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FROM THE
EDITOR



The new format of the 2005-2006 Yearbook brought mixed reviews from OWs. Many appreciated the colourful images of college life whilst others regretted the lack of more formal photographs; one hopes that this 2006-2007 edition has found a better balance.

With the opening of the refurbished Combermere and the new Wellesley, the transition to full coeducation is ostensibly complete; but, as the Master's speech and the Bursar's notes indicate, there are further changes in the pipeline. Of course much of the new building has been a necessary reflection of the growth in size of the student body as a whole during Dr Seldon's Mastership. Of particular note is the "temporary" classroom block that has sprung up between Queen's Court and Edgbarrow Court and the new Modern Languages Centre being built adjacent to the Hopetoun.

Such growth has inevitably led to a concomitant increase in the size of Common Room. This year the Yearbook includes their photographs as well as those of the leavers; the difference in numbers tells its own story.

Those who peruse the annual exam league tables will know that Wellington is, once again, at the forefront of academic achievement. Details of this improvement are to found in the report from the Director of Studies; a report which also points out that under the 13th Master the College is becoming more distinctive and innovative. As HRH The Duke of Kent said on Speech Day, "the College is growing and changing in a way that sets an example for other independent schools to follow".

However of more immediate interest for those turning into West Gate will be the (now) well-lit kilometre with its new signs resplendent in OW colours. Those signs will direct you to buildings old and new; change and permanence being reflected in the very fabric of this great College.

Mark Lovett



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SPEECH DAY

SATURDAY 26TH MAY 2007



THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

SIR ANTHONY GOODENOUGH

Abbreviated version for Year Book

After welcoming His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, and their Graces, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, the Vice-President continued:

"Wellington is on the move", as the Bishop of London said at that wonderful Service in St Paul's. The Master's Development Plan is our chart. Governors approved it unanimously and are giving its delivery our strong support. Already results show: improved academic performance, the successful start of full co-education, enhanced all-round excellence, greater self-discipline and happiness. We are building on the best of our past while adapting for the future. We remain faithful to our tradition of service and are exploring a possible partnership to establish one of the new Academy Schools.

Congratulations to the pupils. Good luck in your exams. And thank you, parents, for your support.

I pay tribute to the Master, his Senior Management Team, teaching and support staff and to their spouses. Thank you for your hard work, loyalty, enthusiasm and drive.

Martin Sherwin, Bursar, retires this year after 10 years of dedicated service. We have been lucky to have had such a wise, loyal and very able servant of the school. Thank you, Martin and Ruth. Welcome to our new Bursar, Susan Meikle and her husband, Ian. Welcome also Andrew and Sarah

Barnard at Eagle House, thriving under their leadership.

I thank my fellow Governors for their untiring work, as well as for their personal support. We mourn today the tragic death of General Sir Edward Jones. Edward had been a Wellington parent. As a Governor, he was a tower of strength, a wise, kind and generous-hearted man who gave Wellington and Eagle House much time and enormous energy. We send Susie and their family our deep sympathy.

I thank particularly three colleagues retiring this year: John Hopkins, Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge; John Yeldham of the Stock Exchange, OW; and David Cowley, international insurance broker, OW. They have given Wellington together over 40 years of invaluable service.

The Queen has approved the election of six new Governors: Dr Rosemary Groves, formerly Deputy Head of Marlborough; Dr Peter Frankopan, Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford; Sir Michael Rake, from September to be Chairman of British Telecom, OW; Alison Dean, Media Consultant; Dr Elizabeth Sidwell, Head of the Haberdashers' Aske's Schools' Federation in London; and Tim Bunting, formerly of Goldman Sachs International, another OW. Wellington is lucky to attract men and women of their calibre and varied experience. I now invite the Master to report on a remarkable year. ■

THE MASTER'S SPEECH

DR ANTHONY SELDON

Our Royal Highness, Your Graces, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, Wellingtonians here and in the Marquee.

Wellington College, one has to admit, is one of Britain's, and the world's, great schools. The presence today of our two most distinguished guests testifies to this.

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent, our College President, reminds us of the very origin of the school. He is the great grandson of Queen Victoria, who in association with Prince Albert and Prime Minister of the day, Lord Derby, decided that Wellington College should be built as the lasting memorial to the great First Duke of Wellington.

The presence today of the Iron Duke's great, great, grandson, the Duke of Wellington, and of the Duchess, reminds us that the linkage of this school to the great family of Wellington, Douro and Wellesley is still very much alive.

Our service at St Paul's was I believe a fitting memorial. We will be back for our 150th anniversary in 2009. Till then, I wanted you to have a reminder of the service on Friday 4th May.

The 150th anniversary in 2009 will see many other celebrations, including a new history of Wellington. Much has changed at Wellington this last year.

We are regarded again across the country as a serious academic institution. A Level grades improved by 15%, with over 79% of the results at A or B. We confidently expect further improvements at A Level, AS and GCSE this summer. The first division beckons.

We are more popular, with up to three applications for every place: we have had to introduce "pre-testing" to help us screen those wanting to join. Wellington has changed from being low on the pecking order of prep schools to being at the top.

We are seeking to create 'new' Wellingtons. In addition to the new academy mentioned by Sir Anthony, we are exploring possible Wellington College Internationals, perhaps in the Gulf, India and the Far East.

We are offering new exams, with the International Baccalaureate beginning in 2008: we expect a cohort of some 80 pupils to begin the IB diploma a year in September.

We are changing the whole structure of what we do at school. The Wellington model of teaching the 'eight

aptitudes' within each person is proving successful and popular. The highest profile, but by no means the most important of these eight aptitudes, involves the teaching of well-being or 'happiness'. Yet again, Wellington's pioneering happiness classes have been reported around the world.

Our pupils have been exceptional throughout the year. The highest accolade was received from officials at St Paul's who said they'd never seen a better behaved or more appreciative school group, nor one which sung or played music with such vim and style.

The pupils have had to absorb many changes this year, including new names with 'forms' replacing 'blocks', changes to some houses, new jackets in place of the old blue jerseys, and an ever greater focus on the work ethic to achieve at the highest standard, in and outside the class.

The biggest change of all in 2006-07 was of course the arrival of younger girls. They told us that girls would not want to come at the ages of thirteen and fourteen to such a macho school as Wellington. They told us that girls would be unhappy and bullied. They told us girls would not survive.

Drama productions included, a talent show, the Picton play, a pupil/staff pantomime, the powerful *Little Shop of Horrors*, the *Talented Mr Ripley* directed by pupil Felix Cook, and we have *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to be performed outside in June.

In Music, we have already heard the orchestra play today, and the jazz concert last night. Musicians excelled this year with their carols CD, numerous concerts and in the Montgomery Competition.

Creativity has also blossomed in writing, and can be sampled in the e-Wellingtonian as well as in the new magazine of creative writing, *South Front*, published this week.

Turning to sport. This has been an extraordinary year for the target rifle shooters. Nine boys were selected to represent their countries at small-bore and seven made the national individual finals. In full bore Wellington beat Epsom College in the Surrey schools' competition and three shooters achieved international honours. Tom Ward shot for Wales and five shooters shot for their Countries, three of whom won colours.

Wellington took its first step to creating the Copenhagen equestrian centre and it saw highly creditable performances by girls and boys at Polo. Cricket, Athletics, Tennis and Swimming have all enjoyed success this term.

The Wellington team won the Slalom event at the British Schools' Ski's Championship.

The Under 14 girls' and Under 14 boys' both won the Berkshire county hockey championship.

The Under 14 As and 15 As were runners up at the Berkshire netball championship.

Great success came in rugby with teams at all age groups being outstanding. Particularly pleasing was the performance across all teams at Under 14 level, who are with us for five years.

Jon Fisher was the most senior of several pupils to play Rugby for their country, and played in the U19 World Cup. Wellington's reputation as a top Rugby school was confirmed by it being the only school in Britain to have both the 1st XV and Under 15s reaching the semi final in the two Daily Mail Cups, while at sevens, the 1st VII reached the finals at Rosslyn Park and the Colts reached the semi finals.

Caring for others lies at the heart of all we do. Our pupils have given much to their service activities throughout the year. They are never more impressive than in Round Square, taking part in conferences in Gordonstoun and in Paris, and going off to work on projects in Costa Rica, Thailand and, South Africa, or in organising the trip themselves to Romania.

The CCF had another excellent year.

All the changes to Wellington are succinctly set out in the brochure, *Wellington College: Development Plan 2005-2015*. The aim enshrined in that document is to make Wellington no less than 'one of Britain's and indeed the world's most innovative and vibrant co-educational boarding schools'.

No single teacher has been more ubiquitous than our very own Green Tsar, Mr Ant Peter, whose activities have included the world café and a barrage of information on how to reduce our carbon footprint, save energy and recycle.

Social highlights of the year included the Out of Africa Ball and last night's May Ball for over 500 in the marquee.

Speakers this year have included John Mortimer, Matthew Parris, Richard Holmes, Peter Snow, Martin Gilbert and Michael Mansfield Q.C.

Particular thanks go to those parents who organise our events, including Bill Price, Chairman of the WCA, and Ball organiser extraordinaire, Reena Price.

At our Speech Day ninety-eight years ago, ex-Prime Minister Lord Rosebery was our guest of honour. He predicted "the stress that patriotism will have to bear in days not far distant, and perhaps imminent, will be greater than has yet been known in the history of this country".

Last month, Wellington parents toured the battlefields to witness the horrific truth of that famous prediction. In a moving seventy-two hours, the parents visited nineteen separate sights.

We saw Kipling's words engraved on countless stones 'A soldier of the Great War known unto God'. Kipling's own son John was here in The Wellesley. He died aged 18 at the battle of Loos in 1915, three months after our current Duke of Wellington was born—another link to the past.

Retiring colleagues from the Common Room.

Mark Lovett joined Wellington in 1980 appointed by Frank Fisher but arriving under David Newsome. Head of Politics for eighteen years from 1985, he was also six years President of the Common Room, a long standing member of SMT, Chapel Warden, Archivist, Master In Charge of Athletics and Cross-country and much else besides.

He is a legend, not the least for his encyclopædic knowledge of American politics. Now that he is leaving, I am at liberty to divulge whether the pupils' long-held suspicions that he was a covert spy for MI6 or Mossad are in fact true. I would love to tell you; unfortunately, the official secrets act prevents me.

Richard Williams is another legend who has taught at Wellington for eighteen years. He is Mr Passion and enthusiasm. One of his proudest moments was when Jonty Driver, the eleventh Master, and present in our audience today, nominated him for Teacher of the Year Award. He has also been a brilliant teacher of teachers.

A man of vim but also deep loyalty: Richard has been together with his wife Moira for forty-three years and was proud that his two children came through Wellington. He is best known to the current generation of Wellingtonians at large as a formidable Hall Master. A wonderfully generous personality, he asked me to thank you parents for all the support you have given him. We wish him very well for his future in Dorset and Spain, cycling, painting and walking.

Chris Hutchinson leaves to become a headmaster in Newcastle. Chris has made a big impression on Wellington's pupils, staff and parents in his years with us. A formidable teacher and past Head of Physics, he has been a mischievously popular and successful Housemaster of the Anglesey, singer, sports coach and CCF officer. He will be much, much missed, as will his wife Alex: they will take Newcastle by storm, and Chris will shortly become the Alan Shearer of Northern headmasters.

Another youngster to leave is David Edwards, off to Abu Dhabi with new wife Pip to teach. He's getting married in Wales (where else?) in early July. David finishes as acting



Head of Modern Languages, having also run Cross-Country, leadership, the 2nd XV, been an officer in the CCF, and an Assistant Housemaster. We wish him and Pip every success and happiness in their lives together.

We bid farewell also to Tom Newman, who moves on to become a Housemaster at Malvern, and whose many responsibilities have included being an excellent teacher of Chemistry, House Tutor, and Master In Charge of 1st XI Cricket. We congratulate him on his promotion. Tom is the epitome of the all-round schoolmaster and will be much missed.

So too will Cristian Persinaru, who is becoming Head of Strings at Trinity School in Croydon, having brought much wealth and vibrancy to music, as well as fiery Romanian violinists.

We also bid farewell to Katie Hamilton, part-time teacher of Drama, Kirstin Dedman, Laura McCormack, teacher of RE and Philosophy and to four apprentice teachers who were with us for the year, Carly Gledhill, Ed Leigh, Shannon Wendling and Courtenay Evans.

Sir Anthony has already mentioned Martin Sherwin our departing Bursar. Let me just add that it was a great privilege to work with such an outstanding figure. He always understood the needs and difficulties of teachers, pupils and parents, and the school owes him a great deal.

Jim Dewes stands down as Picton Housemaster: bril-

liantly portrayed by Oliver Shastri in the Picton play, he will combine teaching Geography with running—by personal example—deep relaxation classes for Mr Morris.

Standing down as heads of department for other duties are Nick Gallop, Justin Garrick, Stephanie Lang and Bart Wielenga. We thank them all.

One man who has gone a very, very long way to escape having to teach happiness classes is...Mr Sam Gutteridge.

Mr Gutteridge wrote to me yesterday to send everyone his best wishes: we pray for his safety, and for all other British forces fighting abroad.

In September, we have nineteen new members of staff joining, with wide experience and talent. We look forward greatly to their arrival.

As a school we are passionate about developing ourselves as richly and as fully as possible. We have all kinds of exciting plans for the future, and will be re-launching our Development Office next year.

Looking for inspiration, we found this promotional video in the archives. The first figure you see is former Master (the 10th) David Newsome. But who is the young teacher you see later as 'the face of Wellington PR'?

A new Rugby pavilion, a new Assembly Hall, an Electronic Library, a new Running Track, and new social facilities for the sixth form and for all other year groups at the heart of the school, which are long overdue including

a café. We are also looking for funds for bursaries.

One project that we will be opening in September 2008 is our new Modern Languages Centre.

We are hoping to open the rugby pavilion for next September also. These projects will all happen at some time. If parents are able to help us, they will happen all the quicker.

I would particularly like to thank the Governors at this point, who have done so much for Wellington.

I asked how many pupils were thinking of a career in teaching. Not a hand went up. I asked whether money may be a factor? 'Maybe' they said. I asked what they thought a retiring Public School Housemaster might be earning after a lifetime's service. Hmm, they mused. Between £80,000 and £150,000? And still they were not persuaded to teach!

The fact is teachers work for far less than that; and they also work harder than almost any profession, giving unstintingly of their time, in the evenings, weekends, and their holidays too. I think our teachers are marvellous. I would like you to show your appreciation for all Wellington College teachers.

I would like to thank all who have made today possible, pupils, teachers and support staff, and none more so than Wellington's own Stephen Spielberg, and organiser of this whole event, Mr Nick Diver.

The Senior Management Team has been fortified this year by the addition of Liz Worthington as Senior Mistress; she joined Admissions Director Jamie Walker, Week Ahead and computer supremo Roger Auger, Director of Studies

— THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH —

HRH THE DUKE OF KENT

As the President of Wellington College it gives me great pleasure to preside over this Speech Day. Apart from my duties here, I shall, be officially declaring open the new Orange boarding house for girls. The fact that it is for girls is symbolic of the new Wellington; co-educational and innovative under the leadership of Dr Anthony Seldon. The fact that it is called the Orange is of course an evocation of the foundation of this College more than 150 years ago.

The last time I was here was in December of 2003, I was then pleased to preside over the visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Orange who named Princes' Quad and, along with other descendents of those who fought at Waterloo, planted a grove of trees to commemorate the original charter.

Paul Hucklesby, Deputy Head Lucy Pearson Second Master Robin Dyer, and new Bursar Susan Meikle. I would like you to show appreciation to all these colleagues, and, particularly to Paul Hucklesby who has been an excellent Director of Studies. After ten years, he will now devote himself to teaching and overseeing our Academy project.

Wellington College is on a roll. As Robin Dyer and Lucy Pearson are both serious cricketers, I tend to talk in sporting analogies. After my first term, when asked how well I thought we were doing, I said I thought we were probably '83-0' at lunch on the first day. I now think that we are on 327-2 with forty-five minutes still to play on the first day. With the recent history of the school in mind, I am all too aware how quickly fortunes can change. We could be all out before close of play, or we could go into the pavilion with 387 on the score board and no further wickets down.

Wellington College is on the move. You can feel it in the air. Are you not all excited to be part of the school? Much is changing. The best is not changing. We embrace the new and we preserve the best of the old.

You can see this in the new coat of arms and image for the school, which will now be unveiled for the first time to the accompaniment of 'Fanfare for the Common Man' by our brass players. The images, which include two of the Wellington funeral in St Paul's and one of Queen Victoria laying our foundation stone, will also appear in the new history of Wellington published next year.

My thanks and best wishes to you all. ■

Last year saw the 150th anniversary of H.M. Queen Victoria laying the foundation stone, and 2009 we will celebrate the arrival of the first student.

Thus this decade stands out for two clear reasons: firstly, the College is growing and changing in a way that sets an example for other Independent schools to follow—and secondly, it is a decade in which we should particularly remember why this Royal and Religious foundation was built.

I do hope that as Wellington goes onto even greater success in the future, it never forgets the ideals of those who founded it. The name of each House evokes those ideals; they are firm foundations on which to build for the 21st century. ■



Enjoying a meal in the kitchen of the new Orange

— THE NEW ORANGE —

HRH THE DUKE OF KENT

The connection between the Duke of Wellington and the Prince of Orange is, as the historians tell us, one of the reasons why the Great Duke triumphed in his long campaign against Napoleon nearly two hundred years ago. That a House at this College should be named after him is thus a fitting reminder of that glorious period in European History; but, you will be pleased to know, the name Orange has as much resonance today.

The current Prince of Orange, H.R.H. Willem-Alexander, went to school at the co-educational Atlantic College—one of the first schools to teach the International Baccalaureate in this country. His interest in the Third World has been recognised by the United Nation whilst his membership of the International Olympic committee is yet further evidence of his internationalism.

This New Orange—and indeed Wellington as a whole—reflects these ideals. In seeking to educate the citizens of the 21st century Wellington has opted for co-education, the

teaching of new subjects, and is giving students the option of taking the IB. Whilst doing all that the College has not forgotten its sporting reputation; who knows how many of the current student body will be Olympians in 2012?

I am also pleased to see what a constructive role the College is playing in the Third World through that admirable organization, Round Square. That H.M. King Constantine and H.R.H. The Duke of York are both Patrons and Board members is indicative of the organisation's importance. For me, as President of this College, it is thus particularly pleasing to see how Wellington is preparing its students for the many challenges that lie ahead, whilst at the same time, nurturing its historical strengths. The Great Duke's comrade in arms set an example nearly two centuries ago whilst the present Prince of Orange is doing the same for this era.

I cannot think of a better name than Orange to give this House, and thus it gives me great pleasure to declare it open. ■

PRIZEWINNERS



MUSIC & DRAMA

Instrumental Prizes:

Silver Bugle	Bryn Davies [Bn]
Singing	Emily Winkworth [Ap]
Choral	Rachael Clarke [Ap]
Woodwind	Toby Ranger [T]
Strings	Amy Tress [O]
Percussion	James Millard [M]
Crowthorne Choral Society Prize	Florence Michel [O]
Montgomery Recital Prize	Amy Tress [O]
Anthony Browne Piano Prize	William Wei [S]
OW Prize for Music	Hugh Hemsley [Bd]
Lake Drama Prize	Duncan Smith [Pn]
John D. Gold Memorial Prize for Performing Arts	James Bourne [A]
Theatre Prize	Charles Paterson [C]
Senior Debating (Michael Spicer Cup)	The Benson
Junior Public Speaking (Alice Renton Bowl)	The Stanley

ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Stockdale Art Prizes	Stanley Ho [M]
Batchelor Art Prize	Rupert Froud [Pn]
Eden Art Prize	Yetta Chow [O]
Plaiستowe Prize	Sae-Jun Ahn [M]
Product Design Prizes	Alexander Standing [T]
	Royce Tsang [S]

MALIM PRIZES

Winner	Yuma Shino [A]
Runners-up	Alastair Marjot [S]
	Solenn Guegantou [O]
	Richard Addicott [L]
	Joanna Dempster [O]
	Illias Thoms [T]

MASTER'S PROJECT PRIZES

1st Prizes	Richard Gunston [Bd]
	Rhys Jones [Bd]
	Alex Roberts [HI]
	Fred Ide [L]
	Isabelle Nimmo [O]
	Alex Sanina [O]
	Alexander Hardy [S]
	Ben Butcher [T]
2nd Prizes	James Fotherby [A]

MIDDLE & LOWER SCHOOL

Willans English Prize	Felix Cook [T]
Atlay History Prize	Felix Cook [T]
Elton Geography Prize	Felix Cook [T]
OW Spanish Prize	Benjamin Cleary [Bd]
Entwisle Latin Prize	Benjamin Cleary [Bd]
OW German Prize	Yimin Xu [T]
Ronald Herring French Prize	Oliver Marjot [S]
Freer Greek Prize	Oliver Marjot [S]
OW Chemistry Prize	Oliver Marjot [S]
	Harry Willis [L]
OW Physics Prize	Harry Willis [L]
Frew Mathematics Prize	Harry Willis [L]
John Falconer Prize for English & History	Harry Willis [L]
OW Biology Prize	Jonathan Sole [S]
Product Design Prize	Jonathan Sole [S]
Freer Religious Studies Prize	William Barns-Graham [A]

MODERN LANGUAGES, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

Frew German Prize	Dmitry Yashnikov [L]
OW Spanish Prize	James Turley [Bn]
Elton Geography Prize	Katherine Jillings [O]
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OW Biology Prize	Matthew Richards [Bn]
Ridsdale Chemistry Prize	Robert Stevens [B]

HISTORY, ENGLISH & CLASSICS

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Senior English Language Prize	Bradley Warren [Hg]
Blakemore English Prize	Claire Sledd [Ap]
Strettel Politics Prize	Joe Taylor-Eves [C]
OW Prize for Economics	Dmitry Yashnikov [L]
Business Studies Prize	Gracie Garnham [Ap]
Freer Religious Studies Prize	Natasha Wilkie [Ap]
Frew Classical Civilisation Prize	Joseph Van Gelder [Hn]
Freer Greek Prizes	Archie Wardlaw [T]
	James Robinson [T]
Frew Latin Prizes	James Turley [Bn]
	Cornelius Riethdorf [HI]
John Walter History Prize	Cornelius Riethdorf [HI]
James Ramage Prize	Rosie Lintott [Ap]

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Verrall English Prize	Konrad Pawelec [M]
Buckley Mathematics Prize	Naoya Koda [Hn]
Vaughan Geography Prize	Shun Yamanaka [L]
Lord Derby French Prize	Jenny McGuckin [O]
	Florence Michel [O]
Verrall Greek Prize	Amy Tress [O]
Prince Consort's History Prize	James Armitage [Bn]
Pender Biology Prize	James Armitage [Bn]
Frew Chemistry Prize	James Armitage [Bn]
Frew Physics Prize	Ozan Asim [S]

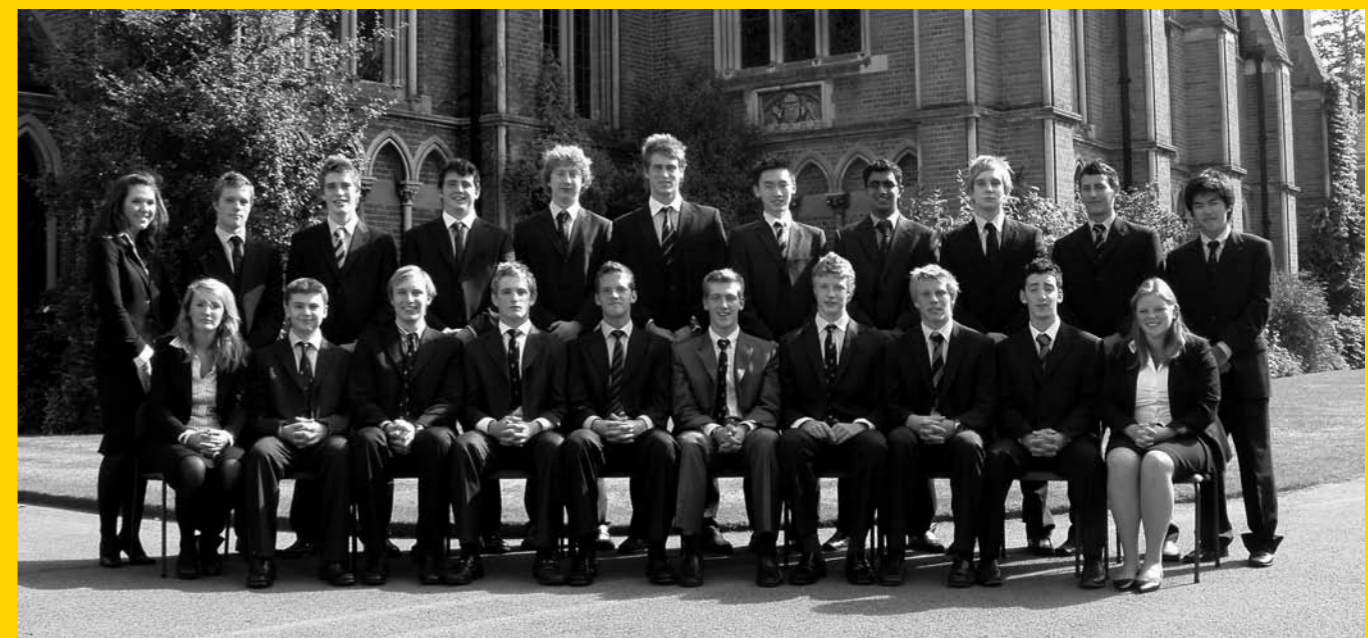
SPECIAL AWARDS

The Master's Prizes

Round Square Medal	presented by Constantine former King of the Hellenes	James Turley [Bn]
John Maltby Essay Prize		Elysia Byrd [Ap]
OW Society Prize for Artistic and Athletic Distinction		Duncan Smith [Pn]
		Stanley Ho [M]
Penny Memorial Gift		Alastair Coombe [Pn]
Lord Derby's Gift		Esme Sutherland [Ap]
Lady Emma Talbot's Prize		Shun Yamanaka [L]
Claud Hughes—Games Memorial Prize		Katherine Cho [Ap]
		Harry Williams [Bn]
Purnell Gift		Tom Ward [HI]
Walter Castle Prize for Loyalty and Keeness		William Turner [A]
Bates-Blewitt Prize for a School Prefect		Archie Wardlaw [T]
Lord Colnbrook's Prize for Leadership		Hugh Hemsley [Bd]
Duke of Wellington's Prize		James Armitage [Bn]
Toye Challenge Trophy	The Lynedoch (Head of House: Shun Yamanaka)	
Talbot Medal		Bradley Warren [Hg]

THE QUEEN'S MEDAL George Looker [Pn]
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ANTHONY BROWNE PIANO PRIZE William Wei [S]



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[Bd]



TALBOT MEDAL
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[Hg]



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MASTER'S PRIZE Mark Douglas [Bn]



OW SOCIETY PRIZE FOR ARTISTIC & ATHLETIC DISTINCTION
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DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S PRIZE
James Armitage
[Bn]



ROUND SQUARE MEDAL James Turley [Bn]
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[Ap]



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Stephen Harrison [T]	Bangor	Zoology with Marine Zoology	2007
Daniel Cervino [Pn]	Bath	Social Sciences	2006
Paul De Freitas [Hg]	Bath	Sport & Exercise Science	2007
Jason Denhart [A]	Bath	International Management & German	2007
Samuel Wilks [M]	Brighton	Physical Education	2006
Andrew Boateng [S]	Bristol	Aeronautical Engineering	2006
Alastair Cole [HI]	Bristol	Law	2006
Matthew Dawson [T]	Bristol	Physics	2006
Eleanor Downey [Ap]	Bristol	Medicine	2007
Olasoji Fadojutimi [S]	Bristol	Electrical & Electronic Engineering	2006
James Justins [Bn]	Bristol	Archæology	2006
David Thompson [BI]	Bristol	Hispanic Studies	2006
Jack Timpany [A]	Bristol	Economics & Management	2006
Ahmed Bhatti [Hg]	Brunel	Law	2006
Peter Whitfield [S]	Cambridge—Christ's	Natural Sciences	2006
Edwina Hayward [Ap]	Cambridge—Girton	Geography	2007
Shayaan Nackvi [S]	Cambridge—Gonville & Caius	Natural Sciences	2006
Temitayo Olufowose [L]	Cambridge—Queens'	Engineering	2006
Alexander Boswell [Hn]	Cardiff	Mechanical Engineering	2006
Ben Buchanan [Hn]	Cardiff	Journalism, Film & Media	2006
Nathalie Roberts [Ap]	Cardiff	Religious & Theological Studies	2006
Sean Choi [M]	Central St. Martins College of Art & Design	Foundation Course	2006
Henry Sandars [T]	Chelsea College of Art & Design	Foundation Course	2006
Usman Qasim [Hg]	City University	International Politics	2006
Jack Stovold [Bn]	Coventry	Physiotherapy	2006

James Dennis [Bd]	Durham	Sociology	2007
Dominic Henri [S]	Durham	Ecology	2006
Freddie Montagu [Bn]	Durham	Geography	2007
Majid Samea [BI]	Durham	Economics	2006
Tamsin Shephard [Ap]	Durham	Natural Sciences	2007
Ieuan Walker [S]	Durham	Molecular Biology & Biochemistry	2006
William Davies [C]	Edinburgh	Classics	2007
Kamran Gaba [Hg]	Edinburgh	Medicine	2006
Nick Grimshaw [C]	Edinburgh	Zoology	2007
Christopher Snell [Hn]	Edinburgh	Classics	2007
Edward Vigors [S]	Edinburgh	Electronics	2006
Lauritz Kurth [Hn]	European Business School, London	International Business with one language	2006
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Jonathan Keeling [Bd]	Exeter	Geography	2007
Elizabeth Mathieson [Ap]	Exeter	Psychology	2007
Edward Swift [Hg]	Exeter	Theological Studies	2007
Scott Watkins [A]	Exeter	Geography with Earth Systems Science	2007
Jack Barton [Hn]	Lancaster	Theatre Studies	2007
Clare Buchanan [Ap]	Leeds	English Language	2007
Sally Dempster [Ap]	Leeds	English	2007
Caley Holmboe [Ap]	Leeds	Italian & Spanish	2006
Benjamin Kingsnorth [HI]	Leeds	Earth Systems Science	2007
Vanessa Lawson [Ap]	Leeds	Criminal Justice & Criminology	2006
Alastair Leeper [T]	Leeds	French & History	2007
Hannah Neenan [Ap]	Leeds	Classical Literature & English	2007
Joseph Plank [Bn]	Leeds	English Language	2006
Fenella Prowse [Ap]	Leeds	English	2006
Ben Puddle [HI]	Leeds	English & Philosophy	2006
George Reynolds [Hg]	Leeds	History & Sociology	2007
Victor Seaward [Bd]	Leeds	History of Art	2007
Toby Stewart [Pn]	Leeds	History & Sociology	2007
Frederick Wardlaw [T]	Leeds	History	2006
Christopher Barnes [M]	Leeds Metropolitan	Marketing	2007
Charlie Lyons [M]	Leeds Metropolitan	International Hospitality Business Management	2007
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Felix Prettejohn [Bd]	London—Imperial	Mechanical Engineering	2007
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Heyang Zhou [Ap]	London—LSE	Government & Economics	2006
Anand Pankhania [A]	London School of Pharmacy	Master of Pharmacy	2006
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Satoru Nakanishi [Pn]	London—UCL	Architecture	2006

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Nathan Toovey [Pn]	London—UCL	Chemistry	2006
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William Robinson [C]	Newcastle	Mechanical Engineering	2006
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Amy Cole [Ap]	Nottingham	Art History	2006
Jonathan Davies [BI]	Nottingham	Economics	2007
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COMMON ROOM NEWS

With 51 out of the present number of 136 in Common Room having arrived less than 15 months ago and with 28% of CR now lady teachers, the dynamic of Common Room has changed in a trice.

The passing this summer of two all-time stalwarts in Robert Moss at 94 and Alec Annand 91, with 60 years distinguished service between them, is a reminder of a changing old order. There was a memorial service for Robert Moss on 20th October in Chapel at which the address was given by Peter Willey, [CR 1947-1982] and a large congregation at Midhurst in September was reminded of the distinguished service ARA had given to Wellington.

If there are many new faces as pupil numbers increase we are sad to farewell some modern day stalwarts, not the least of them Mark and Anne Lovett [1980]. Mark has been Head of History and of Politics, Master i/c Athletics and Cross-Country, Director of Marketing, President of Common Room, member of the SMT and Chapel Warden. Now a respected JP he continues to edit the *Year Book*. Richard Williams [1989], inspirational teacher of Biology, Dining Hall supremo and 1st XI Football coach, retires with Moira to the sunshine of the South. Chris Hutchinson [2000], with Alex, leaves the Anglesey having been Head of Physics, Assistant Director of Studies, Chorister and Preacher, Master i/c Squash and Tennis and more. Chris takes on the Headmastership of Newcastle School for Boys. Christian Persinaru [2003], an outstanding Head

of Strings, leaves for Trinity School, Croydon and David Edwards [2003], who has given fine all-round service including standing-in as Head of Modern Languages, has married Pip and is off to Abu Dhabi (which takes spin). Tom [2004], another fine Common Room all-rounder, and Jennie Newman have added Malvern to their Rugby group portfolio of teaching experience and have settled into number 5 with Toby, Freya and Jasper. Kirstin Dedman [2004], Geographer and outdoor enthusiast, has married Rob and moved to Devon. Charles Graham [2006] on retirement from Marlborough taught French for a term and Laura McCormack [2006] Religious Studies.

Congratulations to Greg Woodrow and the former Caroline MacArthur on their marriage and to proud parents on the recent arrivals of Reuben Wielenga, Archie Lockyer, Sam White, Fia Gale, Brigitte Ewart, Daniel Head, Madeleine Hynd, and Thomas Ellwood; another generation of teachers perhaps?

The Common Room Association goes from strength to strength and is now run by Mrs Raine Walker and her team following the retirement of Hylton Adcroft who gave magnificent service in his time at the helm.

Everyone is very busy and with the introduction of IB, following the introduction of Co-Education, there is to be no let-up. I doubt the Common Room of even 30 years ago would recognise the role of their present day counterpart. A breeze of change from the South has brought more fielders around the bat. ■

SALVETE

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P.E.
from Warwick School



Timothy Elton
Mathematics
from Oxford University



Nicolas Amy
Head of English
from St Dunstan's



Paul Fairclough
Head of Politics
from Leicester Grammar School



Michael Ann Bevino
Art & History
from University of Virginia



Eunice Gillan
History
& Housemistress of
The Wellesley
from Blundells School



Chris Bland
DT
from Brunel University



Katy Granville-Chapman
Geography
& z/c The Combermere
from the Army



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Biology
& Housemistress of
The Combermere
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Physics & Chemistry
from Oxford University



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from Bromsgrove School



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Drama
from Goldsmith's College



Susanne Henwood
Head of Strings
from Felsted School



Sam Owen
Modern Languages
from Christian Schools
in the Gambia



Emma-Jayne Huddart
Art Textiles
from Chichester College



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Politics & History
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from Luckley Oakfield School



Nicholas Maloney
Head of Economics
& Business Studies
from Westminster School



Guy Williams
Religious Studies
from Cardiff University

VALETE



— MARK LOVETT —

Mark Lovett arrived in September 1980 from Newcastle under Lyme High School to teach History and Politics. When the federation of 'History, Politics and Economics' broke up he became Head of the Politics Department and remained so until January 2003.

On the sporting field he will forever be associated with Cross-Country and Athletics of which he was Master i/c in the mid-eighties. On the administrative front he was a member of the Board of Studies which 'morphed' into the Senior Management Team of which he remained a member of until 2001. As part of that role he helped Richard

Coleman run the Public Examination system for 16 years and was also, again jointly with Richard Coleman, Director of Studies for 5 years. However, most members of the academic staff will remember MBL as Vice-President and then President of Common Room, a position in which he served between 1998 and 2004.

In retirement MBL and his wife will remain in the Crowthorne area, with Anne continuing as Assistant Head of the Abbey School whilst MBL does even more hours serving on the East Berkshire Magistrates' Bench and also as Editor of this *Year Book*. ■



— RICHARD WILLIAMS —

Richard joined the Biology Department from Collingwood in 1989 and stood out immediately as an exceptional teacher; one of his colleagues called him "the ultimate professional". National recognition of this came in 2000 when he won the coveted "Teacher of the Year" award. To be more specific the Biologists still speak with awe of his board diagrams which combined scientific accuracy with brilliant artistry. It is not surprising that he expected similar prowess from his students and, as his results indicate, they reciprocated in kind.

Beyond the classroom and the laboratory Richard played a major role on the Soccer field, but he would be the first to admit that his real love was Cycling. Indeed those who ventured into Whitecairn were privileged to see machines of which Lance Armstrong would be proud.

It should not be forgotten that this was a family affair. His wife Moira was a redoubtable lab technician whilst their children, Ross and Anna are both OWs. Richard and Moira intend to split their retirement between Spain and Dorset; we wish them well. ■



— MARTIN SHERWIN —

Martin was the 11th Bursar in the history of this College and during his decade-long tenure in the post he served three Masters: Jonty Driver, Hugh Monro and Anthony Seldon. Before embarking on his bursarial career Martin worked for Shell in the Far East and subsequently in the Mediterranean. Upon leaving the oil industry he was Bursar at Hurstpierpoint College before arriving at Wellington in 1997.

During his tenure he steered the College through some difficult financial waters, dealt diplomatically with government inquiries into the independent sector and was instrumental in the formulation of the new Royal Charter.

By its very nature much of his work had to be discrete, but during his tenure of office he maintained excellent relations with both the support and the academic staff. However it is to the buildings (whether they be academic, residential

or sporting) that we look to see his lasting legacy. As the President of Common Room noted at Martin's farewell dinner "The Wellington Estate can never have looked finer than in the present day". Indeed this sentiment is underlined

in the Bursarial report of his successor, Susan Meikle.

All of Wellington thus wishes Martin and Ruth well in their Dorset retirement, but one can be assured that further building work will never be far away. ■



— CHRIS HUTCHINSON —

If Isaac Newton were alive today he would have to invent a fourth law of motion in order to explain the extraordinary career of Chris Hutchinson. Quite how "Hutch" managed to fit in so much in 24 hours left lesser mortals gasping in amazement; it is thus no surprise that he has been promoted to be the Headmaster of Newcastle School for boys.

Chris knew Wellington from the Easter Revision course, but it was only in 2000 that he fully arrived—from Clifton with Hugh Monro. In the following seven years he was Head of Physics, Head of Science, and Assistant Director of Studies. However for the bulk of his Wellington years he was, of course, the Housemaster of the Anglesey; it was

clear from the farewell tributes in June just how much he was respected by the boys and parents alike. If running one of the most successful Houses at Wellington was not enough, he was also Master i/c Squash, a tennis coach, a Chapel chorister and much else besides.

In bidding farewell one must not forget Alex who did so much to ensure the House was such a success. Just how she did that whilst holding such a senior position at St Mary's Ascot is almost incomprehensible. Nonetheless it is clear that her move north is a severe loss to two great schools in this area. The previous two Housemasters of the Anglesey left College to become Headmasters, the new incumbent has a hard act to follow. ■



— DAVID EDWARDS —

Captain Edwards (as he was universally known) joined the Modern Languages Department in 2003 fresh from the 1st Battalion of the Royal

Welch Fusiliers. That he soon made his mark in the CCF is, perhaps, stating the obvious. Beyond the assault course he was pre-eminent in sport, coaching both Rugby and

Cricket sides with great success. However it was Cross-Country running that was his real forte; the example he set in training and running in matches with the team (his faithful Labrador, Alfie, forever by his side) bearing fruit in a string

of excellent results. In his final year at Wellington he took on the complex role of Head of Modern Languages before leaving these shores for Abu Dhabi. We wish David and Pip well in their new adventure. ■



— CRISTIAN PERSINARU —

Cristian joined Wellington 4 years ago from the Abbey School, Reading. We knew we were getting a fantastic player and teacher and a Romanian, but we also got an amazing character. His room changed; plants, humidifiers, Cristian set his mark on the Music Department straight away. He invited his friend Remus Azoitei to come as a Consultant and we were encouraged to sponsor a young violinist from Romania called Ramona Racovicean, who came for a year on a scholarship. Indeed, Cristian has helped a number of young violinists to realize their dreams and his real understanding and passion for everything violin is a highlight of his character.

The tour to Romania was organized by him and he in-

sisted on making sure every pupil experience something Romanian, whether it was stuffed cabbage leaves or some rather interesting soup. His treatment of taxi drivers in Bucharest had to be seen to be believed, particularly as every other pupil was paying through the nose for a short journey. There is no doubt that that trip has stayed with our pupils.

Cristian is also a performer of some note: his recording of violin pieces by Bortkiewicz and Rachmaninov has been well received and he is the lead violinist in the Franke Piano Quintet. As a soloist he is heard on a number of local platforms performing virtuosic pot-boilers.

Cristian moves to Trinity School, Croydon as Head of Strings and we wish him and Liz well. ■



— TOM NEWMAN —

After teaching at Haileybury and Tonbridge, Tom returned to his alma mater in 2004. During the following three years he proved, to no

one's surprise, to be a superb schoolmaster, who is now much missed in the Chemistry Department. Outside the laboratory he was synonymous with cricket, running the 1st

XI and becoming captain of the OWs in the Cricketer Cup; the records of these exploits are to be found elsewhere in this magazine. On the pastoral side he was an Under-tutor in three Houses first in The Anglesey then The Beresford

and then in The Hopetoun, and thus it was no surprise that he was successful in his application to become a full Housemaster at Malvern. Both he, his wife Jennie and their two children Toby and Freya will be much missed. ■



— KIRSTIN DEDMAN —

OW's who remember the 2004/2005 Yearbook will know this is the second valet for Kirstin. Having gained her PGCE she returned in 2006 for just one more year in the Geography Department. During that brief period she not only excelled in the classroom

but also on the sports field; Netball and Tennis being pre-eminent. Beyond that she was an officer in the CCF (indeed her father carried out the inspection, as readers will see elsewhere in this magazine). She leaves us to marry her army officer fiancée Rob. We wish them both well. ■



— LAURA MCCORMACK —

Laura joined the Philosophy and Religion Department in September 2006 and immediately made an impact with staff and students alike. She readily developed a reputation for distinctive

and challenging lessons and worked hard to raise the profile of the department within the College. Her time with us was all too brief and she has now taken up a post at Oundle. ■

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ACADEMIC

OVERVIEW

The 2006/7 academic year was outstanding for Wellington by any measure. In all three public examination stages, the percentage of grades at the top levels was the highest on record. With 70.0% A* and A at GCSE and 85.9% A and B at A2 Level, Wellington surged well past all previous records and far ahead of the national independent school average. At A Level, the pupils attained a 100% pass rate yet again, and almost all pupils achieved their first choice of university place and including all those with Oxbridge offers. At GCSE, almost a fifth of the pupils got all A* and A grades, with five of them achieving at least 10 A* grades each: **Conor Turley [A], Benjamin Cleary [Bd], Harry Willis [L], Yimin Xu [T], Oliver Marjot [S]**.

The College also rose to its highest position yet in the current incarnation of the *Daily Telegraph League Table*, making it almost certainly the most improved independent school in the country over the last two years. It was also the "fastest riser" in the *Financial Times League Table*, shooting from 240th in 2006 to 105th in 2007. The sense of achievement amongst the pupils and staff of the College is palpable, but there is no complacency as Dr Seldon has set targets still higher in 2008.

Academic success was not all in grades and numbers. The addition of girls to junior classes made a qualitative

difference to lessons last year in the form of fresh faces, perspectives and different approaches to work. Similarly an unprecedented influx of new staff brought invigorating ideas and broader experience to the Common Room, along with whole new subjects areas including Textiles, Dance, Mandarin and, of course, the famed Happiness or Well-being programme. 2006/7 also saw the foundations laid for the International Baccalaureate. Alongside the move to full co-education, the introduction of the IB is the most exciting academic step forward for Wellington, bringing new opportunities for teaching and learning, breadth as well as depth in subject matter, genuine intellectual rigour and a commitment to internationalism that suits perfectly Wellington's long standing commitment to Round Square.

The College has also renewed its commitment to academic enrichment with the invigoration of numerous intellectual societies and pre-university programmes. There were more lectures by internal and external speakers this year than ever before, and especially pleasing was the leading role pupils took in organising such events and in many cases presenting themselves. Together with the impressive array of Master's Conferences on current educational matters, the quality of lectures and seminars at Wellington is now establishing the College as a leading centre in educational debate. *Justin Garrick* ■

CLASSICS

One of the highlights of the year for the Classics department remains the trip to Rome and Pompeii. As well as the classic sights at Pompeii

and Herculaneum, and the great buildings of Rome like the Colosseum and Pantheon, we also enjoyed the newly re-opened Ara Pacis and found some previously unvisited



houses. For pupils and staff, spending time in the houses and public areas brought life to the texts studied during the year and one could start to imagine the struggles and pleasures of life at that time. It was generally agreed that Wellingtonians would have enjoyed life at Rome, as long as that was life among the wealthy. Tourist 'extras' included the Vatican, the Spanish Steps, and walking on the floor or the crater of the volcano at Solfatara, but night-time ice-creams at the Trevi fountain will probably be the abiding memory for many.

The department continues to enjoy close links to Oxford and Cambridge. Current Classics students at Oxford are winning firsts and scholarships, and the department enjoys a strong reputation with Tutors. We were fortunate to have Dr Dominic Bailey, of New College, Oxford, come to speak on 'piety in the Euthyphro—what the gods like?'. The pupils (and staff!) cranked rusty brains into gear to try to understand the logic of Plato's argument, before Dr Bailey applied the conclusions to contemporary

debates about ethics and religion. The appetite of students to stretch themselves in areas like logic and philosophy was clearly shown in the enthusiastic questions and discussion.

We have also enjoyed presentations on North African Amphitheatres, by Dr David Bomgardner of Elstree School, and we are now competent bluffers on Greek statuary thanks to Ms Alex Welch of Charterhouse. We have also been trying to develop cross-curricular thinking, and Mr Will Williams of the Geography Department spoke entertainingly on the eruption of Vesuvius from a geographers perspective.

Members of the department and pupils have been to London to hear excellent lectures by Dr Stephen Harrison on Virgil 10, and a day on Greek tragedy.

The Department has been very fortunate to have had Mr Quintin Fraser teaching part-time and it is greatly to his credit that after such a short time he will be sorely missed. He came via Winchester and Oxford, and he inspired high academic standards for all his classes. We wish him all the best as a pupil. *Simon Allcock* ■

— MATHS —

The Maths Department has been dragged screaming into the world of Information Technology with the arrival, at the beginning of the year, of interactive white boards in every classroom. Potts can now get his cricket scores constantly updated, without absence from lessons, feigning dementia. We are soon to expand into the remaining huts around Wellesley Quad, ousting the Classics Department in a bloodless coup. The Department continues to be stable (only in the numerical sense) with

few leavers or joiners, although we do have a fresh-faced youngster called Tim Elton arriving next year. What else? Our best man of sums in this year's Upper Sixth, **N. Koda [Hn]**, has been offered a place to read Maths at St John's, Oxford. Our Hans Woyda team, still going strong without ever winning the big prize, was beaten in the first knockout stage this year, and we had our usual successes in the UK Maths Competitions. *Ian Mitchell* ■

— PHYSICS —

This year has seen a number of changes to the Physics department and a good deal of success throughout, both in academic achievement and in extra-curricular activities. The start of the year saw a change in personnel at the top with Mr David Walker taking over as head of department. The end of the year will also see another change with Mr Chris Hutchinson leaving us to become a headmaster in Newcastle and our technician, Moira Williams, leaving to join her husband in retirement.

The academic success stories from GCSE were **Ed Lowe [Bd]** and **Rob Stevens [BI]**, both of whom managed to score over 90% on their GCSE papers. At AS level

Ozan Asim [S] scored 296 out of a possible 300 UMS marks and at A level **James Coe [Hg]** scored an incredible 99.3% (dropping only 4 out of 600 marks). We also had notable success in the National Physics Olympiad competitions with **James Robinson [T]** and **Harry Willis [L]** scoring particularly highly, both achieving gold awards.

We look forward to the next academic year with enthusiasm and will be welcoming not two but three new appointments. Mr Mark Schramm will be joining us from Dr Challinor's School in Amersham, Mr William Heathcote from Oxford University and Mrs Elaine Steere will join our technicians team from Ranelagh School in Bracknell. *David Walker* ■

— BIOLOGY —

Part of the appeal of Biology is its wide application and it is encouraging that students combine Biology with traditional sciences (e.g. Chemistry and Maths) but also with a wide variety of other subjects, like Geography, P.E. and Art. This, in part, is due to the accessibility of the new Salters-Nuffield syllabus, which attempts to take A-level Biology away from the dry fact-learning of other specifications and instead offer more relevant, more applied ideas, like the tricks of forensic science (how can you tell the time of death from a corpse?) and the eth-

ics of genetic engineering (if GE can cure genetic disease, why is it illegal in humans?). SNAB Biology therefore offers a course that is both current and interesting, without being woolly: a very appealing combination. Perhaps this is why Biology is the biggest A-level subject (52 students currently doing the A2 and 61 taking the AS exams this year)? Or perhaps it is the growing success of the department (92.5% of A2 Biologists achieved A or B grades at A2 and 100% hit A or A* at GCSE). Whichever, it is rewarding to have joined such a vibrant and exciting Department. *Tim Filtness* ■

— PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION —

Some people view re-branding with a cynical eye and certainly the announcement of our decision to change the name of the department from 'Religious Studies' to 'Philosophy and Religion' met with a

few wry grins. Some people will feel that the name really makes no difference, but they would be wrong.

Many of you will remember past years when the subject was called either 'Religious Instruction' or 'Divinity.' The

subject that you would have been taught in those days is very different to the subject that you would encounter in a Philosophy and Religion classroom in 2007. In days gone by, 'RI' or 'Divinity' was much more about teaching children to be religious, rather than teaching them about what we can learn from Religion. Much study would have involved biblical theology or study of the Christian tradition and very little examination of the other great world faiths or indeed the contribution of Philosophy to the big questions of life.

The new name fits more accurately what we as a department are trying to achieve academically and spiritually

with our students. Primarily we hope to encourage our students to think critically and respectfully about spiritual and philosophical matters.

In September, we move into three new classrooms underneath the newly refurbished Combermere, where Father Andrew and I will be joined by Dr Guy Williams who has completed degrees at Oxford and Cambridge and studied for his PhD under the distinguished New Testament scholar, Chris Rowland. This will move the department into another new era and will help us to build upon the hard work that has been moving it forward over recent years. *Ian Morris* ■

— PERSONAL, SOCIAL & HEALTH EDUCATION —

This year has seen the pilot of the well-being project at Wellington.

Under the mentorship of Nick Baylis at the University of Cambridge, Wellington has developed a unique programme which is intended to help our stu-



dents develop certain key skills that will help their lives go well. The basic premise of the course, is that life is something that can be lived skilfully and through examining the lives of successful human beings and looking at psychological research we have devised a programme which aims to teach our students these skills.

Over the course of two years in Forms 4 and 5, our students will learn how to master various aspects of their lives in order to increase their levels of well-being. All students learn 'imaginative practice' which is akin to meditation or mindfulness and is a state of deep relaxation where they can rehearse potentially stressful events. Much of what the course contains has been distilled into the Wellington

College 10 Point Plan for well-being.

The course has been very well-received by the students and by the team of 11 people who are teaching it. In coming years we hope to extend the programme to the 3rd Form who will

learn self-awareness, emotional intelligence and resilience and to the Sixth Form who will have time to consolidate what they have learnt lower down the school.

Beyond well-being, we have run a programme of events for all years. The Third Form have enjoyed the HYPE drugs education programme where they are taught about the dangers of drug misuse by some of our LV1th students. They have also taken part in the Shake-Up PSHE workshops which have used Shakespeare's Twelfth Night to teach issues of communal living and bullying. The LV1th have had a varied programme of lectures on issues such as sexual health, coping with HIV, drug addiction, travelling in the Middle-East and cancer in teenagers. *Ian Morris* ■

— RAISING STATE ACADEMY FUNDS —

Wellington is to become the first independent school in the U.K. to put up the funding for a state academy. The new Academy will be in Tidworth, Wiltshire, specialising in modern foreign languages, business and enterprise. A generous £2m gift from governor Tim Bunting (OW) and his wife Sarah, has allowed Wellington to move ahead with this project.

The new school, provisionally named Wellington College Academy, will 'inherit the DNA' of its Berkshire counterpart, with a House system, boarding and day places,

a deep commitment to excellence, an emphasis on discipline, outdoor activities and service, and a combined cadet force (CCF). A third of the students will come from military families based in the area, echoing Queen Victoria's founding of Wellington College as a school to educate 'sons of officers' in memory of the Duke of Wellington. The academy is scheduled to open in existing buildings in September 2009, on the 150th anniversary of Wellington College's founding. It will move to brand new facilities in 2010. *Paul Hucklesby* ■

THE ARTS



— THE ART SCHOOL —

Having visited the *Modernism* Exhibition at the V&A in the final month of the Lower VIth, the Upper VIth in September were well prepared to interpret the Modern Material world from an informed prospective. Objects from indoors and out, including everything from Dyson vacuums to tricycles, were hanging against the Art school glass brick. Colour, culture, and objects were all calling to be exploited through various representations and media. Several UVith approached this collection as a visual springboard for personal mark-making: **Sae-Jun Ahn [M]** did an extensive series of expressive brushstroke



College Chapel in Biro by Adrian Calitz [A]

studies and carborundum prints; **Rupert Froud [Pn]** made an exhaustive study of large abstract expressionist paintings which became the backbone of his impressive solo exhibition in May. **Tess Redburn [Ap]** introduced found objects and later, early drawings and portraits, into her canvas scenes; **Giles Welford [L]** began cascading paint into rivulet's and valleys of colour; and **Yetta Chow [O]** launched into a continuous series of exquisite flowering shrub paintings.

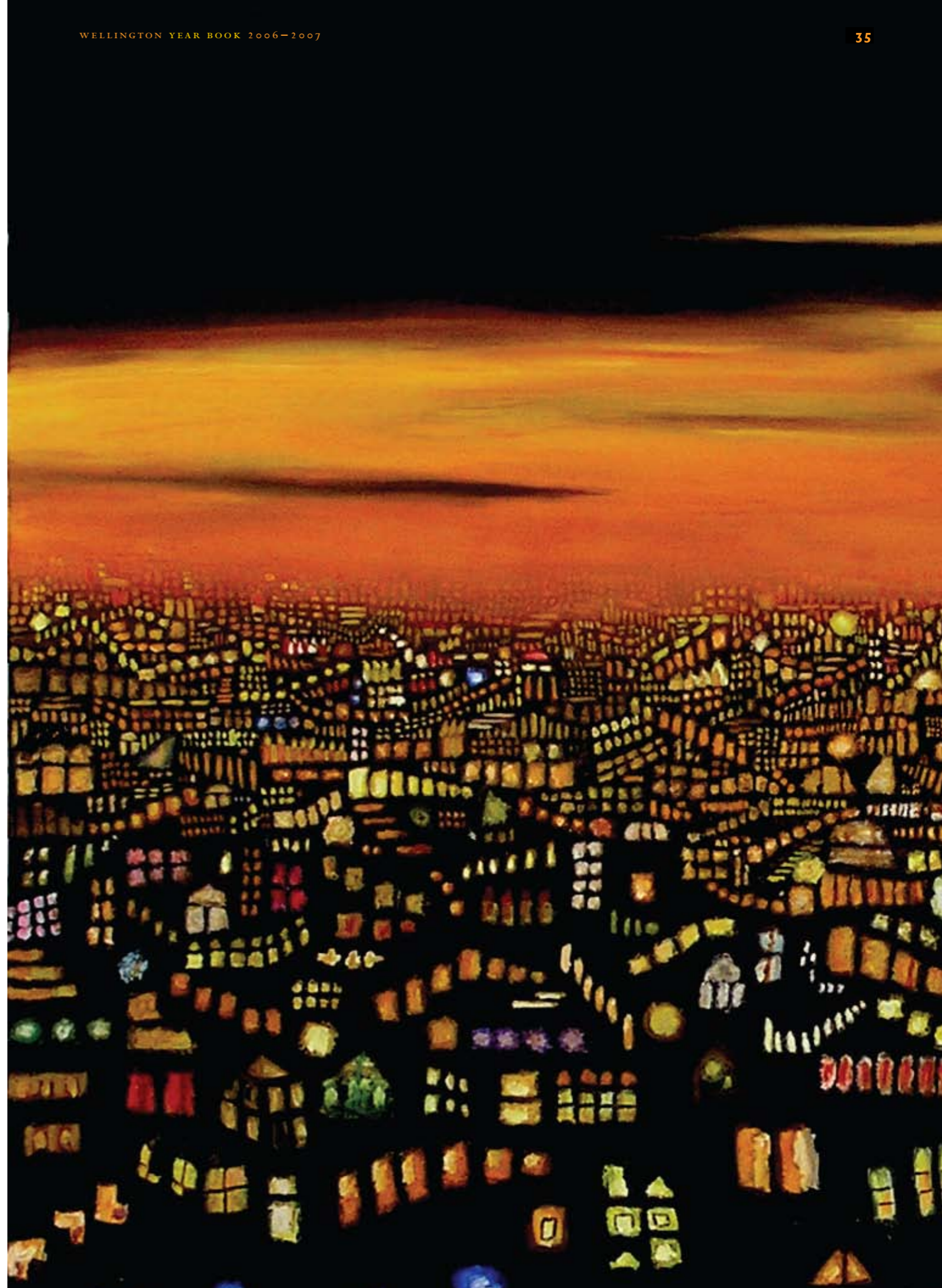
Several strong LVith painters, including **Elysia Byrd [Ap]**, **Francesca Lau [Ap]**, **Tali Carling [Ap]**, and **Ed Bartley [BI]** also took their initial inspiration from the still life. **Franziska Poprawe [O]** came from Germany for the year and was the most improved and committed, art-

ist. Her *Twilight Vista* glowed with twinkling warm colour, and her life-sized Self-portrait in plaster, *Reading A Book*, was convincingly real. **Fran Lau's [Ap]** hollow draped figure spooked all who came upon it; **Max Lahiff's [BI]** large stick and plaster Eagle still commands the lower stu-

dio. *Freedom* was the exam title, and **Ed Bartley's [BI]** piece was an exquisite abstract of floating ink forms. **Royce Tsang [S]** built a plumb line, equipped with a paint brush, which, when vibrated with music drew delicate fluttering marks across the paper. Also impressive was **Ed Robertson's [T]** metre high plaster, Moore-inspired, seated form.

As one always hopes, there were several original works which defy association: **Guy Holt [HI]** investigated a lens process which merged two images into one, and he mixed media to generate different views of the Chapel. **Vincent Kwok [BI]** constructed delicate twig portraits; **Cameron Drew's [C]** optical patterns took over walls, **Toby Ranger [T]** and **Duncan Smith [Pn]** produced very accomplished films. Duncan's finale was a media extravaganza with 6 TV screens simultaneously, incessantly, demanding attention. Having been working on the potter's wheel since 3rd Form, **Stanley Ho [M]** was a real master of the thrown form, and his sophisticated dancing cylinders impressed and delighted all.

This was the inaugural year of Textiles. Biology labs



Evening by Fran Poprawe [O]



top: *Kaleidoscope* by Fran Lau [Ap]
 above: *Korea* by Jay Jang [Ap]
 far left: *Saturday* by Giles Welford [L]
 left: *Christian* by Guy Holt [H]

D2 and 3 became the wet and dry studios, the dozen sewing machines allowed the 3rd Form classes to all try their hand, and the UVith and LVith students produced some fantastic, and varied, pieces: **Christian Taylor's [S]** *Jumpsuit* was modelled on the prison culture gangs, and **Emma Deakin's [Ap]** virtuoso design and construction techniques culminated in her exam *Shift* which was a billboard for female beauty and image issues. The Textiles course generated tremendous interest and was represented by a splendid Speech Day Exhibition of the year's work.

The continued breadth and strength of the students' work is a compliment to the dedication and direction of the teaching team. Teaching in all media, Susanne DuToit brought her printmaking expertise, in particular, to the studio for the year. Michael Getgood, with his wealth of artistic contextual references, steered us through the paradigms and rhetoric. Madeline Churchill and Bethan Thomas, both new to the Art department, were steadfast, enthusiastic, and encouraging in their guidance. Thank you to all. *Stephanie Lang* ■

— THE ARTS COMMITTEE —

This year The Arts Committee has been composed as follows: Common Room Members: Ant Peter (Chairman), Stephanie Lang (Art), Bronwen Kaja (DT), Sarah Spencer (Drama), Simon Williamson (Music), Richard Foskett (Science), Denise Cook (The Wellingtonian), Brynn Bayman (Wednesday Afternoon Activities), Lucy Pearson (SMT), Justin Garrick (Academic Extension), Tim Head (Housemaster).

Pupil Members: **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]**, **Dan Cary [T]**, **Ella Johnson [Ap]**.

The committee has enjoyed a busy year. The issue that has exercised us considerably has been the bedding in of the new structure of the week, which has often led us to bemoan the fact that Games has more time than the Arts, and that the Arts still have to work too hard to ensure attendance during extra-curricular time. Highlights would be the hugely improved playing of the Orchestra, initiated by the focus and outside professional experience of our guest conductor, Hilary Davan Wetton; an inspiring Art and DT textiles exhibition; the macabre production of *The Talented Mr Ripley* by **Felix Cook [T]**; a rippling dance showcase at the end of the summer term; and the arrival of some excellent photographs by **Stanley Ho [M]** in the English and Maths Departments.

There have been three very enjoyable quality popular events during the year—the House Singing Competition in the Sports' Hall with the SMT compering and acting as an X-Factor panel of judges, the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, and a College pantomime of *Cinderella*. We

intend now to alternate House Singing with House Drama—the year is simply too busy to accommodate both competitions—and are anticipating a stimulating Drama Competition in 2008.

Besides Hilary Davan Wetton, we have enjoyed the presence of three other new faces in particular in The Arts. Rob White has been our first ever Arts' Technician, based primarily in The Theatre, and without whom the production of *Little Shop of Horrors* would not have been possible; Michael Roberts, jazz singer and pianist, has been our first Head of Jazz Studies, and he set up a marvellous Christmas concert with pupils improvising solos for the first time for a long time; and Carly Gledhill, has been with us all year as and Art and DT Artist-in-Residence working creatively with textiles.

I have been delighted by the way *The Wellingtonian* has established itself as a successful e-magazine with a glossy end-of-year hardcopy anthology edition. This provides opportunities for budding journalists and serious commentators, and together with *South Front*, the creative writing magazine produced by Joanna Seldon, pupils' writing has begun once again to emerge as fresh, keen and aspiring. We all enjoyed our Photography Day as well—a day when the whole community was encouraged by Brynn Bayman to take photographs to represent a day in the life of the school. And, looking forward, 2008 promises to bring curricular dance “online” to broaden our pupils' scope to explore their creativity.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to the new-look Arts Diary, designed as part of the rebranding of College and to the arrival of the Arts Colours pins—the gold arts logo on a black background for Arts Colours, and the black arts logo on a gold background for Arts Colours

with Distinction. The first two recipients of this latter award were **Amy Tress [O]** and **William Wei [S]**, both excellent, high-profile musicians.

Those who have held Arts Colours during the year are: **Alex Lee [Hn]**, **Amy Tress [O]** (with Distinction), **Angus Wilson [C]**, **Archie Wardlaw [T]**, **Ben Ebbetts [Bn]**, **Bryn Davies [BI]**, **Charles Patterson [C]**, **Chris Dickens [S]**, **Claire Sledd [Ap]**, **Duncan Smith [Pn]**, **Emily Winkworth [Ap]**, **Emma Deakin [Ap]**, **Flo Michel [O]**, **Giles Welford [L]**, **Grace Buckingham [Ap]**, **Harry Titherley [A]**, **Hugh Hemsley [Bd]**, **Jack Penrose [A]**, **James Bourne [A]**, **Katie Jillings [O]**, **Rachael Clarke [Ap]**, **Robert O'Donovan [C]**, **Robyn Stoddart [Ap]**, **Rupert Froud [Pn]**, **Sae-Jun Ahn [M]**, **Stanley Ho [M]**, **Stephanie Redburn [Ap]**, **Toby Ranger [T]**, **Tom**

— — MUSIC — —

If I can paraphrase the novelist William Thackeray, one of my objects this year has been to make “new things familiar and familiar things new”. It has been a year of phenomenal activity, with new teachers, new pupils, new appointments, a new structure of the week, new ensembles, performances all over the place and a real sense of achievement. The quality of performing has continued to be exceptionally high: every pupil at Wellington has heard music of variety and confidence, and not many schools can make this claim.

Oliver King joined the Music staff as College Organist and has immediately set his mark with flamboyant accompanying and virtuoso performances. He has also started a Girls' Choir and this and other vocal opportunities promise to develop next year as we expand the opportunities for singing in the school. He has also brought back organ recitals to our programme of events and we have greeted Timothy Byram-Wigfield (Director of Music at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle) and Kerry Beaumont (Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral) who performed exciting and entertaining recitals in the Chapel. The Haldane Organ Competition was also part of this programme and was won by **Tom Lowe [L]** with runner-up **Illias Thoms [T]**, both performing two contrasting pieces.

Michael Roberts has joined the music staff as our Head of Jazz. He has spent time writing a series of charts for the Big Band and has formed a Wednesday Afternoon Jazz

Lowe [L], **Vincent Kwok [BI]**, **Will Turner [A]**, **William Wei [S]** (with Distinction), **Yetta Chow [O]**.

Next year's pupil members of the committee are: **James Bourne [A]** (Music, Drama), **Chris Jackson [Hg]** (Debating), **Rosie Lintott [Ap]** (Writing), **Tom Lowe [L]** (Wellingtonian, Music), **Rob O'Donovan [Hg]** (Music, Drama), **Rob McGregor [Pn]** (Writing, Drama, Music), **Phoebe Paskin-Orr [Ap]** (DT, Music), **Ed Robertson [T]** (Music, Art), **Digby Smith [L]** (Rocsoc), **Francesca Lau [Ap]** [Art].

We have been pleased to welcome both Miss Sarah Spencer (Drama) and Miss Bronwen Kaja (Textiles) to the committee. Their considered contributions have been very welcome, as have those of Dr Justin Garrick who resigns to take up his new role as Director of Studies. **Anthony Peter** Chairman of the Arts Committee ■

ensemble. He has also added jazz singing to our teaching base and is proving very popular. During the year, we have had two very different jazz concerts: the first for the Crowthorne Minibus Appeal and the second on the Eve of Speech Day. Jazz is moving on.

Hilary Davan Wetton joined the music staff in February as our visiting guest conductor, a new post created to build up the standing and importance of the College Symphony Orchestra with the school and community. The performances in the Summer Gala Concert and in St Paul's Cathedral will be remembered for a long time. Repertoire has included Saint-Saens *Danse Bacchanale* and symphonies by Schubert and Dvorak, and at St Paul's, Holst's *Marching Song* and *Nimrod* from Elgar's *Enigma Variations*. The Orchestra's captain was **Alex Lee [Hn]** and the leader **Amy Tress [Ap]**.

The Music Scholars have performed regularly and, in particular, the performances at South Hill Park in December were a notable success, playing to a full, candlelit recital room. The maturity, musicality and confidence were evident in all the performances and in particular that of **William Wei [S]** and **Toby Ranger [T]**. **Trishan Vaikunthanathan [HI]** and **Claire Sledd [Ap]** have also performed to great acclaim at St Mary-le-Bow in June. Other notable performances will be mentioned later in this article. **Claire Sledd [Ap]** was also winner of the Reading Symphony Orchestra Young Musician of the Year.

Visitors this year have included our Consultants Remus Azoitei (Professor of violin at the Royal Academy) and the distinguished baritone Roderick Williams. Their Masterclasses have provided the department with external expertise of a very high standard.

We have had a number of lectures this year: Dr David Osbon from Kingston University talked about what to listen for in music; Bill Badley talked about the Oud; Paul Turner described his life as a bass player in *Jamiroquai* and Francis Pott talked about how to compose.

We also welcomed the ensemble *Pluck* who performed in the theatre as part of our Prep School String Day. They provided a show of hilarious, musical antics which kept the audience in fits of laughter. The 80 young string players were also taught technique and a number of pieces by our Head of Strings, Cristian Persinaru during the day, but nothing quite prepared them for the sight of a violin in flames.

We have also been fortunate to have had two preview Wigmore Hall performances. The first given by Neil McLaren

(flute) and Jane Beament (one of our visiting piano teachers) featured modern music by English and Dutch composers. The second featured the young Japanese violinist Mayuko Katsumura, who along with her accompanist Gordon Back, performed a dazzling recital, finishing with a sonata by George Enescu. As well as these two recitals, we welcomed Quintette Monolo, a string quintet from the Paris Conservatoire who performed a varied programme to pupils and public in the Michaelmas term. We were also fortunate to host our regular chamber music course with the world-famous Maggini Quartet.

In March Mike Brewer (Director of the National Youth Choir) visited to run our Prep School Choral Day. This yearly event aims to connect with as many young singers as possible and teach technique yet provide a fun day of excellent music making.

Westminster School from near Adelaide in Australia visited bringing a number of ensembles and provided two joint concerts early in the Summer term. Their obvious enjoyment in what they do will remain with us for some time.

Peter Hewitt, the Director of the Junior Royal College of Music, was our adjudicator this year for the closely-fought Montgomery competition. The players were **Diana von Feury [O]**, **Claire Sledd [Ap]**, **Toby Ranger [T]**, **Katie Jillings [O]**, **Dong-Su Kim [M]** and **Amy Tress [O]**. The performances by all six finalists were staggering—again such confidence and professionalism—but the winner Amy Tress performed with just that extra balance of virtuosity and musicality. Her performance of the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with professional orchestra in March was a real highlight, and she thor-



Emily Winkworth [Ap], the winner of the *College Singing Prize*

oughly deserves all the accolades that have been heaped upon her, with places at all the major music colleges and then a place to read music at Christ Church, Oxford.

The Choir have also performed on a number of occasions this year. They performed Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral, and performed a number of works by Elgar (including the *Coronation Ode*) with orchestra and Crowthorne Choral Society in March. Their performances at the Carol Services were of note

but they 'kicked off' the year with a recording of carols. Of particular note was the performance of *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* written by the OW, John Gardner. It was particularly pleasing to be able to perform this carol and a number of other choral works of the composer as part of his 90th birthday celebrations. Later in the year, the choir also performed at St Paul's Cathedral at the thanksgiving service for the life of Arthur, Duke of Wellington. Their performances of *Antiphon* by Vaughan Williams and *Zadok the Priest* by Handel were a real highlight in this wonderful service. Such splendid performances by both the Chapel Choir and Symphony Orchestra suggest that we are pushing the boundaries ever higher. Thanks must go to the two senior choristers **Emily Winkworth [Ap]** and **Hugh Hemsley [Bd]**.

House events were also a feature of the year with a number of houses providing music evenings—the Hill, the Murray, the Apsley, the Orange, the Blücher, the Beresford, the Stanley and the Anglesey. However, clearly the musical highlight from a House perspective was the noisy, exciting *House Singing Competition*. Back from a “sabbatical” of at



William Wei [S], the winner of the Anthony Browne Piano Prize

least six years, this event burst onto the scene in February, complete with a theme (number one's of the 60s to the 80s), backing tracks, a panel of judges (quasi Pop-Idol) and a compère. This was a rollicking success and will be repeated, no doubt.

And so finally, there was the Song-Writers Concert in November. This event highlighted the talent that is present in the pupil body for writing songs. **Rob O'Donovan [C]**, **Emily Winkworth [Ap]**, **James Beck [Hg]** and **Ed Guillaume-Smith [L]** provided a varied evening of songs, professionally produced in a cabaret style. We hope to do more of this next year and perhaps highlight even more of our composing talent in the College.

My comment about new things being familiar is certainly the case. Every Monday there are two events that characterise music in this school. At each Assembly at

2.15 throughout the year has been heard a song or a piece performed to the whole school. The standard has been excellent and in each case has demanded concentration and confidence. Every Monday, four hours later, there is an informal concert at which pupils can play a piece that they are preparing for an exam or a piece that they might just like to try out.

I think there have been many opportunities this year. These would not have been possible without a wonderful, dedicated team of teachers; my thanks to Jeffrey Oakes, Christopher Warner, Cristian Persinaru, Oliver King, Michael Roberts, Ray Smith and Hilary Davan Wetton; also to Rosalind Dunmore, Claire Hiscock and Sandra Smith in the department office and to a dedicated, professional team of visiting musicians. *Simon Williamson* ■

— D R A M A —

It was a very busy year for the Drama department with some outstanding work from our student Directors and Performers.

The year started with the Picton House Play, *Our Day Out* directed by upper sixth student **Duncan Smith [Pn]** and in honour of Jim Dewes' last final year as Housemaster. All of the Picton house were involved in the production, demonstrating an enormous level of commitment by the students. The show ran over two nights and was a fantastic success.

The Michaelmas term continued with the *Talent Show*, a chance for anyone with an interest in the Performing Arts to get involved. The show featured dancers, singers, musicians and even fire juggling. The overall prize winner was **Phoebe Paskin Orr [Ap]** who entertained the audience with her medley of comic songs.

This year the Drama department celebrated Christmas by putting on a Pantomime. The cast of *Cinderella* consisted of AS Theatre Studies students who adapted the script themselves and worked extremely hard in putting together a totally family friendly show. The Pantomime was performed over 3 nights with a Prep Schools' Matinee performance. Feedback from local schools was excellent; with comments on the level of professionalism from the students and the great audience interaction.

The Lent term was just as busy starting off with a production of *The Talented Mr Ripley*, directed and adapted by Year 11 student **Felix Cook [T]**. The production was the

culmination of months of hard work by the students and was very warmly received by the audience. Felix Cook intends to follow up the success of *Ripley* with a production of *Brave New World*, another of his own adaptations.

The main school production for 2007 was *Little Shop of Horrors*, a musical pastiche of a 1950's B-Movie. The production ran over 4 nights and was sold out for every performance. The show featured outstanding performances from **Claudia Lambeth [Ap]** and **Rob O'Donovan [C]** as the lead characters Audrey and Seymour. The runaway success of this production has led the Drama Department to think bigger for 2008, and we intend to put on *Les Miserable's*.

The Summer Term focused on the Third form with our Drama Club Production of *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, directed by Katie Hamilton [CR]. The show featured original music by Oliver King [CR] and was performed in the College Gardens. Our talented young cast of actors, dancers and musicians did themselves proud highlighting many young actors with lots of potential. The production was a fantastic success, and was very well-received by the audience.

During this term, Wellington College put on its first ever *Dance Show*, featuring original choreography by Wellington Dance students and from dancers in other local schools. Extra special mention must go to **Maddie Henri [O]**, **Elizabeth Mallett [O]**, **Jodie Lees [O]** and **Helena Hansford [O]** for their tireless hard work and commitment to Dance throughout the Year.



Jason and the Argonauts: Becky Warden Brown, Amanda Stephenson and Nina Gordon [all Ap]

The academic year ended with a week long residency by Splendid Productions, in order to devise an original performance to take to the Edinburgh Festival. The cast consisted of 14 sixth form and year II students, who performed a Physical theatre interpretation of *Jason and the Argonauts*, featuring original music devised by the company.

The play was performed at Venue 27@Holyrood and was an enormous success. The Fringe Newspaper 3 Weeks notably quoted that “Wellington took the myth and triumphed”, a fantastic reward for the enormous amount of commitment put in by the students. Sarah Spencer Director of Drama ■

SPORT

RUGBY

I am delighted to report a successful rugby season on a number of fronts. Again, we managed to field 22 teams, with over 450 boys representing the College at various age groups. The statistics across all teams make for impressive reading: **Played 222; Won 171; Lost 48; Drew 3.**

There were a number of highlights. The unbeaten teams this season were: Yearlings 1, 2, 3 and 5, Colts 4 and the Senior 3rd XV. Many congratulations to all those players and coaches. The standout team in terms of statistics would have to be the Yearlings 3, who managed to play 12 matches without conceding a single point—quite some feat!

The 1st XV and Junior Colts 1 both reached the semi-

finals of their respective Daily Mail Cup competitions—for the second year running—but sadly, were unable to go one step further than last year. This I know will be a target they will be setting for next season.

The Colts teams played some attractive rugby and a number of talented players will be pushing for 1st XV honours next year. The Colts 1 only lost a single game, to RGS High Wycombe, in what was a thrilling encounter.

In my final season as Master in Charge of Rugby, it is important for me to thank all those who have worked so hard to ensure that rugby continues to play a major part in the lives of many of the boys at Wellington. There are too many to mention, but you know who you are. Thank you.

1ST XV

The catalyst for much of this season's success—certainly when comparing the first month of the season to the first month of the last—can be found on a taxingly hot early-September afternoon away at Dulwich College in September 2005. On that day the well-drilled and physically focused opposition scored twenty-one unanswered points against a Wellington side that was still looking to establish early season playing patterns. For Wellington, it was the first fully competitive 15-a-side game of the season. For Dulwich it was the fourth—and this was coming on the back of several weeks of intensive pre-season preparation throughout the month of August.

It may have taken a few more years to filter down, but the evolution of schoolboy rugby has been just as rapid as the evolution of the professional game at the senior level.

In the space of five short years, we have seen the establishment of academies that operate to supply and maintain the competitiveness of the major clubs within a multi-million pound global business; the same, quite staggering, amplification in the sheer physical demands placed upon players both in matches and in training; the same increase in expectations in terms of personal self-discipline, individual fitness and nutrition; and, from a coaching perspective, the raising of defensive systems to quasi-scientific levels, in a playing arena where the ability to minimise one's own defensive errors and react to capitalise on the opposition's, is the margin between success and failure.

It may well sound clichéd, but Wellington rugby needed to take stock, to reflect and to establish a strategy that would see the College once again push unequivocally ahead



of its nearest rivals. Relying on the spectacular talents of individual players is a luxury that cannot be afforded—all opposition teams have spectacularly talented individuals, receiving extensive coaching from senior clubs.

One is loath to employ hackneyed and often misleading terms such as ‘professionalism’ but perhaps the most tangible revision of Wellington’s approach is to be found in a pre-season programme which was significantly expanded and extended this year. After three days of intensive training at Wellington, the 35-strong squad headed down to the South West to pit themselves against some of the region’s better sides. Redruth RFC, Launceston RFC and Truro College gave the side some bruising opposition and Colstons School—on the way home—some food for thought. Packing such intense rugby into five days drummed home renewed expectations in terms of physical fitness and mental resilience.

THE MATCHES

The first match of the season was away at Whitgift. In oppressively hot conditions, the team piled on 29 first half points in an impressive display of running rugby. The failure to score in the second half however—instead leaking two relatively soft tries—was perhaps the early forewarning of a worrying tendency for the side to under-perform in either one half or another. But Whitgift, beaten twice during the previous season, were never going to be the test of this season’s mettle: reversing last season’s enormously disappointing defeats against our major London foes, Dulwich and St Paul’s would be the truest early test of the team’s character.

Dulwich’s reputation as a bruising, forward-dominated outfit remains as true today as it ever did. They are both physically fierce in attack and mentally able to close down games when in the ascendant. This year’s win was narrow but definite, capped finely by the opposition coach’s vexation when his fly half indulged in ‘pretty rugby’ by attempting, albeit only occasionally, to pass the ball to his centres. In a similar vein, the victory over St Paul’s by a considerably larger margin fully vindicated the intensive but indispensable nature of the pre-season training and tour.

Next up Sherborne, so often our whipping boys at 1st team level, but here was a side that had been all-conquering in the lower years and that the corresponding Wellington side had never beaten. The score-line of 50 points to 3 was an almost perfect volte-face from the Yearlings tally five years previously, appropriately reflecting the depth of coaching—across all years—received by these players in the intervening period. In addition, the following week saw

a convincing margin of victory against Marlborough.

The match against Eton was certainly a game of two halves. 20 points to 10 down at half time it was clear that the team would have to dig deep into their reserves to pull out a phenomenal half of rugby—merely to maintain the unbeaten record against our nearest neighbours. They did so, to the devastation of the Eton team, and ran out victors by 39 points to 10. Again we saw a creeping tendency for the side to drift for an entire half, allowing talented opponents to score largely unanswered, and requiring the team to produce some extraordinary rugby purely to stay in touch.

Bryanston had been enjoying several years of considerable success and, with just a couple of days rest following the Eton game, the match was possibly a game too far at the end of busy half term. The effective and hard-running opposition were, in the end, worthy winners of a spectacular match by 35 points to 24.

The second half of term was characterised by four outstanding wins. Both Radley and Harrow were convincingly beaten, whilst a new fixture, away against Epsom College, presented spectators with a low scoring but high drama match which genuinely ebbed and flowed. A try in the final minutes, created by a quick tap penalty, saw a determined Wellington seize and hang on to the lead for the first time, winning by 16 points to 10.

Perhaps the finest performance of the season was reserved for a Cranleigh side which boasted several junior internationals and a much envied two-year playing record. The 46 points to 5 win was as stunning in its margin as it was in its execution.

The Michaelmas term closed on what has become an irritatingly familiar routine—an extremely close game against an unbeaten Tonbridge side marshalled by a finicky referee. The match contained just one try. Unfortunately Tonbridge scored it, winning by 11 points to 6.

THE CUP

How much closer can the cup campaign of one year be to that of the next? The question, of course, is rhetorical since the answer is burnt on to collective psyche of this year’s squad. Convincing wins against local opposition remain something of a concern. Victories are bitter-sweet at best and pyrrhic at worst, as the cup hopes of local schools for which an extended campaign would provide a genuine boost, are ended. Nevertheless rounds Two to Five were negotiated with relative ease and, similar to last year, the

RUGBY 1ST XV RESULTS

WHITGIFT	W	29	-	18
DULWICH COLLEGE	W	16	-	9
ST PAUL'S SCHOOL, BARNES	W	34	-	15
SHERBORNE	W	50	-	3
MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	W	34	-	15
ETON COLLEGE	W	39	-	20
BRYANSTON SCHOOL	L	24	-	35
RADLEY COLLEGE	W	27	-	15
HARROW SCHOOL	W	40	-	13
EPSOM COLLEGE	W	16	-	10
CRANLEIGH SCHOOL	W	46	-	5
TONBRIDGE SCHOOL	L	6	-	11
LICENSED VICTUALLERS	W	54	-	0
READING SCHOOL	W	53	-	0
PANGBOURNE COLLEGE	W	36	-	12
CLAIRE'S COURT	W	22	-	3
RGS HIGH WYCOMBE	W	40	-	31
KCS WIMBLEDON	W	13	-	3
BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL	L	22	-	23

Daily Mail Cup Round 2
Daily Mail Cup Round 3
Daily Mail Cup Round 4
Daily Mail Cup Round 5
Daily Mail Cup Round 6
Daily Mail Cup Q. Final
Daily Mail Cup S. Final

fortune of having home draws in the later rounds saw two magnificent College crowds enjoy victories against RGS High Wycombe and KCS Wimbledon.

The semi-final, away at the RFU's now erstwhile headquarters at Castlecroft, saw Wellington, with a fluidity and grace, blow Barnard Castle away. Sadly this was only for the first half. Turning around 22 to 10 points up, Wellington, despite waves of attacks, failed to build upon this and instead saw their lead painfully eroded by the opposition's catch-and-drive and kicking game. The final whistle ended the game with an adverse score-line of 23-22.

Wellington College, in two successive semi-finals, have scored 42 points and conceded 43, though they are yet to progress to a Twickenham final at Under-18 level. Being the most consistent team over the past two years is scant consolation for two draining defeats. We wait to see what emotion next season's campaign brings.

THE CUP

The season comes to a close with Wellington bidding farewell to some loyal servants, both of the College and of

the Rugby Club. Throughout the season, **Mark Douglas [Bn]**, **Jon Fisher [HI]**, **Dan Sanders [BI]**, **Alex Lee [Hn]**, **Ed Yarnnton [M]** and **Richard Smith-Bernal [BI]** have been consistent performers. They leave with our thanks and best wishes, in the knowledge that they have played an important part in the continued success of Wellington Rugby. Special congratulations go to **Jon Fisher**, our outstanding vice-captain, who was selected for the England Under 19 World Cup squad (as one of only two boys still at school!) and who, by the end of the tournament, made the number 6 shirt his own. He leaves Wellington to join London Irish RFC and is definitely a name to look out for in the future. He has set new training standards, which have had an impact on those players coming through the school, and has demonstrated that with enough commitment and determination, anything is possible! Other international honours go to **Joe MacManus [Hn]**, who represented Ireland in the Under 18 European Cup and who still has a third season of 1st XV rugby to play in 2007. Of course there are many other players who have not received a mention, not least because they still have another season

to play—further reinforcing the strength in depth we have had in the squad this year.

The final results tally of sixteen wins and three losses is impressive and the last word must go to the galvaniser of the team—captain, **Mark Douglas**. Last year's report referred to the difficulty of captaining a side which lost too many games. This year's report ends with the focus squarely upon a 1st XV captain that led his men on and off the field with an unparalleled level commitment, a consummate dedication to maintaining the highest standards of personal

SQUAD: B. Bateman [Hn]; J. MacManus [Hn]; R. Smith-Bernal [BI]; R. O'Donovan [C]; S. Shires [BI]; J. Fisher [HI] (V-Capt); M. MacMillan [HI]; A. Lee [Hn]; G. Byrd [Bn]; E. Laurent [Hn]; E. Yarnnton [M]; W. Hopkins [A]; D. Sanders [BI]; T. Smale [Bn]; A. Gadsby [BI]; M. Douglas [Bn] (Capt)

and collective discipline and, certainly no less significant an attribute, an honest and sincere concern for each individual player within his team. *Mr N.D. Gallop & Mr G. R. Owton* ■



2005 1st XV Rugby: back row: S.G. Lowden [HI], J.L. Dennis [O], E.W. Yarnnton [M], C.P. Cripps [Pn], T. Carling [BI], I.J. Ogbodo [L], E.M.H. Swift [Hg]. Middle row: J.T. MacManus [Hn], J.P. Quaile [A], C.J. Barnes [M], M.T. Douglas [Bn], J.A.T. Fisher [HI], F.W. Pritchard-Smith [HI], M.E.A. Potter [C], R.G.A. Smith-Bernal [BI], C.E. Ibruba [BI], A.C. Lee [Hn]. Front row: O.J.R. Tilney [Bn], M.A.S. Samea [BI], C.J.R. Gower [Pn], D.J.L. Cervino [Pn], E.A. Lewis-Pratt [Hn], T.A.C. Loizides [Bn], G.M.J. Jones [M].



2007 1st XV Rugby: back row: E. Laurent [Hn], B. Bateman [Hn], W. Hopkins [A], T. Smale [Bn], A. Gadsby [BI]. Middle row: J. MacManus [Hn], M. MacMillan [HI], S. Shires [BI], R. O'Donovan [C], G. Byrd [Bn], E. Yarnnton [M]. Front row: R. Smith-Bernal [BI], A. Lee [Hn], M. Douglas (captain) [Bn], J. Fisher (vice-captain) [HI], D. Sanders [BI].

HOCKEY



It has been a year of development for Hockey, with many teams starting the season slowly but finishing strongly. This is an area we are looking into and have put several measures in place for next year, so that we hit the season running. The two Astros and a full Indoor facility will play a major role in this; more information later in the report.

1ST XI

The 1st XI had a very enjoyable and productive tour to Malaysia and Singapore over the October half term. They played 6 matches and although they only won 2, made a huge amount of progress. The highlight was a narrow loss to a very able SMK St John's team (5-6) in the penultimate match. Back at College they began to find their form in the U18 County tournament, playing superbly in the group stage, beating Bradfield (3-0) and Reading School (2-1). It was disappointing to lose to Desborough (2-1) in the semi-finals. The team worked off this platform to record a stunning victory over a very able Whitgift side (3-2) and draws against accomplished Radley (3-3) and Canford (3-3) teams. The most disappointing result of the season was a very poor loss to Bradfield (1-6), having beaten them (3-0) in the County tournament earlier in the season. The year has been a valuable learning curve for the younger players who now realise they must be focused from day one of next season. A more settled coaching structure has been put in place for next year. This will assist the development of the squad hugely, offering better continuity across training and matches.

2ND XI

The 2nd XI had a similar season to the 1st XI, starting slowly and finishing strong. They were the dominant side in many of their early fixtures, but did not convert this into victories. Once they started to make their dominance count, they registered good victories against Whitgift (2-0) and Bradfield (3-1), with most other results being winning draws. Several younger players immersed as the season progressed, they will be pushing for 1st XI positions next

year. The rest of the senior teams played with a good blend of power and finesse, with positive results all the way to the 5th XI.

COLTS 1ST XI

The Colts 1st XI had a poor start to the season as well, with a disappointing U16 County Tournament, coupled with losses to Charterhouse and Eton early on. After this they did not look back, with four thumping victories against Bradfield (5-0), Radley (4-0), Canford (5-0) and Cheltenham (7-0). Twenty-two goals scored and not one conceded, beating a very able Cheltenham side that had not lost a match in two seasons. The squad need to learn from this and set the highest possible standards as they move into the senior ranks. The 2nd and 3rd teams performed well, with committed players throughout. Their skill-base improved considerably as the season went on due to hard work from the boys and plenty of time on the Astro.

JUNIOR COLTS 1ST XI

The Junior Colts 1st XI had a mixed season with some ups and downs throughout. They had good wins against Eton (5-1) and Bradfield (5-4), but the highlight was a superb victory against an unbeaten Cheltenham side (8-2) on the last day of the season. The Junior Colts 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI all had good seasons, with every player showing good skills and an understanding of how to play on Astro turf.

YEARLINGS 1ST XI

The Yearlings 1st XI made good progress after an inconsistent start, with good wins against Charterhouse (4-1), Bradfield (4-1) and Kingston G.S. (5-2). This progress came to fruition in the U14 County Championships, winning it in style to qualify for the Regional Tournament. The Yearlings year group has plenty of ability and desire, which will hopefully continue to flourish in the years to come. The Yearlings 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 all improved their skill base and, with another year of experience, will be dominant forces on our circuit.



2006 1st XI Hockey: back row, left to right: S.N.M.J. Temple [Pn], T.A. Loizides [Bn].
Middle row: B.J.E. Kingsnorth [M], A.D. Leeper [T], M.A. Faldo [Hn], B.J.C. Warren [Hg], M.T. Douglas [Bn], A.P. Gadsby [Bl], C.J.D. Drew [C].
Front row: S.G. Lowden [Hl], J.J. Keeling [Bd], T. Carling [Bl], P.J. De Freitas [Hg], J.P. Armitage [Bn].



2007 1st XI Hockey: back row, left to right: J. Ross [Bd], T. Earwaker [Pn], D. Jarrett [Pn], S. Yamanaka [L].
Middle row: W. Hopkins [A], A. Gadsby [Bl], D. Carey [T], H. Chittleborough [Hn], G. Byrd [Bn], C. Wilbraham [Hg].
Front row: M. Douglas [Bn], M. Faldo [Hn], B. Warren (captain) [Hg], J. Armitage [Bn], C. Drew [C].

It was a superb year for House Hockey, with some compelling games in both JKO and SKO finals, paired with excellent commitment and sportsmanship in the Junior League tournament.

HOCKEY

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SKO FINAL

THE HOPETOUN 3 THE BERESFORD 3

THE HOPETOUN WON ON FLICKS 4-2

JKO FINAL

THE STANLEY 1 THE BERESFORD 0

JUNIOR LEAGUES FINAL

THE STANLEY 2 THE HILL 1

It has been a very good learning curve for the players this year; they have recognised the need to focus from day one in pre-season. Hockey is a physically testing game, but



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also requires an understanding of tactics and moving the ball well.

Several measures are being put in place for next season to assist these developments. In the Michaelmas term there will be a Junior and a Senior Academy training once a week, Indoor and on the Astro. This will prepare the players for the season ahead. In time we will enter the National Indoor Competitions. We have also invested in improving the coaching standards and facility within the school. National coaching awards were gained in the summer and “Inset” is planned for all coaches in pre-season. We have employed a new member of staff as a full time hockey assistant (Ben Allberry, Havant). His experience combined with the wealth of knowledge across the Common Room will help develop the boys into top players.

We have also made improvements in how training runs; developing the atmosphere on match days for both players and spectators; fitness and conditions; nutrition; tactics; learning/taking skills from other sports are all things we are improving. We are also developing links with Reading H.C. and I am coaching the Berkshire U12/U13 hockey teams. All these measures will help Wellington Hockey to develop in the future. *R.W. Lancaster* ■

CRICKET



— I S T X I —

This was certainly not a vintage year for the 1st XI. That said, however, there were some fine performances that deserve mentioning: **Luc Durandt [Hg]**, despite a lean year in terms of runs scored, saved his best 'till last and made a magnificent 159 not out against St Peter's Adelaide at the end of term. **Ed Young [Bd]**, captaining the side in his last year, recorded 97 wickets in his four seasons in the XI—he would have no doubt made three figures if it had not been for rain preventing him bowling in four innings. He is truly a fantastic left arm spinner who can bat well; he will be a great addition to the Cricketer Cup side this summer.

It was our middle order who repeatedly did not make enough runs for us to defend. People got in and failed to capitalise on a decent start. With no one prepared to anchor the innings consistently, we scored above 200 on only three occasions which is always going to be difficult to defend. One such match, however, was against a strong Free Forrester's side that made 250. Having been 55-5 and staring defeat in the eyes and thanks to a hat trick from James Coyne (OW), **Sandeep Purewal [Pn]**, 101, and **Charlie McDonagh [Pn]**, 51, put on a huge partnership to see the College home by 4 wickets. Sadly it was to be their only scores of the season.

We tried many different combinations in the middle order including **Bowring [Bd]**, **Jarrett [Pn]**, **Byrd [Bn]** and **Douglas [Bn]** to no avail. **Ed Lowe [Bd]**, opening the batting for his second season, batted well playing beautifully against Bradfield and the OWs, and indeed his innings of 38 out of a total of 93 against a strong Wynberg side was as gutsy as you will see.

With the new “Willow Cricket” score book available to us this season, it was clear that statistics do not lie: The computer programme logs every ball, produces ‘wagon wheels’ of the batting and bowling analysis, records the run rate, run charts and partnerships. The bowlers had nowhere to hide... In general we tended to bowl a bit too

short and were consequently hit square of the wicket on too many occasions making it difficult for the captain to set fields. Once again, however, the pick of the bowlers was the captain who bowled with control and great variation adapting his style to the limited overs or to the declaration game. **Freddie Stevens [Bn]** was the only other bowler to collect more than 10 wickets. He generally bowled straight and full, and was rewarded for his efforts. Many other bowlers graced the team. **George Byrd [BI]** and **James Huelin [BI]** bowled well at times, but **Rob O'Donovan [C]** was our most consistent bowler and indeed, our most economical, but rarely picked up enough wickets to make a difference. **Ashley West [A]** in his last season in the XI bowled beautifully on occasions but he needs to rid his overs of the ‘four ball’ if he is going to progress and be a match winner. **Ed Lowe [Bd]** bowled quickly if without much luck but with another year in the team could prove very useful in 2008. It was lovely to watch **Sam Edgeley [Bd]** behind the stumps; he is quick-footed and has great hands, and makes the art look quite easy at times. Indeed, it is easy to forget that he is a Junior Colt.

Facts speak louder than anything I can write, and it is clear that when the average team score for the season is only 140, it is going to be difficult to win matches. We managed to take only 84 wickets out of a possible 150, making winning games equally hard from another perspective. That logged, I can safely say that this bunch of boys trained hard and never gave in easily. Their fielding improved out of recognition thanks largely to the influence of Richard Halsall who coached the team as well.

In the Twenty20 competition we progressed nicely to the quarter-finals, beating a strong St Benedict's side in the previous round. The shorter version of the game seemed to bring out the best in the boys. They fielded well and batted positively but surely. It was great to watch the coloured clothing on Turf and the drama of the white ball being deposited to all corners of the ground. That said, however, the



2006 1st XI Cricket: Back Row: G. Byrd [Bn], S. Purewal [Pn], L. Durandt [Hg], M. Douglas [Bn], A. West [A].
Front Row: R. Smith-Bernal [BI], E. Young [Bd], J. Fuller [Bn], B. Kingsnorth [HI], R. Shepherd [Bn], E. Lowe [Bd]



2007 1st XI Cricket: back row: F. Bowring [Bd], E. Rodger [Bd]. Middle row: F. Stevens [Bn], J. Huelin [BI], E. Lowe [Bd], G. Byrd [Bn],
D. Jarrett [Pn], C. McDonagh [Pn]. Front row: A. West [A], M. Douglas [Bn], E. Young [Bd], S. Purewal [Pn], L. Durandt [Hg].

game against Dulwich in the quarter-final was a farce as we handed them the game after a dispute about the way ahead after rain had totally ruined any chance of continuing the match. It was a great pity for the boys as they deserved better.

It just remains for me to say that in a summer in which it rained more than it didn't, Peter Lewington consistently prepared immaculate surfaces to play cricket on. He is a fine groundsman and cricket coach. His advice in the nets

is second to none. It was a pleasure working with Richard Halsall. He has brought a new approach to coaching to Wellington and it works well. Cricket is looking forward as a result of his input; indeed tours to Sri Lanka, The Middle East and an Academy course in India all in the very near future, will see a huge interest in the game at Wellington. Surely an exciting time awaits the boys and staff alike.
Charles Oliphant-Callum ■

— COLLEGE CRICKET —

The summer of 2007 was the wettest of the century. At Worcesterhire's New Road County ground there was no play for two months. The achievement of Bryan Evans and Peter Lewington, whose work on Wellington's grounds allowed more play during the school season than on many other grounds in the country, deserves special commendation yet again. Visitors from Port Elizabeth, understandably frustrated having watched rain fall for the first three days of a tour to England, wondered whether it would be possible to play using just one end of the pitch (the one without a river running through the bowlers' run up), but eventually settled for a wet barbecue. Discussions over playing conditions for the quarter final of a 20-over competition became almost as controversial as the telegrams travelling between St John's Wood and Melbourne in 1932, and the Old Wellingtonians beat the Charterhouse Friars in the quarter-final of the Cricketer Cup in a "bowl out" on the artificial nets in front of the Apsley. (The OWs won 2-0; the wicketkeeper was responsible for the 2.)

The summer started promisingly, with a warm April allowing all matches to go ahead versus Bradfield and Marlborough on the first two Saturdays of term, then against Eton on the Thursday before the College travelled up to St Paul's Cathedral. After that the Harrow fixture was abandoned at lunch for the 1st XI and cancelled altogether for the rest, Radley were so confident of rain in Crowthorne that they decided not to travel, while matches in Abingdon were abandoned at 3.00 p.m., and the OW and Charterhouse games were disrupted. The 1st XI travelled to Manchester for a short northern tour at the start of the holidays, and watched rain fall for three days. The Junior Colts' festival at Clifton was abandoned before anyone left home. However, the first two rugby matches of Michaelmas 2007 were played in bright sunshine on hard ground!

The Colts continued their impressive improvement of the last two seasons. They did not win a game as Yearlings, won just one as Junior Colts, but were successful in four of seven this season. Three of these winning matches went to the final ball of the allotted overs. Despite GCSE exams all 22 members of the top two teams regularly practised and their enthusiasm certainly made a difference in the tight games. **Peter Carmody [M]** again dominated as the leading cricketer in the side; he scored several 50s, took 5 wickets in an innings on two occasions, and finished the season in the 1st XI.

The Junior Colts learned a lot about turning ability with bat or ball into an innings or a spell, and then directing individual contributions towards the team's performance. Charlie Pickard (BI) showed maturity as a captain, and James Rendell (S) applied himself encouragingly when batting.

The Yearlings were the most successful age group in the school, with both the 1st and 2nd teams winning six out of six completed school matches. Yearlings I also reached the final of the Lord's Taverners under 14 Berkshire Cup. Frustratingly the weather forced the match to be rescheduled three times, and perhaps this worked to Wellington's disadvantage as Bradfield reversed the result of their earlier meeting in the term. Captain **William Leith [S]** was the most impressive player, scoring 292 runs at an average of 36.5 and taking 21 wickets with left arm spin at 16.7.

Though the season of 2007 contained frustration and some disappointment, prospects for the future look promising, with talented young cricketers in the school, more focused winter training and an exciting programme of future tours for various age groups. With more and earlier exams dominating the summer term, and the prospect of a "global warming", perhaps it will not be long before more school cricket is played overseas in the winter than in the summer term... but not yet. *Charles Oliphant-Callum* ■

ATHLETICS

The Inter-House competition got under way in excellent weather with the Seniors first up. Following a series of close finishes in both field and track, the top four positions were: **1st Lynedoch—113 points. 2nd Hill—110 points. 3rd Benson 101 points. 4th Murray 100 points.**

The Homfray Davies Shield was held at Bracknell AC with competition coming from Epsom, Eton, Marlborough, Stowe and, for the first time, Brighton College. Even without a Junior team Wellington finished a creditable 5th overall, beating Stowe in the Inters, and Marlborough, Stowe and Brighton in the Seniors. Considering the bulk of our senior squad came from the LVI this was an excellent result that set the standard for the rest of the season. Epsom were again the runaway winners. This gratifying start to the season contained a number of excellent individual performances with a special mention for 4 personal bests for **Gbade Adewole [BI]**.

Wellington fielded, for the first time, a junior girl's team in a 6-schools match at Marlborough on the same weekend as the H-D match. With the girls 'multi-eventing' it was encouraging for them to finish only half a point behind Marlborough in 5th place and beat Lord Wandsworth with **Mollie Gray [O]** winning the Discus, **Elizabeth Mallet [O]** the Shot and **Abby Dorling [O]** the High Jump.

The Junior Inter-House competition took place on 1st May with the Hill winning by over 20 points. This meant they won the overall Inter-House trophy with the Blücher in 2nd place.

It was probably at this stage of the season that the professional coaches employed by college earlier in the season began to really influence the way the athletes both prepared for and focused on each of their events given the series of results that followed.

WCAC took part in the Lord Burghley meeting at Eton on 12th May. Wellington athletes achieved 37 personal bests on the day in beating Radley, RGS Guildford and Pangbourne overall as well as St Paul's in the senior competition—again despite not fielding a junior team! With a very strong Tonbridge side winning overall, Wellington were not outshone in both Intermediate and Senior events. **Gbade Adewole [BI]** won the U-17 Long jump, finished 2nd in the 100m and 3rd in the 200m and in the U-20 events Wellington never finished lower than 3rd in

the 'A' string track events. The 'B' string athletes—notably **Nick Snow [HI]** and **Tristan Garton [Bn]** did so well in their events that they made the 'A' string for all following matches.

Wellington held the 'Dukes Trophy' on the 19th May—possibly the first inter-school triathlon amongst English public schools with Bedford, Stowe, Eastbourne College, Cranleigh, St Catherine's, Bradfield, Eton, Brighton, St Alban's and Highgate entering teams. Wellington entered boy's teams in the U-17 and U-20 yeargroups and a girl's team at U-15. With many of our athletes never having completed a swim, mountain bike and a run of not less than 1500m it was encouraging to see the girls finish second to St Catherine's with **Lizzie Robinson [O]** finishing 3rd overall. Having supported the girls to their excellent result both boys' teams completed the course with the Intermediates finishing 3rd team (**Ollie Marjot [S]** 3rd overall) and the Seniors 2nd with **Tom Gibson [L]** being cheered all the way home in 1st place overall. All of the competitors said it was a tough day but wanted more of these events to compete in.

Following the cancellation of the Radley match 12 Wellington College athletes were selected to represent Wokingham and District in the Berkshire Schools Championship with **Abby Dorling [O]** winning the U-15 High Jump, breaking the College record she had set earlier in the term with a 1.52m jump and consequently being selected to represent Berkshire at the National Championships where she finished a very creditable 5th overall.

The match at Charterhouse followed with St Paul's entering a team in this U-16/U-19 event. Wellington athletes proved unstoppable on the day—23 personal bests, a series of 1st/2nd places by the seniors coupled with excellent all round performances by the Intermediates lead to an overall win. **Alex Lee [Hn]** won both the senior 100m and 200m, **Tom Gibson [L]** the 1500m and was 2nd in the 800m and the High Jump, **Andrew Whiteley [Bd]** won the High Jump and the team also won both relays. In the inters, **Gbade Adewole [BI]** was in excellent form winning both the 200m and 400m, the Long Jump and finishing 2nd to the nationals' winner in the 100m—he then led the Inters to first place in the 4x100m relay. Much of the overall result was actually down to the supporting cast in **Marc MacMillan [HI]**, **Ollie Marjot**, **Nick Snow**,



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Fred Ide [L] and **Hamish Fletcher [C]** who won the Javelin as well as finishing 3rd in both Discus and Shot.

The last event of the term was a co-educational 6-Schools match at Marlborough, with Wellington entering girls at U-15 and boys at U-17 and U-20 against teams from Madgelen College, Bryanston, Clifton, St Edward's and Bradfield. Incredibly our team of just 9 girls finished 3rd overall just 6.5 points behind overall winner Bryanston with every single one setting personal bests (and College records) in every event bar one—**Maddi Henri [O]** taking an amazing 47s off the 1500m record! With **Bizzie Mallet [O]** winning the 100m and finishing 2nd in the Shot, **Abby Dorling [O]** 1st in the High Jump and the rest of the girls doing well in other events this was a fantastic end of season result for them and their coaches. The U-17 boys won overall, beating a strong Clifton side into 2nd place with **Gbade Adewole [BI]** winning both 100m and 200m, **Hamish Fletcher** the Discus in a personal best of 32.07m. Much can be said for the spirit of our athletes when **Alex Lukic [L]** arrived late at the match following a College swimming event to anchor the 4x400m relay to 1st place. The Seniors, with many 'stars' missing because of public exams, also finished 1st overall and this bodes well for next year with many of the team here for another

year. There were excellent performances on the day from **Robert Stevens [BI]** in 110m hurdles, **Jack Hoadley [BI]** in the 100m, **Nick Snow [HI]** in 3 separate events. The day (and season) ended with the senior 4x100m relay squad almost breaking the college record in 44.3s—0.1s off a very strong record.

My thanks go to the many members of Common Room who helped out with athletics this term. As a result of their efforts 9 athletes were awarded major colours and the University of North Carolina will gain possibly one of our best ever all-rounder in **Alex Lee [Hn]** later this year. Many of this year's team will be at College next year and this should provide us with a strong squad for the future. **Eddy Heddon** ■

ATHLETICS			
WELLINGTON VS CHARTERHOUSE & ST PAUL'S			
	U-16	U-19	OVERALL
CHARTERHOUSE . . .	20	6	14
ST PAUL'S	16	8	8
WELLINGTON	11	0	11

BADMINTON

Wellington Badminton had another mixed season in 2006/2007. There was a very high turnout to practices and a good level of participation overall. The team was ably led by **Stanley Ho [M]** who proved to be a supportive and skilled Captain. We played our usual round of games against the major public schools with victories against the Oratory and Marlborough, but with a weakened side because of defections to football we lost against Eton and Harrow. Two real highlights of the season were the tournaments we played against Wellington College Sports and Social Club. We won the first tournament quite convincingly but we were annihilated in the second. It was excellent to see so many OWs turning out for these. We have three such

tournaments provisionally planned for next academic year to be held on 13th October, 19th January and 15th March. Any keen OW Badminton players should check for confirmation on the College website. Many particular thanks go to Alan Ridout for all his support and help in this; the enthusiasm generated by the tournaments was tremendous. This year's Inter-House Badminton was won by the Blücher in a magnificent competition involving over sixty boys. We say goodbye to some leading lights **Henry Lim [S]**, **Vincent Kwok [BI]** and **James Bristow [Hg]**. The latter is worthy of special mention as the most zealous and keen supporter of the game. Equally, our success this season has been ably abetted by our excellent coach Nikki Ramkrishna. *Paul Boscher* ■

BASKETBALL

For a few pupil's at Wellington, Lent term is Basketball season, and for the students playing in the 2006/2007 teams, this meant 10 weeks of gruelling games and practices. The Senior and Junior teams had an outstanding season, each game making the side stronger and street smarter.

Although the Senior team did not get off to the best of starts, dropping out of the pre-season tournament hosted at home, it was not long before the team began to pick up their game. With a few extra editions to the team; **Chris Dickens [S]**, **Olise Yadi [T]** and **Anise Kanoria [HI]**, and some of the 3rd Form stepping up, **James Field [Hn]** and **Ben Bowtell [Wn]**, the team started to find a spot for each player and set up some great plays. It was not long before the Captain for two years running, **Michael Xu [HI]**, lead the senior Wellington team to a victory against Winchester. As the year progressed the team kept on improving, with the help of our enthusiastic Guildford Heat coach. Although the seniors did not triumph in every match, they did play fair and commendable basketball. One of the many highlights in the season was the Old Wellingtonian match. After being such a close match last year they came back ready to prove they had more to give, with a top class selection of players, including ex-England basketballers. They unfortunately got ahead early and held the lead. Top performers for the seniors over the season where **Olise** "powerhouse" **Yadi** and **Daniel** "Big

Man" **Benzimra [S]**, both vitally important throughout the season as the centres, although Dan was out for most of the season due to an injury, **Anise Kanoria** and **Chris Dickens** provided the drive for the team as the forwards, **Charles Githinji [M]** and **James Koch [M]** making crucial shots as the shooting guards, and finally Captain **Michael Xu** and speedy **Summer Lu [L]** controlling and directing the seniors as the point guards.

The juniors, once again, had a mighty season. With the return of many key players and the new 3rd Form making their debut in Wellington basketball, the team took a surprisingly short time to get into the rhythm of the season. Certain highlights for the juniors was the Bradfield under 15's match, where the partnership of **Gbade Adewole [M]** and **Ben Bowtell** racked up 48 out of the 61 points scored, and the Under 16's match against Hailybury where every player scored more than 10 and Wellington was 6 points off 100. This junior side was one of the strongest Wellington had ever seen, constantly winning. Top players for the season are **James Field**, our big man centre averaging 9 points per game and grabbing countless rebounds and forcing them elsewhere; **Gbade Adewole** who was the untouchable and unstoppable shooting guard averaging 14 points per game and never let a ball pass him; **Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn]** and **Jamie Cowan [Bn]**, both new 3rd Formers, but essential players, made great starts to the season and showed that they controlled the pitch as

much as anybody else; and **Ben Bowtell** the point guard averaging 20 points per game and highest scorer with 36 points in one match.

Katherine Cho [Ap] was the reason and force in making girls' basketball what it is—in one year she was able to put together a team of 8, train them, get basketball kit for them, set up a match and inspire for many more things to come. Although the match against the female Common Room did not go in the girls' favour, it was a great match and good experience for all that played and watched, with potential showing in many of the players. We can

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

This has been a good year for Wellington clay shooting. We entered a few competitions and came in third by one point to Stowe at Oxford. Minor colours were awarded to **Tommy Hirst [C]** and **Henry Eaton [L]**. Two of the best shooters in the clays team are **Tommy Hirst [C]** (5th Form) and **Michael Claessens [Pn]** (3rd Form), who are showing the signs of becoming top-class shooters. The clays team has risen in popularity this year enabling us to bring two teams of

only hope this Basketball spirit continues into next year.

It was a successful and enjoyable season for Wellington Basketball, some earning half colours for their achievements. Most of the players are waiting for next season, while the UVith finished their final match and go on to do other non-basketball related things. However on behalf of all the Wellington basketball players, I would like to thank **Michael Xu** for his two great years of being Captain and all his effort towards the team, and a thank you to Coach Wilson who perseveres with making the team better and better. *David Wilson* ■

five to competitions instead of the usual one. At the end of this year we see **Henry Eaton [L]** stepping down as the captain of the team; he showed great dedication to the team and helped bring about its rise in popularity. In 2008 **Ross McGregor [BI]** and **Arthur Kaminski [Hg]** will be taking the places of Captain and Vice-captain respectively. Others who have shot in the first team this year are **Hugo Eaton [L]** and **Freddy Stevens [Bn]**. *Ross McGregor* ■

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross Country this year was the best since I have been at the college. After a training week in Lanzarote. We won 4 out of the six meetings we entered over the term and managed to gain 7 invitations to the National Championships in Leeds to which 4 of us went. Our squad had strength in depth this year meaning that places in the A Squad were always fiercely competitive, with 7 Seniors all capable of finishing well in competitions. Led by club captain and Kingsleys' winner **Jack Spencer [C]** we had the most successful season I think the sport has had for a long time.

Our best result of the season was actually not one of the victories but 7th place out of 40 schools in the Knole Run at Sevenoaks, and that was without current club captain **Ben Gateley [L]**. This result set the standard for being crowned the best in Berkshire and winning the Wellington Relays, Harrow Inter Schools (gaining the only overall first of the season in **Tom Gibson [L]**) and the Charterhouse Cup which they declined to give to us on

the day because of a scoring error: I think they just didn't like losing such a nice trophy because we still haven't got it!

That leads me nicely on to the Kingsleys which **Jack Spencer [C]** won by 2 seconds from **Ollie Marjot [S]**



The Kingsleys

after a slight directional error coming up to the lake. I have to say I missed the entrance as well and came 4th. Oli was only in the 3rd Form then so he has two more years of

— FENCING —

It wasn't a great year, in fact we didn't win a single match. That said we had a lot of fun and there were some great moments. **Alastair Gillespie [HI]** defeated Bradfield's top England fencer Ben Peggs in our last match with them, and **Tommy Hirst [C]** put in some sterling performances. 3rd Formers **Guy Bishop [BI]** and **Will Johnson [T]** came on very well over the year, indeed Will fenced formidably at the Public School Championships back in March. **Charles Bailey [Hn]** has

victory ahead of him unless someone can bridge the gap. We won almost everything and we are only without one team member over the summer. Bring on 2008. **Chris Ewart** ■

also fought well on several occasions. He never gives up.

This was our last year with veteran coach Professor Peter Whiteside, who is retiring to Cyprus. Much gratitude is due to him for his work with us over the years. Hermann de Preez has, as always, been a brilliant coach, and the boys have really enjoyed their sessions with him. We start the year with a new coach, Stephen Davey, who, like Hermann has studied in Budapest. We are very lucky to have them both. **Jim Price** ■

— FOOTBALL —

The 2007 season was one of the most successful in recent years. The first and most important thing to record here is that **Joe Chapman [Bn]** scored the first hat-trick for the 1st XI in Wellington's history: he scored three goals in a 4-1 win away against Radley on Saturday 10th March. No-one at the time realised that this was such an important landmark.

Despite the fact that the 1st XI only won three of their matches, it was one of their best seasons in quite a few years. They beat Tonbridge on 3rd February. This was a huge scalp for Wellington and probably gave them confidence for the remaining fixtures. Tonbridge have traditionally proved far too strong for Wellington's 1st XI but this year Wellington triumphed in a game they deserved to win, even though their edge was probably more physical than artistic.

The 1st XI went on to beat Radley comfortably and they beat Epsom edgily on the last day of the season, with a cool headed **Ilkin Garibli [BI]** converting a penalty in the last minute of the game. It is probably fair to say that if the team could have played the fixtures over again, they would have won one or two more; although Haileybury and Harrow would probably have been beyond their reach.

The team was ably captained by **Duncan Smith [Pn]**. He tended to lead by example rather than by vocal stimulus. His work on a number of occasions was exceptional, covering acres of ground in defence, midfield and forward positions. Many of the Sixth Form had

excellent seasons. **Joe Chapman** was powerful and dangerous up front and **Ilkin Garibli** was always a tricky menace in midfield. The opposition always seemed to pick out Ilkin as our outstanding player. **James Griffin [Bn]** and **Max Miles [Pn]** were strong in defence. Max's pace and James's ever improving heading ability were significant factors in our winning matches. **Ed Yarnnton [M]** was a model of strength and determination at left fullback: he often made up the difference between losing and winning. **Rory O'Keefe [M]** was tireless and skilful and it needs to be recorded that **Bryn Davies [BI]** was in goal on every occasion when we won.

There were a number of distinguished new comers in the side from the Lower Sixth. Notable among these were **Rob Stevens [BI]** and **Gus McClean [Hg]**. Gus is the new captain of the side for the 2008 season.

The match against the Corinthian Casuals was probably Wellington's least successful outing: they lost 5-1 in a slightly mismatched and bad tempered game. The most disappointing match was against the Oratory which Wellington narrowly lost 4-3, so the Wellington-Oratory Boot stays at Oratory for another year.

The Colts 1st XI had a number of significant wins and draws and it looks as if there will be a number of excellent players coming up to join the Wellington 1st XI next season. It is probably fair to say that the Junior Colts 1st XI were not as successful as in previous years, although they also had a fine win 2-1 against Tonbridge. **James Breen** ■



2006 1st XI Football: back row, left to right: D. Smith [L], R. Smith-Bernal [BI], J. Chapman [Bn].
Middle row: J. Reston [Bd], S. Mooney [Hn], T. Cooper-Smith [T], I. Garibli [BI], B. Pratt [A], I. Kalra [L].
Front row: A. Mills [T], D. Cervino [Pn], C. Barnes [M], E. Lewis-Pratt [Hn], J. Noble [C].



2007 1st XI Football: back row, left to right: R. Stevens [BI], A. McClean [Hg].
Middle row: J.J. Breen [CR], M. Miles [Pn], J. Griffin [Bn], E. Yarnnton [M], R. O'Keefe [M], O. Silver [Bd].
Front row: B. Davies [BI], I. Garibli [BI], D. Smith [Pn], J. Chapman [Bn], S. Shires [BI].



— GOLF —

September 2006 saw the 5th anniversary of the opening of the course at Wellington, and conditions were excellent throughout the year. Rob Collins deserves great credit for the way he has allowed the course to establish so well.

A very young team, with only one Upper Sixth former, showed plenty of ability and potential throughout the year, although they were ultimately not able to win any of the major competitions. The week preceding the Gerald Micklem Trophy at Woking brought unseasonably early spring sunshine. A comfortable win over Charterhouse in the first round was impressive. **Matthew Faldo [Hn]** off top, led well by beating his opposing number, the much fancied Ryan McKinnia, and the rest of the team also played some encouraging golf. The semi-final was against Eton, and things looked promising early on. However, the tricky greens proved more accommodating to the putting of the Eton boys, and we ended up losing narrowly 3-2. In the HMC Foursomes, we lost 2-1 to a strong team from King's Canterbury, but the experience of travelling to Deal will hopefully have inspired a few of the team to represent the OWGS in the Halford Hewitt.

The friendly matches were a different story, with teams struggling to beat us at every level. Especially impressive were the performances of the U14 team in beating the U16 teams from Bradfield, Radley and Marlborough.

Matthew Faldo was also selected to represent the Swifts on their biannual tour of the U.S.A. He enjoyed the experience immensely, playing some of the best courses in the world and making new friendships at each stop. He acquitted himself superbly, and as an ambassador for both school and country he was most impressive. He finished at number 5 in the rankings, but tellingly he was also the first member of the team to volunteer to make the end of tour speech at the imposing Links Club in Manhattan.

Jason Brant, the Professional at East Berkshire GC, has once again been a source of endless encouragement, inspiration and expertise to Wellington golfers. He is beginning to get the sort of recognition he deserves in the national golfing press, but he is still very keen to teach. We remain enormously grateful to the OWGS for helping to pay for this tuition.

The Housemaster of the Benson, Iain Henderson, won

the President's Putter for the second time in three years. After eight rounds in four days at Rye, Iain defeated Tom Etridge 2 and 1 in a competition that was marked by atrocious weather conditions. Both the *The Times* and *Daily Telegraph* commented on the near professional quality of Henderson's game. Iain replied to the implied question by saying "I was inspired to teach by my teachers at school, my headmaster says that the capacity to inspire is the most important attitude for any teacher, that is why it is important to win the Putter".

OWs will be pleased to hear that much is being done to encourage the next generation of golfers. With the help of the Duke of York's Sport Foundation Advisory Board, two scholarships have been awarded. As his Royal Highness said "It is vital that we encourage young sportsmen and women to achieve academic excellence as well as sporting excellence." *Iain Henderson* ■

GOLF

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

ALLOM TROPHY (SCRATCH):
JAMES BARON [C] (71)

EASTON TANKARD (HANDICAP):
JAMES BARON [C] (45)

INTER-HOUSE:

THE MURRAY (JAMES KOCH & CHARLES GITHINJI)

TEAM:

**M.A. FALDO [HN] (CAPT),
F. J. EDMUNDS [L], E. REYES [S], J KOCH [M],
C. GITHINJI [M], O.B. FOWLER [BN],
J. MANN [BL], J. TUCKWELL [BL],
G.P. BYRD [BN], B.R. EBBETS [BN],
J. BARON [C], J. BHABRA [M],
S. PUREWAL [PN], W. LEITH [S],
D. DOUGALL [BL]**

— POLO —



The year got off to its usual hectic start with the College Carnival. This year the polo club borrowed South Front and Robert Burke brought in a couple of his horses for the pupils to try their

polo skills before signing up. This was a huge success, especially with the new girls arriving in College. Numbers signing up for polo went through the roof, I had over 50 players on the books at one point!

Meanwhile we decided to increase the level of support for polo by re-developing Copenhagen stable yard, which after years of neglect had fallen into disrepair. This would enable keen players to bring in their own horses into College. We secured the use of a decent sized field, which would be perfect for stick and ball practices and were offered the use of Farm Field for some home matches. We have also been given land for additional paddocks and areas of the forest in which to create cross-country courses for our eventers.

A presentation explaining the development plans was given at the start of the Polo Dinner in December. This was a well attended event, with many notable Old Wellingtonians present as well as parents of current players and some of the players themselves. Mr Charles Betz, chairman of the Schools and Universities Polo Association, was our guest and he gave a very entertaining and encouraging speech after the meal.

After Christmas the intensity of the training increased as we aimed for success in some of the National Tournaments. Our girls A team (**Clemmie Baxter [Ap]**, **Robyn Stoddart [Ap]**, **Liv Mallach [Ap]**) competed in the U.K. IWPA Women's Arena Nationals at Ascot Park in February and came 6th overall, with **Liv Mallach** scooping an award for 'Most Valuable Player'. The same team came 8th in the First Division of the National Girls' Schools Arena tournament at Longdole, but for some very bad luck they would have been in the top 4 or 5. In the National

School Intermediate Area tournament our Intermediate A team, **Xan Bryant [HI]**, **Oli Botes [HI]**, **Luke Walsh [BI]** looked like they could win this tournament, but a lack of concentration against the eventual winners cost them this chance and they ended up a creditable 4th in the First Division. Our Intermediate B team **Harry Titherly [A]**, **Will Gault [HI]**, **Harry Rosen [HI]** played well and came 3rd in the Second Division. Our main A team **Joey Beh [M]**, **James Carr [HI]**, **Hugo Davis [A]** were confident of success in the Senior Schools Arena tournament. They made it through to the semi-finals comfortably but again a lapse of concentration at the wrong moment allowed Sherborne to score a quick breakaway goal just before the final whistle. This left us placed 4th overall.

Into the Summer term and (much to the players delight) back onto grass. At the start of this term we also had the welcome arrival of a precocious young talent called **Andreas Papoyans [L]** into the 3rd form. Andreas had already played for Young Dubai against Young England and so would make a welcome addition to the Wellington College polo fraternity. Training took place at Ascot Park and having seen the competitors at first hand during the arena season our first team, again, were confident of success in the National tournament at the end of term. However, before that, we had the Girls' tournament at Millfield to look forward to. Our team, **Liv Mallach**, **Clemmie Baxter**, **Robyn Stoddart**, played well above expectations, reaching the semi-finals and



coming 4th overall. Unfortunately public examinations took its toll on the Intermediate teams and we were only able to field 1 team for the National Intermediate tournament. However, spirits were high and the 4 players **Andreas Papoyans**, **Harry Titherley**, **Harry Rosen**, **Luke Walsh** had great fun. Next were the Under 16s **Andreas Papoyans**, **Luke Walsh**, **Harry Rosen**, **Oli Botes** in the National U16s tournament. With Andreas leading the way we made it through to the final fairly comfortably, to meet a decent Marlborough side. After a tough match in which we had the upper hand but were unable to convert pressure into goals, the final score ended as 1-1. According to SUPA rules we had to do a rundown to supply a winner and unfortunately a moment of miss-communication at the hit-off gave Marlborough a 20 yard lead which we were unable to overcome, leaving us with 2nd place. One ray of sunshine on that day was the fact that **Andreas Papoyans** was declared Player of the Tournament. Congratulations to him. Our Senior team **Joey Beh**, **James Carr**, **Hugo Davis**, **Xan Bryant** were training hard in order to make an assault on the

National Senior Schools tournament, and were looking in very strong form, a very comfortable win over Sherborne as a warm up was proof of this.

The future? **Andreas Papoyans** will be playing for Young England or Young Dubai this Summer and we will be joined by **Hugo Singh [Wn]**, another precocious talent. We will also be joined by several girls who play for various Pony Club teams, so the future of polo at Wellington looks strong. In terms of the Stable Development, work is due to begin in October when the yard is being rebuilt from the ground up and many new stables are being built. We will be allowing pupils to bring in their own horses from Lent 2008 and hope to offer on-site lessons in the Summer term. We are also branching more seriously into other equestrian sports and we will have a number of National level competitors in Dressage and Eventing coming into the College. We have areas put aside where we will be establishing Dressage and Show Jumping arenas and Cross Country courses. The future of Polo, and all equestrian sport, is strong here at Wellington College. *John Gale* ■

— RACKETS —

Four seniors represented the College in various combinations over the course of the school season: the captain **Ed Young [Bd]**, **Varun Sarna [Hg]**, **Luc Durandt [Hg]** and **Freddie Bowring [Bd]**. As results prove, they formed strong Second Pairs, but found things tougher against other First Pairs. Reflecting this, Wellington had no Foster Cup player at Queen's in December, but three seeds in the Renny Cup: **Sarna** (2), **Young** (4) and **Durandt** (7). **Sarna** reached the last 16, **Durandt** the quarter finals, both losing to Galbraith of Harrow. **Ed Young** paced his long campaign steadily, his toughest game was his semi-final against 8th seed Briance from Eton. **Young** survived a match-point before winning 17-14 in the fifth. After a slightly anxious start he won the final 3-1 in an assured performance against Rugbeian Offord, winning some back wall dominated rallies when he showed the ability to control the ball to a perfect length, with some particularly well-timed volleys and accurately judged singles angles.

The Lent Term began with the added interest of the Professional Singles' Championships, held at Wellington for the first time since 1982 and generously sponsored by

OWs Peter Mallinson [Pn], Geoffrey Hamilton-Fairley [Pn], William Maltby [Bn] and Sir David Scholey [Bn]. Twenty-five years ago the winner was Wellington's professional of the time, Shannon Hazell. In 2007 Noel Brett, our current professional, was drawn against the holder and short-priced favourite Mark Hubbard from Radley. Noel was well supported by his players as he took the first game from Hubbard, but was unable to force a shock result. Until the final this was the only game lost by the eventual champion.

In the school season the focus now turned towards doubles, and **Varun Sarna** became **Ed Young's** partner at First Pair. **Freddie Bowring** and **Luc Durandt** won the majority of matches at Second pair, where **Luc Durandt's** powerful hitting proved too much for most opponents. Unfortunately cricketing commitments in South Africa made him unavailable to play at Queen's in March. **Ed Young** and **Varun Sarna** beat a very competitive Haileybury pair 4-3 in the first round of the Public Schools' Championship, but were outplayed by 4th seeded Rugby in the quarter-final. Wellington's most successful pair were the Junior Colts, made up of **Charlie Pickard [BI]** and **Nick Hopcroft [Bd]**, a Yearling who

had emerged as a very exciting prospect over the course of the season. They beat 3rd seeds Tonbridge in the first round, Clifton in the second, Winchester II in the quarter final and then faced 2nd seeds Cheltenham in the semi-final. Having beaten this same pair 3-0 away at Cheltenham just two weeks earlier they went into this match with some confidence, only to find themselves 0-2 down fairly quickly. They managed to win the next two to level the match and then in a tense final game reached 13-13. With one Cheltenham hand out they made a brave call of a set to 3, won the next point, and took the game 16-13 to win the match 3-2. Winchester proved too strong in the final the next day, but this had been an impressive performance, **Nick Hopcroft** showing a great deal of promise, and **Charlie Pickard** carrying out an exemplary second string's role, also showing strength of character and good match sense. With several promising Yearlings alongside **Nick Hopcroft**, and the return of **Luc Durandt**, **Varun Sarna** and **Freddie Bowring** as seniors next year, the prospects for 2007/2008 look bright. *C.M. Oliphant-Callum* ■

RACKETS			
SCHOOL MATCHES			
	PLAYED	WON	LOST
1ST PAIR	20	6	14
2ND PAIR	16	8	8
COLTS	11	0	11
JUNIOR COLTS	17	5	12
YEARLINGS	10	8	2

COLLEGE SINGLES' CUP—GRIFFITH-JONES TROPHY
E.G.C. YOUNG [BD] BEAT V. SARNA [HG]

COLTS' CUP
C. PICKARD [BL]

JUNIOR COLTS' CUP
N. HOPCROFT [BD]

YEARLINGS—BRIDGEMAN CUP
N. HOPCROFT [BD]

TROPHIES AT QUEEN'S: RENNY CUP
E.G.C. YOUNG [BD]

— SAILING —

An influx of talent at 3rd Form level has made this an exciting term for the Sailing Team. Competition for team places has been intense and this has resulted in excellent practice sessions as well as matches. The season started with a training session with National RYA coach Alex Cherry who gave invaluable advice and put a large squad of 20 sailors through some useful drills. We are grateful to the OW Sailing Association for funding this session. It gave everybody targets and set the tone for the season's training.

Captain this year has been **James Robinson [T]**. Although still only in the LV1th, James has been mature beyond his years in his sportsmanship, leadership and encouragement of the younger sailors. Our most experienced helm is **Charlie Esse [Pn]**. Although only in the Fourth Form, Charlie is a seasoned campaigner in the National Optimist and Feva squads, representing Great Britain in the European Championships and at Lake Garda. (**Sophie Williams [O]** has crewed for part of his campaign). Fiercely competitive, Charlie has also contributed much to the development of skills and race mentality in the squad. Both of these sailors have been awarded half colours for

their achievements this year. Our next most senior team member, **Chris Fraser [M]**, has spent much time crewing for Charlie and our third helm **Harry Martin [HI]** would win any progress award. The potential of the team can be seen in the fact that the other regular crews: **Lloyd Watters [S]** and **Beau Wyatt [T]** are also in the 3rd Form. Other sailors who have sailed for the First Team are **Phoebe Paskin-Orr [Ap]**, **Duncan Bell [Hn]**, **Matthew Dickenson [M]** and **James Nicholls [Bd]**.

The focus of the fixture list these days is on BSDRA Regattas where a whole day event allows competition against a number of other schools.

An encouraging start to the season at the South East Regatta (Bough Beech) saw us come 8th overall out of 18 teams. We started tentatively with losses to Charterhouse, the holders, and two Sevenoaks teams, one of which won the event. Wellington then beat Tonbridge, and also King's Canterbury 2, qualifying for the Silver Fleet. In the second round of racing, we beat Norwich and Eton and then lost the last race to King's Canterbury 1.

Sailing conditions at Farmoor Reservoir for the Midlands Regatta were tricky, in the first round, Wellington

beat Magdalen College School 2 and Uppingham but lost to Tonbridge and Eton, the latter involving a controversial jury decision. Having progressed to the Silver Fleet, Wellington crept round the course, altered massively because the wind had shifted 180 degrees, and beat Sedbergh before the racing was cancelled for the rest of the afternoon through lack of wind. Wellington were placed 2nd in the Silver Fleet, 8th overall out of 15 teams.

The Thames Valley regatta proved a more frustrating affair, nevertheless wins were recorded against City of London School and Aldenham as we finished 9th out of 12 teams.

At the Southern Regatta (Spinnaker) Wellington were placed 8th out of 14 teams losing to Radley, Magdalen College School (the eventual winners) and St Helens, but recording wins against Sherborne, Lancing and Clayesmore.

Individual matches have also been sailed against Winchester (won 3-0), Bradfield (lost 3-0), Eton (lost 2-1), Charterhouse (lost 3-0) and Radley (drew 1-1).

A highlight of the season is always the match against the O.W.S.A. and this year proved no exception. It's a friendly but competitive day which provides a yardstick for

College sailing. The match was tied 2-2, and in the last race, **Charlie Esse** just beat his father to the finish to win the match against very experienced opposition. It is the first time since 2004 that the College has won the Commodore's Plate, and only the third time in its 10 year history.

Because of the strength in depth, the inter-House Competition—the Barnard Cup—was particularly keenly contested with finalists having already fought their way through some highly competitive heats. **Jonathan Smith [HI]** and **Harry Martin** finished just ahead of teams from the Talbot and Picton; deserving winners on a day when high winds provided plenty of thrills and spills.

The future for sailing at Wellington looks exciting and this is in no small part due to the level of Staff involvement. Particular thanks to Matthew Oakman, who as Director of Sport has been most helpful as we find ways of integrating sailing into an all-year-round sporting programme. Special thanks to Anthony Esse (OW Pn) who has provided expertise and encouragement on numerous occasions and Ian Frayne who has shared the responsibility of coaching throughout the season and kept the boats and the Master i/c afloat throughout the year. *Graham Nurser* ■



SHOOTING

This report should have been included in last year's Yearbook; a printing error meant that it was not. It is with a mixture of regret and pleasure we include it now.

The Captaincy this year was awarded to **Christopher Redburn [Bd]**. Not only was he Captain of the British Cadet Rifle Team to tour Canada in August 2006, but he has also shot for England in the Small-bore team in the Schools International as well.

Wellington were victorious in their matches against Harrow, RGS Guildford, Charterhouse and Westminster in the Michaelmas Term. In the Common Room/College pairs competition the victorious pair on this occasion were **Amir Idris [HI]** and the Assistant Bursar Steve Blossie. In the Lent Term Wellington continued its winning ways with victories over RGS Guildford again, and Marlborough. However, we were less successful against Winchester where we lost by a mere 3 points.

In the Full-Bore, Wellington were the outright winners in the Public Schools' 1000 yard match with our Welsh International **Tom Ward [HI]** being the highest

scoring individual. In the Surrey Schools' Championships the College VIII won both the Bellhaven and the Drayson Trophies. The College team also won the 600 yard match at Bisley, with Richard Hebblewaite (OW) as the top scorer.

Fourteen members of the college shooting squad arrived at Bisley to shoot the four days of the Cadets and Schools Meeting. At the conclusion of shooting on the Monday, **Chris Redburn** had averages a 33.2 and **Angus Wilson [C]** had an average of 32.2. All the prospective members of the VIII had an average of over 30. This looked good. Their total score was 741.28v's. One really needs to be scoring 750 plus to have a chance of the Ashburton. At the close of shooting on Tuesday **Tom Ward** was leading the averages with a 99 and 5 v's. The VIII total for Tuesday was only 742, one point higher than yesterday but the v bull count had increased to 41. On Wednesday only **Naoya Koda [Hn]** had improved his scores. The Captain was maintaining his standard but all the others in the VIII were getting too many out of the bull and the team score this day was only 727 and 34 v's. This score would put us in about 25th place in the Ashburton or lower!

We were out bright and early on the point to set

up camp on Ashburton Day and to applaud the Scottish schools who traditionally march onto the common. **Edward Robertson [T]** was again asked to pipe them on to *Scotland the Brave*. This year he had some other pipers to keep him company. We were able to field a firer in the Reserve Match, 2 Cadet Pairs who also shot in the Cadet Fours and a full Ashburton VIII. **Hugh Hemsley [Bd]** shot a commendable 43 and 3 v's in the Reserve Match to put him in 5th position. The first Cadet Pair to shoot were **Edward Robertson** and **Alex Bryson [Hg]**. They finished in 25th place with a 161 and 4 v's. **Freddie Ward [HI]** and **Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hn]** were the second Cadet Pair and their total was 1 v bull higher and put them in 24th place out of 41 teams. One of these shooters was replaced by **James McGuire [A]** who made

up the Cadet Four. **Chris Redburn** and **Ben Ebbetts [Bn]** were the main coaches assigned to coach the Ashburton VIII and **Angus Wilson** also lent a hand. **James Bryson [S]** was our highest scorer at 300 yards with a 34 and 3 v's. **James Brind [Hg]** held his nerve at 600 yards with a cracking 34 and 5 v bulls. The total at this

stage had Wellington on the leader board in 3rd place at lunchtime. **Angus Wilson** was top shot at 500 yards with a 34 and 3 v's. A better reflection of our ability is shown in the Rutland Aggregate score of the whole Thursday in which we were in 5th place. We were also in 6th in the Cheltenham Cup which combines the Ashburton and Fours scores. These places show the breadth and depth more correctly. **Angus Wilson** was chosen to shoot the Spenser-Mellish Competition self coached at 500 yards in which his very respectable 45 and 1 v put him into 11th position.

The Captaincy was handed over to **Tom Ward** a worthy recipient of the Captain's badge. Hylton Adcroft was presented with an engraved silver salver to mark his retirement. Ed Reis (OW), Chairman of the O.W.R.C., also presented a trophy named The Hylton Adcroft Cup for presentation after the Ashburton to the Cadet 16 years and under who shoots the highest score on Ashburton Day. It was extremely pleasing to see so many OWs from the last 28 years who, although not shooting, came to celebrate the end of this particular era.

College were 6th in the Ashburton Shield, 4th in the Cheltenham Cup, 5th in the Kinder, 7th in the Cadet



Angus Wilson, Hylton Adcroft and Ed Reis with the Adcroft Cup

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Fours, 7th in the Garry, 3rd in the Lucas, 24th and 25th in the Cadet Pairs and 24th in the Spencer Mellish, 7th in the Garry Cup, 1st in the Eastern Wessex Cup, 11th in the Country Life and 6th in the Epsom Trophy. In the aggregate of all the main competitions, the Rutland, college were 8th.

THE MAIN NRA MEETING & HM QUEEN'S PRIZE

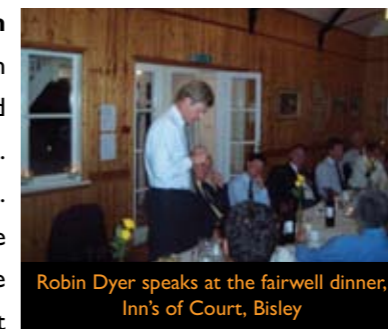
Ten Wellingtonians stayed on to shoot the NRA Main Meeting and HM The Queen's Prize. All did extremely well and most featured in prize lists again this year. In the 'Gary Jones' schools competition covering scores over the whole Grand Aggregate, the college team came 2nd to Epsom and ahead of Greshams and other top schools. In the 'Anstey' competition for schools teams in HM Queen's Prize, the college team came 3rd.

Chris Redburn was in the final of the Chairman's Prize, shot or coached the G.B. Cadet Team and is going to Canada with them in August. **Ben Ebbetts** coached the U.K. Cadet team in the Inter-Services Long Range Match and was in the final of the Chairman's Prize. He came 2nd in the Queen's Consolation. **Tom Ward** Captained England in the Schools 'National' Match. He was in the 2nd stage of HM Queen's Prize and shot

for Wales's adult team in the 'National' Match. **Angus Wilson** was in the Final of the Chairman's Prize. He was the top Cadet in the U.K. over all the Long Range matches (the Stickledown Aggregate) and coached the U.K. Cadet team in the Inter-Services Long Range Match.

The initiative to form the Wellington Shooting Association and register it as a CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) has proceeded. The NRA has agreed that the lease of the Inns of Court Clubhouse at Bisley can be re-assigned to the WSA and that this will provide a permanent home for Wellington Target Rifle shooters and the O.W.R.C. for many years to come. An appeal amongst shooters, parents and OWs raised a fund to 'kick-start' the Inns of Court project. Further funds are needed to improve the standard of accommodation and facilities. Contributions to the Wellington Shooting Association will be warmly welcomed.

This is my last shooting report and I want to thank all those colleagues, parents and OWs who have supported me in my quest to provide Wellingtonians with the opportunity to pursue this wonderful and important lifelong sport. *Hylton Adcroft* ■



Robin Dyer speaks at the fairwell dinner, Inns of Court, Bisley

This year's captain was **Tom Ward** supported by **Ben Ebbetts** as vice-captain. Both were selected for the Athelings and Tom shot for Wales in both the National (where he shot the top score) and the Mackinnon. Last year's Captain, Chris Redburn (OW) was made captain of the G.B. U19 team to South Africa following his successful trip to Canada with the Athelings where he was also captain. Next year's Captain, **Angus Wilson** was selected for the U.K. Cadets trip to the Channel Islands.

Nine shooters represented their countries in the BSSRA small-bore international in the lent term. **Tom Ward** and **Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI]** shot for Wales, **Ed Robertson** shot for the winning Scottish team and **Ben Ebbetts, Naoya Koda, James Bryson, Hugh Hemsley, Angus Wilson** and **James Brind** all shot for England.

In the Michaelmas and Lent terms we shot many shoulder to shoulder matches against other schools and beat Harrow, RGS Guildford, Charterhouse, Westminster and Winchester both home and away. We lost narrowly to Marlborough away but beat them at home. We lost by a handful of points against Epsom away at their very military range as well as losing a very close

match here at Wellington. We were second by two points in the Staniforth match but didn't shoot in the County Life small-bore competition due to a broken snap target system. We did well in the Under 14 league with **Harry Orpen-Smellie** winning the top individual two terms in a row. We shot in the Berkshire league and did well beating some strong adult teams. We also went to Chobham Rifle Club to shoot against one of the strongest junior teams in the country and lost narrowly both home and away.

Over the Easter weekend we shot in the big Bisley open meeting and the boys did well winning some of the tyro prizes. We built on this experience and shot in the Kent open as well as the Berkshire open and again several shooters won their class. The big team matches were the Berkshire Astor and the Purples (a county competition that we were invited to enter). This team experience made a huge difference when we started shooting the Cadet target rifle and beat Epsom, Oratory and Marlborough, among others, in the Surrey Schools match and again the next day in the South of England Cadet match at Ash ranges. Our team was depleted due to an international match the next week so we didn't do so well in the Sawyer cup. The

last match of the term was against the Old Wellingtonian team which had several international shots in but we were victorious due to some excellent wind coaching as well as excellent team drills.

A week before the Schools' Meeting we entered the Commonwealth Open at Bisley which seemed to have every top shooter in it. **Angus Wilson** won the Australia competition at 900 yards beating last years Queen's prize winner by one v bull (75.11). This was probably the most significant win by a schoolboy for many years and gave the team a real boost of confidence as everyone was talking about Wellington as the Schools' Meeting started.

The schools' meeting went well for the team and, although we only managed sixth place again in the Ashburton, we came second in the Country Life competition and the Four came third out of over fifty schools. Seven Cadets won Schools Hundred badges: **Tom Ward, James Bryson, Angus Wilson, Hugh Hemsley, Naoya Koda, James McGuire and Tommy Hirst**. The U16 Pair came sixth despite an unexplained miss so we have a strong squad for next year.



In the Lucas (Combined OW and College teams) we came third overall.

The most important competition of the year is the Imperial Meeting and we had fifteen boys shooting in this. It started on the wettest day of the year with the Cadet National where **Tom Ward** was shooting and **Ben Ebbetts** was wind coach. The match had to be abandoned after 300 yards as the range gradually became flooded. The main team matches were the Rex Goddard where again **Tom Ward** was shooting and **Ben Ebbetts** was wind coach and they beat the Canadians by over 15 points. In the Inter-Services Short range match **Hugh Hemsley**

was the Adjutant and **Tom Ward** shot with **Ben Ebbetts** wind coach and **Angus Wilson** was a reserve. They came second beating the Regular Army. In the major Cadet international, The AG Bell, **Angus Wilson** shot and **Ben Ebbetts** was the main wind coach. They beat both the Canadian and South African Cadets. The last big cadet team match was the Inter-Services Long range where **Hugh Hemsley** was Captain and also shot, **Tom Ward** shot with both **Angus**

African Cadets. The last big cadet team match was the Inter-Services Long range where **Hugh Hemsley** was Captain and also shot, **Tom Ward** shot with both **Angus**



Cadet National abandoned as range flooded

Wilson and Ben Ebbetts as wind coaches and **Andrew Maltby [S]** was the reserve.

Harry Orpen-Smellie was reserve for Essex in the Counties Short range match after having had a superb first meeting. **Angus Wilson** and **James Bryson** got through to the second stage of the St Georges competition (the top 300 go through to the second stage out of well over 1000 competitors) and **Angus Wilson** made it to the final (the top 100 go through to the final) coming 56th which changes his class to the second highest. **Tom Ward, Angus Wilson, James Bryson and Hugh Hemsley** got through in the new Chairman's Competition.

This year's success has a lot to do with the coaching we got from Mr Ian Shirra-Gibb who is in charge of 300m shooting nationally and is regarded as one of the top coaches in the world. We also had some help from Mr Mike Martell who is the captain of the Channel Islands team who won the European Championships (**Tom Ward** shot for Wales in that competition). In September Miss Jack (a Great Britain shot) will be joining the Common Room so the shooters will have the strongest coaching team of any school in the country. **Bruce Roth** ■



Angus Wilson [C]

— SQUASH —

At the end of a busy season it is good to see that the results for all teams are a significant improvement on last year. The arrival of **Nick Hopcroft [Bd]**, a Yearling, who played at 1st string for the College and did not lose a match all season, had a transformative effect on the senior squad and we were much more competitive with wins against Harrow, Sherborne and Winchester among others. Nick was runner up in the British Open at U15, won the U15 Welsh Open and was selected for the England U15 Team that won the European Championships.

The 1st V squad of **Nick Hopcroft, Tom Simkins [Bi]**, the captain, **Robert Allred [A]**, **Hugh James [Bn]**, **Daniel Veary [Hg]** and **Luc Durandt [Hg]**, is particularly exciting as all but one of them will be available to play next season. They will also be supported by some strong Colts and Junior Colts players.

SQUASH			
SCHOOL MATCHES			
	PLAYED	WON	LOST
1ST V	8	5	3
2ND V	7	0	7
JUNIOR COLTS V	10	6	4
YEARLINGS V	5	4	1
GIRLS V	4	2	2

SQUASH COLOURS AWARDED TO:	
T. SIMKINS	[BL]
R. ALLRED	[A]
D. VEARY	[HG]
H. JAMES	[BN]
L. DURANDT	[HG]
N. HOPCROFT	[BD]



Nick Hopcroft [Bd]

At Junior Colts and Yearlings levels there was a talented squad of individuals, and on the strength of this we entered the National Schools Under 15 Competition. We had a successful run, but were beaten by Lancing in the knockout stages. **Nick Hopcroft** at 1st string was strongly supported by **Max Fawcett [Bd]**, who also played for the 1st v, **Max Tulley [Bd]**, **Luke James**, **Oliver Barker [Hn]** and **Peter Davidge [Hn]** or **Charlie Pickard [B]**. It was also encouraging to see a strong group of Junior Colts players including **Tom Llewellyn [Bn]**, **Patrick Ware [L]**, **Tom Wood [Hn]**, **Miles Seavill [H]**, **Charles Smith [L]** who were always on hand to fulfil fixtures when the 1st string players we called for other duties.

My thanks go to Steve Meads for his expertise and enthusiasm; Wellington is lucky to have secured the services of such a talented coach, and to Mike Fielder who helped to organise the successful Girls' Team, who managed to beat Charterhouse and St Edward's this year. I am pleased to be handed Squash on to Brynn Bayman in such good shape and I will watch with interest as it develops over the years ahead. *Chris Hutchinson* ■

— SWIMMING —

The Wellington College Swimming squad is in very fine health. We managed to retain the services of our excellent and committed coach, Lesley Bromige for another year. This makes a considerable difference to the honing of skills and the building up of stamina amongst the squad. Some weeks we are greatly depleted through Rugby or Hockey commitments, but there are always a gallant few who plough up and down the pool, practice their turns or their racing dives.

Our captain this year has been **Tim Frayne [Hn]**, and I would like to extend my thanks to him here for his dedication to pulling the team together.

In our first fixture of the season against Epsom we had a decisive win in two age groups and a loss in the seniors. We managed to win by a short margin. Against Lord Wandsworth College, we had convincing wins against all age groups in the boys matches and lost the girls' events.

Eton is always a tough fixture: here is a school team which trains every morning and most afternoons. Nevertheless we gave them a good swim for their mon-

ey. Our very promising Junior squad swam well and were only beaten by two points. Our Intermediate squad swept the board (a feature of the season as a whole), but our Senior squad was decisively beaten. The final score was Eton 124 to Wellington's 116—a very close run thing. We beat Winchester convincingly, but were likewise convincingly beaten by Harrow. We beat Cranleigh in Junior and Intermediate groups, but were trounced in the Senior section, losing overall by 3 points.

It has been a very satisfying season. We have some very handy swimmers coming up through the ranks. In our Juniors special mention must go to **Jake Presley [L]** who was tremendous in Breaststroke and Individual Medley; **Adam Wilkie [Bn]** and **Yevgeny Shuvalov [T]** too had a promising season. The Intermediates were the stars of our Squad and brightest amongst these were **Charlie Maughan [M]** and **Alex Lukic [Hn]**, who was unbeaten throughout the season. We thank our Seniors who are leaving and wish them well as they move on to other waters. *Andrew Richards* ■



H. James [Bn], T. Simkins [B], I. Garibli [B], T. Chitty [T], B. Warren [Hg], B. Blossie [Hn]

— TENNIS —

Tennis is no longer a summer sport at Wellington. For most of last year we managed to keep an elite squad training throughout the winter. To this end, we were fortunate to make use of the Royal Berkshire indoor arena and the professional coaching of Gary Drake and Chris Hearn. We also managed for the first time in living memory, to take a select group of tennis players on a pre season tour to La Manga, Spain over the last part of the Easter break. The tour was, largely, made possible by the generosity of the Simkins family. As can be imagined, the opportunity to build up a head of steam for the tennis season was greatly appreciated. Although only a small touring group under the leadership of **Bradley Warren [Hg]**, the commitment and dedication from the boys was most impressive and all had an excellent time.

As for the Tennis season, the results were once again most encouraging. Wellington managed to win the RHWM Public School Competition yet again in both the Colts and Junior Colts age groups. The Seniors and the Yearlings were

not as successful. Interestingly, this routine was repeated throughout much of the term. There was hardly a match that the Colts or the Junior Colts lost all season raking up good wins against Charterhouse, Harrow, Marlborough. Perhaps the most disappointing news was that those seniors involved in the winter training and pre-season tour could not translate their noble efforts into wins.

A new fixture was also initiated against Dulwich College and the first team narrowly lost 4-5. Once again it was the junior colts who managed to ensure an impressive win. It was, therefore, fitting that the numerous wins in the Colts and Junior Colts were partly attributed to the dedication and coaching of Mr C. J. Hutchinson who brought his illustrious coaching career at Wellington to an end by taking on a post as Headmaster in Newcastle. We wish him well and extend our thanks to all the teachers who endlessly and tirelessly give of their time to run teams and ensure that our students have numerous fixtures to enjoy on a Thursday or Saturday afternoon. *Bry Bayman* ■

GIRLS' SPORT



NETBALL

Nine teams competed throughout the Lent term against some strong opposition. The U14 and U15A teams both came runners-up at the South East Berkshire Netball Tournament. The U15A's losing in a golden goal, extra time final.

The development of the sport was apparent with the U14 C & D teams played some promising netball. **Lucy Lloyd-Williams [O]** and **Amy Bowerin [O]** both making a considerable impact on the game and displaying the passion that all Wellingtonians do portray regardless of ability.

The Senior 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams had mixed seasons. The 3rd's were most successful winning 4 out of 5 matches with **Olivia Mallach [Ap]** and **Catherine Dunlop [Ap]** proving an effective shooting partnership.

The 2nd's were the most consistent side of the season and developed as a unit.

The 1st VII led by **Rosanna Wollenberg [Ap]** had moments of outstanding play but were unable to come

away with victories. **Hannah Mouldale [Ap]** and **Ellie Muir [Ap]** added skill and agility to a side that next year with 1 year together under their belts will be a more cohesive and experienced side.

The U15A's went from strength to strength and dominated most of their matches. Beating Pangbourne by 44 goals to 3 was an example of their sharp, competitive netball with **Frances Paterson [O]** and **Livi Glenie [O]** scoring the highest number of goals of a shooting partnership to date.

Isabelle Nimmo [O] worked tirelessly as centre all season and **Rosie Bartley [O]** and **Natasha Alderson [O]** were a dynamic defence consistently turning over the ball into Wellington's attack.

Alex Sanina [O] and **Olivia Crabb-Collins [O]** shone in the U15B team which also had a successful season under Miss Thomas. A fantastic season for all U15's. *Rebecca Ross* ■

HOCKEY

The Senior girl's started their Michaelmas term in the heat of August at Miss Ross' pre-season boot camp. Having never met each other before or some not having played hockey for a year it was a tiring yet exciting few days and set the standard for the season ahead.

Over the following three and a half months what started as rusty, unpolished potential turned into a dynamic, skilful, fit set of hockey players who won, drew

and lost but improved considerably each week. **Hannah Mason [Ap]**, **Talisa Carling [Ap]** and **Ellie Muir [Ap]** in attack were often fearless and **Rosanna Wollenberg [Ap]** and **Genny Porter [Ap]** in mid-field added strength and composure.

Impressive wins were had against Charterhouse, The Marist and Bradfield pleasing **Emily Winkworth [Ap]** who was happy to just win a game!

The 1st XI came runners-up in the County

Championships for outdoor and indoor missing out on Berkshire representation narrowly in both tournaments. They won the Bradfield 6-a-side invitational winning all of their pool games and the semi and final. Outstanding drive and commitment came from Captain **Anna**



Abbott [O] and **Bella Williamson [Ap]**, Bella also representing the South of England U18 side.

Next year the pre-season takes them to Holland where the matches, training and environment will enable the girls to step up another gear from the 2006 season. Exciting times lay ahead for Wellington College sport in a fully functioning co-educational environment.

The Second's hockey team started the season off with a rocky start. With our first match of the season being away at Cranleigh, morale was low, as we lost by just one goal. However as the season progressed, under the captaincy of **Stephanie Redburn [Ap]** and **Cecelia Schroeder [Ap]** we improved. For the next month and a half we were unlucky, drawing every game. Then, at home to Downe House we managed to claim our first victory with a convincing win of 3-1. From that point we managed to win all our home games and finished off the term with a strong team and a strong win against Hurstpierpoint.

U14 Hockey: This year has seen the arrival of girls into the 3rd and 4th Form and with initial numbers low and fixtures organised it was to be a steep learning curve.

The U14 girl's started the season adjusting to each other. At the same time as Mr Heddon's and Mrs

Worthington's dynamic training schedule. Although they did not win their first couple of matches it was only teething problems as wins were had over Sevenoaks, St Mary's and The Abbey.

Claudia Stevensen [C] led by example and when paired with **Helena Hansford [O]** they scored some impressive goals.

The highlight of the season, and a fantastic opener for a year group of 30 girls, was becoming the U14 Berkshire County Champions in their first year of entering and also winning the U14 6-a-side tournament at Bradfield.

The girls continued training into the Lent term where they represented Berkshire at the Regional Finals. Overall they came 3rd ahead of established hockey schools such as Eastbourne College.

The girls are the future of Wellington sport and should be congratulated on their prowess, determination and admirable team spirit. *Rebecca Ross* ■

CRICKET

The girl's cricket team has had an unbeaten season, winning all three of games against Cranleigh, St Mary's Ascot and Pangbourne. The team was made up of a mixture of age and experience, from county players to complete beginners. With Victoria Lind (New Zealand Women's international), as coach, there has been a great improvement in the standard of playing throughout the term. Enthusiasm was high and players enjoyed both matches and the training sessions. We look forward to continuing and developing the team next year. In addition, two girls have featured in the boys' teams this season: **Genny Porter [Ap]** has played for the College 2nd and 3rd XIs, whilst younger sister **Ellie Porter [O]** has been a key player for the Junior Colts 2nd XI. *Rebecca Ross* ■

CRICKET

THE TEAM

Genny Porter [c] [Ap], Ellie Porter [vc] [O],
Bella Williamson [Ap], Hannah Mason [Ap],
Hanne Nelson [Ap], Annabel Smith [Ap],
Tessa Chichester [Ap], Amanda Stephenson [Ap],
Rachel Elliott [Ap], Charlotte Bain [Ap],
Verity Leeson [O], Katie Jillings [O],
Anna Abbott [O], Frankie Paterson [O],
Luisa Rubio [O], Amy Bowerin [O]

CCF



THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

The various service proficiency and advanced courses followed busy and complete programmes enabling as many boys and girls, as ever, to enjoy a thoroughly successful year's training. I remain enormously grateful to all those who gave so much time and expertise in support: the Officers, Common Room colleagues as well as visiting instructors from the three services. We were blessed with outstanding contributions from senior cadets too, and warm commendation should go to the Cadet RSM—**Hugh Hemsley [Bd]**, and to the Warrant Officers and NCO's of the various sections. The contingent has continued to flourish this year as a direct result of the very positive attitudes of both cadets and staff.

It is always depressing to lose valued members of staff who have contributed so much to CCF activities. Whilst the statistical loss is sometimes difficult to replace it is the loss of personality and expertise that goes with it that is most debilitating. Such was the case with the departures this summer of Major Chris Hutchinson on appointment as Headmaster in Newcastle, Captain David Edwards to the U.A.E. and Lt Kirstin Dedman to West Buckland School. With Major Sam Gutteridge taking a 6 month break from teaching on a tour in Iraq and both Lt Ian Mitchell and Flt Lt Chris Ewart stepping down from duties as head of sections due to pressures of work in other areas. These will be big shoes to fill in the coming year. Without exception, all were able to impart accrued knowledge and experiences to the benefit of the cadets that they were responsible for. We wish them well for the future.

The very busy year included a two-term junior Leader's Cadre with over 80 cadets undertaking the course. Two

Field Days were run in the Michaelmas and Summer terms with all 380+ cadets taking part in overnight exercises on Minley Manor, Hawley and Yateley Common and Bramley training areas. Activities included self-reliance, infantry tactics, field craft, watermanship and both a day's sailing and a visit to RN Portsmouth for the Royal Navy Section.

Cadet competition results were also encouraging with a first place in the individual Long Range Rifle competition for Cadet CSgt **Ben Ebbetts [Bn]** plus an overall team victory for the squad. We competed in the RN sailing regatta, the Devizes-Westminster Canoe race, the Services Show Jumping competition at Windsor and even competed in two CCF matches against Eton and Harrow—winning both! Fantastic success was also enjoyed by the target rifle team in a variety of competitions over the year with special mentions for Cadet Warrant Officer **Tom Ward [HI]** on his selection for Wales and the Athelings and Cadet CSgt **Ben Ebbetts** who was also selected for the U.K. Cadet Team to travel to Canada.

BIENNIAL INSPECTION—9TH MAY 2007

The Inspecting Officer this year was Captain Nigel Dedman RN, late Defence Attaché to Spain. Concerns on the day about the weather proved unfounded as the Inspecting Officer arrived by helicopter on parade in brilliant sunshine and musical accompaniment provided by our Corps of Drums. Having presented the Honourable Artillery Company Sword of Honour to Cadet RSM **Hugh Hemsley** and the Porteous Plate to Cadet **WO Tom Ward** he inspected the main body of the parade.

There followed a very busy programme of visits to stands set up and manned by the cadets of the respective



Captain Nigel Dedman RN presents the Honourable Artillery Company Sword of Honour to Cadet RSM Hugh Hemsley [Bd]

service sections. He especially enjoyed getting out to Horseshoe Lake to do some sailing with the RN Section. The afternoon culminated in the Field Gun Run, followed by an address by Captain Dedman to the entire contingent and then tea with the Gun Crew and NCO's.

The Inspecting Officers final report included the

following comment: 'Wellington College CCF can be justly proud of their achievements. With a totally committed staff who provide strong leadership and given full support from the Master, it provides a vibrant and very positive experience for the cadets.' *Lieutenant Colonel Eddy Heddon, Commanding Officer* ■

ROYAL NAVY SECTION

September again, and another new crew to train, the officers and senior rates looked with undisguised dismay at the latest assembled company. Half of the section now sported long, tangled locks, our new female recruits chewed sullenly and looked

around them; the male recruits just looked terrified! Suffice it to say; even with an outstanding group of senior rates, led by the Cox'n, **Mark Douglas [Bn]**, initial training was not without incident. Hair was a problem; hairnets not being considered fashion accessories, berets



The Corps of Drums

now balanced precariously at rakish angles. Sail training was carried out on the Horseshoe Lakes as usual, finishing with a day in the field and a badly charred feast. However, some of the new crew showed sufficient aptitude to be described (loosely) as able by the end of Michaelmas, when the fleet entered port for its winter refit. First Aid training followed, then navigation, which, since vaguely connected to mathematics, was considered too 'plaguey deep' by our very ordinary seamen. Summer and the fleet set sail again, cruising the Horseshoe Lakes in search of

plunder and adventure. In late June, the fleet raided the Isles of Wight, sacking the port of Cowes, leaving a trail of destruction (and crisp bags) amongst the bungalows and boatyards. Finally in July, those members of the crew not booked onto Mediterranean beaches, departed for the Black Mountains, to brave ravenous packs of sheep, and sail algae infested reservoirs, in search of the fabled yellow gold, otherwise known as 'Y-Fenni'. My thanks to my trusty but rapidly ageing Lt Nurser, the Cox'n and the other senior rates. *Lt Ian Mitchell RNR* ■

— ROYAL MARINE SECTION —

A new year brought a fresh intake of recruits and the Michaelmas term started with basic training to ensure all cadets were up to speed. Training for the Pringle Trophy team was ongoing as the team prepared for the competition in Lymestone.



The Duke of Westminster with the Pringle Trophy team

In early October four Lower Sixth and 5th Form cadets departed for CTC RM and made a real effort against strong opposition finishing 13th team overall—up 4 places from last year! Best performance was saved for the Section attack where we finished 2nd.

The remainder of the year included the ever-popular overnight exercise—testing the mettle of the other service sections, training up the 5th Form for their

beret test as well as visits to Gibraltar Barracks and RMA Sandhurst for assault course and live firing days. *Lt Rob Lancaster RMR* ■

— ARMY SECTION —

It has been another good year, especially with the introduction of girls into the 4th Form—14 of them joined Waterloo Coy in September. Although inevitably tentative at first, the majority of girls were throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the CCF and all it had to offer by the end of the year and standing at least as equals with the boys. With two new and enthusiastic young officers, Lt Kirstin Dedman (returning after her PGCE) and 2nd Lt Ed Leigh (on his year out from Brunel University), plus the stalwarts in Major Hutchinson and Capt. Price, as well as Apsley's Virginian Shannon Wendling, we had a wealth of experience and enthusiasm in the officer corps who, together with some excellent and loyal senior NCOs, were able to take things forward this year.

As ever we tried to give the cadets a mix of the military and the fun, with a bit of personal development and leadership thrown into the mix too. The training year started with a truly excellent presentation, which kept the cadets spellbound, by Lt Col Richard Williams [Pn], OC 22 SAS, on the situation in Iraq, and perhaps for the cadet's one of the many high spots was video footage of the live feed of a raid led by another OW.

The rest of the year was a round-robin of the usual things which all OWs will remember from their time in the CCF! Drill, camouflage and concealment, other exercises involving crawling around in the undergrowth, poncho bivvies, weapon-handling, fieldcraft and patrolling. To this was added what we hope was a stimulating variety of other training, including first aid, mapwork (in preparation for the adventurous training camps at Fremington at Easter and South Wales in the summer), orienteering, field cooking, a raft-building exercise on Swan Lake, building survival shelters, the low ropes course, stretcher races over the obstacle course, and the assault course at CTC Frimley. There were lots of opportunities to shoot too, with clay-pigeon at Bisley and the .22 range, culminating in an exciting CQB exercise shooting lots of blanks—Maj Hutchinson's favourite!—and live firing on the 30m range at Gibraltar Barracks on the successful Field Day in the Summer Term.

Needless to say I must record my grateful thanks to the Platoon Officers, and the senior NCOs, who give so much of their time and expertise week in week out to enable the cadets to achieve so much more than they ever thought themselves capable of. *Major David Burns* ■

— CCF EXPEDITION TO MALAYSIA —

Summer saw our trip to Borneo and peninsular Malaysia. The trip had three aims—to complete a jungle hike to the Pinnacles in Gunung Mulu National Park in Sarawak, to carry out a series of sub-aqua dives off Sipadan and Mabul Islands off North East Sabah and to spend some time as hosts of the Royal Malaysian Navy both sailing a Tall Ship and on a jungle survival course with a group

of their special forces. This proved to be an outstanding experience for all who traveled!



20 kilometre river trip by small perahu's in near 40°C

The initial 'breaking-in' phase of the Mulu visit proved very tough for all with the 29 hour outward series of flights taking its toll. The 8 kilometre hike following a 20 kilometre river trip by small perahu's in near 40°C and high humidity was an interesting introduction to travelling in the jungle, to say the least. What



Cadets in the Malaysian jungle

followed was even tougher—an early morning call and then 6 hours of scrambling and crawling up what was, at times, almost sheer rock-face to the top of the Pinnacles which was technically challenging. All made it safely back to the base camp and, although extremely tired, were effusive in their appreciation of what they had experienced.

The return trip to Mulu included visits to Wind, Clearwater and Deer caves and a chance to see millions of bats leaving the caves at dusk to go hunting. We then traveled to Mabul Island in Sabah via KK and Tawau for the diving phase.

The cadets, having passed their Open Water diving course prior to the trip, had only dived in a gravel pit near Slough prior to diving off Sipadan and comments such as 'awesome', 'unbelievable' and 'wow! did you see that tiger shark?' were commonplace.

On moving to Kuala Lumpur (KL) we were met by staff from the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) and travelled via coach to Lumut to embark on the RMN sail training ship STS Puteri Mahsuri. The cadet's feet did not appear



'It tasted like chicken, honestly sir.'

to touch the deck for the next 24 hours with sail training drills up 70ft masts, navigation, anchorage and fire training filling their time. The transfer by assault RIB's to the jungle base was exhilarating—this was followed by 36 hours of survival training which included cooking and eating a python ('it tasted like chicken, honestly sir'), sleeping in self-made survival shelters and night navigation in a dark and noisy jungle.

Returning to Kuala Lumpur for 2 days cultural visits, tours and R&R prior to returning to the U.K. culminated with the group being hosted by HRH Sultan Idris Shah—the Sultan of Selangor and his staff

for an informal dinner at the Hard Rock Café. All stated it was a lot more comfortable than a jungle meal!

I am very grateful for the help of Roger Auger and David Edwards on this trip, the extensive advice and support provided by HRH Sultan Idris Shah and his staff as well as the fantastic hosting and expertise of the Royal Malaysian Navy. A visit never to be forgotten!
Lt Col Eddy Heddon ■

— CCF CAMPS —

Fremington, North Devon. Nearly 60 boys and girls attended this camp with the first proper day being a trek from Simonsbath to Lynton—all made it safely. What followed was paintball, 2 days in the Skern Centre in Appledore spent climbing, surfing, kayaking and screaming on the hi-ropes course, a day 'in-camp' using the death slide, the rock wall and the assault course and a day coastal hiking from Ilfracombe to Braunton Burrows. Much fun on the last day playing 'kick the bucket'—a version of escape and evasion, where the girls demonstrated they could play the game as equals.

South Wales. Leaving Wellington in bright sunshine led to a false sense of security—it appeared to start raining on the group's arrival in Wales and did not let up for almost all of the week. Cadets spent the first two days getting acquainted with the Brecon Beacons and a climbing centre

in Llangorse. Then followed kayaking on a somewhat swollen river Wye, sailing at a centre near Monmouth as well as an overnight camp in the Black Mountains—the tents nearly floated away in the torrential downpour.

Despite the weather the cadet's attitude to camp can be best summed up by Major Burn's message to them at the end of the trip:

'The weather made the walks quite arduous, but you can give yourselves a pat on the back for completing two of the big mountain walks in the U.K. in horrible conditions for 'first timers' in the hills.

'You were certainly well outside your comfort zones, and you can be justifiably proud of what you did achieve in the week.'

R.A.F. Camp, Linton-on-Ouse. Nine cadets and one officer left Wellington for the 5 hours journey to

R.A.F. Linton-on-Ouse in bright sunshine at the end of the summer term. The roads were apparently clear for take-off but with the promise from the Met Office of more rain during the day we were prepared for a considerably longer journey. Indeed, it did rain for the last 4 hours of the journey; however, all roads were passable. On arrival we met up with the cadets from Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen who were to share our camp and were presented with the itinerary of the week's events. Events included navigation exercises along the banks of the River Ouse, flying at R.A.F. Church Fenton, a night exercise, shooting, visits to museums, swimming pools, gyms and York. In anticipation of more rain and more flood warnings there were a number of Plan Bs made ready, especially as the Ouse was rising rapidly.

The visit to York and York Minster was impressive and wet. It was unnerving being at the top of the recently rebuilt York Minster Tower with lightning approaching. Needless to say a rapid decent was made. The night exercise was enjoyed by all. The Drill, Parade and Inspection, for which the cadets had practiced hard throughout the week, were performed to a high standard with determination despite it being carried out during a torrential downpour.

Although generally the weather was against us all cadets managed to have a fly in a Grub Tutor aircraft and the navigation exercise over the Scawton Moor was carried out in bright sunshine.

All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyable week that ended with a sunny trip back to Wellington with some very tired cadets asleep in the back. *Fl Lt Chris Ewart RAF VR (T)* ■

— FIELD GUN —

This year saw a record run and the first ever 3rd Form boy in the A crew, and for the first four weeks we didn't have a single injury. The run for the CCF inspection went particularly well even if it was a bit slow and the weather meant the B crew couldn't run.

The Speech Day run went well from the start and it was good to see **Alex Standing [T]** swing for the B crew despite his badly broken leg. The CCF Drum Corps were outstanding and it was pleasing to see the BBC news crew getting some footage for the evening news that day. The A Field Gun Crew were faultless and ran out in just 2.30. The run back was the fastest for many years in just 1.32 so with a 30 second run home they managed to knock 8 seconds off the previous record for the new gun and they leave 4.32 as the mark to aim for next year.

The Harris shield was awarded to the Captain **Alex Lee [Hn]**. **Ed Robertson [T]** was appointed next year's captain. **Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hn]** won the Trainer's Tankard for his fantastic v-sit when he forgot to climb the rope and just hit the ground at speed—rarely has Kevin Clarke every laughed so much. The Field Gun Officer's Award went to **Dom Stalker [Pn]** who did a great job as carriage number and impressed the trainers with his attitude and commitment.

Next year we have been given the slot after CCF on Wednesdays to train all year and that should help get everyone along to training and might remove some of the

FIELD GUN			
Naoya Koda [Hn]	1	Barrel no.	Naoya Koda [Hn]
Jack Harcourt [Hn]	2	Barrel no.	Kyle Ross [Hn]
Angus Wilson [C]	3	First Pair	Sam Orton [HI]
Ed Collas [Hn]	4	First Pair	Ed Collas [Hn]
Oliver Slattery [L]	5	Carriage no.	Oliver Slattery [L]
Hamish Fletcher [C]	6	Carriage no.	Oliver Savill [Hn]
Dominic Stalker [Pn]	7	Carriage no.	Dominic Stalker [Pn]
Ed Robertson [T]	8	Carriage no.	Peter Davidge [Hn]
Alex Lee [Hn] Cpt	9	Flying angel	James Ellis [L]
Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hn]	10	Traveller	Ruaraidh Stewart [Hn]
Adam Barrow [A]	11	1st swing	Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hn]
Dane Castle [Hg]	12	Slat no.	James Fotherby [A]
Tom Proctor [A]	13	Slat no.	Thomas Dauncey [Hn]
Amir Idris [HI]	14	Second Pair	Kat Cho [Ap]
Tom Melhuish [BI]	15	2nd swing	Tom Melhuish [BI]
Tim Frayne [Hn]	16	Second Pair	Robbie Offer [Pn]
Tom Ward [HI]	17	Back of Box	Tom Ward [HI]
Bryn Davies [BI]	18	Back of Box	Sasha Ponomarenko [HI]
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			Beau Wyatt [T]

rush in the summer term. We also have a second gun carriage on order so we hope to add to the B-crew's training. *Bruce Roth* ■



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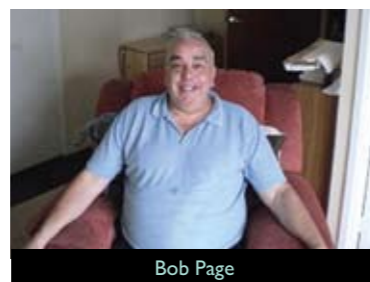
YEAR ENDING SUMMER 2007



Another review of the year from the Bursar's perspective but written by a new author(-ess). In signing off last year's report Martin Sherwin made a passing reference to his intended retirement. He finally left Wellington for Dorset in early May, having been well fêted as befits a Bursar who had helped to steer Wellington forward and maintained a firm, friendly and efficient way in all his work over the past 10 years and achieved much for the College. As he drove away, the farewell gifts in Martin's car included pictures, a replica bust of The Duke and a duck house (although not the ducks as their purchase has been delayed until the autumn).

We (my husband Iain, son Matthew who is at Eagle House, and dog) moved to Wellington after Easter and are very happily settled at Vaughans (former Heatherways). We have moved, immediately, from Canterbury where I was Bursar to the King's School, previous to which we lived in Epsom (Epsom College) and north London (The North London Collegiate School). Once people know how to pronounce it, Meikle is a memorable name and no, (as far as we know) there is no family link to Graeme Meikle who taught at Wellington 1937-1971, (although I am relieved that most OWs seem to recall him with affection). Iain's working career has been in commercial agriculture; he has a healthy suspicion of too many teachers gathered together but, having played club rugby in Scotland, is greatly enjoying supporting the Wellington teams.

In reviewing the staff retirements over the past year, there has been a "passing of an era". At the end of the Summer Term the boys and parents of the Stanley bid a sad and fond farewell to David and Lillian Coaker who had been their House Couple for 19 years, helping with the day-to-day running of



Bob Page

the Stanley, bringing a sense of good order, timely repairs and attention to detail. Lillian oversaw the domestic arrangements with equal kindness and efficiency. We wish David and Lillian a very happy retirement in Yateley. They were the last resident House Couple at Wellington (greatly to the regret of some Housemasters).

One important feature of cricket at Wellington is the post-match barbecue under the cedar tree by the Pink Pavilion. For many years these have been overseen by 'Barbecue Bob', alias Bob Page who worked at Wellington in the catering department for 32 years. Bob was always a cheerful person to have around. He has retired to a flat in Sandhurst and will continue to assist as BBQ Consultant, if required.

Other staff changes and news during the year include the retirement of Tony Martin, and Stan Deacon (6 years and 5 years service respectively in the Works Department) and James Mason reaching 40 year's service in the Catering Department. At Eagle House School there was great sadness in May when, during the space of 24 hours, their Chairman, General Sir Edward Jones, died of a heart attack whilst fishing in Scotland, and their Head Groundsman, Barry Ranger, also died of a heart attack during a game of indoor football played at the College Sports Centre. Barry had also worked with the Grounds Team at Wellington who took tremendous pride in all his work with great results. In January we wished a happy retirement to Costa Samios, who very efficiently organised the Print Room for nearly 14 years. Costa is hoping to return to his native Greece with his wife Gwen. In August we said goodbye to David Skates, Head Chef, who has moved onto pastures new and we wish him every success.

Nadine Bocher has brought order to the Master's Office during her time at Wellington, introduced all manner of electronic wizardry to our administrative practices and organised Anthony Seldon's complex diary with masterful skill. Nadine and her husband have decided to return to Australia.

Last year we reported on the appointment of Simon Fuller (OW) as Campaign Director. Rather sooner than expected, Simon's wife has been posted by the Foreign Office to Strasbourg and so he had to resign

from Wellington. His own diplomatic skills were brought to good effect for Wellington and we thank him for his achievements. Simon's leaving has provided an opportunity for us to review how Wellington should go about raising awareness and funds for long-term development. The Governors and Campaign Committee agreed to the appointment of a Development Director, the recruitment for which is in progress.

In fulfilment of the published Development Plan (do contact us if you would like a copy), two Day Houses opened for September 2007. The boys' Day House is at Whitecairn, the former Waiting/Overflow House near Rockies. This building has received a major overhaul with a new extension to provide a Day Room for each of the year groups, a handsome Common Room, changing facilities and staff accommodation for a resident tutor. They opened with 23 boys and has capacity for 60. The girls' Day House, Wellesley, for this year is in the mezzanine East Block, before transferring in September 2008 to their permanent home in the Shaw Building. We have 21 day girls and hope that this will increase to around 60 over the next 2-3 years.

To encourage the recruitment of Day pupils, assist parents and fulfil the College's 'Green Travel Plan', we have introduced four morning minibus runs for pupils. These extend from Windsor, Hartley Witney, Wokingham and Camberley and have already attracted a healthy interest.

You may recall that The Combermere closed as a Boys' House last year. The building was renovated and altered during 2006/07 to provide boarding accommodation for 67 girls (13-18 years) [see page 85]. This has been a most imaginative project, resolving the challenge of using the height of some of the rooms to create duplex-style studies where the sleeping accommodation is on the ground floor with a spiral staircase up to a mezzanine work area. With vibrant colours in social areas and a great use of light

this has been a most successful upgrade of our boarding facilities. We now have two all-through girls' boarding Houses (Orange and the Combermere), with The Wellesley as the girls' Day House and Apsley continues as the Girls' Sixth Form House. One further change at the start of the Michaelmas Term has been the introduction of Year 3 girls to the Hopetoun, instead of boys (the girls have a separate wing of accommodation). This will be repeated in 2008 and thereafter The Hopetoun will be entirely for girls.

The introduction of co-education and the building changes required for the girls inevitably creates some discontent amongst the boys and their families. We are therefore mindful of the importance of maintaining a programme of improvements in the boys' Houses, over and above the phased changes to the West Block that should start in 2009. This summer "acres" of new carpet were laid in The Hill, and 4,000 square metres of carpet in the Lynedoch.

On the academic front, in building terms there have also been changes and improvements during the year. With increasing pupil numbers and, from 2008, the introduction of the International Baccalaureate as an alternative to A Levels, more classrooms have been required. We have imported Queen's Court Annexe; this is a set of 12 temporary classrooms (and ancillary accommodation) set on two storeys below Queen's Court for which we have temporary planning consent pending their replacement by a permanent building. The English, Economics and Classics Departments are happily ensconced in what have turned out to be rather spacious and regular sized classrooms. Setting up a classroom these days is no longer just a matter of space and furniture. On a more permanent note, work started on 24th September on a new building to accommodate the Modern Languages Department. This will provide 10 classrooms, IT Language suite and staff facilities. It is an imaginative yet practical design that even has an entrance adorned by flags from 5 nations (the number of languages currently taught at Wellington). This building should be complete for Speech Day 2008.

Many OWs are already aware of the plans for a new Sports' Pavilion at Bigside, where the Garbutt Stand is now. Indeed, I take this opportunity to again thank the many OWs who have already supported the fundraising towards this project. Subject to funding, we very much hope that construction work can start in November with use of the



New signage around the grounds



Part of the temporary Queen's Court's extension being swung into place

facilities for the 2008 Rugby season. In addition to the 8 self-contained changing rooms on the ground floor, the Pavilion will provide large first floor accommodation with a bar, excellent viewing over the pitches, social and teaching spaces. Do contact me or the Campaign Office for any further information.

In between the enormously busy life of the College itself and the building works, we also manage to welcome a great number and variety of visitors to the College. They may be attending one of the many education day conferences covering a wide range of subjects, the Easter Revision Courses, join a residential course for one or two weeks or even be part of the English Language Courses resident during the summer. Many local organisations base their activities at Wellington and we are pleased to assist as much as we are reasonably able to do so. This activity, together with the profits from the Wellington College Sports Club, generated approximately £425,000 last year which is transferred to the entry bursary funds from which we assist pupils to come to Wellington who may not otherwise be able to do so. Our Assistant Bursar, Steve Blossie, works hard to maximise use of the College's facilities when not required for pupils.

The Bursar's day is always interesting and varied. At the end of one morning during the summer holidays I realised that my discussions had ranged from the Chaplain's free range chicken project (we have 20 chickens leading a

contented existence in a palatial enclosure off the road to the Golf Course, cared for by pupils under the supervision of the Chaplain, Fr Andrew Richards), the renovation of the Copenhagen stables to provide livery facilities for pupils horses, receiving an update on the reorganisation of the main dining room servery, in addition to the financial and staff issues of a daily nature. We are well served and supported by the teams of experienced, proud and highly motivated support staff who are as determined as any member of the teaching staff to ensure that Wellington continues to regain pre-eminence in national and international educational life.

When you next visit Wellington or receive a letter you will notice a difference in the signage and paper; our thanks to Jules Akel [OW] for his help and expertise in these matters. We hope that you will like the changes that, along with the new lighting along the kilometre and North Front, provide a much more appropriate welcome to and presentation of the College.

As I write these notes I am easily distracted by gazing from my desk across the fine turf of the cricket wickets towards Grubbies. The grounds look superb in the late summer sunshine and are well tended, under the guidance of Martin Bandom, Estates Manager. I look forward to meeting many OWs during the next year as you return to enjoy revisiting memories of Wellington and to enjoy the Estate as it is today. *Susan Meikle* ■

— LEGACIES, GIFTS & BEQUESTS —

In the perennial search without time-span for funds for Bursaries and for the Foundation, the offering of Legacies plays a crucial part.

If you would like to know more about including a Legacy to Wellington in your Will please do contact the

Bursar, Mrs Susan Meikle (sm@wellingtoncollege.org; 01344 444020), or the OW Society secretary, Chris Potter (owsoc@wellingtoncollege.org.uk; 01344 444069).

The following gift of £2,000 was gratefully acknowledged from the late G.D. Waterer, Esq [W 1927-1931]. ■

THE NEW COMBERMERE



The corridor



The new entrance



The new two-tier rooms



The Common Room



The upstairs' desk in the two-tier rooms



ST PAUL'S



THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2007

For the whole of College to travel to St Paul's Cathedral was an extraordinary undertaking, but one which proved to be a resounding success. The purpose of the service was to celebrate the Great Duke and the date chosen was as close as possible to his birthday. The OW Society was well represented under the great Dome as the College orchestra and choir led the congregation through the dignified service. The Chaplain, Father Andrew Richards, sensitive to the demands of the location and of the College, evoked a sense of duty in constructing an order of service which did justice to the Great Duke and the College founded in his memory.

The high point of the service was the sermon delivered by the Bishop of London, The Rt Hon & Rt Rev Richard Chartres, in which he spoke, not only of the Duke, but also on the College's first Master and fellow Bishop, Edward White Benson: "Some look at the sad history of this age and say its



forms, its comforts, will last our time. No! coward soul; if you take no heed to those that are to come after you they will not even last your time.' Who do you think said that? The rhetoric is unmistakably Victorian and the sentiments are those of your first Headmaster in the Wellington College Chapel in a sermon published under the resonant title of "Boy-Life". But Edward White Benson, your first Master and later Archbishop of Canterbury had a point."

The Chairman of the OW Society, Anthony Bruce [Bn 1951-1956] joined representatives of all areas of College life in laying a wreath to the Duke's memory whilst the Vice-President, Sir Anthony Goodenough [S 1954-1959], together with the Master, gave readings.

The next service is planned to take place in 2009 in celebration of on the 150th Anniversary, it is hoped that even more OW's will be there.

GENERAL



— CHAPEL —

We have had another varied and interesting year in Chapel. With the demise of an Assistant Chaplain, I have been ably assisted in mid-week Chapel services by my colleagues in Common Room. Some 20 members of Common Room (one fifth of the membership) have volunteered to speak either to Junior or Senior Chapel throughout the year. This must be better than hearing the Chaplain on every occasion!

Chapel in the February snow storm

We have also had some very thought-provoking preachers this year and they have sparked some considerable reaction in College. Not least amongst these was our Head of College this year, **George Looker [Pn]**, who was only the second head of College to preach before his peers. George has also been Chapel Prefect this year, and I could not have wished for a more loyal and supportive friend in helping to run Chapel and extend 'ownership' of what goes on within its walls to the pupil body. George was to the fore as crucifer for what was the highlight of our year when we de-camped to St Paul's for our service of Thanksgiving and Dedication in memory of the Great Duke. It was a tremendous day in London, and we were very grateful to the Dean & Chapter of St. Paul's for allowing us to hold such a magnificent service biennially

in the cathedral. The Bishop of London—a prelate who more than fills his mitre—was on excellent form and gave us a tremendous sermon.

Over the past two years I have had at my right hand as Chapel Warden the wise and able Mark Lovett. Mark retires this summer after a long time spent at Wellington. He will be much missed in Chapel and I take this opportunity to thank him for his support, encouragement and loyalty throughout my time as Chaplain. Mark is to be succeeded by Paul Hucklesby.

We moved our Confirmation Service from within Lent to the Feast of Christ the King (25th November). We are hoping that we will have a good number of candidates to bring before the Bishop of Reading after preparation throughout the Michaelmas Term.

I would like to record here the re-birth, as a place of contemplation and prayer, of the Crypt Chapel of the Epiphany. It was David Newsome's wish that this Chapel would be used for quiet reflection, and it is being used by growing numbers of Wellingtonians to place their prayers and to be still for a moment or two in a very busy day. The Blessed sacrament is now kept in this Chapel and serves to focus prayer in the silence of that place. *Father Andrew Richards SSC* ■

— ROUND SQUARE —

As a member of the Round Square organisation, Wellington is in partnership with over sixty schools worldwide who share a belief in an experiential education which allows the development of

the whole person. This includes the self awareness that comes from an international perspective and service to others and the self reliance that comes from initiatives undertaken in fund raising and pupil driven activity.

This has been another wonderful year of Round Square activity. Whilst by no means the only channel of fund raising at Wellington, Round Square related activity has seen the raising of approximately £16,500 for good causes, often ones in which we have a direct involvement. For example approximately £8,000 has been donated to Nightingales AIDS Orphanage in Romania. Our involvement started a few years ago with the promotion of a fund raising professional music concert at the Romanian Orthodox Church in London. This was followed by an orchestral tour of Romania last year during which the orphanage was visited. This year a LV1th pupil, **Tom Lowe [L]**, has organised fundraising and a short visit by eleven pupils and two staff in the first week of the summer holidays. A fund raising dinner with auction at College, and a Poverty Lunch have all helped us to focus on this very worthy cause.

Our partnership with Tiger Kloof School in South Africa flourishes and Craig Morris took a group of eight boys and girls to work both at the school and in local service projects in Vryburg at Thusanang Centre for the Disabled and the Abandoned Baby Centre. We are proud to pay for the Tiger Kloof Sports' programme, largely with money raised at Eddy Heddon's excellent November Firework Spectacular and also to have helped to change the Disabled Centre from a dark, miserable wooden hut to a modern brick complex, complete with the inevitable security fencing.

Other long term commitments honoured include Yangrima School in Nepal (desperately trying to recover from the excesses of the Maoist regime) and Starehe Boys' Centre in Nairobi. This year one of the three boys whose education we have sponsored at Starehe, Paul Byatta, has been Head Boy, an enormous responsibility as he and his prefects literally run the pastoral side of the school including the Boarding Houses.

To really grow, it could be argued that pupils need to work with like-minded strangers. **James Turley's [Bn]** work on a project in northern Thailand providing clean water to a remote Karen village provided just such an opportunity, as did **Shun Yamanaka's [L]** work in South Africa, trekking and working in a township. Four boys from the fourth form spent Easter working with other British students on an environmental project in Costa Rica. There have already been a flood of applications for next year's project.

Our life has also been enriched by the presence of eight exchange students over the course of the year. Travelling from Christ Church, Perth, Armidale, St Philips

Alice Springs and Ballarat Australia; from St Stithians Johannesburg South Africa and Mayo College and the Doon School India they have usually surprised and often delighted with their response to school life. The Indian convention of addressing staff in e-mails as 'Respected Sir', for example, has won much favour!

Although the Round Square ethos is about "doing" rather than "talking", Wellingtonians have again attended a number of very worthwhile Conferences this year. At regional level, **Rory Duff [L]**, **Hugo Gateley [L]**, **Bizzie Mallet [O]**, **Leonora Schofield [O]** and **Dhanik Sharma [L]** of the Third Form, accompanied by Craig Morris and Naomi Pendle attended a Conference on International Understanding at L'Hermitage School in Paris. A similar theme was discussed at a Fourth Form Conference at Cobham Hall in Kent. This was attended by **Oliver Barker [Hn]**, **Harry Lee [M]**, **Harry Penrose [A]**, **Robert Tyrell [Pn]** and **Rowan Williams [T]** with staff member Sarah Sayer also in attendance. The Senior Regional Conference this year was held at Abbotsholme School in Derbyshire. Accompanied by Ian Frayne, this group consisted of **Peter Durkin [L]**, **Dylan First [Bd]**, **Dan Jarrett [Pn]**, **George Looker [Pn]** and **Jack Penrose [A]**; all senior members of the Round Square Committee. Many issues were discussed and the group returned with a particular awareness of the tragedy that is Darfur and Sudan. The Round Square International Conference this year was held at Gordonstoun in Scotland. The focal point of the year's activity, the Conference was, as ever, inspirational. Outstanding speakers included George Reid (Scottish Parliament), Jamie Andrew (disabled Mountain Climber) and Kris Akabusi (Athlete). We were also privileged to be addressed by both H.R.H. Princess Anne and H.R.H. Prince Andrew. The theme of the Conference: *There is more in you than you think...* was amply proved throughout the week, not least by Felix Cook who discovered an ability to write, direct and entertain 350 delegates at the multi cultural evening. Mustering the 30 or so delegates from English schools, *A Short History of England* was a witty response to the *Short History of Scotland* presented by Gordonstoun at the opening ceremony. Accompanied by Graham Nurser, other delegates were **Ella Johnson [Ap]**, **Guy Harris [L]**, **Jenny McGuckin [O]** and **Ed Yarnton [M]**.

Another who found more in himself was **Alex Standing [T]** whose accelerated Sky Dive raised over £3000 for 'Different Strokes' a Charity focusing on Heart

Disease. Other charities benefiting from our efforts have been the Berkshire Air Ambulance, Veninos (helping Venezuelan street children), AMAR (Lebanon), World Vision and The Prince Alexander Fund. Fund raising initiatives not already mentioned include House Collections (**Dylan First** and **Peter Durkin**, the sale of Krispy Kreme Do'nuts and Millie's Cookies (sales teams headed by **Tommy Smale [Bn]** and **Sophie Leon [Ap]**), and an African market (**Akash Patel [BI]**). The annual fancy dress social with Downe House, *Rumble in the Jungle* was another great success with over £2000 raised for Africa.

Powerful advocates have been much in evidence of

— W. C. A . —

The W.C.A. exists for the benefit of all Wellington parents and other family members, grandparents, godparents, teachers, support staff, Old Wellingtonians and other friends of the College. The Association has no role in College educational or administrative matters and neither is it a fund-raising body. The W.C.A. has two main aims:

To give parents the opportunity to use the College's educational and cultural facilities.

The Master's Lectures—A number of evening lectures by distinguished speakers are arranged each term on subjects encompassing Politics, Literature, Sport, History, Business, Arts and Sciences.

Recent speakers have included Sir Bernard Ingham (Margaret Thatcher's Press Secretary), Colonel Richard Williams [Pn] (Commander of 22 Regiment SAS), Peter Snow (the TV broadcaster and also an OW), Andrew Motion (Poet Laureate), Richard Noble (World Land Speed Record Holder), John Mortimer (author), Michael Mansfield QC, Sir Christopher Meyer (former U.K. Ambassador to U.S.A. and author of the controversial 'DC Confidential'), Matthew Parris (Times journalist and ex M.P.), Lord Butler of Brockwell (Cabinet Secretary 1988-1998, currently Master of University College, Oxford), Lord Baker of Dorking (the U.K.'s first Minister for Information Technology under Thatcher), Professor Richard Holmes CBE (Military Historian and Broadcaster), Simon McDonald (ex British Ambassador to Israel), Andy Robinson (former England Rugby Coach), Dominic Sandbrook (author, journalist and historian), Boris Johnson M.P. and the Master himself on an illustrated tour of 10 Downing Street with which he is thoroughly

late. Dr Seldon has been fulsome in his praise of the pupils' work, The Bishop of London mentioned Round Square in his address at our Commemoration Service in St Paul's Cathedral and further mention came from H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, our President, at the opening of the new Orange House on Speech Day. Good schools around the world are recognising that true education involves experiences which allow understanding and compassion. Indeed the greatest challenge of education in the twenty first century is to provide the world with compassionate leaders. As a member of Round Square, Wellington College is facing up to this challenge. **Graham Nurser** ■

familiar following his two biographies on John Major and Tony Blair. Another member of staff, Mark Lovett, presented an evening on the differences between Politics in the U.S.A. and the U.K.

To give parents opportunities to meet each other and members of the Wellington teaching staff in a relaxed atmosphere at a number of social occasions and on various interesting trips.

Social Events & Visits In the past year we have organised a themed *Out of Africa* Ball, a Grand Summer Ball, a trip to the theatre (*Billy Elliott—The Musical*), a trip to the Royal Geographical Society to hear the renowned (and sadly late) David Rattray lecture on the Zulu Wars and the Battle of Isandlwana, and a London Walk.

Overseas Trips—a three day trip to the First World War Battlefields accompanied by the Master and expert knowledgeable guides (all Wellington parents!).

Forthcoming Trips—a four-day trip to the Verdun WW1 Battlefields from September 6th to 9th, and a three-day trip to Vienna from November 23rd to 25th to visit the famous Christmas Markets, sites and concerts. The success of the WW1 Battlefield Trips in 2006 and 2007 means the trip will be repeated in 2008.

The W.C.A. Committee—The Committee meets once each term and consists of parents from different year groups and representatives from the College and OWs: *President*: Dr Anthony Seldon; *Chairman*: Bill Price; *Treasurer*: Steve Blossie; *Secretary*: Tarla Woolhouse; *Committee Members*: Ian & Carla Botes, Christine Collas, Jane Forbes, Terry & Gillian Norris, Chris Potter [OW], Reena Price. *W.C.A. Contact*: Tarla Woolhouse: tw@wellingtoncollege.org.uk or telephone: +44 (0)1344 444085. ■

— DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD —

I took over from Melody Jones-Christodoulou when she left Wellington in August of last year. The record number of entrants that joined in 2004-5 means that we now have a large number of gold pupils—nearly forty—in addition to twenty in silver and nearly thirty bronze new entrants.

The activities followed for the award continues to expand: CCF, a large range of sports and musical instruments, chess, sculpture, marksmanship, archery, motor mechanics. Whatever the choice, it must be pursued on a regular basis and progress shown before it is signed off as another section in the award book.

As I write this in late June, we are in the midst of the expedition season. The Bronze and Silver groups have successfully completed their walking expeditions in the New Forest and the Forest of Dean. Our first Gold group has just returned from the Lake District having earned a glowing report from the independent assessor for the way they persevered through appalling weather conditions to complete their route. One Wellingtonian joined a group

based in South Africa and took part in a trek through an African Game Reserve.

Like all organisations there is a fair amount of paperwork associated with administering the award scheme. We have received permission to become a Duke of Edinburgh Operating Authority from next September. This is excellent news as it should streamline all the processes involved, and should significantly reduce the time participants have to wait before they learn if they have achieved their award. *Richard Foskett* ■



— THE CAMPAIGN FOR WELLINGTON —

At the end of 2006 the Master, Dr Anthony Seldon announced the 150th Anniversary Appeal. Its purpose is three fold: *New buildings; Bursaries; Long term funding of the Foundation.*

The Building projects envisaged include: An Assembly Hall/Performing Arts Centre, an 'E' Library, the Bigside Pavilion and an all-weather Running Track for Rockies.

These building projects will not only provide important amenities for Wellington, but just as important they will all be shared with the local community; thus reflecting Wellington's determination to meet its social obligations in the modern era. To be more specific the first year of the Appeal has concentrated on the Bigside Pavilion. This will be a sporting and social centre for Wellingtonians, OWs and parents. Thanks to some outstandingly generous donations from parents and OWs we hope to be able shortly to announce that construction of this superb facility will go ahead with a view to opening in September 2008.

Over the academic year 2006/7 the Campaign for Wellington has raised £291,890 and three new Bursaries have been established. Just as with the buildings

Wellington intends to meet its social obligations to the wider community; the intention being to enable parents from less privileged backgrounds to have their children educated here.

During the year, the Campaign has been loyally served by Simon Fuller [H1 1957-1962] who sadly had to leave the post to accompany his wife to a senior diplomatic posting in Strasbourg. Simon achieved much in his time at the helm, re-organising and updating the office, combining successfully with the adjacent OW Office and establishing links with a large number of current and potential donors. We are most grateful for all he has done and are pleased that Fiona Haywood (née Stalley) [Ap 1984-1986] will continue her role in the office. We look forward to the imminent appointment of a full-time Development Director and Chris Potter is happy to field campaign enquiries pro tem.

For those wishing to contribute to the Campaign for Wellington, the address remains: The Campaign Office, Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7PU. Telephone: 01344 444023. e-mail: campaign@wellingtoncollege.org.uk ■

O.W. NOTES

— CHAIRMAN'S REPORT —

Last year we assembled for the AGM in the newly refurbished Society Office in Front Quad. So good was the attendance then that we have moved today to the Pavilion on Turf, a splendid venue indeed for us.

We are expecting well over 200 OWs and family here today for the Reunion and, as ever, it is a busy day at College as it is also Governors' Day and there are big block sports fixtures with Eton for Rugby and Dauntsey's for Girls Hockey.

O.W. SOCIETY EVENTS 2007

Much has happened through the year and the following is in some sort of chronology.

Before we consider 2007, mention must be made of the biennial Dinner which attracted 53 OWs and their guests to the Army and Navy Club (thanks to David Creswell) on 14th November. The company was addressed by the Master who in witty and forthright fashion outlined the very considerable changes in the air for Wellington. As you walk around today it will be hard to miss some of these changes.

There was a convivial evening in Crickhowell on Saturday 17th February at the Manor Hotel where Michael and Natalie Watson hosted a select group from South Wales and the Marches. Chris Potter and I, with my wife, were delighted to be able to attend this gathering.

On 22nd February this year the OW Sports Clubs held their Annual Dinner once again at the Queen's Club which continues to be an ideal venue for this regular event. Simon Clarke was in cracking form with his address to the 90

OWs and guests who included a healthy contingent from the Common Room. The Sports Clubs continue to play an important part in keeping OWs in touch with each other and with College.

On 20th March, Eagle House (organised by Doug Buchanan) celebrated the 90th birthday of John Gardner [C 1930-1935]. The distinguished composer (*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*) was joined by 112 friends for a concert and dinner, with many OWs present as well as former Governor Lord Wright, whose father was John's Housemaster.

There was a reunion on 29th April in Crowthorne of OWs who had attended Bigshotte School. The school, which sadly closed in 1977 sent most of its boys to Wellington and Bradfield. Nick Jenkins organised this gathering and guests of honour were the Bishop of Gloucester, long serving teacher Ian McWhinnie and the Marshall family.

200 OWs supported the historic service at St Paul's Cathedral on 4th May, where 2,300 people with strong Wellington connections paid tribute to the life and example of Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke and were privileged to hear a memorable address from the Bishop of London. The 150th celebration at the same venue is eagerly awaited.

So to Spring and the Gaudy on 12th May. 120 OWs from the years 1955-1965, wives and friends assembled in the afternoon, survived a deluge which put paid to the College cricket programme, and enjoyed words from the Master, hot foot from the Somme, before Chapel and then an excellent dinner in Dining-Hall. Wire and bolt cutters were not enough to gain access to the new Combermere, much to the chagrin of mischievous former inmates.

Speech Day this year was on 26th May. Un-seasonal weather was not allowed to detract from a pleasant and enjoyable afternoon for all and not least for the O.W.C.C., who won the traditional cricket match by just one run on the last ball of the final over.

Waterloo Day, 18th June, was celebrated far and wide, with reunions reported from London, Toronto, New York, Perth (WA), Taunton and the City of London amongst other global venues. Accounts of these celebrations will be found in the *Year Book* which we expect to be published, as last year, in December.

The last event in this summary is the Garden Opera production of Puccini's *La Boheme*. David Walton OW is chairman of Garden Opera and on 3rd September he brought the company to the former Common Room Garden for a performance in front of 175 OWs, parents and friends. We very much look forward to becoming an established venue for the company and look forward to Don Pasquale in June.

All of the OW get-togethers owe much to the time, energy and enthusiasm of the Regional representatives and we continue to be well served. In an IT age when everything happens by yesterday there is still a need for a wise head and wisdom comes from experience. Once a rep. it is not easy to escape!

The next two years will see a drive to keep more in touch with the 25 to 35 age group, in particular those who are in their first or second job, many with young families. We are also aiming to make contact over these two years with the university population by a series of regional visits by the OW Secretary. Well established OWs have been generous with their time this year in helping recent leavers find work experience, thanks in no small part to the improving data-base accessible to the Society.

In September last year Dr Peter Pockley (distinguished Australian Science broadcaster) flew in from Sydney to join former Common Room colleague Peter Lewis and show the silent DVD of Wellington 1962-1964, made while Peter was teaching Chemistry at College. Copies have been, and still are, on sale from the OW Office and the take-up has been heartening with over 150 sold.

With an act of unprecedented chivalry, former member of the Orange, James Pease-Watkin, charmed fellow old stagers into contributing financially or practically to a Garden Furniture Fund to brighten up the Orange girls' garden in its new premises.

We have heard that Swan Hellenic are starting up again

and we hope to secure favourable terms, as before, for cruising with a new version of the good ship *Minerva*.

COMMUNICATIONS

It is a busy year in the office for publications and there are three on the go as I speak.


The *Year Book*, the next edition of the *The Register* 1859-2006, and *The Book for Wellington*. The first two are being edited by former members of Common Room, Mark Lovett and Richard Coleman, and the third by Patrick Mileham OW. *The Book for Wellington* is a magnum opus and will celebrate the school from its beginnings through to the present day and, as is the manner these days, even beyond. This book is being jointly sponsored by College and the OW Society as a contribution to the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the College opening in 1859. *The Register* has pre-publication sales of 1000 copies at this stage; a complimentary CD Rom will be issued with each *Register*.

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Communication is everything and we continue to develop electronically. The website www.owsociety.com is hosted by In-Tec. Mark Grant OW (formerly with Cambridge Convergence), is our In-Tec advisor and we hope the site is helping OWs keep up with what goes on. David Creswell is the wise head who masterminds our progress.

The database, wellington.web-intouch.com, has enabled OWs who are online to update their profiles for *The Register* as well as keep in touch with each other. The word is slowly spreading.

The OW Society has an active communications sub-committee, led by Anthony Stileman, which meets to review how we express ourselves as a Society to our members.

O.W. SPORTS

I have mentioned the Sports Clubs Dinner. Over 1,000 OWs participate in or actively support the various OW Sports Clubs.

John Goodeve-Docker has taken over from Chris Potter as Chairman and straight away the Rugby Club has bounced back to London 4 and also won the Clob Cup earlier this month. All the sports clubs are in good heart and all are well run. The cricketers this year reached the semi-final of the Cricketer Cup before falling to Oundle. The OW Society contributes upwards of £9,000 each year to the clubs in total with earmarked contributions to help Under-23 members. We think this is the way forward. All the clubs are making the effort to grab recent leavers and it will not be long before the Girls are showing their colours.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

2007 is proving busy. This *Year Book* comes out once again in December, and will continue to do so at this time, but also this month the 12th Edition of the Wellington College Register, edited by Richard Coleman [CR 1976-2005], is published, and then within another 12 months there will be a magnificent *History of Wellington 1859-2009*, edited by Dr Patrick Mileham [A 1959-1963], about which more details are enclosed.

The Register is the Wisden for Wellington, a sine qua non for every OW, and is now available for £20 (inc p&p). For more details see page 120. Also, still available are a few copies of Dr Peter Pockley's DVD of Wellington 1962-1964, for which a separate cheque for £15 made out and sent similarly will suffice.

IN CONCLUSION

So, a busy year and the next one is already on us. As most of you will know the OW Society and the Campaign (Development) share adjacent offices, with but a door between them. A new Development Director is shortly to be appointed and in the last few months Fiona Haywood OW has been holding the fort next door. The Campaign and OW Office have been working together with much good humour, I am pleased to say.

No report on the year is complete without singling out a few others by name for my special thanks: Chris Potter, who has superbly taken up the reins as OW Secretary, a job that he was clearly born for! Kay Mitchell runs the OW Office with breathtaking calm and efficiency, Nigel Howard-Jones, a pillar as long serving Hon Treasurer and Peter Hunt who hosts the OW Society's E and F meetings in his London office; nothing passes him by and when he speaks we listen! Also, special thanks this year to John Ferns, who is now an honorary life member of the OW Society and was formerly Accountant to Wellington. John has tidied up the Society's accounts to the manor born and we are most grateful. Finally thanks to all the OW Society General Committee members who give of their time for the benefit of the Society. Exciting and busy times indeed. There are 8,259 OWs with addresses we know. We see quite a few during the year but we would love to see more. We continue to strive to improve the way the OW Society serves its members and keep them evermore closely involved with College. **Anthony Bruce** ■

It is a year of publications and, of course, in the office we still need addresses of OWs who are under the radar. If you receive the *Year Book* we know where you are but if you know of any OWs who do not receive the *Year Book* and would like to do so please do put them in touch with us by post or e-mail.

In the same way very many OWs, and almost all the younger ones, have e-mail addresses, and these necessarily change and for some quite often. Again, please try to keep in touch with us if you want us to keep in touch with you.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the work done by OW reps. overseas in representing the OW Society around the world and it always a great pleasure to meet and show round OWs from far flung lands when they pop

in to renew acquaintance with a school they may not have seen for 50 years.

The three financial arms of the OW Society, The Herbert Trust, Bevir Memorial Fund and Charitable Trust continue to offer valuable support to their constituencies.

Communication is the way forward for us. The OW Society website can be viewed by anyone: www.owsociety.com. If you have a User name and Password, and everyone does, you can log into: <https://wellington.web->

— GAUDY AT WELLINGTON — 1955—1965 ENTRANTS

On Saturday, 12th May, 120 OWs, wives and friends from the years 1955 to 1965 attended a Gaudy at College. Early arrivals, including a strong contingent from South Wales, had lunched at the Waterloo and glimpsed cricket on Turf before a deluge put paid to the Harrow match. The golf course claimed a few and at 1.30 p.m. Professors Garraway and Vulliamy tee-ed off. An academic pairing if ever, followed by messrs R. Boycott and H. Potter representing another side of life.

Tea at 3.45 p.m. was followed by addresses in Old

intouch.com which allows members to update their details and get in touch with each other. To be reminded of your own User name and Password please get in touch with the office.

Wellington approaches its 150th anniversary. It would be good to be in touch with as many OWs as possible at this time. Please help us to keep in touch with OWs everywhere and especially those who are not Life members of the OW Society, and consequently do not receive the *Year Book*. *Chris Potter* ■

Hall from the Master, hot foot from the Battlefields of the Somme, and from Anthony Bruce, Chairman of the OW Society. Chapel followed and then tours around the school in which OWs who had not been back recently gallantly tried to cope with the redistribution of Houses and former pupils of the Combermere and Hardinge went looking for bolt-cutters to prise defences.

Drinks in Great School were followed by an excellent dinner in Dining Hall before the assembled company wended their way homewards. A good time was had by all. ■

— REUNION AT WELLINGTON — 13TH OCTOBER 2007

About 250 OWs, family and friends safely negotiated the road network of Bracknell Forest and reported in to Great School for pre-lunch drinks. Some 45 early birds found their way to the Pavilion on Turf for the AGM, which preceded the reception, and heard Chairman Anthony Bruce give an encouraging account of the Society's activities throughout the year ending December 2006. A busy year is reported in detail within this *Year Book*.

It was a particular delight to welcome some very senior OWs, including Gerald Ashfield [L 1923–1926] and David Wilkinson [Hn 1925–1930], to the party.



At 1.30 p.m. we adjourned to the Dining Hall and the company was treated to the 2007 version of 'lunch at Wellington', a meal far removed in quality and quantity from that remembered without undue affection, by most OWs present. To greet us in Dining Hall were the Governing body, who had enjoyed the same menu minutes earlier as had indeed the school before them.

If the menus had changed markedly over 75 years, the acoustics had not and the Master battled bravely against the geometry of the room to welcome all. So good was the food that he need not have worried and such words as escaped the muffle were rapturously received.

Rugby on Bigside followed for those of a mind and, fortunately from our perspective, the men from Eton were vanquished in style on a warm afternoon.

Tea was served after the match and banter continued until it was time to head for home and World Cup excitement from Paris. We look forward to 2008. ■



Roderick Lister [A 1944–1946] with Robert Wilkinson [A 1947–1950]

— APSLEY REUNION 1984–1986 — 12TH MAY 2007



From Left to Right: Eleanor Goodenough, Jo Scott, Fiona Stalley, Deb Forsyth, Selina D'Oyly, Laura Godsall, Jo Scott, Sasha Warren (hidden), Deborah Roles, Char Morcom (with baby) and Tanya Crawford (with baby)

— O. W. WALES REUNION —
17TH FEBRUARY 2007

An OW Dinner for Wales & the Marches was held at Manor House Hotel, Crickhowell, Powys on Saturday 17th February 2007. We were extremely pleased that both the OW Chairman and the Secretary attended.



Anthony & Clare Bruce [Bn 1951-1956]; Michael & Natalie Watson [M 1954-1958]; Richard & Hilary May-Hill [Hn 1957-1961]; Chris Potter [C 1960-1965]; Bruce & Rebecca Thompson [C 1976-1981]. Peter & Jan Gibbs [M 1956-1961] and Tim & Celia Brigstone [C 1964-1970] were prevented at last minute from attending because of illness. ■

The following were present: Brian & Rose Robinson [Bd 1941-1945]; Johnny & Binks Thomas [T 1949-1951];

— O. W. EAST ANGLIA REUNION —
17TH JUNE 2007

Bill Stevens [C] and his wife Vivian gave a party for East Anglian OWs at their home Jenny's Farm, Diss, on 17th June in commemoration of the Battle of Waterloo.

'Semper domus floreat' was the toast. Those present

were Bill and Vivian Stevens, Michael [HI] and Anne Pickstock, William [Hg] and Jennifer Cordeaux, Robert Leader [Bn], John Shorland [L], John [S] and Elizabeth Crossley on holiday from Malawi and Robert and Elizabeth Moss. *Robert Moss [c.r. 1937-1973]* ■



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Left to right:
Stephen Graham [O], Karel Osten [HI], Colin Porteous [M], David Millar [Bn], Adrian Momber [Pn], John Carver [T]
In front: Malcolm Little [BI].

— O. W. AUSTRALIA REUNION —
17TH JUNE 2007

Glad to report that another successful Waterloo Day lunch was held on 17th June at the prestigious Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club overlooking the Swan River. The Club has a beautiful buffet luncheon and one of the best views in Perth and we all had a relaxed and enjoyable few hours catching up on our activities over the last year and reminiscing about old school days. We even handed round the words to *The*

Carmen although no-one was brave enough to sing it out loud (much to the relief of other guests at the Club).

Once again we had far from wintry weather despite the season and were able to look around at the Club and some of the boats after lunch.

Several of our number in Western Australia were away for work or holiday yet hoping to join us again next year. *Adrian Momber* ■

— O. W. HONG KONG REPORT —

Hong Kong is buzzing which probably explains the rather poor turn outs in the last year. However, quantity has certainly been made up for by the quality of the two reunions in Christmas 2006 and June 2007.

In December, Rosamund Cresswell [Ap 1992-1994], Jason Yeldham [HI 1983-1988], Nick Lord [T 1986-1991], Daniel O'Connor [A 1987-1992], Marcus Woodger [HI 1982-1986] and David Mallinson [Pn 1979-1984], met up for drinks in the Captain's Bar of the recently refurbished Mandarin Hotel. A fine night was had by all.

We celebrated Waterloo Day at the Hong Kong Yacht

Club courtesy of Rosamund Cresswell where a fine dinner was served at the Compass Room. Late drop-outs resulted in a party comprising only Rosamund, Dominic Langley [S 1986-1991], Graeme Bateman [C 1982-1987], Marcus Woodger and me. Despite this it was another excellent evening with the Compass Room providing a perfect setting.

Many thanks to Ros Cresswell for organising the dinner and for helping out with the OW Society in Hong Kong. Please let either Ros (rcresswell@blg.com.hk) or me (david.mallinson@jism.com) know if you are in town whether full-time or just passing through. *David Mallinson [Pn 1979-1984]* ■



Back row left to right: John Miers [O 1960-1964], Henry Miers [O 1987-1992], Hamish Miers [O 1988-1993], Alan Watson [HI 1947-1951], Nigel Gripper [Hn 1945-1949], Chris Potter [C 1960-1965], George Drought [Pn 1951-1956], Hugh Worthington-Wilmer [O 1941-1945], Andrew Wood [M 1968-1973], Richard Marshall [C 1961-1965], Nick Krukowski [L 1990-1992].
Seated left to right: Barney Miers [O 1990-1995], Izzy Leigh [Ap 2002-2004], Anthony Seldon (Master), Charles Wallace [HI 1943-1946], Michael Broad [HI 1943-1947]. Absent from photograph: Peter Stephens [BI 1956-1960].

— O. W. CANADA REUNION —

19TH JUNE 2007

25 OWs and ladies met for lunch at the beautiful Brampton Golf Club, a five-iron away from Toronto, on Tuesday 19th June. Dr Anthony Seldon (Master) was guest of honour and Chris Potter (OW secretary) also attended.

The day was also a celebration of John Miers 60th birthday and the Miers family were there in great number. The Canadian National Anthem was bashed out by Charlie on the piano, toasts were drunk to the Great Duke and

a verse from the Carmen supported a brilliantly inventive and humorous address by the Master who was on debut in OW company in Canada. Izzy Leigh [Ap 2002-2004] bravely represented the Girls and Richard Marshall, as manager, generously offered the facilities of this beautiful club. The strings for the occasion were pulled together by Alan Watson, who also produced splendid OW memorabilia. We are all indebted to Alan and his wife Cherry for putting in the hard yards which made for such an enjoyable reunion. ■

— O. W. SPORTS CLUBS DINNER —

28TH FEBRUARY 2008

A date for your diary—the OW Sports Clubs Dinner 2008. This is held every year at Queen's Club in London and is always rated as a good evening. The next dinner will be on 28th February 2008. You will be contacted in due course by your Sports' Club

Secretary, but if you don't belong to any OW Sports' Society and want further details or you would like your name to make a reservation, just contact John Goodeve-Docker on 020 8740 0686 or jgdocker@btinternet.com. It's a great way to catch up on old friends and well attended. ■

— O. W. THAILAND REPORT —

A number of OWs in Thailand had lunch together at *The Duke of Wellington* in Bangkok on 1st February 2007. *The Duke* is a new London-style pub (www.dukepub.com) and was opened by Mark Cole [L 1995-1997] on 12th January 2007 and is situated on Silom Road opposite the Christian Hospital in the heart of the business district of Bangkok. All OWs passing through Bangkok will be made most welcome.

If there are any other OWs living in or even passing through Thailand, please contact Col. Johnny Thoys (jthoys@csloxinfo.com or jt480417@yahoo.co.th). ■



Outside *The Duke*: Tony Du Vernet-Davis [Bd 1966-1970], Mark Cole [L 1995-1997], Henry Gray [Bl 1992-1997], Col. Johnny Thoys [Bd 1959-1963], Anthony Cooper [T 1953-1958—visiting] and David Bromilow [Bn 1956-1960].



Roger Pedrick [Hg 1969-1972] (left) is pictured with Tom Hunt [HI 1999-2004 and son of James [C 1961-1965] (standing) and Hugh Salmon [Hn 1969-1974] (right) in the Master's Garden at the Lodge. Roger Pedrick is holding James Hunt's helmet that he wore during his victorious 1976 World Championship. Famously, the helmet sported OW colours.

— REGAIN —

Regain is the only charity dedicated solely to supporting men and women tetraplegic as a result of sporting injuries. Roger, a former professional racing driver, lives in a Cheshire home in Tunbridge Wells. A distinguished mouth painter who has exhibited at the Royal Academy, Roger has one of the most comprehen-

sive collections of toy vehicle memorabilia in the country.

A glorious day was spent by friends, family and supporters walking and picnicking in the grounds of Wellington and this successful and inspiring event was brought to Wellington by budding impressario Kristoffer Salmon, son of Hugh and a current boy in the Hopetoun. ■

— HONOURS & AWARDS 2007 —

Maj. General N.J. Cottam [O 1964-1969] **CB**

Brig. J.N. Wolsey [O 1971-1976] **CBE**

Sir Michael Rake [C 1961-1966] **KBE**

Prof. Sir Richard Feachem [HI 1960-1965] **KBE**

A.G. Lawton [L 1966-1971] **OBE**

Lt. Col. R.D. Winstanley [S 1978-1982] **OBE**

— JOHN GARDNER'S BIRTHDAY —

John Gardner's [C 1930-1935] birthday was a successful evening. On Tuesday 20th March 112 people sat down to dinner having attended a ninety-minute concert of John Gardner's music played by well known musicians and the family.

John met Patrick Wright whose father was John's housemaster at Wellington College. Patrick was a small



child during John's time at the College. Michael Anderson and Raefe Shelton [Hg 1942-1946] came from Bristol to be with John on his special evening. Howard Pedraza [HI 1930-1935], aged 91, attended from London to meet up with John for the first time since they left Wellington College and Oxford University together in the early 1940s. ■

— DAN BERKELEY WED IN FLOODS —

Readers who remember Daniel Berkeley [Pn 1997-2002] will be interested to know that he married Lib Arrand surrounded by the flooded fields of Yorkshire and Lincolnshire at the end of June. Daniel has just finished his training to become a doctor at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, five years after completing his final term at Wellington. He and Lib met when they both travelled with the British Schools Expedition Society



in 2002 to the Arctic Circle, spending six weeks on Svalbard—truly 'love in a cold climate'! The wedding took place in Belton, Lincolnshire and the picture shows the two of them wielding a Berkeley family heirloom to cut the cake—a Russian sabre! Following their honeymoon in Tuscany they have settled in Carlisle where Daniel has been appointed as a Junior Doctor in the Cumberland Royal Infirmary. Lib will be teaching English in a comprehensive school in the city. ■

— ENGAGEMENT —

Edward Brewster [M 1987-1992] and Erica Ballantyne are to be married in Waipukurau, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand on December 31st. Best Man is to be Barnie



Edwards [M 1987-1992] and among those present will be James [M 1975-1980] and Amanda Brewster and their two daughters who are to be bridesmaids and Peter [HI 1986-1991] and Claudia Harvey. ■

— COLBECK WEDDING —

Not only the bride and groom but both proud fathers are OWs. Add to that the bridesmaids and several other guests, the wedding of Charles Colbeck and Hannah Stoy proved to be a wonderful OW reunion. The bride is a Captain in the Royal Signals and is Adjutant of her Regiment (16th), while the groom is a Major in the Light Dragoons, serving in the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps in Germany. ■



OW Wedding 17th March 2007—Charles Colbeck [Hg 1988-1993] and Hannah Stoy [Ap 1995-1997].

Left to right: Joanne Livingston [Ap 1995-1997], Simon Colbeck [Hg 1959-1964], Toby Reynolds [C 1992-1997], Charles Colbeck [Hg 1988-1993], Hannah Colbeck (nee Stoy) [Ap 1995-1997], Andrew Dobson [BI 1960-1965], John Stoy [Bn 1957-1959], Tim Merritt [Pn 1960-1963], Verity Bertram [Ap 1995-1997], Rob Gordon [O 1992-1997], Louisa Hunter (nee Fewtrell) [Ap 1995-1997]



BEVIR REPORTS

TEACHING IN INDIA

CLARE BUCHANAN [AP 2004-2006]

I could talk forever about my experiences in India, but hopefully the following gives an insight into my time there...

Living in a three generation Indian Rajput household was itself an eye opener, as I was exposed to the daily trials and rituals of an Indian family. My particular family were very traditional and Indian in their ways, and lived a life alien to me, especially the women, who I discovered had never walked along the street by themselves in their lives

and who had arranged marriages to complete strangers from the age of 13; what they thought of me—a young girl roaming round India alone, I don't know! The house also had a charming live in Indian staff family—the children would joke with me, play with my hair, and their mother, the cook, taught me how to make perfect chapattis, and had me eating curry three times a day with my hands!

Journeys through the city were always exciting. If you were on foot within a few minutes of stepping outside you

would soon enough have your own personal entourage of rickshaws, beggars and shop sellers, who see you as a walking dollar sign, and pester you to take a ride with them, or give them food and money. Most of my journeys, including to work were in an auto rickshaw. Driving in one was like being in a James Bond chase; we would weave in and out of entire families perched on scooters, go round roundabouts the wrong way and duck out the way from huge tinsel covered trucks with shoes dangling on back bumpers for good luck, and messages of “horn please” painted colourfully on the back. After a while you would no longer flinch as a bus with people flying off the sides and roofs would miss you by half an inch. Most of the journey is spent in traffic breathing in the Indian cocktail of burning onions, incense, diesel, dust and spicy sweat.

My placement was with a local NGO—Vihaan. They were involved in social development including education, health, women’s empowerment and vocational training. Their key aim was to improve the condition of people’s lives at the slum, and their latest project had been to set up a school for the local children; this is where I would be spending most of my time.

Teaching was hard work. 50 children aged between 2 and 15 came to school each day, to be taught in one of three “classrooms”. These were concrete boxes the size of a double bed, each with one chair, a small blackboard and a ceiling fan, which only seemed to work occasionally due to the continuous power cuts. They were taught Hindi, Maths and English, however, they were all of different abilities and I usually had enough trouble controlling them let alone teaching as they bounced off the walls and all jumped on me!

When I first arrived most of the English lessons were simply the children writing out the alphabet over and over, and reading the same three story books that the school had. Most of the children were bored and had now mastered their alphabets, this was not the fault of the school, the one and only English teacher had trouble controlling the rascals and because they were of such different abilities group activities were difficult, lack of resources aside. So I was allowed to set up an arts and crafts lesson as well as play games in a tiny cow field that was next door.

As well as teaching at the school I was to carry out a survey of the slum area to find out about vocational needs and health and hygiene education. This allowed me to walk round the slum and talk to many of its residents. Through this I found out exactly the sorts of conditions

they lived in and came to realise their desire to learn skills to get themselves out of the poverty trap. It was also a stark realisation as to how little information was available to them about health and hygiene, as over and over I would ask the question “Do you know what an STD is?”, they all answered “yes of course it’s the telephone company”. Working with Vihaan gave me a deeper understanding of India, as I was shocked to realise the many problems still faced by Indians that I thought had long been abolished, such as female infanticide—India is still a man’s world and often baby girls are aborted, undernourished or murdered. Furthermore the roots and problems of the caste system still remain and dowry burning “accidents” still occur.

The journey was often all part of the fun, on trains you would be rocked to sleep by the sounds of snores, farts and burps by fellow passengers. Buses were a run and jump job to get on, then you would have to endure being stared at, groped and laughed at by the locals, as they packed more and more people on. Where ever we travelled we were asked for photos and even autographs by Indians who wanted to be your new best friend, and of course you couldn’t refuse the required tea, chat about cricket and business card thrust into your hand.

The extreme contradictions of India can be wearing. It’s often surreal, seems unjust and is difficult to accept, especially as you may be making your way to a bar where they charge 200 Rupees for a beer, yet a little girl in rags approaches you at the door asking for 5 Rupees, it is heartbreaking and creates a love hate relationship that most travellers seem to have with India.

Unfortunately the end to my Indian adventure came earlier than planned. I woke up one day in a pool of sweat, was later rushed to hospital where I found out I had dengue fever. I spent just over a week sweating it out in India, not doing much else except for sleeping and daily visits to the hospital to have blood taken and where I would promptly be sick. The children from school sent me get well cards, and I was told that “India is praying for you Clara”. Unfortunately this didn’t work and after a warning by doctors that I may need a blood transfusion, I decided I had had enough and didn’t want to risk getting HIV infected blood given to me, so I was sent home.

Although frustrating and annoying that I had to come home early I had an amazing experience whilst in India, that I will not allow to be tainted by dengue, and I will one day definitely go back. ■

— TEACHING ASSISTANT — AT WANGANUI COLLEGIATE SCHOOL NEW ZEALAND

EDWARD SWIFT [HG 2001-2006]



Working at Wanganui Collegiate School was perfect. When I arrived at the airport I was welcomed by David Litten the Housemaster of Grey boarding house. Little did I know that Grey would be my heart and soul for the next year. The school itself is a co-educational secondary school set on a beautiful and spacious campus in the town of Wanganui. Collegiate offers both day and boarding facilities with integrated boarding houses. There are two Girls’ houses, and 4 Boys’ houses, of which Grey was the best one (or at least that is how the Grey boys and staff think). The school has a friendly Common Room which has to suffer approximately four “Tutors” (what gappies/stooges were fondly known as) coming in and out every year.

The New Zealand academic year commences in January and comprises four terms. In the December school holidays during the height of summer I was fortunate enough to be able to plan and experience a 3-day canoe trip for 110 km down the Whanganui River (Wh’s in the New Zealand Maori language are pronounced as “Fs”. Therefore Whanganui is pronounced Fon-gan-ooi. The only catch with the pronunciation is that the Wanganui tribe is the only tribe which excludes this rule).

The Whanganui River is the longest navigable river in New Zealand this being the reason for why the city grew up as a prominent British coastal port from which the colonists could explore up through the North Island. On this trip were 7 members of staff, including two other Tutors, from Wanganui Collegiate all of whom became very good friends.

The scenery that we were subjected to over these three days was outstanding. The sharp ravines and steep gorges which the Whanganui winds its way through were idyllic; the dense rainforest and fertile unspoilt vegetation

was a paradise for all sorts of wildlife. One of the sights to be seen on this journey is the ‘Bridge to Nowhere’. This architectural feature was built in an adjacent valley to ours deep in the recesses of the National Park; after the Second World War the men who came back from Europe to New Zealand were given plots of land up the river to cultivate and settle on. However this land is thick, dense forest. The families that moved there built this bridge shortly prior to giving up after years of trying to clear some land in this impenetrable area. They gave up and migrated back to towns further towards the coast on the banks of the river such as: Athens, Corinth, London, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

This journey was a wonderful way to submerge myself in what life in rural New Zealand is about. We camped out at a Marae (a Maori settlement) for a night and experienced a Powhiri with a Hangi (a welcoming ceremony including a feast). This was an incredible experience as it is truly like nothing I have ever seen before. The rituals include a sung performance and sometimes a welcoming Haka and are reciprocated by a song from the visitors after which the feast begins.

The journey, for us, finished at Rananna (in English: London). We were suntanned and fulfilled after a decent three-day camp. It involved a certain connection which all of us on the trip experienced with the local Maori community and also this historical area of New Zealand’s natural habitat.

Other experiences that I was eager to be a part of were the snowboarding trips up to Mount Ruapehu. The two locations on Mount Ruapehu are Whakapapa and Turoa, both renowned resorts. Ruapehu is one of New Zealand’s many active volcanoes and its sister mountain Ngauruhoe was ‘Mount Doom’ in Lord of the Rings.



During the Easter holidays, I and a friend of mine, a fellow member of staff from Collegiate decided to expand our knowledge of one of the largest growing international export industries in New Zealand. The vineyards of Hawke's Bay are situated in and around the coastal region, mid-east of the North Island. The town of Napier, the Bay's main tourist attraction, was completely re-built in the 1930's after an earthquake devastated the area in 1931. The reconstruction of the town was undertaken in the Art Deco style thus making it a beautifully quirky and unique place.

The bursary also offered itself as a way of allowing me to travel, not only New Zealand, but to Australia too. I

have always wanted to revisit Sydney after having spent a week there with the Wellington College Round Square team just before the 2005 International RS Conference at Ivanhoe Grammar, Melbourne. So in the height of the summer, mid-January, I found myself spending just under a week there catching up, funnily enough, with some other OWs who happened to be there at the same time as me. Then I worked on a farm owned by some family friends of mine in Mudgee, about four hours drive from Sydney. There I learnt all about running a beef station and how to fence, with both wood and steel. Working outdoors was particularly tough due to the temperature ranging between 30-40°C. ■



— TEACHING & CONSERVATION WORK — IN SOUTH AFRICA

LETITIA BRYAN [AP 2004-2006]



The most exciting moments of my 3½ month trip to South Africa? One of them was probably that instant my plane left the ground at Heathrow; in all honesty, I didn't know what to expect, but I was totally alone, starting afresh, out to meet new people with whom I would share some of the most incredible experiences of my life so far. But then again I suppose that instant of excitement was rapidly out-done by having

to stand in front of a class of 60 blank faces with whom I barely shared a common language, tracking game through the African bush on horseback, and hanging off the edge of Table Mountain!

The first 6 weeks of my trip I was to spend in the small town of Cintsa on the Wild Coast, working at a number of terribly under-resourced and overcrowded township schools. I worked for a small local charity called Volunteer

Africa 32° South, whose principal aims are to teach English and computer literacy, build computer labs in the schools, and to develop vegetable gardens.

There were 16 other volunteers on the project, all fantastic outgoing people, so working together for the first week as human JCBs on the soon-to-be vegetable gardens at various schools proved to be great fun, especially with giraffe, zebra and the odd ostrich peering over the school fence. I settled with 3 other volunteers at one particular primary school, Bulugha Farm School, to teach English and computing which turned out to be a much bigger challenge than I had ever anticipated! There were 198 in this school (split into 8 year groups), 3 teachers and 3 classrooms. When the teacher was busy with one year group, the other would be sent outside to play or else they sat in the classroom disturbing the other kids.

Most of the kids spoke very little English, let alone knew how to type it on a computer. This was a great excuse to think up fun, creative ways of teaching, using games, word searches, and of course the old classic—hangman! The weekly highlight was a concert of indigenous music by the school choir which they gave to backpackers passing through our hostel, hoping to generate donations for the feeding scheme. I was so moved when one week, after an amazing performance, the teacher announced a donation of one thousand Rand (about £70) and the kids erupted in screams of happiness; some were crying.

Another key part of the project was the sports programme which we ran, either on the green outside our volunteers' house or on the deserted beach less than a minute's walk from our house. The idea behind this programme was to help the kids build up team and social skills through sport, and it was also a great way to get them out of the township and to integrate into the rest of the community, as well as just to have fun. We had a few riotous games of rugby, but after deciding that this was perhaps a bit technical and rough for the very mixed crowd of all ages we changed to beach cricket, football and volleyball.

During our time in Cintsa the other volunteers and I decided to take part in the annual 'Surfers Marathon' to raise money for the school feeding scheme. The suggestion also came up that it would be more fun and we would attract more attention if we were cross-dressed, so I ended up trampling across sand dunes and wading through rivers for 19km in the baking sun wearing only boxer shorts and a bikini—all for a good cause!

Leaving the school after 6 weeks was quite emotional,

as I had become so attached to the school and I had just started to see that what I was doing was really making a difference. It didn't help that some of the kids were pleading with us not to leave, and a huge crowd ran after our minibus to the school gates, blowing us kisses, waving us goodbye. And the group of friends I had made in my time there was just fantastic. But it was time to move on to my next adventure up in the northeast of the country in the Kruger National Park.

This next part of my trip was a month long project based on a small game reserve outside Hoedspruit, situated in the bush lowland under the shadow of the striking Drakensberg Mountains. The game farm, Off Beat Safaris, is a small, family run business which takes a group of 8 people each month to do a conservation course and horse riding programme. Our time was split half-half between conservation lectures and work on the reserve, and horse riding, horse care, veterinary skills and stable management. I stayed with 7 other girls in a rustic bush camp with no hot water or electricity, but more than enough of 'nature' invading my privacy, personal space and sleep. Lighting at night was by paraffin lamps and a campfire, but we tended to live with the sun, waking up at 6 and going to bed at 7—it felt absurd at first, but even stranger was the irrepressible yawning and drooping of eyelids come 8 o'clock in the evening after leaving Off Beat!

We were up at 6 each morning to start work for our first session before breakfast from 6.30 until 9.30. This was usually a ride out in the bush or a fence patrol on horseback. It was a fantastic experience to ride out in the bush as we were able to get so close to the game because the animals don't mind the horses. And there was so much to see on the relatively small reserve: a giraffe family with a new born calf, a zebra family with a foal, a group of warthog with little piglets, kudu, wildebeest, baboons, jackyl and impala.

The second part of the conservation module was the practical (and exhausting) part. After our mid-day siesta when it was too hot to do anything, we had a 2½ hour work session out on the farm. During my time at Off Beat there was very little grass for the game due to an ongoing drought, so we spent some time each week scattering hay over the farm for the game. However, giraffes only eat from the tree tops, so we spent a lot of energy hurling fly-away handfuls of hay up into the trees! The lack of grass meant that, on the off chance that rain would actually come, we had to try and prevent the soil from

washing away. So we built contours across the farm with rocks to stem the water flow and packed branches into eroded gullies, so that any seeds which got washed down the gullies in the rain would get stuck in the branches and establish there, consequently holding the soil together in years to come.

Given that our reserve did not have any of the 'Big 5' on it (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo) we did spend quite some time on other reserves in the area and in the Kruger National Park itself. One of my highlights was a sleep out we did on a big 5 reserve. Just as we were going to sleep we heard the hyena whooping very close by (they have a very eerie call), so we turned on the flashlight and saw a large female dragging a zebra carcass to the edge of the waterhole near our hide; it was just amazing. Another highlight was, in the Kruger Park, running into a huge herd of elephant at a waterhole with their calves, who are comically playful and just don't know what to do with their trunks quite

yet! We watched, absolutely enthralled, for 45 minutes.

I rounded off my trip with 3 weeks in Cape Town, seeing a very different side to South Africa and also gaining some legal work experience there to help prepare me for starting my studies in Law after my Gap year. I managed to squeeze in a petrifying abseil down Table Mountain, a hike back up it, a tour of the famous political prison of Robben Island, and a trip into the beautiful wine lands in between my weeks in the office.

Overall, I had an incredible 3½ months in South Africa. I had never before realised what a diverse country in terms of landscape, culture and politics it is, and I met some amazing people working on these projects who I grew to have great respect for. And on top of my immensely rewarding time teaching and my awe-inspiring bush experiences, it was wonderful to just relax and take in a truly stunning part of our world. I am hugely grateful to the Bevir Memorial and the Muir Scholarship Funds for their help in making this trip possible for me. ■

— TEACHING ENGLISH IN SALVADOR, BRAZIL —

NICHOLAS SMALE [BN 2001-2006]



In August 2006 shortly after receiving my A-level results I set out for Salvador, a city in the northeast of Brazil to start a month of teaching English. Salvador, during the Portuguese colonial period was for a long time the capital and largest city of Brazil. This pre-eminence was largely as a result of the huge sugar industry in the surrounding countryside powered by a massive influx of African slaves. Salvador as a result of this is a culturally rich city with a strong sense of Afro-Brazilian heritage. Thus, although in economic and political terms has been overtaken by larger cities in the South it remained a cultural centre having produced many of the famous musical and literary figures in Brazil.

I am part Brazilian on my mother's side so already had a basic knowledge of the country and the language. However I wanted to discover Brazil for myself more than was



possible from occasional family holidays.

I was to be working in two social projects in different parts of the city teaching people of all ages in different classes. These projects were set up to target Salvador's massive unemployment and to create job opportunities in the growing tourist industry in Salvador.

After a couple of days of orientation and getting to know where I would be working, taking in as many teaching tips as possible and meticulously planning my first lesson, I believed I was as prepared as I could possibly be. Even so I'd be lying if I said I wasn't nervous. Due to a very slow bus I arrived for my first lesson 10 minutes late dreading the consequences, only to realise after a further 10 minutes when the first student actually turned up that my values of punctuality were not shared by my students or just about anyone else in Salvador, and

my lessons would never start under half an hour late.

This experience got me looking at teaching in a whole new way; I had never imagined the incredible organisation and patience needed both to plan each and every lesson and then to communicate the subject effectively to the students. Watching my students leave with a sense of achievement with an enlarged vocabulary under their belts to prove it more than made up for the trials of getting there.

One thing I had worried about and had been told a lot about, was the idea of a gap naturally existing between yourself and the people you were teaching as a result of wealth differences. What made this such a memorable experience were the relationships I developed with my

students, coming from very different backgrounds. The students themselves were always very friendly and enthusiastic. They had a very deep rooted pride in their hometown and after a few weeks its not difficult to see why with glorious weather, marvellous beaches and probably the world's craziest street parties during Carnival.

The Bevir and Muir grants helped significantly and I would like to thank the administrators of both. I absolutely loved my stay in Salvador, it was a great learning experience teaching and getting to know the people of Salvador. I am in contact with some of the friends I made and hope to return in the near future. I really recommend Brazil, it's a beautiful country with incredibly spirited people. ■

— O. W. SOCIETY CHARITABLE TRUST —

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2006

Income for the Charitable Trust for the year was £5,002 (£1,451) and expenditure was £622 (£2,003). The value of the Charitable Trust on 31st December 2006 was £16,087 (£11,707).

The main purpose of the Fund remains to award prizes in the form of Tankards and Medallions for the athletic and artistic achievement of present pupils. ■

— HERBERT O. W. TRUST —

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2006

Grants were made to five OW parents in the year. Two parents had children at other schools and three had sons at Wellington. The total grant made was £12,100 (£10,800). Investment Income was £15,329 (£15,267) and Donations received were £1,100

(£2,029). Expenditure was £12,935 (£11,529) so that the net Income for the year was £3,494 (£5,767). The value of the Herbert Trust on 31st December 2006 was £441,232 (£379,813). ■

— J. R. BEVIR MEMORIAL FUND —

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2006

Thirteen OWs received grants from the Bevir Fund this year and the total grant provided was £6,450. As ever the range of activity was broad and it was good to be able to help two OWs from the nineties. The complete list of activities reads:

- Teaching Assistant in Swaziland
- Teaching English in China (2)
- Teaching English in Santiniketan, India
- Teaching English in Brazil
- Teaching in New Zealand
- Teaching and conservation in South Africa
- Medical Elective in Tanzania

Coral Cay Conservation in Fiji
Raleigh International Community project in Costa Rica
VSO Education Placement
Postgraduate course in New York
Travel in Eastern Europe

Investment Income was £5,814 (£6,309) and donations were received to the value of £1,935 (£7,817). Expenditure totalled £6,628 (£8,945). Investments held the value £138,028 (£121,944) and in the bank was £5,693 (£4,505).

The value of the Bevir Fund on 31st December 2006 was £143,721 (£126,379). ■

O.W. SPORT



RUGBY

The 2006/2007 season was another very successful one for the OW Rugby Club. Whilst the Club continues to perform on the pitch, importantly we have made significant improvements off it. We owe significant thanks to John Robertson (James's father) as our Registration Secretary; we are now very organised.

Playing to win and gain automatic promotion in the very competitive Surrey One league was always to be a big challenge but I'm pleased to say that we managed it. Our task was made that much harder as the number of teams in the league has been halved (a new home & away format) and the newly formed London South African side were looking to cruise through.

The pre-season started well with yet another great Las Vegas tour organised by Richard Bibbey. Once again we sent out a dream team to the Midnight 7s tournament and again they made it to the final only for the organisers to fail to pay the electricity bill and the lights went out before the final could be completed. The new guys such as Robbie Thomas [Pn], Dom Shaboo [T], Nick Mason [O] and Richard White [Bi], have assured me that they would have won it. The other pre-season warm up was another 10s tournament at the College, organised once again by James Templeman [Hi]. Due to injuries and general fatigue, this year's tournament was won by a combination of youthful ages as they beat a combination of oldies!

The 1st XV didn't start the league season in the most auspicious way. The omens were not good as we scraped a draw against Cranleigh. Next up we faced the highly rated South African side at their ground and we shocked the life out of them beating them 24-22. The importance of this win cannot be overstated.

In the league, we ended with a record of 17 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss, finishing 4 points ahead of our nearest rivals. The points difference was also impressive.

Meanwhile in the National Cup, we were the lowest ranked side in the competition and we did extremely well in beating sides as many as three leagues above us, and only coming unstuck in the 5th round losing to a side two leagues above us. We have not put a huge emphasis on the cup competitions in the past (as it means we get less weekends off), but the attitude was different this year, and the highlight of our run came in the second game against Sidcup. The team was led by Doug Harrison [O] and I don't know what he said to the guys at half time when we were 21-0 down, but it seemed to do the trick and we went on to win 21-34.

As we continue to grow in player numbers the stronger both teams will become. The 2nd XV led by Toby Reynolds [C] had a great start to the season doing enough to secure a comfortable mid-table position. Confidence in the Club is high with players such as Pete Burroughs [Bd], Ed Foy [S] and Pete Byre [Hi] providing pace in the backs and the forward grunt coming from Douglas Harrison [O], James Robertson [Hg], James Newson [A] and Will Looker [Bi] to name just a few.

The Club continues to be a great place for OWs to play regularly at varying standards. After winning the league and securing promotion back up to the London divisions, the Club is in good hands with James Templeman [Hi] taking over the 1st XV captaincy and Toby Reynolds [C] marshalling the 2nd XV. Please get in touch if you fancy a game. Our website is: www.owrugby.co.uk. Andy Jones

CRICKET

Frustrating is a word that I'm sure will be used by cricket clubs up and down the country after the wettest English summer on record.

Apart from the Cricketer Cup team's excellent run, the 'friendly' O.W.C.C. team put in some mixed performances, and had a 100% record in the Twenty over version of the game (England take note...).

The start of the season was delayed until what should

have been the third game of the season, with the game at Hurlingham played on the traditional shirtfront. Senior pro Gary Lloyd [M 1958-1963] showed that age was no barrier as he helped to bowl Hurlingham out in a 100 run victory after James Broderick [S 1996-2001] took the OW total towards the 300 mark.

With exams now seemingly an ever more time consuming affair for the boys, we played a twenty-over game on the Friday of Speech day rather than the traditional day 1 of the two-day game. It was said at the start of the game that 150 would be a winning score, and luckily it was as the boys scored a creditable 149, before having the old lags at 23-3. Then one of the finds for the OWs over the last few seasons, Alex Barker [Hn 2000-2005], proceeded to show what a combination of excellent timing and thoughtful batting could do, as he saw the OWs home without another wicket being lost.

The Saturday was a special occasion, with the toss being conducted by father and son combination of James Young [L 1968-1972] (Chairman of O.W.C.C.) and Ed Young [Bd 2002-2007] (Captain W.C.C.C.). O.W.C.C. batted first and scrambled to a creditable score. The boys were determined to not go down in the two-match series 2-0 and always had the game in their sights. However, the old boys were keen to record their first Speech Day victory against the College in a few years and did so (the last time being under the leadership of the Chairman), winning in dramatic style by one run. I'd like to think that these 2 victories in two



Left to Right: John Yeldam [L 1953-1957], David Jarrett (front) [Pn 1965-1970], Bobby Lowe [T 1964-1969], Mark Streatfield [C 1960-1965], Jarret Young [S 1988-1993], Chris Potter [C 1960-1965], Tim Coombe [Pn 1966-1971], Simon Fuller [Hi 1957-1962], Jon White [S 1982-1987], Mark Milliken-Smith [Bd 1977-1981].

days gave some impetus to the Cricketer Cup campaign that was to follow.

The highlight of the day, however, was the unveiling of the plaque for Sir Robert 'Bob' Gatehouse [Hi 1937-1942], founding father of O.W.C.C. and its most generous supporter. Many generations of OW cricketers were there at tea for the unveiling and a few words from President, John Yeldham [L 1953-1957]. Bob was a man held in the

highest regard by all those who knew him, and the plaque on the Pink Pavilion is a testament to that.

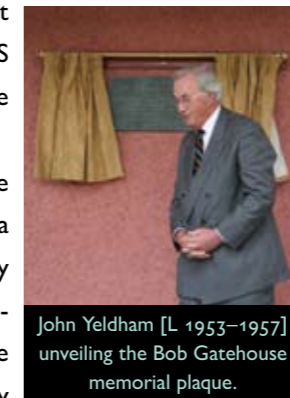
June started and finished with a loss to the Bradfield Waifs, as rain prevented any other non-Cricketer Cup cricket from being played. This really put a hold on the season.

Nonetheless the week on Turf, was remarkably untarnished by the weather, and there were mixed results. It was good to get one over the traditional enemy of the week, the Rugby Meteors, but the rest of it was something of a mixed bag. Many thanks to Tom Newman [Hi 1988-1993] and Robin Dyer [T 1972-1977] who organised it with such skill and enthusiasm. In these difficult times for wandering cricket, it is a testament to them that competitive cricket side are fielded in the middle of the week.

Only the Eton Ramblers game (of the Sunday games) survived the weather in the second half of the season, and some may wish it had not, as the Ramblers showed us how to win a game of cricket convincingly.

However the re-arranged Twenty-over game against Esher Cricket Club, captained by OW Tom Newman [Bn 1997-2002, not Hi 1988-1993] saw a great victory, helped by our 12th man, the impending gloom as they gashed in the gloaming. Richard Gotla [O 2000-2005] picked up a man of the match performance for efforts with both bat and ball, and Steve Pearce [A 1984-1988] showed what can be done with an uncomplicated approach to batting.

In summary, OW cricket is in good shape, when we get 11 cricketers onto a pitch that has not been attacked



John Yeldham [L 1953-1957] unveiling the Bob Gatehouse memorial plaque.



1st XI v OW Speech Day 2007. Left to right: Back Row: Ed Lowe [Bd], James Coyne [O 1998-2003], James Fuller [Bn 2000-2006], Richard Godla [O 2000-2005], James Huelin [B], Alex Barker [Hn 2000-2005], Don Jarrett [Pn], Nathan Dodson [O 1997-2002], Freddie Stevens [Bn], Harry Streatfeild [C 1997-2002], Mark Hilliken-Smith [Bd 1977-1981], James Young [L 1968-1972], Freddie Bowring [Bd], Charles McDonagh [Pn], Tom Newman [HI 88-93]. Front Row: George Byrd [Bn], Mike Brownrigg [HI 1994-1999], Mark Douglas [Bn 2002-2007], Hugo Cox [A 1988-1993], Ed Young [Bd 2002-2007], Sam Streatfeild [C 1993-1998], Ashley West [A 2002-2007], Sam Sticher [Hg 2000-2005].

by the rain. The exploits of the Cricketer Cup side were fantastic, and many congratulations to Tom Newman and Robin Dyer for not only producing so many good cricketers in recent years, but also for getting them to play. As ever, we are always looking for young OWs to come and enjoy some cricket on Turf, so if you would like to play, please call Sam Streatfeild [C 1993-1998] on 07 818 437 514, or e-mail: ssstreatfeild@sportingindex.com.

As ever, there is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes, especially in a season as frustrating as this one. I would like to thank all the match managers for their efforts, Phil Stockwell for his patience with games being called off, Peter Lewington and his team for keeping options open as to whether the game can be played or not until the last moment and all members of the committee as well as Chris Potter for their time and commitment. *Sam Streatfeild* ■

THE CRICKETER CUP

What a difference a young athletic cricket side can make. The youngest member of the 2007 campaign was Ed Young [Bd 2002-2007] and the eldest was myself [HI 1988-1993]. This was a great side with a lot of enthusiasm to win.

We began our campaign with a very professional performance against quite a strong Clifton side in Bristol

on a humid Sunday at the beginning of June. Clifton batted first and scored a competitive 245-9 off their 50 overs. We had bowled well on what was a small ground, whilst our batting was measured and positive, led ably by Ben Kingsnorth [HI 2001-2006] who rode his luck but scored an impressive 87—he had clearly benefited from some time away in the southern hemisphere. We chased well and kept with the run rate for the entirety of our innings. Everyone chipped in and we eventually won in the penultimate over after some big hitting from Al Shelley [Pn 1998-2003]. Our victory by 5 wickets set us up nicely for a second round match against Charterhouse on Turf. But then the rain came... Turf was under water. After playing against some late swing and vicious spin over the telephone with the Carthusians, it was eventually decided to have a bowl out. They arrived in their Hampshire jumpers and we arrived without them. They missed more than we did. At this stage it would be cras not to mention him, and I cannot speak highly enough of Ed Britton [A 1990-1995] who hit the stumps in the middle with only his second ball in three years wearing nothing but a pair of Levis and a shirt! We eventually won the bowl out 2-0 after 10 balls by each team... And on we marched all the way to North London and Highgate for our 3rd round tie. We enjoyed every moment of the game. We batted

first and after a difficult start began to dominate. Pete Young [Bd 1999-2004] played beautifully for his debut 100 and was assisted by Hugo Sheppard [Bn 1998-2003] who scored a patient 67. The platform was set and OWCC filled their collective boots recording only its second score of over three hundred in the last 10 years. Old Cholmeleians were never really in it as we dominated in the field bowling tightly and not giving anything away in the field.

And so to the semi-final and an away trip to Oundle. We stuttered to 180 all out in our allotted overs, the highlight being a majestic straight six off the last ball of the innings by James Fuller [Bn 2001-2006]. In hindsight, it was about 80-100 runs too few. It was a massive shame and

the guys were suitably frustrated at the end—even a cold lager did little to console them... That said, we have the makings of a winning team: the team is young, athletic and hugely talented. With more experience and a slice of luck we will see Richmond CC in its full glory next summer but not before a customary thorough dissection of the game at the annual OW sports' dinner in the new year! We play Old Cheltonians in the first-round on Turf next summer and it would be magnificent to see as much support as possible.

I would like to thank Robin Dyer [T 1972-1977] who worked well on the telephone gathering the troops and getting us in the right place at the right time. *Tom Newman* [HI 1988-1993] ■

— HOCKEY —

The OW Hockey Club does not play as a regular team, choosing instead to focus its efforts on just this one annual fixture with the College, falling this time on 21st January 2007. However this never dampens the interest and this year we turned out a squad of 21 for the games against the boys' first and second teams. As in previous years we chose the strategy of a single squad for both games to enable players to roll-on and off at will and thereby limiting some of the older players' contributions to short sharp reminders of the pure magic they could still conjure up with their hockey wands.

The style the OW team has adopted over the years is very Brazilian in its nature. We favour the free flowing game, never afraid to throw players forward and focusing on making the ball fly from player to player until our opponents concentration and defence is broken. This approach has in the past left us open to the counter attack, but this year a special mention goes to James Harper [Pn 1994-1999] in goal (for both games) who ensured that nearly all chances that the boys had came to nothing.

Both games were thrillers and perhaps the score lines flatter the OWs, though nothing should be taken away from the result given that we were giving up an average of 10 years per player to our opponents. We scored a total of 11 goals conceding only one and the score in each game was as follows: OW vs Wellington 1st XI: 6-1; OW vs Wellington 2nd XI: 5-0.

If we do have one regret of what was otherwise a

fantastic day, it is that we are lacking some younger additions to our team. The bulk of our squad is made up of leavers between 1990 and 1996 and we would welcome the addition of some more recent leavers to ensure that this wonderful fixture can continue for many years to come. Details of the next game will be posted on the website (follow link on www.owsociety.com) and anyone interested in a game should have a look and feel free to get in touch.

Highlights of the 2007 fixture include:

- welcoming back Chris MacFarlane [Hg 1988-1993] after many years in Australia
- the short corner routine in the game versus the 2's that yielded 4 of our goals—thank you Tom Newman [HI 1988-1993] and Will Sawrey-Cookson [HI 1986-1991].
- Nick Kinder [HI 1993-1998] taking fourth swipes at the ball before finally pushing it into the open goal, collapsing in a heap and the retiring hurt.
- a hat-trick from Paul Kaplanski [A 1994-1999] who was running out for us for the first time.
- Rob Easton's [A 1990-1995] complete inability to concentrate on anything except striking a pose once he noticed the photographer on the sidelines.

Thank you to all of you who played and we look forward to meeting again in early 2008. Please keep an eye on the website for details of that fixture. Finally, if anyone would like to get involved in organising this fixture, or indeed any additional games through the year, please do get in touch. *Stuart Miners* [C 1990-1995] ■

FOOTBALL

The Old Wellingtonian Football Club has reached the end of its second season 'in great nick', with a large playing squad, an established presence in The Arthurian League and another memorable season to look back on.

We currently play in Division 3 of (of 6) in The Arthurian League and started the 2006/2007 season full of bravura and aiming for promotion. Our confidence looked justified as we glided to the top of the table with 9 points from our first three games. Much credit for this strong start must go to young newcomer Charlie Lyons [O] and goal poacher Edward Mallaburn [L], whose prolific form early in the season helped him finish the division's top goal scorer.

Like many of the more stylish sides in European football, while we flourished against A-list opposition in the September sunshine, it was a long journey to a wet and unglamorous away fixture that derailed us. Leading Old Cholmelians 3-2 with just 4 minutes to go, we were home and dry in a scrappy game. We lost 3-4, and it set us on a winless streak that would follow us into 2007.

It's hard to pick out highlights in the long, hard winter that followed but a gutsy draw away at a rain swept Bradfield—when we played the entire game with 10 men due to a break down on the A3—stands out.

In the final third of the season, with almost certain relegation looming in the league, a cup run raised us from our torpor. A last-minute winner from hat-trick hero Freddie Longe [A] in the last 16 and a heroic ten man second half in the 2-1 Quarter-Finals win over favourites Westminster took us to the brink of glory—a semi-final against our bogey side Old Cholmelians. Leading 2-1 with five minutes to go we looked bound for the final, but a heartbreaking (and, for the record, offside!) equaliser sent us into an exhausting, goalless 30 minutes of extra time. So, it came down to

penalties, and only Will Misselbrook [Bd] managed to convert from the spot for the OWs, as we crashed out in the cruelest way—although great credit must go to veteran left back Charlie Dixon [A] who gamely offered to take the second penalty, and duly 'Chris Waddled' it into Row Z.

Despite this disappointment, the camaraderie and excitement of our unexpected cup run had already rejuvenated our league form, epitomised by our best performance of the season: a classy 4-1 away win at Charterhouse. Great performances from 1 to 11, but Tom Alexander's [BI] spiky midfield show and Julian Betts' [HI] rock-solid goalkeeping stick in the memory.

And so our uncanny knack for the dramatic left us facing Highgate on the last day of the season, needing a win to avoid relegation. We held our nerve and exacted our revenge with a 4-1 victory, sending our cup conquerors into Division 4 and keeping us in Division 3 for another year. In 2007/2008 we hope to be competing for promotion—or at least mid-table mediocrity.

In only our second season 26 Old Wellingtonians have pulled on the yellow and black O.W.F.C. shirt, with players' ages ranging from 18 to 33. *Jamie Emsell [A 1994-99]* ■



GOLF

The O.W.G.S. goes from strength to strength. Our younger members are beginning to show their skills and we are also getting new members from all age groups and skill levels, which is just how it should be. The benefit of Iain Henderson's work in bring-

ing on Gerald Micklem teams of high quality during the last few years is beginning to show in the range of younger OW golfers who are all contenders for places in the Halford Hewitt and Grafton Morrish teams.

In the 2007 Halford Hewitt we drew Tonbridge in the

first round and unfortunately lost to them. However our performance was good and we gave them a tough match, despite the score line of 3½ to 1½ as most matches were very close. The HH team was Ed Barry-Walsh [Bd], Jon Douglas [Bn], Richard Eggleshaw [Bd], Alex Gowar [Bn], James Holland [HI], Nigel Hurst-Brown [M], Crispin Manson [S], Charlie Richardson [C], Tim Warrillow [O] and James Wyke [Hn]. This team demonstrated some of the pool of good younger players that Mike Power [S] (the non-playing Captain) has to call on and bodes well for the next few years.

The team for the Grafton Morrish qualifying was Jon Gowar [Bn] (Captain), Bas Gowar, Jon Douglas, Richard Eggleshaw, James Harper [Pn] and James Holland, average age well under 30 with a total handicap of 26! The result was excellent; we won with a total of 91 points (played off scratch) with Jon Gowar and James Holland scoring 34, Richard Eggleshaw and Jon Douglas 29 and Bas Gowar and James Harper 28. The finals are held in early October at Hunstanton.

At the 2007 Spring Meeting at Rye, 35 members played and 29 attended the dinner in the evening. The weather was good and James Holland won the O'Brien Trophy with a score of 69 (net 66, 2 under par and 5 under standard scratch). There were some other contenders with Jon Gowar and Richard Eggleshaw both scoring 73 and Jon Douglas 74. It is many years since we had such low scoring and so many near contenders. The Captain's Shield was won by Jon Gowar with 38 points and the Birkmyre Trophy by Tim Whittome [Pn] with 33 points. The Birkmyre Card (scratch prize for those over 50 years old) was won by Mike Power with 81. The Wooden Spoon was won by John Goodeve-Docker [A]. The Captain's Tankards were won

by Peter Gibbs [M] and Robin Brown [Bn] (playing for his first time in the Spring Meeting since 1969, I believe) with a score of 32½ points. On the Sunday, Martyn Gowar won the Guy Docker Trophy, Henry Somerset [Bn] the Walter Greenway and Robin Brown won the Dutton trophy for the three rounds of foursomes on Saturday and Sunday.

The 2006 Autumn Meeting, held again at Liphook at the end of September, was a great success. Richard Eggleshaw was the winner of the Needham Trophy with a score of 74 against a par of 71, despite starting bogey, double bogey, bogey! The Roberts Wilson Cup was won by James Broderick [S] with 41 points. Simon Pettigrew [S] won the John Booty 50+ Scratch Prize with 85. Patrick Power [S] won the Board Challenge Cup (combined Spring and Autumn) with 63 points and the Allom trophy was won by Richard Wynne [Hg] with 41 points. The Leese Challenge Cups were won by Simon Mason [S] and James Broderick with 40½ points.

Martyn Gowar is well into his second year as Captain and is a great supporter of the O.W.G.S. James Pease-Watkin [O] is now fully ensconced as President. Mention must be made about Harold Deane [L]—our retiring President. As many of you know he has not been well recently but is on the road to recovery and is back to hitting a few shots at Ashdown—his home course.

Of course, the very final word has to be concerning those OWs who play golf and are not members of the O.W.G.S. Do 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 [A 1961-1964]* (Secretary; telephone & fax: 020 8740 0686; mobile: 07710 781961; jgdocker@btinternet.com) ■

RACKETS

This year has been an active year for the OWs of all ages. There were two tournaments entered by OW pairs, the Milne Hue-Williams for the Under 24's and the Noel Bruce.

The Under 24 event saw three Wellington pairs enter. James Coyne [O 1998-2003] and George Tysoe [L 1998-2003] (defending champions), James Fuller [Bn 2001-2006] and Rod Shephard [Bn 2001-2006], and Paddy Corridan [A 2000-2005] and Ben Marchant [Bn 2000-2005]. It is a great tournament to get the season underway and was well attended. It took the form of box

leagues with the winners and runners up of each league going through to the semis and then the final. All pairs competed well but it was the pairing of Coyne and Tysoe who progressed to the knock out stage. They went well in the semi finals making quick work of their opponents. It wasn't the case in the final as they found some resistance from the young Winchester pair (the same pair that reached the U.S. Open doubles final this year!) They lost the first two games of this contest but then found a burst of energy to level the scores at 2-2. They then produced some fantastic serving and hard hitting in the rallies to

take the next two games and the match to complete their third win in a row in this event.

The Noel Bruce was also entered by four pairs this year. The same three as above and Mark Penna [HI 1998-2003] and Fred Beer [Bn 1996-2001] also showed their faces! Again all pairs put in a good fight and showed promise for years to come but sadly Coyne and Tysoe were the front

runners and got knocked out in the Quarter Finals by a very strong Eton pair. We are all now in training to better our OW performances.

We are also going to look into starting an active OW Real Tennis arm so if you are reading this and are interested please e-mail me and we can discuss. My e-mail is on the website. *James Coyne [O 1998-2003]* ■

— SAILING —



Attendees of OWSA 2007 Rally on board Galliard of Beaulieu

Back Row, left to right: Richard Young [Hn 1962-1967], Jonathan Hudson O [1982-1987], John Grant S [1966-1971], Peter Hewitt M [1966-1971].
Middle Row, left to right: Clive Forestier-Walker [T 1959-1963], George Curtis C [1952-1956], Jervis Kay [T 1962-1967]
Front Row, left to right: Guy Baird [O 1962-1965], Patrick Rowe [L 1952-1957], Guy Russell [BI 1974-1979], William Pennefather [S 1963-1968], Polly Amos [Ap 1976-1978], James Ekins [HI 1946-1951]

OWS.A.'s 10th anniversary year has whizzed across the start line! Various extras have been built into the year to mark the anniversary. Firstly, support and encouragement for young sailors was a major part of the anniversary plan and has taken two forms, financial and practical.

The financial support has been: a bursary awarded to Barnaby Dobson [BI 1996-2001] who, in April attended a two-day race training course in J109s run by the Royal Yacht Squadron: 'I thoroughly enjoyed every minute, be it the talks on the Platform, the time spent on the water or the over-indulgent suppers! I learnt far more than I was expecting, and am soon heading off to Antigua race-week with hugely increased confidence and knowledge of racing situations.'

A second bursary was awarded to a member of Common Room, Sam Gutteridge (currently serving in Iraq), who will do an RYA Day Skipper course in the Spring. We hope the skills acquired can be passed on to several generations of Wellingtonians, both through the sailing Club and the CCF.

The funding of a day's race coaching for the College sailing team was given by a leading RYA coach.

As for practical support: we have entered two boats in the public schools' 2007 Arrow Trophy in October, one crewed by recent OWs, all currently on the racing circuit. They intend to bag the trophy, on what is the Arrow's own 10th anniversary, to mark ours. Look for the result in the next *Year Book*.

At the annual dinghy fixture in May, we hugely boosted the confidence and technical racing skills of the College sailing team—by losing to them!

Sailors of all ages, from eight upwards, were part of an excellent turn out at the extended anniversary Rally in the Solent, also in May. Thanks to very considerable organisation by Peter Hewitt [M 1966-1971], George Curtis [C 1952-1956] and Guy Russell [BI 1974-1979], the crews of eight vessels had a delightful weekend.

There was some cracking sailing in strong breezes. Two main reefs and a storm jib notwithstanding, one skipper was sufficiently concerned to ask, "Will there be any problem with the champagne if I roll the boat?"

Delicious dinners were enjoyed in the elegant sur-

roundings of the RYS's Pavilion in Cowes and the Royal Lympington Yacht Club. A highlight was a tour of the Berthon shipyard in Lympington run by OWs Brian [HI 1975-1979] and Dominic May [HI 1976-1981]. It was a fascinating display of craftsmanship, technology, aesthetic appreciation and good business practice. Many thanks indeed to Brian for his welcome and hospitality.

To round off the year, we are extremely fortunate to have been invited to dine in the splendid surroundings of HM Tower of London. Our heartfelt thanks to George Curtis for his invitation.

O.W.S.A. is in enthusiastic form and we are very keen to welcome all OWs to the Association. Feel free to get in touch immediately! *Polly Amos [Ap 1976-1978]* ■

— SHOOTING —

OW Shooting has had another successful year, with a good range of OWs actively shooting at all levels of the sport, and I am very pleased that we have attracted a number of new members of various ages who never shot at College. Mark Hodgins [HI 1961-1966] continues to captain the Great Britain Black Powder rifle team, and Ed Welford [L 1998-2003] is now an integral part of the Great Britain Under 25 rifle team.

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 OW shooters, was won by Ed Reis [S 1989-1994] with a score of 49 out of 50.

The 2007 season started with the very friendly clay pigeon competition, held at Lains Farm near Andover. Jonathan Paul [Hg 1998-2000] took home the Townsend cup.

The first full-bore match was The L&MRA Schools Veterans, open to all old boys clubs and for teams of 4. The OW team of Ed Reis, Mike Townsend [BI 1959-1962], Chris Redburn [O 2001-2006] and new member Geoff Hughes [M 1990-1995] all shot very well to finish an excellent 3rd. The Old Johnians pipped the Old Epsomians to the title. Mike Townsend managed a 50 at 300 yards, and Chris Redburn top scored for the OWs with a very respectable 98 out of 100.

5 OWs competed in our match against the HAC, which this year was shot against the Surrey and Oxford University as well. Some rather strong teams from the opposition meant that we came last in the tournament, although only 8 points adrift of the HAC. Phil Carter [Hg 1993-1998], shooting for only the second time in 4 years, put in a 50 at 300 yards, and also top scored for the OWs with 95 out of 100.



OWs and current pupils after the Match vs College behind the 600 yard firing point at Bisley. OWs in the photo, left to right: Ed Welford [L 1998-2003], Stuart Williamson [A 1986-1988], Phil Carter [Hg 1993-1998], Jonathan Paul [Hg 1998-2000], Bruce Roth [CR], Matt Ford [CR], Mike Townsend [BI 1959-1962].

The match against College was once again an extremely close affair, with both teams fielding 8 shooters. The match was made somewhat complicated by some OWs having to shoot for their Counties as it was the Inter-Counties weekend. Ed Welford (Hampshire) and Stuart Williamson [A 1986-1988] (Sussex) all did their best to be in two places at once! As seems

to be the tradition in this match, both teams shot to a very high standard, and College won by 749 points to our 742. Stuart Williamson won the Harris Trophy by top scoring in the competition with 99 out of 100, and Angus Wilson took the Parkinson Cup for the highest score for a current pupil with a score of 95.

The OWs had their best Public Schools Veterans Match for many years. 20 old boys competed in the match, making 4 full teams. Our A team did extremely well and were unlucky to end up as low as 6th considering the entire team of

five only dropped 3 points between them for a score of 247 out of 250! Their scores were: Mike Baillie-Hamilton [Bn 1972-1976] 50.8; Richard Hebblethwaite [T 1981-1986] 50.5; Stuart Williamson 49.8, Ed Welford 49.7, Peter Halford [M 1970-1975] 49.2. The B team finished 7th in the B competition (top scorers Phil Carter and Mark Jeffery [M 1993-1998] both with 49.4); C Team finished 8th (top scorer Pete Finn [M 1990-1995] 49.5), and D team 5th (top scorer James Norris 50.7). In the Aggregate of the top 3 teams from each school, we finished 4th. 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. Mike Baillie Hamilton finished 10th in the Individual tank-

— SQUASH —

From September through to March the OW Squash Club ran another successful campaign of fixtures (16) in or around central London. Record numbers of players turned out and we comfortably managed to win more matches than we lost.

At the start of the season a number of regular players from previous years were injured. However, this enabled a number of new faces to enjoy the excellent hospitality on offer for the first fixture at Queen's.

Thankfully, most of the injured players returned later in the season. Although John Denham, a key supporter of the Club for many years, didn't play at all this year. This may have had more to do with moving to the Surrey countryside than his bad back.

The next series of fixtures included the contrasting HAC and RAF courts. The HAC courts remain sauna like, while the upper RAF court is pretty arctic. The lamb shanks served at the RAF were undoubtedly the culinary highlight of the season.

Before our mid-season Christmas break we returned to the ever friendly Roehampton Club, with Nigel Clarke [L 1974-1979] managing the opposition side. Although he didn't play in the match deciding game he did enjoy beating Rich Heller [A 1986-1991]. This was a rare turnaround for Rich, as this year he showed previously unseen ruthlessness in finishing of his opponents, as well as winning a number of games 3-2.

The possible spur to Richard's performances may have been the unofficial player rankings given to each member

ard with his score of 50.8. Special mention must go to Robert Stafford [Bl 1948-1953] who had not shot with us for a number of years and put in a very respectable 49.4.

Seven OWs competed in the Imperial Meeting. Ed Reis was running 6th in the Grant Aggregate for a time; Sqn Ldr Stuart Williamson shot in the victorious RAF team in the Inter-Services matches, as well as finishing 2nd in the Donegall competition. Robbie Watt [Hl 2000-2005] was the 2nd highest scorer for Oxford University in the Chancellors (Varsity Match), although Cambridge won.

We are always looking for new members, so if you fancy having a go, please contact me for more information. *Edward Reis [S 1989-1994] 01635 254568.* ■

on the Club website (www.owsquash.co.uk). Regarding these rankings, it is fair to say that most of the regular players this season—Hugo Cox [A 1988-1993], Simon Gorringer [C 1989-1994], Steve Pearce [Bd 1988-1993], Hugo Bishop [Hl 1989-1994], Toby Sawrey-Cookson [Hl 1986-1991], James Coyne [O 1998-2003], Tim Warrilow [O 1988-1993]—were of a similar standard.

The better OW players this season were certainly Julian Haste [M 1987-1993], Seb Beecroft [Hl 1987-1992], Darren Glasper [Hl 1987-1992], Rob Lyons [Hn 1997-2002] and Mark Cullington [O 1988-1993] and it was great that Nick Pellew [Bd 1972-1977] was able to co-ordinate all their availability for our second round game in the Londonderry Cup v.s Marlborough.

Robbie Lyons gave us a great start in this match with a fine comeback 3-2 win. Darren Glasper, who kindly timed the match with a visit from Switzerland, also won through well. With Jules Haste and Mark Cullington going down—the match was decided by the earlier game of Seb 'captain' Beekie. After his big pre-match e-mail chat much was expected and he didn't disappoint, too much. After a fine mid-match comeback Beekie lost a hard fought match in the fifth. So a 2nd round 3-2 exit.

Like all OW squash the main aim is to have some fun and to have a bit of a run. Most fitness levels are catered for, most levels of talent are acceptable. The only criteria for playing is simply that you are an OW and that you can play in central London on a midweek evening. Check the website and get in contact. *Hugo Bishop [Hl 1989-1994]* ■

— TENNIS —

The OWs can report on their most successful season ever last year. A total of 8 matches were played and 7 were won. Unfortunately the one defeat came in the semi-finals of the D'Abernon Cup, the annual public schools old boys' tennis competition, against a very strong Old Etonian team. The OWs usual team of Alex Tregellas [Hn], James [Hg] and Oliver Bray [Hg] was boosted by the first introduction of Simon Temple [Pn], the captain of tennis who left college only that summer, to the side. In the first round of rubbers, the Bray brothers as the OW's first pair got off to a very slow start against the Old Etonian second pair, and lost the first set in double quick time before waking up and winning the second set. The OW second pair of Alex and Simon gave the Old Etonian first pair a few frights before ultimately going down in both sets. In the second round of rubbers, the loss of the first sets by both OW pairs brought a swift

conclusion to the match. The match did prove, however, that the OWs do have the talent to compete at such a level. The OWs did, however, end the season on a high note and gained some revenge by beating a less powerful Old Etonian side at Queen's Club 3-1. My thanks to all the other OWs who turned out for the team during the season, namely: Gordon Tanner [Bn], Nick Pellew [Bd], John Denham [Bl], James Boyd [A], and Charles Wainwright [T].

Following last year's successful run by the OWs in the D'Abernon Cup, the OWs were seeded straight into the quarter-finals this year, thereby avoiding the need to play in the pre-qualifying doubles tournament held each year at St George's College, Epsom. In the quarter-finals at the end of July, we are due to play a strong Old Bromsgrovians team, who are captained by Phil Siviter, who is currently ranked 3 in the U.K. in the Mens' Over-50 category. Further fixtures are planned during the summer against Old

Rugbeians, Old Carthusians, Old Etonians and a first ever fixture against the Public Schools Old Boys Tennis Association.

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 summers evening and then relaxing over a beer. So if any OW has had their appetite wetted and would like to play for the team, please email me at jbray@fdl.co.uk. I am particularly interested to maintain contact with new OWs, to provide a more youthful feel to the Club. Simon Temple has shown that it is possible for leavers to jump straight into the OW first team, and has added some much needed youth and vitality to the team. To achieve this aim, the OW Society have once again kindly given a small grant to the OW Tennis Club to cover match fees for those aged under 23, so please get in touch with me if you have recently left College and would like to play for the team.

OW Tennis Club Captain James Bray (home: 0208 769 0121; office: 0207 265 5247. *James Bray* ■



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Bristow, Mr J.F.	03/01/07	Pn	1921-25	Higgins, Rear-Adml. W.A.C.B. CBE	20/01/07	T	1941-45
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Walter, Mr T.E.	27/03/07	Bl	1929-33	Bennett, Mr W.P.F.	13/01/07	S	1944-48
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Day, Col. J.J. CBE	17/12/06	A	1935-38	Macpherson, Mr T.I.	09/09/07	Hg	1950-53
Simmonds, Maj. S.P.H. MC	04/07	Hn	1935-39	Hembry, Mr J.G.	06/07/07	L	1952-57
Blascheck, Lt. Col. C.U.	20/10/07	L	1935-40	White, Mr A.R.M.	29/06/07	Bl	1954-57
<i>Gordon, Maj. C.V.E. MC & Bar</i>	09/01/07	Pn	1935-40	Martin, Mr R.H.	12/06	Hn	1956-59
Scott, Maj. C.R.	14/09/07	Hn	1936-41	Peel, Mr W.A.R.	26/10/07	Bl	1960-65
Jebb, Col. P.N.M.	17/11/06	C	1937-42	Shackleton, Maj. R.A.	30/09/07	L	1965-69
Hodges, Mr D.L.	26/02/07	O	1937-42	Bostock, Mr R.D.S.	07/08/07	O	1967-70
Spencer Cox, Capt. T.H.	05/05/07	M	1937-42	Jacques, Mr Timothy Greville	11/09/07	T	1967-72
<i>Moss, Mr R.</i>	23/07/07	CR	1937-73	Jesson, Mr R.C. (Percy)	05/10/07	Bd	1968-71
Ingram, Mr T.H.	28/01/07	O	1938-42	<i>Cummins, Mr J.P.F.</i>	09/02/07	Bl	1968-72
Thursby-Pelham, Col. D.H.	06/12/06	Pn	1938-43	Graham-Scott, Mr R.	06/03/07	Hg	1973-77
Mackintosh Grant, Mr P.H. MC DL	16/01/07	A	1938-44	Newcomb, Mr N.H.	04/07	Pn	1976-79
Stirling, Mr A.D.	14/08/07	C	1939-40	Keene, Mr J.P.	21/04/07	A	1990-91
Lalor, Mr D.N.W.	10/10/07	C	1939-43	Parr, Mr J.F.H.	30/01/07	T	1995-00
Pelham-Burn, Maj. C.L. St H.	13/05/07	M	1939-43	Roberts, Prof. Sir Gareth	02/07	Governor	1993-05
Selby, Mr J.R.	25/04/07	Bd	1939-43	Jones, General Sir Edward KCB, CVO, CBE	14/05/07	Governor	1997-07
O'Connor (Phelps), Maj. W.J.	05/09/07	T	1940-44	Hawkins, Mrs P, wife of Dr Hawkins, College Doctor			
Dennis, Mr G.J.H.	06/07/07	Bn	1941-42		09/06/07		

OBITUARIES

MAJOR CYRIL GORDON

PN 1935-1940

A hero of the Burma Campaign, Cyril Gordon died in January 2007. Born in Lahore, he entered Wellington in 1935, where he became a member of the shooting eight. On leaving College he went up to Cambridge, but never completed his degree, instead he was granted an emergency Commission and by 1943 was serving with distinction in the Abakan district of Burma. It was there he was awarded his first Military Cross, gaining a second the following year during the second Hindi Campaign. Following the end of hostilities he was briefly

a district officer in Malaya before being granted a regular commission in the army. He served with further distinction in the EOKA Campaign in Cyprus and the emergency in Aden, as well as following a more conventional army career in BAOR.

This courageous OW was also a significant linguist, being fluent in French, Italian, German, Malay and Urdu. Although retiring to Wiltshire in 1977 he continued his travels and was a strong supporter of the University of the 3rd Age and the English Speaking Union. ■

REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM ALLAYNE HIGGINS CBE, CB

T 1941-1945

Bill Higgins died in January this year. After a career at Wellington which he did not enjoy, Bill Higgins entered the Royal Naval College in September 1945 and then spent much of his early years in the Far East and particularly off Korea during the war of 1950-53. Returning, he ran HMS Ganges the shore-based training centre for boys. He then played a significant role in the management of naval affairs. In particular as flag-officer Medway he had the sad role of closing down Chatham Dockyard and in that role he was much admired by the workers for whom he did his level best to find alternative

work in the area. This concern for his fellow man was much in evidence in his final military role as Director General of Naval Personal Services.

Upon retirement he was made head of the D-Notices Committee where he had the delicate task of sorting out the Zircon Satellite affair, and the crisis surrounding 'Spy-Catcher'. In these and in many other sensitive areas he attempted to find a balance between free-speech and preserving state secrets.

Throughout his life he was a keen mountain climber bagging 259 of the 284 Munros.

THE REVEREND RONALD DALZELL HAMBLETON

BN 1942-1945

After service in the army, he became ordained and was parish priest in Weston-under-Penyard, from 1976 until 1992.

He then spent a short time in the Isle of Skye, but after a few years came back to Herefordshire and lived at Mordiford, just outside Hereford.

Ronnie was a keen sailor and there were few European ports that he hadn't ventured into, with Joan-Mary, equally intrepid, as crew. Where they couldn't

sail themselves they explored by finding a cargo boat!

Ronnie died from prostate cancer on 28th May, leaving Joan-Mary, three children and twelve grandchildren. ■

JULIAN PETER FRANCIS CUMMINS

BL 1968-1972

Julian Cummins, was sent to Wellington on the advice of Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker. His brother, Charles, also entered the Blücher three years later. Julian's questioning tendencies were in evidence even at College when he ignored the norms of hierarchy and authority. Frank Fisher said to Julian's father, "Excellent, interesting chap but I am glad that I am not his father."

Julian won a History Scholarship to King's College, Cambridge, where he began his life-long association with the Liberal Party and an interest in Theology, which he read as his Part II Tripos. Most importantly, it was there that he met his future wife, Daphne Green, also a Theologian at King's. In their forties they both read for Doctorates and became Anglican Priests.



After a spell in industry, Julian, aged 26, founded his own company, which offered PR and Sales Promotion. He studied for an MBA in his spare time and later taught on the course, whilst also writing what became a standard text, Sales Promotion. Julian, however, needed more challenges for his energy, ambition and sense of vision.

Under the ægis of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly, he chaired the Quality of Life Commission, and founded the Faiths Forum which brought together five major faiths. Earlier, aged 27, he had become a Leeds City Councillor, and then twice stood as a candidate for Parliament for the SDP/Liberal alliance.

He joined the Territorial Army, being commissioned in 1979, and was attached in 1988 to 29 Commando Regiment

RA, as one of nine Naval Gunfire Liaison Officers. He was promoted Major in 1989 and awarded the TD in 1990. Although in the Reserves 1994-2005, he became the Honorary Colonel of 212 Field Hospital RAMC (V), liaising with NHS CEO for support when the regiment was providing medical care in overseas conflicts, and indeed 212 was selected as the first TA unit to run the military hospital in Kandahar.

His PhD was done in his spare time on the application of Investors in People in the Church of England, and he chaired the national IIP Task Group, reporting to the General Synod for five years. As a man of both faith and politics, he could see how the two could interlink to improve people's lives, and he helped in 1998 to found the Churches Regional Commission. He particularly enjoyed the friendship and guidance of his Diocesan Bishop at Ripon, David Young [Hg 1945-1950]. Apart from the common bonds of College and theology, they both enjoyed long distance running and sailing.

In 2005 he suffered a brain hæmorrhage and had to learn to speak, write and read again. Such was his determined road to recovery that he was even planning to visit his TA Regiment in Afghanistan, but while working in February 2007 on his boat at Palma in Mallorca, he collapsed and died aged 52.

He leaves his wife, Daphne, and their two daughters: Olivia, who is reading Study of Religions at SOAS London, and Caroline, who has just started reading History at Cambridge. ■

WELLINGTON COLLEGE REGISTER TWELFTH EDITION 1859-2006

Publication of the Twelfth Edition of the Register will take place in December 2007. ¶There will be biographies of all Wellingtonians who entered College from Michaelmas Term 1939 until the entry of Michaelmas 2005. In addition it will contain the usual introductory articles and sections given over to living OWs of years prior to 1939, and to distinguished OWs from the time when College first opened its gates. ¶This edition will indeed mark the end of an era: it will be the last documenting the College

as a boys' school, albeit adorned by some 245 upper school girls each year since the late 1970s. By the next edition Wellington will have become a fully fledged co-educational establishment, the process having started in the Michaelmas Term 2006. ¶The price of this hard back book will be £20 (p&p). A copy on CD will be included with all purchases. ¶To order a copy please send a cheque to The Secretary, OW Society, Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire, RG45 7PU. Cheques should be made payable to the OW Society. Chris Potter ■



Tim Boycott [HI 57-61] organised a 90th Birthday lunch for Robert Moss.
From left to right: Anthony Leask [HI 1956-1960], Robert Moss, Charles Ritchie [HI 1955-1959]

ROBERT MOSS

CR 1937-1973

Robert Moss was an outstanding example of the best kind of public school housemaster, (whom all admired). He was a scholar, an excellent teacher, a man who worked tirelessly for the well-being of his charges and, importantly, an authority in his own right outside education, as a Polar researcher, traveller, and war hero. He was adored by his boys and won the instant respect of all who knew him.

Born in Lancashire in 1912 he attended Manchester Grammar School when he excelled in the sciences. He was awarded an exhibition to the New College, Oxford, where he graduated in Mathematics and Physics. While engaged in post-graduate work he accepted the invitation of Alexander Glen to join the Oxford University expedition to North-East Land in the remote Arctic Ocean. (For nine months Moss was the solitary occupant of the Western Ice cap Station, living in a domed-shape mass of permanent ice, collecting important scientific data and reporting the results by pedal dynamo to the main station on Bear Island.) For his contribution to the work of his expedition Moss received the Polar Medal.

In 1937 Moss joined the staff at Wellington College to teach physics, but in 1940 he was posted to the cruiser H.M.S. Kenya and soon became the officer commanding the ship's Action Plotting system. Kenya escorted convoys to and from West Africa and played an important part in

the search for the Bismark. Her most prominent mission was escorting a convoy of 14 merchant ships to relieve the beleaguered island of Malta. For his courage and bravery he was twice mentioned in despatches. He was a member (and President) of the Arctic Club and F.R.G.S.

He returned to Wellington in 1946 where he later became Head of Science and was twice a Housemaster. As a scientist he was instrumental in giving this discipline far greater prominence in the school curriculum and he was instrumental in the school's decision to construct a vastly improved science block. His interests and hobbies were numerous and he encouraged his pupils and friends to enjoy, as he did, art, literature and architecture, music, photography, European languages, embroidery, wine-making, gardening and a host of other activities, including camping and climbing.

After he left Wellington in 1973 he retired to Botesdale in Suffolk with his beloved wife, Elizabeth (he had married her at Wellington, when she was Matron of the Sanatorium). He soon became a pillar of the community, serving with distinction on many local councils, he was also a governor of several local schools.

Always a modest man, his influence on the people he met during his rich and constructive career was profound. He leaves his wife Elizabeth. They had no children. Peter R.E. Willey ■

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