briefly in Palestine and then became a broker in the City with Grieson Grant and subsequently Greenwells. Active to the very end, he was a keen supporter of the Countryside Alliance even turning up to one of their rallies in his Daimler.

PETER GRACEY

PN 1935-1940

Peter had a distinguished career at Wellington, becoming Head of College and also Captain of both Hockey & Cricket. His sporting prowess also brought him Blues in Hockey and Golf while studying at Brasenose College, Oxford. His death at a Nursing home in Playden, East Sussex, was, in some senses, a release, as he had had a severe stroke a year ago, which deprived him of comprehensible speech; and Peter without speech was a sad man.

Until recently, he was a huge character, indeed he never had any problem finding attractive women to act as drivers, when he lost his licence three years ago, after 'writing off' six cars in a night time accident. He had three marriages and three children. One of his daughters, Pippa Wilson, had a son Archie a couple of years ago, and Peter was very proud to be his grandfather.

DAVID CHANNER

HL 1939-1943

David Channer was born in Quetta into a traditional Indian army family and indeed he was to enter the same world after Cambridge by joining the Bombay Sappers and Miners in 1945. Soon afterwards another distinguished Old Wellington, Sir Claude Auchinleck invited to become one of his ADCs.

Upon leaving the army his life was dominated by two themes: religion and film. As a Christian he was intrigued by the work of Moral Re-Armament and yet this did not prevent him developing a deep and abiding interest in Buddhism. He was a photographer of international distinction specialising in portraits of famous politicians, including Indira Gandhi and John Kennedy. He also made a series of films in Cambodia and latterly in Nigeria.

His final work 'The Imam and the Pastor' will receive its world premiere at the United Nations in November this year.

ALAN GORE

HG 1940-1944

Although never a fully trained architect in the eyes of the Architect Association, Alan Gore was one of the most significant architectural designers of



Howard Ferguson Murland with his compatriots in front of his Spitfire

his generation, indeed he even employed a young Richard Rogers in his private practice. In that role he specialised in the restoration of historic buildings both in Britain and in France. He was also interested in garden design, producing books and TV programmes on the subject. He was also a designer of kitchens working with Fanny Craddock, Robert Carrier and Elizabeth David.

His final years were spent in Herefordshire although he was hardly sedentary escorting architectural history tours of America, Canada and Australia.

HOWARD FERGUSON

MURLAND

HL 1937-1941

In the last three years of the Second World War, Hugh Murland had an illustrious career flying spitfires over the Western Desert, Sicily and finally the Low Countries. Such was his tenacity that he did not allow the major injuries he suffered in a crash to stop him from future exploits. Bizarrely, it was the effects of

the noise from early jet engines in the immediate post-war period that led him to leave the RAF, much to his disdain. Although he did return to the RAF in a secretarial role, he spent much of the post-war era working as a Chartered Surveyor, initially with Savills and later as an independent.

In his spare time he took a particular interest in rallying, taking part in the Liege-Bresica-Liege Rally and the Tulip Rally, as part of the RAF team.

In his final years he took a major interest in conservation and sailing.

PADDY CULLINAN

BN 1952-1956

Paddy Cullinan entered Wellington in 1952 where he excelled at sport representing the College at Fives, Rugby, Squash, Athletics and even heavy weight Boxing. He was then commissioned for the National Service into the 8th Hussars, where he drove tanks in Germany and continued with his boxing exploits. Returning to civilian life he became a Stock Broker with A.J. Prior

& Co., in the City, which he left in 1973 as a result of the Stock Market crash. With his brother Peter he ran a pub in Trebarwith, Cornwall called *The Mill House Inn*, and subsequently went on to run the *Market Inn* in Truro and *The New Inn* in Mannaccan.

He spent his final years in retirement in Falmouth.

ROBERT

— CARLOS-CLARKE —

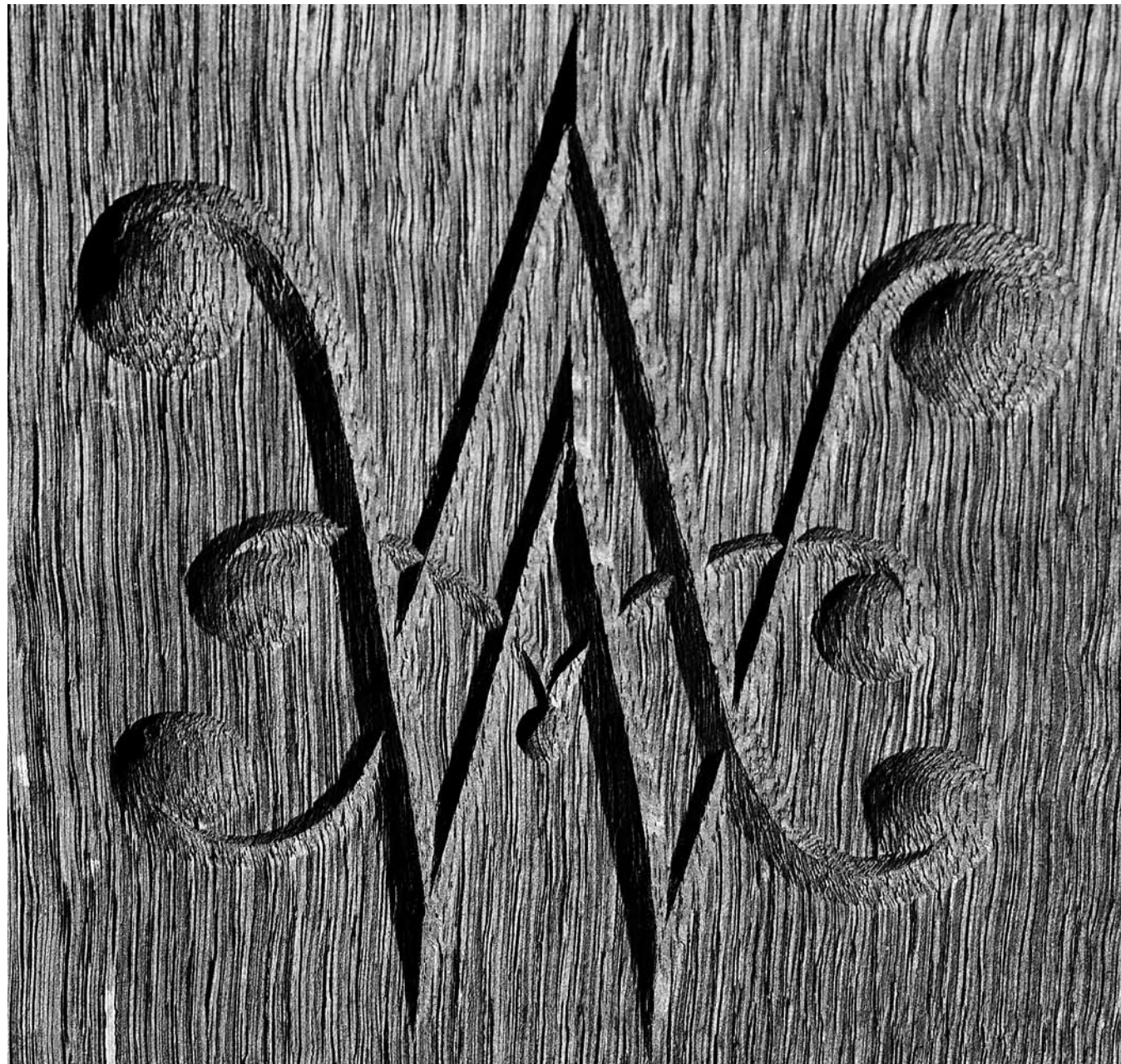
T 1964-1968

Bob Carlos Clarke was one of the more controversial O.W.s of recent years. After 4 years at Wellington, he studied at the West College of

Art, the London College of Printing before making it to the Royal College of Art. During his career as a photographer he became synonymous with the more risqué aspect of this art form producing a series of erotic books including *Obsession*, *The Dark Summer*, *Insatiable* and *The Illustrated Delta of Venus*.

His more conventional work included portraits of celebrities such as Rachael Weisz, Keith Richards and the leading chef Marco Pierre White. In his later years he converted part of an old school near Clapham Junction into one of the best equipped studios in London and it was here that he honed his particular black and white style.

His early death on the 25th March 2006, at the age of 55, was as a result of an accident on the railway line close to Barnes Station; he is survived by his second wife Lindsey and his daughter Scarlett.



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